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THURSDAY MORNING.

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NOTICE.

Mrs. S. V. YATES, of Harper's Ferry, is author of the "National Boundry," and her work will stand good. We therefore hope those in the town and neighborhood will avail themselves of the opportunity to pay their indebtedness, without the loss of time.

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March 4, 1858.

NATIONAL FOUNDRY

The press of various sections of the country are urging claims for the location of a National Foundry. Richmond, Fredericksburg, Alexandria, Petersburg, Roanoke, and many other places, are named. One of the best points within our knowledge, is Shenandoah City, one mile above Harper's Ferry. Our water power, facilities of transportation by Railroads and Canal, together with proximity to the best iron ore and access to an abundant supply of coal and wood, renders Shenandoah city one of the most suitable sites yet mentioned—indeed it embraces all the advantages necessary for such an establishment. At this point the entire Shenandoah River can be used—a power sufficient to turn forty times the machinery required. Besides two, being adjacent to the National Armory much economy could be observed in the management of the Foundry. We shall refer to this subject again; but trust our representative in Congress will exert himself in behalf of this point—also, the Hon. JAMES M. MASON, who has a personal knowledge of the advantages and adaptation of Shenandoah City, to the project in view.

LETTER FROM COL. BENTON

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C. STREET, Washington; April 8, 1858.—

To Samuel Houston, esq., Senator in Congress from the State of Texas, and Geo. W. Jones, esq., Representative in Congress from Tennessee.—To you, old Tennessee friends,

I address myself to say that in the event of my death I desire that there should not be any notice taken of me in Congress. There is no right of either house that will authorize the announcement of my death; and if there were such a rule I should not wish it to be applied in my case, as being contrary to my feelings and convictions, long entertained, as shown in a note to a speech of Mr. Treadwell on the occasion of the death of Dr. Murphy, published in the Abridgment of Debates of 1850, p. 550. The request of Mr. Walker, there recorded, and the remarks of Mr. Randolph, express entirely my sentiments and convictions. Should, therefore, any of my kind friends in either house make it necessary so to do, I entreat you to let me know by means of this note my expression and desire that the event remain unnoticed in Congress. Your old Tennessee friend,

DEATH OF COL. THOM. H. BENTON.

THOMAS H. Benton died at his residence in the city of Washington, last Saturday morning, about 7 o'clock, retaining the full exercise of his mind, nearly up to the last hour of his existence, and with characteristic firmness and industry, employing himself in finishing the work on which he was engaged.

He was a man who made his mark in the history of our country. With defects of temper, and disposition which all must acknowledge, he yet had traits which commanded the respect even of his opponents. With great experience, untiring industry, and indomitable zeal, he pursued every political or public object which attracted his attention—and was never turned aside by obstacles or difficulties: As a Senator from Missouri, for many years, took rank with the leading men of the Senate, where the Senate saw its palmy days. In the course of his services in that body, and in some other portions of his public career, he made enemies; but we trace the animosities of former days have been removed or extinguished by time. Most men will be willing to admit that he has "done the state some service"; and overtook the errors or eccentricities which occasionally checked his course. As a statesman, and a legislator, he had not many successors, however we may differ from some of his views and opinions.

As a husband, father, friend and citizen the need of praise will be accorded to the deceased, without a solitary contradiction and with the assent of every one who knew him in those relations of life. His home was a home of peace, and affection, and love—and graced with all the kindly charities and amanities which shed such a charm around the dwellings in which they abide.—

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FUNERAL OF COL. BENTON.

Funeral services were performed Monday, 12th, at two o'clock, at the late residence of Col. Benton, on C. Street, Washington. Immediately after, the remains of Col. Benton, and those of his grandson, just deceased, were conveyed to the railroad depot for their removal to St. Louis, to be interred in the family burial place.

We have no doubt, however, Dr. Murray will discharge the duties of the office satisfactorily to his friends and the public interest. This is all that is required.

PATRIOTS.

A strong effort is being made by a few would-be Sheriffs and Deputies to get up a Convention for the purpose of nominating candidates for Sheriff, &c. This move is being made by a small faction of the so-called Democratic party, although in the success of either the candidates now in the field, with one exception, the Democrats would have an equal share of the spoils. For instance, if Campbell should be elected, he will have three Democratic Deputies. If Alquist should be elected, they would stand two and one-half to one. If Campbell should succeed, the probability is a majority of the deputies would be of the Democratic side of the house. Now, the Whig party has no feeling upon this subject, and we believe the conservative portion of the Democratic party feel the same way, and will not be swayed by a few office-seeking malcontents.

WE RETRACT.

It is not often that we "take back" anything we say; but, when we find that we have given publicity to anything that is calculated to mislead, we feel it our duty to make the amende. In a notice of town improvements, a few days ago, we gave promise to our farmers and others that the Hay Scales were undergoing repairs, and would be completed at an early day! We were planned, and truly, that the work had commenced, but we have since learned that nearly has been done upon them, and the promised improvement presents but a dangerous pit, which deserves the immediate attention of our "City Fathers." We hope that the "hole" may be filled up.

FREDERICK COUNTY.

At a Democratic Convention held in the 5th Col. JAMES P. RILEY was nominated almost unanimously as a candidate for Clerk of the County Court.

W. G. Smalley, Esq., who had been formerly nominated as a candidate for Clerk, and who submitted his claims in consequence of an error in counting the vote, was again nominated.

Henry S. Barts was nominated for the office of County Surveyor.

TOWN CHARRIERS.

Our neighbor of the Spots having visited the Coach Factory of Weller, it was found, of this place, speaks in flattering terms of the hand-work taught out of this establishment. We have so frequently spoken of the beautiful work made by Mr. H. and the demand for the carriages from every section, that analogy from his price is necessary, rather than to remark that our carriage will compare favorably with those of any other establishment, North or South.

TEMPERANCE.

In consequence of the inclemency of the weather, the address of Rev. Mr. McGuire, which was to have been delivered on Monday evening last, was postponed until Monday evening, 25th inst.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

For the "Free Press," RELIGIOUS PROGRESS IN JAMES B. FENNO.

Notes of a Heavy Conversation.

An aged lady, a native of this County, who has been connected with the Methodist Church, about sixty-six years, has lived alone, with some recollection of the early growth of the religion, and has been a member of the Methodist Church since the neighborhood of Keyes's Ferry.

The poor woman remembers the name of the presbytery, the date of her baptism, and the names of her parents, but she has lost all recollection of her mother's name. She does not remember the name of the presbytery.

Rev. Dr. Tucke preached on Friday evening. His text was a part of the 5th verse of the 2nd chapter of Revelations—"And there shall be no more tears." The Rev. Mr. Heath, officiated during Saturday and Sunday.

CORPORATION ELECTION.

An election will be held next month in this place for Town Officers, to serve for two years. As the present Board has been very efficient in keeping the streets and pavements in such a condition, they will of course be re-elected, as an appreciation of their fidelity and care of the welfare of the town. In such hands, property holders will have no fear of being taxed in repairing decayed parts in their pavements. Who should be responsible for a broken leg, due to the Hay Scales just near the Court House? A question sometimes asked.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE LEGISLATURE.—At one o'clock on Thursday, the General Assembly adjourned its extra Session, and finally adjourned. In the Senate Lieut. Governor Jackson pronounced a Valedictory that drew tears from the sternest veterans of the Board of Madison, and York of Northampton, made touching explanations, which showed the universal good feeling that animated the representatives of every section of Virginia, at their solemn parting. Mr. Speaker Crutchfield then finally adjourned the House in one of his telling addresses that always go to the hearts and moisten the eyes. He paid a handsome compliment to Governor Wise for calling the Extra Session, and spoke strongly in favor of annual sessions. Mr. Tucker, the accomplished and faithful Clerk, was called out, and made a feeling and graceful acknowledgment.

RICHMOND.—The 25th inst. was the first day of the session of the Legislature.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING.—A Meeting of the Democratic party of District 10, at Shepherdstown, will be held at the House of Mr. Joseph Egler, in Shepherdstown, on Saturday the 11th inst., at 12 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Sheriff, to be chosen in Charles Town, on Monday the 19th inst. (Court-day), for the purpose of nominating Candidates for the various County Offices.

April 15.—**ALSO**—**MARY DEBROCHAT.**

POSITIVE NOTICE.

We now inform those Indebted to the Free Press Office that payment must be made.

After giving a reasonable time to those who have not paid, if any remain unpaid, we shall be compelled to sue for the amount.

On the 20th of March last, at St. Louis Mo., by Rev. Mr. J. M. HARDIN, of the Methodist Church, he was tried on May 1st, before a Jury of twelve men, and was condemned to death.

Accompanying the above notice, we received by mail, a sample of the wedding cake as an evidence of regard for us, and in return, offer the happy couple our best wishes for a long life of prosperity—the result where.

John Keats together knelt.

God bless us all in our ways.

One hope, one heart, one mind, one voice.

"We heaven on earth begin."

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POETICAL.

Heaven is Near.

Oh, Heaven is nearer than mortals think,
When they look with a trembling heart,
At the heavy future that stretches on
From the silent home of the dead.

The lone soul in a boundless main,
No brilliant but distant shore,
Where, the lovely ones, who are called away,
Must go no more.

No! Heaven is near us! The mighty veil
Of immortality hems the eye,
That we cannot see the angel bands
On the shores of eternity.

Yet oft, in the hours of holy thought,
To the thriling soul is given
The power to pierce through the mist of sense,
To the beatuous scenes of Heaven.

Then very near seems its pearly gates,
And sweetly its harps sing fair;
Till the soul is restless to rest away,
And longs for the angel-call.

I know when the silver cord is loosed,
When the veil is rent away,
Not long, and dark shall the passage be
To the realms of edenic day.

The eye that ails in a dying hour,
With eager desire to leave,
The welcome will sound in a heavenly world,
And the spirit will be at peace.

We pass from the sleep of mourning friends
To the arms of the loved and lost,
And those smiling faces will greet us then
Which here we have valued most.

How much has been written about wo-
man's love, but so little ever that "glory
of a woman" was ever so forcibly expressed
in words as in the following stanza, which
we take from an English paper:

Come from your long, long roving.
Onward, onward, wild and rough;
Come to me tender and loving,
And I shall be blest enough.

Where your sails have been furling,
What winds have blown on your brow,
I know not, and ask not, my darling,
So that you come to me now.

Sorrows, trials and lonely,
Poor and despised though you be,
Are nothing; it only
You turn from the tempter to me.

Men though you be unforgiven,
Though priest be unable to absolve,
If only will I weep all heaven,
If only you come back alive.

VARIETY.

COULDN'T MAKE HER CROSS.

Dame Grundy was a pattern of good na-
ture—always contented and consequently
happy.

"I tell you what it is," said farmer Grun-
dy one day to his neighbor Smith. "I really
wish I could hear Mrs. Grundy scold once,
the novelty of the thing would be so refresh-
ing."

"Tell you what?" said his neighbor.
"I'll tell you what it is. Go to the woods,
gathered all the most crooked sticks
that were ever known under the name of fuel,
he deposited it at the door, taking care that his spouse should have access to no other wood. The day passed away, however, and not a word was said, and no complaint. At length the wife dis-
appeared.

"Well, wife," said Mr. Grundy, "I am go-
ing after more wood. I'll get another load
just such as I got last time."

"O yes, Jacob," said the old lady, "it will
be nice if you will, for such crooked,
crooked wood as you brought before does
not around the pot so nicely."

A LESSON IN GRAMMAR.

"Jake, did you ever study grammar?
"Did I?"
"What case is Mr D—?"
"It's an objective case."
"How so?"

"Because he objected to pay his subscrip-
tion that's been owing for three years and
a half."

"Right. What is a noun?"
"Don't know, but I know what renoun-

"Well, what is it?"
"A noun, sir, without paying the prin-
cipal, and sitting on the black-list as a delin-
quent."

"Good! What is a conjunction?"

"A method of collecting outstanding sub-
scriptions in conjunction with the constable,
never employed by printers until the last
century."

"That's right! Go to your seat, and quiet-
shot your paper wide at the girls!"

GOOD CHECK.

Coolness under trying circumstances is
commendable, especially when taken un-
willingly.

A countryman took his seat at a hotel
table, opposite a gentleman who was in
dining in a bottle of wine. Supposing
the wine to be composed property, our un-
sophisticated country friend helped him-
self to it with the other gentleman's glass.

"That's cool," exclaimed the owner of the
wine, indignantly.

"Yes," said the other solemnly. "I should
think there was ice in it."

"I say, Sambo, do you know what
makes co's grow so fast when you put 'em
on me?"

"No, I don't know, 'cept it makes de-
ground strong for de corn." No, I just tell
you: when de co's begin to smell to ma-
nure, it don't like de fumary, so it hurries
out of de ground, and gets up 'n high as
possible, so it can't breathe bad air."

Hip-a doctor returned a coat to a tailor
because it did not fit him. The tailor sent
the doctor at the funeral of one of his
patients, said:

"Ab doctor, you are a happy man!"

"Yes, sir—a happy man for the devil," there
she was looking up doughy.

Jones pointed to his wife and then said:
"The last we saw of Jesus he was
kutting it down the road, hollered lady with a cataract
pole. Poor Jones."

"An old gentleman, who had dabbled
all his life in statistics, says he never heard
of more than one woman who insured her
life. He accounts for this by the singular
fact of one of the questions of every insurance
paper being 'What is your age?'

TICKETS NOT TRANSFERABLE.—At a late
colored ball in New York the following no-
tice was posted on the door-post: "Tickets
city cents." No gentleman admitted unless
he comes himself."

MEDICAL HOUSE.

B. W. Herbert's Column.

AGENCY

OF LIFE ASSURANCE.

THE UNITED STATES LIFE INSURANCE
AND TRUST COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.

The lives of slaves insured for three-fourths of
their value, at lowest rates.

Assets \$1,441,019.49

N. B.—Loans promptly adjusted and paid through
the Office of General Agency, at Richmond, Va.

INTERNATIONAL LIFE
ASSURANCE SOCIETY

OF NEW YORK AND LONDON.

Capital \$2,500,000.

N. B.—Insurance issued for \$100,000, deposited
with the Comptroller of the State of New York,
for the security and benefit of ALL policy holders
in the United States.

MUTUAL BENEFIT
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 1855.

Net accumulation \$220,000.47

Total amount to Jan. 18, 1855, 716,493.66

Total amount \$1,235,000.84

Grand Total \$4,283,384.79

Chemists, Cotton and Worsted Hosiery, and a
great variety of FANCY GOODS, too numerous
to mention, also a large variety of
DOMESTIC GOODS.

Bleached and Brown Sheetings, also Sateens, white
and Red Flannels, Linen, Faded Cloth, Satin,
Brocade, Kentucky Jeans, Kneesees, Red Tick-
ings, Checks, Bed and Servants' Blanks in great
variety, also.

Boots, Shoes, Hats
and Caps,

Trunks, Valises, Carpet Bags,
Umbrellas, &c., &c.

Groceries, Glass, Earthenware, and all such
Goods as are generally kept in Establishments of
this kind.

He is prepared with a SPLENDID STOCK
comprising every variety of the latest and most
fashionable articles of dress, including a
large article belonging to Gentlemen's apparel, all of
which is prepared to sell Less for CASH. Persons
wishing to buy Goods are respectfully invited to
call and examine his Stock before purchasing.

Persons who are desirous of seeing him
are requested to call at his office, Dr. Smith,
No. 11 South Frederick Street.

His address is 11 South Frederick Street, Rich-
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