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THE NEWS.

CHESTER TOWN, Md.

Saturday Morning, February 24, 1855.

PROHIBITORY LAW.—The Legislature of Delaware, on Tuesday last, passed a prohibitory law, by a vote of 11 to 10.

DENTISTRY.—Dr. W. C. Stewart will remain in this place one week longer. He can be found at the hotel of John McDaniel.

☞The Steamer Lady Wilmer will resume her trips to Philadelphia, on the 1st March. See advertisement in another column.

FOREIGN NEWS.—The Baltic arrived at New York yesterday afternoon, bringing one week later news from Europe. The Queen of England has succeeded in forming a new Cabinet in which Lord Palmerston is Premier. Lord John Russell, Aberdeen, and New Castle are left out.—There is no prospect of peace, and the affairs in the Crimea remain unchanged, with the exception that the allies are receiving abundance of provisions.

The latest official despatches from Lord Raglan are dated on the 23d and 24th ult. Both allude to the improvement of the weather, and speaks cheeringly of the prospects. The letter says: "We resume our work before the town with renewed activity."

It is reported that a battle had taken place on the Danube between the Russians and Turks, in which the latter were victorious.

There is a slight depression in breadstuffs, and the tendency is rather downward.

The 22d.

Thursday last being the 123d anniversary of the birth of George Washington, was celebrated in this place at 11 o'clock A. M., by the Mount Vernon Society of Washington College. The Fareware Address having been read by Mr. Jas. T. Lassell, a member of the Society, and an oration appropriate to the day pronounced by Wm. J. Stone, Esq. The audience was large and respectable, and the utmost attention prevailed during the highly interesting and instructive exercises of the occasion.

In the evening the Court House was crowded by an audience drawn together to witness the annual exhibition of the pupils of the Wentworth Seminary, conducted by A. E. Bassford, Esq. The young ladies and gentlemen of the Institution acquitted themselves very handsomely, affording infinite gratification to the audience by their speeches, dialogues, music, &c., and reflected distinguished credit upon themselves and their accomplished preceptors. The proceeds of the Exhibition are to be appropriated to the benefit of the poor; and we are gratified to learned that the sum of $40 was received through the voluntary contributions of those present.

RESHIPMENT OF FOREIGN PAUPERS. The Mayor of New York has notified the Belgian consul of his determination to return to their own country the Belgian paupers and convicts recently landed at that port. He calls upon the Consul to send them back at the expense of his government. It appears appears from official information the Mayor has received, that a shipping agent in Antwerp, named Strauss, has a contract with the Belgian government in which he agrees to send all the paupers they furnish to this country, he receiving 15 florins for every person so sent. The cost of transportation amounts to 7½ florins per head, making a clear gain to him of 5½ florins. This nefarious traffic has now been carried on for some time, and it is asserted almost every ship arriving at New York from Rotterdam and Antwelp brings some paupers and convicts in it.

ANOTHER KNOW NOTHING VICTORY.—The N. O. Picayune of the 15th inst. says, it will be recollected that the Legislature of Louisiana referred back to the people the contested election for represeniative in Morehouse parish.—We learn that the new election has been held, and that the two candidates at the first trial, Messrs. Faulk, (Know Nothing,) and Hall, (Democrat) were pitted against each other. The result was (as reported by telegraph,) the election of Faulk, the Know Nothing candidate, by a majority of 56.

SPOLIATION VETO.

The determination of the President Pierce to refuse payment of the claims recognized by France, and adjudicated before an American commission, is before the public. He repudiates them, and for the following, among other reasons:

1 The claims have not been paid before.

2. To assert that they were even due is therefore an imputation upon the honor of the country.

3. This bill would disgrace the country by proposing to compound for less than the amount alleged to be due.

4. No President has ever recommended their payment.

5. The Government never assumed their payment.

We are no French claimant, nor in the interest or pay of any who are, but we could not look upon the trival reasons alleged for defeating this bill with laughter, were it not for the sorrow which it brings to many a heart, and the stain which this unqualified repudiation of a debt acknowledged by a majority of the people and of the States to be just. These considerations convert the feeling of contempt for the reasoning of a demagogue into indignation for an arogant and unjastifiable perversion of a public trust into an engine of political mischief. Upon the doctrine embodied in this veto we shall have something to say hereafter.

The claimants are thrust back into their dungeon, and the key harshly turned upon them. Whether the successor of Mr. Pierce may take a different view the public obligations, we cannot say. That will be their only resource. Perhaps the next Executive may consent to carry out the will of the people as expressed by their representatives. Till then the claiments must have patience, wear their old clothing, and live upon the pinched pittance to which the tyranny of our government, and the repudiation of another, has reduced them.—*Balt. Pat.*

Important Arrest.—Great Haul of the Most Dangerous Counterfeit Money.

Deputy Sheriff Duckley, acting on some slight information and suspicion, yesterday morning put himself on the alert to discover a notorious counterfeiter, whom he had reason to believe had come to Chicago within a few hours previous. After some hours of active search and prudent inquiry he got upon his trail, and shortly after arrested in the street a man named Nelson Driggs, and conveyed him to the Sheriff's office.

It had been previously ascertained that Driggs had arrived in the city on Wednesday night, and had put up at the Jervis House, near the Michigan Southern and Rock Island depot.—Driggs was searched, and on his person in a small satchel in his hand, and in his baggage at the hotel, were counterfeit and altered bank notes to the enormour amount of *thirty thousand dollars.*

The great body of his money, however, consisted in genuine notes altered from ones to fives, tens, twenties and fifties. His mode of altering the notes is the old but ingenious one of splitting the original note and cutting out of the the same the figures and words designating its value, and replacing them with others to suit the design of the operator.

We are informed that the counterfeits are of the most dangerous character. The are executed with a skill which might baffle the most expert handler of paper money. So wide spread was the plan laid that much injury has been done. We have no doubt but Driggs, who came hither from the east, has scattered his enlarged currency, over New England, New York, Ohio, Indiana and the Southern States. —*Chicago Times.*

SENTENCED TO BE HANGED.—The New Orleans Picaune of the 15th instant says:

"Melanie, a slave girl, belonging to M'lle Friloux, and her brother, Mengo, belonging to Mme. Ellen Kinlair, have been tried and convicted, in the Parish of St. Charles; of the murder of John W. Lathern, on the 26th of November last, and have been sentenced to be hanged. Parker, the husband of Melanie, who was tried with them, was acquitted.—Mr. Lathern was to have been married on the 27th to Melanie's mistress, and the alleged ground of his being murdered was that she did not wish to be removed to Mr Lathern's place."

THE FRENCH SPOLIATION BILL.—A despatch fram Washington says:

It is an error to suppose that the French Spoliation claims are effectually smothered by the veto. If the House should pass the Senate bill for the establishment of a Court for the adjudication of claims upon the Government, the claimants upon the vetoed bill can move before this Court *de novo*. If a legal tribunal, such as the one propoesd, should decide in favor of the claimants no further interposition need be anticipated from the Executive.

MORE HEADS OFF.—Americanism is certain death to every Democratic Postmaster. His Holiness, Jas. Campbell, recently removed two more Democrats in Northampton county, because they were suspected of having "seen Sam." No man who has the manliness to avow American sentiments need expect to retain office under the Jesuit dynasty. Well, there's a "good time coming."

MOLASSES.—The total consumption of foreign molasses in the United States in in 1851, was 24,434,018 gallons; total consumption of foreign and domestic, 54,492,010 gallons.

M. P. CONFERENCE.—"Mercury," the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, in speaking of the approaching Conference, says:

"On the fourteenth of March—three weeks from to-day—the Conference of the Methodist Frotestant denomination commences in Alexandria. Under the pastorship of the Rev. D. Evans Reese, the church in this city has acquired a state of permanency and general prosperity hitherto unknown. Some $1,600 of debt has been extinguished, leaving a balance of $135 to be paid. The congregation has increased in numbers.—A liberal salary has been paid their preachers, besides which the ladies of the charge have conferred upon him substantial evidence of their appreciation of his services. Having been here two years, there is a prospect of a change; but whether in the 'forest wild or city full,' Mr Reese will ever have the kind regard of this people. Mr. Fitz Henry Bartlett is appointed delegate from "Ninth Street Station" to the conference. In Georgetown and Alexandria the churches are also doing well.

MISSOURI U. S. SENATOR.—The Legislature of Missouri, in joint convention of the two Houses, having balloted more than forty times for a U. S. Senator in in place of Gen. Atchison, Nebraska Dem., whose term of service expires on 4th of next month, adjourned the convention on the 3rd inst. by a vote of 88 to 63, until called together by concurrent resolution." It is doubtful if any further proceedings will be had on the subject at the present session. The result of the latest ballotings was about as follows:

Atchison, (dem.)	59
Donnipham, (whig,)	67
Benton, (Bentonite,)	37

In the course of the discussion which issued in the indefinite postponement, Col. Doniphan declared that "on the subject of the principlel involved in the Kansas Nebraska Bill, *he and Gen. Atchison precisely agreed.*" Benton too has declared himself opposed to its repeal.

Both branches of the Legislature have voted to hold an adjourned session, commencing on the first Monday of November next.

THE "ARISTOCRATIC DRY ROT."—The late attacks of the press upon the aristocratic element of the British Government as the cause of the present defects in the military system is seconded by Douglas Jerrold, who calls it the "aristocratic dry rot," who says the whole frabric is a structure of a century and more of the most shameful injustice, the vilest jobbing, and most selfish ignorance. He congratulates the country on its fall with the ministry, and says:

"Henceforth, we must have generals and officers from the great mass of the people, and not from a few coteries.—Genius and wounds and service must hence'orth purchase military rank, and not cash. Scars may buy promotions, but not bank checks. And the time is fast coming—present events hurry it onward—when the people of England will no longer be the property of two or three houses—coroneted Noodles and Doodles; imbecility that 'came in with the Conquoror,' and will go out with the coming of the conquoring mass—but will supply their own statesmen Brains will rule and not baubles."

DISARMING THE IRISH COMPANIES.—On Thursday afternoon, Captain Proctor, of the Jackson Musketeers, in Lowell, not having obeyed an order sent him from the Governor, to return his companies' arms to the State authorities, Adjutant General Stone proceeded to that city with directions to take them wherever he could find them. This was after General Stone had removed the arms from the armories of the three disbanded Irish companies in Boston. General Stone, upon his arrival his Lowell, first notified Mayor Lawrence of his errand, and that officer accompanied him to the armory. No person being present to unlock the door, it was speedily forced, and the property of the State removed quietly, and without molestation.—*Boston Journal.*

THE NEW KING OF THE SANDWICH ISLAND.—The coronation of the new king of the Sandwich Islands was to have taken place on the 8th of January. It was intended that the ceremonies should accord as closely as circumstances would permit with the inauguration of a President of the United States.—Gen. Miller, the British Consul, was quite indignant, it is said, at the 8th of January being fixed upon for the ceremony. That day excites in the General's mind some unpleasant reminiscences, he being engaged in the battle of New Orleans, and still bears about his person goodly evidence of the skill Gen. Jackson's troops possessed in sharp shooting.

NAVAL COMMISSIONS.—*Washington*, Feb 20.—The following commissions were issued at the Navy Department yesterday: Charles H Bell and A Bigelow, to be Captains; H. H. Bell and Wm. Smith to be Commanders; C. C. Simms, H. N T. Arnold, T. Pattison, J. Myers, J. Higgins, R. Aulic, to be Lieutenants; R. W. Jeffery, F. M. Porter, S. S. Addison, W. A Nelson, to be Surgeons; W. G. Hay, D. R. Conrad, J. E. Sample, W. T. Hord, Wyatt M. Brown, to be Assistant Surgeons—also, in the Marine Corps, A. Garland to be captian; T. Y. Field and C. G. Cawley, First Lieutenants, A. J. Dallas, H. B. Tyler, Jr., Second Lieutenants. Joseph Smith to be Navy Agent at Boston. A warrant was issued for Reuben Harris as Master, Vice R. Aulick promoted.

The Lieutenant Generalship.

An intelligent correspondent of the National Intelligencer, says:

"General Washington was not expected, by any member of Congress, to accept (as he did) the Lieutenant Generalcy; but when it was found that he could be brought back into the public service, Congress was in haste to revive his old revolutionary rank, GENERAL OF *full General*, and the *Lieutenancy* was abolished, at the instance of President Adams, to prevent the promotion of the next in rank (Hamilton) thereto. Their quarrel had commenced sometime before."

The Intelligencer remarks upon the above as follows:

It thus appears that the rank of Lieutenant General was a grade between the rank General—(Washington's revolutionary rank)—and the grade Major General; so that we have had in our army (and militia, too, we believe,) every rank but that of *Field Marshall.*

It would be an interesting incident if the commisison of Gen. Scott as Lieutenant General of the Army of the United States should bear date on tde 22nd of February. The honor being one which only the Father of his country held, it would be most appriately conferred on the birthday of the great Chieftain. It is an occasion which draws out our fine military companies, and they would feel a peculiar pleasure in saluting the General-in-Chief on the day of his well deserved promotion.

A CASE OF POISONING—CONFESSION. A negro girl, belonging to Elfred Price, Esq., of Kent Island, was committed to jail on Friday last, by 'Squire Raynard, for causing the death of an interesting little boy, aged about four years, son of her master, by poison. From what we can learn, Mr. P. had prepared some dough and arsenic for the purpose of killing rats and had deposited it about the rat-holes. The girl obtained a portion of the mixture which she induced the child to take, and which caused his death soon after. In due time the child was buried, but suspicion of foul-play being entertained his body was disinterred for the purpose of having a post-mortem examination, which was had, and which resulted in the conclusion that the child had been poisoned. Another negro belonging to Mr. Price was charged with the crime, but was exonerated by the voluntary confession of the girl who was subsequently committed. In acknowledging the deed she said she did not know that it would kill him, but thought it would make him sick. She is about 17 years old and appears to be a negro of ordinary intelligence.—*Cent. Sentinel.*

A BIT OF ROMANCE.—Some years ago, says the St. Louis Intelligencer, a very beautiful young lady was the ward of a person in Louisiana, who defrauded her out of quite a large fortune. This lady came to this city, where she married, but not living on good terms with her husband, finally obtained a divore from him and retired to a convent. Whilst she was there she received a letter from the son of her guardian, informing her of his father's death, and that himself had heired all his vast property, but that he could not consent to retain that which had been treacherously taken from another, and offering to make restitution. The lady immediately proceeded to Louisiana, had an interview with the heir, and received back, both principal and interest, all that she had been wronged out of. The strangest part of the story remains behind. No sooner had she got possession of her fortune, than she returned to this city, sought out her former husband, and in a few days was re-married to him. Verily, the love of women passeth understanding. The parties are now living in St. Louis.

A gentleman from Virginia recently announced in the Washington Hall Hotel, at Atlanta, Ga., that he had somehow been relieved there of his pocket book, containing $3,200, but he seemed to take the matter so cooly that it was generally supposed the announcement was a hoax, more especially as the gentleman departed next morning for home as if nothing had happened. It was remarked however, that the money market among the colored folks was becoming so enormously easy, and a negro soon attempting to pass a hundred dollar bill the whole $3,200 was finally recovered. It is not known whether the Virginian will think it worth his while to take the trouble of sending after the money, now that he has been informed of its recovery.

THE POPE'S LAST BULL.—His Holiness, the Pope, in his last "bull" says to the Bishops and Priests of the United States:—"General education promotes infidelity, and checks the progress of Catholicity; bible societies are engines of mischief; the freedom of the Press is a most foul plague; liberty of conscieuce a prolific source of heresy and crime. Demolish these and Catholicism has nothing to fear in the United Stases."

INDIAN OUTRAGES.—Later advices from Texas report numerous Indian depredations on the frontiers. Eleven men had been killed by them and four captured. The settler were greatly excited and were assembling together for mutual protection. Scouting parties were being sent out in all directions, and five companies of troops were organizing at Chadbourne to proceed against the Southern Camanches who were joining with the Northern tribes, and war was inevitable.

THE LIEUTENANT GENERALCY.—On hearing of the passage of the joint resolution authorizing the President to confer the brevet rank of Lieutent-General on Major Gen. Scott, the House of Representatives of Pensylvania, by a unanimous vote, adopted a resolution of thanks to Congress for the act.

Baltimore Market.

FROM THE BALTIMORE SUN OF FRIDAY.

Wheat, white,	$1 95 a 200
" red	1 90 a 195
Corn white	84 a 85
" yellow "	87 a 88
Oats,	50 a 52
Rye	117 a 118
Clover Seed	$6 75

"I wil Never be Without them."

Salford, Vermilion Co., Ill., May 2, '50.

MR. SELLERS:—Having used your Liver Pills, Cough Syrup, and Vermifuge in my family for more than three years, I believe I am justified in saying to to the public, that they are decidedly the best family medicine now in use. I will never be without them unless they cannot be obtained at any cost.—In they section of country they have saved hundred of dollars in doctors' bills. I would recommend the Liver Pills in preference to anything else, for an enlargement of the spleen.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES ASHMORE.

TO THE PUBLIC.—The original, only true and genuine Liver Pills are prepared by R. E Sellers, and have his name in black wax upon the lip of each box, and his signature on the outside wrapper—*all others are counterfeits or base imitations.*

Prepared and sold by R. E. SELLERS & Co., Pittsburg, Pa,

And for sale by

Simon Wickes, Chester Town.
Abel J. Rees, Rees' Corner.
M. V. Boyer, Millington.

And by Druggists generally on the Eastern Shore and in Baltimore city.

Feb. 3, 1855—1m 7

MARRIED.

On Tuesday last, by Rev. J. A. Massey, Mr. GEORGE H. THOMSON, of Baltimore city, to Miss ANN C SMITH, of this county.

On Thursday last, by the same, Mr. PEREGRINE H, GEARS to Miss JANE R STARTT, both of this county.

DIED,

On the 4th inst., after a lingering illness, which she bore with christian patience and resignation, MARGARET, in the 31st year of her age, relict of John Caveler, dec'd.

Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past—
The battle's fought,—the race is run,
And thou art crowned at last.

Of all thy heart's desires
Triumphantly possessed,
Lodged with the heavenly choir
In thy Redeemer's breast.

Oh, happy, happy soul,
In ecstacies of praise,
Long as eternal ages roll,
Thou'll see thy Saviour's face.

In Watkins, Chermony county, New York, on the 16th February; Mrs. SARAH ELIZABETH STARKEY, formerly of Kent county, Md, wife of the Rev. Dr W. W. Starkey and the eldest daughter of Mr. John Bosee. [Balt. Sun will please copy.]

In Quaker Neck, on Sunday last, Mrs. ELIZABETH JONES, aged 66 years.

In Baltimore, on the 15th inst., after a lingering illness, Mr. BENJAMIN BOWERS in the 71st year of his age, formerly of Kent county.

THE CHESTER DEBATING SOCIETY respectfully request the public at large, and the *ladies* of Chestertown in particular, to furnish them with some good subjects of debate—Address, through the Post Office, "Executive Committee Chester Debating Society."

N. B.—Historical subjects are preferred. Feb. 24, 1855.—1t.

Lime.

THE subscriber would respectfully inform his customers and the public in general, that he is still prepared to supply them with Schuylkill Valley Lime in a quick or slack state, at any good landing on the Delaware or Chesapeake Bays, as he has increased his number of boats and has selected good captains, he therefore can assure them that he can fill all orders and give satisfaction to all who may favor him with their custom; he would further say that he has become acquainted with the business and knows the number of bushels which his boats will hold, which enables him to see whether they get measure or not, it being his wish that the farmers should get full measure and a good article. All orders promptly attended to. Please give at least three weeks notice before wanted, with directions where delivered, and to whom delivered. For further particulars address the subscriber.

N. B. APPLETON.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 24, 1855.6m.

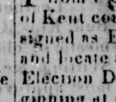
Wanted.

A HOUSEKEEPER, by a gentleman in the country—the situation would be a pleasant one, and very liberal wages given. Apply to the EDITOR.

Feb. 10, 1855.

Vendue

THE subscriber will sell at public sale on WEDNESDAY the 28th day of February inst., at the residence of Elizabeth Jones, deceased, on Quaker Neck, all the personal property of said deceased, consisting of



3 HEAD OF CATTLE, 7 SHOATS, 1 BROOD SOW

One Fourwheel Carriage and Harness, Household and Kitchen Furniture, a lot of Farming Utensils, &c. Terms made known on day of sale. O. P.

Ext'r. of E. Jones.

Feb. 24, 1855—1t.

FOR SALE



The Steamboat *Watchman*

WILL be offered at Public Sale at the town of Millington on SATURDAY the 3d March next, at 12 o'clock, A. M. Watchman is a full bright bay, full 16 hands high, 7 years old next May; he is in good condition for travelling and perfectly safe in harness. He was sired by Webb's horse Tuckaho, out of Knight mare.

The undersigned will also sell at the same time, a fine MARE and a good Milch Cow. Terms stated on day of sale.

W. T. & J. H. C.

Feb. 24, 1855.—ts

Road Notice

IN compliance with a petition from the Honorable County Commissioners of Kent county, authorizing the undersigned as Examiners to decide and locate a public road in Election District of said county, beginning at or near the village of Harmony, and to run from thence in a South-easternly direction through the lands of G. W. T. Perkins, the heirs of Mrs. Mary Ringgold, Osborn and others, to intersect the public road which connects the village of Myer's (formerly Dill's) with the Market road at the south end of E. Thomas' or Ratliff lane, the undersigned hereby give notice to all persons concerned, that they will meet at the village of Harmony on Saturday the 29th of March, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to execute the duties required of them by the above mentioned commission.

HUGH WALLACE,
GEO. W. SPENCER,
SAMUEL CLARK.

Feb. 24, 1855.—tdm.

Road Notice

THE undersigned hereby give notice that they intend to apply to the County Commissioners at their next meeting held thirty days after the date of this notice, to open a public road beginning at the mouth of Quaker Lane (opposite the Silk Factory Pond) running with said lane to the line between Dr. Robert Caldwell and Rev. James B. Ayres, thence with said line reaches the Barger lot, then with the front and back farm of said Barger until it reaches the farm of Mrs. Hepbron, and thence on with said farm and Ayres' back farm until it reaches the farm of John Lusby on the division of said Lusbron to land of Isaac or Daniel (fms) at or near the Fountain house on Quaker Lane.

SEWELL HEPBRON,
WM. MORRIS,
JOHN L. BOYER,
R. T. ALLEN,
GEORGE GALE,
JAMES H. GRAY,
AND OTHERS.

Feb. 24, 1855.—1m.

Spring Arrang



THE STEA...
LADY WIL...
CAPT. WILLIAM W...

HAVING been thoroughly repaired and neatly fitted up for the accommodation of passengers, will run during her route on the Sassafras river commencing on the 1st of March next, as follows, until further notice:

Leave Philadelphia on Wednesdays at 3 o'clock, P. M., for Wilmington touching at the various places on the canal and Elk river, also at Cassady's Creek, Cassady's, Fredericktown and Georgetown. Passengers for Cassady's Creek will be landed there on Thursday morning.

Returning, leave Wilmington on Thursdays at 9 o'clock A. M., for Fredericktown and Georgetown, and on Friday at 3 P. M., Cassady's and Turner's Creek, at *about* 3 o'clock P. M., stopping at intermediate places and arrive in Philadelphia early on Friday morning, thus affording a *cheap, pleasant and convenient* communication between Sassafras and Philadelphia. This is the only steamboat on this route, and the patronage of all persons interested in sustaining a line to Philadelphia is respectfully solicited. No efforts will be wanting to render satisfaction to all persons freighting or travelling by the boat.

EDWIN W...

Feb. 24, 1851.—tf.