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VIRGINIA FREE PRESS AND FAMILY JOURNAL.

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BY GALLAHER & CO.
CHARLES TOWN.
Thursday Morning Dec. 13, 1860.

LOOK OUT!

It is disgraceful to do, but it must be DONE, and we therefore give notice that all indebted to this office will be expected to pay at least a part of their indebtedness. We must have MONEY.

Oct. 6, 1860. GALLAHER & CO.

The Disunionists Pause.

Whatever may be the extent of the present excitement in regard to the premature movements of South Carolina and other "Cotton States," and however ready the people of the "Border States" may be to repel such aggressions as John Brown and his desperadoes attempted, "we feel assured that the people of Virginia will consider well all the consequences of a disruption of the Union before allowing themselves to be hurried into, and precipitate a measure."

The clamor of the pestilent demagogues ("men of words and not of deeds," whence out of the way when real danger comes) will not be sufficient to induce sensible and reflecting men to bring calamity upon themselves and their posterity. Let what will be said about "violated rights," our people are not fools enough to cut their throats to save a wounded limb. The people of Jefferson, we can truly say, will never be found wanting (notwithstanding Governor Wise's calumny) in their duty when a necessity exists to defend their homes and firesides, but South Carolina and Georgia must remember that there must be dignity and decency even in maintaining undoubted rights. They must not expect our sympathies to make us abjure common sense; and we give our humble warning to the leaders at home, (for what is it worth?) that if they attempt to "precipitate" the States into the creation of standing armies and war debts, in addition to our already heavy burdens, they will build up an opposition which will hurl them from place and power. To break up a great government like ours is not a matter for light consideration. We "must be sure we're right before we go ahead." We can better maintain our just rights under the shield of the Union than under any alliance with the hot-heads of South Carolina. We need no counsel from men who talk of compact as an "assured Union." We have already gained upon the fanaticism of the North. We have control of both Houses of Congress, and we can demand and enforce our rights. We have friends at the North whom it would be baseless to desert. We believe with Mr. Buchanan that "the anti-slavery feeling is not a valuing point" in the North. The reaction cannot fail to be rapid and permanent.

The great business and industrial interests of the country have already sustained a severe shock. The interests of all parties, added to the dictates of common sense, must ensure a speedy remedy. Disunion as a means for existing evils.

Count the Cost.

In the enforcement of acknowledged rights it is often well to consider whether such remedies are available. Has provoking enough to Southern states to find the Abolitionists of the North (whose fathers pocketed the proceeds of their slaves) externally meddling with matters which do not properly concern them, and disturbing the otherwise happy condition of master and slave as it exists in the South.

No state is more deeply interested in this matter than Virginia, but men of sense always count the cost before they jeopardize everything in resorting to the biarmament of the sword. There are several things to be considered:

Virginia is a border-state, and as such likely to suffer far more than the "Cotton States." She loses beyond redemption probably one hundred slaves a year, mostly from the border counties, or those contiguous to Maryland and Pennsylvania. As long as we remain in the Union, we have some hold or claim upon those States into whose territory the slaves escape. For the loss of those shall we jeopardize the retention of the whole number within our borders? Are we ready by a judicious plan to throw down the existing barrier, incomplete though it be, and thereby repeat the fugitive slave law, and give up the right to reclaim any of them? The very discussion of the question of secession has already reduced slave property to one half its value in Virginia and Maryland.

Again: If Virginia resolves to become an independent nation, or a portion of one, she gives up her postal facilities, now costing three millions of dollars annually; and must herself establish post offices and post roads. She must establish a line of military posts along the Potomac, because fanaticism is not likely to be eradicated by a eloquent speech, all breaching devotion to the Union with a just reprobation to "Southern Rights."

Not For Sale.

A subscriber residing in the State of North Carolina writes to us, under date of the 26th ult., that he has observed in one of the papers of the day a rumor to the effect that "Mr. Conroy, of Ohio, is negotiating with the proprietors of the *National Intelligencer* for the purchase of that venerable journal with the intention of converting it into the organ of Mr. Lincoln." Our correspondent, apparently thinking the statement "important if true," desires to be authentically informed in the premises, and further requests that we will, "define our position."

Protecting against the sensibility to which our correspondents seem to hold us, in calling for any notice at our hands of the idle rumors daily written or telegraphed from this city to the "sensation press" at the North, to excite a momentary interest and then be forgotten, we beg to say, for his personal satisfaction, that the paragraph he refers to has no foundation whatever. Mr. Conroy has never intimated to us any such purpose, and we are confident, never entertained any such, and, to prevent any misconception on the subjects, we may add, that the *National Intelligencer* will never pass from the control of its present proprietors into any other's hands while life and health last.

Indeed, sharing in common ruin in which unprofitable political events now threaten to involve all the interests of this great country, the Intelligencer shall sink with the rest, and its principles pass through the hands of the most officers. That day, we trust, is far distant.

As to defining our position, we have been led to do so by the following article in the *Citizen*:—

"We are glad to learn that the company proposed to the distillery, marching in the music of Smith's band. When all were seated, sixty odd waiters, neatly uniformed in white aprons and jackets, and drilled with military precision, entered the room, and the waiters previously arranged met them near the grand tables. Immediately the attack upon the viands commenced and the waiters were kept in constant motion supplying the wants of the hundred gentlemen seated at the board. During which time, the corks popped, the wine flowed, and hilarity prevailed."

"The PEAST of Bassett and Sons on Six."

"Wm. H. Macfarland, Esq., president of the Constitutional Union party, John Bell and Edward Everett.

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POETICAL.

Among the poems in manuscript left by Charles Eastman, we find one on the subject of "The Old Man," which it is written, the authorship is that of the old man himself—perhaps the very last of his poetical productions. It is as sweet in conception as it is graceful in diction.—*Vermont Patriot.*

The Orphan.

BY CHARLES E. EASTMAN.
We loved her as our own, poor child,
And through the weary years
We clung to her, and wept over her tears.
She strove to seem contented while
We wept over her, poor child,
And when she slept at night, poor child,
She wept her life away.

We strove to live every art, poor child,
And tried to make her happy;
Her sorrows from her heart,
Her smile the deepest comfort our care,
And when she slept at night, poor child,
Her sleep was always wet, poor child.

Still while she slept and wept, poor child,
To pay out her sorrows from our hearts
And make her happy;—and when
With sweet and playful ways,
Her lips were still, and her cheek
Came paler day by day.

And struggling with her grief, poor child,
She wept her life away.

She died while wept and wept, poor child,
And hardly mourning that she slept,
Left her in the grave.

She died while wept and wept, poor child,
They could not live, poor child,
They slept and died.

VARIETY.

Seizing for Rent of Roost.

A story is told of Dick, a day laborer in Kentucky, who was a notorious thief, so vicious in this respect that all the thefts in the neighborhood were charged to him; on the occasion Mr. Jones, a neighbor of Dick's master, called and said that Dick was to be sold out of this part of the country, for he had stolen all his (Mr. Jones') turkeys. Dick's master could not think much of the two, however, went into the field where Dick was at work, and accused him of the theft.

"You stole Mr. Jones' turkeys," said the master.

"No, I didn't, massa," responded Dick. The master persisted.

"Well, at length said Dick, 'I tell you massa; I didn't steal them turkeys, but last night when I went across Mr. Jones' pasture I saw one of our rails on the fence, so I brought home to tell, and when I come to look, there were nine turkeys on the rail!'

Recently an Irishman, in New Jersey, was on Sunday driving a horse with a wagon towards Easton, when he was met by a clergyman, who was going to church and took the opportunity to chide the traveller for a breach of the Sabbath:

"My friend," said he, "this is a bad way you are in."

"Och, honey," said the Irishman, "and isn't it the turnpike?"

"By my soul," returned the Irishman, "and that's true enough too, your worship—it's a very bad state, and I'll get into Pennsylvania as soon as I can. Get up home."

A clergyman catching the youths of his church, put the first question from a catechism to a girl.

"What is your consolation in life and death?"

The poor girl smiled, but did not answer.—The priest inquired.

"Well, then," said she, "since I must tell, it is a young printer, named Huber, in Hamilton street."

"Eliza, my child," said a godly old aunt to her pretty niece, who would curl her hair in beautiful ringlets, "if the Creator intended your hair to be curled, he would have done it himself!"

"So he did n't, when I was a baby but he thinks I am big enough now to curl it myself."

"Did you ever," quoth Huber, clasping her hands in astonishment, and retired to her meditations.

"Well, don't blame the gentleman, he knows best, maybe if I hadn't saved her head he would give me a sovereign."

Dean Swift, in preaching an asseize sermon, was severe on the lawyers.

After dinner, a young attorney said some hard things about the clergy, adding that if the deacon was to be a clergyman might be found to preach his funeral sermon.

"Yes, and Swift," I would, and give the devil his due, as I gave my brethren this morning."

A minister had a quarrel with one of his parishioners by the name of Hardy, who showed considerable resentment. On the succeeding Sunday the divine preached from the text, which is pronounced with great emphasis, and with a significant look at Hardy who was present: There is no fool like the fool-Hardy.'

The following beautiful stanza is copied from a young lady's album:

"Fair mode, when I hold me fast,
& gaze in two air'd feet,
my heart is full of love,
and in my bosom lies,
but be it farre me to flutter,

"FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING.

I inform my customers and public in general, that we have just received from the East with a full stock of the latest styles of

FALL & WINTER READY-MADE CLOTHING.

Never find fault with girls very young girls in particular, if they are decided romancers but be thankful they have health and spirits necessary for romancing. Better a romper than have a narrow chest and flushed cheek.

As a doctor, detained in court as a witness, complained to the Judge that he was kept from his patients they might recover in his absence.

My little secretary took the order to strong base literally, and had got about three feet in length when her mistress discovered her blunder.

An eastern editor says he had a pair of boots so tight that they came very near making him a U-Universalist—because he received his punishment as he went along!

A discontented husband says he always tries to recompense his wife as an angel on earth in the hope that she may speedily become one in Heaven.

MEDICAL HOUSE.



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No. 17 South Charles Street, Up Stairs,
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Heavy Brogans, made to order, with sole nearly set thick of heavy wax leather, which we warrant to give entire satisfaction, and for the suppression of Quinsy.

D. SMITH, the noted American Physician of New Haven, has for many years devoted his whole attention to the treatment of Patients with various diseases, such as those of the heart, lungs, kidneys, &c., & has made great success in those long standing and difficult cases, such as were formerly considered incurable. His practice is now more extensive than that of the extensive practice which he has received. Within the last eight years Dr. S. has treated upwards of 10,000 cases, and has made great progress in his different forms and stages of a practice which no doubt exceeds that of all the other physicians now in New Haven. His practice is well known and his directions were strictly followed, and made to conform to the system of Dr. Smith, without regard to the weather and without the expense of drayage.

Insurance effected on all Goods (if desired) at 3 per cent.

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

A commodious Depot has been erected on the Company's Wharf, through which the Railroad track connects with the Fall Stock, and the Fall Stock is shipped at all times without regard to the weather and without the expense of drayage.

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He has a large assortment of Ladies', Misses', and Children's DRESSES, with a full stock of low prices.

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PUBLIC ATTENTION!

Tight-Across Face!

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OF PETER PEIFFER,

Marin Street, Lapeer, West of the Carter House,

CHARLESTOWN, V. A.

WE have made up a large assortment of Ready-made CLOTHING.

Such as COSTS, PANTS, VESTS, and a lot of new TRUNKS, Carpet Bags, &c.

Also a lot of FANCY ARTICLES.

We are called upon every few days to cure Chronic diseases which were supposed to have been cured by other physicians, and to treat cases which had been given up hopeless by others.

Dr. Smith thinks it his duty to advise the unfortunate, especially those of the lower classes, to come to him for treatment, who can afford to pay him a call.

He has a fine collection of Wood Hats, for men's wear, will be sold at very low prices.

We ask for a confirmation, and will give a receipt for every article.

Agents, Alexander & Co., Oct. 14, 1860.

EVERETT HOUSE,

Martinsburg, Va.

THE undersigned having leased for a term of years the Hotel on the Corner of Queen and Market Streets, having been recently removed to the new Hotel on the same corner, has now disposed of his interest in the business, and has sold the Hotel with all its furniture and fixtures, to a new proprietor, to be used for the next six months.

His BAR will be supplied with liquors, inferior to none in the country.

His CLOTHING will be supplied by experienced and attentive Officers.

It is the determination of the undersigned to sell his interest in the business to a new proprietor, to be used for the next six months.

He will be responsible for his patronage.

As a favor to his old friends and the public generally, it is respectfully solicited.

GEORGE W. RAMER, October 6, 1860.

BLACKSMITHING AND WHITE SMITHING.

THIS subscriber being engaged in the above business, has sold his tools, &c., to a new Master.

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