

HARRISON AND VAN BUREN.—The past is a good teacher, and it is sometimes well to look back. As the National Convention has nominated General Harrison for the Presidential canvass of '40, we propose to recur to '36, where we shall find the following state of the polls in the States named:

State	Van Buren	Harrison
Maine	22,900	15,230
Vermont	14,037	20,994
Rhode Island	2,960	2,710
Connecticut	19,285	18,745
New York	166,816	139,443
New Jersey	25,575	26,664
Pennsylvania	91,475	87,111
Delaware	3,152	4,731
Maryland	22,268	25,852
Kentucky	33,025	36,687
Ohio	96,238	104,958
Indiana	32,468	41,281
	531,211	523,418

The aggregate electoral vote of the above twelve States counts 163. Van Buren's actual majority of the popular vote is 7,793. A change then of only 3,897 votes, and General Harrison has the majority of this popular vote.

Now we confidently ask our fellow Whig readers to look at the names of the twelve States, and say—whether Gen. Harrison is not almost certain of the whole twelve, with the exception of Maine, Connecticut and Pennsylvania? We feel as if the response must be affirmative. Maine, without much doubt, will be lost to him.

In place, however, therefore, he would be certain of Massachusetts, which, carrying four more electoral votes, would make the whole number 167. Pennsylvania and Connecticut, then, are the only debatable States. Suppose, however, he fail in both, (a supposition, by the bye, we do not admit,) then he has an equal chance with Van Buren in Illinois, Michigan, and North Carolina, saying nothing about Tennessee, a State, which, we believe, under any circumstances, will be found against Van Buren in the time of trial.

Cincinnati Whig.

A FLARE UP IN HIGH LIFE.—We copy the following from the Ohio Freeman, published at Columbus. The only item respecting the subject, noticed in the other papers at the Capital, reads thus: "A bill has passed the House, to divorce Thomas Shannon from his wife Sarah Shannon."

SUNDAY DIVORCE.—On Monday last, the elite of this great city were thrown into the utmost consternation, confusion and dismay, by a most unexpected discovery that a certain lady, the recently espoused lady of an honorable Senator, was not exactly what she should be. It appears that the honorable Senator who is very nearly related to his excellency, met this accomplished and bewitching cyprusian some months since in the course of his travels, became so completely enamoured with her perfections that a correspondence was fixed upon, and regularly continued until the consummation of their union, which took place at New Orleans a short time before the meeting of the Legislature. On the arrival of the parties in this city, the lady took her place at the hotel table and was received with open arms by the fashionable and the gay, the virtuous and the pious, of this fashionable and gay, virtuous and pious city. Parties were given by the aristocracy, to which none but the aristocracy were, of course, invited in honor of Mrs. Senator S., and the gift and embossed cards of the honorables and the amiables and the amiables by the honorables and the aristocracy, and alas for the aristocracy, and alas for the aristocracy, was doomed to be a short one! At one of the parties she was discovered by a former friend or acquaintance, and her true character immediately and fully exposed! The consequence was that she did not make her appearance at breakfast on Tuesday morning; and long before dinner she was far east on the National road, and a bill of divorce introduced into the House, which was passed on the instant relieving Senator S. from his unfortunate connexion, as far as the House could do it.

THE NEXT GOVERNOR.

FOR THE SPECTATOR.
To the members of the General Assembly of Virginia.

Gentlemen:—You will soon have to choose a successor to our present most excellent Governor; and I am surprised that amongst the names presented to your consideration, I have not yet seen that of a gentleman who, I think under all circumstances, would make the best. I shall not mention his name, but will draw you a rough outline of his likeness by which you will know him when you see him, and that you may do any day. He is as high as I can judge, about sixty years old—six feet two inches high, very erect, and upon the whole, at a little distance a very fine looking "old Virginia gentleman." He was born and raised in Eastern Virginia in the family of *Chas. Tuck* and served his native country in the H. of Delegates, when very young, with signal ability. About 1810 or 1811, he removed to a country town near the centre of the State to practice law, and the judge in that region, who had been a great Land Lawyer; who was in fact a most talented, upright judge, and exemplary citizen, and thinking that every body else ought to behave as exemplarily as he did, forthwith appoints this (then young) Lawyer to help him make them do so. In this situation he toiled for many years, with distinguished ability, constantly measuring strength with the ablest advocates of the State; and to this day the charge has not been made that any one "went unwhipped of justice" by his laches. During the late war with Great Britain he was appointed prosecutor thereof, in a certain Brigade, and did his duty. By a well earned reputation for ability and integrity, he has won through a tremendous mass of professional business—by a fair and reasonable compensation has secured to himself and family a handsome fortune, and no man has ever yet been heard to say he was not honest. He is now quitting the arduous duties of the profession, and turning the rich harvest of his experienced mind into "the great patriotic current," of Legislation. He has a large and interesting family, crossed on the best blood of Virginia—gives good dinners, (often too,) keeps first-rate wine &c., and likes to see his friends enjoy it. In politics he is moderate, never having turned his attention much to the subject. It is true he did once reside on a Jackson meeting, and is now, if I understand him aright, (which I doubt not) a good Democratic Republican State Rights Whig. He

would not be the Governor of, or for a party, but would devote the energies of his fine and richly stored mind to the best interests of his native State, and in every respect do credit to the station.

Your party divisions in the two houses are nearly equal, and he would be a good point of compromise.

If any of you are in doubt on any particular "ground this matter," and will let me know I'll write again—or if Mr. Ritchie thinks he is not the real "Veritas Sans Peur," I'll withdraw him. Yours respectfully,
TUCKAHOE & COHEE.

Richmond papers please copy.

For the Spectator.

TO THE PUBLIC.

I had hoped that this disagreeable controversy was at an end; but I am again compelled to come before you. This, however, is my last. Every thing fellow-citizens, but truth is against me. "Solitary and alone," as I am, to fight my own battles, without wealth, without influence, I was persuaded that this controversy would be confined to Mr. Baldwin and myself—but alas, I was mistaken; for I have not only Mr. B. but a large circle of wealthy and influential relatives and connections to contend with. But it is due to some of these, that while they remained neutral, others were doing their utmost to excite public opinion against me. But was this done publicly? No. Like the assassin in ambush, they let loose their battery, and in order to attain the fountain head, I had to pursue the smoke. By one of these secret-workers it was argued, but a few days ago, that my last Card was "too frivolous to be believed," and lest it should be so argued again, I shall say but little. It is my object therefore, merely to publish Mr. Baldwin's letter to me, entire—as well as Mr. Waddill's, with a few explanatory remarks.

Mr. Baldwin, in his last article, has not answered one single sentence in my last, over his own signature! Why? Because he was actually "ashamed;" and in order to preserve his own veracity, he has pushed Messrs. Boyd & Waddill forward in the conflict. He did state, however, that my pretended extract was a "forgery," inasmuch as I never showed it to any one who knew his hand writing. I don't care who sees it, my friends. All who wish to see it can do so, and if there is any who can read it, I will read it for them—for I am very well acquainted with his handwriting. That every one who takes an interest in this controversy may see it, I will put it in print.

KINGSFORD, Ten. Aug. 15, 1839.

"DEAR STOFER—Well, I am here, safe and sound, two-thirds of my way on my journey. I shall leave here to-morrow for Columbus where I will arrive this day week if nothing happens. I hope you have got along smoothly since I left. On my arrival in Columbus, I shall make my arrangements to return immediately to Virginia with my better half and the rest of my family.

"I had intended to write you an editorial about Jas. McDowell; but I believe I will defer it for the present.

"My object in writing this letter to you is, to request you to send the old type in the office off, and exchange them for new. Don't neglect this matter Stofer. I hardly think it necessary to wait—however, off with them, the very day you receive this. Direct them to Bruce's Foundry, N.Y.—care of Sumnerville & Shields, Richmond, Va. Try and have every thing ready by the time I return and I will put my shoulder to the wheel.

"Order long primers for the body of the paper, and such other type as you think best. Order also, 'The Lexington Gazette' in large fancy type.

"You can procure a 'Specimen Book' from Mr. Waddill at Buchanan. We want some new column rules too.

"Box the type up and send them down to Mr. Salling, and ask him to send them off immediately, and I will pay all expenses.

Yours, &c. In haste,

C. C. BALDWIN.

D. STOFER.
P. S. You need not write to me as I intend to return directly."

[Mr. Stofer has shown me the original letter. It is copied correctly.—Ed. SPECTATOR.]

Mr. B. is followed by a Mr. Boyd in a certificate, but Boyd did not write that certificate as every man, woman and child who knows him, can testify, and as a letter I received from a friend asserts.

I am fond of explanation, therefore I will explain the whole matter. Baldwin writes the article—reads it to Boyd and asks, "is it correct?" "Yes," says Boyd. "Then," says Baldwin "sign it." Well, Boyd takes the pen and down he writes "George W. Boyd."

This certificate affirms that Boyd read the letter from Baldwin to me. If he did read it, or ever have it in his hands, he got it by means of a false key; for when it was out of my hands, it was in my trunk.

This certificate also states that Baldwin's letter is on file in Lexington. Is't it a wonder that Baldwin did not publish the letter before he came to the conclusion to stop the controversy?

There was paper enough to print, 'perhaps two papers and NO MORE,' says this certificate. Baldwin positively denies this, and says there were fifty quires! I'm sorry Mr. Baldwin and his rascal cannot agree. This fifty quires, fellow-citizens, was WRAPPING PAPER.

Baldwin's principal object seems to be, to prove my indolence. It was remarked to me the other day, by one of the oldest and most respectable citizens of Staunton "that people living in glass houses, should never throw stones;" "for Ned Baldwin," said he, "was the LAZIEST BOY I ever knew in all my life!"—and added, "as the twig is bent, the tree is inclined!" If I was so negligent, he ought to have been glad that I quit him, instead of making such 'a-to-do' about it—but "drowning men will catch at straws."

It is useless to notice Baldwin's own certificate farther, as I will have to advert to the same things again. I shall, therefore, despatch Mr. Waddill.

In the first place, I shall prove that some men's opinions can be changed by a little courting, which the SPIRIT of the following extract from a letter written by this same Mr. Waddill will show. This letter was written to me voluntarily. I will emphasize it precisely as he has. Here it is.

"Your 'CARD' in reply to Baldwin's shall appear in our next. It was received too late for a place in our paper of Friday last. I was glad to see that you have a spirit of resentment against such charges. Respectfully, your obedient serv't. and friend.

D. A. STOFER, Esq."

Is't it almost good enough to pronounce it bribery, when I assure you, reader, that the

ink with which the above was written, had scarcely got dry before Waddill wrote the certificate you find attached to Baldwin's last article?

Waddill says there were 4 or 500 pounds of type that was never used. Turn to my last article, and you will see that I adverted to this before. We used the 'sorts' out of this type.

Waddill says that he and myself estimated the quantity of type in the office at 7 or 800 pounds. Mr. Waddill is mistaken, we estimated it at a thousand pounds. He says that I repeatedly expressed it as my opinion that there was old type enough to procure, by exchange, nearly enough new type to print the paper. Nor was I mistaken; for I learn by a letter from New York, that twenty dollars is all the difference.

In relation to the letter I wrote Mr. Waddill for a certificate, I will explain. Mr. W. was frequently very much irritated on account of the room we occupied being too much crowded. At length I remarked that the press had better be moved into the back room. He replied "do you think that I am such a fool as to suppose that the sealing of that room, is high enough for the infernal old press?" This occurring to me, I wrote to him for a certificate to that effect, but not on oath as he asserts in his reply, which I will here insert. Mark the difference in what he states about his answer, and the letter itself.

Pattonsburg, Va. Nov. 29th 1839.

Dear Sir—You will pardon me for not answering your letter earlier. It would afford me pleasure, could you and Mr. Baldwin be reconciled with each other. It would not afford me any pleasure to have my name brought forward in a public journal, in a personal controversy. My recollection as to the height of the ceiling in the Back Room of the old Gazette Office, is not sufficient to justify me in giving a certificate on oath—as to the quantity of Type in the Office that we made use of for the Gazette, I know was very limited. I think there was about one form with the exception of the usual quantity of advertising matter. I showed Geo. Boyd your letter to me, and he heard me read it, and his reply was, "that he could do nothing for you." I am in hopes that you and Mr. Baldwin will settle your quarrel peaceably, as I am a friend to you both.

I would also say to you, that I have got an apprentice (James Armstrong) and shall have no use for another for some time to come. I have not time to write more, and will conclude by subscribing myself your humble servant and well wisher. ALBERT WADDILL.

D. A. STOFER, Esq., Staunton, Va.

Both Boyd and Waddill, by their estimate, make out by eighteen columns of newspaper type in the office. The Gazette contained 24 columns. Reader, was there any type to spare?

Waddill says he would have loaned me both paper and ink. I haven't a doubt of it; but I was ordered to "send off the type."

Mr. Baldwin perfectly remembers now, that "dark, unintelligible, assassin-like" allusion. He does not dare answer it himself; but he gets Waddill to do it for him. Well, how does he explain the matter? Why, by asserting that "it was exceeded in bitterness towards the same gentleman" by me. My "well wishing" is not only wronging me, but he is doing Mr. Gilcock great injustice by trying to make the impression upon the public mind, that he did the act which called forth that article. He was neither principal nor accessory in the matter, that I know of.

Lastly—he says that Baldwin's deportment towards the hands in the office was correct and gentlemanly. So it is without you leave when he does not wish it; but if you do will do his utmost to prejudice the public against you. In two cases the public know this to be the fact.

Reader, you remember that Mr. Baldwin in his second Card, gave me an invitation to appear again, and assured me that the columns of the Gazette would be open to me. I did appear again, and he not only NOT published my second Card, but has published his own Cards, and my first, and told his subscribers in an editorial article the Cards in the paper would fully explain the suspension. Now, is this justice? No. Had he been a just man, he never would have taken the course he has. I verily believe that if he had had the most remote idea that I would ever have seen it, he never would have published his first Card.

In conclusion—Let the public opinion in relation to this matter be what it may, I have a clear conscience.

D. A. STOFER.

P. S. I cannot close without returning my thanks to Capt. Harper for the space I have occupied to the annoyance, no doubt, of his patrons. But as I have before stated, this shall, most positively, be my last. D. A. S.

17 Wednesday night, the 1st instant, was the coldest night within the recollection of any of our citizens. We do not know what was the state of the thermometer—but intenser cold certainly we never experienced.

Married.

On the 26th of Dec'r, at early candle light, by the Rev'd. Jacob Killian, Mr. JAMES PATTERSON, to Miss Mary, youngest daughter of James Patterson, Esq. of this county.

On the 31st of December, by the Rev. Mr. Reimsnyder, Mr. James Gordon to Miss Jinn, daughter of Mr. Jacob Boon, all of Augusta.

OBITUARY.

DIED, on Tuesday the 7th January, inst., EDWARD LIVINGSTON, infant son of Mr. H. Johnson, of this town.—Com.

DIED, on Saturday the 21st of December, JOHN TRIMBLE, in the 17th year of his age.

DIED, in Cooper County, Missouri, on the 27th of October, Mrs. NANCY GILES, formerly of Augusta county, Va.

Merinoes, Mouselines & Challies.

French, German and English MERINOES, assorted colors, superior and common Mouselines and CHALLIES, pretty and cheap, with many other desirable goods at BRECKINRIDGE & CRAWFORD'S Fancy and Staple Dry Goods Store. Staunton, Jan'y. 9, 1840.

NOTICE.

The causes depending in the County Court of Augusta, on the Commonwealth, Appeal, and Chancery Dockets, will be called for trial at the January Term next.

By order of the Court.

JEFFERSON KINNEY, Ck.

January 2, 1840.

A LIST OF LETTERS, REMAINING in the Post Office on the 1st of January, 1840.

Caroline Anderson	John S. Kenney
John Annall	R. P. Kenney
Geo. Blackley	Wm. Kenney
Lemuel Benington	Sam'l. M. Long
Henry Brew	Benj. Lamb
Sarah Ann Brady	Alexander Laporte
Mary Ann Brown	Harriet Lilley
John Beard	Lewis Lipman
J. M. Boyd	Margaret Loyd
John W. Bell	Worthy P. Mechem
T. R. Blair	Montgomery & Ervine
Matthew Blair	Elijah Moore
Rev. Geo. C. Chesley	Allen & Hiser
Robt. Campbell	Wm. McCoy
E. Christian	David McPheters
Timothy Cunningham	Arch'd. McPheters
Sam'l. Clarke	Philip Piman
James Clunian	Mr. Patterson
Clerk of C. Superior	Jas. Pelter
Court	Wm. S. Prentiss
Elizabeth Davis	Okey Quick
Alexander B. Dawson	John Rankin
James Donohue	David Sprouse
Sampson Eagon	Robt. L. Staples
Peter Engleman	John Swisher
C. M. Eidson	Henry Sheets
Henry Eidson	Wm. Sproul
John Fauber	Sheriff of Augusta Co'ty.
Philip Fishburn	Dan'l. A. Stofor
William Fishburn	Jacob Sheets
David Griffith	Henry Stofor
Pat'k. Gill	Joseph Segar
Frances E. Jones	Mr. Shipperson
Benj. D. Harris	Agatha Towles
David Henderson	Sam'l. Trout
Elizabeth C. Hutching	Jas. Tugert
Valentine Hunley	Wm. B. Thompson
Wm. G. Hanger	Perennous Woods.
Robt. H. Kinney	Lewis Wayland
Mr. McKenney	Sarah Ann Williams
N. C. Kinney	J. A. Waddell
L. TREMPER, P. M.	

Staunton, Jan. 9, 1840.

Note.—Those calling at the Post Office for letters, will please provide themselves with change, as no credit need in future be expected.

Hog-Skins, & Saddle Trees.

Customers will find a good assortment of Fine and Superior Hog-Skins, together with large sized Men's and Women's trees, at BRECKINRIDGE & CRAWFORD'S Fancy and Staple Dry Goods Store. Staunton, Jan'y. 9, 1840.

OXEN AND CART FOR SALE.

WILL be sold to the highest bidder, on a credit of ninety days, on Saturday the 11th inst., before the store of B. Crawford in Staunton, two yoke of superior OXEN, and OX CART. The purchaser will be required to execute bond with security.

S. M. WOODWARD,

Keeper W. L. Hospital.

January 9.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of John St. John, dec'd., are requested to present them properly authenticated, to the subscriber, for settlement—and those indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment, as circumstances make it necessary to settle the estate without delay.

SAM'L. HARNESBERGER, Adm'r.

January 9.—It.

Trustee's Sale.

IN pursuance of two Deeds of Trust, executed by Robert Lockridge to the subscriber, one bearing date on the 9th day of October 1838, and the other on the 15th day of October 1838, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bath County, conveying sundry Tracts of Land hereinafter mentioned, in trust, for the purpose of securing the claims in said deed mentioned, will be sold on Tuesday the 11th day of February next, at the front door of the Court-house of Bath County, the following tracts or parcels of Land, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the claims in said deeds mentioned,

286 ACRES

on the Bullpasture river, and the same upon which the said Lockridge now resides, 430 Acres lying between the Bullpasture and Jackson's Mountain; 240 Acres on the east side of the Bullpasture river; 100 Acres in the Big Valley; 45 Acres on the Bullpasture; 75 Acres in the Little Valley; 100 Acres on the Bullpasture; 100 Acres on Chesnut ridge; 200 Acres on east side of Jackson's river; 1030 Acres on the Bullpasture, and an entry and survey of 160 Acres adjoining the Carlyle Tract.

The above land or much of it is of an excellent quality, as it is of the Bullpasture bottoms, which is equal in quality to any land in said county, and as a stock farm, this property is well worth the attention of graziers. The title to the above property is believed to be unquestionable, but acting as trustee I shall only convey such title as is vested in me by the conveyance aforesaid.

S. A. PORTER, Trustee.

January 9, 1840.

Trustee's Sale.

IN pursuance of a Deed of Trust executed by Robt. Lockridge, sen. to the subscriber, bearing date on the 6th day of October 1836, and of record in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Bath County, conveying a tract or parcel of Land hereinafter mentioned, in Trust for the purpose of securing the payment of the debt in the said deed mentioned, will be sold on Tuesday the 11th day of February next, at the front door of the County Court of Bath County, the following tract or parcel of Land to wit, containing by estimation

300 ACRES,

it being the same upon which Robert Lockridge jr. resided at the date of said deed, and is situated in the County of Bath on the waters of the Bullpasture river. The title to the above land is believed to be unquestionable but acting as Trustee I shall only convey such title as is vested in me by the conveyance aforesaid.

ANDREW LOCKRIDGE, Trustee.

Jan. 9, 1840.

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, Queensware 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.

At a Court continued and held for Augusta County, October, 31st, 1839.

James Taylor, jr. John O. Taylor, John Trimble, guardian of George W. Taylor, and Samuel K. Taylor, John Trimble, guardian of Sarah F. Taylor, Juliet C. Taylor, Mary Susan, and Emily J. Taylor, plaintiffs, AGAINST James Points, Adm'r. of John Taylor dec'd., Mary C. Taylor, David Points, and Sidney R. his wife, William W. Taylor, William Kyle, and Eliza H. his wife, John L. Fitzer, and Harriet A. his wife, John L. Fitzer, and Harriet A. his wife, and Jefferson Kinney, guardian ad litem, for George W. Taylor, Samuel K. Taylor, Sarah F. Taylor, Juliet C. Taylor, Mary Susan Taylor, and Emily J. Taylor, children of John Taylor, under the age of twenty-one years—defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

This cause came on again to be heard this 31st day of October, 1839, on the papers formerly read, and was argued by counsel, whereupon it is adjudged, ordered and decreed, that James Points, who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose, after having advertised the time and place of sale in some newspaper published in Staunton, for at least four weeks, shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the undivided moiety of the TRACT OF WOODLAND in the bill mentioned, owned by John Taylor, dec'd. in partnership with John C. Sowers, on the following terms: One-third of the purchase money to be paid on the 1st of January, 1840, and the balance in one, and two years from that date, taking bond with approved security for the deferred payments. That said Commissioner also sell in the same way, on the same terms, the House and Lot in Waynesborough, the vacant Lot in Waynesborough, and the House and two Lots in Staunton, in the bill mentioned. It is further ordered, that Jacob Points be, and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner, who after advertising the time and place of sale, in some newspaper published nearest the land, shall sell the land in the bill mentioned, lying in Moulton Valley, Alabama, to the highest bidder, at public auction, on the following terms: One-fourth of the purchase money to be paid on the 1st day of January, 1840, the balance in one, two and three years from that date, taking bond and good security for the purchase money, and retaining a lien on the land for the further security, and that said Commissioners report their proceedings to this Court.

A Copy—Teste,

JEFFERSON KINNEY, Clerk.

Nov. 28.

IN pursuance of the above Order, I shall on Thursday the 26th day of December next, in the Town of Staunton, in front of the Post-Office, proceed to sell to the highest bidder, the interest of said Taylor, in the Land held by him and John C. Sowers, Esq., and also the House and two Lots in the Town of Staunton, on the terms mentioned in said order. And on Saturday the 28th of the same month, in the Town of Waynesborough, I shall proceed to sell the House and Lot in said town; and also the vacant Lot therein also, to the highest bidder, on the terms mentioned in said order.

JAMES POINTS, Com'r.

Nov. 28.

POSTPONEMENT.

The sale of the property in Waynesborough, has been postponed until the 10th day of January, and the sale of the property in Staunton and its vicinity until the fourth Monday in January, being Court day.

JAMES POINTS.

January 2, 1840.

Augusta County Court, December 24, 1839.

John Coalter—plaintiff

AGAINST James Coalter—defendant.

IN CHANCERY.

This day came the plaintiff by counsel and filed his bill against the defendant, and the defendant not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that he is not an inhabitant of this commonwealth: On motion