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Dr. Wm H. Macon, New Kent, Va.

☞ Office under the Metropolitan Hall, Franklin street. de 20—1m

HIRING OUT OF SERVANTS.—JOHN R. D. PAYNE, Office on 10th street between Main and Cary, continues to HIRE OUT SERVANTS for those who have them for hire.—Prompt attention shall be given to those committed to his care. Persons having Servants for hire, will do well to have them in the city before the 1st of January. He also continues to attend to public sales of all property offered him under Deeds of Trust, Decrees of Courts, Administrators' and Executors' sales. Also, sales of Property of every description in the country on very reasonable terms.
de 20—dtJ3 JOHN R. D. PAYNE.

NOTICE.—GEO. W. TOLER, General Agent and Collector—Office on Franklin st., under Metropolitan Hall, Richmond, Va.—Will attend to renting out houses, hiring out negroes, collecting claims, buying and selling real estate, &c., &c. All business entrusted to him will be attended to with promptness and dispatch. de 20

NOTICE.—The firm of TOLER & COOK is this day dissolved by mutual consent JOHN R COOK will continue the Agency business of the concern, and close the same. GEO. W. TOLER will attend to the closing of the other matters of the concern to the extent of collecting the debts due the concern and paying off those they owe, independent of their transactions as Agents, and no other.

For the purposes aforesaid either party may use the name of the concern, except in making or endorsing the notes, &c., and then only with the express consent of the other.
GEO. W. TOLER,
de 19 JNO. R COOK.

EDW'D D. EACHO,
GENERAL AGENT AND COLLECTOR.

CONTINUES to hire out Negroes, rent out Houses and Collect Claims as heretofore. Office on 14th st., near the Exchange Hotel. de 19

NEGRO HIRING.—The subscribers again offer their services to their friends and the public, to hire out Negroes for the ensuing year. They will use their best endeavors to get good homes and good prices. Persons having Negroes to hire out would do well to send them in as early as possible.

We will be assisted by Mr. WM. C TALIAFERRO in this branch of our business, who has been engaged for many years in hiring out negroes.
N. B. & C. B. HILL,
Corner of Wall and Franklin sts.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.—Having entered into co-partnership with N. B. & C. B. Hill, for the purpose of Hiring out Negroes the ensuing year, I offer my services to my friends and to those of the late firm of Thos. H. & W. C. Taliaferro.
WM. C. TALIAFERRO.
☞ Office with N. B. & C. B. Hill, corner Franklin and Wall streets. de 16—d&ct15J

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—The Subscribers have associated themselves together under the style of DICKINSON, HILL & CO., for the purpose of conducting the AUCTION and COMMISSION business.

Their office will be on the corner of Wall and Franklin sts.
R. H. DICKINSON,
N. B. HILL,
C. B. HILL.
de 20—d&w3m

RICHARD HILL, Jr. | EDW'D G. RAWLINGS
GENERAL AGENCY, NEGRO HIRING, &c. &c.

HILL & RAWLINGS, General Agents and Collectors, attend to HIRING OUT NEGROES, RENTING OUT HOUSES and COLLECTING CLAIMS of every description.
de 9—d&ct10Jan

JOHN R. COOK, having withdrawn from the late firm of Toler & Cook, will continue, at the old stand, the same line of business, on his own account—Hiring out Negroes, Renting out Houses, Collecting Claims, &c—and will be glad to receive the call of his friends and the public generally.
de 22—ts

FOR HIRE—A young, healthy, active servant Woman, a good plain COOK, WASHER and IRONER, or House Servant; would prefer hiring her in the country. Enquire of
ja 2—3t LUDLAM & WATSON.

FOR HIRE.—I have for hire several BOYS and WOMEN, which I will hire for the ensuing year, on reasonable terms. Apply at my house, on Union Hill.
ja 2—ts F. L. SWIFT.

FOR HIRE—A WET NURSE, who can be well recommended, being a woman of excellent character. Apply to the subscriber, on Federal, corner of Federal and St. Stephen streets.
ja 2—2t* JANE HILL.

NEGROES FOR HIRE.—The Subscriber has for hire for the present year, two nice young Women, accustomed to general Housework. Apply to J. A. EGGLESTON,
Or Eggleston, Fitzgerald & Co., 14 Pearl st.
ja 2—1w

SERVANTS FOR HIRE.—Three young Women, accustomed to house service, &c., of good character and very trusty.
ED. M. MORGAN,
ja 1—4t Corner above Market, Main st.

NEGROES FOR HIRE.—I have for hire for the present year, MEN, WOMEN, BOYS and GIRLS; amongst them are good Cooks, Chambermaids, &c. J. S. B. TINSLEY,
Office over Pulliam & Davis' Auction House,
ja 1—6t Wall street.

FOR HIRE—A likely BOY and two GIRLS, from the country, one accustomed to nursing, by WINSTON & POWERS.
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FOR HIRE—A Servant about 28 years old, a fine seamstress and chamber maid. She can also wait at table. She is an active, faithful servant. Enquire of G. W., box 573, Post Office.
de 19—ts

FOR HIRE—I have for hire, a Man Servant, whom I wish to hire to some person for the balance of the year, who will give such employment as will not expose him to bad weather or very hard work. JAS. D ELLETT,
no 18 Gen'l Agent and Com. Merchant.

JAMES D. ELLETT, GENERAL AGENT AND COMMISSION MERCHANT, Office removed to the Odd Fellows' Hall, Franklin street, one square below Exchange Hotel, again offers his services to the public in Hiring out Negroes, Collecting Claims, Renting Houses and buying and selling Produce of every description. He is also prepared to receive on Storage, at a very moderate rate, any and all kinds of produce; and when sold by himself, no charge for Storage. He also has ample and comfortable Rooms for the accommodation of Servants while hiring, without being exposed in the streets, which by a late ordinance of the city forbids their standing.
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OFFICE RICHMOND FIRE ASSO'N, NOVEMBER 1st, 1854.

AT a meeting of the Board of Directors, held this date, Mr. JAMES C CRANE was unanimously elected President of the Richmond Fire Association, vice James Bosher, dec'd.
By order of the Board of Directors.
no 2—ts JNO. H. BOSHER, Secretary

A SMALL HOUSE AND LOT, NORTH OF LEIGH STREET, EXCHANGED FOR NEGRO PROPERTY.—Any person having a likely young Man and Female House Servant, from 10 to 15 years of age, who is desirous of making such an exchange, will please call on the subscriber.
JAMES D. ELLETT,
de 29 General Agent and Com. Merchant.

PER STEAMER ROANOKE.—Just received some extra fine Gunpowder Tea; Imitation English Cheese; French Mustard; Dundee Marmalade; Mocha Coffee; Judd's Patent Candles; some superior Brandy; do. Holland Gin; and a small lot of finest O. C. Butter; for sale by
de 29 ED W. TOMPKINS.

75 TONS DAMAGED GUANO
100 bbls. No. 1 Halifax Herrings
50 do No. 3 medium Mackerel
50 do Calcined Plaster
200 do Thomaston Lime
600 bales Hay. For sale by
de 29 LEE & & CO., on the Dock.

PORTABLE STEAM ENGINES, CIRCULAR SAW-MILLS, &c.—The subscribers are prepared to furnish Portable and Stationary Steam Engines, Circular Saw-Mills, and all other descriptions of Machinery, with dispatch, and warranted of best materials and workmanship, at their works on Cary st., next to the City Gas Works.
de 9—3m BURR & ETTENGER.

VERY SUPERIOR FAMILY FLOUR.—50 bbls. Bragg's best Family Flour, just received. Those in want of a superior article can now be supplied by
de 30 JOHN A. ROBINSON,
Corner Cary and Va. streets.

THE DAILY DISPATCH

☞ The circulation of the DAILY DISPATCH exceeds considerably that of all the Daily papers of Richmond combined.

RICHMOND, VA:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 3, 1855.

THE FOREIGN AUXILIARIES.—The Duke of Newcastle's bill to enlist 15,000 foreigners into the British service to be drilled and organized in England, has caused great excitement. On the second reading, the number was limited to 10,000 men. The Earl of Ellenborough objected most strongly to the bill and declared that its object was to introduce into Britain 15,000 German or Swiss mercenaries in place of 15,000 English militiamen, who are to be sent abroad.

PRUSSIA.—The address in reply of the King of Prussia's speech, and which is believed to speak the sentiments of the Prussian people, thinks that the time has come when Prussia can avoid the dangerous position of a complete isolation, by a prompt and decided return into the European community, which Austria has steadfastly maintained and just now strengthened.

RAPID GROWTH.—The population of Brooklyn, opposite New York, was, in 1835, twenty-four thousand; it is now estimated (exclusive of Williamsburg and Bushwick,) at about 175,000.

THE GERMANIC DIET.—Among other resolutions, the Germanic Diet engage to support Austria, in case of an attack upon her, either in the principalities or on the imperial territory. Prussia, it is believed, will have to sail in the wake of Austria.

COMMERCIAL COMMITTEES.—The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin thinks that the machinery of political gatherings can never be successfully applied to commerce. Merchants, says the Bulletin, are no Buncombe men; they shut their ears to speeches and resolutions; but they open them to the railroad whistle. The Bulletin continues:

To counteract the effects of the northern railroads upon southern cities, southern railroads must be built. But this cannot be done by commercial conventions, the chief business of which seems to be to let off oratorial gas and conceive and bring forth abstractions. This seems to be understood by many people at the south, who hold aloof from the conventions and more profitably employ themselves in subscribing to new railroads. But the conventions really embarrass these wiser and truer southern patriots; for they distract the minds of the people and make many men trust for their commercial salvation to a resolution or a memorial, instead of to the active use of their own means and energies. Perseverance, however, on the part of the wise few will ultimately triumph over the impediments of the unwise many, and, in the course of years, New Orleans, Nashville, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, and Richmond, will become great railroad centres. Then southern trade will recover a substantial vitality, and may hold up its head alongside northern trade. But then, too, the false distinction of north and south will be abolished; for trade will not recognize the imaginary lines of geography, and the commercial Union of the States will, we honestly think, be the main and enduring means of preserving the political Union.

THE MINNIE RIFLE.—There are none of these rifles, it is said, in the U. S. Army. The New York Pick says:

"A man armed with a musket, and another one armed with a musket changed to a minnie rifle, is 100 per cent. better armed in the latter case. One man with a minnie rifle, placed at a certain distance from 100 men with muskets, could kill them all before they could approach within musket range. A minnie rifle will carry 1200 yards, with the most certain precision. Fired at half a dozen men half a mile off, it would kill two or three out of the group. Will it be believed that the United States army have not a solitary minnie rifle. Their cost is trifling, $10, $12, or $14 is the outside! There is a manufactory in this town, and several thousands have already been manufactured. They are far superior to the French or English, and will carry a ball a greater distance, and with greater precision. An army provided with these rifles could meet and destroy an army a hundred times larger, if the large one had no minnie rifles. The minnie rifle that we saw this evening had a bayonet attached, and in every respect is superior to the old musket. Whenever their use becomes general in the United States, there will be no danger of a war, domestic or foreign. War would be certain death to all who engaged in the game. One cannot hit a barn door at 200 yards distance with the common musket used in the U. S. Army, and a man might be hit at that distance, but not hurt. At a thousand yards to that two hundred, and a man's life, with a minnie rifle fired at it, would not be worth six and a quarter cents.

TAKING AN IMPRESSION.—The Bangor Journal says that on Friday, a daughter of one of the most respectable families in that city visited a daguerreotypist, and sat for a picture, who having been pleased with the impression made upon the polished plate, endeavored to make another upon the young lady's lips, but was repulsed. As she was about to leave, he intercepted her and renewed his attempt with considerable rudeness, but was again foiled, and she made her escape. The next day the father of the young lady called upon the artist, and, exhibiting the daguerreotype, inquired if he was the person who took it. The artist replied in the affirmative, upon which the enraged father pushed his fist into his face with violence, and followed up with the punishment until a gentleman present suggested that the artist made a sorry picture enough. The "artist" has commenced a suit for damage; but the popular verdict is already rendered—"*Served him right*"

NEW BREECH-LOADING RIFLE.—Americans have shown great fertillity of invention and improvement of fire-arms, as well as in other articles of manufacture. Col J D. Greene, of Massachusetts, has now a new breech-loading rifle of his own invention. It is well known that in breech-loading guns it has heretofore been found almost impossible to secure a perfectly tight joint between the barrel and the breech, owing to an opening created between those parts by the explosion, and also from friction. This difficulty is obviated in Greene's new rifle, by what is called a self-adjusting thimble, being fitted at the rear end of the chamber, and yielding to the explosion, and holding fast to its seat in the breech-piece. Fifty times in rapid succession it has been discharged without the slightest escape at the joint. The beauty and value of the invention also consist in its simplicity. With ease it can be loaded and discharged from ten to twelve times per minute; and it is pronounced equal to the Minie gun in force and precision—greatly surpassing it in rapidity of discharge. A day or two since it had a highly favorable trial, under the supervision of the Ordnance Department, hitting the bull's eye at 500 yards' distance.

CASSIUS M. CLAY IN BOSTON.—The Boston Post has the following items concerning Mr. Cassius M. Clay's recent anti slavery lecture in Boston:

Clay.—During Mr. Cassius M. Clay's lecture on Thursday evening, he had much to say about the "tripods of the press." Old Mr. Dusenbury, whose hearing is a little obscure, whispered to his neighbor, "What is he saying about the dry pods of the press? He must allude to the fact that the press has given him beans."

"How do you like Mr. Clay's oratory?" asked one of another one. "It sounds," was the reply, "like Mr. Knockdown, the auctioneer, selling about seven dollars and a half's worth of second hand furniture, asking his customers if they can conscientiously allow the buggy bedsteads to go so low."

Pronouncing the word *elite* as if it were spelled elyte, Old Roger remarked that "its pronunciation was all in his i"

That was a great figure of his where he spoke as one above parties, "looking down upon the checker board of politics that is played."

As Mr. Clay was berating the press soundly, and saying that *all* were bad, a reporter of very venerable aspect, said, half aloud, "Save *me*, Cassius"—The respectable appearance of the individual alone prevented his being kicked out.

VIRGINIA.

DEMOCRATIC STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—Mr. O. M. Crutchfield, President of the Democratic Convention, has appointed the following gentlemen as a State Democratic Executive Committee.

Col. John Rutherford, Wm. F. Ritchie, Robert B Hughes, Richmond city; Christain White, Hanover; Muscoe R H. Garnett, Essex; Lemuel J Bowden, Williamsburg; Dr. Arthur R. Smith, Norfolk county; Timothy Rives Prince George; Dr Wm. F. Thompson, Dinwiddie; Chas Irving, Lynchburg; N C. Claiborne, Franklin; John Goode, Jr., Bedford; Thos. N. Welch, Madison; James Barbour, Culpeper; Richard M Smith, Alexandria; John R. Tucker, Frederick; H. L. Opie, Jefferson; Dr. C. R. Harris, Augusta; Capt Hiram Martz, Rockingham; Lewis Steenrod, Ohio; Edward Kenna, Kanawha; Jonathan M. Bennett, Lewis; Christopher J. Bierne, Monroe; Douglas B. Layne, Alleghany; Dr. Edwin Watson, Pulaski; J. M. H. Brunett, Washington.

PETERSBURG ITEMS.—We compile the following from the Express, Democrat and Intelligencer of Petersburg:

Hon. H. A. Wise will address the people of Petersburg on Friday night next, instead of Saturday, as heretofore announced.

The negro boy Dick, shot by Mr. Moxley, last week, is somewhat better.

At the three principal hotels in Petersburg, the arrivals during the year 1854 were as follows: Jarratt's 15,687, Bollingbrook 10,960, Powell's 10,325.

A negro man was sold at auction in Petersburg, on Saturday last, to Messrs. Donnans & Johnston, for $1 320—a pretty high figure

The body of Jesse, a valuable negro belonging to David Dunlop, was found in the Appomattox last Saturday. The verdict of the Coroner—accidentally drowned

Virginia Marian, eldest daughter of the late Hiram Haines, of Petersburg, died of consumption recently during a sojourn in the Pyrenees mountains, in the south of France.

Mrs. Mary Jane, wife of Wm. E. Hinton, of Petersburg, died in that city on Sunday morning last.

Mr. Benj. W. Green, an esteemed citizen, died in Petersburg on Monday.

Young masters Williams and Cavanaugh, suspected of robbing Mr. D. Anderson, in Richmond city lately, cut quite a figure in Petersburg last Friday. They sported plenty of money and jewelry to an unnecessary extent, rings upon every finger and one on the thumb! They frequently entered Jarratt's Hotel, while waiting for the departure of the Southern train, and partook considerably at the bar. Officers Tyler and Seal went southward after them, on Monday.

A sanctified looking individual visited the Southside depot in Petersburg last Saturday, mixed freely in the crowd, and by accident or design got his hand into a gentleman's pocket; when the gentleman suddenly applied a left hander to the individual's eye, which sent him heels over head off the platform.—He modestly picked himself up and moved off.

Clifton, the plantation on Appomattox river, about three miles from Petersburg, belonging to Mr. O. P. Hare, was sold on Saturday last to Messrs. Alexander and James Jones of Chesterfield, for the snug sum of $11,000 cash. This is considered a very good sale.

A youth named Arthur Hobbs, of Petersburg, was amusing himself with a pistol last week, when the machine hung fire, and as the juvenile was about to peep into the barrel to see what the matter was, it went off, driving his hat to Jericho, and sending a quantity of powder into his forehead and eyes. It is supposed he will lose the sight of one of his eyes.

James Murray, an apprentice to Chas. Leonard, accidentally fired a pistol on Monday last, and the ball passed between the first and second fingers of his left hand. He screamed lustily, supposing his spark of life was extinguished; but fortunately he was not much injured.

The inspection of flour in Petersburg for the quarter ending December 31st, was as follows: 705 bbls Family; 105 halves do; 23 769 bbls Extra; 244 halves do.; 4 318 bbls Superfine; 6,783 bbls. Fine; 1,305 bbls. Middling; 950 bbls Condemned.

Mr. Clement Rothwell, conductor of the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad, is recovering from the injuries received a few days ago.

BURGLARY.—The stable of Mr. Richard Batte, about two miles from Prince George C. H., was forcibly entered on Friday night last and two valuable animals taken therefrom—a sorrel horse and a brown mare.

PROPERTY RECOVERED.—The horses above alluded to were subsequently recovered, and showed evidences of bad usage. The thieves have not been apprehended.

STILL HANGING HIM.—We have received (says the Lynchburg Virginian) two communications, one from Rocky Mount and the other from Blacksburg, giving the particulars of the hanging of Dr. Thompson's effigy, at both of these places.

FLOUR INSPECTION.—The inspection of flour in Fredericksburg, for the quarter ending Dec. 30th, was 564 bbls. family, 7783 extra, 3447 superfine, 206 fine, 1172 middlings, 69 condemned.

COL. MCMULLEN.—It is said that Hon. Fayette McMullen is about to announce his intention of retiring from Congressional life.

NORFOLK BEACON.—Mr. Isaac M. Patridge has become associated with Mess. Cunningham & Co, in the editorial management of the Norfolk Beacon.

FREDERICKSBURG AND TAXATION.—The Virginia Herald says:

Of the $21,000 paid by Spotsylvania county into the State Treasury, only about $7000 of it is paid by the county proper, the other $14,000 being paid by Fredericksburg. Of this sum about the half, $7000, are paid by the merchants in the shape of taxes on their licenses

The late Corportaion tax aimed to creat a revenue of $30,000, which, with the State tax, makes a total close on to $50,000 for the town of Fredericksburg.

The people, however, pay up cheerfully, so intent are they upon maintaining the faith of the corporation and prosecuting to a successful completion their various schemes of improvement.

The prize fight said to have taken place near New York last Saturday, between James Sawyer and John Robinson, occurred in fact near Philadelphia. It was a rough and tumble fight, which lasted 17 or 18 minutes, and Sawyer was pretty severely whipped.

The Philadelphia Ledger gives credence to the reported expectation of Dr. Beale's pardon, three Judges of the Supreme Court having each submitted an opinion to the Governor that the verdict of the jury was illegal.

It is thought Capie and Emmos, convicted in Philadelphia of the homicide of Christopher Soohan, will be pardoned by Gov. Bigler. Capie is suffering from a pulmonary disease.

Reeves, who killed Archibald Thatcher in an affray in Cincinnati, has been acquitted.

ACCIDENT AT THE PHILADELPHIA NAVY YARD.—The Philadelphia Ledger gives the annexed account of the accident at the Navy Yard, by which Charles Duffy, Patrick Cahill and Wm. Fairbanks were killed, and three others were injured:

A terrible calamity occurred at the Navy Yard, about 3 o'clock, on Saturday afternoon, by the falling of a derrick. A number of workmen were engaged in landing plank from a vessel lying at the end of the pier between the lower ship-house and the basin of the sectional dock, by means of a temporary derrick, formed of two spars about 40 feet long, lashed together at the top. A team of oxen were attached to the hoisting tackle, and a load of plank had been landed on the pier, and a gang of men had just started to haul the plank along the pier on rollers out of the way, when it is supposed, from a mistake, the oxen were also started, and the derrick was canted over and fell upon the wharf, crushing and awfully injuring a number of the hands.

MORTALITY OF PHILADELPHIA.—The total mortality of Philadelphia for the year 1854, was as follows: Adults, 4,992; children, 6,817; total, 11,809

SHIPMENTS OF SPECIE.—The total shipments of specie from the port of New York for 1854 foot up, $36,269,416; for 1853, $26,753,356.

Charles Sigourney, an enterprising merchant of Hartford, Conn., and husband of the celebrated poetess, died of apoplexy, on Saturday.

A correspondent of the Sun, writing from on board the U. S. frigate Constitution states that Com. Mayo has concluded a most important commercial treaty with the King of Lagos, in Africa.

Capt. Doniphan, one of the heroes of the Mexican war, was thrown from a stage near Jefferson city, Mo., a few days ago, and so badly injured as to render his recovery doubtful.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

The *Examiner* quotes from the *Organ*, the exposition of Know Nothingism in Washington city, an article in which the *Examiner* is interrogated as to its meaning when it says "something must be done to elevate American citizenship"--and "what are its 'insuperable objections' to Senator Adams' bill?"—and "how far 'a distinction between the American population and foreign population' may be rightfully made in reference to the right of suffrage and public trusts?" The *Organ* comments on these sentences, and preaches quite a sermon to our neighbor on candor, frankness and plainness of speech. The *Examiner* seizes the *Organ's* guns and turns them with considerable effect, thus:

We, too, "like plain, clear, unmistakable language upon important questions agitating the public mind;" and so we ask the *Organ* of this secret cabal that are ashamed to show their heads in this free land where there is naught to harm or make them afraid—who constitute the American party? Who are the champions of the vaunted "American Reformation?" Where do they meet, at what hours, and in what numbers? Who are its master spirits in Virginia, who the rank and file? Why they hide their precious lights under a bushel?—Why they love darkness rather than light, if their deeds are not evil?

Several other interrogatories are propounded by the *Examiner*, after which occurs the following paragraph:

We have candidly, repeatedly and emphatically avowed the opinion that the prodigious growth of foreignism in this country does imminently threaten our institutions. When a traveller may ride for days at a time in the new States and Territories—those nurseries of empire and future seats of political control in this Republic—without being greeted once by the sound of the *American* language, it must be confessed that the Republic of our Saxon fathers is changing its character, and the institutions of Washington, Jefferson and Madison are in danger of changing their complexion. Our Federal land laws are the subjects most urgently requiring reform. They are too much the work of demagogues and insect aspirants for momentary honors, rather than of men capable of laying broad and durable foundations for permanent institutions and lasting empire. Many other of the present evils of foreignism are attributable to the legislation of the same class of men in the States—men who, to secure an election to-day, will sacrifice the peace of society and welfare of their country through all ages to come. If the States would but make good within their limits the law of Congress prescribing the time of probation for foreigners, many of the present troubles afflicting Northern society would disappear.

The *Examiner* believes that Know Nothingism will not answer the purpose for which it is proposed. "The scheme of requiring twenty-one years as probation of citizenship is as unphilosophical as it would be futile for any good purpose." "The proscription of Catholics, *native* as well as foreign, would not accomplish even the truculent purpose of the bigotry that proposes it." "The Pope is not a bug-a boo that is coming to murder children, women, and Know Nothings. Brave reformers they who sweat with fear and cold perspiration at the mention of mild Pio Nino! A President of the American Republic to be selected from among braves who quake and tremble at the thought of a petty Italian prince! Catholics would make better officers than such men. We have known valuable public officers of the proscribed persuasion. Judge Taney is full as good a Chief Justice as the senior editor of the *Organ* would make, able lawyer though he be."

The *Whig*, from "the clamor of the disaffected," that "comes booming up from every quarter," almost begins to fear that the Democrats will have to call another Convention. It is, however, opposed to such a call, and raises its voice against it, for "several inexpressibly satisfactory reasons," among which are these:

In the first place, we prefer Mr. Wise, because we feel and know of a truth that he is more easily beaten than any other Democrat in Virginia. We stood shoulder to shoulder with our neighbor of the Enquirer at the Staunton Convention and *legged* it for this "fearless tribune of the people" with might and main—and for the reason mentioned. We prefer him, also, because we have a very high respect for his personal character—much higher than we have for most others of the party. Again: it would upset our calculations inconceivably, if Mr. Wise were now thrust aside and laid upon the shelf, and some other Democrat selected to occupy his place. For we have been, for sometime past, industriously engaged in overhauling his political record; and we have actually *dog-eared* it to such an extent, that we have well nigh lost the use of all our fingers.

In conclusion, the *Whig* introduces a letter published in the *Valley Democrat*, from an "excellent Democrat" of the Tenth Legion, which is "full of the spirit of earnest protest and pathetic rebuke."

The *Enquirer* has two carefully prepared articles, one on the Independent Treasury System, and the other on Railroad Policy and Railroad Morals.

The *Penny Post* alludes to the attempt of the Northern Abolitionists to people the territory of Kansas with the very refuse of the earth, as one of the most disgraceful events recorded in the history of this country; and regards the election of General Whitfield as Delegate to Congress, as a victory of common justice and common sense over fanaticism, and as one of the most auspicious events that has ever occurred in connection with the federal system of government.

MADAME SONTAG AGAIN.—The N. O. Picayune acknowledges the receipt of a note from M. M. Taussig, who signs himself as "Count Rossi's agent in this country," concerning the statement of several physicians of the city of Mexico, all agreeing in the averment that M'me Sontag and Signor Pozzolini died of cholera, last summer, in that place, and denouncing as calumnious the suggestions that have been made by certain parties, that those two artistes came to their deaths in a suspicious and mysterious manner. The same note conveys the information that the remains of Sontag have finally been embarked on board a vessel bound from Vera Cruz to Hamburg.

In regard to the treatment of M'me Sontag's remains, in their transit from Mexico to Vera Cruz, M. Taussig states that the transfer "could not have been done otherwise than it was, without incurring an enormous expense which would have seriously injured the children of the deceased"—a consideration, the Picayune suggests, that should have had no weight whatever, in premises like these.

BURNING OF THE N. O. MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The burning of this building is supposed to have been the result of accident. It was one of the proudest ornaments of New Orleans, and entails a severe loss upon the Mechanics' Society, by whom it was owned. The Library alone was valued at $10,000, and the building, its furniture, effects, &c, including the Library, at $70 000. Several persons, who occupied apartments met with severe losses. The building was insured for $30,000, equally divided between the Crescent and Sun Mutual Insurance Companies. The society lost all of their papers and books, and the archives of the last forty-five years.

SEBASTOPOL.—Among the items of interest by the Atlantic, we find the following:

It is creditably asserted that the allies will give battle to the Russians outside Sebastopol before Christmas, and then, if victorious, attempt to take it at the point of the bayonet. An officer at one of the clubs has offered £1,000 against £100 that Sebastopol falls before New Year's Day.

THE EMPRESS OF RUSSIA.—It is stated that the Empress of Russia is sick, and lies at the point of death.

STREET FIGHT—THE WOMAN AHEAD.—An exchange says: A difference of opinion occurred between a lady and gentleman, on the street, the other day, in Jackson, Mississippi. Unmutable words ensued, when the gent drew a Colt's latest invention, and fired three or four times at the lady, missing her every time. Whereupon she seized a brickbat, let slip at her assailant's head, and laid him sprawling upon the sidewalk.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

NERVOUS HEADACHE.—This annoying disease, which has heretofore baffled the skill of our ablest physicians, may now be perfectly cured by the use of BAKER'S CELEBRATED PREMIUM BITTERS. A lady in this city, who has suffered from it for years, without obtaining the slightest relief, has been entirely cured by using a few bottles. As a cure for Dyspepsia these Bitters have no equal, and as a tonic they stand unsurpassed. Price 50 cents.

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SHOCKOE HILL BUILDING FUND ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at their Room, (SCHAD'S HALL, Broad st.,) on THURSDAY EVENING, 4th January, 1855, at 7½ o'clock.

The Stockholders will please attend or send their Proxies.

Per order. J. W. REEVE, Sec'y.
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O. H. CHALKLEY, General Agent and Collector, 13th street, between Main and Cary, over the store of G. R. Peake, as heretofore. Hires out Negroes, Rents out Houses and Collects Claims of every description in town and country.

REFERENCES: Messrs C. T. Wortham & Co., Williams & Brother, Butler & Tinsley, J. H. Claiborne, G. R. Peake, J. B. Sclater and Dr. W. A. Patterson.
de 23—d1m

AUGUST & RANDOLPH, Attorneys at Law, have removed their office to the corner of 12th and Franklin streets, opposite the State Court House.
de 30—6t

GEORGE L. BRENT, Attorney at Law, and Commissioner of Deeds, &c, for Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Indiana, Florida, Missouri, Michigan, Louisiana, Texas, Wisconsin, &c. Office on 11th street, between Main and Bank sts.
de 22—1m*

THOMAS W. KEESEE,
AUCTIONEER,
Office with GEO. J. SUMNER, No. 20 Pearl st., Will attend to the sale of REAL ESTATE, and every description of MERCHNDIZE, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.
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BOOK-KEEPING.—The Subscriber will take charge of two or three Sets of Books for the ensuing year, and will attend to Job Writing of any kind

Having been engaged as Accountant and Bookkeeper for many years, the best references can be given. Persons wishing to confer with me will please address, through the Post Office.
de 20—d1m* R. McCANDLISH, Jr.

GENERAL AGENCY FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF LANDS.—FRANK G. RUFFIN, *Secretary of the Virginia State Agricultural Society*, and N. AUGUST offer their services to the public as GENERAL AGENTS for the sale and purchase of LANDS in *Virginia* and the *Southern* and *Western States*.

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N. AUGUST, NOTARY PUBLIC AND ACCOUNTANT
Office—as above. fe 8—ts

HEAR THE WITNESS!—RIGHTEOUS VERDICT.—RHEUMATISM, COUGH, PAIN IN THE SIDE, &c.—Wonderful cure, after six years' suffering, of one of the most highly respectable citizens of Maryland. Prejudice and skepticism can't stand before the many cures made by HAMPTON'S VEGETABLE TINCTURE.

KENDALL GROVE, Montgomery co., Md., December 2d, 1854.

Messrs. MORTIMER & MOWBRAY:

Gentlemen—In 1844, I had what my doctor called a violent and combined attack of Chronic Rheumatism and Gout, from which I was confined to my bed for three months. I had the very best physicians, who tried their various remedies, none of which gave me any permanent relief. Not having ease from pain, day or night, I became much emaciated—my whole system a mass of disease, literally speaking, from the crown of my head to the sole of my feet.—I had to hobble about—most of the time confined to the house; at times so helpless that I had to be assisted to my bed. I was also afflicted with a dreadful cough, great shortness of breath, sore throat, palpitations of the heart, and pain in my side, so bad that I could not lay on it. My appetite entirely failed me. I gave up all hopes of being restored to health again. I continued thus to suffer on, from 1844 to 1850, a period of six years. At this time, my daughter saw, at her grandmother's, a pamphlet, with numerous certificates of cures made by Dr. Hampton's Vegetable Tincture.

I knew some of those who certified to cures performed on themselves and friends. I was resolved to give it a trial. I informed my doctor of it. He objected; but my sufferings were so great that I procured a bottle, and before I had taken the whole of it, I felt much relief, which encouraged me to persevere. After taking the second bottle, I was better than for the past six years—my appetite returned; cough, pain in the side, shortness of breath, &c., nearly all gone. I continued using this wonderful medicine until I had taken seven bottles, according to the directions, and I am happy to say HAMPTON'S TINCTURE, and that alone, restored me to perfect health, which has continued up to this time, a period of three years. I am in the 65th year of my age. I weighed yesterday 238 pounds, and I never felt better in my life. One of my neighbors was also affected, like myself, with Rheumatism, &c. He has also been restored by the Tincture. I have heard of other cases; but I am satisfied that this Tincture, if tried, will speak for itself. My only object in describing to you my sufferings, and the way I obtained relief, is to induce the afflicted to try this Tincture, which has, under the blessings of God, done so much for me. Yours, respectfully,
HENRY GAITHER.

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HAIR CUTTING.—Citizens and Strangers visiting the city, wishing to get their Hair cut in the latest and most approved style, I would advise them to call on HOBSON, under the American Hotel, entrance on 11th street.

N. B.—Hot, Cold and Shower Baths can be had at all hours. Single Bath 25c., or 5 Tickets for $1
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LEECHES LEECHES.—The public are hereby informed, that I have just received by Adams' Express a lot of superior Swedish Leeches, which will be applied upon the most reasonable terms; can be found at all hours of the day at the Hair Dressing Saloon under the American Hotel, and at night on 25th, between Main and Franklin streets.

N. B.—Cupping and Leeching promptly attended to, at the shortest notice.
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FLETCHER'S HAIR TONIC excels every thing for beautifying and improving the hair. No toilet table is complete without it, and a single trial is quite sufficient to shew its good effect. The great success of the Tonic has brought up a host of imitators, (who know as much about the treatment of the hair as the man in the moon,) whose noxious mixtures have produced so much mischief and annoyance.

Persons wishing the original and genuine article, can be supplied by the manufacturer,
JOHN JOHNSON,
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de 15 Under American Hotel.

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oc 13—ts JAMES N. SHINE, | P. C. LARUS.

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"And while the wings of fancy still are free,
And I can view this mimic show of thee,
Time has but half succeeded in this theft;
Thyself removed; the power to soothe me left."

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BEVERLEY R. WELLFORD, Jr. Attorney at Law, (late of Fredericksburg,) will attend to any professional business which may be entrusted to him in or near the city of Richmond.

For the present, he may be found at the office of Arthur A. Morson, Esq., on Governor, facing Capitol street. de 30—1m*

FINE WHITE FISH.—Just received, a small invoice of these superior Lake Fish, for sale