

The Jefferson Republican of Thursday, contains a long letter from Wm. C. Rives, Esq., on the subject of the approaching Presidential election. Our readers are aware that while the name of that gentleman was before the Legislature, as a candidate for the United States Senate, though often solicited, he refused to give any pledges as to whom he would support for the Presidency—but now that the election is indefinitely postponed, he comes out decidedly in favor of Mr. Harrison, and details at considerable length the reasons for his opposition to the re-election of Mr. Van Buren. This letter will be read with interest by every one who values the welfare of his country more than the success of party—and we have no doubt that it will give additional impetus to the ball that has for some time been in rapid motion in this section of country in favor of the People's candidate. We give the following extract, as the concluding portion of the reasons urged against the re-election of Mr. Van Buren:

"When to these, and the other evidences of contemptuous disregard for the rights and dignity of the States, to which I have already referred, we add the bold act of party power, by which the President's friends in the other House of Congress did not hesitate to disfranchise a sovereign State of the Union of her Constitutional right of representation, in order to effect the election of a party Speaker, in which object they were aided by the retributive judgment of Providence, they were at this day continued, and may be indefinitely prolonged,—we may form some idea of the modesty as well as justice, with which the President and his party have presumed to appropriate to themselves the name of State Rights Republicans. In my humble judgment, the present Chief Magistrate has departed from every leading principle of Republicanism, the profession of which brought him to office; and for myself, I cannot conceive how any one who is truly a Republican and Conservative—who, in the administration of the government is the advocate of a conservative as opposed to a destructive policy—who is the friend of State-rights in opposition to Federal consolidation—who would maintain Legislative Independence against Executive supremacy—who would see the government of this great confederacy administered as a high national trust, and not as a party job—who, in short, loves liberty more than power—can support his re-election. Let others decide as they may, I certainly cannot."

The four last columns of this letter are devoted to an exposition of Gen. Harrison's political principles, and qualifications for the Presidency—in which ample justice is rendered to that much abused patriot and statesman. Mr. R. concludes as follows:

"Regarding Gen. Harrison, for the reasons I have mentioned, as the true Republican candidate for the Presidency of the two now presented to the choice of the country, I shall unhesitatingly give him my support. I shall do so with the more cheerfulness, because, while best consulting thereby, as I honestly believe, those great Republican principles which I have ever considered to be inseparably united with the happiness of my country, I shall assist to confer its highest need on an eminent citizen who has rendered it the most signal and important services, at a time when to serve meant something far other than merely to receive the emoluments of office—on one who, having successively enjoyed the confidence of Washington, Jefferson and Madison, would be naturally prompted to emulate their high example—who, in all the various and delicate trusts he has held, has ever shown that he preferred his country to himself, and has retired from them all, amid the numerous and alluring temptations they presented to private gain, with clean hands and unimpaired honor, neither guilty of infidelity himself nor winking at it in others—and who now in the honorable retirement of private life, combining the ennobling pursuits of the agriculturist, the scholar, and the patriot-citizen, is emphatically one of the people, knowing how to appreciate their interests, as well as to maintain and defend their rights."—*Charlottesville Advocate.*

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

The Convention assembled in the Capitol on Thursday Evening, 1 o'clock. More than 80 Special Delegates of the People answered to their names, exclusive of the Alternates; and they were joined by the Democrats of the Legislature in great force. The meeting was full, highly respectable in talents and character, buoyant with hope, and animated with the best spirits. We shall give copious accounts of their proceedings hereafter—at present, we have scarcely a moment to sketch this hasty memorandum.

John W. Nash, Esq. (Speaker of the Senate), was called to the Chair—Thomas Ritchie appointed Secretary, and Mr. A. Hansford, (Clerk of the Senate), was appointed Assistant Secretary. A preparatory Committee of Arrangements was appointed, who forthwith reported resolutions for several committees—one for preparing an Address to the People of Virginia—another for reporting an Electoral Ticket—Central and Corresponding Committees—a third, to make arrangements for establishing a cheap weekly political sheet, and to collect funds for the circulation of publications among the people—a fourth, to consider the propriety of a National Convention. These resolutions were separately adopted. Committees appointed accordingly—and the Convention adjourned over till last evening, 4 o'clock.

Last Evening.—The Committee on the Address reported that it was not ready. The Committee on the Electoral College reported a list of Electors. The Committee on a weekly periodical recommended arrangements for carrying it into immediate execution. And the Committee on the National Convention reported against such a measure. This was adopted by the Convention, and after some discussion, a resolution proposed by Mr. Bouldin of the senate, nominating Gov. Polk as Vice President, was unanimously agreed to. The Convention then adjourned till this evening, 4 o'clock.—*Richmond Eng.*

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Philadelphia Inquirer of Thursday, says: "Our Intelligence from Harrisburg is calculated to induce a belief that the Bill for the resumption of Specie Payments, as reported in the Senate, but so amended as to fix the time in May, will pass that body, receive the signature of the Governor and become a law."

Public dinners have been tendered to Mr. Clay by citizens of Fredericksburg and Petersburg, which he declined.

Gen. Jackson has returned to his residence in Tennessee, from his visit to New Orleans, and was greeted with cordiality by his fellow-citizens.

A very enthusiastic meeting of Whigs and Conservatives has been held in the City of Washington. The Intelligence says "so great an assemblage was never before known in this city."

A bill has been reported to the House of Representatives for the issue of more Treasury Notes.

The nomination of Wm. Selden, Esq., as Treasurer of the United States, has been confirmed by the Senate.

The Committee from the Banks of Philadelphia, at Harrisburg, intimate that a permanent resumption cannot take place before the 1st of February, 1841.

TALLAHASSEE, Feb. 5.—A report has just reached town, that Major Bailey, with six hounds, had fallen upon an Indian trail, which led to a camp of forty, four of whom were killed, and the rest ran off, leaving their weapons, &c. behind. One dog was killed by the Indians, and the scouting party was still following the trail. This is the most important battle that has taken place a long time.

NEW YORK AGAINST THE SUB-TREASURY.—The anti-sub-Treasury resolutions from the House passed the Senate of New York, on Thursday, by a vote of 16 yeas to 9 nays. Being slightly amended, they were returned to the House, and immediately passed that body by a vote of 92 to 7. Thus decidedly speaks the Empire State against the sub-Treasury scheme of the Spoils' party.

The Arkansas State Gazette says that a letter has been received at Little Rock, which states that Rev. J. O. Mason, a Missionary Minister to the Creek Indians, West, was shot at by one of them, the ball perforating his coat, and very narrowly missing his person. The Gazette, says the Gazette, are mostly averse to religion and education, and indeed, to the advances of civilization generally.—Mr. Mason could have given them no personal cause of offence, for he is a man, the mildness of whose manners and conversation is calculated to disarm even the hostility of savages.

Upon which of its two magnificent enterprises does the present administration expect to build the pyramid of its glory—the exploring expedition or the Florida War!—*Louisville Jour.*

The great Exchange building at St. Louis, Missouri, has been destroyed by fire.—The fire had extended to other houses, and was progressing at the time the informant left.

A SPLIT.—There has been a flare up and split in the "Female Anti-resistance Society" at Boston. One party is for using shovels, broomsticks, tongs, and finger-nails, in certain cases, while the other side goes in for passive obedience under all circumstances. We go in for the former party. A woman without spunk, always reminds us of a gin-toddy without any gin in it.—*Picayune.*

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

The Decalogue has been thus tersely and quaintly rendered into rhyme, and would, in this shape, be a good exercise for the memories of young children:

- I. I am the Lord thy God—serve only me;
- II. Before no idols bow the impious knee;
- III. Use not my name in trifles nor in jest;
- IV. Dare not profane my sacred day of rest;
- V. Ever to parents due obedience pay;
- VI. Thy fellow creature, man, thou shalt not slay;
- VII. In no adul'trous commerce bear a part;
- VIII. From stealing keep with care thy hand and heart;
- IX. All false reports against thy neighbor hate;
- X. And ne'er indulge a wish for his estate;

Married.

On Thursday evening last, by the Rev'd Mr. Lyon, Mr. George Platt, to Miss Margaret Calvert, daughter of the late Mr. Hans Calvert, of this town.

On the same evening, by the same, Mr. Garland Olters, to Miss Dicy Ann Allen, all of this town.

In Lexington, on the 18th, by the Rev. Mr. Henson, Mr. Wm. H. Bell, to Mrs. Evelyn Smith.

On Thursday the 13th instant, by the Rev. A. B. McCorkle, Mr. Charles B. Brauford, of Augusta County, to Miss Mary Brook, of this County.—*ROCKINGHAM REC.*

On the 15th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Hopton, Joseph G. Baldwin, Esq. of Gainesville, Alabama, (formerly of this place) to Miss Sidney, daughter of the Hon. John White, of Mardisville, Talladega county, Alabama.

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Orders for this work, postage paid, addressed to Alter & Miller, Brandonville P. O. Preston County, Virginia, will receive prompt attention.

Editors who will publish the above (and this notice) a few times, and announce themselves as agents for this work, will receive two copies for one year, which will be sent to them as soon as their papers are received containing the advertisement.

Feb. 13.

Subscriptions received at this office.

To John Newton, Trustee of the creditors of Robert Steele, Carey Breckenridge, John Breckenridge and Edward Watts, Executors of James Breckenridge, dec'd., Sally Cadden, John Hawpe, John H. Peyton, Esq. of Samuel Blackburn, dec'd., John Thompson, John Clayton, William Moffitt, Thomas Young, Hannah Atwaters, William Erskine and Isaac Caruthers, trading under the firm of Erskine and Caruthers, William B. George, Evan P. Thomas and William G. Thomas, trading under the firm of Thomas & George, Frederick L. Bruns and Frederick Falk, trading under the firm of Bruns & Falk, Alexander Crawford in his own right and as Executor of Alexander Crawford, dec'd., George H. Kierle, Thos. Meredith and Edward Spencer, trading under the firm of Meredith & Spencer, George Carey and George Y. Withered, trading under the firm of Carey & Withered, Chas. H. Carroll, Abraham Crist, Hugh F. Young, Alfred Leyburn and Samuel Kayser, Executors of Wm. Patton, dec'd., Thomas Johnston, William M. Kays, Cushing & Cushing, trading under the firm of Cushing and Son, James Wilkes, Charles B. Brawford, curator of the estate of John Darst, dec'd., Philip Cox, Charles Sturkie, Charles Starkie & Co., J. & C. Baltzell, Henry Hawpe, Wiley Thompson, Henry Crowbarrow, John Landstreet & Son, Charles L. Peyton, William S. Jackson, John S. Black, James Lyle, John Steele, William Steele, William Clayton, James Arbuckle, Isabella Austin, and all others the creditors of Robert Steele who have made themselves parties to the suit.

You will please take notice, that on Wednesday the 1st day of April next, at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Augusta county, in Staunton, Virginia, we shall proceed to take the depositions of Thomas J. Michie and Nicholas C. Kinney, and others, and if from any cause the depositions aforesaid shall not be taken on that day, we shall adjourn over from day to day three days until the same may be completed.

And on Monday the 4th day of May next, at the house of William C. Davis, in the county of Howard, and State of Missouri, we shall proceed to take the deposition of the said William C. Davis, and if from any cause it shall not be taken on that day, we shall adjourn from day to day until including the Saturday next thereafter.

And on Monday the 18th day of May next, at the house of Robert Steele, in the County of Johnston, in the State of Missouri, we shall proceed to take the deposition of the said Robert Steele, and if from any cause the said deposition should not be taken on that day, we shall adjourn over from day to day until including the Saturday next thereafter.

All of the depositions aforesaid, when taken, we shall offer as evidence in a suit now depending in the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Augusta County, in which John Newton, Trustee for the creditors of Robert Steele, is plaintiff, and the said Robert Steele, ourselves, and others, are defendants.—At the times and places aforesaid, you will attend if you see proper.

Yours, &c.
HENRY ALEXANDER, and HUGH CAPERTON,
Trading under the firm of Alexander & Co. Feb. 27.

LAND FOR SALE.

IN pursuance of the last Will and Testament of Jacob Wearly, late of the County of Augusta, dec'd., I will offer for sale, at public auction, on the premises, on Saturday the 28th day of March next, the tract of land on which the said Wearly formerly resided; situated in the upper end of Augusta, about 4 miles above Middlebrook, containing about

195 ACRES.

There is on this tract about one hundred acres cleared land under good fence, two good ORCHARDS, about four acres Meadow, a tolerable good DWELLING HOUSE, BARN, and other out houses. The terms will be one third the purchase money in hand and the residue in three equal annual instalments, to be well secured.—Possession will be given on the day of sale.

JONATHAN GOLLDAY, Esq.

FRESH MEDICINES & DRUGS.

THE subscribers are now receiving their Spring supply of DRUGS & MEDICINES, which they are disposed to sell as low as can be bought, taking into consideration the quality of the article.

Cayenne Pepper, Gum Arabic, Crude and pulverized Camphor, Cantharides, Sal Ammoniac, Sugar of Lead, Sulphate Quinine, (French) Senna, Precipitated Carb. Iron, Calasaya Bark, Kreosote, Castile Soap, Oil Sassafras, Cream Tartar, Chamomile Flowers, &c. Cassia, Cloves, Nutmegs, Mace, Scotch Snuff, Lampblack, &c.

Very SUPERIOR SOFT SHELL ALMONDS and RAISINS. Fresh GARDEN SEEDS, and many other articles daily expected.

E. BERKELEY, & CO.

Staunton, Feb. 27 1840.

NOTICE.

ALL who are indebted by note, bond, or otherwise to the estate of Jacob Teaford, dec'd., will please to meet me in Staunton, on Saturday the 14th day of March, prepared to pay interest now due, and also to renew their Bonds, and give good Security—by so doing, they can have a credit of 1, 2, or 3 years, by paying the interest annually. If there should be any who will not comply with the above notice, they may expect suit brought at the March term.

WM. A. HANGER, Esq., of Jacob Teaford, dec'd.

Feb. 27—31*

TURNPIKE NOTICE.

THE President and Directors of the Staunton and James River Turnpike Company have declared a dividend of 2 per cent. on the Capital Stock for January, 1840, which will be paid by calling on

WM. H. ALLEN, Agent

D. S. GREGORY & CO. MANAGERS.

GRAND CAPITALS FOR MARCH.

\$40,000!!

FOR THE 7th—AND

\$58,824!!

NETT \$50,000, for the 21st.

VIRGINIA STATE LOTTERY.

For Endowing the Leesburg Academy and for other purposes.

CLASS No. 2 FOR 1840.

To be drawn at Alexandria, Va., Saturday, the 7th March, 1840.

GRAND SCHEME!

\$40,000 \$15,000

\$5,000—\$3,000—\$2,500—\$2,297.

50 PRIZES OF \$1,000

50 do 300, &c.

Tickets only \$10: Halves \$5: Quarters \$2 50.

Certificates of Packages of 25 Whole Tickets \$130

Do. do. 25 Half do. 65

Do. do. 25 Quarter do. 32 50

VIRGINIA STATE LOTTERY.

For the benefit of the Monongalia Academy.

CLASS No. 3, FOR 1840.

To be drawn at Alexandria, Va. on Saturday, 11th of March, 1840.

BRILLIANT SCHEME!

\$30,000 \$10,000!

\$5,000—\$3,500—\$3,070—\$3,000—\$2,500

10 PRIZES OF \$1,500—50 of \$250—60 of \$200, &c.

Tickets only \$10: Halves \$5: Quarters \$2 50.

Certificates of Packages of 25 Whole Tickets \$130

Do. do. 25 Half do. 65

Do. do. 25 Quarter do. 32 50

MOST SPLENDID!

\$Capital 58,824!!

NETT \$50,000.

AND

100 PRIZES OF \$1,000!

VIRGINIA STATE LOTTERY.

For the benefit of the Petersburg Benevolent Mechanic Association.

CLASS No. 3, FOR 1840.

To be drawn at Alexandria, Va. on Saturday, the 21st March, 1840.

GRAND SCHEME.

\$58,824!!

\$20,000 \$10,000!!

\$5,000—\$3,228—\$3,000

100 PRIZES OF \$1,000—50 of \$500—90 of \$200, &c.

Tickets only \$10: Halves \$5: Quarters \$2 50.

Certificates of Packages of 25 Whole Tickets \$130

Do. do. 25 Half do. 65

Do. do. 25 Quarter do. 32 50

VIRGINIA STATE LOTTERY.

For the Benefit of the Town of Wellsburg.

CLASS No. 3, FOR 1840.

To be drawn at Alexandria, Va. on Saturday, the 28th of March, 1840.

GRAND CAPITALS.

\$30,000 \$10,000!

\$5,000—\$5,000—\$1,000—\$2,500—\$2,000

25 PRIZES OF \$1,000, 25 of \$500—25 of \$300, 200 of \$200, &c. &c.

Tickets only \$10: Halves \$5: Quarters \$2 50.

Certificates of Packages of 25 Whole Tickets \$130

Do. do. 25 Half do. 65

Do. do. 25 Quarter do. 32 50

For Tickets and Shares or Certificates of Packages in the above Splendid Lotteries, address

D. S. GREGORY & Co. Managers,

Richmond, Va. or Washington City, D. C.

Drawings sent immediately after they are over to all who order as above.

Feb. 27.

VENDUE.

WILL be offered for sale, on Wednesday the 11th day of March next, at the late residence of Robert Harnsberger, dec'd., all the personal property of the deceased, consisting in part of

Horses, among them a Stallion of fine blood and form, Cattle, (some fat,) Hogs & Sheep, Wheat, Corn and Oats, Farming Utensils, &c. &c.

Also a few YOUNG NEGROES. Terms made known on the day of sale, by

SAML. HARNBERGER, Adm'r.

Feb. 27.

ADVERTISEMENT.

IN pursuance of a decree of the County Court of Augusta, rendered on the 21st inst. in a cause therein depending, between Jos. Peck's Reprs. and Jos. Peck's curator, I shall offer for sale, at public auction, on a credit of three months, on the 7th day of March next, in front of the Jail, a NEGRO GIRL, named ELIZA, belonging to the estate of Joseph Peck, dec'd.

The purchaser will be required to give bond and security in the penalty of \$2,000 for her good behavior, or for her transportation beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

JAMES M. BROOKS, Com'r.

Feb. 27.

TO THE FARMERS OF AUGUSTA.

THE subscriber would respectfully inform the Farmers of Augusta, that he will have some of his improved SELF-SHARPENING HORIZONTAL PLOUGHS at Staunton, on the Monday of the February Court, for sale, and will warrant them to perform in the best manner on level, as well as hilly lands.

C. H. McCORMICK.

Feb. 20.

THE undersigned beg leave respectfully to inform the public, that they have formed a co-partnership to carry on the above business, in the name and style of

CALVERT & FREER,

at Mr. M. Quinlan's old stand in Staunton—the latter partner being direct from New York and Philadelphia, where he has devoted much time to his business—and the former, well known among you; they announce, that they are now prepared to execute all work in their line of business in very superior style, and at the shortest notice.

Having had their shop fixed in the neatest manner, and every arrangement made to continue their business on an enlarged and much improved scale, they respectfully solicit, that encouragement, from a generous public, which they trust they will be found to merit. The public are respectfully invited to call and examine their work and fashions, specimens of which will always be kept on hands.

A full suit of clothes will be made up at any time, when required, in twenty-four hours.

ELIJAH CALVERT.

HENRY S. FREER.

Staunton, Feb. 20, 1840.

THE undersigned having relinquished his

business and rented his old stand to Messrs. Calvert & Freer, he would respectfully ask to tender his thanks to his old friends and customers, who have so long sustained him, and to recommend, as worthy of their favour, and support, the gentlemen who succeeded him.

M. QUINLAN.

Feb. 20.

PUBLIC SALE.

BY virtue of a decree of the County Court of Augusta, pronounced on the 29th day of January, 1840, in a cause therein depending, on the Chancery side of said Court, in which Peter Rubush and Elizabeth his wife, are Plaintiffs, and Peter Teter, and Molly his wife, and others are Defendants: I will, on the 20th day of March next, on the premises, proceed to sell, at public auction, a certain

Tract or parcel of Land,

mentioned in the plaintiff's bill, lying and being situate in the County of Augusta, containing

196 ACRES,

be the same more or less, and adjoining the lands of James Byres, Samuel Whitmore, John Estill, and others. The said tract or parcel of land is the same of which the late Peter Beard died seized.

Terms of sale:—One-third of the purchase money will be required in six months, one-third in twelve months, and the remaining third in eighteen months from the day of sale, bonds with approved personal security will be required, and a lien on the land retained to secure the purchase money.

Sale to commence at 12 o'clock, M. when due attendance will be given by the undersigned.

GEORGE M. COCHRAN, Com'r.

Feb. 20.

LAND AT AUCTION.

ON Saturday the 27th day of March next, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, upon a liberal credit, a first rate

TRACT OF LAND,

containing nearly 900 acres, lying within 3 miles of Lexington, Rockbridge County, Va. on the North River.

The greater part of the above mentioned tract of land has an excellent clay foundation, and is well adapted to Clover, Wheat, Rye, Oats, Indian Corn, and every kind of vegetables. There is a fair proportion of CLEAR-ED AND WOOD LAND on the tract. The wood is sufficiently convenient to be hauled to Lexington, where it will command from two to three dollars per wagon load. There are upon this tract