

The Sentinel.

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REFORM.

For some time we have deferred the promised article, on the expenditures of the C. & O. Canal. It is a fact that needs no supernatural eye to perceive, that much money is wasted & squandered upon that work, which the farmers and other tax-payers are compelled to raise. Startle not reader, when we say we are prepared to prove that money has been lavished upon certain pets, which should have been applied to the extinguishment of the public debt of the state.— We will give our readers one instance of extravagance and wastefulness upon the part of a superintendent on said work. It has been usual heretofore, for superintendents on the Canal, and indeed all public works to advertise for "Proposals," for the supplying of timber and other articles needed on the work, but contrary to that wholesome and economical plan, the superintendent of the Canal in this neighborhood did not take that course; but offered one of his underlings *One Dollar and Fifty Cents* per hundred, for the timber he might need. The agent repaired to a neighboring saw-mill, and engaged the proprietor to supply all the timber the company might want, at *One Dollar* per hundred; thus making **FIVE DOLLARS** per thousand for hauling it to the Canal.

If the public would have known that the company were in want of timber, it would have been delivered at from \$1, to \$1.25, upon the bank of the canal; thus saving, at least **TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS** in every thousand feet, to the state of Maryland, and thus to the tax-payers of the state.— This is only one out of many cases of profligacy in the financial affairs of the Canal, which we design noticing hereafter, and which calls loudly for Reform. It is useless to "save at the spile, and let it run out at the bung hole."

We have in progress of preparation, an article on a still more flagrant violation of the rules of correct stewardship, which will be forthcoming soon.

As Mr. Schley, the present Candidate for the Reform Convention, is an officer of the Canal; it is wondered if he is in favor of retrenchment on the Canal, and a more economical administration?

DYSENTERY.—This disease prevails, to an alarming extent in the neighborhood of Chambersburg, Pa. We were informed by a gentleman direct from there, that scarce one family in ten, is free from the disease, and that many families are all confined to their beds with it, so that one cannot wait upon the other. He states that many die, particularly those that are attended by physicians. The principal article used in its cure, is the remedy we prescribed in our last, "White Oak Bark" with Castor Oil.

APOLGY.—The sickness of one of the hands in our office, will account for the lack of Editorial in to-day's paper.— We shall strive to make amends soon.

THE WEATHER.—The hot uncomfortable weather has given place to a cool pleasant air, with frequent copious showers.

THE CORN.—The corn is growing finely, under the late copius showers.— *Huzzah!* for the Locust Blossomites.

The Political Sabbath-Breakers must exercise a little patience. We shall be "eyes right & address," in our next.

CHOLERA IN VIRGINIA.—Three deaths occurred from cholera last week in the upper part of Loudon county, Va., about 7 miles from Harper's Ferry—Mr. Jonathan Cunnard, his wife and son.

LOWE AND CLARKE. addressed a mass meeting at Cockeysville on last Saturday. The friends of both the Candidates appeared well pleased with their champion.

THE HAGERSTOWN LIBELER.—The question has been asked us, what we intend to do with Stephen SUMMERS, the blackguard and character libeler, that presides over the columns of "The Reformer." As we stated last week, we shall not stoop to handle so filthy and contemptible a wretch as the said Summers has proved himself to be. He appears to be lost to all the finer feelings of his nature, and delights to glut his insatiable appetite upon the fair fame of his superiors. No man, (?) but one having a heart as black as the "ace of spades," could condescend to wantonly and maliciously traduce and slander the character of a virtuous and pious young lady, who has neither father nor mother to protect her & whose character is above reproach.

No man of character in this community dare break the slightest slander on her fair name, unless it be smothered and kept from the light. Let the *mean dastardly coward* that conveyed the falsehoods to the Reformer, dare but show his hydra-head, in person, and if the game is not, (like the Reformer), "not worth the ammunition," we will hold him up to the contempt and scorn of the community, by proving him a notorious falsifier.

We defy any *responsible* man in the community, to openly slander our private character. If he does, we shall hold them responsible at a legal tribunal. As to the "Reformer";—we shall never stoop to kick back, when we are kicked by a JACK-ASS.

In order to disabuse the minds of our friends at a distance, we would merely state, that we never have been, nor have any knowledge of being about to be "churched." We have no "maid," nor have had any for 12 months past.— *These are facts we are prepared to prove.*

THE NEW MOTIVE POWER.—The experiments of Prof. Page, at Washington towards producing an engine of practical utility, moved by electricity so as to supersede steam, are the result of an act of the last Congress, appropriating \$20,000 therefor. For years, with many eminent philosophers it has always proved an easy matter to construct operating models for this purpose, which revolved beautifully, but when machines of the same kind came to be constructed on a larger scale, for practical use, the invention always failed. With his present enlarged machine, however, Prof. P. says he is enabled to exert a force of 600 lbs., where before he could only get 60 lbs. That by the consumption of $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of zinc, he produces a $1\frac{1}{2}$ horse power for the continuous space of twentyfour hours which he says, is cheaper than the cheapest steam engine, under some conditions. It is stated that a proposition will shortly be made to give to Professor Page another appropriation to enable him to make still further experiments.

Prof. Page exhibited a model, weighing about a ton, of 5 horse power, at the Smithsonian Institute, in Washington, lately, which when put in motion, made 120 revolutions in a minute.— When applied to a small circular saw, it sawed rapidly through an inch and a half board, at 80 revolution per minute. This is approaching nearer perfection in a magnetic engine, than has ever before been known. Success to Mr. Page.

PURE IRON PRODUCED DIRECTLY FROM THE ORE.—We perceive, by the report of the Newark Daily Advertiser, that Mr. Alexander Dickerson, of that place, has invented certain improvements in the formation of the puddling furnace, by which he is enabled to manufacture iron of superior quality, directly from the ore, by the use of anthracite or bituminous coal or wood.

President Taylor's obsequies. at Boston, are to be very grand. No expense is to be spared. The mourning decorations are to cost \$10,000 alone.

THE CAMP.—On next Friday, the campmeeting will commence, on the land of Mrs. Downey, near this place.

We invite attention to our new advertisements in to-day's paper.

CHOLERA.—We learn from the Clipper, that on Saturday last, there were 4 persons lying dead, in Harper's Ferry, and that five persons were dangerously ill, with the same disease. The Charles-ton Town Spirit of Jefferson, says:

Since yesterday three weeks, there have been at Harper's Ferry some sixty deaths, about fifty of which have been by cholera.

In this town, there has been but one death, a colored woman, the property of Mrs. Willis.

There have been three deaths on the farm of Mr. John J. H. Gunnell, near Charlestown, from cholera, one an aged white lady, and the other two negroes belonging to Mr. Gunnell.

At Smithfield, in this county, Mr. Isaac Stine died of cholera, on Thursday last.

At Gerardstown, Berkely county, Mr. Michael Crowl and wife, from Harper's Ferry, died on Wednesday last, and at Martinsburg, on Saturday last, Mr. Jacob Crowl, also of Harper's Ferry.

Mr. Langley, the efficient and gentlemanly Agent of our Railroad, is the only death that has as yet taken place from cholera, at Winchester.

In London county, Mr. Jonathan Conrad, wife and son, died from cholera during the last week. Other cases reported, we learn are not considered fatal.

CENSUS OF HANCOCK DISTRICT.—By the kindness of Samuel Boyd, Esq., Deputy Marshall for Hancock District, we have been permitted to extract the following items.

Total	2,039
Males	877
Females	957
Free Colored	46
Slaves	159
Idiots	1
Cannot read	27
Attends school	260
No. of Houses	314
No. of Families	317
Farmers	93
Deaths	28
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White males	270
Females	288
Slaves	48
Free Col'd.	11
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A PRESENTATION.—On Monday night last; the Democracy of Baltimore, through their fellow-townsmen, Mr. Pinkney Whyte presented to E. Louis Lowe, Esq., at DEMOCRATIC HALL, a SPLENDID CANE, made out of wood taken from the famous old ship Constitution, called "IRONSIDES." The Hall was crowded, and the two speeches are represented to have been chaste and appropriate.

AT LOGGERHEADS.—*The Baltimore Sun* & "Patriot" are sparring considerably about the Telegraph, and the working of the same. The Patriot got into "a bad box," when the Sun's iron grasp took hold of him. The "Sun," for veracity, early intelligence, and enterprise is proverbial throughout the length and breadth of the U. States. The Sun is answer to the Patriot, makes use of the following language:—

The Patriot seems disposed to go to the full extent of its capacity for misrepresentation, and, after the manner of an overgrown boy, relieves itself of its impotent resentment by "making faces." The Patriot either knew that, in the first four lines of their article last evening, they are sheltered from the charge by their want of observation. We suppose it is of little importance to them which, as their character for either veracity or observation is getting pretty well "wiredrawn."

ACCIDENT.—On Friday last, a colored man named Geo. Harrison, residing some 3 miles from this place, while feeding a thrashing machine, one of his shirt sleeves came in contact with the teeth of the cylinder, which drew his arm in between the cylinders, and crushed and tore it in a shocking manner. Doctors Ward, Jones and Garry amputated the arm within a few inches of the shoulder. He is doing well.

The Legislature of Wisconsin have made it a penal offence for the owners of land to allow the Canada thistle to go to seed thereon.

TRUTH.—Some would be great men, who we opine resides on the Canal, and is fed well upon the *off-fall* from the public State Treasury: is out in the last "Herald," for our having asserted that the Canal had been broke since the water has been let in. He was very unlucky in the selection of a cognomen, as the statements made in said communication are false, and we defy him to adduce the proof. We are prepared to prove that the information of the "breach in the canal," was conveyed to us by a man that works on the canal. Read the following and see if it does not prove a prior break in the "mill-race."

ROKE AGAIN.—A correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says, *another breach* in our canal causes a vexatious delay in the receipt of large quantities of produce; and no small amount of disappointment and dissatisfaction is freely expressed by the respectable parties concerned. It is stated that the water, on the upper levels, was drawn off three months ago, this day; then, of course, the amount of trade began to fall off.

The present damage is two miles this side of Edward's Ferry, and is of sufficient extent to create a belief that it cannot be repaired under a week, and most probably longer.

At that point, however, there is an outlet lock into the river, and arrangements were at once made by the superintendent to pass boats, not too be heavily laden, into the Potomac; so that, by passing down the length of the breach, they may re-enter the Seneca, and peradventure, find their way to this ancient town.

The Alexandria Gazette says in reference to the break noticed by our correspondent, "Mercury."

"We learn that the recent break in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, is about six miles above Seneca, and that boats will be enabled to pass in about a week."

AND STILL ANOTHER.—On Wednesday night last, ANOTHER BREAK took place in the Canal, about 1 mile below the FOUR LOCKS. On yesterday about 30 hands were at work, and it is expected to be repaired in from 7 to 10 days. Wonder if the "Whig-man" will admit this "fact?"

IRELAND.—*The Harvest.*—Finer harvest weather than that with which Providence has blessed us could not be desired. The reaping of the corn fields is in progress in Dublin and some of the midland and Southern counties.— Samples of new oats and barley are coming in pretty freely at the Dublin Corn Exchange, and the quality of both is described as excellent. In some of the more forward districts the wheat harvest has commenced, and it will become pretty general before the middle of August. There are all the appearances of an early as well as an abundant harvest, including all kinds of crops; for it appears that the injury to wheat is partial, and the yield in general is likely to approach average.

Up to this time there is nothing to warrant the slightest apprehension for the present immense potato crop, and vast quantities are now consumed by the humbler classes.

JUAN FERNANDEZ.—The New Orleans Delta urges the re-annexation of this uninhabited island to the American Union. It would afford an excellent place for our vessels to stop at, on their way to and from our Pacific possessions. This island is small, but very fertile in the valleys and abounds in wild animals, horses, mules, asses and goats. It belongs to Chile and probably might easily be brought, although the Delta thinks that the proper plan would be to annex it without consulting the rightful authority.

The Rev. S. W. Harkey, who has for many years been the pastor of the Lutheran Church at Frederick, is about to leave that place, and designs engaging in an effort to endow a Theological Professorship in Hillsboro' College, Illinois, having been elected Professor in that Institution.

A PRESENT.—The wife of President Fillmore is about to be presented with a magnificent coach by a few friends in New York State, in honor of her being the first lady from the State of New York, who presided over the White House at Washington.

THE DISCUSSION.—The Political Discussion, between the several Candidates for a seat in the Convention, will be held in Clearspring, on to-day, at 3 o'clock.

LATE AND IMPORTANT FROM RIO.—*Four Brazilian Vessels Burnt by a British Steamer.*—The barque *Erastus*, coming, arrived at New York on the 17th instant from Rio Janeiro, whence she sailed on the 9th ultimo, twelve days later than the last advices.

A few days previous news had been received that the British Admiral on the station, with the British steamer Cormorant, had entered the port of Paraguay [probably Parainaba or Paraiba] and burnt four Brazilian vessels.

The Captain of the Brazilian fort in the port opened fire upon the steamer and killed one of the men.

It was supposed that the Admiral was acting under orders received from home for the suppression of the slave trade.

There was great excitement in Rio on the subject, and it was thought that a serious difficulty would arise between the Brazilians and the British.

The sickness at Rio had nearly subsided. No other news of interest.

QUICK INTELLIGENCE.—On Saturday the telegraph communicated a message from Washington to New Orleans *ahead of time*. The message left Washington at thirty minutes past eleven o'clock, *Washington time*, thus traveling about twice as fast as the apparent motion of the Sun round the earth, or correctly speaking, double the velocity of the earth's motion on its own axis, as the difference of time between the two places is about one hour.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL.—A correspondent of the Patriot, writing from Frederick, August 17th, says:—

"Mr. Dyne is going on well with the work, and expects to have the canal ready for the admission of the water about the 1st of September. It will have to be filled slowly, however, the whole fifty miles receiving its water from the Cumberland dam, and probably may not be navigable before the middle of September. It will take at least ten days or two weeks to fill it judiciously."

INSURRECTION.—Extract of a letter dated Pleasant Hill, Alabama, August 5, 1850:

"Our citizens are under great excitement at present from an attempted insurrection among the slaves at Benton, about 11 miles distant. We learn that several meetings have been held, and that there were from four to seven hundred in attendance. We are happy to learn further that the leaders have been taken. Only one negro shot badly wounded, and expected to die."

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.

Another Horrid Murder.—A man named Bird, keeping a small jewelry store in Fifth street, near South, was stabbed by a party of rowdies this evening, and injured so badly that he died in a few moments afterwards.

The Coroner will hold an inquest over the body at Union st. station house at 10 o'clock to-morrow. We have not learned the full particulars, but suppose their object was for plunder.—*Clipper.*

THE CORN CROP.—During the early part of the summer, the Waynesboro' Record says, a half crop was despaired of by many; but since the recent fine showers of rain with which we have been favored, the corn in this section presents the most promising appearance. Our farmers think the yield will be unusually large. We hope their expectations may be fully realized.

MISSOURI LEGISLATURE.—So far the whigs have 47 members of the House, and 13 in the Senate; the free soilers have elected 32 members of the House, and 3 in the Senate; and the anti-Bentonites 20 members of the House and 2 in the Senate.

CHOLERA.—There was one death by cholera on Saturday, in North Wheeling. The name of the victim was Mr. Vanhorn. A woman was also said to be sick of it. A man named Severing, landed from a boat, was suffering severely.

THE POPE.—The Pope has ordered a universal jubilee in commemoration of his restoration. It is to last fifteen days, and to carry plenary indulgence of one hundred years to those who observe it.

NO TICKET.—The Whig Reform convention of Baltimore city, have determined not to nominate a ticket for the Convention which is to revise the Constitution, so there is no opposition to the ticket nominated by the democratic party.

CENUINE CHOLERA Medicine.—For Sale at this