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OUR PLATFORM. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNTRY. THE UNION OF THE STATES. THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS. FOR PRESIDENT, JOHN BELL, OF TENNESSEE. FOR VICE PRESIDENT, EDWARD EVERETT, OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Whereas Experience has demonstrated that the platform adopted by the Convention of the country have had the effect to mislead and divide the people and at the same time to widen the political divisions of the country, by the creation and encouragement of geographical and sectional parties; therefore, That it is both the part of wisdom and duty to recognize no political principles other than...

Both the Democratic and Black Republican journals (remarks the Petersburg Intelligencer) are much exercised about the platform of the Constitutional Union Convention. The Democracy affect to think that the Constitution is hardly broad enough for a great Union party to stand upon, and as such it is too general and comprehensive, while the Black Republicans contend that it endorses the "pro-slavery party."

The only significant act of that Convention was an endorsement of all the pro-slavery party has done in the last six years. Erasmus Brooks (Rastus for short) gave the key note to the whole performance. Said this gentleman: "I speaking for the seventy delegates from New York want no platform but the Constitution as interpreted by the constant authorities."

THE SPEECH OF SENATOR DOUGLASS. Senator Douglas made a most damaging speech to the Democratic cause in the Senate on Tuesday week, in reply to Senator Davis of Miss. As the Frederick Herald remarks, the point of the Little Giant's speech was to prove that the greater sovereignty doctrine did not originate with him, but that it was embodied in the celebrated Nicholson letter of General Cass, in 1847, and recognized in the resolutions offered by Mr. Dickinson in the Senate in the same year; that it was presented to and accepted by the Democratic National Convention in 1848, entered into the Compromise measures of 1850, and was affirmed in the Cessional platform of 1850, and in the Kansas-Nebraska bill of 1854.

THE COURTS. The Circuit Court, Judge Richard Parker, presiding, commenced on Monday last. Also the County Court. A number of Licenses to sell ardent spirits were granted by the County Court—and an order was also made to purchase some thirty acres of land which lies contiguous to the present Poor House farm. The tract will therefore contain about 250 acres.

AMUSEMENT. Some of the young friends have been exercising themselves in making announcements of candidates for various trusts, for the sake of amusement. In the list of those announced in this connection are Messrs. Wm. M. Lock for Magistrate, and Wm. H. Bennett for Commonwealth's Attorney. These young gentlemen are not candidates, as many might suppose.

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CHICAGO CONVENTION. This body which assembled last week in Chicago, Illinois, terminated its session on Friday last, after several days labor. The Hon. ABRAHAM LINCOLN, of Illinois, was nominated for President by the Black Republican caucus, over Wm. H. Seward; and the Hon. HANNIBAL HAMMILL, of Maine, for Vice President. That our readers may learn something of these gentlemen, we give a brief sketch of them as we find it in the Baltimore Sun. It will be remembered that Mr. Lincoln was the opponent of Mr. Douglas for Senatorial honors from Illinois, and that the influence of the present Administration was thrown in his behalf. It is not improbable therefore that an effort will be made by the Buchanan Democrats to adopt him at the Baltimore Convention when they meet in June next.—But to the sketch:

SEARCH OF MR. LINCOLN. The Hon. Abraham Lincoln, of Illinois, who has, so unexpectedly, become the nominee of the republican party for the Presidency of the United States, is known to a very limited extent, never having exhibited any ability as a statesman, or particularly distinguished himself in any other way. He was born in Hardon county, Kentucky, February 12, 1809; received a limited education; adopted the profession of the law; was a captain of volunteers in the Black Hawk war; and on this a postmaster of a small village, four times elected to the Illinois Legislature, and a representative in Congress, from Illinois, from 1834 to 1849. A couple of years ago he was the republican candidate for United States Senator, in opposition to Mr. Douglas, but his constituents, who were the State, and their delegates, elected him a politician and traveling stump orator in behalf of republicanism, having within a few months past delivered several political lectures in various cities and towns in the North. He is a speaker of considerable ability.

SEARCH OF MR. HAMMILL. The Hon. Hannibal Hammill, the nominee for the Vice-Presidency in at present a Senator of the United States from Maine. He was originally elected to that body by the Democrats, but a few years ago went over to the republican party on the slavery issue in the territories. He was subsequently re-elected to the Senate by the Republicans. He is, we believe, a man of fair abilities.

GENERAL MUSTERS. On Saturday last, the 55th Regiment of Virginia Militia paraded in this town. The turnout was larger than usual. The Jefferson Guards did not parade as a company in consequence of not having their uniforms finished. The Litcher Cadets, under Capt. CAMPBELL, numbering 70, were out in fine style, and for many appearances and efficient drill, elicited universal applause. It is now the largest and best drilled Juvenile corps in the State, outside of the Military Institute, and to the founder of the company, Maj. LAWRENCE BOWEN, and the present Captain, all praise is due for the germ of the best disciplined officers of the land.

Adjusted General RICHMOND, of Richmond, was present, and inspected the arms of the volunteers. He expressed much satisfaction with the conduct and efficiency of the Cadets, and he felt assured he will do all in his power to place them on a firm basis, and have them equipped in a manner comfortable to them and creditable to the State.

Capt. DANIEL B. WELTON, with soldier-like consideration, furnished the Cadets with refreshments on the field. With but a brief interval, they were on parade from five o'clock in the morning until five in the afternoon, and gave evidence of great endurance, notwithstanding their heavy guns. Everything considered, the day passed off quietly, although in one or two instances a few exercises a la mode Hyman and Baynes, by some of the visitors of the town, took place. Not much damage, however, was done, except the drawing of a little claret.

UNION HOTEL. The officers and others who had been engaged in training, on Friday last, dined at the "Union" on that day. We had the pleasure to be present and partake of the good things, and we must be permitted to say, without disparagement to others, that Col. DONAVAN furnished a Dinner that has not been excelled in this town. He is worthy of patronage.

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION. If anything were needed to confirm the judgment of all sensible men that Black Republicanism is an impure and cheap, it would be found in Chicago, where the body now assembled at the Chicago Convention, are admitted from six States, that out of largely over half a million of votes polled in the last Presidential election cast 1847 for the Republican ticket. The States referred to and the votes they cast are:

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A TEST OF SINCERITY. A test of sincerity is now presented to the Southern Democracy, in the elections which will take place for President and Vice President of the United States. They now have presented them a choice between well-tried, able and experienced National Union-loving men, BELL and EVERETT, and Southern Black Republicans, Lincoln and HAMMILL. As a party, the Democrats are divided by the hope of re-creation, and shy attempt either at Baltimore or Richmond to bring together the disintegrated elements of their party will prove utterly futile. Let them show their love of the Union of these States by coming out boldly for the only man who can put down the sectional strife which has so long disturbed the country.

THOUSANDS OF OLD LINE WHIGS aided the Democracy in the election of Mr. Buchanan over Fremont, in the hope of settling the much vexed question of slavery, and why should not the Democracy join the Union party—the only party which can give peace to the country—in restoring harmony as in olden times? The New Orleans Crescent a journal independent in its party relation, says: Our friends in the North, who are willing to stand by the Union, are not a majority of the States, must present an honorable platform to the South, or they will have a disastrous defeat. But this cannot be done if there are three tickets before the people. One ticket alone, and one anti-slavery ticket, is the only way to success. The trial of times, the other party shrank in the indictment against Cook, is now progressing.

A resident of Brook's Gap Mr. Emanuel Roadside, left his home on Saturday last, as the family supposed, to only some cattle for grazing, he was sought for and found lying dead in one of his fields, near a well, which was also dead. It is supposed that he attempted to swim the well, which was sick or crippled, into a different field, when it fell, and in its struggles kicked Mr. Roadside to death.

A few days since, during a thunder storm the house of Mr. Henry Clark, was said to be fired. It was the lightning struck a stove-pipe running through the roof. The lightning descended the pipe to the stove in the room below, tearing up the floors and shattering the ceiling, but doing no injury, as there was no person in the room at the time.

WINDMILLS IN IRELAND.—Rev. Norval Wilson, who has lately returned from the West, reports that he has seen a windmill on the coast of the West. It is a large structure, and is used for grinding grain. It is a very curious sight, and is much admired by the people.

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THE MAGISTRACY. One of the most important offices to be filled at the ensuing election...

COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE. We are authorized to announce that the Hon. J. M. W. WALKER...

MAGISTRACY. The following named gentlemen will be largely interested in the Magistrate's office...

VALUABLE FARM. In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court for Berkeley County...

NEW SUPPLY OF DRY GOODS. The undersigned having removed their stock to the new building...

WHEAT DRILLS. FROM THE FREQUENT solicitations of our friends, we have again prepared...

MARRIED. On the 17th inst. by the Rev. R. T. Berry, at St. Paul's Church, the following nuptials...

DIED. A Paralysis, the residence of her mother, on Saturday, the 12th inst. at the late age of 82 years...

NOTICE. The undersigned, being a witness, would offer his services to all requiring them...

Baltimore Prices Current. FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 31, 1860. Reported Weekly, except on the Virginia Free Press.

Jefferson Guards, Attention! You will pass in front of the Mer. at 10 o'clock on SATURDAY NEXT...

VALUABLE FARM. In Berkeley County, of which Lewis B. Willis, died, leaving the lands of Adolphus Jones...

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POETICAL

IF WE KNOW. If we know the ends and courses, If we know the ends and courses...

VARIETY

Passing one of the delivery windows at the Post office, on Saturday, we overheard the following dialogue between the clerk and an uneducated specimen of the 'Green Isle'...

Tun Sons or Terns—Many barn stories are told at the expense of the brave sons of 'old Ireland'...

Another Verse—It is our honorable privilege to give to the world another verse of 'Old Uncle Ned'...

An eminent lawyer in Glasgow, once had a client whose name was Widow Tickle...

Members of Assembly will go to the theatre on Wednesday afternoon...

A rural editor was recently married, and previous to starting on his wedding tour, promised his readers...

The Welsh have a saying that if a woman was as quick with her feet as with her tongue...

Our devil walked up the other morning and saw a budding plating iron clogged in a white polling pile out of his coat collar...

MEDICAL HOUSE

TO THE Farmers of Virginia. Dr. James H. Smith, M.D., has the honor to announce...

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CONSTITUTIONAL DEBILITY. Young men! Beware of the pernicious and dangerous effects of this disease...

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