

Virginia Free Press.

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The Weston Democrat has scored one. It has entered upon its 25th year. It is an excellent paper--good and true.

An 18-year old Williamsport (Pa.) girl has gone and married a negro barber. Fred Douglas' white wife ought to send the bride her congratulations.

The Mountville penitentiary directors have given heed to popular clamor and abrogated the contract with a Wellsburg tobaccoist to supply him with cheap convict labor.

The Pueblo (Colorado) Star avers that Hon. Steve Elkins was a Confederate soldier. He fought with Gen. Price. Because he went over to the republican party we will not say that he still had his price.

The Baltimore American thinks that the democratic ticket in '88 ought to read "For President, Mrs. Grover Cleveland; For Vice President, Mr. Grover Cleveland. Platform: In Union there is Strength."

A young West Virginian son of Dr. Patrick of Lewisburg, graduated second in a class of 72 at West Point the other day. He almost comes up to Patrik Henry--"if that be treason make the most of it."

The President--good natured man--is helping certain Representatives to break up the bad habit they have fallen into of paying their way back to the next House by shoving bills through pensioning alleged soldier constituents.

Tornado and Sweetland are the names of a couple of new postoffices in this State. A tornado-torn land isn't the sweetest in the world, is it? But, then, something must be allowed to the stretchy proclivities of postal nomenclature.

At a banquet given the Buckeye editors at Charleston, this State, last week Representative Grosvener of Ohio said his state disliked New England more than the South because Yankeeedom didn't want either the South or West to improve.

Senator Harris of Tennessee has introduced a bill for the relief of the widow of Parson Brownlow who, as Governor in '63, drove Harris out of the country by offering a \$5000 reward for his capture. Time indeed changes and men and men's conditions, change with it.

The President returned the Mason *Telegraph* man his breakfast wedding gift so quick it made his head swim. The homely souvenir it seems was accompanied by a letter couched in such impudent, free-and-easy language that no other course was left Mr. Cleveland to pursue.

Hon. Boyd Winchester, Minister to Switzerland, has found chuses in that country more than two hundred years old. The 290 years is nothing. What we are curious to know is--how much more than 290 years old. Our representatives at foreign courts should be accurate.

About as neat a bit of pen work as the country cares to see is the vigorous executive penning of pension legislation that of indelible character the tax-payers know so well. Within a fortnight the President has vetoed some 65 bills and it is pleasant to know that the good work goes bravely on.

A republican paper, because the present administration cannot run the government on a dime a day by the rule of Jeffersonian simplicity, is disappointed, and asks "what has been gained by a change of administration?" Some people are never so confident of making themselves agreeable as when asking questions.

Members who in all these years have quietly waited for the closing hours of a session in which to rush through certain pet measures of doubtful propriety will feel a trifle cast down on learning that the President is going to turn--even to the eleventh legislative hour--every bill he signs it. No "omnibus" methods this time!

That was an awful set-back an eloping couple from Red Sulphur Springs village got last week. In fording the swollen Indian creek their buggy upset and they had to spend three hours hugging each other and a friendly tree in mid stream. Finally a horseman backed hissed thro' the waters and the parties, grimly holding the man's tail, were drawn safely ashore where an irate daddy grabbed his daughter and sent the young man to the right about.

We see by the Washington letter of the Alexandria Gazette that our former young countryman, Charles Tyson Butcher, has announced himself in the Washington *Republican* (Gen. Mahone's organ) as an independent candidate in the Winchester district. The 7th Virginia is out of our ballwick, 'tis true, but we would be recent to friendship if he was a dual mistake--in becoming an independent candidate and in securing Mahone's organ as a mouth-piece.

The Martinsburg *Suburban* thinks "there's millions" in the newspaper business because very little has been gotten out of it. Our admiration for an editor capable of so logical a deduction is unbounded.

By a parity of reasoning we conclude there must be mighty little whiskey consumed, as we saw on Monday, in Martinsburg, eighteen thousand barrels of rye whiskey in the Hannisville were room--so tight were the barrels that the visitor could hardly get a sniff.

Our friend, Mr. Roby, of the Towns (Md.) Journal, is a jewel among journalists, and his paper is a gem of typographic beauty and its contents sparkling and every way excellent. We thank him for the following pleasant paragraph.

Our esteemed editorial brother Gallaheer of the Charlottesville (West Virginia) Free Press, (old Family Journal), is an inveterate a punster as his signed old father. The Old Family didn't put on any new "style," but there are solid chunks of wisdom and wit in its columns which always leaves pleasant reveries after perusal.

A Newburg (N.Y.) man writes the *World* that John Brown's grave--and his own--is in a small, fenced-in grass plot at North Elm, among the Adirondacks is unmarked save by a bit of hewed-up headstone. In these days of monuments and things the Newburg man wants the fragmentary addition element to erect a shaft of vandyke-proof iron on the sainted site or at least to carve an inscription on the big granite boulder at the head of the martyr's grave. Why, certainly--let it be done by all means. But, gentlemen, do not fail to include in your grandiose epitaph that the old rascal's first victim at Harper's Ferry was an inoffensive, industrious colored man! "You will, of course, be careful not to call him an old rascal, but relentless history makes him out one all the same."

We now place it on record, and we call on thoughtful Democrats to bear witness, that this attempt to muzzle the voice of the people by making nominations for the Legislature four months before an election, is the most high-handed, insolent and audacious exhibition of bossism that ever occurred in this or any other State--West Virginia Democrat.

"This attempt?"--What attempt? Who "muzzled the voice of the people?" Who's nominated four months before election?

For a year and a half the *West Virginia Democrat* has been endeavoring to manufacture sentiment against Senator Camden, and has been designating men in different legislative and senatorial districts as proper persons for the House of Delegates and Senate--proper persons in the view of the *Democrat* because it thought it discerned in them men of its way of thinking. Now that the time for organizing for the campaign--not in the interest of Mr. Camden but for the purpose of defeating the Republican party of which the editor of the *Democrat* is a zealous ally, it fears it has failed to manufacture the anti-Camden sentiment, and intimates that the regular and approved party machinery, Executive Committees for instance, is in the hands of "high-handed, insolent and audacious bosses!" It is just reduced to this: let Mr. Mason name the men to be voted for and it is all right; but when the regularly constituted party authorities make a motion towards giving the people an opportunity to nominate suitable candidates for their suffrages it is all wrong--"an insolent and audacious exhibition of bossism."

The Democratic State Executive Committee met in Parkersburg on the 24th--the principal object of the meeting being the election of a member of the National Executive Committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal from the State of Lewis Baker. On motion of J. C. Holmes, member representing the Thirteenth District, Hon. Henry G. Davis was elected without a dissenting vote. After some business with reference to the campaign of the present year an invitation was extended to the many prominent Democrats then in the city, to meet the committee and have an informal talk over matters appertaining to the welfare of the party. The invitation was promptly accepted and some thirty to forty gentlemen adjourned to the committee room where the freest and ampest talks were had on party matters, many of the gentlemen expressing their views at length. Among the many were Judge Mun Jackson, Judge John Brannon, Hon. Jonathan M. Bennett, Senator Camden, Messrs. J. E. Watson, Charles Wells and Mr. Sine, of Marion; Sheriff Handlan, of Wheeling, J. H. Markum, of Wayne, E. A. Sweeney, of Tyler, and others. Judges Brannon and Jackson and Senator Camden's remarks were particularly timely and appropriate, says the correspondent of the *Register*.

The United States Circuit Court at Parkersburg, W. Va., Chief Justice Waite presiding, on Wednesday remanded the Baltimore and Ohio bridge tax case to the State Courts, and instructed counsel how they might have the case determined in the Supreme Court of Appeals by November 1st if they wished. His ruling is considered a virtual affirmation of the position of the State. The bridge was assessed separately from the company's track, and the company sought to enjoin the collection of taxes, claiming that the bridges were part of the road, and assessed in the aggregate of the company's property in the State. The right to tax the Baltimore and Ohio's bridge at Benwood also involved indirectly in the case, as well as the same question concerning the Pan-Handle bridge at Steubenville.

The Senate yesterday, despite Gen. Logan's hostile eloquence, passed the Fitz John Porter bill in the form in which it came from the House by a vote of 30 to 17--a notable instance of the triumph of truth and justice, after a fight continued for 24 years, over misrepresentation, partisan prejudice and private spite, fortified in high places. The bill restores Gen. Porter to the army, with the rank of colonel, and places him on the retired list, but, what is to him of vastly greater import, it removes from his name the stigma that was sought to be permanently placed upon it. A like bill passed both houses in 1864, but was vetoed by President Arthur in July of that year. A better fate doubtless awaits it at President Cleveland's hands.--*Baltimore Sun*.

The *West Virginia Democrat*, referring to the bill of Senator Beck prohibiting members of Congress from employment as Railroad attorneys, which bill was introduced during the absence of Senator Camden and passed almost unanimously, tries to make the impression that Senator C. was opposed to the bill. He was absent, and it not being a party measure, he happened not to be paired. It did not suit the purpose of the *Democrat*, however, to say that when the bill was up again upon a motion to reconsider, Senator Kenna announced Senator Camden's absence and stated that if present he would vote against reconsideration. Substantially in favor of the bill. The champion of "honest journalism" had better try again.

Seventy-two weeks ago, when the *West Virginia Democrat* undertook to purify the press of West Virginia, its editor did not think it too early to open the campaign against Senator Camden; but now, when the duly constituted Executive Committee are contemplating party work, their anticipated action is denounced as premature and an attempt at insolent stifling of the will of the people! Never too early for Mr. Mason to be so undemocratic in practice as to make war upon a Democratic Senator, but entirely too early in his estimation, for organization to defeat the Republican party!

The Senate committee on privileges and elections, by a vote of 7 to 2, has declined to investigate the charges against Senator Payne. The House committee on buildings and grounds has finally determined to report in favor of purchasing the Sexton House property for the new postoffice site at Washington city.

NEWS NOTES

Daniel Douglas Home, the spiritualist, is dead in London.

A ferry boat capsized at Prague, Bohemia, drowning 50 persons.

Moses A. Dow, founder and proprietor of *Waverly Magazine*, is dead.

Big fire works on the Monument grounds, Washington, Monday p. m.

Wm. C. Eschridge, of Staunton, a well-known bank officer, is dead.

Unprecedented heat and fruit crops are reported in southwest Virginia.

Ex-President Arthur is sojourning at the seaside near New London, Conn.

The President and Mrs. Cleveland gave an unofficial reception last Friday.

Mrs. Cleveland spent Sunday at Secretary and Mrs. Whitney's suburban home.

Over 20 hands in a Boston City R. R. car shops were burned to death last week.

The Senate on Monday removed the political disabilities of Gen. W. H. F. Lee.

Providence R. I. celebrated yesterday week the 25th anniversary of its settlement.

The Newport News and Mississippi Valley R. R. has leased the Chesapeake and Ohio.

The Anglo-American Insurance Company--a 2-year old Washington concern--has failed.

Miss Rose Cleveland, the President's sister, has become editor of the *Chicago Literary Life*.

Albany, N. Y. will celebrate this month the 20th anniversary of the grant of its municipal charter.

H. Shepperd is confirmed as revenue collector at Alexandria, also P. M. Cullingsworth at Richmond.

Senator Kenna last Thursday opposed Senator Logan's effort to make district judges' salaries \$5,000.

Five years to-morrow since President Garfield was shot and 23 on Saturday since the Battle of Gettysburg.

Chas. R. Burchard, cousin to ex-President Hayes, and a former phenologist of note, has become insane.

H. H. Swift & Co., sugar importers of New York and Pernambuco, Brazil, have failed for more than a million.

Lamont, the President's secretary, has been dubbed Master of Arts by the Schenectady (N. Y.) Union College.

Virginia Theological Seminary ordinations--T. Carter Page, Arthur Kinsolving and Allan Castleman of Virginia.

Representative Gibbons tried in vain last Thursday to have the Engraving Bureau excluded from civil service control.

The B. & O. has placed in charge of its hotel system Mr. Geo. De Shields, formerly of the Riggs House, Washington.

Justice Stanley Matthews of the Supreme Court and Mrs. Mary K. Theaker of Cleveland, were married in New York last week.

Joseph Jefferson is said to be the wealthiest actor in America. His fortune is estimated at the way from \$400,000 to \$600,000.

Eleven Archbishops and 24 Bishops attended Cardinal Gibbons' investiture yesterday--Bishop Kain of Wheeling among them.

English holders of Virginia bonds have it said an agent interviewing people at Staunton and other points as to "the prospects."

The Parkersburg courts have continued till next term the case of Jas. Sickles and son who killed young Sturn in Calhoun county.

Striking switchmen wrecked a Lake Shore freight at Chicago--where, by the way, it is said 1200 anarchists are secretly drilling.

Mrs. Geo. Workman of Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs is jailed at Lewisburg for fatally shooting a young man named Walker.

A convention has been sitting at Roanoke representing the Lutheran synod of Va., the Carolinas, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee.

The Commercial Travelers' Association met in convention in Baltimore last week. It started in '82 with 65 members and now has 11,345.

The final day exercises of the Virginia Military Institute took place on Friday. J. N. Camden, Jr., of this State is among the graduates.

The President started last Friday on a 3-days fishing cruise on the Chesapeake--Col. Lamont, P. M. General Vilas and other friends with him.

W. W. Carruth, a private banker and sojourn in Washington, is on trial in Boston for stealing over ten thousand dollars from a trust fund.

Benj. Moran, late minister to Portugal, is dead. He was private secretary to minister Buchanan in London in '64 and afterwards legation secretary.

Twenty-six railway postal clerks have been bounced for trying to incite a strike--among them J. E. Dillon, of the Grafton and Cincinnati postoffice.

The President last week sent the B. & O. R. R. Co. a cheque covering all expenses at Deer Park with a letter of thanks for attentions shown him and his wife.

It is asserted that Mr. Robt. Garrett will walk a mile to avoid being interviewed by a reporter but when he is caught by one he yields with grace.--*Exchange*.

Jas. Barron Hope of the Norfolk *Landmark* will read a poem at Lynchburg's centennial fair in October and Senator-elect Daniel is to make an opening address.

Isaac Cook of St. Louis, whose influence made Stephen A. Douglas a candidate for President, is dead aged 74. He was P. M. at Chicago under Pierce and Buchanan.

At the Laurensville (S. C.) College commencement Miss Lucille Swindler of St. Albans, W. Va., received honors in the French and Latin class and read an essay--"The story of a rocking chair."

Geo. McKee Dunn and Geo. B. Loring (ex-commissioner agriculture) have bought some 400 acres of the Thornton tract, 2 miles west of Falls Church station, at \$15 an acre and will open up a new town to be called Loring.

The largest sale of peanuts made in Petersburg, Va., for many years was effected last week by one of the principal dealers. It is understood that the sale aggregated 1,600 boxes of shelled peas, weighing 250 pounds per bag.

The U. S. Court at Parkersburg has recommended to the State court without opinion, the case of the State vs. the B. & O. for bridging the Ohio at Parkersburg & Benwood. This case involves a State's right to tax R. R. bridges.

The Lee Monument managers at Richmond have chosen for the site a 35-foot square corner Franklin and Lombard streets on the western suburbs at the head of a fashionable drive. The land is part of Oway Allen's farm and is deeded for the purpose.

Salaries of P. M.'s at points named are changed as follows: Winchester, 18 to \$1900, Roanoke \$2000 to \$1900, Farmville 13 to \$1400, Leesburg 12 to \$1300, Univ. of Va. 13 to \$1400, Centerville, Md. 12 to \$1300, Elkin 15 to \$1400, Frostburg 11 to \$1200, Emmitsburg 10 to \$1200.

Town Sergeant J. P. Thatcher, aged 45, was killed last week at Moundsville at the house of Eugene Johnson, a desperado, whom he tried to arrest. Johnson's wife aided in the murder. Deceased was an ex-Methodist minister, editor of a weekly sheet, the *Gospel Herald*, and conductor of a new sect called the Holiness Church.

This is a remark made by the cook at the Senate restaurant when he was remonstrated with on account of his putting cinnamon into chicken croquets and indulging in other extraordinary culinary freaks. One of the waiters said to him when he was carrying back a rejected mess, "you are no cook?" He indignantly replied, "Don't you tell me that. I cooked for Sheridan and his army in the Shenandoah Valley during the war."

Fair Mount Public School Commencement.

The recent commencement exercises of the Fair Mount public school, east side of Shenandoah river near Johnston's factory, was the grandest affair of the kind that ever took place at that point. Mr. Oliver M. Harris, the teacher, deserves great credit and praise for the interesting and delightful entertainment that was gotten up under his supervision. From the handsome and elegant manner that the scholars, one and all, acquitted themselves in their various roles, it was plain to be seen that the teacher had done a good work during the session and that "Forward and Upward" in their studies was their motto. Mr. Harris can look back with pleasure and pride over the past session at the grand work he has accomplished in advancing his scholars in their various studies. A delightful programme of some thirty pieces was well rendered before a large and appreciative audience. We cannot refrain from mentioning a few of the loggins and the persons who acted them so well.

The Bet, by Jacob Myers and Charles Byrly; Tough Boarding House, by Brooks Myers and Frank Mason; Wonderly Eggs, by Frank Shepherd and David Ryerly; Old Heads on Young Shoulders, by Fannie Shepherd, Anna Clipp, Laura Clipp, Sadie Milton, Brooks Myers and Albert Gray. Dat Mosquito was rendered by Miss Fannie Shepherd to perfection and just took the house by storm. Suffice it to say that each and all did their parts well, and too much praise cannot be said in their behalf. The audience was perfectly charmed throughout.

It is useless to attempt to describe the elegant dinner that was served by the ladies for it included everything nice and tempting to the appetite--just the kind of dinner that the editor of the *FREE PRESS* would enjoy because he could make a good square meal and finish on delicious ice cream and cake. At the editor's limited capacity would have been overtaxed to have done justice to this princely feast. Daniel Hefelbrower, Esq., an official member of the board of education, was present and delivered an instructive and entertaining address. For one hour the enraptured audience listened to the "flow of the soul and feast of reason."

Mr. H. made many salient points in his address, and it was interspersed with sparkling wit and humor throughout. His description of the modern dulle as personated by so many young Americans of the present day, was side-splitting in the extreme, and brought forth roars of applause. His remarks on parental authority and obedience to the rules of school were timely and well framed, and found a lodgment in the minds of all lovers of good order.

Mr. Harris has 56 scholars and an average attendance of 25 per cent. He was awarded prizes to Miss Fannie Shepherd for proficiency in dictionary and Joel W. Clipp in spelling class. Mary E. Clipp, Sarah C. Clipp and Peter West received prizes for punctual attendance, they not having missed a day during the entire session.

Charlottesville's Centennial.

CHARLESTOWN, June 28, 1886.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

A number of persons have asked me when our Centennial Celebration is to take place; supposing, doubtless, I was still a member of the Committee of arrangements.

Will you kindly allow me the use of your columns to say that I found myself obliged several months ago to withdraw from that Committee, as it was plain I would be unable to attend properly to duty as a member of it?

I hope we will certainly have an appropriate celebration. An Orator and a Poet have promised their services for the occasion. I am sure the mention of their names, Travers and Lucas, will be enough to convince all that the intellectual part of the celebration is abundantly attended to.

If, in addition, we have a procession of some kind in the day, and some fire works at night, I think we will accomplish all that may be necessary or proper and without much expense.

If the day were made a sort of public holiday it would be well. All the bells of the town could be rung at sunrise, at noon and at sunset, each being struck one hundred times.

If a cannon could be procured and a salute of one hundred guns be fired at noon, it would be appropriate.

If the Masons, Odd Fellows and the other Orders, as well as our Fire Companies and other organizations and citizens would unite in a procession, the effect would be good.

If, in addition, some distinguished gentlemen from our Mother State, the Old Dominion, would also make us an address, the day would be a grand one in our history. Let me suggest the names of Mr. Ran Tickner or Mr. John W. Daniel.

The day ought to be set soon. If our newspapers would give notice of it, I believe many of our scattered people who are found in many states would come and join in our celebration if they knew the day in time.

I suggest some day in the last half of September.

Respectfully yours,

WM. F. CRAIGHILL.

Twenty-nine Railway postal clerks have been removed by the Postmaster General or his subordinates in conspiring to obstruct the regulation of the service by the department and to injure its efficiency. They secretly attempted to form an association with a view to dictate action to the department and of many of them have also been guilty of deception towards their fellow-clerks by representing the purposes of such association to be merely benevolent, and thus entangling them, so says the P. M. General.

The Senate District committee Friday by a vote of 7 to 2 decided to report adversely the name of James C. Matthews, colored, nominated by the President to the office of recorder of deeds for the District. The vote against Matthews was composed of both Republicans and Democrats.

New Advertisements.

Wanted.

A industrious boy from 14 to 16 years of age, of good character, to learn the Drug Business. Address in own handwriting. LOCK BOX 53, Charlottesville, July 1, 1885--21.

Bank Notice.

The Bank of Charlottesville will be closed on Monday, the 5th of July, a national holiday. G. A. PORTERFIELD, Cashier.

Bank Notice.

The First National Bank of Jefferson at Charlottesville will be closed on Monday, July 5th. Business maturing on that day must be attended to previously. SAMUEL HOWELL, Cashier.

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THE FOUNTAIN IN FULL BLAST.

THE undersigned takes this means to inform the public that he has just finished placing in his Drug Store a new

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of the latest improved style, and will have constantly on draught

Soda Water, Deep Rock, &c.

with all the popular Syrups and Flavors to suit the taste. Also Ginger Ale, Pear Phosphates and other cooling and refreshing beverages.

DR. CHAS. E. PRATT, Pharmacist.

Charlottesville, July 1, 1886.

"THIRD CALL."

Jefferson County Six Per Cent. Bonds.

CHARLESTOWN, W. VA., 1886.

NOTICE is hereby given that the principal and accrued interest of the bonds herein below named will be paid at the Treasurer's office of Jefferson County, W. Va.,

On the 31st day of July, 1886,

and that the interest on said bonds will cease on that day, viz: Jefferson County bonds, 6 per cent bonds issued by the Shenandoah Valley Railroad Company numbered as follows:

\$1,000 No. 144,	\$1,000 " 146,
\$1,000 " 147,	\$1,000 " 150,
\$1,000 " 152 to 157 both inclusive,	\$1,000 " 159 " 166 "
\$1,000 " 168,	\$1,000 " 169,
Total,	\$20,000.

Should the holders wish their bonds paid in Baltimore, please address me at Cumberland, Maryland, as early as possible.

D. ANKAN, Agent for Jefferson County, W. Va.

July 1, 1886--td.

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July 1, 1886.

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CHARLESTOWN, JEFF. COUNTY, W. VA.

Boarding and Day School

For Young Ladies and Children.

MISS AUGUSTA V. WILSON, AND

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No requisite of a first-class school will be omitted.

The Institute Building is well suited to school uses; and so situated as to secure all the conditions necessary to the health of the pupils.

It is placed upon an eminence overlooking the town and surrounding country. The attractions of this section of the Valley of Virginia are too well known to need further statement.

Charlottesville is easy of access from all points North and South, being situated upon the B. & O. and S. V. Railroads, and within three and four hours' ride of Washington and Baltimore.

TERMS--Board per Scholar, \$150; No extra charges in the literary course; Tuition, \$25 to \$40; Board from Monday morning to Friday evening, per scholar, \$100; Music, \$40; Drawing, \$10; Painting, \$10; Extra charges by the year, \$20.