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FOR SHERIFFALTY.

JOHN C. FAULKNER, Esq., as a candidate for the next Sheriff of Jefferson County  
MANY VOTERS.  
January 10, 1860.

Mr. Hunter.—We notice in the last number of the "Independent Democrat," a call made upon H. G. Lane, Esq., to be a candidate for Sheriff of Jefferson County at our Spring Election. Without any desire to reflect upon the claims which have been presented, in his behalf, we suggest that he is not fit for the office. Mr. H. G. Lane is a political self-made man, and one who has by the dint of honest effort placed himself in an honored position at our bar. If elected, we shall consider it a disservice to his honor and our glories old state to his wife.

MANY VOTERS.

The Opposition of Jefferson County is requested to meet in convention, at the Court-house, on Friday the 13th inst., at 12 o'clock, to select delegates to represent the county in the General Convention to be held at Richmond, on the 22d of February next. A full attendance is desired.

**CHANGE OF HOURS FOR FRIDAY**  
The **Opposition** Convention will meet at 11 o'clock, instead of 12, as heretofore named; and the **County Meeting**, which was adjourned on Monday last till Friday at 2 o'clock, will meet at 12½ o'clock.

Punctual attendance, at both meetings, at the hours named is especially desired.

**THE VOTES OF MR. BORER.**  
As some of the Democratic papers of the District have assumed the guardianship of Mr. Borer, in his conduct as a representative, without having the fairness to state the whole side of the case, it is proper that reference be made to Gov. Wise's course in the late transactions in the county, and supported it an able and eloquent speech.

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Remarks by various gentlemen, by general consent, it was proposed an adjourned meeting be held on tomorrow (Friday) when a preamble and resolutions should be presented for consideration and adoption.

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Andrew K. Kennedy, Esq., said that he would vote for the resolution offered by Mr. Hunter. He believed that Gov. Wise had performed his duty faithfully and well, and although he had always been politically opposed to the Gov. and expected always to be, he would voice most cheerfully, with his fellow citizens, in any proper approbation of the action of the Gov. as Commander in Chief of the military forces of the State. But, in casting his vote for the resolution, he desired it to be distinctly understood, that, under no circumstances, could he endorse the sentiments, said to have been uttered by the Gov. imputing want of spirit and courage to the people of Harper's Ferry and the country generally. He knew the people of the Ferry, and of the county, to be as genuinely brave, to be as ready to defend the state against any invasion, as the citizens of any other county, or as Gov. Wise himself. Mr. K. briefly reviewed the incidents connected with the "battle of the Ferry," and vindicated the action and conduct of the citizens of the Ferry, and those who went to their aid. He never had heard the Gov. utter any sentiment derogatory to our people, but he had heard from others that he had done so, and he was charged with it by the press. He repeated, that his vote for the res. resolution must not be construed as an endorsement of these reported sentiments of the Gov. He thought the meeting had best adjourn to some future day, in order that a committee might have time to prepare resolutions proper for the occasion with care, and that Mr. H. G. resolution should go on to such adjourned meeting.

Capt. J. L. Hanson objected to the resolution, because he had learned that Gov. Wise had cast reflections upon the people of the county in stating that they had acted cowardly at the taking of Brown and party.

The resolution was sustained by E. I. Lee, C. B. Harding, J. W. Bell, R. H. Butcher and Wm. Lucas, Jr., and after an explanation of the language imputed to Governor Wise by Mr. Hunter, and a little change of phrasology, the resolution was adopted as follows, with great unanimity:

**RESOLVED.** That the thanks of this community, embracing the whole County of Jefferson, are due to all our friends and neighbors in the State, to the Gov. of Virginia, and to A. W. W., for his prompt, patriotic and statesmanlike action during our recent trials, and that we heartily approve his uprightness, his patriotism, his honor and integrity, and the courageous commitment to his cause.

**MINISTER TO PRANCE.**

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of the Hon. C. J. Faulkner as Minister to France, and it is understood that he will soon set out on his mission. As it is the custom of Democratic Presidents to select converts for all the responsible stations, for the reason, among others, that they are generally most zealous, it must be admitted that Mr. Faulkner has won his new home by real and genuine merit in the cause of the Democracy. The only qualification he lacks, probably, is his want of familiarity with the French language, but as he is an apt scholar in all new enterprises, he will doubtless soon acquire sufficient knowledge, with the aid of a good Secretary of Legation, to get along pleasantly, and probably, as he is to be the custodian of the nation's honor and interest at the most brilliant Court in Europe, we cannot but wish him the fullest measure of success.

**COMMITTED.**

A young man calling himself W. M. Carter, professing to hail from Charleston, S. C. arrived at this place on Saturday last.—

Giving some evidence, from his conversation, of insanity, he was committed to the jail of the county. He professed to have an important law suit, and sought counsel for the purpose—but giving such unsatisfactory information, he was deemed a proper subject for confinement until his name, place of residence, and further particulars be ascertained of his condition or object. Upon his person was found some twenty or thirty dollars, most of it in one and two dollar bills; a case knife in the lining of his coat, and a bottle half filled with cayenne pepper in his pocket. The handle of the knife was wrapped with thread, and although the blade was not made into a saw, it would cut iron. The knife and pepper being in his possession has elicited some suspicion upon his conduct.

**A MELAND.**

We have seen the statement of "Brown" having kissed a negro child on his way to the gallows! It is not true, for there could not be found in the county of Jefferson a negro child who would not have shrank from the touch of the old murderer's lips.

**OLD BROWN.**

The pure sympathies of Old Brown and his party seem to forget that it was not merely his intention to run off a few hundred slaves into the free States or Canada, but that in a letter to Andrew Hunter, Esq., of this town, with the grave before him, and writing to correct misapprehensions, he avows that his design was to put pikes and arms into the hands of the slaves of Virginia, and not to take a step toward the North.

**SEVEN fugitives from slavery—one**—**escaped by the Underground Railroad last week, route to Canada.** They reported that seven others would come over the same route this week.

**THREE.**—We are under obligation to several friends for their kind remembrances of us in the way of sundry presents. We regret that permission is not given to make mention of their names and gifts.

No Speaker yet.

## PUBLIC MEETING.

An assemblage of a portion of the people of this county was held at the Court House on Monday afternoon last. The design of the meeting, as called by the *Spirit of Jefferson*, was "to give expression to the sentiments of the people in relation to the recent outrages committed in our midst." The *Independent Democrat* expressed a dissent from holding what it termed "a nondescript meeting of the character proposed, because, for forty years the Democratic party has not only recognized our rights but maintained, upheld and vindicated them." However, a meeting was held, and upon motion of Toms, O. Green, Esq., Col. BRAZPORT DAVENPORT was called to the Chair, and on motion of U. B. Harding, Esq., the editors of the papers of Charlestown were requested to act as Secretaries.

The editor of the *Independent* not being in the Court House at the time, H. P. Heath and H. N. Gallaher appeared on the stand. H. N. Gallaher stated that before he would consent to act as one of the Secretaries he desired to know the object of the meeting, as there had been some diversity of opinion in regard to the call.

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In referring to the views we expressed in our last issue, in regard to the Union Meeting, in Charlestown, the *Independent* says, "we do not believe in the formation of the confederacy." Mr. H. G. Lane is a self-made man, and one who has by the dint of honest effort placed himself in an honored position at our bar. If elected, we shall consider it a disservice to his honor and our glories old state to his wife.

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From the Thompson (Gen) Post.  
Now, JOHN A. GILMER.

## THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Browlow, of the Knoxville Whig, says: A little right ten newspapers published in Alabama, claim, "The hopes of the South rest alone on the action of the Democratic party." This may be so, but if true, we can but exclaim, in the language of Dr. Watts—

"Great God, on what a slender thread  
Hang everlasting things!"

Dear Dispensary or Promises from an Iron

Furnace.—We saw from the Pinckney Press that the iron in the Monongahela river, gave way on Saturday morning and carried everything before it.

The destruction of property from the first day to the point was heavy. On the Birmingham side there was scarcely a craft that had not swept away. Thirty millions of dollars were counted by one person. The total number of every description of boats on the river were

known in history as the battle of Birmingham (Court-house), where the celebrated English officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Watson, lost his life, and where Cornwallis and Tecumseh left off their shattered forces dispersed but substantially destroyed. Mr. Watson declared that the battle of Guilford Courthouse was the pivot on which turned the independence of the colonies for the entire continent.

John A. Gilmer has received his pay, sent elevated position without any of the appliances of wealth or influence, and only bore the name of a Captain and carried in his veins the blood of a Revolutionary patriot and an honest man. There were circumstances, every condition of life and all

circumstances, prove true to his life. We have known him intimately, for

as a legislator, as a lawyer, and in social and political relations of life, and we feel

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## POETICAL.

### THE WORLD TO COME.

It all our houses and all our fears;  
Were placed in life's narrow boun'd;  
It travels through this vale of tears,  
We saw an better world beyond?  
Or what could cheer us living here?  
What earthly thing could pleasure give?  
Or who would venture life to die?  
Or who could then endure to live?  
  
Were life a dark and desert moor,  
Where mists and clouds eternal spread  
Their gloomy pall before,  
And tempests thunder overhead,  
Where not a淑an breaks the gloom,  
And not a smile smiles beneath,  
Who could exist in such a tomb?  
Who died in darkness & in death?  
  
And such were life without the rays,  
From our divine religion given;  
Tis that which makes our earth a heaven,  
Bright is the golden sun above,  
And beautiful the flowers that bloom,  
And all its joy, and all its love,  
Reflected from the world to come?

## VARIETY.

A good lady, who had two children sick with the measles, wrote to a friend for the best remedy. The friend just received a note from another, advising him to take the way to make pickles. In the confidence of the doctor, who inquired about the pickle, resolved the remedy for the maid's and the anxious mother of the sick girl, and with horror at the following: "Send them three or four times in hot vinegar, and I sprinkle them with salt, and in a few days they will be cured."

IMPROVEMENT IN BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.—To every three bushels of buckwheat, add one of good heavy rye, grind them together, if they were only half-buckwheat—thus you will have cakes, always light and brown, and eat nothing but the best of them.

A negro man has been arrested and committed to jail in Covington Ky., for stabbing his own son—because the son had attended a Republican meeting in that city to hear Cassius M. Clay speak! The old darkey swearing that "he didn't low-any of his prop'gyn to 'encourage nigger resurrectionists like dat of Clay!"

It is a singular fact that a woman cannot look from a prepossessing of any magnitude, without becoming instantly dizzy. But, what is still more singular, the dizzy deviates the very moment somebody puts his arm around her waist to keep her from falling. Queer isn't it?

A man down East has invented a machine to remove old bachelors. Out of a good sized, fat, sneasy old bachelor, he can make quite a decent young man, and have enough left for two small puppies, a pair of leather breeches, and a kettle of soft soap.

Mrs. Martinian, aignouette crinoline and says, that the prettiness of the present day only serves as a mask of the human form—a perversion of human proportions. A woman on the sofa looks like a child popping up from a haystack. A girl in a dance looks like a Dutch tumbler that was a favorite toy in my infancy.

When a lady sees master pig munching and wallowing in a ditch she cups her nose at his nastiness. And lo! when the same pig's leg, fragrant with sage and patriarchal onions, smokes on the board she suddenly plate three times. Such is life.

Mrs. Partington having heard her son say that there were a great many anecdotes in the almanac, begged him to cut them all out, as she heard that when anybody was poisoned, nothing was necessary but to give him an anecdote, and to cure him.

"How are you Smith?" said Jones. (Smith pretends not to know him, and replied hesitatingly)—

"Sir, you have the advantage of me."

"Yes," retorts Jones, "I suppose everybody has that's got common sense."

Smith looks queer and abashed.

Thirty bounces per dress, and not one less, is said to be the last order from the head-quarters of fashion at Paris. The ladies are requested to take notice and prepare themselves accordingly.

"I shall be indebted to you for life," as the man said to his creditors when he ran away to Australia.

The most patient man that ever breathed, passed the day he was born, and the most ungrateful man ungrateful an Egyptian.

A gentleman praising the generosity of his friend, observed,

"He spends his money like water."

Then of course liquidated his debts, rejoiced a wag.

It is worthy of notice, that, while good thoughts are best in matters of judgment, first thoughts are always to be preferred in matters that relate to morality.

Search not after happiness, for you will not find it. Come to it if you chance, and oft when least expected, and is necessarily of short duration, as it has its seat in the emotions.

It is said that Bunker Hill Monument may soon be seen a clear day with a good glass from the top of Mount Jackson in Jaffrey and Franklin, N. H., about eighty miles distant.

The managers of the New York and New Haven Railroad will not permit the news readers to sell Help's "Pending Crisis" on the line of that road.

Uphooped ladies undid-christened, common honesty, disinterested friends, good butter and wealthy printers are scarce.

A few sewing machine, to collect rents, mend garments, and repair family breeches are much needed.

The bebe who dressed the head of a barrel, has been engaged to curl the locks of a car.

Be content with what you have, as the rat said to the trap, when he saw it had part of his tail left.

The man who is poor in his youth, is rich; he has everything to work for, and nothing to lose.

The lady who took every eye must have quite a lot of it.

An omnibus horse has about an equal experience of wheel and wo.

Don't eat a fellow up, as the Cape Cod girls say when they are kissed.

What is that that belongs to yourself, yet is used by everybody? Your name.

What did a blind wood-sawyer take to restore his sight? He took his horse and saw.

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