The American Union.

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THURSDAY MORNING.....April 25, 1867.

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The Orphans Court of Caroline county will sit on Tuesday, May 7th, 1867.

Whom Will Ye Serve?

If there ever was a time when sectional prejudices should be laid aside and the people should be guided by calm and deliberate counsels, that time is the present. Questions of the most vital importance are now pending, such as will materially affect communities as well as the State.—Momentous issues are to be decided by the people, now that they have been delved up by wiley politicians. Each and every man in this Commonwealth is deeply interested in their final adjustment, be he rich or be he poor, and the time has now arrived when it becomes necessary for us, one and all, to determine what shall be our position in regard to the present aspect of political affairs.

It is unnecessary for us to revert to the call for the unconstitutional convention which is to assemble at Annapolis in May and show its illegality, for it is too palpable to be misunderstood. Those who are not forced onward by the lust for office, but with whom prudence prevails, cannot fail to discern the unwarrantable and uncalled-for movement of the Democracy of this State to reinstate itself into that power which it wielded for so long a time prior to the rebellion. In order to accomplish this, they have resorted to the most ultra measures, and revolutionary in their ends. They have bid defiance to the laws, both State and national, and have even overriden our State Constitution.

And it is this that the people are to decide upon, whether they will lend aid to those who are seeking to set in motion the sea of revolution, whose angry billows are now surging around the State Capitol. When once its fury is aroused, it is beyond human knowledge to foretell its results. It may be peaceable, but everything is indicative of a terrible struggle. Instead of gathering wisdom from the fiery ordeal through which we have just passed, the Democrats of this State seem to have only whetted their appetites for a similar re-enactment. We do not think, however, that they will be able to carry with them any but those who are utterly regardless of their own interests and the interest of the State. In 1861 men were consigned to forts for no greater crime than that in which the Democracy of the State are now engaged. In those days, little old Caroline proclaimed through her loyal sons that treason could not establish its sway within her limits. Since then many have been led estray through gross misrepresentations, but the triumph of truth and justice is every day becoming more apparent. And this convention scheme is but treason in an assumed guise. The same spirit that actuated its authors during the rebellion still exists, and only awaits a fit opportunity to be fully developed.

Negro suffrage has, of late, been the rallying cry of the Democracy. It has been portrayed by stump orators and newspaper editors as a Gorgon horror — Social equality, they say, is its consequent. The negro will be brought into our families on a social level, and will be intermerrying with the white race. But whilst making these assertions they seem to loose sight of society as it now exists. Do they consider even all the white men who now enjoy the elective franchise their equal? and do they entertain them in their families? and are they willing for them to intermarry with their children? We need not go beyond the limits of our town for examples. Have they forgotten how, a year or two since, they attempted to form a Rebel aristocracy in our midst? Even those whom they draw out to their political meetings they turn the cold shoulder upon when the dinner hour arrives, and if they thus refuse to socially entertain their own friends of the white race, how much more will they refuse to intermingle with those against whom they bear such strong prejudices!

Whom, then, will you serve? the Democrats, whose past record is treason, whose present record is open hostility to the Goverment, and whose future record will be a determined opposition to all laws not in the interests of treason, or that party which has for its object the restoration of the Union upon a permanent basis, and the determined opponent of all State revolutions when carried on by partizan factions? A revolution is now on foot, and you must either favor or oppose it—favor it by joining hands with the Democracy, or oppose it by uniting with the great Republican Union party of the State. The way is plain, and "the wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein." As for our part, we shall continue to identify ourselves with the Republican party, even though negro suffrage is one of its principles, and in doing so we are but imitating a prominent member of the immaculate Democracy who publicly proclaimed on our streets that if he thought they (the Democrats) could control the negro's vote, he would be in favor of negro suffrage. We accept it in preference to treason, and we shall always act with the Republican party until it is guilty of some more heinous crime than that which now stigmatizes the Democratic, and which it can never remove. Like the old lady who, when plunged beneath the surface of the water to be restrained from saying scissors, still imitated them with her fingers which she held above her head, so will we, when overwhelmed by the treasonable Democracy of the State, and unable to speak in defence of the Union, if that time ever should come, still point to its glorious old emblem with not "a stripe erased or polluted, nor a single star obscured," but still bearing for its motto that sentiment so dear to every patriotic heart—"Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable!"

"Conservatism" in Virginia.

We commend the following extracts from the Richmond *Times* of Monday to the so-called "Conservatives" of Maryland as illustrative of what the "Conservative party" in Virginia is proposed to be composed of. The Richmond *Whig* a few days ago favored the re-election of Gov. Pierpont, and the nomination of Franklin Stearns to some high position, advocating their claims as "original Union men," and indicating a desire that a Conservative party should be formed, with these gentlemen as its leaders, to which the *Times* replies:

We favor the organization of a Conservative party, to be composed of the great mass of those true, noble and gallant Virginians who sympathized warmly with the Confederacy, who fought for it, gave their fortunes to it, and who honored its flag until it was furled forever by the failure of our struggle for independence. We advocate a union with this party, fair, just and honorable to all, of all respectable colored voters, and of "all original Union men," who are willing to support for office those who heartily sympathized with the cause of the Confederacy. We are willing, also, in the distribution of offices, to allow the original Union men a fair and equitable share of the offices, in strict proportion to the strength which they shall add to the Conservative party. But we are not willing that men like Messrs. Pierpoint and Stearns shall, if "they desire it," become, as of right, the leaders of this party. We trust we have made ourselves clearly understood. We do not recognize the "claims" of the original Union men as entitling them to precedence to good, sound, reconstructed Confederates.

The Unionists of Virginia must be gratified at the knowledge of the fact that they will be allowed to live there at all, as the *Times* shows in the following extract:

The people of Virginia, although they will not proscribe or outlaw, will not accept and annoint as their leaders those who rejoiced at the defeat of Lee, or those who were faithful to the Federal flag when our sons and brothers were pouring out their heart's blood in defence of a banner which, unstained by a single unworthy act, was furled at Appomattox Court House amid the tears of a desolated and heart-broken people.

Registered Voters.—The following is a correct list of the registered voters of each election district as appears from the registration books for this county:

1st District,	584
2nd "	686
3rd "	351
4th "	241
Total,	1862

The official vote at the recent Democratic election, to test the sense of the people on the subject of a call for a Convention, was 1086, being 776 votes short of a full poll—a little more than half of the registered voters depositing their ballots. If we take the highest vote given for any of the delegates to the Convention, which is 706, we have 1156 registered voters with the 382 votes cast against a Convention, showing that the delegates elected from this county are largely in the minority, and do not represent the views of the people. We presume this is about the same in every county in the State, and Governor Swann may proclamate declaring the Convention carried, but with these facts staring him in the face a large majority of the people will hold a different opinion.

Our Public Schools.—The following is a statement of the number of pupils attending the public schools in this county during the Spring term which has just closed:

First Commissioners' District, Dr. G. W. Betson, Commissioner—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
School No 1,	26	10	36
" " 2	38	12	50
" " 3	31	11	42
" " 4	18	11	29
" " 5	16	12	28
" " 6*	22	17	39
" " 6†	27	26	53
" " 7	12	4	16
" " 8	31	9	40
" " 9	17	11	28
Total 1st Dist.	238	123	361

* Academy. † Primary school

Second Commissioners' District, Dr. M. A. Booth, Commisioner—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
School No 1	13	15	28
" " 2	11	11	22
" " 3	35	17	52
" " 4	46	22	78
" " 5	No school.		
" " 6	49	13	62
" " 7*	17	20	37
" " 7†	34	32	66
" " 8	48	9	57
" " 9‡	9	11	20
" " 10	28	12	40
" " 11	34	33	67
Total	324	205	529

* Academy. † Primary. ‡ Approximated.

Third Commissioners' District, Dr. A Stafford, Commissioner—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
School No 1	26	13	39
" " 2	17	15	32
" " 3*	10	12	22
" " 3†	34	16	50
" " 4	44	22	66
" " 5	46	27	73
" " 6	21	10	31
" " 7	40	17	57
	238	132	370

* Academy. † Primary school.

Fourth Commissioners' District, Dr. C. W. Jefferson, Commissioner—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
School No 1	30	20	50
" " 2	40	21	61
" " 3	23	11	34
" " 4	34	17	51
" " 5	28	11	39
" " 6	36	12	48
" " 7		38	38
" " 8	35	21	56
Total,	226	151	377

Grand total, Boys, 1026; Girls, 611; total, 1637.

Expenses of conducting the schools in the county during the term—

1st District,	$ 944.58
2nd "	1004 48
3rd "	702.09
4th "	728.39
Total,	$3,379.54

The Lady's Friend for May, 1867.—"The recognition," a pretty and pleasant Steel Engraving, leads off this number of the '*Lady's Friend.*' Then we have the usual elegant Steel Fashion Plate, followed by a Toilet for the Opera, a Ball-Dress, a Young Lady's Dinner or Evening Dress, a Carriage Dress, Fashionable Sleeve, Catalane Bonnet, Little Boy's Pantaloons, Girl's Jacket, &c., &c. The Music for this month is, 'Isn't it Provoking?' Among the literary contents are the continuations of 'How a Woman Had Her Way,' Orville College,' and No Longer Young'—all first-rate stories; and 'Fire in Flint,' by M. C. P., Skeleton Leaves, or Phantom Bonquets,' a new Poem by Florence Perey, Editorials, &c. A beautiful Steel Engraving, called 'One of Life's Happy Hours,' will be sent gratis to every single ($2.50) subscriber, and to every person sending a club Specimen numbers containing the particulars of the premium offers and the reduced prices to clubs, will be sent on receipt of twenty cents.

Price (with engraving) $2.50 a year; Four copies (with one engraving) $6.00 One copy of the Lady's Friend and one of Saturday Evening Post (and one engraving), $4.00. Address Deacon & Peterson, 319 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

Woods on Fire.—On Monday afternoon last the woods of Christian Zook, about a mile South of town, caught fire from some brush that he had been burning in the forenoon. The flames spread with lightning-like rapidity before a strong south wind, and the entire woods was soon enveloped in fire. The tall pine tree tops presented a rather novel aspect, when viewed from a distance, as they became a solid sheet of flame. The growing timber was badly damaged. About six cords of seasoned pine wood, as well as some fencing, were destroyed. The shower of rain extinguished the fire and prevented further damage.

The Maryland and Delaware Railroad is, we learn, going ahead at a rapid rate: There are *twelve* officers, at large salaries, keeping watch over *four* workmen. It is said the reason they have no more *officers* is that they have no money. We are sorry for it and hope our people will soon wake up to the importance of doubling their subscriptions. There are a number of Virginians, of the first families, out of employment and unless the funds are raised soon our people will lose the chance of securing their services.

At the vendue of Mr. Thomas Reeves, in this town on Tuesday, a Jersey sow and six pigs brought the snug little sum of sixty-seven dollars. Valuable hogs, those.

The attention of the road supervisor is called to the miserable condition of Denton Hill.

Peach and Other Crops.—The advent of spring gives promise of a rich harvest. The peach orchards throughout the county are in full bloom and indicate that the crop will equal, if not exceed that of year before last. Wheat is assuming a green and lively appearance, and is growing rapidly. Vegetation is springing up, and the country everywhere presents a very beautiful and pleasing aspect.

Slight Fire.—On Saturday morning last, about ten o'clock, our citizens were startled by the cry of fire. The dwelling of Mr. James Melvin caught fire in several places on the roof from the chimney. A strong wind was blowing from the South at the time, and had not the fire been so early discovered, the entire building must have been consumed. As it was, but little damage was done.

Choptank Nursery.—Messrs. Keer & Zook, the proprietors of this Nursery, give notice in this morning's issue of their readiness to furnish all kinds of fruit trees, grape vines and strawberry plants, at short notice. They expect to make arrangements with an extensive and reliable Nursery in Pennsylvania in order to fill orders until their own is in readiness. See their advertisement.

The attention of our readers is called to the Advertisements in another column of Messrs. Berger, Shuts & Co, Chemists, Troy, N. Y. They are manufacturers of, and agents for, some of the most valuable Toilet preparations in use. By their use all may possess a clear, smooth skin, or a healthy and luxurant growth of hair upon the head or face. Those of our readers having use for anything of the kind, would do well to patronize them.

Mr. William H. Smith, who we noticed in our last issue was appointed by the President as Collector of Internal Revenue for the 1st Maryland District, has been confirmed by the Senate. He will be required to give bond in the sum one hundred thousand dollars for the faithful discharge of his duties before he enters upon them.

Messrs. Clark & Co., Chemists, Syracuse, N Y., would call attention to their advertisements in another column, headed "Reparator Capilli," "Crisper Coma," and "Circassian Balm." These, undoubtedly, are the most perfect and efficacious articles of the kind ever offered the American Public. To unbelievers, we would say, "try them and be convinced."

Adjournment of Congress.—Congress finally adjourned on Saturday night last. It will be remembered that the House adjourned several weeks since, but the Senate continued on in executive session until Saturday night.

Collector of Customs.—Mr. Horace Lawson has been appointed by the President, and confirmed by the Senate, as Collector of Customs for the Eastern District of Maryland, with port of entry at Crisfield.

Letter from Wilmington.

Wilmington, April 22d, 1867.

Spring has indeed set in. The flowers are beginning to bloom; the leaves on the trees are coming out, and the grass has started off rapidly to growing within the past few days. Business of all kinds is very brisk, and cheerfulness and contentment reign supreme in many hearts, for many persons have been out of employment, and now work is plenty, so that all have an opportunity to make a living.

There has been nothing of great interest transpiring here during the past two or three weeks. On Friday and Saturday week Whitby's Circus exhibited here. On the last night some persons being enraged at the manner in which they had been deceived by it, caused a considerable disturbance by running some of their wagons off—one of them into the Christianna Creek. The police were soon on the ground and prevented further disturbance. On Monday night last we had one of the largest fires that has visited our city for several years. The fire broke out in an old stable in the rear of a carriage factory in Walnut Street near Second Street, and before the flames were subdued, several houses were burned. On Tuesday, Dan Rice's Circus exhibited here. Notwithstanding the heavy rain, and muddy lot, the large tent was well filled. On Thursday Forepaugh's Circus and Menagarie also exhibited here. It is thought that it was visited by 3,000 persons, all of whom appeared satisfied with it.

On Thursday morning Father O'Brien, a Catholic priest, died. He was very highly esteemed by his congregation, and those who knew him spoke well of him.—His funeral will take place to-morrow.—His funeral will be attended by one hundred priests, besides the various Catholic societies of this city.

In my next I propose to furnish your readers with a brief sketch of this city.

Trebuh.

A Hoax.—We have noticed an item going the rounds of our exchanges to the effect that a negro man was found near Wye camp ground, some time since, with his head entirely dissevered from his body. This report, we understand, is a hoax, and was put in circulation on "All Fools' Day." There is no truth whatever in the matter.—*Centreville Citizen.*

Letter From Preston.

Preston, April 21st, 1867.

Mr. Editor:—In casting about for a few "locals" for the columns of the *Union* from this part of the county, the first thing that presents itself, and which promises to be interesting, is

Our School Exhibition,

which came off at the Academy, on Monday evening, 15th instant, under the direction and superintendence of Mr. R. O. Christian and Miss Mary H. Maine, our very efficient teachers. Notwithstanding the impromptu manner in which the affair was brought out, it was a decided success.

A stage, twenty-six feet in length, by about eight or nine feet in width, was erected by the pupils across the South end of the building, and ornamented with wreaths of evergreen, and festooned with national flags, with the word "WELCOME," the letters formed of evergreem, in the centre. The partition between the two rooms was removed, and at an early hour the audience, composed of the most intelligent and refined portion of our community, began to assemble. The spacious building was soon densely packed, and at a quarter to eight o'clock the exercises were opened with singing the "Star Spangled banner," by Miss L. A. Gootee, in a style that reflects credit upon the young performer, the school joining in the chorus. This was followed by a very impressive prayer by Col. J. M. McCarter. Then a piece of sacred music was sung by the "Singing Association" of this place, the members of which, with two or three exceptions, having kindly volunteered their services for the occasion, and whose assistance added very much to the pleasures of the evening. The singing exercises were under the direction of Mr. Luke H. Nichols.

The remaining portion of the exercises consisted of declamations, dialogues, essays, &c., all of which were performed in a masterly manner. Some of the pieces were strikingly amusing, prominet among which were the "Gossip of Gelbertville," by the Misses Gootee, Sisk, Noble, Mollie and Ella Dail, McCarter and Richard Jones; "The Hypochondriac," by Miss Zannie Cox, and Miss Lois Gootee; "Eggs hatch Niggers," by Masters J. H. Douglass and R. P. Jones; "Talking Latin," by Ed. J. Kenney, and "Snooks Advertises for a Wife," by J. L. Noble.

The most attractive piece of the evening, to your correspondent, was, "The Swiss Toy Girl," sung by Miss Lois A. Gootee. But we dislike to make comparisons where every one did so well.—Even the very smallest scholars acquitted themselves in a manner that would do credit to grown up boys and girls.

Before the audience dispersed, a motion was offered to give a vote of thanks to Mr. Christian and Miss Maine, Teachers, and Dr. A. Stafford, Commissioner, for the evening's entertainment

The thing was a success *ab initio*, and reflects credit both upon pupils and teachers.

An affair, somewhat of a similar character, came off at the M. E. Church in this place on Thursday evening, but I have already exceeded my limits, and will defer it until my next. Nemo.

Republican State Central Committee.—The State Central Committee of the Republican Union party which assembled in Baltimore city on Wednesday, April 17th, unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all male citizens of Maryland, who are opposed to the organized conspiracy about to assemble at Annapolis on the 8th day of May, are requested to meet in primary assemblages in the various counties and the city of Baltimore, at such time as may be most convenient, to elect delegates to a State Republican Convention, which shall assemble in Baltimore city on Tuesday May 14th, at 12 o'clock M.

Resolved, That the State Convention will be expected to take into consideration the present condition of political affairs in the State, and to deliberate upon the best method of guaranteeing to the people a Republican form of Government. To the primary meetings, the county conventions, and the State Convention are invited all loyal citizens, without regard to past political differences, race or color, who subscribe to the doctrines of the Republican Union party The number of delegates to the State Convention will not be limited, but the counties and the city of Baltimore shall be entitled to the same number of votes in the Convention as they have representatives in both Houses of the General Assembly. The members of the State Central Committee of the different counties will announce the day for holding the primary meeting, county conventions, in the several counties, and the Executive Committee will fix the day for the aforesaid purpose in the city of Baltimore.

Thos. J Wilson, Chairman.
J. W. Clayton, Secretary.

Out Again.—Pippin and McGinnis again broke jail on Thursday afternoon, and succeeded in reaching a small wood about a mile from town, but their escape being discovered a few minutes after they left their cell, they were closely pursued and recaptured. They succeeded in cutting their irons, and by means of some instrument, forced the lock from the door. There is a guard kept over them during the night, and hence their attempt at escape in the day time.—*Centreville Cit.*

Baltimore Grain Markets.

[corrected weekly.]

WHEAT—White,	$3 40a3.45
" Red,	3.20a3.25
CORN—White,	1,20a1.23
" Yellow,	1.23a1.25
RYE,	1,65a1,70
OATS,	70a71

New Advertisements.

NASS MEETING
OF THE
REPUBLICAN UNION
PARTY.

No Distinction on Account of Color.

PURSUANT to the resolutions passed at a meeting of the Republican Union State Central Committee of Maryland, held in the city of Baltimore on Wednesday, the 17th day of April, inst., notice is hereby given to the Republicans of Caroline county that a grand Mass Meeting will be held in Denton on

TUESDAY, the 7th day of May, next,

for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the State Convention to be held in the city of Baltimore on the 14th day of May next. All Republicans, without distinction of color, who are opposed to the revolutionary Convention which is to assemble at Annapolis on the 8th day of May, next, are earnestly invited to attend said meeting.

Come out and hear the truth set forth.

CURTIS DAVIS,
D. BLOCKSOM,
S. N. WEST,
State Cent. Com for Caroline county.

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This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Caroline county, Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of

JOSIAH JUMP,

late of said county deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber on or before the 1st day of Nov'r, 1867, or they may otherwise, by law, be excluded from all benefit of said estate. All persons indebted to the estate are requsted to make immediate payment.

Given under my hand this 22d day of April, 1867. ROBERT J. JUMP,
apr25-4t. Administrator.

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Peach Trees

of select varieties, by the hundred or thousand, at reasonable prices.

Other varieties of trees, such as

Apple, Pear, Cherry, Plum, &c.

Also, Grape Vines in variety; Strawberry Plants, &c., will be furnished to order. Our intention is to open trade with a reliable Pennsylvania Nursery in order to meet the wants of customers thereby until we can furnish everything in the fruit tree line of our own raising.

Persons desirous of planting will readily perceive the advantage there is in purchasing from those endeavoring to establish trade in their midst. Our aim shall at all times be to render satisfaction in all cases, and therefore a share of public patronage is respectfully solicited.

N. B.—Written orders for trees will receive prompt attention.

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ap25-tf Frederica, Del.



Dr. P. STACK,
DENTIST,
DENTON, MD.,

Will hereafter visit Greensborough the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. jly29y

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