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OUR PLATFORM.

THE CONFEDERATION OF THE
GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNION STATES,
AND
THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW.

FOR PRESIDENT,
JOHN BELL,
OF TENNESSEE.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
EDWARD EVERETT,
OF MASSACHUSETTS.
ELECTORS.

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A TRAP FOR DOUGLAS.

W. W. Lamb, a Breckinridge elector at Norfolk, who put the question to Senator Douglas as to the course to be pursued in case of resistance by the South to Lincoln's election, and who received the prompt and emphatic reply that the laws must be enforced, even to the hanging of rebels, promised that the same question should be put to Mr. Breckinridge. This has not been done, and the Bessons' boast that Douglas has lost friends by his reply. They make a great clamor about the use of force, although Folk and Dallas both voted for Gen. Jackson's "force bill," and were afterwards supported by the whole Democracy:

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COWLEY'S CLOTHING HOUSE.

A survey of the beautiful and substantial material that are to be seen and had at Cowley's Clothing House is very tempting. In addition, the fashionable style in which garments are made, is also an inducement to leave orders with him. Particulars by reference to his advertisement.

WHERE'S THE LETTER?

Will any of the Breckinridge Disunion prints or speakers tell us where the letter is concerning John C. Breckinridge of his "Richmond nomination"? His reply has been published, in which he hoped to "merit its confidence," but we ask again where is the letter of notification? The letter, the letter!

BATH ATTRACTIONS.

We call attention to the advertisement of Mr. N. H. Biscoe, of this town. His stock is not only large but general, and we have no doubt the public can be supplied in every particular. Call and examine for yourself.

POPULATION OF CHARLESTOWN.

The population of Charlestown according to the Census of 1860 is 1448. In 1850 it was 1507—decrease 59. The particulars will be given hereafter.

ELATION RETURNS.

The returns of the elections are so imperfect that it is impossible to give details. Enough is known to show that Curtin, the Republican candidate in Pennsylvania, is elected Governor by ten or fifteen thousand majority.

DEATH SENTENCE.—Alexander Desmarais, the young Frenchman, convicted last spring of an outrage upon and murder of Augustine Lucas, a girl of eight years, at Chicopee, Mass., nearly two years ago, was, on Thursday last, sentenced to death, by a full bench of the Supreme Court, sitting at Springfield, to whom the case had been appealed.

An Alabama paper expresses its belief that Mr. Yancey's whole political life has been a curse to the country. We believe so. We don't wish Yancey dead, but we are sorry his mother didn't refuse to have her father.

Mr. Yancey never stood upon a platform that we could approve. We presume he never will until he is about to be hung. —*Lowell Journal.*

The Black Republicans and Southern free-staters are alike engaged in the work of precipitating the cotton States into a revolution. The former are the black precipitators, and the latter the red precipitators. [Louisville Journal.]

THE large bell used in the procession on the occasion of the Barbecue lately held here, was not one taken from some of the U.S. buildings at Harper's Ferry, as asserted by the independent. It was private property. We make this statement in justice to the officers of the Armory, who are not in the habit of permitting the use of public property for private purposes without authority from head quarters.

THE examination of one hundred and eleven candidates for admission to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, was closed on Saturday, September 29th. About eighty were admitted, as thirty rejected on account of deficiency in their primary education.

As those admitted was Master Hayes Pendleton, of this place, son of Dr. Boyd Pendleton. We hear that he went through the severe examination to which he was submitted, with a good deal of credit to himself.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

We are pleased to observe that the Baptist Church edifice in this town is progressing with energy. The Lecture Room will soon be ready to admit of exercises being held in it. The cupola will also soon be finished—and when the building is completed it will be one of the handsomest little church edifices in the Valley. The members of that denomination being but small much praise is due to the energy of the late Pastor, Dr. Haynes, and the liberality of those who contributed to its erection.

Will not the Presbyterian and Episcopalian congregations hasten to top off the cupolas of their fine Churches, instead of the present chicken-coop structures which are proposed to view? We shall see.

WE are requested to state that Tuesday nights are the regular drill nights to test should avail themselves of the present opportunity. See advertisement.

PIANO TUNING.

RUMORED INSURRECTION.—A report reached the office of the Herald, that a plot for insurrection among the slaves in Prichard's Anne Co., Va., was afoot, and was made, including the ridge-top.

HOUSES, a respectable citizen of Cumberland county, Va., committed suicide on Monday.

Berkley American.

DOUGLASS VICTORIES IN ILLINOIS.—The municipal elections in Illinois are generally resulting in favor of the Douglas candidates. The Chicago Herald announces that in the battle to Republican city of L. S. George Pendleton, the State of Virginia will be one of the handsomest little church edifices in the Valley. The members of that denomination being but small much praise is due to the energy of the late Pastor, Dr. Haynes, and the liberality of those who contributed to its erection.

WILLIAM B. DAVIS, Tuner and Regulator of Pianos, &c. is now in Charlestown, and offers his services in his line. From the high testimonials given him from those competent to judge, all having instruments to tune should avail themselves of the present opportunity. See advertisement.

NATIONAL SERVICE.

NOT THE DISUNION PARTY.

Some of the Breckinridge party profess to be offended because they are called the Disunion party, yet it is manifest to all who will examine for themselves that there is not a prominent man South in the party, who is not an avowed Disunionist. Hon. L. M. Keats, of S. C., in a late letter, says:

"If the Black Republican party succeeds in the coming election, the issues between the North and the South will be withdrawn from the Federal arena, and must be decided by the States themselves, as sovereigns. In this contingency, my convictions of duty and policy are clear and well settled. The impressions of unionists, whose words are always to be had, and the time for an honorable meeting that may benefit the world at large."

Can it be that farmers are willing to respond to any political call that may be thrown out, and care less and indifferent about meeting their brother farmers in agricultural grounds for improvement in agriculture? If one must be done, let not the other be left undone.

The Executive Committee labors to get a proper show, and takes the responsibility of putting out a generous prize list, and that without any pecuniary benefit, but simply call all farmers and mechanic families to come and see what we can show—come and see each other and compare notes as to what is valuable and what is not—separate the chaff from the wheat—any one of these individuals would be worth the few days we require of them.

The ladies, we cannot doubt, with their usual zeal, industry, taste and judgment, will exhibit their department in a style calculated to gratify the pride of their fathers, husbands, brothers and sweethearts, and challenge the admiration of strangers. We trust they may not be made to blush, for any inaccuracy in the show, by those who stand in such endeavoring relations to them. We expect strangers from other States to be here as exhibitors.

Do your part well, and this is a country that needs not blush for exhibition of men, women, stock or country, before any in the wide world.

We have urged upon our judges to act upon the merits of whatever may fall under their judgment, even if one man who is an exhibitor from another State should win every prize and carry to another State the laurels and pride.

Let us with the friends becoming more and more, and demand to have the rights of man vindicated, and framed to effect only what is right.

CLIPPING STORES.

If persons visit Harper's Ferry and desire to purchase ready-made clothing cheap, or than at any other establishment there, they are referred to B. D. Hirsch, on Shenandoah street, and HENRY STRAUS, next door to the "Wager House," whose advertisements are to be seen in our columns.

Mr. PERIN PERIN, of this town has also a choice assortment of cheap clothing.

If you want to find out the cheapest and best place for buying, &c., always examine the columns of the *Old Family Journal*, the visitor of every household.

TRUE ENOUGH.

The Petersburg True Democrat, a Douglass Democratic paper, argues that all charges brought by the Breckinridge Democracy against Bell and Everett because they do not answer "questions" will have to be suspended until Mr. Breckinridge responds to the interrogatories of Mr. Lamb. It adds that "the great issue of this campaign is Union or Disunion, and on that issue there is no split party but the Breckinridge party—no man candidate but John C. Breckinridge."

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THE WHIG.

From what we hear, the Douglass men obtained a decided advantage over the Breckinridge men, throwing all the onus of disorganization and falsehoods on the latter. Proposition after proposition for a reconciliation between the two wings was made by the Douglass men, and declined by the Breckinridge men.

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We hope to give them a cheerful, pleasant week, and we trust a profitable one.

One of the most inhuman and shocking murders it has ever fallen to our lot to record, occurred near this place on Wednesday week last. A man by the name of Ezra Nasco, a laborer, who lately moved into the country from the border of Pennsylvania, left his work on the farm he occupied, and proceeded eastward, walking near his house, where his wife and son were cutting up corn, and taking a corn cutter from his little son, started him to the house, and then fell to murdering his wife who had taken from his son, a sixteen-year-old boy, who was awfully butchered.

We learn that she was awfully butchered.

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DOWN ON THE FOREIGNERS.

The Hon. L. Yancey, the head and front of the Breckinridge party, was particularly severe in his speech the other night, on the foreigners, who come to this country from Europe. He said that they were all abolitionists, and that nearly all of them settled in the Northern States—thus giving the North a decided preponderance over the South. —*Advertiser.*

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