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THURSDAY MORNING.

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DEATH OF HON. RICHARD RUSH.

The Washington Constitution of Saturday evening, announces the death of the Hon. Richard Rush, at Philadelphia, on Saturday morning, at an advanced age. Mr. Rush was the son of Dr. Benjamin Rush, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Rush was appointed Attorney General by President Madison in 1814, upon the resignation of the Hon. Wm. Pinkney, of Maryland. In 1817 he was appointed minister to England by President Monroe. In 1825 he was appointed Secretary of the Treasury by John Quincy Adams, and made an elaborate report in favor of the protective tariff.

DISAPPOINTED KNIGHT.

A habit obtains, to a considerable extent, in the Churches of this town, among the Negroes, Boys, and we are sorry to say, Men, too, which needs a corrective, and we hope the Trustees of the respective Churches will give the matter some attention. We speak of the practice of leaving the galleries of the churches before the close of the services.

This discreditable habit was particularly manifested on Sabbath night last, at the Presbyterian Church, by the exit, in a disorderly manner, of twenty or more men, boys and negroes.

If they cannot remain during the whole service, they had better stay at home, rather than go where they prove themselves nothing but an annoyance to other and better disposed persons. Such exhibitions as that of Sabbath night last, upon rowdyism.

PROF. TIPPEN'S LECTURE.

The Rev. Prof. TIPPEN, of Baltimore, delivered a lecture on Monday evening last, in the M. E. Chapel, at Harper's Ferry, upon "Work and its worth."

Though the audience was a meagre one, the lecture excited a profound interest, and drew forth expressions of extravagant admiration. It is a pity it cannot be repeated in every city, town and hamlet in the nation, for the moral results of such a performance can scarcely be estimated. It is little to say that this address was a gem of literary polish, profound historical and philosophic grace, and glowing eloquence.

FLAG PRESENTATION.

On Saturday last, the Jefferson Guards were presented by the ladies of Charlestown with a beautiful flag. The presentation speech was made by D. Lucas, Esq., in his usually elegant and impressive manner, and handsomely responded to by Lt. Dr. Venner. Upon receiving the colors, Dr. Venner delivered himself of a few appropriate remarks.

The Guards' appeared in full numbers, and each individual felt proud of the honor conferred. The Stars and Stripes will be worthily borne by them.

CHINCH BUG.

A farmer of this county informed us the other day that he has kept an eye to the chinch bug in his corn field, and that with his force he destroyed eight gallons of the little depredators by running his hands from the root to the top of the stalks, crushing them, in the pressure. He says they take possession of the outer rows, and pass as they extract the substance from the corn of each row. By pursuing his method they can be entirely destroyed or driven away. He says that last year he adopted the same expedient and massacred not less than ten gallons. The experiment is worthy of consideration.

ECUADOR AND TOURNAMENT.

We are requested to state that there will be a Pic Nic and Tournament at the Fair Grounds, near town, on Saturday next. Ladies and gentlemen are invited to participate in the enjoyments of the day. Rememb're the basket!

LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENT.

Those in want of the various Liquors manufactured in ancient times and of good quality, will know where to find it, by reference to advertising columns. Mr. Jno. E. Wilson, corner of Howard and Camden Streets, Baltimore, has the article bottled, and in any quantity, to supply those who may give him a call. As his establishment is convenient to the Balt. & Ohio Railroad, passengers can be supplied for travelling purposes.

PEACHES AND PINK APPLES.

We are under many obligations to Mr. LEON WALTERSON, Wholesale Commission Dealer in all kinds of Produce, Fruits and Vegetables, for care of Peaches and Pink Apples. He has given us evidence of his liberality, and we feel satisfied that those who buy of him will be amply accommodated at his establishment. No 70 Light St., Baltimore.

THE DROUGHT.

The drought still continues and the corn suffering. Without rain very soon the crop will be short at least one half. We have not had a rain since the 10th of July.

HON. A. R. BUTLER.

Our cotemporary of the Bath Constitution, with a liberality becoming an untrammelled press, that speaks in reference to the election of Hon. A. R. Butler, as next Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"Hon. A. R. Butler, is representative elect to the next Congress from the 5th District of Virginia, is a popular and very estimable person. He is a man of great personal qualifications. Butler is not only a statesman, but a high-toned polished gentleman, and in the popular opinion for his personal character, and the popularity of his constituents, the country and himself. However, these are Democrats who sit in the same, and we hope a Democrat may be chosen."

He arrived last week in Alexandria, the schooner William Mason, with another locomotive engine named Charles P. Manning, for the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad Company.

DYING HAND.

For the Free Press.
TOURNAMENT BEAR BURKE-HILL.

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"One Know Nothing, Mr. A. R. Bertram, the last able efficient and distinguished Representative from the 12th Congressional District. This is the only real party disaster that has been sustained in the late election.

"The only real party disaster" is no party disaster, but a *Pandoras* disaster, and notwithstanding the efforts of the writer to show that "the defeat of Mr. Faulkner is deeply felt everywhere," we can only say that "there were nearly as many Democrats rejoicing at his defeat, as any other party."

Now, whilst we do not dissent from the writer in giving testimony to the fact that Mr. F. did make a good Representative, we do dissent to the latter clause of the following:

"As to the business of his own immediate District, when it was so well, prudently and intelligently attended to before! And we ask when will it be again—certainly not during the term of his successor?"

Mr. Buter has already given evidence of his disposition to serve his constituents, and will be as useful as Mr. F. to carry out successfully their wants. But we ask what has Mr. F. done for his constituents generally? It is true, he has aided some who were serviceable to him, but as to promoting the public good more than Mr. B. can, we deny.

Democrat further says that Mr. F. vindicated the capacity of the American mechanic as evidently qualified and suited to the purposes for which the Armonies were established:

Did he vindicate the capacity of the American mechanic, when he made an effort to take a Judge from the Bench to decide in favor of the first Maid of Honor, chose Miss Susan Weston, Queen of Love and Beauty. The President, in placing the floral Crown upon her sunny brow, addressed her in these words:

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"He labored and did everything in his power to elevate the position increase the comfort, and forward the prosperity of the men engaged at the Harpers Ferry Armory, and in every town and hamlet in the nation, for the moral results of such a performance can scarcely be estimated. It is little to say that this address was a gem of literary polish, profound historical and philosophic grace, and glowing eloquence."

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LOCAL MATTERS IN BERKELEY COUNTY.

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The dullness and monotony of every day's race is sometimes broken by bright scenes of life, seem like golden gleams of right sunshine after a day of darkness and clouds—so remind us that though this world may sometimes be dark, and sad, and dreary. Such was the "Tournament," held on last Saturday, at Lauren's Spring near Bear-Burke-Hill. The assembly was a large and brilliant one, consisting of peers and beauty and nobility upon the evils which sit to result from the defeat of the Hon. Chas. Jas. Faulkner. Had the writer confined himself to the eulogy of Mr. F. to his heart's content, without an attempt to detract from the fair fame of Mr. Butler, we should not be disposed to notice his article. After congratulating himself and party with the idea that "the Democratic party has maintained its ascendancy," and "gained a brilliant triumph," he says:

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