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THE "CARTER'S HOUSE,"  
Charlestown, Jefferson County, Virginia.THE undersigned having purchased, No Hotel  
formerly called Charlestown, Va., so long and  
lately known.CARTER'S HOTEL,  
will be supplied with every comfort  
and convenience for the comfort and pleasure of their patrons.The **STABLE**, will be supplied with every  
luxury that this or the neighboring markets can afford.The **HOTEL**, furnished with a general assort-  
ment of various liquors.The **INN**, and **STABLE**, is attended by  
sober and discreet keepers.Every department will be under the care of  
the **KEEPERS** of the **PROPRIETORS**. Assistant  
keepers, James C. Carter, H. W. Johnson,  
J. R. D. REED, J. A. REED.

JAMES D. GALLAHER.

April 9, 1857.

Messrs. Brown & Gibson are anxious for  
the above hotel, having become proprietors of my  
Hotel Property. I would respectfully recommend  
that the name of the establishment, and of  
the public house, be changed, so that it will  
not bear the name of Carter's, as it is now.While I am very contented with the Hotel  
which has had additional advantages, and I can three-  
times make double the amount of money, I am  
not so fond of the old one, knowing that under  
such circumstances there will be good, quiet and  
orderly in every respect.

Respectfully,

ISAAC N. CARTER.

APRIL 10, 1857.

The **WAG HOUSE**, is now open for  
business, with a choice selection of Liquors. Also for  
drinks, we offer the most delicious tea, which we will  
send to any part of the country, by mail, direct, at  
a low charge, and a general advertisement for  
our **WAG HOUSE**, and for our  
GALLAHER & CO.Choice Selections, Pale Rum, Old  
Extra Pale, Brandy, Rum, Wine, etc.  
Old Rye Whisky, 10 years old.  
Hollister's Wine, 9 years old.  
Bass, Cuvelier, and Pale Ale.  
Dove's Scotch Ale.  
Barker & Perkins' London Brown Stock.  
Spiced Oysters, the best of Plate.  
BEDMAN & GIBSON  
Cigar House, May 21, 1857.

## WAG HOUSE.

J. P. A. E. N. T. L. E. R.  
PROPRIETOR  
HARPER'S FERRY, VIRGINIA;THIS HOTEL is situated on the Baltimore and  
Ohio Railroad, and is the largest and most  
convenient hotel in the country. The  
proximity of the railroad, its great convenience  
and the fact that it is the principal hotel in the  
neighborhood, make it peculiarly well suited  
in reference to the wants of the traveler.

## HIS TABLE.

We have the best of一切 with the best  
the neighborhood, and the most comfortable  
and convenient hotel in the country.

## HIS LAMBERS.

Will be given extra care. In short, every  
thing will be done made to a pleasant repose  
and comfort, so that you may be assured of the  
greatest convenience and comfort in the use of the  
HOTEL.

## ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS PER DAY.

This is the lowest price ever charged  
for a room in the country. The price is  
to be paid in advance, and the bill will be  
settled at the time of payment.

## LAWRENCE HOTEL.

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# VIRGINIA FREE PRESS AND FARMERS' REPOSITORY.

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BY GALLAHER & CO.

THURSDAY MORNING.

DECEMBER 2, 1858.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE  
FOR CONGRESS,  
ALEXANDER R. BOTELER ESQ.,  
FOR THIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MONEY WANTED.

We want Money and must have it to buy Corn, Pork, Beef, Wood, and last, though least to pay our debts. We do not give this as an idle run—we mean what we say and we trust those induced will not force us to the necessity of compelling payment. CALLAHER & CO.

Nov 25, 1858.

LET US CHOOSE A HONEST REP.

The centennial celebration at Pittsburgh, on the 25th instant, of the capture of Fort Duquesne from the French, by the British and American Armies, and the subsequent subdivision of a project for the establishment of an immense empire by the latter power, was an event which elicited some very interesting facts, and awakened many pleasant historical associations. It was on that spot, then a wilderness, but now the site of a flourishing city, that Gen. Washington, at that time but a youth, displayed his high qualities of a man "born to command." In the correspondence of the invited guests who could not attend there are many apt references to the consequences which followed the capture of Fort Duquesne and to the improvement and civilization which now over-spreads the once gloomy wilderness.

In the letter of President Buchanan to the committee of invitation, which we select from amongst the many happy occasions which the occasion produced, there is a glance into the future," with a tint of gloom which can only be accounted for from the frame of mind which the passing events of State could only have produced. He relates "that the present mass" in regard to "the preservation of the Union according to the letter and spirit of the Constitution" are "far from propitious," and he seems to doubt whether the next centennial anniversary will find our country "one united nation, more populous, powerful and free than any other which has ever existed." He thinks it possible the confederacy will have been rent asunder and divided into groups of hostile States. "We indulge no such gloomy anticipations. We cannot see the sombre shades of the picture which the President discourses. Our imagination, not saddened by time, sees only brightness in the future, notwithstanding the rapid succession of threatening clouds and the frequent bitter agitations of the political atmosphere. If the present generation are deprived of the light which guided our early existence, we are yet not without the benefit of the noble example set by the founders of the government; and, however often restless agitators may "count the val of the Union," we feel a confidence that there is in the hearts of a vast majority of the American people an abiding veneration for the institutions of the country as they now exist, and an indomitable patriotism, which will carry us safely, as a united people, not only through another century, but through untold ages.

Without appreciating, as we may respectfully suggest, the fitness of the reference which the President makes, in this connection, to a "growing and dangerous evil" which seems to have crept into our party conflicts, we rejoice to find that the veteran Statesman pointedly and emphatically rebukes one of the imputed base resorts of partisans in the "hostile terms" of political controversy, "the employment of money to carry elections." We must therefore conclude that all imputations of such a resort to poison the "fountain of free government" at its source, by persons in authority, are to tally without fail. If they are not, it is honorable to the nation and the age to find the "practices not only reprehensible, but denounced by the head of the government. We agree with him in the sentiment that "a Democratic Republic" or any form of government worthy of respect can only be sustained by public virtue."

But we are forced, in conclusion, to ask whether his Excellency has visited with his signal displeasure the officials at Washington, or their agents who taxed the clerks in the Executive departments to aid in carrying the election in Illinois against Senator Douglas?

**GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK.**

We have the December No. of this Lady's Book, and attest the continued success of the incomparable Godey. For pleasant reading, beautiful Engravings, Colored Fashion Plates, and the latest styles for Dressing, &c. &c. Godey's Book is unrivaled. The text volume, beginning with the next year, promises to be equal if not superior to anything yet printed, and we say to those wishing to subscribe that it is a peculiarly appropriate time to send in your subscriptions for the Lady's Book, and the "Free Press."

**IMPORTANT DECISIONS.**

The Richmond *Examiner* reports a recent decision by J. RANDOLPH TOWER, the Attorney General of Virginia, in making it the duty of the Auditor of Public Accunts to charge clerks of courts, and other officers of the State having in their hands money belonging to the State, interest on the amount of their indebtedness from the time the *Act of Assembly* requires the payment to be made, until the money be paid into the public treasury.

**LARGE BOGS.**

Mr. PATRICK DEVILIN, near the Old Furnace in this county, slaughtered, on Monday week six hogs, weighing in the aggregate 1980 pounds.

## DEATH OF MR. BEDINGER.

Rarely have the sensibilities of our whole community been more deeply moved than by the announcement of the death, on Friday last, of the Hon. Henry Benewitz, late Minister to the Court of Denmark, and formerly the Representative of this district in Congress. It is not quite four weeks since Mr. Bedinger was welcomed home by his old constituents with enthusiasm and affection. He was then in apparently good health, with the assurance of extended years and increased honors. Alas, how vain are human hopes and anticipations! He now sleeps the long sleep to which all are destined, before reaching the age at which either the mental or physical qualities of man may decline. But little beyond middle life, he had attained a prominence and distinction in the service of his country which it is the lot of but few men to acquire. Highly gifted by nature with qualities of head and heart, and of a genial disposition, it was not a matter of wonder that, in despite of the party difficulties which it was his fortune to encounter, he was actively engaged for many years, he yet enjoyed an almost unclouded personal popularity with all classes of people. With a ready wit and an absence of thought and language almost unrivaled, Mr. Bedinger was ever an acceptable and entertaining speaker, and we can with confidence declare that we do not believe the news of his death was heard by a single man, woman or child of his acquaintance without deep emotion and unfeigned sorrow. He was, in short, a man of whom any community might well be proud, one in whom all the elements of genuine humanity were so happily blended that each and all felt that he was indeed a brother. But what words of consolation can we offer to his afflicted family? Two vain to attempt to console the secretary of grief even for the purpose of sympathy or solace. To the great comfort we commend them, with the trust that He will so temper their affliction that they may find in it all those incentives to good which have rendered the memory of the pupil received the most honest and marked attention."

## THE FREDERICK FEMALE SEMINARY.

We transfer, with pleasure, from the columns of the *Eastern (Md.) Gazette* of 23d ult., the following editorial notice of this excellent Institution:—"If any institution, within the borders of the State merits encouragement it is the Frederick Female Seminary. The system of instruction, at once thorough and extensive, is designed rather for the symmetrical development of the mind than any partial and distorted cultivation of special faculties. While the most desirable female accomplishments are by no means neglected, greater regard is had for those more solid qualities which fit woman for the exalted sphere she is intended to adorn! The corps of Professors embraces an amount of talent in the various departments of study not excelled in the country, while the talents and accomplished President ably directs the entire institution, all the ardour and energies of nature being given constantly to the work. The buildings are among the most elegant structures of their class, presenting every possible comfort and convenience, and embracing all the latest improvements in heating, lighting, ventilation and bathing apparatus. An immense basement is used as a Gymnasium, where every variety of exercises, including graceful and time honored exercises of archery, are practiced during the inclement weather.

We are acquainted with no better Seminary for the training of young ladies, and cordially recommend it to all who have daughters to educate, as an institution where the physical health, morals, mind and manners of the pupils received the most each and all felt that he was indeed a brother. But what words of consolation can we offer to his afflicted family? Two vain to attempt to console the secretary of grief even for the purpose of sympathy or solace. To the great comfort we commend them, with the trust that He will so temper their affliction that they may find in it all those incentives to good which have rendered the memory of the pupil received the most honest and marked attention."

## BERKELEY COUNTY AFFAIRS.

**ACCIDENTS.**—Capt. W. A. Gorton, agent of the O. R. R. Company at this place, met with an accident on Monday last. He was cleaning a pistol, a revolver, and had taken off the barrel, but by some means a ball was discharged from the cylinder, striking the forefinger of his right hand, inflicting a painful wound, though not breaking the bone.

**HON. HENRY BEDINGER.**—A negro child belonging to D. B. Morris, Esq., of this place, was severely burned from its clothes taking fire, and on Monday night last, d. from the injury.

Michael Burns and two other persons were crossing the river at dam No. 1, on Tuesday night last, in a skiff, when from the breaking of an oar, or some other cause they were all precipitated into the water. Michael Burns was drowned—the other two succeeded in getting ashore.

**VILLAGE.**—We learn that, on Wednesday evening last about 4 o'clock, while the clerk at the ticket office of the Railroad Company at this place was a few minutes absent from the room, the drawer of the desk was broken open and about three dollars stolen therefrom. The drawer contained several hundred dollars, which it is supposed the thief prevented him from getting.

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**THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXTRACT FROM A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE WINCHESTER FREIGHTS.**—From one who attended the funeral of the lamented BENSON.—We regret that time and space forbids a publication of the whole letter:

"The scene at the grave was impressive and deeply affecting. His two oldest children—a son and a daughter—did not attend the services. Many of his associates in childhood, among them A. R. Boteler, Esq., witnessed the descent of his remains to the grave, and watered with tears the stocks of the valley that fell in his tomb and sounded his death knell. Alice and Henry, as their old friends familiarly called them, attired in their speeches at the 'Baptist Tabernacle' in Charlottesville, their Valley, and in grand style in the 'Ladies' Spy' and what creditable evidence they gave of a long and warm mutual personal attachment, notwithstanding they had often met as political antagonists.

**MANIFESTATIONS.**—The following is an extract from a letter to the editor of the Winchester Freight:

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**CONSISTENCY.**—The Richmond *Examiner* warmly commends (says the Richmond *Whig*) the late speech of Senator Hammond. In this speech, Mr. Hammond says that "the South itself should have kicked the Leavenworth Constitution out of Congress." Does the *Examiner* applaud that sentiment? And if so—why does it not instantly make amends for all the abuse it has heaped upon Senators Crittenden and Bell, and others, on account of their opposition to Leavenworth?

## A LONG TERM.

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## CAR CHARGES.

Another change has taken place in the time of running of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad—the Express East passing Harpers Ferry during mid-night. We have not yet received word that the express will be running at that hour, but we hope to receive word to that effect.

**FASTING AND PRAYER.**—We are requested to state that, should the express prove favorable, there will be an Address at Harpers Ferry, on the evening next, when the services of the church will be present.

**TEMPERANCE ADDRESS.**—A white man, named Hugh Hasslett, charged with persuading slaves to run away from Dorchester County, Md., was tried last week at Cambridge and found guilty on seven indictments. He was sentenced by the court, on the first indictment, to the penitentiary till May, 1859, and on each of the others for six years—making in the aggregate 45 years.

**TO-DAY.**—Today, (Thursday) has been selected by the Synod of Virginia and Baltimore as a day of fasting and prayer. How many will embrace the opportunity to engage in prayer, not only for mercies shown but blessings given? Let it be remembered that—

## COL. COOKE.

Col. PHILIP BY GEORGE COOKE, a sketch of whose history we gave last week, arrived in this place on Saturday last, and is nowjourning with his brother E. E. Cooke, Esq., near Charleston.

**REQUESTS.**—Daniel L. Schenck, late of Marlboro, Monmouth County, N. J., has

## ROBBERY.

We transfer, with pleasure, from the

## BREVARD.

Look out for the light-hued genty,

## SAVING POSTAGE.

(says the *Winchester Republican*) who seem disposed to introduce the latest fashions in their line from the cities. Saturday evening last, whilst a prayer meeting was in progress at the residence of a gentleman on Water street, an expert thief succeeded in "making off" with a gentleman's overcoat and a hat, both new. No clue leading to the detection of the guilty party has yet been obtained.

## HARPERS-FERRY DAM.

We learn that the contract for building the dam for the Harpers-Ferry Army, has been awarded to T. H. Moore & Co., of Buffalo, New York. We have not learned at what price.

## BRAD.

**Major A. M. STEPHEN BECKHAM,** formerly Major in the U. S. Cavalry, at Harpers-Ferry, and for the past 25 years warden of the Western Post-Office, died on Wednesday the 24th instant, at Alleghany City, Pa. He was about 70 years of age.

## A TRIBUTE TO MR. BEDINGER.

At a meeting of the Morgan Continental Bank, on Saturday, November 27, 1858—the death of the Hon. HENRY BENSON having been announced—on motion, it was unanimously resolved, 1. That this Company should have profound regret at the death of our esteemed honorary member, the Hon. Henry Bedinger; and that our sincere and heartfelt sympathy be tendered the bereaved family.

## THE LADIES' HOME MAGAZINE.

By T. S. Arthur, and Miss Virginia Townsend, is not without its charms and we should be sorry to lose it from among our exchanges. It is ably edited, and its illustrations are not less meritorious than those of Godey, or other publications of the day. Now is the time to subscribe for the "Ladies' Home Magazine," and the "Free Press."

## REYNOLD JONES DOWNNEY.

REYNOLD JONES DOWNNEY—A correspondent from the Lynchburg Republican, writing from Staunton of the trial of Rev. John Downey, for murder, says:

"The prisoner was permitted to take a walk to the Catholic Church, a few days ago, of which he was formerly the pastor, accompanied by his attorney friend the jailor, for the purpose of getting a bag of coins, containing several hundred dollars, which had recurred underneath the stone steps leading into the sanctuary.

## MANAGERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor of this county, had a meeting on Friday last, and re-elected Mr. G. W. Borror, Manager for the ensuing year. There was quite a number of applicants for the position, but the Board having no fault to find with Mr. B.'s management for the past year, re-selected him to the post.

This evidence of their confidence, we are satisfied, was justly deserved, and we are glad to record it as a compliment to Mr. B.'s management and attention to business.—Spot.

## ACCIDENT.

We regret to announce that Mr. G. W. Strover, met with quite a painful accident one day last week, which may confine him to the house for some time. We understand that his foot received a severe cut from an adze, which he was using, and which missed his shin, striking Mr. S.'s foot, and severing one of the tendons of the toe.

## PIRE ALARMS.

On Saturday night, week an alarm of fire was sounded in our streets, in consequence of the burning of a chimney of the dwelling of Mrs. Buskirk, on "Dixon's Hill." The blaze was very brilliant, and that end of the town bore the appearance of a grand illumination. Early on last Saturday morning the residents of the village, who had been roused by the noise, were soon at the door, and the smoke was seen to rise from the chimney.

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## IN LUCK.

We hear of a widow lady, in the neighborhood of New Berlin, who has recently, by the death of a relative in Minnesota, become the possessor of a fortune of sixty thousand dollars. She now has a dozen friends, and a large number of relatives, who are anxious to help her out of her trouble, and to secure her a comfortable home.

She has a son, a young man, who is a carpenter, and who has a good trade, and is well situated.

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Baltimore Prices Current  
FOR THE WEEK ENDING December 1.  
Reported Weekly, expressly for the  
"Virginia Free Press,"  
BY  
RAN DOLPH & LATIMER,  
66 SOUTH STREET.

BUTTER — Western, in lbs. and bags 11 1/2

GLADES, 14 1/2

HOLL, good to prime 14 1/2

CORN — Yellow 12 1/2

CATTLE — On the Hoof, 225 lbs 12 1/2

NETT, 215 lbs 12 1/2

COLOVERSED — 175 lbs 12 1/2

DRIED FRUIT — Apples, pared, 175 lbs 12 1/2

PEACHES, preserved, 100 lbs 12 1/2

FLOUR — 50 lbs 12 1/2

ONION, 500 lbs 12 1/2

HOWD AND STREET, 500 lbs 12 1/2

HOGS, 400 lbs 12 1/2

LARD, 50 lbs 12 1/2

OATS, 40 lbs 12 1/2

RYE, 40 lbs 12 1/2

PENNSYLVANIA, 70 lbs 12 1/2

MARYLAND & VIRGINIA, 70 lbs 12 1/2

WOOL, 175 lbs 12 1/2

UPWASHED, 175 lbs 12 1/2

WHEAT, 175 lbs 12 1/2

RED, good to prime, 110 lbs 12 1/2

WHITE, 120 lbs 12 1/2

FLAXSEED, 175 lbs 12 1/2

GINSENG, 50 lbs 12 1/2

Maple-honey,

In Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, on Tuesday,

Dec. 1, 1858, by Rev. Dr. A. G. COOPER, D. D.,

Archdeacon of the Diocese of Maryland,

and daughter of the late General George

Washington C. Cooper, Esq.

On the 1st inst., by Rev. Wm. S. Baird, M.

JOSEPH A. YOUNG and Miss MARY JANE

FUX, both of London.

On the 27th ult., by Rev. Samuel Gover, JAS:

T. FLINT and ADRIELINE V. WILLY, both

of London.

On the 11th ult., by Elder K. H. Miller, Mr. R. E.

DAVIS, Miss A. F. DAVIS, Mr.

M. L. DAVIS, and Miss HARRIET DAVIS

all of Prince William County, Va.

On the 11th ult., by Rev. Mr. Dalby, JAMES

W. DOWNS and MARY ANN THOMAS, all

of London county.

On the 9th inst., by Rev. J. T. Trowe, MAR-

SHAL CASTLEMAN and Miss MARGA-

RETT GRANTHAM — both of Berkley

County, Va.

On the 18th ult., by Rev. Mr. Summers, JOE-

BRILL, Frederick County, and Miss VIRGINIA

ORNDUFF, of Shenandoah county.

In the M. E. Church, Clearspring, Md., by Rev.

D. SHAWL, G. JOSEPH BOYD, and LETTY J.

MATTHEWS, daughter of John T. Mathews, for-

mer of Martinsburg.

Died,

In Bolivar, Jefferson County, Va., on the 14th

of this month, Mrs. E. P. TIGER, in her 72nd year

of age. During her sickness she enjoyed im-

mense communion with her Saviour, and who

came home to her heart firmly resting upon Jesus

Christ as her Saviour.

On Friday, after a residence in Martinsburg, Mr.

JOHN McCLELLAN, aged 86 years.

At Campbelton House on the 10th Novem-

ber, Dr. R. H. L. Lee, Officer — with an

entrance from same passage.

Nov. 20, 1858.

Obituary.

The Hon. HENRY BREWER is gone. He died

in his house and friends at his residence

in Shepherdstown, on Friday morning last. He was

naturallly amiable and possessed many fine

manners and qualities, and had a large number

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