

ATHENS POST.

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ATHENS, FRIDAY, FEB. 7, 1851.

W. THOMSON, is the authorized agent for the "Post," in the city of Baltimore, Md.

We are authorized to announce Col. ROBERT McNELLEY as a candidate to represent McMinn county in the lower branch of the next State Legislature.

We are authorized and requested to announce JAS. R. BUCHANAN, of Polk, as a candidate for Joint Representative to the next Legislature from the counties of Monroe, Polk and McMinn.

We are authorized and requested to announce JESSE C. MOORE, of Polk county, as a candidate for Joint Representative to the next Legislature for the district composed of the counties of Polk, Monroe, and McMinn. Jan. 3, 1851.

The Lord permitting, Elder Isaac Moore, agent of the Am. Bible Union, will preach at the Presbyterian Meeting house in this place, on Lord's day evening next, at candle lighting. He has an appointment for the forenoon of same day at Mt. Harmony Baptist house, 7 miles east of Athens.

There was an error in our last August quotations of Lord and Bacon. They should have been quoted at 10 cts, each, per lb.

Cotton was active yesterday and today. Prices are firmer.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 30.

The steamer John Adams, from New Orleans for Cincinnati, sank, and one hundred deck passengers, mostly emigrants, were drowned. A few of the cabin passengers were saved.

Mr. Kenton has been elected U. S. Senator from Massachusetts for the short term. Charles T. James, Democrat, was elected to the U. S. Senate today from Rhode Island for six years.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.—We gather from the Nashville papers that there is already a prospect of a "muss" in Davidson county about candidates for seats in the next Legislature. We of the interior expect a better example from the Whigs of Davidson.

The proceedings of a Democratic meeting held in this place, on Monday last, will be found in our paper today. One of the resolutions goes it pretty strong for the present Governor. Well, that's all right—we can hear Gov. Truesdale next August as easy as you please. If you don't believe it, you will see by writing.

It is announced in some of the papers that Gen. S. D. Jacobs, of Knoxville has been appointed 1st Assistant Post Master General. The post is a high and responsible one, and the duties require superior business capacities.

THE CITY OF AUGUSTA.—The August Republic says: "Full returns have been received from all the wards, and we are pleased to know that the whole population of our city now amounts to over twelve thousand."

ST. LOUIS.—We learn that the store of Brown & Co., in St. Louis, Mo., was destroyed by fire on the night of the 29th ult., and burned down with all its contents. It is supposed the store was robbed before being fired.

WE HAVE just learned that the villain who committed the above outrage has been arrested, and is now in jail at Decatur. His names are said to be Deatherage, Wilson, and Gideon.

FIRE AT CLEVELAND.—The stable attached to Mr. Stewart's Hotel, Cleveland, Bradley county, was destroyed by fire on Thursday morning last. One of the stage horses belonging to the contractors on this line, was burned to death and three others severely injured.

ANOTHER.—The dwelling of John Dean, five miles north of Athens, was destroyed by fire, with all its contents, on Saturday night last. The family were absent when the fire broke out.

Jackson & Lillard have a very superior article of Cheiving Tobacco.

THE WHIG CONVENTION.

We notice in several of the Whig papers suggestions to postpone the meeting of the Whig Convention to nominate a candidate for Governor, until some time in March.

We believe the suggestion a good one. The 22d of the present month, the day heretofore spoken of, would perhaps be more unfavorable than almost any time that could be selected.

The weather is generally inclement, and in many parts of Tennessee the roads are in a most wretched condition during this month, and probably but few delegates would be willing to make the journey from those parts of the State remote from the designated place of meeting.

It is certainly desirable that all parts of the State should be fully represented in the body which is to perform the important duty of selecting a suitable person to bear aloft the Whig standard in the approaching contest.

The excitement about the "Spiritual Rappings" is still progressing in some sections of the East, and converts to the reality of the "manifestations" appear to be increasing.

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CONGRESS.

The Washington correspondent of the Charleston Courier, under date of the 29th ult., says: We have now, in this city, a number of gentlemen representing the various projects connected with ocean steamers, railroads, public lands, dry docks and patent laws, river and harbor improvements, cotton and iron manufactures, &c.

The deficiency appropriation bill was yesterday further debated, and amendments were agreed to for the increase of the force of the Pension office, and providing for an assistant Secretary of State with a salary of 3000 dollars, and two clerks of 1400, and two of 1000 each.

Mr. Strong, of Pennsylvania, offered an amendment adding a bill of six sections for the modification of the Tariff. This is the project which has been spoken of as the result of consultation among persons representing different sections, and political parties. It seems to be brought forward with some confidence in its merits and in its ultimate success.

But it is found that the cotton manufacturing interest, being excluded from its benefits, is decidedly and actively hostile to it. It affords ample protection to iron, glass, hemp, woolen, refined sugar and some other articles.

The frainers of the scheme say that they were satisfied that they could not carry any proposition embracing cottons. Should the amendment be entertained, it will probably be amended by admitting printed cottons, and then it is more than probable that the whole scheme will fail.

Congress is disposed to go no farther than to remedy the defect in the present system by checking fraudulent invoices and undervaluations, and for that purpose they will create three inspectors at large, to visit the different ports.

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DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

Monday last, pursuant to notice, the Democrats of McMinn held a meeting to appoint delegates to the State Convention.

Hon. J. W. Blackwell was appointed Chairman and G. W. Bridges, Esq., Secretary.

On motion of D. W. Ballow, Esq., a committee of five was appointed by the chair to draft suitable resolutions, comprised of the following gentlemen: Messrs. D. W. Ballow, James Walker, Wm. B. Porter, John F. Sherman, and Robert F. Brader.

The Committee having retired a short time, reported the following: Resolved, That we have viewed the present chief magistrate of the State both on the civil arena and the battle field—that his vigilance and wisdom in the discharge of his executive duties have fully shown that he knows how to govern as well as to fight, that his courage and fidelity as a soldier, tried on many a hard-fought field are equalled only by his rare modesty and universally conceded honesty as a man.

Resolved, That while we will cheerfully acquiesce in the decision of the Democratic State Convention, to meet in Nashville on the 25th February, we are free to declare our unshaken confidence and firm reliance in the honesty, ability, and patriotism of Gov. Truesdale, and our desire of again honoring him—so long tried and never found wanting.

Resolved, That the chairman of this meeting appoint two delegates from each civil district, to represent McMinn county in the State Convention, and in the event none of them attend said Convention, Geo. E. Hickman and E. G. Estman, Esq. of Davidson, are requested to act in their stead.

Which were unanimously adopted, and the chairman made the following appointments: 1st, Dis. Jas. Garrison and G. W. Wallis, 2d, Joseph Monroe and Bryan Cash, 3d, Jon. Thomas and W. H. Rothwell, 4th, John Arwin and John Nutt, 5th, Col. J. Rowan and Russell Lane, 6th, Andrew McRoberts, and W. Brown, 7th, G. W. Mayo and G. W. Bridges, 8th, Tapley Gregory and Obadiah White, 9th, Gen. Morris and L. L. Bell, 10th, F. P. Pettit and Henry Wolf, 11th, Chas. Staples and Moses Sweeney, 12th, Samuel Finestone and J. Hawkins, 13th, J. J. Elliott and Lawrence Brock, 14th, Robert Smith and J. C. Carlock, 15th, L. C. Peters and John Cox, 16th, Thomas Rogers, and J. C. Weir, 17th, Capt. John Hanks and O. M. Linder. W. T. Blackwell, Esq., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Democrats of McMinn regard the coming canvass as fraught with the utmost consequence to the party—that success can be secured only by union and harmony—that union and harmony can be had only by having but one candidate for each office—that a single candidate can be procured only by resorting to the system of conventions; and to this end they invite the attention of their political friends in the other counties of the Senatorial and Floating Districts, and request their co-operation in Convention at the earliest practicable day that may be agreed upon for calling the same.

Which, after some remarks by Messrs. Ballow and McNeley in support thereof, was adopted.

On motion of Wm. T. Blackwell, Esq., Resolved, That as there is no democratic paper published in this Senatorial District, the Editor of the Athens Post be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting in his paper, and that they also be published in the Knoxville Plebeian.

On motion of Wm. B. Porter the meeting adjourned. J. W. BLACKWELL, Chm. G. W. BRIDGES, Sec'y.

NEWSPAPERS.—The Columbia, South Carolina Telegraph says, the truth is beginning to be understood, that editors and publishers are producers, and that they are entitled to some compensation for services rendered, or for articles furnished by them.

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ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A WOMAN BY HER LOVER.—

On the 15th inst., we learn by the Lexington (Miss) Equal Rights, that a Mr. Tate attempted to kill Miss Shepherd by firing a pistol, the ball of which entered her breast, in the region of her heart, and lodged on the opposite side.

The circumstances briefly, are these: There was a wedding, at which both the parties were guests. After the marriage ceremony, a dance was proposed; but as the host and hostess were church members it was proposed to adjourn to a neighbor's to finish the festivities of the night.

Miss Shepherd refused to go, as she was also a member of the church—Mr. Tate, who wished to anticipate a husband's authority, rushed into her apartment, where she had retired with her mother and some other ladies, and asked her if she would go over to the dance, or not.

On her replying in the negative, he drew two pistols, one of which took effect as above stated. From last accounts, Miss Shepherd was not expected to live.

The Hamlet of a lover, was taken by the crowd, and would have been dealt with summarily, but for the interposition of one or two influential persons. He is now confined in jail, to await the June Term of the Circuit Court. The man must have been deranged. What says Shakespeare about the "Lunatic, the poet and the Lover?"—Yazoo City Whig.

ROCHESTER, Jan. 27.

A dreadful murder and the suicide of the murderer, took place in the town of Penfield, about eight miles from this city, between six and seven o'clock, last evening.

The person murdered, was a young lady of respectable family, named Sarah Sharpe—the murderer's name was John Everett, the husband of Miss Sharpe's sister. They were found a few yards from the house of a Mr. Campbell, where Miss S. had been visiting; she was discovered in the agonies of death, with her throat cut from ear to ear, and near her lay Everett in nearly the same position, with the bloody knife beside him; they expired on the spot.

Great excitement prevailed in Penfield, and various rumors are afloat to account for the dreadful deed; but we forbear publishing them until after the inquest which Coroner Puller has gone to Penfield to hold.

FUGITIVE SLAVE ARRESTED.—

A fugitive slave was brought before Commissioner McAllister on yesterday, and remanded to his owners. He was one of the party that left with the negroes that Mr. Taylor arrested here in August last.

He was perfectly satisfied to go back, said before the Commissioner that he did not know he was running away when he left; that his associates invited him to a wedding up the country, but he accompanied them to Pennsylvania. He said he was satisfied with his experience in Pennsylvania, and would have gone back before, if he had known the way, and could have returned conveniently.—Harrisburg Union.

Mrs. PARTINGTON ON WEDDINGS.—

"I like to 'tend weddings," said Mrs. Partington, as she came back from one in church, and hung her shawl up and replaced the black bonnet in the long preserved bandbox. "I like to see young people come together with the promise of love, cherish and nourish each other. But it is a solemn thing, is matrimony—a very solemn thing—where the minister comes into the chancery with his surplus on and goes through the ceremony of making them 'man and wife.' It ought to be husband and wife, for it isn't every husband that turns out to be a man. I declare I never shall forget when Paul put the nuptial ring on my fingers and said 'with my goods I thee endow. He used to keep a dry goods store then, and I thought he was going to give me the whole there was in it. I was young and simple, and didn't know till afterward that it only meant one calico gown a year. It is a lovely sight to see young people 'plighting their troth,' as the song says, and coming up to consume their vows."

She bustled about and got tea ready, but abstractly she put on the broken teapot that had lain away unused since Paul was alive, and the tea cup mended with putty and dark with age, as if the idea had conjured the ghost of past enjoyments to dwell for a moment in the home of present widowhood; a lady who expected to be married on Thanksgiving night wept copiously at her remarks, but kept on hemming the veil that was to adorn her bridalship and like sat pulling bristles out of the hearth brush in expressive silence.

NOVEL PATENT.—Mr. T. D. Slagge, of New York, has just taken out a patent for preparing beef steaks for cooking. He passes the steak between a pair of toothed rollers, previous to cooking, which has the effect to make the meat very tender.

A printing office is no place for youngsters—at one end.