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**Charleston Property FOR SALE.**

**T**HE subscriber wishes to sell the DWELLING-HOUSE and LOT now occupied by him. The Office adjoining the dwelling will be sold with it, if desired by the buyer, or the subscriber will pay his expenses by which he may be compelled to occupy the office.

Also, the BRICK STORE-HOUSE now occupied by Mr. John E. Packatt.

Also, the DWELLING-HOUSE on the same lot and near the Store-house.

Also, the building now occupied as a tailor's shop by Mr. James Clegg.

**R**C-THE above property, will be sold on an accommodation plan. A long credit will be given upon having the purchase money well advanced to the interest to be paid annually.

J. T. DAUGHERTY.

Dec. 31, 1840.—I.

**LAND for SALE.**

**T**HE subscriber will offer at public sale, on the 1st day of January, 1841, a tract of land at the residence of Mr. James N. Burwell, in Rockdale county, Virginia, about

Two hundred and ninety Acres.

**Valuable Limestone LAND, FOR SALE.**

**L**ocated on the estate of Mrs. Wm. Boyer, wife of William Boyer, who has been suffering from a chronic disease. Her symptoms were, habitual convulsions of the bowels, total loss of appetite, excreting pain in the side, stomach and back, depression of spirits, extreme debility, could not lie on her side without an aggravation of pain, with a constant desire of vomiting, and was confined in the couches of the bed-chamber. Mrs. Boyer was attended by several of the first Physicians, but received little relief from their medicine; at last, a friend of hers procured a package of Dr. Harlicht's Strengthening and German Aperient Pills, which by the use of our package, induced us to continue the rest of the medicine, which resulted in a permanent cure, beyond the expectations of her friends.

**Liver Complaint.**

This disease is discovered by a fixed obtuse pain and weight, in the right side, under the short ribs, attended with heat, uneasiness about the pit of the stomach—the disease is in the right side also, and extends to the liver, producing a swelling, and becomes a sick and troublesome affliction. The tongue becomes rough and black, countenance changes to a pale or citrus color or yellow, like those afflicted with jaundice—difficulty of breathing, disturbed rest, attended with a dry COUGH, difficult of laying on the left side, and the disease weakens the body.

**SERIOUS nature, which is all probability far beyond the power of human SKILL.** Dr. Harlicht's Compound Tonic Strengthening and German Aperient Pills, which by the use of our package, induced us to continue the rest of the medicine, which resulted in a permanent cure, beyond the expectations of her friends.

**RHEUMATISM.**

Entirely cured by the use of Dr. O. P. HARLICH'S COMPOUND STRENGTHENING & GERMAN APERIENT PILLS.

Mr. Solomon Wilson, of Chester Co., Penn., afflicted for two years with the above distressing disease, of which he had to use his crutches for 18 months, and was unable to walk, and lost all his joints, especially in his Hip, Shoulder, and Ankle, pain increasing always towards evening attended with heat. Mr. Wilson, was at one time not able to move his limbs on account of the pain being so great, before advised by a friend of his to procure Doctor Harlicht's Compound Tonic Strengthening and German Aperient Pills, and procured some; on using the medicine the third day the pain disappeared, and his strength increasing fast, and in three weeks was able to stand to his business, which he had not done for 18 months; for the benefit of others afflicted, in which those lines published that they may be relieved, and again enjoy the pleasure of a healthy life.

**Dr. Harlicht's Compound Strengthening, Tonic, and German Aperient Pills.**

Principal Office for the sale of this Medicine is at No. 15, North EIGHTH street, Philadelphia.

Also—for sale at the store of

J. H. STRAITH,

Summit Point, Jefferson Co., W. Va.

July 9, 1840.

**BULLSKIN LAND FOR SALE.**

**T**HE subscriber having engaged in Merchandising, and finding that more funds would facilitate his operations, is thereby induced to offer for sale his

**IMMENSURABLE FARM.**

**G**lanted in the county of Jefferson, and immediately the Winchester and Potowmack Road, containing 370 ACRES, of which 160 are in cultivation, and the remainder improvements consisting of a commodious Brick Dwelling, with necessary Out-houses. Also, an Orchard of first quality Fruit Trees. This Farm embraces the advantage of an abundance of fine water, and is admirably adapted for grazing, and breeding stock. It is situated in a fine growing farm. Indeed, the location with regard to society, good health, eminence, &c. &c. cannot be surpassed. All things combined renders it very desirable property. In fact, as evidence of the above, I will guarantee for said farm, &c. for three, four, or five years, the price of a good farm in both parties; and I will to establish the habit of settling at least once a year.

JOHN H. STRAITH.

December 3, 1840.

**NOTICE.**

**H**AVING entered into an arrangement with Messrs. Webb & Markell, of this place, for the supply of WOOL necessary for my business, I wish to recommend all those who have wool to spin, as many of my claims have been laying claim to it, and I am determined to have no accounts bearing over for January 1st, 1841, either per or coo, longer unexpired. I hope, therefore, that all who have wool will defer sending it to me, until I have made arrangements to receive it, as soon as possible.

I also wish, respectively, to decline Carding Wool, except for cash, and to be allowed to make payment to my other business, as far as possible, as soon as possible, and to be allowed to make payment to my other business, as soon as possible.

GEORGE PRICE.

Shepherdstown, Feb. 13, 1840.—I.

**NOTICE.**

**T**HIS Stockholders and Depositors in the Shepherdstown Savings Institution are hereby notified that the same will be closed on the 1st day of January, 1841, at the Forest Hall in Shepherdstown, for the purpose of electing seven Directors to transact the business of said Institution for the ensuing twelve months.

E. T. TOWNEY, President.

Dec. 24, 1840.

**NOTICE.**

**T**HIS is to inform the public that the estate of H. L. Ogle, dec'd, will please make immediate payment. These having claims will present them, properly authenticated by affidavit.

H. L. OGLE, Executor.

Nov. 5, 1840.

**NOTICE.**

**D**R. JAYNE'S Hair Tools and Commissaries. Mixture for sale at my Drug Store in Shepherdstown.

JAMES HIGGINS.

Dec. 24, 1840.

**A CARD.**

**M**Y alarm during the winter, my illness and others who may wish to confide to my care and management any Professional services, will confer with my family Physician, Dr. Wm. C. Worthington, and establish a suitable price, and attend to the same as far as possible.

W. M. C. WORTHINGTON.

December 3, 1840.—I.

**CARD.**

**T**HIS is to inform the public that the new Mill, which was built before the new Mill was bolted for grinding Wheat, about 200 feet up the river, and is now used as a

**COUNTRY & PLASTER MILL.**

**W**hich has also one pair of Burs for Wheat and Machinery thereto, in which the country grinding for the neighborhood is done. By this means the new Mill is kept entirely for Wheat.

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COLUMBIAN REVIEW.

Wednesday Morning, January 1.

UNPARALLELED IMPUDENCE.

Mr. Van Buren's organ, the "Globe," has an article which leaves no room for the theory that Gen. Madison is in defense of adopting the theory of the British Constitution in making Ministers, and not the President, responsible for the measures of his administration. After making every possible remark, as to the necessity of such a shifting of responsibility in a monarchy, the Globe proceeds to a free Government, where the Chief Magistrate is the choice of the People, he might be directly amenable to them for his principles and conduct. The people are not to look to his Ministers, they hold him directly responsible for all his acts. This is the situation. There is no room to let the President of the United States, as if he were a legitimate King, and could do no wrong.

This is the true doctrine. The President should in all cases be held responsible for the acts of his Ministers. "Voluntarily chosen by himself," and over whom the people have no control. But why did not the Globe advance this doctrine sooner, and apply it to Mr. Van Buren's administration? Can not we, as the Fredericksburg Arms asks, who collects the sum of the Globe--of the President's friends--and of his friends throughout the country, be responsible for the Ministers of his selection, voluntarily chosen by himself, cannot be directed and controlled by his will. He is expected to place himself in the way of the people, and then leave the power to decide from all responsibility behind his Ministers, as if he were a legitimate King, and could do no wrong?

The reason must be obvious to every one.

**THE CABINET.** New reports are about as to the composition of the Gen. Harrison's cabinet. Mr. Bell of Tennessee is now confidently spoken of as Secretary of War, and his intimate acquaintance with Indian Affairs gives him a strong claim to that station. Mr. Gramer of New York is named for the Navy Department, and Thaddeus Stevens of Pennsylvania for the Post Office. The latter nomination we do not rejoice for reasons which need not be urged at this time, though Mr. S. is acknowledged to be a man of talents and business本能.

Mr. Webster's appointment to the State Department, which now seems to be considered certain, will give rise to new editions of slang about Federalists and all that; but the argument can be answered, (if entitled to any consideration,) by a reference to Gen. Jackson's selection of Mr. Tazey and other distinguished Federalists; but the still more conclusive fact, that Mr. Webster's talents and position in the Union place him in an attitude too conspicuous to be overlooked. He will make a Premier of the first order, and his appointment will give the new Administration a high character both at home and abroad. Let the "small fry" politicians rail and rave as they may, Gen. Harrison is an expert in the interests and condition of the people, and he is destined to do right, let what will be said of his motives of action.

It will be a subject of regret everywhere, if the report be confirmed, that Mr. Ewing of Ohio cannot take the Post Office Department. As is the most difficult of all posts, that of the Treasury, we may be permitted to say, that we should be delighted to see it directed by such a gifted and truly philosophical mind as that of Mr. Legare's of South Carolina. But we doubt not it will be placed in able hands.

Benton's proposition in the Senate, to tax the Bank notes of the States, meets with but little favor from any quarter. But the mover declares he is not daunted by its repulse, and intends to move it as an amendment to the first section bill, which comes up in the Senate.

The Richmond Enquirer, which always defends "State Rights" when they are in real danger, is playing "Mam'zelle" on the occasion. It may, possibly, enter in a "protest" against the form of the Senator's scheme--but its severest thunder must be reserved for the projects of Messrs. Clay and Webster, which are at all times disreputable and monstrous, and not to be endured.

Mr. Benton, after his bill to tax Bank notes was referred admittance into the Senate, as violating an express provision of the Constitution, begged to withdraw it, and stated that one of the main objects he had in view, had been accomplished--the bringing the subject before the country. What the other object was, which he failed to accomplish, he omitted to state. Some conjecture that it was a design to commit and entrap Mr. Calhoun. The South Carolinians, we observe from the debate, were "devilishly" thorough--merely throwing out an intimation that the Senate could not constitutionally extirpate the bill--but scrupulously forbearing to express any opinion on the merits. By thus keeping shy, he halved his great adversary for the moment. But if it be, that he is incapable of inventing a humbug, and is easily taken in by the humbug of others, he will yet fall a victim to his wily enemy. (See "W.A.G.")

**THE COUNCIL OF WAR.** The Council of War, a young man who resided in the neighborhood of the "White-House," in this country, lost his life on Tuesday the 29th ult. in the following singular manner--He was in the woods near his residence, cutting wood, and had fallen a tree, which in its descent lodged upon a small hickory. To relieve the lodgment, he gave the tree, the top of which was bent down by the weight of the former, a blow with his axe, near the root, when a large splinter violently flew up and struck him under the chin, throwing him some distance, mangling his face in a shocking manner, and, it is believed, also breaking his neck--of course killing him instantly.

The Richmond Enquirer contains notices of Proceedings of the Bar in several counties on the occasion of the death of the Hon. Jas. C. Cawson, a native of Lancashire county, Virginia, formerly a respected Representative in Congress from the District in which he was born and lived.

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The annual session of the Legislature of Pennsylvania commenced on Tuesday last.

**MR. WEBSTER.** The Van Buren federalists are carrying at Mr. Webster, because it is he who is to be Secretary of State. And why? Because, as they argue, he voted against the measures intended to secure the independence of the United States, and that he was a traitor to his country. This is a prove Mr. Webster unapologetic, or, if you will try by this test, does it prove him anti-democratic? Are his answers for equal rights, and equal justice? Then let us see to what they lead us.

**MR. VAN BUREN.** He is, in reality, a man of anti-war meeting, where a resolution was passed with his approbation, opposing the enlistment of militia in the public service; and it is well settled that he interposed against Mr. Madison to Agericanists. In the estimation of these gentlemen, Mr. Van Buren is a patriot and a democrat.

NATHANIEL MACON, we believe, voted habitually against every measure, and looks pride in doing so. Yet, in the opinion of these same gentlemen, Mr. Macom is a patriot, a democrat, and is now almost a saint.

**MR. GILDED.** Of Va., opposed Mr. Madison's war measure with great strenuousness; yet he was elected Governor of Virginia by the Jackson party, and is now regarded by three Van Burenites as having been a prominent disciple of the democratic church.

MR. BUCHANAN, of Penn., made a very energetic, if not immortal, oration against Democracy, Madison, and the war, and yet Gen. Jackson honored him with a mission to Russia, and he is now enrobed on the affections of that kind of "democracy" represented by Mr. Van Buren.

Mr. T. A. T. was a conscientious Federalist, and Gen. Jackson made him Secretary of the Treasury, and also appointed Chief Justice of the United States!!!

Mr. McLeod, another leading fracturist, was Gen. Jackson's Minister to England, Secretary of the Treasury, and then Secretary of State.

Mr. H. C. signed, if he did not write, the Congressional protest against the war, and yet quadrant democracy honors him with a mission to Holland.

From Mr. Jefferson was perhaps derived the theory of nullification, and yet when it was about to be carried into practice, Gen. Jackson relied very much on Mr. Webster's talents and patriotism to avert its consequences.

It is quite a remarkable phenomenon that the same theory cannot in some degree be extended now, through other Websters, apprentices, geniuses, which have been abundantly endowed on men of less culture, and greater political shrewdness, than the Globes labored to prove.

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Ministers of War and Marine, read the above, without admiration of the see, affinity and impudence, by which the doctrine contained in the above extract, are put forth by a supporter of this Administration? Who has forgotten the pains taken to show that the President was in no way responsible for Mr. Polk's wild schemes? The Globes did not say that the President should be held responsible for the official acts of his Secretaries--it did not say that about the "independence" of the President, and that the "independence" of the President, and that the "independence" of the President, and that he was a legitimate King, and could do no wrong.

On the contrary, the Globes labored to prove, the very treacherous Mr. Polk, and not Mr. Van Buren, should be held responsible for the Army Bill. Why this sudden change of doctrine? The reason must be obvious to every one.

**PUBLIC LANDS.** The New-York Standard says that the public lands ceded from Great Britain to the old thirteen States, and purchased from France and Spain since, have left this nation possessed of even now, a thousand millions of acres of land, which will be worth, if sold progressively, as required by the settlers, at least four thousand millions of dollars. The disposition of this immense domain, or the appropriation of the proceeds, is a question of great importance to the people of this country, and requires serious consideration.

**ALABAMA.** The Legislature of this State has passed the bill for a general "Ticket system" in the election of members of Congress. This is a miserable, very clumsy, designed to give the election of all the members to one party and to a few populous counties in North Alabama, thereby depriving the majority of the people of that State of their just rights. Blood, says the Richmond Whig, has now flowed for a leis galling piece of tyranny than this.

In the lower House of the Alabama Legislature a provision has been adopted in the Penal Code, which makes death by drowning a crime of murder in the first degree.

On the assembling of the two Houses of the Legislature of Kentucky, on Wednesday the 29th ult., Richard Thomas (Whig) was unanimously re-elected President of the Senate, and Joseph H. Nicholson Clerk. And on the next day Charles Stewart Ridgely (Whig) was elected Speaker of the House, and George O'Brien Clerk.

John Lewis Kerr (Whig) was elected on Thursday, by the Legislature of Maryland, to be a Senator of the United States from that State, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. Sprague. The joint vote was for Mr. Kerr 70, blanks 19, scattered votes 3.

The Baltimore Patriot says--"Mr. Kerr is well known throughout the State, was for a number of years a Representative in Congress from the Talbot district, enjoys a rare degree of personal popularity, and will ornament the station to which he has been elected."

FRANCIS E. KIRK and OSCAR C. DAWSON, Representatives in the present Congress from the South-Eastern portion of this State, have publicly declared being candidates for reelection.

**GLEN FORD.** The Wheeling Times says--"We learn from a friend in Cincinnati, that General Harrison will leave that city during the month of January, for Washington, declining stating the day of his departure of his return to West Virginia, as he is anxious to be with the friends who wish to see him, but does not, however, think his motives commendable."

Mr. Bass, the "Buckeye Blacksmith," is now in Washington City. He delivered an address at the "Log Cabin" of the metropolis, on Sunday evening last.

The "Times" of New-York--The Portland (Maine) Argus says, the whole number of votes for Representative in Congress from the Washington and Hancock districts was 10,384. Mr. Lowell (V. B.) has 5,154. Mr. Noyes 5,002, scattering 139. Necessary to a choice 1,157. Mr. Lowell is therefore elected by ONE vote.

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The terms of advertising are, for a square or less \$1, for three insertions—larger ones in the same proportion. Each advertisement 2 cents per square. If all advertisements not ordered for a specific time, will be continued until forced, and charged accordingly.

**VARIETY.**

**CONSUMPTION.**  
Toasted by the breath of early Frost,  
The foliage falls away;  
The loftiest and the fairest leaves  
Are destined to decay!

But like the blush on Earth's cheek,  
Spread by Consumption's breath,  
The foliage in its autumn tint,  
Is lovely in Death!

**Description of a Good Wife.**—She hasn't nor care for music, Sam, but she has a capital eye for dirt, and for poor folks, that's much better. No one ever seen as much dirt in my house as I could brush off with his wings. Boston girls may boast of their smarts, and their graces, and their angelic airs, and their ways for music, but give me her, I say, that has an eye for dirt, for she's the girl for my money! — [Sam Slick.]

**Advice that may be Safely Followed.**—Praise the fitness of the day when it is ended—a sword when you have proved it—a maiden when she is married—the ice when you have crossed it—and a new paper when you have read and paid for it.

**Crooked Subjects.**—The newspapers are publishing a story of a crooked fence "down east," which was so warped, that a hog in attempting to get through it, always came out on the same side. The following from an exchange is nearly as bad:—A crooked fence, a fellow down east whose legs are as crooked that his pathologists turn hind part before he has run half an hour after he puts them on! But what are both these to Sam Slick's crooked tree which was so crooked that a streak of lightning was half an hour coming down?

**The Curtains Drawn Aside.**—Two gentlemen, who had no slight enacted Hamlet and Polonius in an obscure town in Yorkshire, were proceeding arm in arm to rehearsal the next morning, when a gang of youngsters was collected about them by a lad, who had witnessed the performance, shouting at the top of his voice, "Dang me! I hear her! I'd could chop that was killed, walking w' i' feller as did it!"

**TOE THE MARK!**  
**SETTLED AND PAY UP!**

**The** subscribers respectfully inform those who are indebted to them by open account, that is, their debts to the amount of every sum from the commencement thereof. From this time to the 1st of January next, they will have their convenience and approbation of every one to call at their stores and pay them a visit at their respective residences—a most odious habit. They expect their friends to do the best they can for them, which will greatly oblige.

**FLORE & KEYES.**

P. S.—They have a good assortment of Goods and solicit a continuance of patronage as herebefore. Charlestown, Dec. 17, 1840.

**W. W. HARRIS & CO.**  
Winchester, Virginia, and Maryland; and  
3 hours, and forward bills to F. G. K.

**STOP HERE!**

STAYED from the subscriber in Charlestown, on the night of the 18th instant,

**A DARK DAY**

MARSH.—about 10 hours; no particular brands or marks now recollect. Said man will probably aim to get to Winchester, or in the neighborhood. Any person delivering said man, or in Charlestown, or giving him information so that he can gether, will be liberally rewarded by

**BENJAMIN F. HAYDEN.**

Charlestown, Dec. 24, 1840.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Charlestown, Oct. 15, 1840.

**On the Canal.**

**T**HIS undersigned having purchased the Boats, Ware-House, and Stock, of Messrs. Wager & Co. at this place, announce to the public that they are ready to receive for Transportation on the Canal or Rail-Road, both here and abroad.

**All kinds of Country Produce,**

And will advance money or purchases to the amount of my means for their payment. They will also forward to the Eastern cities, and other articles on the most reasonable terms.

**W. M. RUSSELL & CO.**  
Harper's Ferry, Dec. 10, 1840.

N. B.—They will keep on hand, for sale

Flax, Fish, Salt, Coal, &c.

**N. B. CO.**

Charlestown, Dec. 10, 1840.

**Oysters! Oysters!**

**T**HE subscriber will be happy to furnish persons from the country with OYSTERS, fresh from Baltimore every day, in any quantity they may desire, either in cans, or by the bushel. Having made arrangements to be regularly supplied through the Winter, persons visiting Harper's Ferry, or passing up-Stream, in Charlestown, or building opposite the Arches, where they can have them cooked in all the different varieties of the Eastern Cities—with neatness, comfort, and good order, to enjoy them. The public's abundant reward.

**GEO. L. CHAMBERLAIN.**  
Charlestown, Oct. 29, 1840.

**New Fall & Winter Goods.**

**E. M. & C. W. AISQUITH.**  
Oct. 2, 1840.

**New Fall & Winter Goods.**

**J. E. & P. MILLER.**  
are now receiving a large and well selected Stock of Fall & Winter GOODS,

which they set out. In saying to the customer, the most reliable, and fashionable Stock, they have ever had the pleasure of offering to the public, we mean to make a discrimination of which, to our friends, and other friends, customers, and the public generally.

**SOLONOM WILLIAMS.**  
Charlestown, Dec. 9, 1840.

**Compound Syrup of Gum Arabic.**

**Prepared only by James Higgins, Slave to His Master.**

For Coughs, Colds, Inflammations, and Diseases of the Breast and Lungs.

**PERSONS** who are engaged with the above article, are invited to call and receive this Medicine, and after a fair trial, if it does not afford relief, the money shall be refunded.

**GEORGE J. HIGGINS.**  
Charlestown, Dec. 9, 1840.

**Fashionable Fur Hats**

**Just received by HUMPHREY KETES.**

**Oct. 26, 1840.**

**WM. S. LOCK.**

**Charlestown, Oct. 15, 1840.**

**NEW GOODS.**

**New & Cheap Store.**

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**New Fall and Winter Goods.**

**A Beautiful, Fashionable, and Splendid Assortment.**

**ALBRECHT'S**

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