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THE "CONSTITUTIONAL CURRENCY."

Strange things are transpiring in the political world just now. The Administration and its leading friends, after laboring for the last six or eight years to bring about their "constitutional currency," and to convince the people of the unconstitutionality of any currency except that alone of silver and gold, now wheel about, and advocate a paper currency! The gloom, the darkness, the gloominess, the

"National Bank,"—such an one no doubt as will please this Globe and his fellow-labourers. This man will probably be admitted to Congress at the extra session. We know nothing of its details, but venture to guess it will propose the issuing of Treasury notes, the establishment of loan offices in the States, &c., and thereby create a "monster" Bank which will not m'ne, but swallow up the liberties of the people at a meal!"

THE NEXT PRESIDENCY.—The late nomination of Daniel Webster, for the next Presidency, by his friends in the city of New York, has not yet the approbation of many of the Whig press, particularly those of the Albany Journal, who say:

"After cheating and betraying; after defrauding, and humbugging the country,—after the People are bankrupt and ruined by its miserable metallic currency 'Experiments,' the Globe comes impudently out and repudiates the principles which it has been for years so industriously propagating. An exclusive metallic currency (says the Globe) was never proposed."

Now, it will be remembered that immediately after the passage of the gold bill, some years ago, this very same Globe held the following language:

"In seven months from this time, BANK RAGS WILL BE ABOLISHED, and the whole country will be overspread with Gold. Every farmer and merchant of the West will have a long silk purse of specie not worth th' intricacies of which the yellow god will shine and glister!"

In seven months from this time, Bank Rags will be abolished," &c. &c.—and this time has been kept up, incessantly, ever since—week after week prating about "the constitutional currency," the "specie policy," the "hard money system," &c. Yet now, in the face of all this, it has the hardihood to say that "the Democracy have never proposed an exclusive metallic currency!" The opinions of the Administration, it is well known, have been in entire unison with those of the Hon. T. H. Benton, who not more than a month since, in a letter to a Mr. Noland, held the following language:

"We owe Gen. Jackson a debt of gratitude for partially teaching the country the GREAT LESSON THAT WE CAN DO INFINITELY BETTER WITHOUT PAPER MONEY BANKS TILL WITH THEM," &c. &c.

But who multiply proofs upon this subject. Do they not abound in the recollection of every one who has the slightest knowledge of what has been transpiring within the last few

days?—

WICHENSTER, July 1st, 1821.—"President Jackson is gone, but the author of the Letter to Sheriff Williams is in the Presidential chair, AND THE SPECIE POLL IS STILL THE ORDER OF THE DAY." &c. &c.

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The disavowal of the "specie policy" by the Globe, has been followed up by a similar renunciation of the "constitutional currency" experiment, by the Albany Regency, composed of Mr. Van Buren's political school mates, who, in an Address, purporting to be from the General Republican Committee of Albany, say:

"The idea of an exclusive Metallic Currency has never had any countenance either from the State or National Administrations, and can only be advocated by those who are ignorant of the condition and wants of the country, or who have some sinister end in view."

For some comments upon this singular document, we refer our readers to our political head in another column.

The Baltimore Patriot, speaking of these movements of the Administration, truly remarks, that "From the first, the course of the Administration with respect to an exclusively metallic currency, was denounced as a gross political imposture by distinguished Whigs, who endeavored to rouse the people from the delusion in strains of eloquence so lofty and inspiring as ever emanated from the lips of man—worthy of the great masters of old who had Marathon and Salamis for watch-towers!" But all in vain. The party used it with success—and through its instrumentality elevated men to power, who have not only wielded all the honors and patronage of the Government for the benefit of themselves, but aimed at maintaining their ascendancy by a set of measures which have deranged the currency, impaired every kind of business, and spread bankruptcy and ruin throughout the nation. Now, when this oligarchy perceive manifest symptoms of a RE-ACTION in the public mind—when they find the people, caught by distressing experience how mischievous were the Administration's measures of policy, are preparing to give a death-blow to the existence of their power,—they suddenly turn round and adopt a new character, wherein to make a fierce struggle to keep what they have and regain all they have lost. They come forward now as the contemners of an exclusively metallic currency, and the advocates of the credit system—and in the face of their repeated declarations, and votes, and whole course of conduct, give utterance to these disavowals."

"An act to stay proceedings on executions, trust deeds, and other evidences of debt, in case of refusal to pay Bank notes."

The above is the title of one of the Acts passed by the Legislature of Virginia, at the late special session—about which the Editor of the Raleigh Star discourse as follows:

"This Act [says the Star] comes within a hair's breadth of making 'Bank notes' a 'lawful tender'—a breach of the Constitution, which the people were scarcely prepared to see perpetrated by the self-styled 'Democrats,' after all their denunciations of 'bank rage,' and whining over about 'the constitutional currency!' But, they may look out for greater absurdities and inconsistencies. 'The humbuggers are sweeping away of their 'hard money' government's position.'—"

The Globe has tasked round, and now declares that neither Jackson, Benton, Van Buren, nor any of the men, 'ever proposed a currency exclusively metallic,' and is busily employed in swindling the public mind on the subject of a Treasury Bank. The Reformer says, we un-

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the following memorandum in honor of his friend, Nathaniel Macon:

"The Romney Intelligencer states that Judge I. R. Duerkess will hold a special term of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Hampshire County, to commence on Monday the 21st day of the present month."

"It will be seen by the advertisement of our obliging fellow-citizen, Mr. Cockrell, of the Shannondale Springs, that he has again opened that establishment for the accommodation of the public. For beauty of scenery, and variety of attractions, this water place is perhaps not surpassed by that of any other in the U. S. An analysis of the water may be given by reference to the advertisement of Mr. Cockrell.

FLORIDA.—Gen. JONES and staff arrived at Black Creek on the 3d July, on a tour of inspection. The Indians were still peaceable, and exhibited no disposition to renew hostilities. The report of the death of McCloskey is unfounded. He is said to be still friendly, as also JONES and Clegg.

The Bank of the Valley, we understand, has determined to accept the sum of \$70,000 dollars, out of the surplus revenue fund of this State, transferred to that institution, for an interest of 5 per cent, per annum, by an act of the late session of the Legislature. This will, we presume, enable the Bank to increase its accommodations to that amount.

The Whig Convention of the State of Ohio assembled at Columbus on the 4th inst. Among other measures sanctioned by the Convention was one proposing the call of a National Convention, from all the States of the Union, to meet at Pittsburg on the 2d Monday of June, 1823, to select candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency of the United States. One of the resolutions was as follows:

Resolved, That this Convention, though believing that their fellow-citizens of the State would prefer to select WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON, whose public services and qualifications, of talents, experience, magnanimity, justice, and patriotism, they know and appreciate; yet if there be among us a soldier-less, deserving but more popular than himself. We hope that his friends will take an early occasion to present his name once more to the consideration of his countrymen. Athens ostracized Aristides, but she was not storn in her injustice."

We observed a notice in the Winchester papers, a few days since, stating that during the summer season an extra passenger Car would leave the depot at that place on Saturday morning, of each week, for Harper's Ferry, and return in the evening of the same day, for the accommodation of pleasure parties—Fare \$1. We immediately took the liberty of addressing a note to the President of the Company, John Hauer, Esq., to learn whether the citizens of this town would be enabled to take advantage of the new arrangement to visit the Ferry on those days upon terms proportionately moderate. His gentleman promptly returned the following

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The integrity of the State must be preserved. Maine looks to the general government for redress.

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VARIETY.

TO THE PUBLIC.
Upon my call on the Editors of "The Virginia Republican," they promptly disclosed to me the name of the author of a communication in the last number of their journal. I examine to any personal notices of the author of that communication. His vocation for the last few years, has been that of an habitual and regular member of our Society. Every man present, however, in the course of his conduct, has been of a most vicious and malignant character. He has, as far as good conduct and justice permit, been a scoundrel and pestiferous member of the institution. It may be proper for me, however, to state, to the teacher's inquiry if she were ill, she replied in the negative; but she became more and more incoherent in her lessons, starting wildly about, and seeming quite unconscious of what was said or done. It was subsequently ascertained that her strange conduct was the effect of actual starvation—not having tasted food since early the day before. She told her pitiful story with the modest reluctance that always accompanies real suffering, and gave as a reason for fasting so long, that her mother was a widow, and could get no money.—*N. Y. Sun.*

The dimensions of the great ship *Pennsylvanic*, which is to be launched at Philadelphia on the 18th instant, are thus given in the *Gazette* of that city:
Length on main gun deck, 219 ft. 10 in.
" of " " " 195
Breadth of beam, 35
Depth of hold, 13
Length of main mast, 132
Diameter of " 45

The launch, it is expected, will draw an immense throng of spectators to Philadelphia.—*Balt. Amer.*

SOMETHING NEW.

A Rail Road Post Office.—A correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser, who writes from Utica, N. Y., furnishes the following notice of the Rail Road Post Office which is in operation on the route between Albany and Utica:

Perhaps as great a public convenience is now to be found on the rail-road between Albany and Utica, as can be met with in any country. It is the establishment of a travelling post office on the rail-road—a regular distribution office; and for this great convenience, I am told, the public are indebted to Mr. Davidson, of Saratoga Springs, the general agent of the rail-road company.

Two post masters, or post office agents, Mr. Kendall, Jun., and the Jun. Mr. Elliott, of Albany, are employed constantly between those cities, and they make up a mail for every office on the route. The cars stop but for a moment, while a messenger, who is in attendance, receives the mail in a small bag, and gives one in return.

Large baggage car, painted green, with windows and doors, and the interior fitted up with boxes for distribution.

On either side of the car is painted, in large letters, "United States Mail," and on both sides are letter boxes, into which letters, &c., can be deposited until the last moment previous to the departure of the train; this gives those who have correspondence, one hour more than can be allowed at the post office in this city, and the respective town, on the route.

I am persuaded that Mr. Kendall would do an essential service to the public, by sending an agent with the mail on every important route, both by the cars and steamboats. Those who have travelled on the Hudson, must have been convinced of the necessity of such an agent to take charge of all the mails and attend to the distribution. It cannot be expected that the captains of steamboats will make that a primary concern—hence the frequency of mails being carried on or wrong ones sent aho'e.

MARRIED.

On Tuesday the 4th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Hild, Mr. Michael Casper, Miss Elizabeth Clegg, all of Harper's Ferry.

On Thursday last, by the Rev. Mr. McElroy, Mr. Washington Walcamot to Miss Mary Harrison, both lately of Berkley.

On Tuesday morning last, by the Rev. Mr. Hild, Mr. John L. Rows, of Emmitsburg, Md., to Miss Mary E. Adams, daughter of Mr. David Adams of Harper's Ferry.

DIED.

On Sunday, the 2nd inst., at the residence of Mrs. Sarah Brockenbrough, Port Royal, Catharine Augusta Turner, infant daughter of Thomas B. Turner, Esq., of this country, aged five years.

On the 4th inst., Mr. Isaac Wood, of Harper's Ferry, aged about 40 years.

On the 5th inst., Mr. Cyrus Bateman, of Harper's Ferry, aged about 32 years.

On Monday night last, Mrs. Augusta Stevens, the young and amiable wife of Dr. George B. Stephenson of Harper's Ferry.

THE MARKETS.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

For the stock ending Friday evening, July 3.

A shade of improvement is visible in the aspect of the market. Money is easier, the Banks discount more freely, and some disposition is manifested on the part of the trade to speculate.

25 ACRES OF LAND.
Belonging to Water B. Sibley, lying in the said town, bounded on the west by the State road leading to the village of Ellicott, and on the east by the State road leading to the village of Ellicott, and on the south by the State road leading to the village of Ellicott, and on the north by the State road leading to the village of Ellicott.

FAT CALVES.
A pair of fat calves, weight 200 lbs. each, for sale.

WHEAT.—A pair of 100 bushels of fine ground wheat was made yesterday at \$1.00 per bushel.

CATTLE.—Prices have ranged this week from \$20 to \$25, which is a slight advance on the better qualities.

FLOUR.—Transactions are still confined to retail lots at \$5 & \$5, and occasionally at a little higher for choice brands. The wagon price ranges from \$8 to \$8.25. Inspections for the week \$6.50, barrels 40 hds.

WHEAT.—A pair of 100 bushels of fine ground wheat was made yesterday at \$1.00 per bushel. There appears to have been a little less during this week in foreign Wheat for city consumption. We quote the range of good prime parcels at \$1.00 to possibly \$1.70. We have seen two samples of new wheat from Virginia, the quality of which was very prime. We learn that almost the lowland Virginia farmers are getting \$1.50 for their crops. In Maryland the harvest will be later than usual, but the prospects generally are very encouraging.

CORN.—Sales of white at 20 & 22 cents—prime yellow 15 cents.

RYE.—A parcel of good foreign was sold at 80 cents.

OATS.—Are worth 50 cents.

BACON.—Western Bacon continues on the market. The sales of good hams are made fast, and some hams refuse to sell at that price.

WHISKEY.—The market remains very dull. We quote hogsheads at 23¢ cents, and barrels at 35 & 35¢ cents. The wagon price of barrels is 30 cents, and some hams refuse to sell at that price.

ALEXANDRIA.—July 2.

FLOUR.—No change in the wagon price.

WATER.—Retail, per ton.

TO THE PUBLIC.

THE undersigned having been appointed by the Directors of the Jefferson County Savings Institution to investigate the affairs of the same, to ascertain the value of its assets, and to make a report thereon, have carefully examined the books, accounts, securities and monies of the institution, and present the following statement, showing its condition on this day:

Dr.

To weekly, monthly and special deposits in the Treasurer's hands on the 1st Jan'y, 1837, \$3516.50

To surplus of profits and loss on hand after paying dividends, due January 4, 1837, 160.00</p

