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THE DEBATES IN CONGRESS.

A LETTER FROM COL. BENTON.—The St. Louis Democrat publishes the following extract from a letter written by Col. Benton a few days before he died. It relates to the great work to which he was devoting the last days of his life:

"The fifth volume is issued, and brings down the subdivision to the end of Mr. Monroe's first Administration (1821). The fifth volume is printed and in the binder a short time (for delivery) will come into Mr. Clay's hands. His Administration. The fifth volume is in the press, and will contain the history of the Missouri Compromise, so that, as you see, so far as the public and publishers are concerned, the great work has commenced. We are now, however, myself, I am far ahead of the press, and, in fact, have thought it proper publicly that I will be done in two months, but that was to allow a margin for accidents and mistakes. I expect to be done in less than one month, being now employed on the greatest portion of the session of 1849-'50, being the last of Mr. Clay's great efforts on the occasion."

"And I appear as antagonists with respect to these measures but the antagonism was as to the form, and not as to the object of the measures. He wished the whole of the measures to be contained in one general compromise bill; I wanted the same measures, (or the most of them, and their objects,) to be carried separately, and were just as strong on the stock book, in separate acts, as they would have been in a general one. The antagonism then was as to form, and not as to measure, and ended in the establishment of the same measures, and in the accomplishment of the same object, namely, the pacification of the country. The abridged debates will show all this, and that there was a real crisis at the time—a crisis but with the fate of the country前途悬于一念之危。

The result with which many Southern members fell into line upon this bill shows that they deemed it a barren and short lived victory. It presents the chivalrous South—herefore above all artifice or indirection—as favoring a mere dodge, instead of vindicating a great principle. Gen. Quinton of Mississippi was the only one of the Southern Democracy who had the nerve to stand to his ground.

MISSOURI MONEY WANTED.

It is but a little while since the Democracy were especially clamorous about the safety of the last effort of Clay, and of the Union, which, its ardent patriots, had devoted to the Union, his regard of self, his courageous self reliance, all slipped away in the mid-day force and splendor. It was not the blaze of that great summer. In those dashes of courage and patriotism, always struck out when the Union was struck at, he seemed to me to be the impersonation of union, and ready to be laid as a victim on its altar.

This being the state and condition of the work, so far advanced as to enable the public to judge its character—which judgment has, in fact, been most favorable—and also so near the completion of the work, I feel justified in expressing the belief that I have rendered a great public service to the Union—I have rendered accessible (and I hope attractive) to the whole reading community, the history of the formation of this Union, and of the spirit in which it grew, and of the spirit in which it was administered, carrying the noble vessel safely through every danger for nearly seventy years. I have made all the knowledge accessible to every reading man, and knowledge is power! especially political power!—and as necessary to adorn a public man's life, as to enable him to legislate beneficially for the country, and avoid the mistakes and errors which often mortify himself. That is one object of the abridgement, and a high one, but not the highest. The highest lies* among the most exalted of human actions, among the objects which would recruit a disunited Union, by showing examples of moderation, of justice, of clemency, of defense, which joined us together, and kept us together. The abridged debates will abound with such examples, and from men of such noble characters, will command veneration and imitation."

JEFFERSON GUARDS.

That the "Abridgement of Congressional Debates" will be a valuable work there can be no doubt. There is always a good deal of surpising in the proceedings, which the reporters of current debates have no time to omit or condense, and Col. Benton, with the "Annals of Congress" and the "Register of Debates" before him, was well qualified for the task of pruning and condensing.

But this brings to mind the labors of the pioneers in Congressional reporting. For about thirty years the now venerable editors of the National Intelligencer did all the reporting for Congress in person, or paid it out of their own pockets, and, and to place the ingratitude of those they had so faithfully served, and whose fame they have handed down to posterity, when Congress undertook to pay for reporting, instead of rewarding the pioneers in the work, the job was given to others.

We can see, too, that when the editors of the Intelligencer undertook to bring up a regular history of the country under the title of the "Annals of Congress," they had not only to resort to many etchographic notes not heretofore written out, but they dispatched clerks to various parts of the country, at a heavy expense, to gather up fugitive species of members which had appeared in local newspapers. For every thing contained in their "Register of Debates," the editors paid thousands out of their pocket.

To return for all this, which should have secured them independence for life, the Congress annually ordered a few thousand copies. At present that honorable body pays the reporters liberally for every thing done, but Gales and Seaton, in their declining years get none off. Their invaluable works, for which they should have secured a copy right, are now the property of the public, and with their names attached, are patiently looked on without uttering a word of complaint. So it has ever been with public benefactors. History affords many examples of injustice like this, but the representatives of the American people should set this matter right at least once. The subject is within the memory of some of the veterans yet in Congress.

CORPORATION ELECTION.

An election was held in Harper's Ferry on Monday last, the following gentlemen were elected to serve for twelve months:

Isaac Ferry, Mayor; John A. Dix, Daniel R. Williams, John D. Hobbs, Daniel J. Young, Emanuel S. Spangler, Wm. Richards, Samuel Trai, Thomas T. Eaynsham, Wm. Copeland and John Mason, Councilmen.

UNI IN HOTEL.

Mr. John T. M. AREE of the "Union Hotel," Martinsburg, makes his bow to the readers of the "Old Family Journal" and the whole world at large, and offers to the public the comfort of his Hotel. Mr. M. is a clever gentleman, and will use every effort to make his big hotel feel at ease.

PATENT GRANTED.

A Patent to Dr. H. E. Ross, Assigned to R. H. Davis, for Washing Machines, has been granted by the Commissioner of Patents. The above patent was obtained through the Agency of John S. Galbraith, of Washington, D. C., and is now in the hands of the Patent Office.

ACCIDENT.

We regret to announce that Mr. Thomas Johnson, of this town, was impaled on Friday last by a fall in his house. He is improving, but still disabled, and may be confined to the house for some time yet.

POTATOES.

We have received from our friend and patron, Lewis W. WASHINGTON, Esq., a lot of "Bermuda Potatoes," of large size, and of most excellent quality. Mr. W. will please accept our thanks and assurance of a full acceptance of his gift.

COUNTERFEITS.—Numerous counterfeits on the Northwestern Bank of Virginia are abroad, particularly of the denominations of five and ten dollars. They seem to be well sprinkled along the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

CORPORATION ELECTION.

An election held in this town on Monday last, the following gentlemen were elected to serve for two years:

Dr. H. P. COOKE, Recorder; Wm. P. HENSON; DAVID HOWELL; Wm. JOHNSON; Wm. N. CRAIGHILL; JOHN T. DIBSON; JACOB C. KEMP; JAHN F. BLESSING, Trustees.

THE KANSAS BILL.

It is a matter of relief to the public ear, at least, that the Kansas question is out of Congress for the present. The passage of the bill reported by the Committee of Conference is considered an Administration triumph, yet there is reason to believe that the victory will be but due and ashes for the South. The measure is so ambiguous that it admires of a double construction. Southern members declare that the Leesburg Constitution is not submitted to the people for ratification; that it is only a *land grant* payment of Professors' fees, or charges for maintenance, use of Library and Public Rooms, and rents of Dormitory. The regular term of admission is for two years. By virtue of renunciation to the State, students admitted on this foundation are required to teach in some public or private school, within the limits of Virginia, for two years after leaving the University.

The applications for vacancies, accompanied by proper recommendations, addressed to the University, will be referred to a student committee for examination; and the results of this will be passed upon, yet the rejection of this carries the Constitution with it! Another portion of the Democracy declare that the due use of "popular sovereignty" is vindicated by the measure, and the people of Kansas have it in their power, either by taking this Constitution or rejecting it, to "make, mend, alter and abolish" whenever they please.

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store, and will be happy to
see you there.

F. Bro. & Co.

Mr. Bayern.

LAWGINGS.
BROTHERS,

Opposite Hanover
Streets, Md.

of their Spring assort-

MENTS

AND BORDERS,
of dealers and others in
all the newest styles, low
such variety as to afford

the largest inducements to Cus-

tomers.

LEDEALERS

a warehouse and examine

paper for their own use, are
the largest dealers in

the country, to put up
inducements to Cus-

tomers.

The trade supplied by liberal terms.

April 23, 1858.

ANT. MILL

SALE.

has two pairs of Bells, one
located on the Canal, about
Innes and Ohio Railroad
from Cumberland. It
exchange and country

Acres of Land

consists of

A LARGE

LLING HOUSE,

ERS HOUSE,

OUT HOUSES,

WELL OF WATER

in a healthy location. Information

application to the proprietor.

L. M. CRESAP,

Allegany County, Md.

WOOD'S HOTEL,

EUROPEAN PLAN,

CHARLES & HARRISON ST.

Maryland Institute,

BALTIMORE.

well attended to and feel
some call at the above Ho-

tel.

NOTICE.

for any business whatever
LADBURY CITY Water-power
Company, are hereby notified
for the future, with the sub-
mitter, who will remain as
agent, and will be re-
sponsible to him, to
make all arrangements to
receive monies, &c. It
is to be closed at as early
JAS. M. BROWN,

Augt.

County, to sell:

April Term, 1858.

The Court that will be open-

in this county, at the election

of the Justices of the

Peace, occasioned by the

death, &c. &c. &c.

the removal of the

same, from the said dis-

trict.

MOON,

Supt. and Reg. Clerk.

INNERS.

DAVIS would re-

quest the Ladies of Charles-

ton, to assist in the

SPRING AND

WINS. She desires

many favors received, and

now to be given to the

same.

(April 22, 1858.)

HOTELS.

THOMAS, Proprietor,

18, Superior Street,

and Royal Streets,

MDRIA, Va.

WANTED.

will be paid for Wool in
all kinds of coarse, &
best notice.

JAMES WATSON,

Miners' Factory.

GOODS.

especially inform their cus-

tomers that they are now re-

ceiving Spring and Summer goods

from L. M. SADLER & CO.

MAKING.

ZEBRAS, Ware,

Prints & Summery Papers, and

articles of every de-

scription.

J. W. WARD,

Berryville, Clarke Co., Va.

EXTRACTS.

Lemons, Orange, Straw-

berries, &c., for sale by

J. E. SADLER & CO.

GROCERIES.

embracing every

item just received.

J. N. & L. SADLER.

A. W. CRAMER.

AT PRIVATE SALE.

POSTPONEMENT. COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Agent for the owners, the undersigned is au-
thorized to sell that beautiful estate, and lack
residence of Martin Siechelberger, dec'd., in the
County of Frederick.

This is one of the most valuable estates in the

country. The tract contains

220 ACRES,

of which is handsomely timbered,
with chestnut, hickory, &c. The land is the R. on
the West side, acknowledged to be the very
best for wheat and corn. The farm is divided in
six fields, with running water throughout all,
except one, which is a small fence.

There is a large acre of choice fruit—Apple, Peaches,

&c., all in full bearing.

The improvements consist of a large

STORY STONE DWELLING,

containing eight rooms, with two-story wing attached
to the main structure; a large Stone Barn, 135 feet by 45; a frame Gable House, to hold 600
hds. of corn; brick Smoke House; Stone Dairy;
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VIRGINIA FREE PRESS AND FARMERS' REPOSITORY.

POETICAL.

APROPOS.

The following Parody on "Hoboken's den" is an appropriate exhibition of the times, in many of the best regulated printing offices, at this writing:

In seasons when our funds are low,
Subscribers oft are proving slow;
And taw-supples keep up the flow.
Or times departing rapidly.

But we shall see a sadder sight,
When dues come in from mor-till night,
Commanding every silence bright
To be forked over rapidly.

Our bonds and due-blis are arrayed,
Each seal and signature displayed;
The bolders they must all be paid,
With threat of law and chancy.

When to despair we're almost driven,
There's precious little snuff in living,
When our last crop's ripe'd ready,
From hand that held so lovingly.

But larger yet the sum shall grow,
When interest's added on below,
Lengthening the chain a foot or so,
While gazing at them hopefully.

This, that's scarce, has weenas
To peal for time upon a dusy
Before there's no busses,
Demanding pay frenetos.

The prospect dangles on, ye brace,
Who would our very bacon save,
Waive, paten, all thy pretz waite,
And pay the printer honesty.

Oh! it would yield us pleasure sweet
A few delinquents now to meet,
Asking of us a clear receipt
For papers taken regularly.

"TELL ME, YE ANGELIC HOSTS!"

Tell me, ye angelic hosts,
Ye messengers of love,
Shall suffering printers here below
Have no respite above?

The angels hands replied—
"To us is knowledge given—
Delinquent on the printer's books
Can never enter Heaven!"

VARIETY.

HOW TO OPEN OYSTERS.—Talk of opening oysters!—Talk of old Hurricane, why nothing easier, if you only know how!

And how?—Inquired the editor.

"Scotch snuff," answered old Hurricane, very sententiously. "Scotch snuff! Bring a little over near their noses, and they'll sneeze their lids off."

I know a genius," observed Master Kari, "who had a better plan. He spreads the valves in a circle, seats himself in the center, and begins spinning a yarn. Sometimes it's an adventure in Mexico; sometimes a legend of his loves—sometimes a wild and wondrous stock transaction. As he proceeds the natives get interested, and by one's own genius and astolabism of it, it's tremendous and direful whoppers which are pored forth, and as they gather 'round friendships 'em out, people can't stop laughing."

"That'll do," said Starlight, with a long sigh, "I wish we had a bunch of bivalves here now—they'd open easy."

HURRICANE.—A western editor lately offered his hat as a prize for the best essay on Independence. As a prizing obtainable, he proposed: "National Independence, easier said than done; described, personal independence consists physically in being situated in a clean shirt, dressing socks, having a clean blackened pair of boots, with at least a dollar, and a clean napkin in your pocket, all on Sunday morning, with your wife on one arm, and your baby on the other, taking your own course towards your own preacher in blissful expectation of doing your own succoing, is your own paw, wherein, no one dare venture to nudge you with his elbow, or tickle your nose with a straw."

HURRY.—In passing down one of our back streets a few days ago, we overheard a colloquy between a couple of drunks, and he was just in time to hear the following:

"Now, look ye, sir, Charlie, Jim, I want to be an honest nigger, and then spin be mounted; but I was a chicken, and known dat he was about de yard, I tell yer wat, I'd roost high! I would."

We were satisfied on the point of Jim's honesty, and therefore pursued our onward course.

A LESSON IN ARITHMETIC.—Teacher—"Supposed I were to shoot at a tree with five birds in it, and kill three, how many would be left?"

JOHN THOMAS.—"Two."

T.—"No, two would be left, you ignoramus."

J.—"No three wouldn't; the three shot would be left, and the other two would be fled away."

H.—"An old soldier, whose nose had been lopped off by a saber cut, happened to give a few pence to a beggar, who exclaimed in return:

"God preserve your eye sight!"

"Why so?" inquired the veteran.

"Because, sir," was the reply, "if your eyes should grow weak, you couldn't keep spectacles before them."

H.—"A fellow coming out of a tavern one icy morning, rather blue, fell on the door step. Trying to regain his footing, he remarked, 'If, as the Bible says, 'the wicked stand on slippery places,' I must belong to that class, for it is easier than I can do."

Dr. ROSELYN FERN, Medical Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

Complimentary Notices of the Press.

From the Albany Tribune of June 21st.

With the Doctor Price of Philadelphia, is the most skilful Physician of the age. His Hospital on North Street is one of the wonders of the enlightened city. We have been to see him, and found him to be a man of great tact and judgment. His medical services are well known, and he is highly recommended.

John F. Thompson, Esq.,

H.—"Homestead exemption," exclaimed Mrs. Panton, throwing down the paper.

"It's come to a pretty pass, indeed, that men

are going to exempt themselves from home just when they please, without any proviso for cold eights."

H.—"Can you tell me, Bill, how is that a rooster always keeps his feathers sleek and smooth?"

"—No, said Bill.

"Well, he always carries his comb, with him."

H.—"A gentleman presented a lace collar to the object of his adoration, and, for a jocular way, said,

"Do not let any one else 'squeal it!'

"No, my dear," said the lady, "I will take it off."

H.—"A fellow out West gets out the following definition of a widow: 'One who knows what's what; and is desirous of further information of the same subject.'

H.—"A subscriber writes to an editor in the west:

"Don't want your paper any longer."

To which the editor replied:

"I couldn't make it any longer if you did."

MEDICAL HOUSE.



B. W. Herbert's Column.

AGENCY OF LIFE ASSURANCE.

THE UNITED STATES LIFE INSURANCE ANNUITY AND TRUST COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.

The lives of slaves insured for three-fourths of the value, at 12½ per cent.

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