We clip the following from the letter of the Washington correspondent of the New York Herald:

"It may not be known, but such is the fact, that Col. Polk was, before the assembling of the Baltimore convention, an aspirant for the Vice Presidency.—Himself and friends, during last winter, regarding it to be settled that Mr. Van Buren would receive the nomination, opened a correspondence with the renowned sorcerer of Lindenwald, and his friend, the modern Cato. In this correspondence, it is said, the President that is coincided with Mr. Van Buren in his view on the Texas question, and promised large favors to the clique now centred at Albany. In order, also, to make sure of the nomination, Col. Polk prepared a letter, it is asserted, *against the Annexation of Texas*, and, in company with Cave Johnson, went to the office of the *Nashville Union* and asked Harris to insert it. This, when he was acquainted with its contents, Harris refused to do. In the meanwhile, other councils prevailed, and Mr. Polk's opinions underwent a radical change. But it is furthermore said, that a copy of this letter, properly authenticated, is in possession of the modern Cato, together with the other letters from Mr. Polk on various subjects.

A FRACAS.—The contest between the rival factions in Washington has got to be so hot, that the parties to it must needs fight. A letter from Washington says:

"There was a rencontre on Wednesday morning on the deck of the steamer Osceola, a little before she left our steamboat wharf for Norfolk. It was a fight between an editor and an ex-editor. The late fiscal editor of the Globe, Mr. John C. Rives, was one of the belligerents; Mr. Cunningham, the present editor of the *Old Dominion*, (published at Portsmouth, Va.) was the other—both well known members of the hard fisted democracy. It appears that Mr. Cunningham having made a coarse attack in the Old Dominion, upon Mr. Rives, denounced the Globe man as a scoundrel, &c. The latter called on Cunningham, on board the Osceola, for an explanation. But Cunningham answered "the law shall explain;" on which the athletic Rives, not liking "law's delay," dealt Cunningham a lusty blow, which laid him sprawling on the deck. Capt. Mitchell and a gentleman then interfered and prevented any more blows from being inflicted. It is said this timely interference prevented the editor of the Old Dominion from being completely used up."

THE MEXICAN INDEMNITY.—Benjamin R. Green, Esq., late Charge d'Affaires at Mexico, has published a letter in the Washington Union, in which he states what he is confident are the facts in relation to the Mexican instalments due on the 30th of April and the 30th of July, 1844. In this letter he says that Mr. Voss the American agent specially commissioned to receive the instalments, obtained from the Minister of the Mexican Treasury drafts upon the departmental treasuries of Guadaljara, Guanaguato, and Zacatecas. "He took these *drafts*," adds Mr. Green, "to the house of Tayleur, Jamison and Co., one of the best English commercial houses in Mexico, and requested them to be sent on for collection. They were sent on; and the reply was, that the drafts were good, and would be paid as soon as any revenue could be collected for that purpose. In consequence of the revolution, and the distracted state of things in Mexico since they have not yet been paid." Mr. Green further states that when Mr. Voss received the drafts above referred to, he told Mr. Shannon that he was confident the money would be paid, and that in fact he might write home that it had been paid. Both Mr. Shannon and Mr. Voss felt confident the money would be paid, and hence the notice of payment published in the United States.

SAD AFFAIR—SUICIDE.—Our town was thrown into a state of commotion, on Monday afternoon last, at the announcement of the death of WM. VAN BUSKIRK, Esq. by his own hands. The deed was committed in front of the New Court House, and the instrument a shot gun. It appears from a note left by him for Samuel M. Semmes, Esq. that he was tired of his existence, and that he had made a previous attempt without success—that he should inform his wife of the fact, and that he desired no inquest held over his body, as it was his own premeditated act. The manner in which he accomplished his purpose was, to seat himself upon the bench, and placing his gun to his forehead, secured it in that position with one hand, whilst with the ramrod in the other he succeeded in firing the charge through his head. *Cumberland Civilian.*

THE ENGLISH MISSION.—Mr. Calhoun has declined it. Mr. Elmore has declined it. Mr. Pickens has declined it. Mr. Mason has declined it, and the Journal of Commerce adds Mr. Woodbury to the number who have also declined. It is said, too, that no body will accept the mission, perhaps for the reason that it will be a most arduous one for whoever may undertake it.

WORCESTER COUNTY ALL RIGHT.—We omitted to mention in the two last publications of our paper, that SAMUEL D. HARPER, Esq., Agent or Receiver of the State taxes for Worcester county, paid into the Treasury of the State, some *Twenty six thousand Dollars* being within some five or six thousand dollars of the whole amount of the direct tax for the years 1841, '42, '43, and '44, due from that county. This amount we are informed was received by Mr. Harper within three months, the tax payers voluntarily coming forward and paying their taxes, and we are further pleased to learn, that Mr. Harper has accepted the appointment of collector for the State tax for the present year for that county. Worcester now stands upon high ground, she has, like her sister county Somerset, nobly come forward and sustains the credit and honor of the good old State and is against repudiation.—*Annapolis Repub.*

GOVERNMENT DEPOSITES.—A Washington letter in the New York Tribune says: "The Secretary of the Treasury has nearly completed his arrangement for the more secure deposite of the public revenue. The principle of the new plan is the reduction of the number of deposite banks, and the requirement of additional security on the part of those which may be selected. In addition, the right of issuing small notes will be greatly restricted or taken away. At present there are seven deposite banks in the city of New York. From four of these certainly the public deposites will be removed—perhaps from five. Two banks only, as I understand, have as yet been finally determined on. A third will probably be selected, if the security shall be satisfactory, and a readiness to comply with the other conditions shall be shown. The same course will be pursued throughout the country. At present the amount of funds in the Treasury may be computed at about seven millions, and the policy of the Government in reference to their distribution for safe keeping evinces a settled hostility to banks and incorporated companies."

THE VIRGINIA CROPS.—The Fredericksburg Herald speaking of the commencement of the wheat harvest, and pronouncing the crop an average one and of good quality, says:

"In the upper Counties, we learn the prospect for Corn and Oats is very gloomy, the drought and frost having injured both very materially. With seasonable weather, however, there is yet time enough for Corn, and the Oats may be improved; but in any event, we think the latter crop will be short."

The Lynchburg Virginian of the 9th instant says—

Harvesting has commenced in this section, and generally we believe the Wheat crop will turn out well, notwithstanding the inauspicious promise of the early Spring. Corn is backward and feeble, and the Tobacco crop must be late, if not short of its ordinary production.

The harvest has commenced in Jefferson, Clarke and Berkely counties—and in all of these the prospects of a fine yield of wheat are good.

A SHOCKING STORY.—The Louisville Journal of the 6th, tells a rather strange tale, the substance of which is, that a Lieut. B. of the U. States army, killed a new born child, the offspring of a woman with whom he was living at a hotel in Paduach, and whom he called his wife. The child was born in the night, and the father threw it into the river, asserting that the child was stillborn, but it had been heard to cry. The father was arrested, and gave bail for $2,000.

PASSENGERS BY THE WESTERN.—The Great Western sailed from New York on Thursday afternoon, with upwards of a hundred passengers. Among them are the vetern and highly esteemed General Robert Armstrong, the new Consul to Liverpool; Mr. Anderson, the tragedian; and John Greig, Esq., of Canandaigua. Two bearers of important despatches also go in her, one of whom recently arrived at New Orleans in the British frigate Eurydice from Vera Cruz.

MOBOCRACY IN MILWAUKEE.—The destruction of two bridges across the Milwaukee river some weeks since, was followed by another riot on the 28th ult. and the destruction of the Spring street bridge, and the rendering the bridge across the Menominee impassible. Guns and pistols were fired during the row, and one or two individuals were considerably injured. The Sentinel of the 29th states that there is a prospect that all the difficulty respecting the bridges will be amicably settled.

A lady in this city had twins last week, which she named Clay and Frelinghuysen.—*New Haven Courier.*

A cow in this town had twins about the same time. What should they be named?—*Ohio Statesman.*

Polk and Dallas, of course.—*Louisville Journal.*

CORN.—Mr. J. L. Stam has handed us a stalk of corn, raised in his garden, in this place. It measures nearly seven feet in height and is in tassel.—*Kent News.*

THE JOURNAL.

ROCKVILLE, MD.

WEDNESDAY, :::::JUNE 18, 1845.

Death of Gen. Jackson.

The news of the death of Gen. ANDREW JACKSON, Ex-President of the United States, (says the National Intelligencer,) is confirmed by the Western papers. He expired at the Hermitage in the afternoon of Sunday, the 8th of the month.

For us here to undertake to inform our readers who Gen. JACKSON was, and what his public service and his political character, would be a work of supererogation. He has occupied a large space in the history of his country during the greater part of the last thirty years, and, for good or for evil, has exercised an irresistible influence on public affairs. Grateful for the good that he has done, and willing to allow him credit for patriotic motives for such acts of his as we have most disapproved, we have no disposition at this moment to pronounce a discourse upon the merits of his public life. That duty we shall leave to his friends; trusting that it will be discharged by them with such delicacy and such respect for opinions differing from theirs as to leave no ground for controversy over his grave.

OFFICIAL.

ANDREW JACKSON is no more! He departed this life on Sunday, the 8th instant, full of days and full of honors. His country deplores his loss, and will cherish his memory. While a nation mourns, it is proper that business should be suspended, at least for one day, in the Executive departments, as a tribute of respect to the illustrious dead.

I accordingly direct that the Departments of State, the Treasury, War, the Navy, the Post Office, the office of the Attorney General, and the Executive Mansion, be instantly put in mourning; and that they be closed during the whole day to-morrow. JAMES K. POLK.

Washington City, June 16, 1845.

☞A few days since we paid a visit to the Reading Room which the Union Lyceum opened in this place some time ago. We were pleased to find that so much progress had been made in the collection of useful and interesting works. We met with a variety of periodicals from every portion of the country, together with some published beyond the Atlantic. The books which have been furnished are all standard works, and the selection speaks well for the judgment of the selectors. They were all tastefully arranged.

The Lyceum is entitled to great credit for opening this fountain of knowledge to the inhabitants of our village, at which all who thirst for information can be richly supplied. We consider the opening of this room a great benefaction for which the Lyceum must receive the thanks of all.

☞The last account we gave of the crops in this neighborhood was rather unfavorable. It gives us pleasure now to state, that the late rains and accompanying warmth have considerably improved the prospect. The wheat, which is nearly ready for harvest, is, we believe, as good as it generally is in this county. Oats look quite promising, and unless checked by drought, will turn out very well. Corn is in a thriving condition; its late yellowness has been removed, and succeeded by a beautiful green, and its growth is rapid and cheering. Garden vegetation has also received a fresh start from the late propitious weather.

☞The only two persons who were confined in our jail, one a white man and the other a negro, effected their escape on Wednesday last, by making a hole through the wall. They have not yet been arrested.

☞The laws of Maryland, passed at the last session of the Legislature, have been received at the Clerk's office, and are ready for delivery to all persons entitled to receive them.

☞NATHAN HOLLAND, Esq. has been appointed Judge of the Orphans' Court of this county, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Wm. Darne.

☞When there are so many rational and innocent amusements by which the mind and body can be relieved from too constant application and labor, is it not strange that men will resort to those which tend not only to the corruption of morals, but which are too mean and trivial for the entertainment of a reasonable creature.

Among the many vices which are practised by men in the pursuit of pleasure, there is none more productive of evil consequences than that of gaming. When a fondness for this vice is contracted, business is neglected, and a distaste for the solid pleasures of life engendered. By it, the judgment of its votary is darkened and troubled; the temper is habitually discomposed, and conscience is lost amid the hurry and impetuosity with which the pursuit is attended. This consequence, although by no means inconsiderable, is not to be compared to the effect produced upon the community at large, by the prevalence of this vice. The cause of morality and virtue is effectually checked, when men of ease and respectability, who are looked up to in other respects, set such an example before those by whom they are surrounded. If those individuals would reflect upon the mischief which their conduct is calculated to produce, we think that they would be constrained to abandon the gaming table, and seek pleasure and recreation from sources whence true satisfaction can be derived. If they have time to spare from their daily occupation, they can find various methods for filling up their empty spaces of life. The exercise of virtue, in the broadest acceptation of the term, would yield them enjoyments to which they are at present strangers. Those who have families, could find abundant employment in calling out the social virtues, instructing the younger members in social and religious duty. The relief of the needy, the consolation of the distressed, would impart a pleasure to the mind far superior to that of sensual gratification.

The pursuit of knowledge, by the study of useful and interesting works, and the conversation of well chosen friends, would give an agreeable relaxation to the mind. Indeed, there is no blessing of life to be preferred to the enjoyment of a virtuous friend, who disburdens the mind of sorrow, brings our thoughts into action, imparts knowledge, and finds employment for the vacant hours of life.

There are many other useful amusements to which they could have recourse, and which would be far more satisfactory to their own minds than the indulgence of the vice of which we have spoken.

☞We have received the July number of the *Ladies' National Magazine*, which is the beginning of a new volume. This Literary Periodical stands so high, that it needs no comment, which might be bestowed upon it. This number contains a most magnificent Mezzotint Engraving, *The Canadian Family chased by wolves;* also the engraving of Abbotsford, which is believed to be a correct representation of that celebrated seat of Sir Walter Scott, certainly a most beautiful picture. The contributors to this Magazine are chiefly Ladies, and therefore it commends itself most highly to the female portion of our community.—It has the reputation of giving the most correct fashions, receiving them direct from Paris. They promised to give us something superb in this number, and we think they have faithfully kept their word.

HON. WM. COST JOHNSON.—In our last (says the Frederick Herald) we noticed that Hon. W. C. Johnson was then in New Orleans. We hear that Mr. J. also has received a delicate compliment to his abilities in the shape of a $100,000 fee, for settling an extensive land claim. His visit to New Orleans was no doubt connected with this interesting business.

CONFESSION OF MCCURRY.—The Baltimore correspondent of the N. Y. Herald states that McCurry, who is to be executed in Baltimore on the 27th instant, has made a full confession.

The Cincinnati Gazette says that the interest on the debt of Ohio, due in May, has been paid, and that that falling due next month will be promptly met.

From the Marlboro' Gazette.

Seaenth Election District P. G. Co. June 9, 1845.

MR. EDITOR: I have before me a letter written by a gentleman of Vansville district, to a friend of his in Montgomery county. From it I have selected an extract which I respectfully request you to insert in the columns of your useful paper. By it you will perceive that some of us have been thinking who shall be our candidate for Congress this fall.—And, sir, I am of the opinion, if we wish to be ably and well represented, we could not select one better qualified for the purpose than the gentleman whose name is mentioned in the extract below:

MAY 26, 1845.

"And now, my dear friend, let me request you to use your utmost influence to try and have Mr. RICHARD I. BOWIE, of Montgomery, nominated and elected to the lower house of Congress this fall. He is, as you know, a perfect gentleman; one well qualified in every respect for such an honor. He does in reality stand "proudly eminent" among the rest of the candidates for that seat.

But alas! Montgomery never will properly appreciate his merits. It is true she loves, honors and respects him, but then, she seems as if she is desirous of having him all to herself. Arouse yourselves, shake off your sluggishness; remember that "a faint heart never won a fair lady." When you come to the convention next fall, lay aside all your bashfulness, only assert your true and just claims and you will have in Mr. BOWIE a very good, talented and "*fair*" representative. Let Montgomery come out boldly as she ought, and as she is willing. Let her "act well her part there all her honor lies." Let her cry firmly and manly, "don't give up the ship," and you may depend upon it he will be elected."

I need not add that I do most heartily concur in the opinions so ably expressed in the above extract. Who can tell when was the last time Montgomery had one of her citizens to represent us in Congress? Altho' I am a Prince Georgian, yet I must admit that it is but just and fair that some courtesy be shewed to Montgomery by her sister counties.

A TRUE WHIG.

For the Maryland Journal.

MR. EDITOR: Every day's experience gives additional evidence that our political opponents are already actively, yet quietly, engaged in preparing for the coming contest. Encouraged by the momentary smiles of victory, they seem to think that, with another strenuous effort, they will be enabled to give to Maryland a locofoco representation on the floor of congress; and if we remain inactive and sluggish, and suffer personal feelings, embittered by disappointment in the attainment of such political distinction as we might have aspired to, in any way to influence our actions, our opponents must and will conquer. But this is not to be the case: let each and every whig buckle on his armor, determined to do his duty, let who oppose him that may; let each occupy the same post that he did when every feeling of patriotism called him to his duty—when he felt it a duty, as well as an honor, to lend his might and strength to elevate to the presidency the greatest statesman living; let party spirit, *a spirit of inquiry*, be again excited, and Maryland will speak the same voice she did at the last election, in tones not to be mistaken.

Now, let primary meetings be held and *attended;* let delegates be appointed to attend a convention at Marlboro', on the last Thursday of July next, to nominate a candidate for congress; let one be nominated who can *bring out and poll the whole party vote*—one who has given evidence of his political principles, and who has the ability to express his sentiments when the interest of his constituents requires it; and, in casting about for a candidate, the attention of every Montgomerian is directed to one possessing each and every qualification in a high degree—our worthy and deservedly popular State senator, the Hon. WM. LINGAN GAITHER. Gentlemanly and courteous in his deportment—ardent and zealous in that which his conscience dictates is right and proper, he has won the admiration and zealous support of all good whigs, and very many of his political opponents: he has given evidence of sound and correct judgment, and proved himself an able and talented debater: in fine, the man for the times.

A WHIG.

The latest letter from the city of Mexico, received by the last arrival, takes quite a pacific view of existing circumstances:

"MEXICO, May 20, 1845.

"This Government having been empowered by Congress to enter into a treaty with the Texan Commissioners, all fear of a rupture between this country and the United States on that score is now at an end."

SALE OF A HOTEL.—We learn from the Annapolis Herald, that the City Hotel, in that place, recently conducted by Messrs. Swann & Iglehart, was sold on Wednesday to Col. John Walton, of Leonardtown, St. Mary's county, for the sum of fourteen thousand dollars. Ten years ago the same property—without the addition of recent valuable improvements—sold at twenty-seven thousand dollars.

COURT OF APPEALS, W. S.—This distinguished judicial body, says the Annapolis Herald, commenced its regular summer session on Tuesday morning last, present Judges Dorsey, Chambers and Martin, and we learn that they set to work at once to prevent as few cases as possible from being laid over to the next term. Judge Magruder appeared on the bench on Wednesday.

DEATH OF GOV. COLLINS.—Hon. Chas. Collins died at Newport, R. I., on Sunday morning last. The deceased was formerly one of the prominent political men of that State, and for several years held the office of Collector of the Customs at Bristol, and was also repeatedly elected Lieut. Governor.

SENATOR BENTON.—The St. Louis Reporter of May 30th states that Senator Benton has returned, in hot haste, from his farm in Kentucky, to Washington city; and that it is probable he may be sent to England to conduct the negotiation.

A new barn belonging to Mr. R. McGregor, near Marlboro, Md. was blown down on last Monday week during the heavy rain which otherwise very happily visited that neighborhood—killing a negro woman and crippling a boy.

At a meeting of the "Alexandria Canal Company" last week, J. Eaches, Esq. was elected President, and Messrs. J. Green, W. Gregory, B. Waters, A. P. Gover, A. C. Cazenove, and H. Dangerfield, were elected Directors, constituting an entire new board.

U. S. SENATOR.—The Floridian says that David Levy, who has just been elected to Congress from Florida, will be chosen by the Legislature as one of the new Senators to Congress, and thus give place to some one else in the House.

MISSION TO ENGLAND.—The Washington Journal of Monday evening says: The Hon. LOUIS MCLANE has been offered the Mission to England, and it is understood that he will accept it.

Gov. Wright, of New York, was recently burnt in effigy by some of his own political party in Alleghany County, who adopted that mode of expressing their disapprobation of his veto of the Canal Bill.

PATRONIZING THE PRESS.—The State of N. Jersey paid to the proprietors of newspapers in the State last Summer for advertising the new Constitution the sum of $4,419,08.

EXAMINE YOUR TREES.—By a close examination there will be found upon many fruit trees, a small shell, resembling a compact spider's web, filled with the eggs of the caterpillar. Remove these carefully now, and burn them, and you will save your fruit and much trouble.

Married,

On Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., by the Rev. M. P. Galligher, Mr. JAMES W. CAMPBELL to Miss ANN MARIA BECKWITH, all of this county.

Died,

Near this place of consumption, on Friday last, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with christian fortitude and resignation, Mrs. MARTHA C. ANDERSON, consort of Richard S. Anderson, aged 40 years.

The deceased was possessed of much natural amiability, which was heightened and beautified by that pure piety, infused by a sincere reliance upon the christian's God. The graces of meekness, humility, charity, and benevolence beautifully adorned her character. In all the relations of life she was a pattern worthy of imitation. As a wife, affectionate and attentive to her husband's best interests; as a mother, assiduous in instructing her children in their duties, enforced by her own bright example; as a friend, warm and devoted; as a christian, without reproach. She now enjoys the rest which remains for the people of God. [Nat. Intel. please copy.]

Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the subscriber, are requested to call and settle their accounts on or before the 1st of July next, as longer indulgence will not be given.

june 18-3t THOS. G. HARRIS.