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THE KENT NEWS

CHESTER TOWN, MD.

Saturday, August 21, 1847.

DEMOCRATIC WHIG NOMINATIONS.

FOR GOVERNOR,

Wm. T. Goldsborough,

OF DORCHESTER COUNTY.

FOR CONGRESS,

Alexander Evans,

OF CECIL.

Washington College.

The annual commencement of this old and valuable institution took place on the 14th instant. The examination of the students commenced on the 11th and was continued for three whole consecutive days by the Visitors of the College and the Professors, in the presence of such Parents and Guardians as pleased to attend—the invitation to do so, being a public and general one. This examination was pronounced by Judge Chambers in his address to the Students and the Public in the Court House on the 14th instant, to have been more searching and thorough than any that had preceded it, and the Judge paid a high compliment to the Professors and the Pupils. In the different branches there were about thirty five classes each of which underwent a close and rigid examination, which was highly creditable to the College, and the Board of Visiters did not hesitate through the Judge, as their organ, to commend this College to the most favorable consideration of Parents and Guardians, in strong and emphatic terms, and as having met the high expectation of the Board of Visitors.

The public speaking of the Scholars took place in the Court House, on Saturday the 14th inst. in the presence of a very large audience of Ladies and Gentlemen. A platform had been erected for the convenience of the students. About thirty five delivered speeches, in a manner highly gratifying to the audience, and reflecting great credit on the speakers. All the speakers, acquitted themselves so well, that the gentleman selected to award premiums of books, could not undertake to discriminate, and we understand has called in the aid of others. After the speakers had finished, the Principal of the College, with a class of twenty three, and after him the Vice Principal, with a class of twelve, delivered speeches in concert, which were well done and pleasing to the audience.—The proceedings were closed, by an excellent and most interesting address from Judge Chambers on behalf of the Visitors, to the Pupils of the College, and incidentally to their Parents and Guardians, abounding with the bast instruction and advice, and especially in regard to their morals, conformity to the discipline and the results that would probobly flow from an observance or breach of duty in after life.

The situation of Washington College is most salubrious. We learn that not a single student has been sick during the last Session—all have enjoyed good health, and the pupils return to their homes in fine health and spirits. Nothing is more important than a good education—and as Judge C. informed the schools, that they were soon to take our places and our property, and conduct all the business of a well regulated community, it was essential that they should be well trained, morally and intellectually, and in view of the responsibilities that would devolve upon them.

During the exhibition in the Court House, the Chester Town Band of Music performed a variety of their choice pieces, interspersed through the speaking, with great pleasure to the audience, and highly creditable to themselves. The young gentlemen composing this Band, merit praise, for the progress they have made, in a few months, under the instruction of that Master Musician, Prof. G. W. Minnick, of Baltimore, who led the Band on this occasion.

Early Corn.

Thomas Cufl, gathered some early corn on the 11th instant. On the 14th it was ground into meal, a portion of which he has presented to us, and which made excellect bread. This is not a dwarfish corn but grows to a respectable size—the grain is flinty, and is desirable for bread. It is fine for replanting and does not mix readily with other corn. That recently gathered, grew upon land that has been cultivated in corn for the last fifteen years without intermission.

Whig Meetings.

In another column will be found a call upon the Whigs of Kent to meet at their several election districts, on Saturday next at three o'clock, P. M., to nominate candidates for the Legislature, and two candidates for the Levy Court. It is desirable that the Whigs in the respective districts should turn out largely, to give a full expression of public sentiment, as we are sure they will act in harmony, union and with the characteristic spirit of the Whigs after the nominations shall be made. Every part of the State will look to Kent as an example for the Whigs, as she stands deservedly eminent in the Whig councils of the State. Important principles and measures are involved in the issue of the contest, and all personal preferences and considerations should be urged in the general good.

CORRECTION.—In our brief notice last week, of the visit of several Divisions of the Sons of Temperance from Baltimore to this place, the types got into confusion and made us say that the institution was "no" commendable and ought to be encouraged. We had written it, "no doubt commendable and ought to be encouraged." We should be pleased to see the cause of Temperance extended, by any proper means, and should be gratified if the Sons of Temperance could add greatly their numbers and influence.

Excursion.

The Steamer Pocahontas from Baltimore with a considerable number of the Order of Odd Fellows, with their regalia, and a choice band of music, arrived here on Thursday last about two o'clock. A number of other persons, including Ladies, availed themselves of the opportunity to take a plesure trip. The whole company numbered about 600.

The Weather and Corn Crops.

In nearly two thirds of our county, there has scarcely any rain fallen for three weeks—the corn crop in those sections needs rain—the nights have become cool, and the crop must be considerable injured. A good portion of the corn is latter and cannot well mature without rains and warm weather.

NOMINATIONS.—The Whigs of Washington county have made the following nominations: Hezekiah Boteler, Isaac Motter, James Biays, Robert Fowler and Geo. L. Zeigler.

The Whigs of Somerset county have made the following nominations: Benj'n I. Dashiell, Sydney C. Long, Levin Tyler, and Nathan C. Conner, Esqrs.

The Whigs of Montgomery county have nominated Thomas Neal, James A. Alnutt, Alexander Kilgour and Washington Donifant for their delegates.

To Parents and Guardians.

The Visitors and Governors of Washington College confidently recommend the Institution over which they preside, as one at which Students will receive thorough instruction in all the departments of an Academical and Collegiate education. The examination at the close of the Summer Session continued through three entire days, and was conducted in the presence of committees of the Board of Visitors and some of the Parents and Guardians of the Students. It was full, comprehensive and critical, and it is only common praise to say that it was perfectly satisfactory. Mathematical questions put by members of the Board were solved with a promptness and accuracy which would have done credit to ripe scholars. Indeed in all the departments, the Grammer School and the Sophomore and Freshman classes exhibited an improvement, since the close of the Winter Session, as evident as it was gratifying.

This Institution is under the care of three Professors (besides Dr. Wroth, Professor of Chemistry, who lectures only during the winter) all of whom we consider eminently fitted for their respective stations. The Principal and Professor of the Greek and Latin Languages, R.W. Ringgold, A. M. and the Professor of Moral Philosophy, C. F. Jones, D. D. are Graduates of Princeton College, and were members of the class of 1824. They are well and favorably known in this community. The Vice Principal and Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy S.T. Rogers, A. M., is a graduate of Yale College, of the class of 1844; and since his election to his present situation, has fully sustained the high character for Scholarship given to him by the President of his College and the Professors of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. All the gentlemen, at the close of their College course, ranked among the first of their respective classes, and have proved, as Teachers, worthy of the distinction awarded to them by their Colleges. In all the departments they have adopted and put into practice a system of training and drilling which must succeed in sending forth elegant and able scholars, fitted for every station in life and more especially for the learned professions.

During the late Session the number of Scholars has varied from 55 to 62. Sixteen are now boarding with the Principal, who is prepared to receive as many more. The Visitors indulge the hope of being able to provide large additional accommodations before the close of another year, and by increasing the number of Teachers, to receive and to deserve a more extended patronage.

After the close of the examination, exercises in Elocution were performed on Saturday last in the Court House in presence of a large assembly, by thirty five of the Students. It is but justice both to the Professors and the pupils to say that they exhibited throughout, a tact, ability and spirit which would have conferred honor on any Institution of learning in the country.

By order of the Board of Visitors,
JAMES F. GORDON, Sec'y

ARMY NEWS!

LATER FROM MEXICO.

The following extracts are from the N. Orleans Picayune of the 6th inst:

A gentleman who conversed with Santa Anna since the middle of July—we are told this on the best authority in Vera Cruz—found him in favor of negotiating, but dreading to assume the responsibility. Gen Valencia had arrived at the capital with four thousand men from San Luis Potost—all full of fight. This embarrassed Santa Anna. He felt himself too strong to give up without a fight.

We mentioned the death of Lieut. Tipton, of the Rifles, and Lieut. Sturgeon, of one of the Pennsylvania regiment. The former was the son of ex Senator Tipton, of Indiana; the latter of Senator Sturgeon, of Pennsylvania.

General Shidld's health is nearly re established, as his many friends will be delighted to hear.

The Picayune has letters from the American prisoners in Mexico. The latest date is to the 15th July. The health of the party is good, but they see no prospect of release.

Mr. Kendall perseveres in sending couriers to Vera Cruz, though he has had three captured; one has been killed. He fought bravely for his life, and was faithful to the last. By singular good fortune the letters by this courier have been recovered. They are not of a late date, but it is rater singular that they should have reached their destination *against the wishes of the Mexicans*, when once in their possession.

PUEBLA, Mexico, July 25, 1847.

I haxe seen an order, issued at the city of Mexico on the 19th inst. by Gen, Lombardin, in which, after stating that it is now time for the great Mexican nation to show the world that her sons have not degenerated, the commander in chief goes on to decree as follows: That on the Americans' first appearance in sight of the capital a gun shall be fired in the plaza; that instantly all the bands shall strike up the alarm; that all the military shall at once hurry to their appropriate stations; that all stores, save those where charcoal and provisions are sold, shall be immediately closed that no carriage shall be allowed in the streets; and that there shall be no assemblage of persons in any part of the city.—Such is the plan of giving the alarm, and of the after government of the city.

Last evening, on the strength of a letter said to have been received from the Spanish Minister in Mexico, peace stock went up. It was rumored that the contents of his communication made peace inevitable; that the Congress and Santa Anna were disposed to agree to anything in order to insure it, now, while I am writing, intelligence has come in, from which it would appear that there is no earthly chance for an amicable adjustment of our difficulties. From all accounts, it would appear that Santa Anna and Congress are at sword's points, and that the former has all the advantage over the constituent wisdom of the great and magnanimous Mexican nation. It may be recollected that two months since Congress passed an act declaring any one a traitor who would even entertain the idea of a peace with the North Americans. So far so good.

I said above that rumors from the city of Mexico were at a discount; we have no other reports than that a portion of the city has been overflowed, that much sickness prevails, and that the Mexicans intend giving Gen. Scott at Penon. There are those in the army who think that before a gun is fired Santa Anna will send out a white flag, and come to terms. We shall see.

PUEBLA, Mexico, July, 30, 1847.

In relation to the movements of the army, I can give you no other than the impression that General Scott will march immediately on the arrival of Gen. Pierce. The men composing the divisions of Gens. Worth and Twiggs are probably better soldiers than any at present in the world.

LETTER FROM GEN. SCOTT.

The following letter, written by Gen'l Scott to the Hon. Millard Fillmore, is published in the New York papers:

Headquarters of the Army

MY DEAR SIR: I have received the two letters (one from the Rev. Mr. Angler and the other signed by Mr. Van Wyck) asking, on several grounds, the discharge of James Thomson, a private of the second regiment of artillery. 1st. He has, since his enlistment, reformed his habits. This is an argument in favor of his serving out his time, lest he should relapsed, if discharged before confirmed in his reformation—military discipline highly favors reformation. 2d. He has become pious. This makes him at once a better soldier and a better man, and fortunately we are not without many pious officers and men in our ranks, but, 3d. It is alledged that he has imbibed conscientious scruples against performing military duty. If the man be mad he can be discharged on a surgeon's certificate to that effect; but if he has only turned coward, we have ample means of punishing him if he should, when ordered, refuse to fight.

I return the letters, you enclosed, and remain, my dear sir, with great esteem, yours truly,

WINFIELD SCOTT.

Hon. M. FILLMORE.

POLITICAL.

A Mexican Whig.

The Whigs of the third district of Alabama, unwilling to let the election go by default, nominated Mr. Murphy as their candidate for Congress. In accordance with the wishes of his friends he took the stump, and, by his eloquence and zeal, threatened to make inroads upon the ranks of the Locofoco party. In one of his speeches he animadverted upon the commencement and management of the War, whereupon the Locofocos press denounced him as a "Mexican Whig." This excited the indignation of some of the volunteers, one of whom, in a letter, thus adverts to the character of this "Mexican Whig;" and to the kind of "aid and comfort" which he had meted out to the "enemy."

After speaking of Mr. Murphy's enthusiasm in raising volunteers, his speeches, his continued efforts, his contributions to their fund, and the time and money freely spent by him for that purpose by this "Mexican Whig," he says:

"But he stopped not here; for, after they had separated from their friends and their homes, and esteemed that the hand of the community would no more be stretched forth to aid them, that the last for their comfort had been performed, and they were without the pale of the assistance of kindred and well wishers—actuated by his solicitude for their welfare, *he followed them on their way;* was with them at Wither's Landing, was with them at Demopolis, and there, *from his own private purse*, furnished the men who had not sufficient pecuniary means a considerable amount of money, which purchased for the wearied soldiers beneath the burning sun of a Mexican clime, luxuries that truly seemed like blessings from Heaven; and if the fervent gratitude of soldiers' hearts can repay the gift, he has it all. Again at Mobile *others were furnished with clothing upon his account, and drafts for the amount were accepted and paid.* And still further, in Mexico, during the long twelve months they suffered there, his letters were frequent, breathing cheering and consolatory thoughts; and in those to his brother, Lieut. Murphy, whose purse was ever open to his men, his language was emphatic:—"If necessary for *their* comfort spend all have got and draw on me for more."—And when the few whom disease or death had not marked for their prey were permitted by a kind Providence to return, his was the familiar voice that greeted them back, and welcomed them again to home and happiness. Thus from the beginning to the end he has been identified with the volunteers and their interests, and his heart has been in the war, as every patriot's should have been, with an earnest desire that it *might not terminate disastrously to the honor of the American nation.*"

LETTER OF PHILIP F. THOMAS TO WM. T. GOLDSBOROUGH.

Easton, July 22, 1847.

DEAR SIR:—It is my purpose, at an early day to commence a tour of the State, with a view of forming a general acquaintance with the people, and of discussing such political topics as may arise in the progress of the Gubernatorial campaign. Possessing no information in reference to the line of conduct which you may have adopted for your own government in this matter, I have deemed it an act of courtesy to apprise you of my intentions, and to assure you it will afford me a very great pleasure to make my visits to the different counties in company with you. Should your views as to the manner of condvcting the canvass correspond with my own, I presume there can be no difficulty in making any reasonable arrangement to suit our mutual convenience. Will you favor me with a reply as soon as this shall come to hand.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully, &c.,
Your obedient serv't
PHILIP F. THOMAS.

WM. T. GOLDSBOROUGH, Esq.

REPLY.

Horn's Point, July 31, 1847.

DEAR SIR:—In consequence of my absence from home, I did not receive your letter of the 22d inst., until Thursday evening last, or it would have received earlier attention. The Whigs of Maryland, believing that the principles which govern them as a party are well known and understood by the people of the State, in presenting me as their candidate, deemed it unnecessary for me to make a "tour of the State" in the manner you indicate. A large portion of our citizens, to, disapprove of the course you propose, thinking it productive of virulent feelings and partizan rancor. I shall act in accordance with these views. Be pleased to accept my acknowledgments for the courtesy extended to me in making known your own intentions, and for the invitation you have tendered to me.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
WM. T. GOLDSBOROUGH.

Hon PHILIP F. THOMAS.

The Winchester Virginian, a democratic ournal, thus speeks of the passage of Mr. lay through that place on Friday last, on his route in this direction:

"Though he tarried but one short hour in town, a large number of our citizens called to pay their respects to him. He was warmly pressed to spend the day with his friends here, but could not be prevailed upon to do so. On his way down the vally, wherever he stopped, the people, without distinction of party, flocked around him, to do honour to the man, the lustry of whose genius has contributed so much to elevate the character and swells the renown of our beloved country."

MR, Clay was received at Cape May with great eclat on Monday. Every body on the island crowded to see him. The Hon. John M. Clayton is also there.

ITEMS OF NEWS

DREADFUL SHIPWRECK—ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY TWO LIVES LOST.

The ship Iduna, Capt. Moberey, from Hamburg for New York, having on board two hundred and six passengers, foundered at sea, and one hundred and seventy two of the passengers were drowned. The Captain of ship was also lost. Those who escaped a watery grave were taken off the wreck by a vessel which fortunately came to their rescue. Wen taken off they were in a most pitiful condition, clinging to pieces of the wreck.

A LARGE crowd assembled at St. Louis on Monday week to witness the sale of two convicted vagrant. William Wilson alias Red, was bought for the small sum of $1 50. Todd brought $10 50 by a friend. Both appeared to enjoy the fun as much as the bystanders.

George'll being informed that an impudent printer was to be punished for having published a spurious king's speech, replied that he hoped the punishmet would be of the mildest sort, because he had read both, and, as far as he understood either of them, he liked the spurious speech better than his own.

HEALTH.—An intelligent physician informs us that he does not remember a season when the health of the village and surroundding country was better than at present.—*Upper Marlbro' Gazette.*

THE VA. SPRINGS.—The mountains, says the Lewisburg Chronicle, are now thronged with visiters from all parts of the Union. At the White there are about 450 at the Hot; at the Red Spring, near the Sweet, 70; at the Sweet 80; at the Blue 50; at the Salt a good company, exact number not known. The others not particularly heard from.

At the Fanquier Springs the company numbered, on the 13th, about 300, and is rapidly increasing.

☞Hon. Secretary Walker after an exploration of the harbour at Boston, on Saturday, concluded the day by a dinner on board the Hibernia mail steamer.

YELLOW FEVER.—There were 19 deaths by yellow fever in the charity hospital, at New Orleans, on the 8th inst. There were two cases at Mobile on the 9th inst.

☞A meeting was called at Trenton, N. Jersey, on Tuesday, for the purpose of appointing a committee to proceed to Cape May, and invite Henry Clay to visit that city.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14th, 1847.

ORDER OF EXERBISES.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Roby.

MUSIC.

SOPHOMORE CLASS.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG—Oration in commemoration of the battle of Lexington—*Everett.*

J. LEEDS BARROLL—Extract from the tragedy of Gustavus Vasa—*Brooke.*

JAMES M. VICKERS—Ode on the Passions.—*Collins.*

WILLIAM J. WROTH—Cicero against Verres.

MUSIC.

Dialogue from the tragedy of Julius Cæsar—*Shakspeare.*

WILLIAM S. WALKER—*Cassius.*

J. LEEDS BARROLL—*Brutus.*

FRESHMAN CLASS.

SAMUEL FISHER—Aeneas, to Dido giving an account of the sack of Troy.

JAMES A. PERKINS—Address to the soldiers of the Revolution—*Webster.*

WILLIAM J. STONE—The lost steam ship, President—*Sargent.*

MUSIC.

EZEKIEL C. WICKES—On the death of Hamilton—*Mason.*

WILLIAM H. LASSELL—Oration in commemoration of the settlement of Salem—*Story.*

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

CHARLES BAKER—Battle of Waterloo—*Byron.*

JAMES E BLACK—Battle Field.—*Bryant.*

MUSIC.

MORGAN BROWN—Address to Mont Blanc—*Coleridge.*

JOHN BURBAGE—Eloquent appeal in behalf of Greece—*Clay.*

JOHN CARROLL—Casabinca—*Hemans.*

CHARLES DAVIS—Song of MacMurrough.

MUSIC.

JOHN DAVIS—Arnold Winkelreid—*Montgomery.*

THOMAS DODD—The power of eloquence—*Carey.*

LORENZO GINN—Speech in favor of signing the Declaration of Independence—*John Adams.*

Dialogue—Lochiel's Warning:

SAMUEL GINN—Wizard.

WILLIAM J. STONE—Lochiel.

JOSEPH N GORDON—Death of Leonidas—*Croly.*

MUSIC.

LEVINUS GRAVES—Speech against the American War—*Chatham.*

BENJAMIN S. GREENWOOD—America and Ireland—*Phillips.*

WILLIAM K HALL—Speech in favor of the American Revolution—*Quincy.*

GEORGE T. HOLLYDAY—Melancholy fate of the Indians—*Sprague.*

MUSIC.

JAMES LASSELL—Tribute to Washington—*Phillips.*

JOSEPH RAISIN—Mark Anthony's Oration on the death of Cæsar—*Shakspeare.*

JOHN REDUE—Cataline, on hearing his sentence of banishment—*Croly.*

CHARLES G. RICAUD—The child's first grief—*Hemans.*

MUSIC.

JAMES A. RINGGOLD—The Mariner's Dream—*Dimond.*

RICHARD SMITH—Speech on the war with England—*Henry.*

WILLIAM C. SPENCER—Rienzie's address to the men of Rome—*Mitford.*

BENJAMIN C. VICKERS—Death and the drunkard—*Anon,*

MUSIC.

WILLIAM A. VICKERS—The tomahawk submissive to the spirit of Eloquence—*Neal.*

PEREGRINE L. WICKES—Downfall of Poland—*Campbell.*

CONCERT EXERCISE, by the Principal of the College and a class of twenty three students—The seventh plague of Egypt—The Tempest—*Anonymous.*

MUSIC.

CONCERT EXERCISE, by the Vice Principal of the College and a class of twelve student—Marco Bozarris—*Halleck.*

MUSIC.

BENEDICTION.

MARRIED,

In New York, on the 10th instant, by the Rev. Dr Turner, John J. Frisby, of Baltimore, to Mary E. daughter of William H. Barroll, Esq. New York.

WHIG MEETINGS.

The Whigs of Kent county are requested to meet in their several election districts on SATURDAY, the twenty-eighth day of August, instant, at three o'clock, P. M., to nominate a candidate for the Legislature in their respective districts, and in the upper district to nominate a candidate for the Levy Court, and in each district to nominate a Committee of Five to meet in Chester Town, on TUESDAY the 31st August, at 11 o'clock, to nominate another member of the Levy Court.

The meeting for the Lower District, will be held at Stone's Spring.

For the Middle at the Court House.

For the Upper at Georgetown X Roads.

The Whigs in the several counties of this State are bringing out their candidates with great harmony and unanimity—they are determined to give a good account of themselves in October, and it becomes the Whigs of Kent county, who have proved their attachment to principles in a series of by-gone contests, to act with the spirit of union, and harmony—to forget all personal preferences and prejudices and to act for the good of their country.

Let the attendance in each district be full—and actuated by the Whig spirit of former years—bring out and support strong men with a zeal and activity corresponding with the importance of the occasion and of the great principles involved in the contest.

COMMITTEE.

Kent county,
Aug. 14, 1847.

NOTICE.

THE Notes taken at the Vendue of the late John Adkinson's property, fell due on the 6th July, and unless paid, will be proceeded on, after the first day of September.

G. VICKERS, Agent
for Henry Webster.

Chester Town,
Aug. 21, 1847.