

The Free Press.

CHARLESTON, W. VA.
Wednesday Morning, May 6.

THE ELECTIONS.—We congratulate our friends upon the result of the election in Virginia. We have elected 10 members of Congress—a gain of two since the last election and if it be so, 2 more seats with us, as we believe he will in this case out of ten, we have a majority of the delegation. We have secured a majority in the Senate, Mr. Ritchie's "cheating" body, where our opponents have tried the utmost since the first days of Reconstruction. And we are inclining to the belief that we have also carried a majority of the House of Delegates—thus fulfilling in every respect our most sanguine hopes. If a paragraph which we had in the Richmond Compiler Monday be based upon correct returns, we have already a majority of 2 in the House of Delegates, and a chance for more. With a majority in both branches of the Legislature, we shall be able to carry the election of Governor next winter without difficulty—we shall save our opponents the trouble of attempting to carry into execution their threats about the passage of resolutions to embarrass the Whig Senators from this State, in Congress—and also be able to prevent a "Terrymandering" of the electoral district of the State, if a new apportionment of representation is made, as authorized by the new Constitution to be made by the Legislature at 1861. But apart from our hope upon the House of Delegates, we have abundant cause for rejoicing over the redemption of the Senate, and the glorious result for members of Congress. Our opponents have longed to have a rod of iron in the Senate; but their sceptre has at last departed; and for years past the Whigs could get but 5 or 6 out of the 21 members of Congress from this State. A better state of things now prevails—and the signs are still auspicious for the Whigs.

PRESIDENT TYLER.—From all we can learn, (says the New York Star,) John Tyler is resolved to be every inch a President—to see, judge, and act for himself. He has ever been the character of an independent, bold political man, and it would be a vain presumption and an injurious baiting of souls and languages. The independence of thought and feeling which he claims and exercises himself, is too tolerable in others. That vile spirit of egotism and arrogance which prompts those who are possessed by it to exclaim, "I am Sir Oracle, and when I open my lips let no dog bark," has place in the bosom of President Tyler. He listens for the voice of the people, resents it, and will, without fail, square his policy in accordance with it. Each at least is the character of our Chief Magistrate, as sketched by one who knows his wall; and it is confirmed in all its points by a distinguished citizen of this State, who has enjoyed the best opportunities of forming an accurate opinion—we mean Senator Talmadge.

"We believe that Mr. Tyler thoroughly understands "the principles of the Government," and intends to carry them out.

PENNSYLVANIA.—In the Legislature on Friday, the House and Bank Bill was passed by both branches—the vote in the Senate being 17 to 14, and in the House 50 to 42. The bill having been passed by a strict party vote.

Governor Porter has vetoed the Bank Bill, assigning his reasons at length for the act. In the Senate, after the veto message was read, the bill was passed by the negative majority of two-thirds, the vote being 17 to 8. Its fate in the House is uncertain.

DELAWARE.—On the 1st instant, a law passed by the last Legislature of Delaware, abolishing imprisonment for debt, went into operation. Many of the States have already similar humane laws in operation.

SUPERIOR COURT.—The last Legislature changed the times for holding the Superior Courts of Jefferson County from June and November to May and October. Consequently, the Spring session of the Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Jefferson County will commence on Monday next, the 10th inst.

THE Steamship Great Western sailed from New York, for England, on Saturday last, with 95 passengers.

Late intelligence at Boston has alarmingly increased the fears, for some time entertained, for the safety of the Steamship President, which sailed several weeks ago for England, with a number of passengers. It is now seriously feared that she and all on board have been lost at sea.

As the leaves of the most sweet and beautiful productions of nature, are referred to the advertisement of Mr. Allen's in today's paper. Those who delight in foliage, (and are there any who do not?) should not fail to embrace the present opportunity for gratifying their taste. Many of these flowers, we are informed, are of new varieties, and of the richest hues and most delicious odors.

As the season has arrived for painting and whitewashing about our dwellings, we have thought it might be useful to some of our friends to furnish the following recipe for an "Economical White Paint." Painted up in McMenamin's celebrated book of receipts.

To make **Economical White Paint.**

Skin milk two quarts—fresh, skinned 8 oz.—dissolved oil 8 oz.—white, barberry pitch 2 oz.—spices with 3 parts of white lead.

It is to be added in water, expressed to the air, mixed in about one-fourth of the milk. The oil in which the pitch is previously dissolved, to be added, a little at a time—then the rest of the milk—and afterwards the Spanish white. This quantity is sufficient for 27 square yards, two coats.

The proportions to be observed, of course, for larger quantities.

NEW GOODS.—If any our readers wish to purchase "new, beautiful and cheap goods," either in Charleston or at Harper's Ferry, they will leave where they may be referred to the columns of the Free Press.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.

POSTMASTER.—Robert M. Riddle, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Jonas M. Wheeler, at Canandaigua, N. Y.; Geo. Wm. Gordon, at Boston Massachusetts.

THE Old Fellow Preston at Harper's Ferry will take place on Saturday the 12th inst., instead of the 10th, as first advertised.

A correspondence appears in the New York papers between the late acting Governor of this State, John M. Pettigree, Esq., and Gov. Howard, relative to the delivery of fugitives from justice to the authorities of the State from which they may have fled.

KENTUCKY ELECTIONS.—The return begins to reach us. They are all favorable to the Whig candidate, who was beaten in the election of 1859. We have received this news, and as we anticipated an entire Whig delegation in the next Congress from Kentucky.

VERGINIA ELECTIONS.

COUNCILS WHICH HAVE RETURNED OF THE DELEGATES.

HARRISON.—The election of a majority of 80, gave 10 seats, and over Sidney (Loco) by a majority of 30.

MONTGOMERY.—Talbot re-elected without opposition. Day elected.

ROCKAWAY.—Bowen re-elected to succeed the late member, J. M. Gray, appointed Counsellor.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Barrett G. Payne re-elected with an.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Richard H. Toler and H. W. Nowell re-elected over Clegg and Clement (elected by a majority of 100).

JEFFERSON.—Knox and Williams elected by a majority of 100.

ROCKAWAY.—Dr. Thomas P. Mitchell and George A. Wiegand elected.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Davis elected.

MONTGOMERY & FAIRFAX.—Marples elected.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—James C. Bowlin (Loco) re-elected by a small majority in the Charlotte cluster.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Anderson, Modest (Loco) re-elected in the Rockingham district.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Winton K. Green (Loco) re-elected in the Harrison district.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Frye McMiller (Loco) re-elected in the Washington district.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Whitehill F. Tunstall (Whig) re-elected in the Pittsylvania district, in place of David Dyer (Loco).—A Whig gain.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—James Lyons (Whig) re-elected in the Rockingham district without opposition.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Robert W. Carter (Whig) re-elected in the King George district.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—McCracken (Whig) re-elected in the Franklin district by a small majority over Col. Blue, the Local Party competitor. (Mr. McCracken's majority is Berkeley 192 if all the "nonresident" votes made in the district to support him had been excluded.) In Jefferson his majority would cover every other county of the district. Besides those manufactured in Frederick, the Winchester Ironworks states that 2000 imports from that enlightened district were sent to the market.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Taylor, Ramsey, and Methven (Loco) re-elected.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Davis elected over Powell, Loco.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Vance and Pugh elected.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Fairfax—Thomas elected by a majority of 41 over Burke, Loco.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Carroll re-elected.

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CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Cromwell—Orrick re-elected by 24 majority over Mr. Dick (Loco).

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CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Preston, elected by 161 over Dr. Jones, the Local Party competitor.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Ford elected by 3 votes.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Capt. Thompson re-elected by 17 over Larkin, White, Loco.

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CHARLOTTESVILLE.—George—Wallace elected by 40 majority over Mr. Looch competitor.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Simpson elected.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Crutchfield re-elected by 44 majority over Bernard (Loco).

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Neville—Brough, E. Taylor elected.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Col. Edwards and Samuel Watt, elected.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Kinney and Baldwin elected.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Cumming—Henry P. Irvine elected.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Brother re-elected by 55 majority over Mr. Johnson.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Maurer elected.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Clegg re-elected by 44 majority over Mr. Lewis.

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THE ARRIVAL.
Mr. West, the newest, and the most
handsome on the Sabbath, is here. The
following account of his voyage is given in the
Intelligencer Democratic.

At 30 minutes past 9 o'clock, every
part of the arrangement was completed,
and, after taking a cordial farewell from
the company who honored me with their
presence, I detached the car from the
earth and rose gently over the heads and
smiling faces of thousands who cheered
me with their loud huzzas until I reached
the height of a mile, when the balloons
reached the eddy of the upper current of
air; it then described a semi-circle around
the town from East to West. At this
point, the view was splendid; I could see
the mass of people dispersing and moving
towards the quays of the town; the clock
struck three, and the sound was as audible
to me as it would have been at the dis-
tance of a hundred feet on the earth. The
noise proceeding from the town was like
the murmur of a vast multitude falling
mournfully upon the ear; the occasional
report of guns and the shrill whistle of the
locomotive became, almost lost in the mon-
otony of the doleful tumult. My vi-
cious an area of country at least 40
miles in diameter, which I counted 11
considerable towns. The passengers, com-
mencing with the Potomac, river added
beauty to the scene, and was observable
that navigation was more advanced on the
west side of the river. At 30 minutes
past 3, I descended near the toll-gate on
the Williamsport road, when I let out two
of my balloons, hundred feet in length,
which were suspended by ropes, the ends
of whom was Mr. Wm. Kline's who
had pursued me from town. They pro-
ceeded to tow my vessel down Williamsport,
and I commenced.

The balloon was formed, and the
horses securing the ropes, we proceed-
ed at a rapid rate towards our destination.

Along the road, we met with a number of
laughable incidents. A fat took alarm at
the approach of the balloon, and bounded
over the fields like a frightened fawn.—

The next object was a negro, whom

we met on the road with a team. He

described himself as having bounded over the fence,

and fell upon his back, casting dubious

looks at the balloons and myself. I held

in my hand a green bush, which I had

plucked from the top of a tree. I shook

it at the negro, and requested him to take

charge of his team, but he remained sta-

tionary, and grinded until we had passed

him. At 4 o'clock we arrived in Wil-

liamsport, and I alighted in the centre

square, where I took some refreshments.

At 15 minutes past 4 o'clock, I again de-

tached my vessel from terra firma and

ascended, perpendicularly, to the height

of a mile, and a quarter. The view here

was truly sublime—the balloon stood some-
time over the Potomac, which I could

trace to Harper's Ferry to the South, and

to the North until it was lost in the moun-
tains; the fragrant blossoms of the trees

became more plentiful as I traversed Vin-

ginia, and the sweet odor of the foliage

reached me when within half a mile of

the earth. At 15 minutes before 5 o'clock,

I commenced a gentle descent and made

choice of a clear and elevated strip of

land, but fearing the earth the wind

shifted, and blew me into the woods where

my grapple took hold of the treetops, be-
fore I could secure it, and I was obliged

to slip the cable and rise over the trees.

Having now lost my grapple, and very

little ballast left, my descent became a

matter of great precaution. I coiled up

all the rope I had with me and then kept

a sharp lookout for some person on the

earth, to whom I could throw my long

line. When I reached Mr. Pendleton's

farm, in Berkeley, I hailed a gentleman

and asked his assistance in the event of

my descent, and he complying, I threw

out my rope and made a very sudden

descent at 15 minutes past 5 o'clock. I im-
mediately discharged the gas from the

balloon and proceeded to secure it, when

to my astonishment, I saw Mr. Kline and

two other gentlemen drive up to the house.

2 WISE.

Hagerstown, April 26, 1841.

FRIENDS.—We regret to state that the barn of Col. Ab'l Lincoln, of Linville's Creek, in this county, was consumed by fire on Tuesday night last. Loss about \$1,000.

This is the third loss the Col. has sustained by fire within the last two years, and it can only be attributed to some finan-
cial and malignant incendiary, whose dark purposes have been but too suc-
cessfully accomplished.—Rockingham Reg.

PATRIOTS.—An unfortunate young man was committed to the jail of this county on Wednesday last, for the murder of his father. Although we are ac-
quainted with the particulars attending this melancholy occurrence, yet we doubt the propriety of their publication at this time. His trial will take place on Wed-
nesday next.—Rockingham Reg.

On the 23d ult. a fire occurred at New Orleans, which destroyed property to the amount of \$200,000. It originated in the carriage repository of Messrs. H. Beach & Co., in Royal Street, which was soon in flames. The fire did not burn to the ground, and was soon extinguished by fire within the last two years, and it can only be attributed to some finan-
cial and malignant incendiary, whose dark purposes have been but too suc-
cessfully accomplished.—Rockingham Reg.

We learn from the Pittsburgh American that a destructive fire occurred at Alle-
gheny city on Monday night last. The fire originated in the tenement kept by Mr. Goebel, in Federal street. The build-
ings, however, were in a state of decay, and before the exertions of the firemen had got it subdued.—Baltimore American.

Wrong Proper Removal.—At the last session of the General Assembly in Rhode Island, a bill was passed exempting the property of negroes from taxation, on the ground that they were debased from participation in social and political privileges. The exemption gave offence to some of our white citizens, who have accordingly got up a petition that the law be repealed, and that taxes be imposed upon them in the same way as upon white people. They say that if they are taxed, they have claims upon the General As-
sembly which they cannot otherwise urge. We question, says the Providence Journal, if history will furnish another example of a body of men remonstrating against being exempted from taxation.

Some of the tickets for Fanny Elister's benefit in New Orleans sold as high as twelve dollars and fifty cents apiece.—

There is a proverb about certain persons
and their money being soon parted.

THE MURDER, BURGLARY AND ARSON AT ST. LOUIS.

A note from Mr. Scott, New York, under date April 15, contains full details of a most horrid occurrence in that city. We subjoin some of the particulars:

A little before one o'clock on Saturday night, the alarm of fire was given, and flames soon after burst out from the large warehouse occupied in front by Simms, Morris & Morris—a wholesale grocer and commission store, and on the 2nd floor is the crockery by William G. Petrie as a banking house. It is satisfactorily known that the building had been set on fire in several parts, and so rapidly that the progress of the flames, that, notwithstanding the repeated assertions of the garrisons, the building was soon levelled with the ground and the stock of goods entirely destroyed. But, had not the crime of arson at all times, in the state of things, which was found to exist, by those who first explored the premises—and which was, doubtless, intended the flames, should forever cover up—was soul-stirring. As soon as the door of the banking house was broken open, the dead body of Mr. Jacob Weaver, employed as a clerk in the store of Mr. Von Plaut and McNeil, and who was in the regular habit of sleeping with Jason Baker, the Young Ladies of Miss Frazee's Seminary, who were in the building, were struck with the evidence of returning death. The body of the Master of the universe, to whom they were in constant communion, had discovered living upon the floor.

His body was immediately taken into the store of Mr. F. E. Blow, where a
service of so much precision, it is no wonder that it was the favorite month of the bereaved.

At Harper's Ferry, the 26th ult., Mr. Otto Rasmussen, a soldier in the last war, and lately in the Florida service. His remains were interred at the place of his death with appropriate military honors, and were accompanied by a large portion of the crew of the Ferry to the place of interment, where they were buried with full military honors.

WILL.—We have a note to-day from

Mr. J. S. D. Miller, Esq., of Shepherdstown, in which he says:

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