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**The Virginia Free Press.**

OFFICE, SECOND STORY OF MARKET HOUSE.

The "Free" Press is published Weekly at Two Dollars and Fifty Cents per annum; if paid in advance, Two Dollars.

The "Free" Press is delivered, beyond the expiration of the year interest will be reckoned.

Advertisers will receive one-half discount for Cash, to be paid quarterly in arrears.

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Legal and other Advertisements may be inserted, and payment exacted according to the rates of the "Daily Star."

All remitted advertisements will be paid for in cash.

J. S. &amp; H. N. GALLAHER &amp; CO.

**A NEW ESTABLISHMENT.****E. G. MEALS & BROS.**

MANUFACTURERS OF

**MONUMENTS, TOMBS, SLABS, HEAD AND FOOT-STONES, &c.**

At the shortest notice, and executed in the best workmanlike manner.

Charles G. Meals &amp; Brothers, proprietors, 101 Main Street, opposite the Depot, CHARLESTOWN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, VA., Nov. 29, 1856.

**PAPER WAREHOUSE.****AT NIGHT.**

Successor to J. A. Robinson.

**WHOLESALE DEALERS IN PAPER**

FOR EVERY DESCRIPTION.

No. 7, South Charles Street, Baltimore, MD.

**WILL PURCHASE FOR CASH,****Large, Canvas and other Stocks.**

January 31, 1857.

**RANDOLPH & LATIMER,**

General Commission Merchants,

at SOUTH &amp; DOWDY'S WHARF,

Baltimore, MD.

ATTEND TRADING IN ALL KINDS OF FLOUR,

COOKING-CORN and all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE, and are prepared to furnish bags to farmers wishing to consign to them.

Baltimore, No. 185, 1856.

**S. V. YANTIS,**

Wholesale and Retail Dealer,

IN MANUFACTURED

**TOBACCO, SECARS & SNUFF,**

(SIGN OF THE INDIAN GIRL).

Opposite the United States Hotel,

HARPERS FERRY, VA.

November 28, 1856.

**HENRY HUNTER,**

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

Charleston, Jefferson County, Virginia.

**PRACTICES** in the Courts of Jefferson and the adjacent counties. His office is to be found by his father—where old he will have at all times.

February 20, 1856.—19.

**JOHN H. STRAITH,**

S. V. YANTIS, M.D.

**STRAITH & SON.**

I HAVE under the above title associated myself with the firm of John H. Strath &amp; Son, in the manufacture of fine leather goods, in the city of Baltimore, in two branches, during the January 1st, 1856. The partners offer to the public a faithful and prompt discharge of professional duty.

JOHN H. STRATH.

April 10, 1856.

**GEORGE COFFROTH,**

Commission and Wholesale Dealer in

**TOBACCO, SECARS, AND SNUFF,**

(SIGN OF THE INDIAN GIRL).

Opposite the United States Hotel,

HARPERS FERRY, VA.

February 20, 1856.

**DR. G. H. PIERCE,**

SURGEON DENTIST,

permanently, in Charlestown,

His professional services to the citizens and visitors of the Market House building, at Carter's Hotel,

Sept. 1, 1856.

**DR. JOSEPH E. CLAGET,**

O'PEERS his Professional services to the citizens and visitors of Charlestown and its vicinity.

Office on Main Street; one door east of Carter's Hotel.

May 11, 1856.

**W. O. LINTHICUM,**

MERCHANT TAILOR,

CALTIV STREET, OPPOSITE BANKER'S

BANK, Baltimore.

September 27, 1856.—19.

**DR. JOHNSTON'S INVIGORATING REMEDY FOR GENITAL DELIBITY.**

This great and invigorating remedy has been used with great success in the cure of all cases of genital debility, impotency, and debility, most of whom had lost all hope, and been doomed to die. By its complete invigoration of the nervous system, the whole condition becoming restored to a man, so that he can now live a full and active life, and the desire of his parents, should be satisfied.

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JANUARY 22, 1857.

OUR PROPOSED ENTERPRISE.

It will be seen, by reference to the advertising columns, that the undersigned propose to publish in the town of Marlinton a weekly newspaper. In taking this step he has not relinquished his interest in the "Fair Press," and he trusts the patrons will steadfastly support the "Old Family Journal." But to the people of Beckley he intends giving a "Young Family Journal," which will be a welcome addition at every family fireside.

From the people of Jefferson he hopes to receive an endorsement by a large list of subscribers. To each one, to whom the paper will be but a small item, whilst to the publisher it will suffice, dimensions will be given upon a solid title.

He therefore looks for a liberal support from all friends of Jefferson County.

To particular, our prospects.

H. N. GALLAHER.

MONUMENTS TO THE DEAD.

Misses MEARS & DAUER, of this place, have lately erected two most exquisitely finished Monuments in the Episcopal Church Burial Ground.

The one, erected to the memory of the late William Ferguson, is finished in the Massie's style and elaborately designed in the highest perfection of art. It has a base of three feet, and rises in graceful proportions to an altitude of ten feet, weighing upwards of three tons, and is made of the finest quality of Italian Marble, at a cost of \$250.

The other erected over the remains of Mrs. Craighill, lady of most estimable memory, is also a most superb specimen of workmanship, reflecting much credit on Messrs. MEARS & DAUER, and evidence much taste and judgment. It is eight feet in height, and finished in a very beautiful style.

It gives us pleasure to call attention to whatever tends to the advancement of our home Mechanics. Those requiring monuments &c, will do well to give those gentle men a call.

REVOLUTIONARY OFFICERS' BILL.

The bill for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of Officers of the Revolution, has been postponed to next December, by a vote of 24 to 23 in the Senate. Such heartlessness on the part of members of that body, is only equalled by the exhibition of selfishness when their own interests are to be subserved.

The speech made by Mr. Orr, of South Carolina, on this occasion, was alike frank and honorable, and as such, stood out in marked contrast to the shiftless evinced by Mr. Campbell. It speaks well, also, for a majority of the members, that the remarks of Mr. Orr, calling for a full investigation, got of this charge alone, but of all others which had been publicly made against members of Congress, should have been received with unqualified approbation, and we do so. Gentil, but strict justice when we may that the prime movers and managers of these schemes for plundering the treasury are, for the most part, northern men. That corruption does exist to an enormous extent among those who occupy seats in the National Congress is so well known to the frequenters of the Capital as to become the subject of common and familiar remark. Very few indeed will be hardy enough to declare that the prudent economy in the expenditure of public monies, which certain of our prominent legislators preach up so loudly, is carried out in practice. That the government patronage is dispensed to particular favorites, and to promote personal ends—that lucrative jobs are originated for the express purpose of rewarding political satellites, benefitting private friends or securing personal support—those who sit in the Hall of Representatives are made objects of bargain and sale—the books purchased with government money, and distributed among the members, are, in many instances, sold by them to the first purchaser that offers him such; that a portion of the profits arising from the public printing finds its way into Congressional pockets, and that the immense land grants passed last session were successfully carried through by buying up salable votes; at from one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars for each vote thus obtained, are facts which we fear could be too well established by a thorough scrutiny, and admit of a shadow of a doubt remaining in any unprejudiced mind.

We have but little hope of much good being derived from the investigation now ordered, inasmuch as it is restricted to the particular charge brought by Mr. Palmer. Had the House sustained the proposition of Mr. Orr, and had a carefully selected committee gone to work in a proper spirit, proofs of direct venality might have been obtained which would have startled the public by their grossness, and more probably led to a hasty and much-needed reform in the system of future representatives.

REV. THOS. BREWELL.

This gentleman, as well known and esteemed in our midst, preached in the Methodist Church of this town, on Wednesday Evening, the 15th inst., for the benefit of Foreign Missions. After the Service, which was an able one, a collection was taken up amounting to \$135.

Rev. Wm. M. Hart, Rev. Thos. Sowell, Rev. N. G. North, Mrs. Rachel Cook, widow of the late Wm. F. Cook, and Mrs. North, mother of the Rev. N. G. North, were constituted Life Members.

BORING FOR WATER.

Mr. WM. DORAN, who has been for some months engaged in boring for water in one of our wells, and has penetrated the rock a few yards, has just adopted horse power for the purpose. The machinery is ingenious, and works admirably. We may therefore soon look for a good supply of water, should the weather moderate. The supply of water at the Court House well has been almost all the season from the operation of the pump.

MAIL FAILURES.

For weeks past, the heavy snows which we have not received a mail East of Harper's Ferry since Saturday last—therefore, we are without our usual Congressional Report and other items of latest intelligence.

We learn from the papers, that the banks of snow are enormous, and that any other than horse travel is almost impossible.

TO OUR PATRONS.

We wish to say to our patrons at a distance, that, if they fail to receive this week's paper at the regular time, to attribute it to the failure of the mails caused by the late heavy snows and not to any fault of ours.

NO ELECTION.

There was no election held in District No. 6, or Constable, on Saturday last, in consequence of the Court having failed to appoint Commissioners to preside over the election.

## CONGRESSIONAL CORRUPTION.

## OUT AT LAST.

In the discussion which sprung up in the House of Representatives, (says the Baltimore Patriot,) on the Kelley resolutions, calling for the appointment of a committee of five to investigate the charge of corruption made by the New York Times and other papers, against certain members of that body, Messrs. A. K. Marshall, of Kentucky, and L. D. Campbell, of Ohio, declared it to be beneath the dignity of the House to have the appointment of a committee on accusation originating in the columns of a public journal, and upon this shallow and indefensible plea the investigation would have been smothered at the outset, had not another member, Mr. Faile, of North Carolina, inserted in his place, that the charge of corruption was true of his own knowledge. From this circuit and points on the coast there was no possible way of breaking out, and so, after an ineffectual attempt to introduce various amendments, the resolution was adopted.

The attempt to fall back upon the digni-

ty of the Senate, because the charge which

stimulated the motion for a committee of investigation did not emanate from a member of that body, and the vast amount of public

attention which was expended upon the public journals, for daring to denounce the mal- practices now to come in Congress, indicates a degree of sensitiveness which tends strongly to confirm the truth of the accusation.

By what better evidence do we need of the necessity for such a committee, than that of the Washington Union, which acknowledges "There may be, and we fear there is room for suspicion that the legislation of Congress is being sometimes made available for the advancement of personal and private schemes of aggrandizement."

In our opinion, the dignity of the House would have been much more nobly sustained by seeking at once to vindicate its integrity by a prompt investigation, than by waiting until one or more of its members should have the boldness to come forward and substantiate the truth of the charge from personal knowledge. The very fact that Mr. Faile did defer from calling the attention of the House to the bribe of \$12,000 which had been offered for his vote on the Minnesota land bill, because of the little regard which had been paid to similar charges brought by Mr. Millward, of Pennsylvania, against a member of his own State, pending the election for Speaker, made it the more imperative upon the press to take up the matter and urge it upon public attention until the House should be shamed into the performance of a duty it was manifestly reluctant to undertake.

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## BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.

The Board of Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (says the Baltimore Patriot,) held their regular monthly meeting at the office of the railroad, on the 14th. The last business transacted was the reading of the report of the trustees of the road during the month of December. The amount for the month was as follows:

## Main Stem. Branch. Total roads

For Passengers \$23,045.70 \$1,000.00 \$24,045.70

For Freight 271,710.19 2,272.85 274,982.94

Total \$26,756.84 \$1,047.00 \$26,803.84

Interest 1,000.00 100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 26,756.84 \$27,803.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Balance due 25,656.84 \$26,703.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 24,556.84 \$25,603.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 23,456.84 \$24,503.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 22,356.84 \$23,403.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 21,256.84 \$22,303.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 20,156.84 \$21,203.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 19,056.84 \$20,103.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 17,956.84 \$19,003.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 16,856.84 \$17,903.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 15,756.84 \$16,803.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 14,656.84 \$15,703.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 13,556.84 \$14,603.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 12,456.84 \$13,503.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 11,356.84 \$12,403.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 10,256.84 \$11,303.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 9,156.84 \$10,203.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 8,056.84 \$9,103.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 6,956.84 \$8,003.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 5,856.84 \$6,903.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 4,756.84 \$5,803.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 3,656.84 \$4,703.84

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Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

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Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

Amount due 356.84 \$1,403.84

Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

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Less 1,100.00 1,100.00

# VIRGINIA FREE PRESS AND FARMERS' REPOSITORY

LOTTERIES.

PRIZE

will be drawn by M.  
of the Fort Guards  
and the Southern  
of Alabama, in each  
year.

Mobile, Alabama, in  
every 7th, 1857.

Atlanta, Georgia, in  
January 1st, 1857.

of Atlanta, Georgia, in  
January 1st, 1857.

200 Prizes

EVEN IN THE POOR

SCHMEDE

100 Prizes

# VIRGINIA FREE PRESS AND FARMERS' REPOSITORY.

## POETICAL.

### THE WEDDING SONG.

Little, simple, valued things,  
Made for little dagger fair,  
How much sorrow there dare bring,  
When for love you choose!  
Is each widow's ear I'll sing,  
Of before the wedding-ring!  
  
Symbol of eternity!  
Death alone should part the tie!  
And that is went to me?  
From thy tempting lot me fly—  
For some spirit on the wing  
Says, "Beware the wedding-ring!"  
  
They were bound by love before,  
Many hands by you are twined,  
That your ringing will depart,  
And from such I warning bring  
To beware the wedding-ring.  
  
Yet if heart and hand unite,  
And of such to be given over,  
Then the pleasure and the pain  
In a secret forest of desire!  
Thus mutually I'll sing.

## VARIETY.

### COMPLIMENT TO MR. FAULKNER.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Daily News, thus refers to a contemplated complimentary supper, to be given by the Democrats of Washington to Mr. Faulkner and the Resident Committee:

"The Democrats have in view giving a complimentary supper to the Democratic National Executive Committee, for the election dinner which it conducted the other day. The idea is, that an ex-member of Congress and former Speaker of the House, alluding to the recent canvas, and that he had never known one to be conducted so successfully, should be complimented at the late canvass. Not a single indorsement, he remarked, had noted his career, and that the result had proven the wisdom of the selection of its chairman, (Mr. Faulkner) who distinguished himself in the canvass of the western states. This was a truthful and just tribute from a high source."

### COINCIDENCE.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore American, speaking of the dis�ressing death of Judge Daniel died from lightning by a fire in the vicinity of their residence in Richmond, and that the organist who preached the funeral sermon lost his life by fire, just fourteen years ago yesterday.

**LITERARY ITEM.**—The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg Express says:

The literary world will soon be favored with a romance from the pen of one of the most intellectual gentlemen of Virginia.—St. George Tucker, Esq., Clerk of the House of Delegates. It is a historical narrative, consisting of a history and narrative.—"Historian." A man of high ability, who has perused the proofsheets, pronounces it a work of uncommon merit; and as it is the result of Mr. Tucker's first effort in the direction of literature, it will be received with eagerness to its appearance. G. W. West, Richmond, is the publisher.

**WILL THEY KNOW?**—Dialogue between a man of family and a master of slaves.—  
Peter Families.—"Will these ducks keep tills dry?"  
Vendor of Ducks.—"O yes—keep sure!"  
Peter Families.—"What, keep nearly two days in such weather?"

**Vendor of Ducks.**—"I know they will keep for more than two days; I've kept them a whole week already myself!"

**DR. A LONDON PHYSICIAN** invented a noble instrument, called the sphygmometer for indicating the movements of the heart. The instrument consists of a small chamber filled with spirits of wine, or other liquid, provided with a India, rubber, wall, where it is applied to the skin.

**DR. H.** A young lady, who was much annoyed on reading of the wonderful things that Brown, Jones and Robinson had seen, says, that her brother Bill has seen a church step and a house fly; that Tom has seen a mill sail and a hedge-row; and that Jack has seen a horse draw and a river run.

**DR. H.** He that boasts of his ancestors confesses that he has no virtue of his own. No other person has lived for our honor, nor ought that to be reported ours which was long before our time; for what character can be to a blindman that his parent had good eyes?

**DR. H.** One of the female inmates in the New York Asylum, the Syracuse Courier, has the delusion that she has been the wife of each successive President. She is now Mrs. Pierce, and her nuptials with Mr. Buchanan are anticipated by her about the time of his inauguration.

**DR. H.** An Irish advertisement in a city paper reads:

"Lost on Saturday last, but the loser don't know where, an amby bug with a cheese in it. On the back the letters P. G. are marked, but so much worn as not to be seen."

**DR. H.** Auxious parent, who has just finished whipping a child three years old.—"Now, my child, I hope you will be good, so that I shall have to whip you again."

**DR. H.** "If you want whup any one, you'd better whup one of your size."

**DR. H.** Two ladies were having some words together, on the roadside, when the daughter of one of them popped her head out of the door and cried out:

"Hurry mother, and call her a thief, before she calls you one."

**DR. H.** Dr. Kalorum, do you think my daughter will get well?

**DR. H.** Well, if she don't get no worse, and does not come better, she may probably get over it, but I don't exactly know, and I don't think I or to know!"

**DR. H.** There's a pretty thought: A lady asked her husband why the flowers blossomed, and covered up the blossoms, and he said, "the soil is mother of the flowers, but only step-mother of the flowers."

**DR. H.** George D. Penrudd contradicts the rumor that he was about to remove to St. Louis; and says he will not leave the Louisville Journal until his breath leaves him.

**DR. H.** Sentiment to the Ladies.—May their virtue exceed even the magnitude of their skirts, while their faults are still small.

**DR. H.** Blessed are those who are afraid of thunder—for they shall hasten about getting married, and keep away from political meetings.

**DR. H.** The five negroes who murdered Mr. George Green, in Prince William County, have been tried, found guilty, and sentenced to be hung on the 15th of February.

**DR. H.** Col. Wm. T. Smith, a prominent citizen of Lynchburg, Va., died recently upon election.

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