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MUST SOMEBODY STOP HIM?

"The Editor of the Free Press seems to make our delightful little village a subject of general remark. Where there is so much talk, there must be some cause. Why do you think our town a 'one-horse' place, any more than Charles Town, or any other small village? Is it merely because we are at this time, 'inside a tavern'? That would be a poor reason, indeed."

As one neighbor of the Clarke Journal has taken it as his business to call his "little Village" a "one-horse" place, we will make the amends by taking back the expression, and saying that his little village is a six horse town; for we have seen it that number of horses hitched at or near his "friend Lowry's" stores." The Journal continues:

"But Mr. Free Press man, we are prone to think, there is another 'motley' which prompts you to make these assaults upon our town. What is it? May it be because that little 'triangular' party (you know) of Jefferson, has an 'inclination' towards Clarke. Is that it? If so, my worthy friend, pray take some other method to discourage your people, rather than running down Berryville."

We can assure our neighbor of the Journal that we have no fears of having 'that little triangular party' taken from Jefferson, notwithstanding the great propensities of a few; and if the little county of Clarke cannot pay her contemplated subscription to the Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad without the aid of Jefferson, we will have her retroceded to Frederick, whose material tenderness may keep her within us forever.

We thank our friend of the Journal for his kind offer to "show us where we can get our 'horse fed'" and "a good dinner," when we visit Berryville. In so large a town, such attention would prove very acceptable. We shall call on you, certainly, and be pleased to reciprocate favors when you visit big Chalottesville."

## BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.

In another column will be found the proceedings of a meeting of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. The Company with an eye to the proper and efficient management of the road, elected unanimously Wm. Prentiss Smith, to the important position of Master of Transportation, in place of Dr. Wauchope, who resigned. This is one of the best appointments that could have been made, and his business capacity and energy so justly entitled him to the office, as those of Baltimore speak in the highest terms of M. S. The Clipper says—

"The appointment of Mr. Smith to this position is looked upon with great satisfaction by all having an interest in or desire for the prosperity of this road. He made no effort to secure the appointment, but merely left his name with the Board to be used as they might deem proper, and by the selection, merit has certainly been successful. Mr. Smith, although intimately acquainted with the workings and business relations of the road, has accepted the position with some reluctance on account of the vast responsibilities he will have to assume. He will, however, have no doubt, discharge those obligations with as much credit as any of his predecessors."

Mr. BENJ. S. JACOBS succeeds Mr. Smith, as Assistant Master of Transportation—His appointment is a good one. Mr. Jacobs is favorably known in this section.

## THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC.

The Kansas issue, (says the Richmond Whig,) was the controlling and all-absorbing issue in the last Presidential campaign, and upon that issue, there was, we were told, no division of sentiment among the national Democracy. A Maine Democrat was a facsimile of a Virginia Democrat, and a Georgia Democrat was a facsimile of an Illinois Democrat—there was, indeed, no difference, particularly so far as the Kansas question was concerned, between Democrats in either or any section of the Union. They were all birds of the same feather, and looked together at the polls, and would stand together in the halls of Congress, in obedience to the inevitable attraction of principles, sympathies, and objects, in common. Such was the sweet, the plausible, the never-varying song, which the Democratic presses and politicians of the South poured into the ears of the Southern people, during the whole of the last Presidential canvass, and which they have continued to repeat ever since, until within the last few weeks, when its charm has been dissolved, and the people themselves awakened from their delusion.

## THE TWENTY-SECOND AT RICHMOND.

It appears President Buchanan is expected at Richmond, Va., on the 22d, as arrangements have been made for his accommodation. Secretary Floyd, and Governor Newell, of New Jersey, have accepted invitations to be present. A grand "State dinner" is to be given on the 23d, to which will be sold at \$5 each, to such persons as invited guests, who may desire to participate.

## KANSAS AND THE UNION IN THE SENATE.

It is stated that the democratic Senators in caucus on Saturday last, determined that when the bill for the admission of Kansas was reported to the Senate it should be taken up and considered until finally disposed of, with any postponement. They are said to be anxious to recognize the rights of the people of Kansas to amend their constitution whenever they see proper, and nothing contained in the constitution shall be permitted to interfere with this right.

## LOOK OUT.

We would advise our citizens to keep a sharp look out for Rogers, as a number of questionable visits have been made recently.

It is rumored that Gen. Harney is to have command of the army on the Pacific coast.

## ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT.

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. This name is derived from a custom which prevailed in the primitive church, for penitents at this time to express their humiliation by lying in sackcloth and ashes. Hence the ancient names, "Dies Cinerum," and "Copia Ienit," the Head of the Fast.

Lent, in the Old Saxon, signifies Spring. It commences on Ash Wednesday, and ends on the Saturday before Easter, a period not including the Sundays, which are regarded as Festivals rather than Fast days.

This penitential season was formally observed with great strictness, and now, although it should be the constant endeavor of Christians to do their duty at all times, and daily to repent of their failings in this respect, as well as of their positive transgressions, they are particularly called upon in this season, etc, apart from the purpose of the Committee on Election, to report the case of the Rev. Henry Winter Davis contested by Mr. Henry P. Brooks. They do it inexpeditely to grant the prayer of the memorialist, Mr. B., for a committee to take testimony after some adjournment—proceedings the House, etc, took up the private calendar, and soon afterward adjourned to Monday.

In the House, the resolution of the committee on ways and means appropriating \$50,000 to meet the expenses of the several investigation committees was passed.

A further answer was received from Mr. J. W. Walcott, a witness in the case of alleged corruption of members of Congress—he submitted a written statement, in which after disclaiming my intention to commit perjury, he said, "I do not believe that the right of the committee of investigation to require answers to questions not within the scope of its inquiry is valid; the investigation of church debts, etc, which otherwise discussion was approved, the subjects left to the hands of the committee, the vacancies in which are to be filled up by appointment, etc, among new members." The committee on transportation, which had the subject of coal transportation before it, also reported—recommending a deduction of 50 cents a ton in the rate for carriage from Cumberland to Baltimore. The majority of the board, however, with a view of undercutting in the competition with other roads, preferred a great reduction of 50 cents, which, unfortunately, was adopted. The subject left to the charge of the committee, the vacancies in which are to be filled up by appointment, etc, among new members.

Rev. Dr. Fuller, of the Baptist, and Rev. Dr. Backus, of the Presbyterian denomina-

tions, were the officiating clergymen. Bishop

Jones pronounced the funeral sermon, selecting as the subject of his remarks

passages from the 6th, 7th and 8th chapters

of Acts. The remains were interred in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

## IN THE GALLERY.

The House has lately passed a resolution cutting off from the privilege of the floor of the House, except the Joint Select Committee on the State of the Union, the House of Representatives.

Mr. Stanton offered a resolution declaring that Mr. Walcott had failed to answer satisfactorily, and ought to be committed to the jail by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and to be kept in close custody until he is willing to answer all legal and proper questions.

In the death of Dr. George Lee, who departed this life at his residence in Leesburg, on Tuesday morning, the 9th inst., this community has lost a skillful and experienced physician, a high toned and courteous gentleman and one of the best of citizens. He has been stricken down in the midst of an extensive and lucrative practice, at a time when his matured intellect and practical experience, rendered him the most useful in his responsible profession—

[See *Leesburg Washingtonian*.]

## JEFFERSON DEBATING SOCIETY.

Heretofore, the debates of the "Jefferson Debating Society" will take place at the Court-House, instead of "Jefferson Hall."

This change will gratify all parties concerned, as it will be more comfortable and convenient in every respect.

## ACCIDENT.

On Thursday morning last Mr. BENJAMIN TOMLINSON, of this town, was injured, considerably, though not seriously, at his Steam Sawmill near Duffield's Depot. A large log fell and rolled over his legs, bruising him very much, but not breaking any bones. We are gratified to know, however, that he is rapidly improving.

## TEMPERANCE AND LIBERTY.

An Association to be known as the Jefferson Temperance Association, was organized on Monday evening last in this place, by the adoption of a Constitution and By-Laws, and an election of officers. Addresses were made by Revs. C. E. Annex and Novak Wilson. A long list of names is appended to the pledge to abstain from all intoxicating drinks.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at the Court-House, on Monday evening, March 1st.

## PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

We are under many obligations to the Hon. John Lupton, of the Rockingham District, for public documents, speeches &c.

## MEMPHIS TO POSTMASTERS.

The Postmaster General has recently decided that Postmasters do not give publishers of newspapers notice that their papers remain in the post office without being taken out by the subscribers, within five weeks, they are liable to pay for.

## ARTHUR'S HOME MAGAZINE.

The March number of the above Magazine has been received. Like Godey's Book, it loses nothing by age. We esteem it for its well filled pages, and beautiful illustrations.

## GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK.

Our Book table contains the March number of "Godey's Lady's Book." This monthly is always replete with matter that is useful and entertaining. For the Fashion Plate-lover, this month, the subscription price.

## A PUBLICATION NOT IN THE PERSONAL COLUMN OF THE HERALD.

The gentleman who picked up the lady's glove, Monday evening the 10th inst., between Union Square and Elecker street, respectfully requests the fair one to lose it again. He finds the left glove a very odd one, although it fits him very well—that is to say with a tight squeeze. He would suggest to the lady, however, if she does not wish to lose anything hereafter, to send the price of a half dozen pairs of gloves to H. S. Swan & Co., at Augusta, Ga., who are the drawers of the legalized lottery drawn every Saturday at that place. The success-  
ful possessor of a fortunate whale ticket will entitle the holder to the capital prize of \$60,000; while a half or quarter ticket will come in for a proportionate share of the same amount. So the lady who lost the glove may thus win a prize and with it a husband. Tickets \$10, 5 and 2½.

In the House of Delegates on Tuesday week Mr. Hoge of Berkeley presented a petition of citizens of Clarke and Jefferson, praying that the original stockholders of the Berryville and Charlestown Turnpike company may be reinstated as such by paying their proportionate share of the debts of said company.

The Washington correspondent of the "Richmond Examiner" says—The whole political horizon is unpromising. The South is beleaguered. The Union is in danger. The democratic party is crumbling to pieces.

The old man of state, Mr. Hovey, has

been succeeded by Mr. Wm. Wauchope.

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## CONGRESS.

In the United States Senate on Thursday, Mr. Mason presented a joint resolution authorizing the President to make arrangements for the reception of the distinguished Turkish naval officer now on his way to this country.... A resolution was adopted making an appropriation to pay the expenses of the Consul of the United States. The consideration of the bill was then resumed.

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