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THURSDAY MORNING.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

Neither Democrats nor Republicans are likely to have control of the next House of Representatives, and therefore neither can elect a Speaker. In this dilemma, they must make a compromise upon a genuine conservative Whig, and the Hon. Alex. ANDER R. BOTELIER, of the 8th district of Virginia, is the man for the emergency. With talents of a high order, readiness of comprehension and firmness, he combines courtesy and affability that would at once inspire respect and esteem. He lacks nothing but a little experience but being a ready scholar he will fall into the parliamentary traps with ease and facility. The Democrats cannot object to him, when they find they cannot get a man of their own, because some of the "straitest of the seat" helped to elect him, and are proud of their work. He is emphatically the man for the times.

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A POTATO THIEF!

We learn that some scamp, of the small potato stamp, has been helping himself at the potato patch of Mr. J. W. Bellon. Now, of all the petty thefts, this is the meanest—for any individual who would steal a sack of potatoes, would deserve a sickle of a pint of milk.

From the known warm heart of Mrs. Bellon,—who had given her personal attention to her little garden,—we know that, had the depredator made application for potatoes and been in need of them, she would have given him two out of every three in a bushel.

We can only suggest, that those having large patches of potatoes sold her frequently a supply.

JORDAN'S SPRINGS.

A small, but agreeable company (says the Winchester "Advertiser") is now assembled at this popular watering place, and large additions are being daily made to it. The Messrs. Jordan give their personal supervision to the Springs, and all who may desire to spend their time pleasantly away from home, can find everything in the way of creature comforts at Jordan's. Robert's Cottages Band of Baltimore, is present and adds much to the pleasure of the guests. Visit Jordan's by all means.

CAMP MEETING.

A camp meeting for Berkeley Circuit will be held in a large and pleasant grove, owned conjointly by Messrs. Pitzer and Gladden) near Arden, and about six miles from Martinsburg, commencing on Friday, August 19th.

THE COMMANDMENTS.

If a certain class in every community—and some of our own especially—were to give a little more attention to the Ten Commandments, they would probably attend more strictly to the eleventh—which says: "Mind your own business"—and would find full employment for even idle moments. They would then have less time.

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DAPTIST CHURCH.

The erection of the Baptist Church in this town is in progress. It will be a building worthy of enthusiasm and zealous class of worshippers. Dr. Barnes, of Clarke, an eloquent and earnest minister of that denomination, will be the Pastor.

Charlestown will then have 4 churches—the Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Baptist, and if the cause of God were more zealous, there can be nothing unconquering in this arrangement, in asking his sister States to stand

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A piece above all earthly dignities, A still and quiet conscience.

MANUFACTURES.

We feel assured that the people of Jefferson generally will appreciate, and ought to encourage, private enterprise, and have no inducements to go outside of the county to get articles of usefulness. A recent visit to the Woolen Factory of Count G. Poncar, Esq., of this county, satisfies us that his establishment every fabric in use may be obtained, of the very best quality and style.

Mr. P. being a practical mechanician—a self-made man—and one who attends to his own business—the architect of his own wealth and prosperity, can afford to dispose of his products at the lowest terms. His stock or hand is one of the handiest we have seen for many years. As a native of old Berkeley county, and now a substantial and permanent resident of this, we feel much gratification at his success in life.

DEATH OF DR. WOODSIDE.

Dr. Wm. S. Woodside, whose failing health has for sometime past prepared his friends for a fatal result, died Wednesday morning at his residence on Conway street. Dr. W. was, for many years, connected with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, —at one time as Master of Transportation, and both before and after his retirement from that position, as Paymaster. He possessed peculiar abilities for the discharge of duties requiring firmness and decision of character. By his friends, of whom he had a large circle, he was greatly esteemed.

TURTLE SOUP.

Our city friends are under the impression that we land lubbers never have the luxury of Turtle Soup, unless we visit the cities.—But this is a mistake. Our friend James, of the "Sappington House," furnished his guests on Monday last with a sumptuous supply of delicious turtle soup. His turtle ship was caught in one of the streams of this county, and although not of the huge dimensions of those furnished to the cities, was nevertheless a monster for this region. We partook of some of the broth of his carcass, and feel all over turtle with a little tip of the "snapping." By the way, Mr. Ijams always has an eye to furnishing good things for his guests.

HIBALUTIN.

It is astonishing how *hibalutin* peoples become, or shortly after, the 4th of July. A contemporary, inspired by an oration on the 4th, thus fulminates in reference to a 4th iteration.—

THE gun which burst at the Navy Yard in Washington, on Thursday, causing the death and serious injury of several persons, had been fired only twenty-four times, and followed on the practice battery one of the 11-inch Dahlgrens. It was first fired soon after 10 o'clock, with the usual service charge of sixteen pounds of powder and a 64-pound shot, and made a recoil several feet beyond the usual amount; when being again fired, it burst with terrible effect.

THE Richmond Whig proposes that the Whigs of Virginia should invite the Conservative and Union-loving portion of the people of the U. S., opposed to the present condition of public affairs, to all more sectional parties, to meet in National Convention, to select candidates, for President and Vice President, pledged to that policy and fraternity which alone can bring back our country to the condition in which it was left by the fathers of the Republic.

CAMP MEETING.

The Camp meeting for the Harper's Ferry Station, will commence on the 12th day of August, at the woods of Mr. Philip Engle, near the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road—three miles from Harper's Ferry. See notice in another place.

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REVIEW.

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THE HOT WEATHER.

The hot weather for several days past, has affected some of our citizens very sensibly. Mr. Smith Hooper, of this town, was near losing his life on Monday last, by exposure to the rays of the sun. After many hours of much untiring labour by Dr. Strach, Jr. and Dr. J. D. Starry, he was far improved that he is now out of danger.

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A STATE CONVENTION.

From the Gazette of the 13th, we make the following extracts:

Surrey to Jas. C. Clarke, Esq.—James C. Clarke, Esq., for a long time connected with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, filling various positions, but recently the popular and indefatigable General Superintendent of the Central Illinois Road, arrived in our town on Friday last—it being his first regular visit here since his resignation of the latter named office. No sooner was his arrival known to our citizens than they determined to compliment him with a supper as evidence of the esteem which they entertain for him as a man, and to indicate their appreciation of the high and exalted position which he occupies as a Rail-Road officer—a position which he has attained by his own exertions, having come into it without any recommendation or assistance.

Trusting that my request may be granted, I am anxious that these Public Documents be sent to me, so that I may be enabled to communicate them to my friends in our State.

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