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THURSDAY MORNING.

OCTOBER 13, 1850.

A MISTAKE.

It was intimated to us a few days ago in Shepherdstown, that we were partially identified in the establishment of the *Independent Democrat*, just started in this town. It is a fact. We war against locofocos in all its phases whether in the guise of *Independence or Dependence*. The editor of the *Independent Democrat* has declared that he will give a hearty and cordial support to the *Charleston nomination*. Now, we declare our opposition to that nomination, in advance and if we are to be the only individuals in these United States left to record our votes against that nomination; we will do so. The Opposition don't intend that the issue shall be made that we are either to support the nominees of the *Charleston Convention*, or *Seward*. We will vote for neither. And the Democracy may as well hang up the banner that the Opposition will have to choose between the *Joint Democrats* and the *Black Republicans*.

We believe that the masses of the Democratic party are as honest as any other, but they have so long permitted the men seeking the plunder to deceive them, that it is high time they should open their eyes. The loco co leaders have so long gone for Power for the sake of *Plunder*, and then used the *Plunder* for the sake of Power, that we cannot join them in their eternal hankering after the spoils.

We therefore say, it is all a mistake to suppose that we have been in the last in instrumental in encouraging, in any manner, the establishment of the *Independent*.

The "Old Family Journal" stands upon its old venerated principles and doctrines; and its editors can say, as did it in a late prospectus. "They can look back with some degree of pride and satisfaction to the past. In the increased value of land, in furthering the cause of internal improvements; in promoting education and a love for intellectual culture, and in standing up for good government, the supremacy of law, morality and religion."

In conclusion, we only desire that our opposition friends remain firm in their principles, leaving the locofocos to take care of themselves.

RELIGIOUS.

The services which commenced in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday night week, were closed on Sabbath night. On Sabbath morning ten persons were added to the membership of the church.

The Rev. Dr. HAMMER, of Baltimore, preached during the week, and on the Sabbath. His sermons were able and instructive, and were listened to with marked attention by large congregations. On Saturday three Ruling Elders were ordained; Revs. Hammer, Berry and North assisting Dr. Dutton in the services.

The protracted meeting at the M. E. Church was ended on Sabbath night. The meetings, during the week and on the Sabbath, were well attended.

The Union Prayer Meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church, to night, (Thursday) at 7 o'clock.

THE NEW IRON RAILING DUE.

The new Iron Railing which now adorns and beautifies the porch in front of the "Free Press office," is suggestive of ample protection to those of our patrons whose timidity and sense of self preservation has, heretofore, deterred them from visiting us, and liquidating balances long since due us, and which have, no doubt, been the cause of much uneasiness to the region round about the conscience (?) of some of the aforesaid patrons.

Now that we are prepared to see you—that we earnestly long to see you in our sanc-tum, we hope you will heed our invitation. The way is a safe one, and we will try and make it pleasant to you, and profitable to ourselves. We hope you will come. We will receive you with all kindness and grace—so conducting ourselves to command as ours to your present and future consideration. Will you come?

TO THE GENTLEMEN.

JOHN T. COWLEY has returned from Baltimore with a stock of Fall and Winter Goods, which does him honor. An inspection of his Cloths, Cassimores, Vestings, &c., will convince all that the like has not been seen before—in these parts.

We looked at them, and the sight brought vividly to our mind's eye the faces of numerous delinquent patrons of the "Old Family Journal," the realization of whose "promise to pay" might allow us to indulge our selves at least to the extent of a full suit of black.

Go see Cowley's goods. He won't charge you for looking at them, and if you have as many old clothes as we have, it will be of service to you to look upon the beautiful things he has on hand.

U. S. ARMY.

COL BARBOUR, Superintendent of the U. S. Armory, Harper's Ferry, having been called on business to the Springfield Armory, A. M. KIRKMAN, Esq., has been appointed Superintendent pro tem. Mr. K. will discharge the duties of the office until the return of Mr. Barbour.

Mr. Kirksmiller, having long served as Chief Clerk in the Armory, is well qualified to discharge the duties of Superintendent and the temporary appointment is but a just appreciation of his capacity.

Major MILLS, Master Armorer, has resigned his position; to take effect the first of November. He will return to his home in Kentucky, and resume his former occupation.

Our Merchants have received their new Stock of Fall and Winter Goods, and exhibit rich and beautiful styles that must please the ladies.

LAYING OF CORNER STONE.

BERKELEY CIRCUIT COURT.

The Corner Stone of the Town Hall, in Shepherdstown, now in progress of erection by REINHOLD D. SURTHUS, Esq., was laid on Thursday last with Masonic ceremonies.

The Procession formed on German street, under the Marshalship of A. HUMMICKHOUSE, Esq., at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the following Order:

Hanstrum Guards, Capt. V. M. Butler, headed by martial music.

Phoenix Division, No. 12; Sons of Temperance, No. 60, Shepherdston, accompanied by Representatives from Martinsburg, Charle-

ton, Harper's Ferry and other Divisions, L. D. Hess and O. T. Butler, Marshals.

Cots' Cornet Band, of Keedeyville, Md.

Caldeona Lodge, No. 23, I. O. O. F. of Shepherdston, accompanied by Representa-

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The case of Dodge's trustees vs. James A. Magruder, was argued by David H. Conrad, and Samuel Chilton of Washington City, for plaintiffs, and by Hoge and Hunter, for defendants. We did not hear what the decision of the Court was upon the points presented in the argument.

The case of Schrader and wife against the heirs of John C. Hedges, dec'd., a case of much interest, and which was argued by A. Hunter, for plaintiffs, and O J Faulkner for defendants, was decided in favor of the defendants, the Court dismissing the plaintif's bill with costs.

Very few contested common law cases were tried, the term of the Court being prin-

cipally consumed by the criminal docket, and by the case of Gridle and Snyder. We learn from the Clerk, Capt. Joseph Barnes, that *slaves* were never brought into the court through the principal streets—thence to the wall of the building, when the box containing the following articles, was deposited in the Corner Stone by L. H. Heekin, Secretary of Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 91, A. F. & A. M.

Coins—presented by Hon. A. R. Boteler.

No. 1. "A Pine Tree Shilling" for the year 1652, the first coinage made on the Continent of America. No. 2. Two half pennies of George the second for 1735, in which the first settlements were made at Shepherdstown, or Mecklenburg as it was then called. No. 3. A Virginia Farthing for 1774, having on the arms of the Old Dominion, quartered with those of the "Mother Country." No. 4. A Washington medal for 1783, "No. 1. Franklin or linked cent" of the Confederacy for 1788, having on the reverse the motto, "Provincias unitas, fortis et invicta." Mind your business! No. 5. and 6. 2 and 9 cents of Massachusetts, New Jersey and Vermont. No. 10. A medal of Henry Clay with the legend: "Let us encourage our own manufacturers." Mr. B. also presented several valuable historical documents connected with the officers and soldiers of the Revolution, enlisted from Shepherd-

C. M. Entler, Esq., deposited a silver coin, "John Kopek's" a Canadian Bank Token. A coin bearing the motto: "Not one cent for tribute." Millions for defence." An American Cent for 1798.

By Jerome B. Durhams, a curious French Coin.

By G. D. McGlynn, a Canadian Coin.

By Jacob Wintermoyer, several rare Coins.

By Henry Wintermoyer, a George 3d Penny with the motto: "Quo cunquic legere Stabit."

A Daguerreotype of Mr. R. D. Shepherd, Sr., by whom the Hall is erected for the use of the town.

Friends connected with the early history of the town upon which the Hall is built.

List of Officers and members of Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 91, A. F. & A. M. with L. D. Hess and O. T. Butler, Marshals.

List of Officers and Members of Caldeona Lodge, No. 23, I. O. O. F.

Copy of By-Laws of above Lodge.

By-Laws of Potowmack Division, Sons of Temperance.

List of Mechanics employed in the construction of the building.

Names of religious denominations in Shepherdstown, with the names of Pastors in charge.

List of Councilmen, and Officers of the Corporation of Shepherdstown.

List of Officers, Members and Musicians of Hamtramck Guards

A piece of the floor of Birmingham Meeting House, near Brandwiche, stained with the blood of the Revolutionary Soldiers deposited by James McMurran.

Copies of County Papers—Shepherdstown Register, Charlestown Free Press, Spirit of Jefferson and Independent Democrat.

After this performance, the Procession marched to the German Reformed Chapel, where an opening prayer was offered up by Rev. J. M. Tissel, Pastor of the Church, and an appropriate and eloquent address delivered by A. K. Syster, Esq., of Hagerstown Md., reflecting much credit to his name as an orator.

The building is expected to be very handsome. The basement wall is of finely dressed stone, the workmanship of that master of his profession, Mr. M. M. Pilk.

We shall have occasion hereafter to refer to the object in view of Mr. Shepherd in the erection of the edifice, &c.

A VOCAL CONCERT.

Mrs. MARY DIXIE, and her brother Mr. ASHTON REED, of Washington, formerly of this place, assisted by a number of the Amateurs of our town, propose giving a concert of Vocal Music, at the Carter-House, on Monday and Tuesday Evenings, next.

The proceeds will be applied for the use of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, of this place, and the New York Avenue Church, of Washington.

Whilst no large professions will be made, it is hoped, by those having the matter in charge, that the programme, and the rendering of it, will be such as to win the approval of all. The object of this effort is certainly commendable, and worthy to assemble a goodly audience.

Tickets of admission 25 cents.

We learn that JNO. CULLEN, was murdered on Wednesday last, at Sandy Hook, Md., by two men by the names of Catron and Jacob Grove—the latter indi-

vidual a local offender.

Dr. STANTZ and CLAGETT made a post-mortem examination of the deceased. The murderers have been committed to jail.

TAYLOR HOTEL.

This old and well established Hotel has again passed into the hands of Mr. N. M. Cartmell, to whom it has been leased for a number of years. Mr. C is an obliging landlord, and the travelling public will find every accommodation at the Taylor Hotel. Give him a call.

Mr. WILLIAM McINNIS, offers for sale his property adjoin. to the rectory.

Dr. RAUD, also, wishes to dispose of his Hotel Property, and Dwelling. See adver-

tise.

Mr. JAMES A. McOLING has sold his interest, (one half) in the Staunton "Virginia Hotel" to Mr. William Jordan, who recently purchased the "National," for the sum of \$15,500.

RENTS.

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COTSWOLD SHEEP.

Col. J. W. Ware, of Clarkes County, Va., writing on the question, "Are sheep & hogs the most profitable animal to fatten?" to the *General Farmer*, says: "Of all sheep, I prefer the Cotswold, from experience. They mature early, are large, hardy, and take on fat easily. During the summer and fall that they are one year old, not fat on grain, noutton can be more delicately flavored. Julian and tender. Over two years old, many visitors will say, they then follow too closely for the market, so that their value will not be much above what men will give for them; and what prudent man wishes to keep mutton so long? When he can sell them at once, he gets a much better price than any other sheep at four f'ls. I have rarely, if ever sold my rams or lambs at less than \$10 each, and have sold older ones much higher, and never sold them at the same age under \$8 each without having fed grain at all, and the flesh simply keeps the taste. Any breed of hogs show clear profit and in so short a time! and they have no woe to pay cost of keeping."

The store of P. T. Smith, was broken into Friday night last, and \$1000 in money, nothing else was missing. The entrance was made by breaking the bolt off the cellar door. Mr. Smith was absent at the time.—*Bethel American*.

TRAVELERS INSURANCE AGENCY,
Charlestown, Jefferson Co., Va.
October 1, 1859.

DEAR SIR:—I beg leave to offer you my services as Agent in this and adjoining Counties, at the following Insurance Companies, the largest and most favorably known in the United States:

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of Hartford, Connecticut
Authorised Capital, \$1,000,000.00
Paid up Capital, 1,000,000.00
Assets, 2,030,432.00

HOME INSURANCE COMPANY,
New York
Capital, (all paid in) \$1,000,000.00
Surplus, 400,000.00

CHARTERED FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY,
of Hartford, Connecticut
Capital, \$300,000.00
Surplus, 41,593.00

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
Authorised Capital, \$1,000,000.00
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CHARTER'D OCEAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
of Hartford, Connecticut
Capital, \$300,000.00

I am prepared to grant Life Insurances, either for a term of years or for life both on the Mutual and Cash System. Also, FIRE INSURANCES on Buildings, of every description, Furniture, &c., Merchandise, Grain and Stocks in Barns, &c., &c.

The Lives of Negroes also insured for one or more years for two-thirds of their value.

On application either personally or by letter, I'll illustrate make a personal examination of the property to be insured, within this or any of the adjoining Counties.

Opposite, one door East of Carter House, State Hospital, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Yours respectfully,
H. R. RIDDLE.

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The New York and Virginia SCREW
Steamship
COMPANY
First Class
Steamer,
St. Veron,
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Returning she will leave New York at 12 o'clock every Saturday afternoon, reaching Alexandria about 10 o'clock Monday morning.

A compensation for passengers First Class in Passage including Meals, \$7.50

N. B. Ships will please note that this is the Only direct Line of Steamers between this Port and New York.

A commercial Depot has been erected on the Company's Wharf, through which the Railroad cars have been sent so that Goods by this line can be received and shipped at all times without regard to the weather and without expense of drayage, &c.

No commission charged for Forwarding.
Insurance effected on Goods (if desired) at Premium. For Freight, see Capt. Appt. to
F. W. & C. CO., Agents, Alexandria.

H. B. CROMWELL, & Co., Agents, New York.

Oct. 13, '59.

Clarke Coach Factory,
BERRYVILLE,
CLARKE COUNTY,
Virginia.

These subscribers, thankful to the public for the very liberal payment we have received, will continue to give attention at their

Coach Factory,
to manufacturing and repairing
all sorts of Carriages.

By the purchase of the Steam Saw Mill, we have facilities for the manufacture of Carriages, houses, barns, & other establishments in the State.

SPOKES AND FELLESSES
in iron, steel, copper, tin, brass, &
Cotswold Pewter.

We can manufacture Carriages in the best style and at the lowest prices of the Eastern cities.

We will compete with the best carriages in the three cities, and will supply the best spoked and spoked and improved spokes, & also the best leather.

Our prices are constant and the best.

Our carriage factory is now established in the best style and the best leather.

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POETICAL.

I HAVE SWEET THOUGHTS OF THEE.

I have sweet thoughts of thee, dear one,
That would fain reveal,
When in the crowd, and when alone,
Upon my breast they steal,
They charm like music heard at even
Upon the calm, blue sea;
And sweeter than a dream of heaven
Are those dear thoughts to me.

I have sweet dreams of thee, dearest one;
When my heart is sore oppressed.
They show bright scenes before me—
That rob me of my rest.

Like some bright dream in years gone past,
Are sighs of pain I know,
They on my pith a brightness cast
That's dazzling to the view.

I have a hope of thee, dearest one—
A gentle hope of thee,
And thou henceforth—yes, thou alone—
My guiding star shall be.

Thou art the star whose cheering ray
Can cheer my pathway bright,
Can cheer me on life's winged way,
And make its birthright light.

Not gems that glitter in the sun,
Can I on thee bestow,
But offer thee a treasure—
More rich than any there—
'Tis affection without measure,
That never can decay!

VARIETY.

THE DOCTOR OUTWITTED.

When Doctor Dodge, an electric physician, was lecturing through this State on the evils of smoking and coffee, he happened to meet one morning at the breakfast-table a witty son of Erin in the better class. Conversation turned on the doctor's favorite subject, and he addressed our friend as follows:

"I don't know," said Erin, "but I'd like to see where you do it."

"Well," said the doctor, "if I convince you that they are injurious to your health, will you abstain from their use?"

"Sure and I will, sir."

"How often do you use coffee and tea?" asked the doctor.

"Morning and night, sir."

"Well," said the doctor, "do you ever experience a slight dizziness of the brain on going to bed?"

"I do indeed," said Dr. Dodge.

"Well," said the doctor with an air of confidence and assurance in his manner, "that is the tea and coffee."

"It is, indeed! Faith and I always thought that it was whiskey I drank."

The company roared with laughter, and the doctor quietly retired.

AN EDITOR IN A QUANDARY.

During the overflow at Cairo last spring, the editor of the Times, there, despatched the following missive to a brother of the craft in another locality, near by:

Dear Morse.—The water has risen surprisingly, and some 'hus' has stolen my boat; I am in the highest story of my house, and have got my head out of the window, hollering to Ed. Willer on the levee. That's the reason this letter comes to you written on a board.

Hop's Mound City I am actually fearful that it is not under water.—What a happy dog you must be—can get your bear whenever you want it! The corporation pumps have not been provided. The water will reach me to-morrow. I'm in fix.—Hall, of the Gazette, just passed my window.

The Mayor and Common Council floated down Main street this morning in a drift pile; but as they had no 'paw' nor cards, I did not see that they enjoyed themselves.

Screams continue to navigate the town on the outside of the levee. They do so, however, under the foolish apprehension that the deepest water is there.

A BOY IN A QUANDARY.

The dog is a very useful animal, and very intelligent. He knows lots and noses more, and runs after sticks, and goes overboard after stones delightfully. He is a fine companion in the field, and chases grasshoppers and ground sparrows beautifully. He is a loving animal, and licks your hand when you look him. He doesn't never smile, but has a ridiculous way of wagging his tail when he is glad, as by his tail he would tell the story of his joy. Dogs are very apt to quarrel, especially when they are set on by bad boys, and growl and bark at nights and howl under windows where folks are sick, and scare timid folks to death for fear they are going to die. A dog's nose is a prime thing to pinch, and seems to be put where it is on purpose. Someway that it's made of India rubber, but that's all nonsense—N. Y. Picayune.

A young lady and gentleman disputing upon a subject, the lady tersely remarked:

"We can never agree on anything!"

"You are wrong, madam," said he. "If you should go into a room in which there are but two beds, a woman in one, and a man in the other with whom would you sleep?"

"With the woman, of course," replied she.

"So would I," replied the gentleman.

A lady refused her lover's request that she would give him her portrait. "Ah, it matters not," he replied, "when blest with the original, who cares for a copy?" The lady, both ignorant and indignant, retorted:

"I don't think myself more original than anybody else."

A new order has just been established at Indianapolis, styled the "Independent Order of Exquisites." The regalia consists of a Moersch pipe, gold spurs, yellow kid gloves, and a piece of white satin.

Somebody says that "snoring is the spontaneous escape of those malignant feelings which the sleeper has no time to vent when awake."

"Did you ever know such a mechanical galoot as my son?" said an old lady. "He has made a little all out of his own head, and has wood enough for another."

Mary Worthley Montagu says, that the only thing which reconciles her to being a woman is that she will never be obliged to marry one.

"I do declare, Sir, you look pretty enough to eat!"

"Well, Solomon, isn't I eating as fast as I can?" replied Sol with his mouth full.

"I know," said Topsy, "that water is a bad thing, but it is so dreadful thin!"

Of all the earthly music, that which reaches the farthest into heaven, is the beating of a loving heart.

The night shows stars and women in better light.—Byron.

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