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VIRGINIA AND DISTRIBUTION.

The *National Intelligencer* of March 26th, has furnished a conclusive article on the subject of Public Lands, showing the conditions on which the greater part of the public domain was ceded to the Union, and the inequality and injustice which exist in regard to the old States. It is now plain that, unless there be a speedy interposition, the whole of the lands will be given away by Congress, not merely by grants to the new States, but to corporations within those States by 2,000 persons who have no Road projects are made up as if by magic.

Take the case of the grant to the Illinois Central Rail Road. The stockholders not only build the road without advancing a cent of money, but they will have an amount of lands left which will bring them twenty millions of dollars.

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We condense however, under one head, the counties forming this District, showing the various amounts to which each county would be entitled.

Just think of it voters and tax-payers, that, if the distribution policy had been carried out, or if it be now availed of, Jefferson County would be entitled to \$113,221!

Here is the list of this Congressional District:

Berkeley,	902,220
Clay,	49,460
Harrison,	112,052
Jefferson,	113,221
Loudoun,	162,854
Frederick,	124,101
Morgan,	20,020
Page,	59,909
Warren,	45,599

THE SOUTH.

This is the title of a new Democratic paper issued from Richmond, by Roger A. Tabor, Esq., late of the Enquirer. It is a large and handsome sheet, well printed, on a type well suited to the bold and blunt character of its editorials. We have not seen the first number, but understand it took decided ground against the rotation principle announced for Mr. Buchanan and to some extent already practiced by him.—

This doctrine will be popular with the us that we have no doubt every one of them has, are, this, sent in his name for "The South." The *eds.* will not relish this so well.

In the number before us there is a spirited article, on the Administration and Kansas, in which the retreating Gov. Gray and his predecessor are handled without gloves, and distrust of Mr. Robert J. Walker is evidently manifested. The *eds.* says:

"At the threshold of his administration Mr. Buchanan encounters the Kansas question—the problem mediorum of policies. The precipitate resignation of Geary, whose the spectre of the Southern Senator, or a palpable aspiration of success,—distrust of the South, which leaves the President no alternative but straight way to address himself to the problem which so embarrassed and confounded his predecessor."

This article is concluded by saying that "the South makes a very reasonable demand of the Administration, in that they desire to have its rights give effect to the legislative call for a constitutional convention—respect the decision of that body, and Kansas will be a slave State." The *eds.* conclude no more—with less we will not be content."

MEETING IN PAUQUIER.

A meeting of Whigs and Americans was held at Warrenton on the 23d ultimo, and nominated Dr. Thomas H. Fisher and Enoch Ford, Esq., as their candidates for the Legislature. The same meeting expressed their approval of the views of James K. Marshall, Esq., the Senatorial candidate. They also appointed delegates to a Congressional Convention to be held at Culpeper Court House on the 15th of April to select a candidate to represent the people of the 7th district in the next Congress. We copy two of the resolutions:

Resolved. That the public lands be held by the general government in trust for the benefit of all the States—*and* Virginia who gave laws and received funds from the Union, and who have been most faithful in their duty, who upon appeal to the best interests of the country, doth favor a continuance of the heavy taxes which affect her people.

The *eds.* add—*that* the American party in the South, and the American party in the North, are to be the friends of the South, and the friends of the South.

THE COMING ELECTION.

In addition to the choice of a member of Congress, two members of the House of Delegates, and a member of the Board of Public Works for the third district, there will be a Lieutenant Governor and an Attorney General of the State to elect—James Lyons, Esq., of Log Cabin's memory, John Randolph Tucker, Shelton P. Leake and William H. Harmon are named amongst the candidates. The converts are always entitled to the front seats on the Democratic bench. Stand aside ye wool-dyed old foxes!

Ed. These of our patroons making a change of residence, will please inform us, that we may give proper direction to their papers.

ALEXANDRIA LOUDOUN AND HAMPSHIRE RAILROAD.

A meeting was lately held at Romney, to concert measures for procuring aid from the State for the above named road. It is proposed to hold a convention, in August next, at Buckhannon, Upshur county, to further the object, and with the further view of extending the road to the Ohio river. The meeting declared its opposition to the State's giving aid to "cross-cut roads" until the main line from East to West shall have been completed, and they adopted the following practical resolution.

Resolved. That, as upon the decision of the next Legislature depends the great question whether the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad shall be placed immediately under construction to the West Fields, and as the rest welfare of all the countries through which this great work is to pass is now at stake, we recommend to said committee, and to all good citizens who are interested for the sake of the State, that they call a meeting of the best men in the State to represent them in the next Legislature. And we hereby pledge ourselves to act as we have recommended to any other committee.

How handsomely the share of the public lands would have been entitled under such a bill, and how much added value would be added to the same.

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M. GORMICK'S REAPING AND MOWING MACHINES, IMPROVED FOR 1857.

The Farmers of Jefferson, Frederick, Berkeley, and Mason Counties, are informed that we have now appointed SPECIAL AGENTS for supplying them with this WORLD REOWNED REAPING AND MOWING MACHINES. We have given Mr. John McMillan a general power to act for us, so as will visit the Farmers in the above Territories as far as will be in his power to take their orders. Mr. McMillan is a man of great experience, and has been engaged in the manufacture of reaping and mowing machines for many years past, and has a full understanding of the business.

We respectfully solicit their ORDERS EARLY, as we are anxious, as owing to the failure of several new machines introduced within the last two years, the demand for Mr. GORMICK'S will not be greater than that which exists at present.

THE JEWEL OF THE FIRST WATER.

WANTING to give the world with which our Farmers and Merchants have been received by the public, and the large demand for Tickets, the Managers, S. Swan & Co., will have a drawing each Saturday throughout the year. The following Scheme will be drawn in each of their Lots, for April, 1857.

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POETICAL.

For the Virginia Free Press.
TO MY FRIEND.

In vain I strive to tell the world
Or all I feel for thee.

The most difficult thing in the world is to find
These soft charming sounds in all creation!
An infant's purity, the fragrance of a rose,
With which the Fair one that bounds through the
wildwood—
The smile of a boy encircled with pride
While in its shadow doth resounds glads;
With the sparkling light of bellflowers;
Where her mirth and beauty lies
Gently swaying;
The heart's true feeling;
Whose music-rose the heart on itself;
With hating hopes, whose essence life;
The dying laurels of my soul;
Who's mortal voice will call
Thereon? I've no voice, no high
Minstrel to liven up thy strain;

A bright young creature;
Whose every feature
Bears the impress of Mind's impress!

O, Mass., then wait me while I bring
A tribute of Gratitude's offering;

Now the wild peacock, gay, gay,
Gilding streams to solace and blesse,

Now.
Friends my Countrymen, who sing along
This life's brief song of care & woe—
Where the mother of such raptures through the earth
Or the sigh of the heart uplifts and infuses?

In the Spring time and Summer when a briar abounds,
And with anthems of praise, tail and foretasted?

When the harp's song is heard in the breeze,
And the depths of Autumn hushes all the trees?

Wherever I struggle, the poor and unknown—
Bereft of my friends, that my pleasure was few—
Had the gaudy scenes of splendor, in wear—
When sailing in sickness, or refusing to sleep?

When the eye-lids of slumber are closing unlighted
In the bustle of noon day, or the stillness of a glade?

The wish of my soul then, my dear friend will be
The God's choicest blessings may rest on thee!

Add me, fair Lady, I away I must send—
(Oh! by thy thoughts my path will attend).
Yet long thru' the vista of men I'll prove
The capture of moments I've lagged near you!

BOLIVIA, VA. 1857.

VAGELTY.

LIFTED OUT OF A WELL IN THIS REAM.

About two weeks since, a couple of gentlemen of the Emerald Isle, with a rich Irish brogue, were engaged in digging a well for Mr. Landers, of this place. As the work progressed, it became necessary to blast off parts of the rock that interfered with the digging, and the blasts were properly charged and the fuse lighted, and the Irishman, who had remained below to do this part of the work, made all haste to escape from the well. In his hurry his feet became entangled in the rope, and all efforts to free himself only complicated matters more and more. At last the fuse had burned down almost to the ground, and it was evident that the blow up must soon take place. Seizing the rope with both hands he struggled to those at the top to draw him up, which was at once done. Just as he reached the top of the well, the blast exploded and a large piece of rock struck him in the rear and hastened his exit. He turned there a double somersault and jumped over the garden fence, besides performing a number of other ludicrous movements, much to the amusement of his friends and his own great horror, believing himself kill'd, until before ever he stopped. An examination of the wounded part convinced him that he was not dead yet, and he went to work again, thankful for his happy escape, and laughing heartily at what he considered a good thing. Perhaps when General Scott wrote his famous "fire in the rear" letter, he had in his mind's eye some such catastrophe as that which we have just related.—Greensburg Democrat.

PULPIT GRAVITY.

A minister was preaching to a large congregation in one of the Southern States, on the certainty of a future judgment. In the gallery sat a colored girl, with a white child in her arms, which she was dancing up and down with commendable effort, to make the baby observe the proprieties of the place. The preacher was too much interested in his subject to notice the occasional noise of the infant, and at the last point in his discourse, threw himself into an interesting attitude, as though he had suddenly heard the first note of the trumpet of doom, and looking towards that part of the church where the girl with the baby in her arms was sitting, he asked, in a low deep voice, "What is that I hear?"

Before he recovered from the oratorical pause so as to answer his own question, the colored girl responded, in a mortified tone of voice, but loud enough to catch the ears of the entire congregation: "I don't see it, Sir; it is his big sister, but indeed, no, I have a doin', all I could to keep him from startlin' you!" It is easy to imagine that this unanticipated rejoinder took the tract out of the preacher's in the shortest time imaginable, and that the solemnity of that judgment day sermon was not a little diminished by the event.

TO MAKE A PURITY SPEECH.

Hand to some pretty girl, who has an expressive countenance and who knoweth, to apprise me a good joke, a new paper or book containing one. In order to match the effect as perfect as possible, the witty paragraph should be of a decent length, requiring a couple of minutes or such a master for its perusal, and should excite no suspicion of its risible character till it explodes in full at the close. Direct the attention of your female subject to the mirthful article and steel plance at her as she reads it. The transition from the quiet gravity of her face, as she goes over the more prosaic part of the composition, to the sudden flash of mirth as she reaches the punch-line, is more forcible than the fat woman, the big snake, the two-headed calf, the living skeleton or the Kentucky giant. If you should be luck enough to serve two pretty girls in the same way at the same time, then you will have a pair of spectacles.

Yours till death & well wishes
PRESERVE WISER.
N.Y. You don't know what good
for girls I am.

Three things of short continuations.

1. A boy running away, a ship afloat, and a bridge broken.

CLASSIFICATION OF SUITS.

The following classification of suits was made at the August term, 1852, of the Circuit Court:

BRAXTON DIVISION, Presiding Justice.

First Class.—AUGUST TERM, 1852.

Roger Clegg, Esq., *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Second Class.—NOVEMBER TERM, 1852.

John F. Smith, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Third Class.—MARCH TERM, 1853.

John F. Smith, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Fourth Class.—JUNE TERM, 1852.

Charles H. Lewis, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Fifth Class.—AUGUST TERM, 1852.

T. H. Webb, Esq., *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Sixth Class.—NOVEMBER TERM, 1852.

John J. Gifford, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Seventh Class.—MARCH TERM, 1853.

H. W. Williams, Esq., *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Eighth Class.—JUNE TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Ninth Class.—AUGUST TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Tenth Class.—NOVEMBER TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Eleventh Class.—MARCH TERM, 1853.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Twelfth Class.—JUNE TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Thirteenth Class.—AUGUST TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Fourteenth Class.—NOVEMBER TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Fifteenth Class.—MARCH TERM, 1853.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Sixteenth Class.—JUNE TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Seventeenth Class.—AUGUST TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Eighteenth Class.—NOVEMBER TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Nineteenth Class.—MARCH TERM, 1853.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Twentieth Class.—JUNE TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Twenty-first Class.—AUGUST TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Twenty-second Class.—NOVEMBER TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Twenty-third Class.—MARCH TERM, 1853.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Twenty-fourth Class.—JUNE TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Twenty-fifth Class.—AUGUST TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Twenty-sixth Class.—NOVEMBER TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Twenty-seventh Class.—MARCH TERM, 1853.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Twenty-eighth Class.—JUNE TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Twenty-ninth Class.—AUGUST TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Thirtieth Class.—NOVEMBER TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Thirty-first Class.—MARCH TERM, 1853.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Thirty-second Class.—JUNE TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Thirty-third Class.—AUGUST TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Thirty-fourth Class.—NOVEMBER TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Thirty-fifth Class.—MARCH TERM, 1853.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

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John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

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Thirty-eighth Class.—NOVEMBER TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Thirty-ninth Class.—MARCH TERM, 1853.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Fortieth Class.—JUNE TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Forty-first Class.—AUGUST TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Forty-second Class.—NOVEMBER TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Forty-third Class.—MARCH TERM, 1853.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

Forty-fourth Class.—JUNE TERM, 1852.

John F. Herbert, *1*; John L. Rooff, *2*; John L. Rooff, *3*.

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