was directed to be paid to Rev. Alfred Griffith, for services as chaplain.

On motion, the Rev. Thomas Myers was elected Chaplain, vice Rev. A. Griffith, removed from Annapolis by the conference.

The Chair presented a communication from Dr. John C. Polk, inspector of Guano, in answer to an order of the House, stating that he had inspected the last year, of No. 1 guano, 8,905 tons; of No. 2, 468 tons; of No. 3, 663 tons.

The Speaker presented a communication from the Comptroller of the Treasury, in in answer to an order of the House, stating that under the Treasurer's estimates of the State's revenue, for the current year, $1,285,022 72, the portion of said revenue derived from direct taxation, which under the new constitution must be expended for the payment of interest on and extinguishment of the principal of the public debt and for no other purpose, is $962,613 36 The ordinary revenue of the State, under the same estimate is $322,409 36, applicable to the ordinary expenses and appropriations of government.

The committee on claims reported the bill in favor of Henry Herring, and that said "bill ought not to pass" in which the House concurred.

Sundry bills—The small note bill was received from the Senate with an amendment, prohibiting the circulation of small notes on any bank—which was referred to the committee on corporations. The bill appropriating $1,400 for repairing and furnishing the Senate chamber, was passed. The bill to pay the steamboat Osiris $350 for services rendered in the capture of oyster boats, was rejected; ayes 34, nays 4. The bill to distribute the unfinished business of the late Orphans' court of Baltimore county, was amended and passed. The bill to elect a Treasurer of Howard county by the people was passed.

Homestead Exemption—Mr. Davis' amendment proposed yesterday was lost.—Mr. Davis again offered an amendment to exempt laborer's tools and farming implements to the amount of $70, which Mr. Wolf amended by inserting $100, in addition to the $100 mentioned in the bill, which was adopted; ayes 25 noes 23.

On motion of Mr. Frazier, the fourth section was struck out. [This section provided that the exemption law should not affect the right of distress for rent.] Ayes 28, noes 17.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

ANNAPOLIS, March 18.

SENATE.

Mr. Williams reported a bill to fix the number of Magistrates and constables in the city of Baltimore, and the several counties of the State.

Bills passed:—To make valid a deed from Nathan H. Haller to Paul Hammond, of Washington county, with amendments Prescribing the process in civil actions in the Courts of the State. (This bill was so amended as to exclude from it the provisions with reference to process in civil suits before magistrates.)

The Senate then resumed the consideration of the bill to amend the charter of the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company.

Pending which motion this letter was closed.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

On motion of Mr. Baker, of Baltimore, the daily hour of meeting was carried back to 11 o'clock.

Mr. Davis from the Committee on Corporations, reported favorably on the Senate's amendments to the small note bill, subjecting any person who shall circulate notes of a less denomination than $5, to a fine of $5. Several motions were made to make the bill the order of the day for particular days, all of which were rejected, when Mr. Coale moved to amend the Senate's amendment by making an exception in favor of the banks and incorporated institutions of this State, which amendment was rejected—yeas 35, nays 28, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Wyse, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, reported with amendments the Senate bill prescribing the duties of the Comptroller. The amendments were adopted and the bill passed.

The bill appropriating $350 for the benefit of the owners of the steamer Osiris rejected yesterday, was reconsidered and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Waters, the bill giving to the circuit judges out of court, common law jurisdiction, and confirming all acts done by them before the passage of this act, was taken up and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lankford, the resolutions of the Senate in regard to the books of the Commissioner of Loans, were taken up and passed, and Messrs. Lankford and Daniels appointed the committee on the part of the House.

Bills passed:—Amendatory to the act for the appointment of commissioners to take acknowledgments of deeds, &c., out of this State. To pay Jas. Fields, of Baltimore city, $6.07. Directing the Commissioners of Allegany and Baltimore counties to levy in advance a sum of money sufficient to pay State witnesses. Defining the jurisdiction of the Orphans' Courts for Baltimore city and Baltimore county. Adjourned.

ANNAPOLIS, March 19.

SENATE.

Bills passed:—carrying into execution the powers vested by the Constitution in the Commissioner of Lotteries. For the sale of certain real estate in Dorchester county, heretofore purchased by Benjamin Jenifer, and conveyed to his wife for life with remainder to his children.

The consideration of the bill to amend the charter of the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company was resumed. The amendment of Mr. Weber, to strike out the words in parenthesis, and insert the names of sundry companies, who desire to amalgamate, having been rejected, as also all the amendments reported by the committee. Mr. Kunkel offered an amendment to require said company to transport all their coal on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

After much discussion, all the amendments reported from the Committee on Corporations, and all others proposed by Senators, the bill was passed in the same shape in which it passed the House of Delegates.

The Senate continued in session till six o'clock. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Mr. Parker moved to reconsider the amendment of the exemption bill, making an additional exemption to the amount of $100 of the working tools and farming implements necessary to the prosecution of the debtor's occupation.

Mr. Stewart moved the re-commitment of the bill to a select committee of five.

Mr. Kilgour moved to refer the bill to a Committee of the Whole House, but withdrew it, and Mr. Stewart's motion was adopted, and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Stewart, Coale, Bateman, Kilgour and Evcrett, the committee.

The House then took up the bill to repeal the half pilotage law—the question being on the substitute offered last Saturday by Mr Frazier, to repeal all the pilot laws.

Mr. Baker, of Baltimore, moved to refer the whole subject to a select committee of five members, with instructions to report on or before 12 o'clock, to-morrow; agreed to, and Messrs. Baker, of Baltimore, Waters, Willis, Frazier and Stull appointed the committee.

Bill passed:—Appropriating $2,000 to pay deficiencies in the Executive contingent fund for the year 1851.

March 20.

SENATE.—On motion of Mr. Farnandis, a message was sent to the House, appointing Mr. Done, on the part of the Senate, to examine the books of the late Commissioner of Loans.

Mr. Kunkel offered a message to the House of Delegates, asking them to recede from their amendment to the bill to pay the reward offered by the Governor for the Cosden murders, which amendment constitutes a commission for the distribution of said reward. Adjourned.

HOUSE.—On motion of Mr. Smith, of Cecil, the Baltimore, Wilmington and Philadelphia Railroad Company was requested to locate the depot where they desire to erect a bridge over the Susquehanna river, and report to the House.

Mr. Coale moved to refer the small note bill to the Committee of Agriculture.—Motion agreed to—yeas 28, nays 21.

On motion of Mr. Roberts, a message was sent to the Senate, enlarging the committee on the part of the House, to inquire into and report upon the best mode for carrying into effect that part of the Constitution, which requires a codification of the laws, and the abridgment of the forms of pleadings, &c., by the addition of Messrs. Poultney and Parran.

Bill passed:—Amendatory to the act incorporating the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

March 22.

SENATE.—On motion of Mr. Willis, the Secretary was directed to procure a copy of the Constitution with marginal notes, for each Senator. And reported with an amendment, the bill to amend the act incorporating the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the daily hour of meeting was changed to 11 o'clk.

Bill passed:—To lay off a new election district out of parts of Nos. 1 and 8, in Washington county. Adjourned.

HOUSE.—The report of the Committee on Elections in the contested election case for circuit clerk of Charles county, declaring Joseph Stewart duly elected, was taken up and adopted.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting from the Philodemic Society of Georgetown College to the Governor and General Assembly of Maryland an invitation to unite with said Society, about the middle of May, in a celebration of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers of Maryland, at or near the place of said landing. Invitation accepted, and the Speaker requested to inform said Society of the acceptance.

The following bills were passed. To amend the charter of the Mutual Insurance Company of Frederick county. Authorizing the Treasurer to revise the accounts of Levin Handy, late clerk of Somerset county. For the relief of James Thompson of Dorchester county. To protect the growth of oysters in Worcester county. To change the time of electing certain officers of the Alms-house of Talbot county, and to repeal part of an act of Assembly therein referred to. To create a new election district in Dorchester county, out of Nos. 4 and 7 to be designated, district 9. Making valid a sale of land from M. A. Wilson and J. J. Rawlings, to the vestry of Christ Church Parish of Calvert county. Incorporating the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company. Adjourned.

March 23.

SENATE.—The bill authorizing the Orphan's Court and Register of Wills for Baltimore county to transact their official business within the limits of Baltimore city, was rejected.

Mr. Sothoron submitted the following:

Ordered, that the Committee on Executive Nominations be instructed to inquire of the Governor whether he has stipulated with any or all of the nominees to the office of Tobacco Inspector, that no slave labor shall be by them employed in the tobacco warehouses, and has made the acceptance of such stipulation the condition on which such nomination should be made.

This order gave rise to a very animated discussion, in which Messrs. Sothoron, Ely, Sellman, Kunkel, Grason and Willis participated. It was rejected by 8 yeas, 11 nays.

Bills passed:—To divide primary school district No. 28, of Howard county, into two. To create a new election District in Worcester county, to be known as St. Martin's district. Relating to the Surveyor for Baltimore city. Adjourned.

HOUSE.—Mr. Stewart reported from the select committee on that subject, a substitute for the Exemption bill, leaving the amount thereof blank—repeals all existing exemption laws, and does not apply to the relation of landlord and tenant, as it at present existe. Mr. Davis moved to fill the blank with $200. Mr. Weathers moved $500. Mr. Barnitz moved to postpone till next Tuesday. Agreed to.

The bill fixing the salary of the Commissioner of Public Works, came up as the order of the day.

After several unsuccessful propositions to fix the amount, the bill was rejected—yeas 37, nays 9. Not being the constitutional majority, on motion of Mr. Baker, of Baltimore, said bill was reconsidered, and being again put on its passage, was rejected—37 to 13. On motion of Mr. Parran, it was again reconsidered, and on motion of Mr. Wyse, was laid on the table.

March 24.

SENATE.—*Bills Passed*—For electing, by the people, the treasurer of Howard county. To authorize the chancellor to confirm a sale made by Wm. S. Waters, trustee. To give common law jurisdiction to the judges of the Circuit Court out of court To amend the charter of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. To amend the act appointing commissioners to take acknowledgments, &c., out of the State. To create a new election district in Carroll county. To build a bridge over Antietam creek, in Washington county.

HOUSE.—The Speaker presented a communication from John S. Gittings, late Commissioner of Loans, in answer to an order of the House, stating that the average amount of money on deposite in the Chesapeake Bank from 1839 to 1851, inclusive, was about $21,000, and the expenses incurred by the bank in the receipt and disbursement of said money was $1,200 per annum.

Bills Passed.—The bill making appropriations for the support of the Government for the present year received some slight amendments and was read a third time by special order, and passed. To provide for the building of State wharves and reparing tobacco houses in Baltimore. To create a new election district in Washington county out of district Nos. 1 and 8, the polls to be held at Sandy Hook.—To carry into effect the 16th section of the 7th article of the constitution so far as relates to the compensation of the Surveyor of Baltimore city.

ARREST OF THE REV. JOHN WESLEY GREEN.—This individual, whose operations in Philadelphia and Washington city we gave an account of a few days since, was arrested yesterday afternoon at Barnum's, by officer Zell, of this city, assisted by Blackburn, of Philadelphia. It will be recollected that this individual, a few days since, gave six young men of Philadelphia warrants to act as Post Office agents—he representing himself to be an officer of the Post Office Department—on their paying him the sum of $50 each.—After receiving their money he invited them all to come and listen to him preach that evening. Several of them did so, and those who heard him on the occasion, pronounced the discourse to have been an excellent one, abounding with precepts, which if Mr. Green had only been guided by, he would never have gotten into the deplorable situation in which he now is.

He seems to have been practising a regular system of swindling all over the country—borrowing money, obtaining goods under false pretences, &c, and when not doing this, laying his hands on and purloining every thing he could at the various hotels and private houses where he might be sojourning. He is accompanied by his wife and three children, who were at Barnum's with him at the time of his arrest. He was taken before Justice Wyse, where he at once acknowledged his guilt, and stated that he had been driven to his present course of life by poverty. He surrendered the keys of two large trunks in his possession, which he says contains a large number of articles obtained by him in a dishonest manner. Two valuable gold watches were found upon him, together with other valuables. Mr. Green has been operating under various aliases, such as Rev. John Wesley Green, alias Gray, alias Smith, alias Reed, &c. Justice Wyse committed him to jail for a further examination.—*Clipper of Monday.*

"WERY LIKE A WHALE."—A monster fish was captured in Corsica Creek on Tuesday last by Captain Townsend, and some of the sailors. The worthy Captain pronounced it a Grampus Whale, and it was soon spread throughout the town and neighborhood that a genuine whale was to be seen at the Centreville landing. 'Ye gods and *big* fishes!' what an excitement was created! 'From early morn till dewy eve' the Wharf lane was lined with pedestrians on their way to see the monster of the deep. A controversy was soon raised, as to what it was, or what it was not.—Some who deemed themselves more knowing than the rest, unhesitatingly pronounced it a common *bayporpoise* which raised the captain's ire pretty considerably—he having been an 'old salt' for years, and thought he ought to know a thing or two. Excitement ran high, and you may depend upon it, gentle reader, and the matter has not yet been satisfactorily settled in the minds of the *ignorant*. Now, we are under the impression that the disputants (both sides,) were right in their conclusions, as Goldsmith defines a Grampus and a Porpoise, both to be species of whale.—*Centreville Sentinel.*

DEATH OF A CHILD BY POISON.—A little daughter of Mr. G. Jones, about four years old, residing on the York road, came to an untimely end yesterday morning.—It appears that the child came across a phial of corrosive sublimate, which had been placed in a drawer for safe keeping, and drank a considerable portion of the deadly fluid. Dr. Coskery was immediately summoned, and he did all that could be done under the circumstances, but without avail. The child survived until Sunday, when death terminated its sufferings. —*Balt. Sun*

HARRISBURG, March 22.

The Maine Liquor Law.—The Senate of Pennsylvania to-day adopted the 1st section of the Maine Liquor Law, by a vote 18 ayes to 14 nays. The bill contains a provision submitting it to the vote of the people.

EASTON GAZETTE.

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Stephen C. Harrington, Wm. H. Faulkner and H. H. Hayward, Esqs., were on Tuesday elected Commissioners for the town of Easton, for the three years ensuing.

IT is reported that there is much excitement in Chestertown, in consequence of some disclosures made by Roberts, the clock-mender, in relation to the Cosden massacre. The Kent News is silent in regard to it, and there is probably no truth in the rumor.

COL. Jacob G. Davies has been elected by the Democrats of the 4th Congressional District of Maryland, (Baltimore City,) a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, and instructed, after much opposition, to vote for Gen. Cass as the candidate for the Presidency.

P. C. RICKETTS, Esq., of the Cecil Whig, has purchased the Baltimore Daily News, and is now publishing that spirited and excellent Whig journal. He has sold an interest in the Whig to Wm. J. Jones, Esq., by whom it will hereafter be conducted. Success to them, and their papers.

APPOINTMENT OF U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE.—The President has appointed the Hon. John Glenn, of Baltimore, Judge of the U. S. District Court of Maryland, vice Judge Heath, deceased. Judge Glenn is universally acknowledged to be well qualified for the station, and the appointment gives general satisfaction. Judge Glenn has qualified and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

THE alarm of fire on Thursday night last, was caused by a bed in the house of Mr. Samuel Sneed, taking fire. One of the females of the family commenced filling an Etherial oil lamp while it was burning, when the oil took fire and communicated to the bed, and also burned the lady's hand, we learn, very severely. Notwithstanding the hundreds of accidents which have happened from filling these lamps while lighted, people will persist in trying the dangerous experiment.

WE learn from the Worcester Shield that the schooner "Susan," of New York, bound from Apalachicola, Fla., to New York, with a cargo of cotton, tobacco, and cedar, was wrecked nearly opposite Snow Hill, on the 17th inst. Vessel and cargo saved. The Barque "Sunbeam," of Boston, bound from Matansas to Philadelphia, with a cargo of Sugar, Molasses and Segars, was stranded near the same place, and stove to pieces. Only ten of the crew were saved. The Captain, Lincoln, his wife, and daughter, were drowned, after remaining in the rigging 16 hours.

WE learn from the Cambridge Democrat that a small sail boat, belonging to Capt. Jas. Vickers, Jr., in which there were six persons, was capsized nearly opposite Bolingbrooke Creek, in the Choptank river, on Saturday last. When rescued, four of the six were benumbed, and nearly perished with cold, but through the exertions of Capt. Wm. Ozmon, where they were taken by Capt. Josiah Coldwell, who rescued them, they recovered in an hour or two, and made their way to Cambridge.

IT will be seen by reference to the Legislative proceedings, that the "small note law" has passed both Houses, and prohibits the circulation of notes of a less denominatirn than $5, not even excepting the notes issued by the banks of our own State. It strikes us that this will be a great inconvenience to all classes, as small notes, when known to be good, are preferred to specie, and are much more convenient for nearly every business transaction. A motion was made to except the notes of Maryland banks, but it was rejected, Mr. Willis, of this county, voting against the motion. We hope that the bill will yet be reconsidered, and the prohibition be applied only to foreign bank notes and "shin-plasters."

EX-GOV. GRASON'S REPORT.—We publish on our first page the report of the Committee on Finance in relation to the State and stamp tax, to which we invite the special attention of our readers. It will be seen that the report demolishes in as delicate a manner as possible, the "Buncombe" arguments of Gov. Lowe for a repeal of the stamp tax, and 20 per cent. of the direct tax. The evils of an overflowing Treasury, so much feared by the Governor, are not likely to be realized at an early day.—That the taxes will be reduced as soon as it is safe to do so, there need be no doubt, as no one is fond of paying *unnecessary* taxes, and no Legislature will take the responsibility of making its constituency do so.

THE Hon. Alex. Evans, of the House of Representatives, will accept our thanks for interesting public documents.

We are also indebted to Geo. M. Taylor, Esq., Committee Clerk, for a list of the Members of the Maryland Legislature, their residences, occupations, &c.

THE Senate of the United States has decided that the States in which there are no public lands, shall receive no benefit from them, though no one denies that these lands are owned equally by all the States, or that they *should* equally share in the benefit to be derived from them. To save the consciences of some whose scruples would prevent them from voting the *proceeds* of the public lands to the several States, but who constantly vote these lands to the States in which they lie for internal improvement purposes, Mr. Underwood, of Kentucky, brought forward a proposition as an amendment to the Iowa Railroad bill to divide among the old States, in the ratio of their population, 17,000,000 acres of the public domain, to be applied to internal improvement and educational purposes. While they voted to Iowa a certain number of acres for Railroads, &c. he asked them to grant to Kentucky and other States a small share of this public property, to be sold and applied to the same purposes, for the benefit of those States. The vote on this amendment was taken on the 16th inst., and we give the yeas and nays, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Badger, Bell, Clarke, Cooper, Davis, Fish, Foote, Hamlin, James, Mangum, Pratt, Seward, Smith, Underwood, Upham.

Nays—Atchison, Bayard, Borland, Brodhead, Brooke, Cass, Chase, Dodge, of Wisconsin; Dodge, of Iowa; Douglass, Downs, Felch, Guyer, Gwin, Jones, of Iowa; King, McRae, Mason, Morton, Rhett, Rusk, Shields, Soule, Stockton, Wade, and Walker.

The vote, it will be seen, is nearly a party one, the Whigs voting in the affirmative and the Democrats in the negative. Even Cass and Douglass say No, when the old States ask a little aid from the public domain, and although they are opposed to internal improvements, turn round after giving the above vote, and vote for giving Iowa land for building a railroad, and follow it up the following day, by voting land to Missouri, Arkansas, and Alabama. We do not object to these grants, but do complain of the injustice and inconsistency of those who refuse the same boon to other States, and talk about Constitutional scruples! Truly all constitutional scruples vanish when any thing for their own benefit is under consideration, and their consciences are much more elastic than gutta percha, when they want to vote lands to their own States.

[Correspondence of the Gazette.]

ANNAPOLIS, March 25, 1852.

MR. EDITOR:—With feelings of regret I hereby inform you of the death of Henry E. McElfresh, Esq., member of the House of Delegates from Frederick county. He died in this city this morning at 2 o'clock Mr. McElfresh was elected at the special election in Frederick county in February last, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the tie vote in that county as the last general election. His remains will be conveyed to Frederick to-day.

Yours in haste, G. M. T.

MR. CLAY AND THE PRESIDENCY.—The N. Y. Express has been permitted by Mr. Clay to copy the following from a letter of his which was addressed to one of his friends in New York city, March 6, 1852

* * * "You rightly understood me in expressing a preference for Mr. Fillmore as the Whig candidate for the Presidency.—This I did before I left home, and have frequently here, in private intercourse, since my arrival at Washington. I care not how generally the fact may be known, but I should not deem it right to publish any formal avowal of that preference under my own signature in the newspapers. Such a course would subject me to the imputation of supposing that my opinions possessed more weight with the public than I apprehend they do. The foundation of my preference is, that Mr. Fillmore has administered the Executive Government with signal success and ability. He has been tried and found true, faithful, honest and conscientious. I wish to say nothing in derogation from his eminent competitors. They have both rendered great services to their country—the one in the field, the other in the cabinet. They might possibly administer the government as well as Mr. Fillmore has done. But then neither of them has been tried. He has been tried in the balance in the elevated position he now holds, and I think that prudence and wisdom had better restrain us from making any change without a necessity for it—the existence of which I do not perceive.

I am truly your friend, and obedient servant,

H. CLAY.

OYSTER WAR—PRIZES.—On Monday last a number of suspicious crafts aroused the attention of the lynx-eyed Kentonians, when the Sheriff summoned a large posse, and requested the use of the "Osiris," to aid them in their attempt to arrest the "oyster pirates," but the captain, owing to the wind, refused his boat, when the party started on "their own hook" and succeeded in capturing one empty boat. Our Annapolitan neighbors, however, were more successful, for on Friday last they succeeded in capturing the sloop Globe and the schr. Petrel, both of Philadelphia. The Petrel was captured, condemned and sold for the same offence last autumn. At that sale she was purchased by her former owner, who, it now appears, returned to his illicit practices.—*Balt. Clipper.*

INDICTED.—The Frederick Herald states that the grand jury of Frederick county have made presentments to the court against two of the members of the board of returning judges, for acts alleged to have been committed by them as such judges, at the last November election. Another suit for libel has also been instituted against the editor of the Herald by one of the return judges.

FOUND DEAD.—The dead body of Mr. Thomas Stewart, Jr, was found on Saturday morning last, lying on the road side, near this town. It is supposed that he missed his way during the snow storm, when going home on the previous night, as he was found on a different road from the one that lead to his residence. He was somewhat intemperate in his habits, which must have been the cause of his death.—He has left a wife and child to lament their loss.—*Cambridge Democrat.*

SHOCKING CASUALTY.—During the equinoctial gale of the 17th, Mr. Wm E. Hudson, son of the late George Hudson, was killed near Town, by a blow on the head occasioned by the slamming of a large door, near which he was standing, as it was struck by a gust of wind which forced it to, with great violence. He survived but a few hours after the occurrence He was a robust young man of about 23 years of age, in the prime and vigor of life and health, attentive to business and the comfort and main help of a widowed mother. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and was buried with the honors of the order.—*Worcester Shield.*

MINING OPERATIONS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, MD.—The Hagerstown Herald states that the New York and American Mining Company commenced operations some ten days ago, on the land which they recently leased from Nicholas Leister, Esq., near Smithsburg, in Washington county, and that the indications of copper are of a very promising character. The surface of the ground for a distance of three or four miles is said to be strongly impregnated with copper.

FIRE IN DORCHESTER COUNTY.—The dwelling house, on the farm occupied by A S. Piercy, Esq., and adjoining the Big Mills, in Dorchester county, Md., was entirely consumed by fire on the 16th inst. The building, which was a very fine one, belonged to the heirs of the late Whitely Beckwith, and was not insured.

AFFRAY IN SOMERSET COUNTY.—On the 9th inst., an affray occurred at Sharptown, Somerset county, Md., between William Drury and Benjamin Kinney, during which the latter received a dangerous, and it is feared fatal wound, in the left breast, inflicted with a large knife by Drury, who subsequently made his escape.

MURDER.—The Harford Gazette says:—"Isabella Durbin, a colored woman, and resident of this county, was committed to jail on Tuesday last, to await her trial for the wilful and premeditated murder of the infant of her daughter. The infant, was but two weeks old.

THE PRESIDENCY AND VICE PRESIDENCY.—The Marlboro' (Md.) Gazette has raised the flag of Mr. Fillmore for the Presidency, and of Ex-Governor Pratt, of this State, for the Vice Presidency.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY—*Six men and one Woman Killed.* The Fairmount True Virginian of Saturday says:

A report was brought here on Thursday, by the mail carrier from Clarksburg, to the effect that a horrible and wholesale murder was committed in West Union, Doddridge county, on last Wednesday night. Six men and one woman are said to have been cruelly murdered. Money is supposed to have been the object, as $22,000 are said to have been taken by the perpetrators. It is thought that this crime and the escape of Owens, from Clarksburg jail, were both effected by three men, strangers, who came to Clarksburg on the Sunday evening preceeding, and who are now suspected to be accomplices of Jacques and his gang.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24th.

Methodist Conference.—The Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its sessions this morning, in the Union Church, Bishop Janes, assisted by Bishop Waugh, presiding. The several committees were appointed The conference sermon was not preached. Bishop Janes stating that he had no notification of the resolution passed by the last conference, and, not having preached since last December, must decline. The Convention then adjourned to meet to morrow.

The Whig State Convention of Louisiana, which met at Baton Rouge on Wednesday last, nominated by acclamation Millard Fillmore and John J. Crittenden as the candidates of the Whigs of Louisiana for President and Vice President of the United States. The Convention was largely attended. They also appointed delegates to the National Convention.

The Aberdeen (Miss.) Independent, an organ of the Union party, has run up the name of Mr. Fillmore as its candidate for the Presidency.

GIRL MURDERED BY HER SISTER.—On the 10th inst., a little girl named Eliza A. Busler, of Stewartstown, York co., Pa., was murdered mysteriously. Since then her sister, Catharine B. Busler, aged 12, has confessed that she committed the crime.—It appears the deceased had threatened to tell her mother that Catharine had stolen something out of the closet, whereupon the latter struck her a violent blow, and seizing a butcher knife, deliberately cut her throat from ear to ear. She is under arrest.

The rifled carpet bag of Miss Lynch has been found, with no trace of its contents, and there can be little doubt that the Clay medal has ere this been melted down into an unsightly mass. Its doners have written to Mr. Butler, thanking him for the offer to have another one made, but informing him that they have already given order for one to be made, and are constrained to decline his offer.

Mr. Webster, in a letter to the directors of the great Illinois Railroad Company, advocates, as he has heretofore done, the grant of a homestead to every head of a family, as the sole condition of actual settlement.

☞ A female named Helena Jagado was recently guillotined in France, who confessed that she had caused the deaths of 52 persons by poison.

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