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WORTHY OF EXAMPLE.

A gentleman from Ohio, (D. H. II) for nearly this County, paid us a visit a few days ago, expressly to pay his subscription to the "Old Family Journal." When he paid us for *fourteen* years subscription, all in gold, we were suddenly attacked with vertigo, and found ourselves, on coming to consciousness, leaving again our desk-muttering—"Is this me—what am I, any how?" for such a specimen had not crossed our vision these many years! It was a God-send, for our sub treasury had in it only one dollar and forty cents—the deposit having been removed that morning.

Now, we do not desire to be underrated as saying that *fourteen* years indeed is a worthy of example, although it is practiced by some in whose infinite honesty we rely, but his expression here to pay us our due. Where would the "Old Family Journal" be, as well as its conductors, if all its patrons were to hold back fourteen years?

It is due to Mr. II. to say that he had always been prompt in his payment, but distance and the difficulty of getting the sum due, caused the delay alluded to.

Another case, worthy of mention, is well as example, was of an old gentleman of this town, (U. M.) who has been a subscriber for over forty years, calling two days before his subscription ended, and paying for one year in advance. This has been his universal practice. He always had the consciousness of knowing that he read his own paper—May he live a hundred years!

All our patrons would follow his example we would, in a few weeks, place the Free Press in one of the handsomest dresses this side of Boston.

**THE CARTER HOUSE.**

[Our junior assistant having dined lately at Capt. Simpson's excellent Hotel, by invitation, felt disposed to make our ("the old gentleman") mouth water, by giving a schedule of the good things on that occasion; and we confess that our appetite was disturbed by the result, but he seemed to forget that the cold man's turn was coming.

By invitation we dined the fare of the "Carter House" on Tuesday last, and can truly say that the House has not been improved by the new landlords, whilst many improvements are to be observed. We will not enumerate, because it would be unnecessary in regard to such a well-regulated hotel.

Charlottesville is much favored in having hotel in the "Sappington" and "Carter," though none but the Carter in wifeless, yet also a judiciary department, under the supervision of Miss Sarah B. A. No. 1. "We shall take occasion next Court time to dine at the hotel, as 28 or 29 days of printers' grub, an corn bread and herring is as much as we intend to put up with in future."

**CURTAILING JEFFERSON.**

We observed posted at the front door of the Court House of this County, the following "Notice":

**NOTICE.** A petition will be presented to the Legislature of Virginia, praying that

an act be passed from Jefferson County, and attach to Clark county, so much of the former county as lies between the present county line, and the line between the said and William A. H. Pitts, and the land and leading to Rives, and arrives the county, runs between Rives and Charlottesville—being a small ridge to McPherson's mountain, crosses roads just below

McPherson's mountain, down road to its junction with the Staunton river—and hence via east to the top of the Blue ridge.—November, 1857.

It is scarcely necessary for us to say that such a clipping of the fair proportions of Jefferson County will be resisted by almost the entire population of the County. It would cut off hundreds of acres of the finest land in the County—and all, perhaps, to taint the saprice of a few malcontents.

We shall watch the progress of events, and call upon our representatives in the Legislature to keep an eye to the matter. The "Garden Spot" of Virginia cannot be maltreated with impunity.

**PARK FOR THE POOR.**

The Overseers of the poor of this County understand, on Friday last, contracted for the farm of Mr. Minor Husted, near Lestown, for the use of the poor. The Husted Farm, the property of Mr. Robert V. Stabler, had been previously recommended by a committee of six upon the part of the poor and the Court, but the recommendation was not sustained by a majority of the Overseers. The purchase requires the confirmation of the Court. The same farm was rejected on a former occasion by the County Court. Too many encumbered interests exist for the good of the County, but we trust some farm may be agreed upon, and save the County further cost and trouble. Let the interests of the people be paramount to that of individuals.

**STOLEN STONES.**

The horses stolen lately from Messrs. John Humphreys and Fisher A. Lewis, of this County, have been traced to Baltimore. They were taken there and sold. We trust the thief may be found out, and receive his punishment to serve in the Public Institution at Richmond. Next week we will probably give our readers an additional item on this subject.

**AN INQUIRY.**

The Richmond *Whig* is still calling upon the Richmond *Engager* to say whether or not "one of the Governor's (Wise's) sons" or, he has been an "incognito editor of the *Engager*." To the inquiry, the *Engager* is silent. The revelation would prove interesting, insomuch as it would give the why and wherefore for the opposition to Senator Hunter by the *Engager*.

Mr. James McClure has been appointed postmaster at Lexington. Jefferson, in place of Joe W. Roberts, resigned.

THE RIGHTEOUS SPIRIT.

B. W. Herbert, Esq., with his accustomed spirit of liberality, has had the consideration and kindness to send us a barrel of corn with his compliments. For such an act of parity from a gentleman like Mr. II. we feel greatly flattered. But as he is a gentleman whose heart is warm, and always in the right place, we were not surprised at the gift. We need scarcely say his example might be followed by others with at least no detriment to our corn crib. We will please accept our thanks.

GOODEY'S LADY'S BOOK.

We have received Goodey's Lady's Book for December, which concludes the present volume. Goodey says he is willing to rest his fame upon the present number, but as he takes pride in his creation, and has the means, he will surpass even this in January. Hear him!—Even our December number we think can be beaten, though that may look impossible; but the January number in engravings and literary matter, will surpass the December number. The latter is the most attractive part of the exhibition.

DISTINGUISHED ARRIVAL.

Richard Houch, the property of Mrs. Rebecca Hunter, of this town, arrived a few weeks ago (we ask "Dick" a pardon for announcing the fact earlier) from Liberia, where he was permit to go with his wife and daughter some 2 or 3 years ago. Dick says he is going back, but we have our doubts about it. His wife, Martha, died about six weeks after her arrival in Liberia. He looks many years older than when he left this country.

NEGRO STAMPEDES.

Last Sunday night week, a family of negroes belonging to George W. Fairfax of Preston county, Va., and consisting father and mother and five children, took three horses belonging to their master, and made good their escape into Pennsylvania. They were pursued on the next day, and overtaken about two miles from Uniontown, when the negroes made desperate resistance, fighting with knives, hatchets, &c., and were finally captured and confined in jail in Morgantown.

A FEATHER LOST.

We observe from the Lexington Washingtonian that "Harriet A. Peacock" has lost a feather in the person of her husband, Lewis Peacock—"he having left for parts unknown, with a Miss Lucy Weymouth of Clarke County." We advise "Harriet" to select a gobler from another flock, and let Lucy rip with his lacy, until, shedding time, when perhaps he will dry her from his train, and sing set on a feather.

THE LADIES' FAIR.

The annual exhibition of the Loudoun Agricultural Association was held at the Society's Fair Grounds, near this place, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The weather was favorable. November seemed to have borrowed for the occasion some of the genial sunshine of September, giving us two bright and beautiful days. A large concourse was in attendance, graced by a numerous throng of the beauty of Loudoun and surrounding counties, who take a deep interest in these annual exhibitions. Several exhibitors and numerous visitors were in attendance from Maryland, and the adjoining counties. Nothing occurred to interrupt the pleasure of the occasion, except a slight accident to Geo. A. Baxter, Esq., who was thrown from his sulky by the kicking of an unmanageable horse, but received no injury except a few slight bruises.

The stock exhibition was large, and much of it very superior. Horses, Cattle, Sheep, and Hogs were there, fat and beautiful, showing off to advantage the success of our farmers in the production of excellent stock. The Horse department was large, and formed the most attractive part of the exhibition.

The articles exhibited in the Ladies' departments were not as numerous as at other fairs, owing to the Society not being able to erect in time, the necessary buildings, which will be attended to by the next exhibition, when they will show off their skill as exhibitors.

But the *Engager* is to go with the *Examiner*, failing to find a printer.

What they did exhibit was excellent. Delicious cakes, ornamental and domestic articles, graced their department.

The Agricultural implements were scarce, but those exhibited were highly commended by the farmers present. Messrs. Steer, & Schobey's Wheat and Grain Drill attracted much attention, and was pronounced by those competent to judge, the best Drill they had ever seen. Richard H. Taylor's Food boiler was generally observed by the agriculturalists, and regarded by them as the most perfect apparatus for steaming or cooking food for cattle in use.

Prof. Benten exhibited a beautiful Surveying instrument, made for the use of the mathematical class at the Agricultural Institute—while his partner, Mr. Gillick, showed off the model farm to advantage in a great variety of vegetables.

Oliver T. Lee exhibited a beautiful variety of vegetables. There were numerous articles which we should like to notice, all of which were deserving of mention.

The day passed on "delightfully." The President and other Officers politely attended to the wants of all who had articles to exhibit, and used every effort to add to the enjoyment of their numerous visitors.

At present will look with pleasant anticipation for the next annual exhibition.

LUCREY'S ESCAPE.

Mr. John Blue, son of Capt. Garrett L. Blue, of this county, Saturday last, made a narrow escape from losing his life.

It seems that on that day, while in the act of dismounting from his horse, his right foot striking a stone, and the stone falling, he fell, with the horse still sticking in the stirrup, the horse became frightened and started off, dragging Mr. B. some distance, breaking his right leg below the knee and otherwise injuring him. Dr. Lupton set the leg and the patient is now doing, we understand, remarkably well.—*Romney Intelligencer.*

WHO BEARS THE COST?

The Lynchburg *Virginia Inquirer* asks— "At what cost were those three thousand packages—large boxes it is said—sent to Baltimore? Who pays the freight and expenses? Does the Commonwealth of Virginia? Suppose those masters should be lost in *treasure*, or sunk accidentally in the Potowmack river? Who would foot the bill? We pause for a reply?"

PUBLIC DOCUMENT.

The Report of the Commissioner of Patents upon Agriculture, for the year 1856, has been received by us, from our Representative, Mr. Faulkner. It is a volume interesting in matter, and handsomely illustrated. Mr. F. will, please accept our thanks.

CHARLES BRADLAUGH.

The *Tazewell*, Va., Advocate says that thousands of bushels of corn have been sold in the County, in the last few weeks, at 20 cents per bushel, to be used for fattening hogs. Flour is selling in East Tennessee at \$2 per hundred pounds.

DEBATE OF AMERICAN HOMES.

The American horses Priores and Baby, won, made an inglorious performance in the race for the Cambridgeshire stakes at Newmarket, England. Thirty-one horses ran, and Babylon actually came in last. Mr. Park's "Odd Trick" was the winner.

GOVERNOR WALKER.

Gov. Walker, of Kansas, has had his trial with a rule from Judge Caton's court, to show why the pro-slavery candidate whose constituents votes he cast out, should not be returned to the legislature. He replies to the order with the same arguments he used to justify the rejection of the voter.

DR. W. W. BANKS.

Dr. W. W. Banks, of Virginia, has been appointed Secretary of Legation of the United States in Brazil. Dr. D. has resided eight years in Mexico, and it is said speaks Spanish fluently. He is to be succeeded by Dr. W. W. Banks, of Virginia, in the act of stepping across the shaft of a threshing machine in Roanoke county, Va., on Tuesday evening last, was caught and had his foot torn from his leg.

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# VIRGINIA FREE PRESS AND FAIRMERS' REPOSITORY.

A NEW ISSUE.

The *Wheeling Times* observes that the friends of Senator Hunter, not content with bashing out the Richmond *Engager*'s opposition to the re-election of their favorite, are preparing to carry the war into Africa, and to crush out the *Engager* itself! The *Fairmont Virginian*—a Democratic paper—proposes to try the *Engager* by its own rules, and inasmuch as it has been instrumental in fomenting opposition to Hunter, and inasmuch as Hunter has a majority of the Legislature for his body guard, it suggests that that paper be made to endorse Senator Hunter, or failing to do so, forfeit the public printing. This is a new phase of the Senatorial question, and may have it more than meets the eye.

By the way, continues the *Times*, when our Locofoco friends talk of economy and all that, why don't they practice what they so heartily preach, in the matter of the public printing? Why don't they put out the State printing to the lowest bidder, instead of giving that office \$4,800 for "superior" work to his body guard?" What is the most probable one is that it was the effect of spontaneous combustion in Gorrell's cellar.

NEWSPAPER CHANGE.

The Richmond *Examiner*, owned and edited for the last four years by R. W. Hughes Esq., has passed into the hands of B. M. D. Witt, William Lloyd, and George W. Hardwick, by whom it will be future conducted, under the general editorial control and responsibility of Mr. D. Witt.

Mr. Hughes states that unless he should be compelled to sell his interest in the *Examiner*, he will remain in the city, and will probably continue to contribute to the editorial columns of the *Examiner*. He also mentions that John M. Daniel, esq., in disposing of the paper some years ago, accepted the services of Mr. Sardis, received a right to repurchase within a period not yet expired, and that he has recently expressed his determination to resume his connexion with the *Examiner* in case of his return to Richmond.

PRELMY SAUNDERS, ETC.

Clerk of the County Court of Loudoun died at the residence of his birth in this town, on Sunday evening week, in the 76th year of his age. The deceased was kind and affable in his manner—generous and obliging, in his disposition—honest and upright in his dealing with his fellow men and generally esteemed by those who knew him.

At the first election under the new constitution, Mr. S. was elected Clerk of our County Court, which office he held at the time of his death. Upon his decease, however, it became necessary to provide for filling the vacancy. According to the County Constitution, an election was held on Monday evening, November 10, 1857, and John P. Saunders, of Luray, was elected.

LAND SALES.

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THE NEXT CONGRESS.

The elections for members of the House of Representatives are now over, and the result is the choice of 128 Democrats, 92 Republicans and 14 Americans. As the House consists of 234 members, 118 constitute a majority. The Democrats have a clear majority of 22 over both the other parties, which will be increased to 25 at an early period of the session by the admission of three Democratic members from the state of Minnesota.

THE TAYLOR HOTEL.

No sooner said than done! It is a maxim that is certain to apply to the recent advertisement of the Taylor Hotel! The proprietors have concluded an engagement with Silas J. Sanders, of Franklin whose name was formerly known in a favorable connection with the City Hotel, and it is calculated to sustain the reputation which it will be difficult to sustain in the opinion of the public.

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