

THE FREE PRESS.

CHARLESTOWN:

Thursday Morning, June 4, 1840

AMOS KENDALL.—Editor: Kendall commences his opening address to the public in this way: "Our country presents a new spectacle for the contemplation of mankind." To which a correspondent of the Baltimore Patriot replies—"Very truly and prettily said, Mr. Kendall; she does present a most remarkable spectacle for the contemplation of mankind." She presents this spectacle: "A Postmaster General complaining of fiscal honesty, and resigning his office, and taking the editorship of a secession party newspaper, devoted to the duty abuse and denunciation of one of the purest patriots in the land; a man, who has been distinguished in many of the proudest fields of his country's military renown; distinguished alike in her civil glory, and pre-eminent in all the social relations which beautify and adorn society; and all this he takes as medicine to cure a sick man!"

The further presents to the "contemplation of mankind" this new spectacle: In the midst of abundance showered upon us by a bountiful God, almost universal and unparalleled distress in the midst of a time of profound peace with all the world; bankruptcy and ruin; commerce crippled; merchants and mechanics borne down and oppressed; laboring men upon the public works, and others, thrown out of employment by the disorders and wreched state of the money market; our comely, true, and courageous

young by degrading orders, and Congress filled with noisy demagogues, who are disgracing the country by their indecent language and actions; and a thousand other disgraceful and humiliating "spectacles," which never occurred under any other administration.

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CONGRESS.—In the Senate, the Bankrupt Bill is still under discussion. In the House, the Sub-Treasury Bill is the chief object of attention. Advice from Washington to the editor of the Alexandria Gazette, state that the bill will certainly pass.

On Saturday last, another disgraceful scene took place in the capitol. The correspondence of the Baltimore American gives the following particulars in relation to the affair:

A correspondence has recently passed between Mr. Montgomery, of North Carolina, and Mr. Raynor of the same State, in the columns of the Globe. Both are members of the House, the former being a member of the Whig minority. Mr. Montgomery, in a letter which appeared in the Globe of Friday evening, gave his colleague the lie, and said other things considered by him equally offensive. Mr. Raynor, at the recess, followed Mr. M. from the hall, and as soon as he was in the lobby, took him by the right arm, and said, "You have given me a cane in my hand, and aimed to turn the blow. The parties were surrounded by the members who immediately separated the combatants. Neither of the members was injured. The affair was considered a trivial accident so far.

Gen. John Adair, of Kentucky, died a few days since, in the 80th year of his age.

It is an evidence of the spirit of our friends in this country, seeing the proceedings of the Whig meetings in to-day's paper.

We are requested to state that a number of persons, who are members of the Whig party, will meet on Monday evening, at 4 o'clock, to form a company to unite with the citizens of Springfield, Shepherdstown, Berkeley, and other places, in procession, on Shepherdstown, at 7 o'clock that morning, to attend the Whig Convention at Sharpsburg. All who are disposed to join the company are cordially invited to do so, at the hour of first stroke, to afford time to reach Shepherdstown in due season. June 4.

"A Funeral Wm. W. will appear in our next. We have been compelled to print a general notice, prepared for to-day's paper, to enable us to serve up other dishes."

We learn from the Frederick Herald, that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company have determined upon making a charge of 40 cents per ton for loading and unloading of their productions other than merchandise, which may be sent by the road. This will make an advance of about three cents a barrel on flour.

PENNSYLVANIA.—On Tuesday, in the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, a bill to provide aid for the work of Internal Improvement of the State, was passed by a vote of 49 yeas nays 41. It makes appropriations amounting to something over \$2,000,000. It contains a revenue provision, requiring the U. S. State Bank to loan to the State \$1,000,000 at 4 per cent., and forfeits its charter if it refuses to do the mark.

The Enquirer has at last consoled to gratify its friends by publishing the Army Bill. It promises its insertion at the earliest convenience. It will not appear, however, we venture to predict, until Mr. FOINSETT has assumed the sole responsibility.—Fredericksburg, June 4.

A QUEER NOTICE.

The following is from the *Globe*: "Subscriptions to the Extra *Globe*, on account of Mr. Kendall, will be received at the *Globe* office; but this persons offering them must state that they are on his account."

NATCHEZ.—There has yet been no complete return of the number of lives lost by the late tornado, the nature of the case preventing an early statement. The Free Trader thinks that the number of killed and missing by that afflictive event is about three hundred.

FOR THE FREE PRESS.

Sack, Metals, Liners, &c., in enthusiasm of the friends of "Harrison and Reform," such gentlemen, as the patrician and seal of the Whig party—such is the interest felt for the safety of their liberties, it is only necessary to light a Harrison torch in the East, and a streaming comet is blazoned forth in the West, as an evidence of concert there. Raise a Harrison flag in the North, and a floating banner will immediately unfurled to the breeze in the South.

But, gentlemen, is this real and patriotic by a party so true, and so anxious for their country's welfare, to be a master of surprise or wonder, when every day brings new proofs of the determination of the office-holders of the Federal Government to prostrate to the dust, not only the independence and strength of the nation, but also the rights and welfare of the people?

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INSTRUCTIONS TO POST-MASTERS.

From the Post-Office Department:

"The wrappers of all newspapers, pamphlets, and magazines, received by mail for delivery, should be taken off. Frauds are sometimes attempted, by concealing letters or memoranda in these articles. A wrapper forms part of the paper or pamphlet; neither is postage paid on it."

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Resolved, That a Committee of Five be ap-
pointed as a Committee of Correspondence for
the occasion—whereupon Thomas Griggs, Hen-
ry Berry, Wm. C. Worthington, Andrew Ham-
mond, and Wm. H. Thompson, were appointed
and motioned.

On motion by Anthony Kennedy, Esq.;
Resolved, That the Delegation of his Colle-
gion from each State, appoint an individual
from such place, to meet the Committee of
Correspondence at the time for the pro-
posed Festival—whereupon Messrs. Thomas
Griggs, James Brown, J. F. Hamtramck, and
Anthony Kennedy, were appointed for that
purpose.

The Convention then proceeded to the selec-
tion of a place for the proposed Meeting—the
grounds and groves near the Flowering Spring
Mills were selected—and Messrs. Worthington,
Hammond, and Thompson, were appointed a Com-
mittee to inform the proprietors of the lands re-
solved, of the resolution of this Convention, and
to request their assent to the use of the same for
the purpose contemplated; and that said Com-
mittee notify the Committee of Arrangements
of the result of their application.

On motion of Major Hamtramck, it was
Resolved, That this Convention do nominate
and appoint for the proposed Festival, a Presi-
dent and Vice Presidents. The following ap-
pointments were then made—

President:

John C. W. Thompson, Esq.

