

Advertisements should be handed in by 10 o'clock, m., otherwise they may not appear until the next day.

THE MORNING PRESS.

The Union urges that the question before the public to be settled by the present presidential election is, when reduced to the simplest form, the equality of the States in their rights and powers.

It is a question of the sovereignty of the people. In other countries they have no sovereignty. Their rulers possess it. We are equal and independent States. The rights and powers which any one State and the people of that State have, every other State and the people thereof also have.

Out of this question springs another: which State, or which set of States, has a higher claim to certain sovereign rights than other States of the confederation? The Union continues:

Our political enemies disguise the question. They dare not present it as it is. If they can continue this deception it may be fatal to our existence as a nation, if it brings those into power who are determined to do that which will force a separation of this Union.

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

California.—By the arrival of the George Law, at New York, we have received our regular files of newspapers from California, and especially from San Francisco.

The papers of that city contain glowing accounts of the grand parade of the vigilance troops, five thousand men being under arms, forming a triumphal procession.

As we anticipated in a former number of the Star—being in receipt of reliable private advices from that State—the Vigilance Committee have unconditionally released Judge Terry from custody, and he is again at liberty to resume his judicial functions.

It will be recollected that we heretofore condemned a resort to mob law; but, at the same time, regarded the formation and operations of the Vigilance Committee as a "necessity" forced upon the better class of citizens of San Francisco, such were the villainies perpetrated and the dangers arising from the subversion of public justice by adventurers whose appropriate business should have been oakum-picking in the penitentiary, or employment at a treadmill, if they had received their deserts.

Having purged the city and State of many deep-dyed villains, and aroused the people from their apathy upon the subject of public affairs, the various forces of the Vigilance Committee, after the grand parade, were disbanded, and the next morning those who took prominent parts in the demonstration were as busily and quietly engaged in their different vocations, as if they never knew what a rifle or a musket was!

The San Francisco newspapers express the belief that the Vigilance Committee have accomplished the main objects of their organization—have revived and maintained the freedom of speech and of the press—have laid the foundation for the security of the ballot-box in all future elections—have rendered life, liberty, and property more secure than they have ever been since the incorporation of the city—have re-invigorated the arm of the law, and inspired a due degree of terror into the bosoms of all the ruffians and law-breakers in that State.

We admit that we were at one time fearful that the committee would exceed the purposes for which it was organized, and that, owing to rash counsels, their acts might become more deleterious than beneficial; but so far as we have learnt, these, under the existing circumstances which recently prevailed, have been conducted with comparative prudence. We presume that the members who composed the committee will now retire from their labors, and subside into the great mass of their fellow-citizens, without molestation from the State authorities, as did the component parts of the former similar organization.

Our private advices from California are that Dr. Gwin's return to the Senate in January is regarded as almost certain, and Buck and Breck will sweep the State by an immense majority.

Florida Indiana.—A correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger, writing from Camp Ochs-lawa under date of August 29, among other things, has the following:

"One old soldier I accidentally met with the other day said that the Indians did not fear any one of the officers who had ever been here but old Harney. When Col. Harney was here, he treated them with so much respect, that the Indian women to this day, near their children by telling them that they were the children of old Harney."

"For my part, from what I have seen of this country, I firmly believe that the Indians can enter into any hammock and remain there till the resurrection day, if they are not driven out by bounds. Some of these hammocks can never be penetrated by white men."

"Old Harney, above mentioned, is a gallant general of our army, who may have seen, not to exceed, perhaps, fifty-three years. He is a native of Nashville, Tenn., and was an especial favorite and friend of Gen. Jackson."

The Shelby (Ind.) Volunteer, extra, gives a most enthusiastic account of a great gathering of the Volunteers at that place on the 25th ult. The Volunteers, says the paper, "were the most sanguine expectations of our friends. To undertake to give anything like a minute account of the number congregated is impossible. But, to use the language of an observer, 'there was about one hundred acres of people.' Everything went off well. All perfectly good nature, and running over with patriotism for their country, their whole country, and as a writer, a political economist and statesman, has few equals in the South."

In Luck.—The Abington Virginian states that John H. Thompson, of Smith county, Va., was paired to California to seek his fortune. He spent some time in that region, but in the gold mania first broke out in that country, he was one year or two there without any apparent success. Before returning, he invested a small amount in land. A few days ago he received information that his land is in the heart of the richest gold region yet discovered, and is valued at \$300,000.

Dr. George B. Wood, in his address to the American Medical Association, at their last meeting, says: "I have never known of death from small pox after an efficient vaccination, and only one instance of the occurrence of varioloid."

THE RECEPTION OF THE WASHINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY, &c.

(Special Correspondence of the Star.) PORTSMOUTH, Va., Sept. 14, 1856.

Yesterday (Saturday) was a gala day in this town. The finest feeling was evinced by the military; while among the citizens generally there was more animation than we remember to have ever seen on a similar occasion.

At 8 o'clock the Old Dominion Guards, Capt. Edward Kearns—numbering 57—and Riflemen, Capt. Richardson—numbering 50—proceeded in battalion order, under command of Capt. Richardson, to the wharf, for the purpose of receiving their brethren in arms—the Washington Light Infantry of your city.

The committee arrived at Old Point about 7 o'clock. An hour and a half later the Powhatan reached the wharf and was boarded by the committee. The Infantry were drawn up in company order, whereupon Lieut. Godwin proceeded to discharge the trust imposed upon him, which he did most ably in an eloquent address of some fifteen minutes.

All being ready the Powhatan left the wharf for Portsmouth, but unfortunately she ran aground a bar and remained aground for some three or four hours, and this occasioned the delay before alluded to. After repeated efforts she succeeded in getting off, and arrived at Portsmouth about 2 o'clock.

Amid loud cheering and the roar of musketry, the guests and committee disembarked and were received by the battalion with the usual military honors. The battalion, with the Washington Light Infantry resting on their right, then formed on Crawford street, from whence, after introduction, &c., they proceeded through the principal streets to the Navy Yard.

By Captain Kearns, of O. D. Guards: The Washington Light Infantry.—When the city of Washington is asked for her jewels, she points to her daughters; when asked for her defence she points to our guests.

Capt. Davis, of the Washington Light Infantry, responded to this toast in a most happy manner, and gave:

Captain Seawarman, of the Washington Yeagers. This was received with cheers; after which Capt. Seawarman, after making a handsome acknowledgment of the compliment, offered the following sentiment:

The Old Dominion Guards and Rifle Company of Portsmouth—Their unsurpassed patriotism will never be forgotten, and on our return to Washington no air from the band will please us so well as "Carry me back to Old Virginia." (Cheers.)

At this point of the proceedings Captain Kearns, in appropriate terms, called up Lieut. Godwin of the Guards, who delivered an able address.

Capt. Davis responded to Lieut. Godwin, alluding in the course of his remarks to Virginia hospitality. The State, he said, was proverbial for it, and he had more than once partaken of it he could endorse it as genuine.

The Military of Washington and Portsmouth: May they always be distinguished for their patriotism and hospitality.

By Lieut. Curling of the Riflemen.—May the O. D. Guards and Riflemen ever be as today.

By O. S. Acelly of the Guards.—The Rifle and O. D. Guards, twin sisters of Portsmouth. A number of other toasts were drunk, among which one by Surgeon McAlpine of the Riflemen, and one by Major Miles of the Guards, but we are unable to report them.

The battalion having again formed took up the line of march to Norfolk, and after parading the principal street, there proceeded to the wharf, where at about eight o'clock, the band and Riflemen took leave of their guests, with three cheers for the military and three for the ladies of Washington. C. M. T.

PERSONAL. Rev. Cyrus Dickinson, of Wheeling, Va., has been called to the Westminster (O. S.) church Baltimore.

Col. Colt, Mr. Jarvis and Professor Morse were presented to the Emperor of Russia, at Peterhof, on the 14th of August.

Hon. J. C. Breckinridge has been compelled to give up public speaking, it is stated on account of ill health. He has returned home.

Mayor Wood of New York, is confined to his bed with intermittent fever. The Courier & Enquirer says: "Isaac O. Barker, Esq., President of the Board of Aldermen, officiated as Mayor yesterday, discharging the duties with great dignity and courtesy."

THE BALTIMORE RIOT.—The Baltimore Sun of this morning says: "The vicinity of the terrible riot of Friday night last on Federal Hill, has since been in a state of great excitement."

A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held on TUESDAY, the 16th inst., at 8 o'clock, at Trinity Church, 3d street.

INTERESTING addresses and reports may be anticipated from the delegates to the recent convention of the National Sons of Temperance. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend. By order: CHAS. H. HOLMEDI, Rec. Sec.

EQUAL DIVISION, NO. 1, SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—Members are particularly requested to attend the meeting on TUESDAY, the 16th inst., at 8 o'clock, at Trinity Church, 3d street.

THE POTOMAC CLUB WOULD respectfully inform their friends that their first Collier Party will take place at Harmony Hall on WEDNESDAY EVENING, September 17th, at 8 o'clock.

PIONEER ASSOCIATION OF THE FIRST WARD.—There will be a meeting of this association on TUESDAY EVENING, at 7 o'clock. Business of importance claims the attention of every member.

A. T. HARRINGTON, THE OPPONENT of the Temperance Cause, is expected to speak at Rockville, at the Barber's Hall, on Monday, the 18th inst. He is an humble mechanic. Go and hear him! DEMOCRAT.

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THE YOUNG CATHOLIC'S Friend Society will give an Excursion on the 20th inst. Particulars will appear in future advertisements. se 12-17

CARDS, BILL-HEADS, CIRCULARS, LABELS, and every description of FANCY PRINTING executed at the CAPITOL CITY PRINTING OFFICE, corner of 6th street and Pennsylvania avenue. Entrance on 6th street. se 12-18

MR. ARLEY IS FURTHER ADVISED that the person who has been taken from his dwelling, a wagon, load of house effects and stores goods, each time amounting to near \$700 worth, the last time in June. She then left a family on H street and passed over the Eastern Branch Bridge to the harbor for several months. se 12-18

THE PERSISTENCE FIRE COMPANY give their GRAND ANNUAL BALL, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at 22, 1856. Particulars in a future advertisement. se 12-18

WOOD AND COAL.—THE UNDERSIGNED having associated themselves in business under the firm of CHAPIN & BRO. are prepared to furnish their friends and the public with the best article of WOOD and COAL of the best quality, at the lowest prices.

THE ECHO CLUB TAKES GREAT pleasure in announcing to their friends and the public generally, that they will give their First Grand Ball on THURSDAY EVENING, September 16th. Tickets ONE DOLLAR. se 12-18

NOTICE.—THE SUBSCRIBER begs leave to call the attention of the public to his stock of GLASS and QUEENWARE before purchasing elsewhere, by so doing, they will save from 25 to 50 per cent.

FOR SALE.—A HORSE, HARNESS, AND Carriage. The Carriage and Harness are nearly new. They will be sold cheap. For further particulars inquire of J. M. KUHLER & PYWELL, 8th street. se 15-13

WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO INSERT Gas Pipe in dwellings, stores, and public buildings at low prices. Please give us a call. MILLER & CUNNINGHAM, se 15 No. 25 Pa. av. bet. 12th and 13th sts.

NOTICE.—THE ATTENTION OF PURCHASERS is respectfully invited to the BUILDING LOTS, corner of 13th and M streets, on TO-MORROW (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 5 o'clock, on the premises. These lots offer rare inducements to persons in want of a desirable lot for building a house. se 15-13

LATEST PATTERNS FOR MEN & BOYS. Just opened, a large and well selected variety of Dress, Fancy, and Jockey styles, all qualities, and very low for cash. GEO. H. B. WHITE & CO.'S, se 15 60ft 32 Pa. av. bet. 9th and 10th sts.

NOTICE.—THE ATTENTION OF HOUSEHOLDERS is respectfully invited to the sale of FURNITURE and other Goods, which will take place at Store No. 16 Pennsylvania Avenue, between 8th and Ninth streets, TO-MORROW MORNING, at 9 o'clock. The goods are of an excellent quality, and must be sold. WALL, BARNARD & CO. se 15-11

OYSTERS.—THE UNDERSIGNED informs his friends and the citizens, that he is receiving daily fresh OYSTERS, of the best quality, and will sell by the measure, at the most reasonable prices. Orders left at his residence, or at any of the City Dispatch Offices, will be attended to immediately. ROBERT SCHWARZE, se 15-13

\$5 REWARD.—LEFT HIS HOME about two weeks ago, a sprightly colored Boy, about 17 years old, named JOHN A. DIGGS. All persons are hereby forewarned against employing or harboring him in any manner. The law will be enforced against all such offenders.

NEW STYLES FOR FALL & WINTER. We have just received a large and complete assortment of FELT HATS, for men and boys, of all styles, colors, and prices. We respectfully invite the attention of purchasers. se 15-13

WEDDING PRESENTS.—M. W. GALT & BRO. open to-day a large invoice of rich goods suitable for wedding presents. They enumerate in part—Ladies' richly engraved Gold Watches of superior quality, and other beautiful articles.

ELEGANT CURTAIN MATERIALS. We have just received and have on hand a variety of goods in the above line; consisting in part of—Rich French, English, and German Brocatelles, all colors and contrasts of colors.

COAL.—COAL.—COAL. JUST ARRIVED PER SCHOONERS with White and Red Ash COAL, warranted a No. 1 article. We will be delivering from the vessel the entire week, commencing Monday, the 15th inst. Those wishing to lay in water supplies should not miss this favorable opportunity.

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CLAIM AND GENERAL COLLECTION AGENCY

THE SUBSCRIBER WILL DEVOTE HIS SERVICES to the collection of HOUSE and GROUND RENTS; MERCHANTS and TRADERS' BILLS; and FEE BILLS of ATTORNEYS; purchase and sell REAL ESTATE and STOCKS of all kinds; and will also make Balance-Sheets of the Books, and settle the Estates of Insolvent and Deceased persons; and with the assistance of a legal friend he will draw Deeds, Leases, and all kinds of instruments of writing.

ELIZABETH CARPENTERS.—JUST RECEIVED and on sale asper and elegant stock of Wilton, Velvet, Tapestry, Brussels, Imperial Three-ply, double Ingrain, Damask, Twilled and plain Venetian, and wool Dutch Carpets, all of the very latest importation, and in the newest and richest colors and designs.

THE YOUNG CATHOLIC'S FRIEND SOCIETY have the pleasure of announcing to their friends and the public generally, that they will give an Excursion to the White House on MONDAY, the 22d instant. As the weather is becoming pleasant, a delightful day can be spent at the above popular place of resort.

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Amusements. NATIONAL THEATRE

KUNKEL & CO. Lessees. JNO. T. FORD, Manager. [Also, of Baltimore and Richmond Theatres.] H. HALL, Stage Manager. THOS. BAKER, Musical Composer and Director. MISS LAURA KEENE, Sole Manageress.

THIS EVENING. Farewell Benefit of the beautiful and gifted Miss LAURA KEENE, and positively the last appearance of her celebrated Company.

CLARISSA HARLOWE. Lord Robert Lovelace. M. G. K. Dickinson. Patrick McDonald. Mr. C. Whately. Miss Laura Keene.

ORIGINAL OVERTURE. To commence with, for the first time here, the new comedy, written for Miss Keene by E. G. P. Wilkins, Esq., termed

MY WIFE'S MIRROR. Mr. Robert Rackett. Mr. G. Jordan. Mr. P. Peacock. Mr. T. B. Johnson. Mrs. Robert Rackett. Miss Laura Keene.

UNPARALLELED COMBINATION. The Management announce an engagement with MAURICE STRAKOSCH'S GRAND OPERATIC AND CONCERT COMPANY.

Compacting several of the most illustrious and famous vocalists known to the musical world. MIDDLE TERESA PARODI, Signor M. TIBERINI, the great Tenor, (his first appearance in Washington.)

Signor OSWALD BERNARDI, the eminent Baritone, (his first appearance in Washington.) MAURICE STRAKOSCH, the world-renowned Pianist.

And the famed PAUL JULIEN, who has consented to delay his departure to the Court of France for a brief period.

This unprecedented combination will appear at THE NATIONAL THEATRE, POSITIVELY FOR BUT TWO NIGHTS, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS, September 17th and 18th.

The Programme will present varied and delightful OPERATIC, BALLAD, MISCELLANEOUS, AND INSTRUMENTAL SELECTIONS.

No Change in the Prices of Admission. se 15

GRAND OPENING BALL OF THE SINGERS' UGLY CLUB. THE MEMBERS OF THE ABOVE NAMED Club take great pleasure in announcing to their friends and the public in general that their second Grand Annual Ball will take place at Odd Fellows' Hall, (Navy Yard) on MONDAY EVENING, September 22, 1856.

Every exertion will be used to make this one of the most agreeable balls of the season. A supper and Confectionery are in the hands of an experienced caterer.

A superior Cotton Band has been engaged for the occasion. No Hats or Caps allowed in the ball room except those worn by the respective clubs.

Tickets ONE DOLLAR; to be had of the members of the club, or at the door on the evening of the ball. Committee of Arrangements.

Thos. Deane, Chas. Homer, Robt. Chelmsford, W. C. Drury, Wm. Knorr, C. H. Murray, Benj. Berkley, J. W. Bradbury, James Gordon. se 10, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22

Wants. WANTED—A NURSE AND CHAMBER-maid for a small family, who can bring good recommendations. Apply between the hours of 9 a. m. and 1 p. m., at No. 566 New Jersey avenue, Capitol Hill. se 15-21

WANTED—A YOUNG LAD, ABOUT 15 years old, that has had some experience in a grocery store. A written recommendation required. None other need apply. Inquire at 367 Pennsylvania avenue. Also, a young man, as cook, washer and ironer, at No. 37 1/2 street. se 15-17

WANTED—A WOMAN TO DO GENERAL house work in a small family, consisting of three persons. She must be a plain good cook, washer and ironer. A written recommendation required. Also, a girl between 15 and 15 years of age, to do chamber work. None need apply who cannot bring good recommendations. Apply at No. 395 New York avenue, near 13th street. se 15-21

WANTED—A GENTLEMAN WISHES TO purchase a woman that can do house work, and in a family, for which a farm, for his own use, for which the cash will be paid. For further information address "H," through City Post office. se 15-17

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A FIRST rate woman as house servant. The highest wages will be given. EDW. H. FULLER, on D street, between 22d and 23d streets, one square east of National Observatory. se 15-21

ROOMS WANTED—THREE OR FOUR rooms pleasantly situated, in a small private family, where there are no boarders. Will wish to furnish their own room or rent part of the house. Address G box 546, City Post Office. se 15-21

WANTED—A HOUSE READY FURNISHED, of medium size, respectable appearance, and central situation. Apply to O. S. PECK, Esq., 36 Louisiana avenue. se 12-17

A POTHECARY OR DRUGGIST—A good chance is offered to a respectable young business gentleman of taking a half interest or clerkship in an establishment doing well under the name of "CROTON," City Dispatch. se 12-13

AN EXPERIENCED TEACHER OF ENGLISH and Music desires an engagement in a private family. Best references given. Address H. COMLY, Georgetown. se 10-11

WANTED—WANTED—WANTED—TO find persons in want of the following articles: French or German Looking Glasses. Portrait or Picture Frames, round, oval or square. Oil Paintings, large and small. Marble-top Bracket Tables, in bronze or gold. All kinds of Pictures framed, and any size Looking Glasses of other work in the gliding line done to order with the greatest accuracy. Also, a lot of cast-iron Brackets, suitable for shelving, &c., on hand. Terms moderate to suit the times, for cash.

N. B. Old Work Regltd, and Looking Glasses inserted. 355 Penna. avenue, opposite Kirkwood House. Dec 19 JOHN WAGNER

Boarding. BOARDING.—SEVERAL NEWLY FURNISHED rooms for rent, either singly or in suits, with board, in a small family where there are but few boarders, at 403 F street, in Union Row, and the immediate vicinity of the Patent Office. se 13-17

MRS. G. ANDERSON CAN ACCOMMODATE date several boarders with or without rooms. Penna. avenue, No. 276, between 11th and 12th streets. se 10-11

BOARD, &c.—MRS. BATES, on THE 7th street is prepared to accommodate gentlemen with rooms with or without board. Every effort will be made to render those comfortable who may favor her with their patronage. Transient or table board can be obtained. ap 6-11

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