

A Precedent for the Loco-foco Members of Congress.—In some remarks on the disturbances of the House of Representatives, caused by the Loco Focos, the National Gazette makes the following curious extract from history, showing that an analogous case occurred during the administration of no less a personage than Oliver Cromwell:

Oliver Cromwell, upon examining the intemperance of the Parliament of 1655, ascertained that his adherents would not constitute a majority of those who were duly elected. The Lord Protector and his Council, through the agency of a partisan clerk, resorted to an expedient to remedy the evil, of the character and operation of which we find the following narrative in an impartial historical work:

"In a letter to the Speaker from the members who had been refused admittance at the door of the lobby, Sept. 18, the House ordered the Clerk of the Commonwealth to attend the next day, with all the indentures, the deputy Clerk came accordingly, with an excuse for his principal, and brought the indentures; but on being asked why the names of certain members were not returned to the House, answered that he had no certificate of approval for them. The House, on this, sent to inquire why those members had not been approved. They returned for answer that whereas it is ordained by a clause in the instrument of government, that the persons who shall be elected to serve in Parliament shall be such, and no other than such, as are persons of known integrity, fearing God, and of good conversation; that the Council, in pursuance of their duty, and according to the trust reposed in them, have examined the said returns, and have not refused to approve any who have appeared to them to be persons of integrity, fearing God, and of good conversation; and those who are not approved, his Highness hath given orders to some persons to take care that they do not come into the House."

No commentary is required to illustrate the applicability of this narrative to recent occurrences at Washington.

From the Charlottesville Advocate.

We learn with much regret, that *Enniscolly*, the splendid mansion of Col. Isaac A. Coles, on the Green Mountains in this county, was, about noon on Monday last, discovered to be on fire—and the wind blowing a gale from North West, and driving the flames immediately against the gable end of the main building, every effort to save any part of the edifice was entirely unavailing—the whole superstructure, as well as the principal part of the beautiful trees and shrubbery by which it was so tastefully adorned, were entirely destroyed! This splendid mansion was built by the late Col. John Coles, about the time of the first settlement of this part of the country—long before the Revolutionary War, and was occupied by that gentleman during the balance of his life. The building had lately been thoroughly repaired and considerably enlarged, by its present proprietor, at an expense of six or eight thousand dollars, which rendered it one of the most extensive and commodious residences in the county—or indeed in the State. We are pleased to learn that the principal part of the valuable furniture, library, paintings, &c. were saved.

EXTENSIVE FRAUD.

Great excitement was produced in Philadelphia, Monday last, by the discovery that false certificates of stock of the Bank of Kentucky to the amount of more than ten thousand shares, or upwards of \$1,000,000, had been issued by H. J. Lewis, cashier of the Schuylkill Bank, which was the agency of the Bank of Kentucky in Philadelphia. The affair appeared had been of long standing; but only then disclosed. The Cashier said the fraud was perpetrated to sustain the Schuylkill Bank and that all the proceeds arising from it had been applied to the use of the Bank; the Directors affirm entire ignorance of the matter.

Tuesday morning it was announced that the Bank would pay in the notes of other Banks, all sums under \$100; and throughout the morning a large crowd of persons attended for the purpose of exchanging their notes. At 2 o'clock, however, the Bank was closed under an injunction issued at the instance of the Bank of Kentucky.

The following advertisement appeared in U. S. Gazette of Tuesday evening:

"**SCHUYLKILL BANK.**—The Directors of the Schuylkill Bank announce to the public, that in consequence of the unfortunate circumstances in which the Bank suddenly finds itself placed by the unauthorized acts of the late Cashier, they have found themselves compelled to suspend their payments for the present.

The Board think it proper further to state, that the acts of the late Cashier above referred to, were done without the knowledge of the former President or any of the Directors of the Bank; and were for the first time discovered yesterday. The Directors believe that the assets of the Bank are amply sufficient to meet its circulation and deposits, and therefore caution the public against making undue sacrifices."

The address of the Van Buren members of the Legislature, extorted by the trepidation which the nomination of Gen. HARRISON occasioned, insinuates that he is a federalist and an abolitionist. Both of these charges are known to be false. Gen. HARRISON was an ardent supporter of the administrations of Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe, from each of whom he received distinguished proofs of confidence and respect, in important offices conferred upon him. Gen. HARRISON supported the election of Mr. MADISON—Mr. VAN BUREN opposed it. Gen. HARRISON was opposed to the Missouri restrictions—in the Senate of New York, Mr. VAN BUREN voted for, if he did not originate, instructions for the New York Senators to support these restrictions. Whose conduct savors most of abolitionism? As to the present fanatic-political abolitionists, we challenge the writers of the manifesto to show any evidence of Gen. HARRISON's sympathy with them.

Fredericksburg Arena.

ANECDOTE.—Postmaster Ives, of Westfield, during the balloting in that town on the 11th, stood near the ballot boxes to see how each man voted. He remained there, we understand, the whole time, intimidating some and tantalizing others. Seeing one man about to put in a Whig vote, he said to him, "the ox knoweth his owner;" to which the voter added, (looking him boldly in the face,) "and the ass his master's crib."

Springfield Gazette.

Flour in Richmond \$5 50 \$5 75.

Cotton is down to seven cents at N. Orleans! No wonder. The war on the currency has ruined a great number of our manufacturers, to say nothing of importing merchants, farmers, and in truth every class of the community.

A Bill for the removal of judges from office at the age of sixty-five years, after being amended so as to prevent its applicability to any judge now in office, has passed in committee of the whole of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by a small majority. The Charleston Courier expresses the hope that it will fall upon the regular vote, or, at all events, be thrown out in the Senate.

The Senate of Virginia has taken a recess until the 3rd of January. Of course, the election of Senator will not take place before that time. We presume Mr. Senator Roane is adequate to bear upon his Atlas shoulders the sovereignty of the Old Dominion, especially in the present unorganized state of the House of Representatives, when Hon. Senators have little else to do than sip grog and smile upon his Majesty.—*Whig.*

The Enquirer has not a "word to throw at a dog," touching the ominous and infamous proceedings at Washington. The transaction is certainly the most extraordinary, momentous and instantly threatening which has ever occurred. Right and usage set at naught—a State disfranchised—brute force substituted for law—immediate violence the probable consequence—STATE RIGHTS trampled under the dust! On an event so remarkable, unprecedented, disgraceful and calamitous, "Clifford cannot spare his friends a word!" No—not even an allusion! What means this dread silence? Does it signify approbation or disapprobation of the expulsion of the Jersey members?

It is curious how well we have come to understand the old gentleman. What will Ritchie say, (enquired a friend of us) to these high handed proceedings? Is it possible he will support the party in this violence? He won't say a word, was our reply. Why? enquired the friend. Because he does not approve himself, and does not yet know whether Virginia, including the Administration party will support so arbitrary a course. He will dodge the question, for the present. This conversation occurred last Sunday, and we call upon the friend with whom it was held to render due honors to our sagacity. Hapless is that man's lot who has placed his happiness on the smiles of Princes, but far more hapless is his, who has confided his judgment, his conscience, his patriotism, to the mutable rule of majorities.—*Whig.*

Philadelphia Money Market.—The Inquiry of Saturday says—

The week closes with a more cheerful feeling. The news by the Liverpool had a highly favorable effect, and if the subsequent advices from Europe should serve still further to strengthen the public confidence, we will have nothing to apprehend but the action of our State legislature. Stocks have advanced considerably throughout the week, although the prices are yet exceedingly low, the change for the better in the Money Market considered. Still, we cannot count with confidence upon any material or permanent rise in Bank Stock, until we know the definite action of our Legislature upon the subject. The out-door rates for money continue at an average of about 1 per cent. a month on fair paper.

Battle of Tippecanoe.—The Cincinnati *Whig* says:—

Yesterday morning, 7th November, twenty-eight years ago, if we mistake not, the forces of the brave Tecumseh, and his brother the Prophet, were nobly and gallantly repulsed by the veteran Harrison, at Tippecanoe. The anniversary of the battle was not forgotten by the Artillery Invincibles of Cincinnati, whose cannon, at different intervals throughout yesterday, belled forth joyful remembrance.

In the St. Augustine News of the 1st, it is stated that Judge Reid, President of the Convention lately held at St. Joseph, has issued his proclamation announcing that the "Constitution has been ratified by the People of Florida." It will now be presented to Congress.

THE BLOOD-HOUND WAR.—A Tallahassee (Florida) paper, of the 30th ult. says: "We learn that the Governor has sent Col. Fitzpatrick to Cuba to purchase bloodhounds; to pay for which, the Union Bank advanced five thousand dollars in specie. We decidedly approve of this course, and have confidence that they will prove useful beyond their cost."

All the candidates voted for at the Harrisburg Convention are natives of Virginia.

A gentleman, at a late fashionable assembly, being asked which of the ladies of the company he thought the most beautiful, replied—"Why, madam, they are all beautiful; but that lady, (pointing to Miss B. who was dressed in the extreme of fashion,) I think outstrips them all."

LEBANON HOTEL.

The subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has taken this stand lately occupied by Wm. H. Garber, on the Turnpike road leading from Harrisonburg to the Warm Springs, also on the stage road from Staunton, where he will accommodate to the best of his ability all who may call upon him. He earnestly solicits a share of the public patronage.

Drovers and Wagoners supplied with grain, &c. on reasonable terms.

JOHN HARLAN.

Dec. 19.

Rockingham Register, Winchester Virginian, and Kanawha Banner insert 3 times and forward accounts to this office.

BOOK AUCTION.

Will be sold on the 28th day of December, 1839, for cash, before the Court-house door in Staunton—all that part of the Library of Gen. Samuel Blackburn, deceased, bequeathed by him to the Rev. Gideon Blackburn—consisting of near THREE HUNDRED VOLS. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock. A catalogue may be seen at the Store of Benjamin Crawford, Esq. in Staunton.

SAMUEL BLACKBURN, Adm'r. of the estate of Gideon Blackburn, dec'd. Dec. 19.

Married.

On the 13th instant, by the Rev. Mr. F. D. Goodwin, Mr. JOHN M. FACKLER, of Buckingham County, Va. to Miss AMANDA P. AUSTIN, daughter of the late Morris Austin, of Augusta county.

OBITUARY.

COMMUNICATED.

DIED, in the County of Augusta, on the 9th instant, Mrs. SUSANNA KARICOFF, wife of Mr. John Karicoff, in the 47th year of her age. Her funeral was attended by a large concourse of friends and acquaintances, who thus testified their respect and affection for the deceased, and their deep sympathy for the bereaved husband, and nine motherless children.

Mrs. Karicoff was one of that happy number who "remember their Creator in the days of youth." In early life, she made a public profession of religion, and united herself to the Presbyterian Church of Mosby Creek. The sincerity of her profession, and the reality of her faith, were evinced by a uniform and consistent deportment, down to the end of life; and also, by a faithful discharge of all her relative duties.

Possessing a mind of more than common vigour, and a heart imbued with the grace of the Gospel, she was prepared to exercise a most salutary and beneficial influence over a beloved family.

The disease, which terminated her pilgrimage on earth, was an affection of the lungs. During her lingering illness, no unchristian murmur was heard from her lips. Patient under all her sufferings, the language of her spirit seemed to say, "It is the Lord—let him do what seemeth good in his sight."

Some days before her death, when it was thought the hour of her departure had come, she endeavored to soothe the feelings, and dry the tears of her family, by entreating them not to distress themselves on account of her being called away from them.

With a calm and humble trust in the promises of her Saviour, she looked on "dying as but going home;" and felt assured that there was not only room in her heavenly "Father's house" for her, but for all the members of her dear family.

Her mind continued clear and tranquil to the last moment; and we trust that she has entered upon "that rest which remaineth for the people of God."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord—they rest from their labours."

COMMUNICATED.

DIED, on Wednesday night last, CHARLES EDWARD, infant son of Lytleton Waddell, Esq.—This sprightly, interesting little boy, was suddenly removed by an illness of thirty-six hours' duration—aged 23 months.

With sails how swift! he reached the shore, Where tempests never beat, nor tempests roar.

COMMUNICATED.

"Tis hard to lay into the earth A countenance so benign! a form that walk'd But yesterday so stately o'er the earth."

The melancholy task of recording the demise of one who was lately a citizen of Staunton, I here undertake to perform. No eulogiums of the panegyrist which are so often lavished upon the dead, however merited, will be required to perpetuate his name in the memory of those who knew him, or to cause perennial flowers to blossom over his early grave. The king of terrors has sustained his prerogative in snatching from earth BENJAMIN FISHER AMES, of Montgomery, Alabama, in the meridian of life—and one who, as far as man could judge, was flattered with the promise of a sojourn of many years in this world. Can any of his acquaintances realize the mournful truth that he has been "gathered home to his fathers?" When he went from among us to seek a home under a southern sky, the roseate hue of health was blooming on his cheek—and his constitution seemed almost strong enough to withstand the unsparring ravages of time, or to defy the insidious attacks of disease. But he has fallen! The summons for him to join

"That innumerable caravan that moves To that mysterious realm, where each shall take His chamber in the silent halls of death!" has been executed. The grim tyrant now reigns in eternal triumph over the ruins of his once fair and majestic form.—Can any one who knew him picture him to his mind as he appeared when last he saw him, and believe it possible that his unassuming face has been conquered by the uncompromising foe!—That over his once intelligent-speaking eye, the dim film has gathered—that his voice which spoke the thoughts of a strong and lofty intellect has been stilled in death—that the magnanimous soul which was once a tenant of his bosom has left the clay tenement and launched upon its voyage to that undiscovered country? Yet it is so! The heart is forced to yield to the reality. It were more than useless here to chronicle the many noble qualities that adorned the subject of this obituary. The remembrance of them is too deeply engraven upon the hearts of his friends to fear obliteration from the midst of oblivion. From his tomb is proclaimed to us in a voice which cannot be misunderstood, and with an emphasis which clothes it with verity, that "in the midst of life we are in death."

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THE YEOMAN.

UNDER this title, the undersigned proposes to publish a WEEKLY JOURNAL until the close of the Presidential Election, on a plan and at a price which will place it within the reach of a large portion of the community who do not now take a newspaper.

The design of the publication is to present facts and arguments bearing upon the prominent questions at issue between the two great parties of the country, and to embody them in a concise, simple, yet comprehensive form. In the preparation of matter for this journal, the publisher expects to be aided by the best talents in the State; and it is his purpose to appeal to the reason and calm judgment of men, and not to their passions.

Believing that a majority of the people are essentially honest in their intentions, and that they only err when misled by false information, it will be a main feature in the YEOMAN to spread before them such papers as can be sustained by indisputable proof—by extracts from the documentary history of the country—and by facts which carry upon their face the evidences of truth.

The Whig party of Virginia now have every just motive for union, energy and zeal in the struggle before them; and the glorious example of New York will stimulate them to honorable and unceasing efforts in a cause which they believe to be identified with the dearest interests of the country.

TERMS.

The YEOMAN will be issued weekly, on a sheet of suitable size, at the extraordinary low price of One Dollar and Twenty-five cents for nine months; but to justify this cheap rate, not less than 6000 copies must be issued.

This will require only from fifty to one hundred Dollars from each county in the State—a sum which the Committees of Vigilance will find but little difficulty in raising.

Five dollars will pay for four copies; but persons paying for from 20 to 100 copies in advance, will be furnished at One Dollar per copy.

The attention of the County Committees is respectfully invited to the subject, as immediate action is necessary.

JOHN S. GALLAHER.

Richmond, Dec. 19, 1839.



FRESH MEDICINES, &c.

JAMES F. PATTERSON

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public, that he has just received, and is now opening, in the Store House, South and nearly opposite the Post Office, a general assortment of

Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Dye Stuffs, and Groceries,

Which he offers on as good terms as they can be purchased in this country—and as they have been carefully selected, he is enabled to recommend them as FRESH and of good quality.

He respectfully invites the attention of Physicians, and the public generally to his stock, and hopes by close attention to business, with a determination to sell articles of a good quality, and at reasonable prices, to merit a share of their patronage.

Sept. 5.

MUSIC.

Mrs. HENRY JOHNSON (formerly Teacher of Music in the Utica Female Institute State of N. York, and late of Williamsburg,) having been induced to take up her residence in Staunton, begs to inform the inhabitants of the town and its vicinity, that she is desirous of devoting her attention to a MUSIC CLASS, for which undertaking she trusts she will be found peculiarly qualified.

Mrs. J. having received her education under the first London Masters, is enabled to give instruction upon the most scientific principles, and confidently hopes to give entire satisfaction to those who may favor her with their support.

Pupils can be received at Mrs. Tapp's between the hours of nine and one.

TERMS—\$20 per session of five months, or \$15 per quarter, payable in advance.

Instruction upon the Organ, thorough Bass and Composition, \$1 per lesson.

Reference is respectfully made to Messrs. Saunders, Millington and D. Browne, professors of William and Mary College, to the Gentl. Trustees of the Staunton Academy, and to the Editor of this paper, at whose office testimonials have been lodged for inspection.

N. B. Mrs. J. will also give instruction in Drawing and Painting—Terms \$10 for a course of 36 lessons, with the use of paints and brushes.

Staunton, Sept. 26, 1839.

NEW STORE.

THE subscriber having purchased the mercantile concern of Mr. George Geiger, and being desirous of disposing of his Stock by spring as near as can be—would respectfully ask the calls of his town and country friends and the public generally, feeling satisfied that his prices and the quality of his goods cannot fail to please. His stock consist of the general variety of

Dry Goods, Hardware, Queens-ware and Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Spanish Sole Leather, &c.

These goods are nearly all new and desirable, and bought this fall, and will be sold at reduced prices for cash, or exchanged for country produce, or sold on the usual time, to those to whom I have heretofore sold, and have not failed to pay at their appointed times.

ROBERT G. BICKLE.

Staunton, Dec. 19, 1839.

Bolting Cloths.

JUST RECEIVED and for sale by the subscriber, a fresh supply of BOLTING CLOTHS.

B. CRAWFORD.

Staunton, Dec. 5, 1839.

JOB PRINTING.

Neatly and expeditiously executed at this office.

Virginia Institution

For the Education of the Deaf and Dumb, and of the Blind, STAUNTON, Dec. 12, 1839.

THE undersigned, will until the 10th day of January next, receive sealed proposals, for furnishing timbers agreeable to the annexed Schedule. The timbers have been numbered from 1 to 8, any person putting in a proposal, will put in for an entire number, and may propose for as many numbers as he pleases; but for no fraction of a number.

An agent will be appointed to receive, number and measure the timbers as delivered, and he will receive none that is not sound and in every respect suitable for the purpose required. Cash will be paid on the delivery of each number complete, on the site of the building near Staunton.—Proposals may be handed to either of the undersigned.

ALEX'R. H. H. STUART, NICHOLS. C. KINNEY, FRANCIS T. STRIBLING, JAMES POINTS.

Executive Committee.

SCHEDULE.

No. 1.
2 Girders 33 feet long 9 by 10 inches
32 Joists 16 3 10 "

11 12 3 10 "
28 13 3 10 "