



**THE STAR.**  
EASTON, Md.

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 21, 1844.

**THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT, WILL MEET IN BALTIMORE ON THE 27TH OF MAY.**

Democratic State Convention, to be held at Baltimore on the same day.

The Easton Democratic Association meets at the Court House this evening at 7 1/2 o'clock. Addresses may be expected.

**THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.**—The Baltimore Sun says "The Democratic National Convention to be held in this city on the 27th inst., will doubtless be largely attended by visitors from various sections of the country. The New York Republic learns, from what it considers excellent authority, that the venerable JACKSON will be here from the Hermitage to preside at the convention—and the New York Post states that the six pound trophy piece—the one taken at Saratoga and the other at Princeton by Gen. Washington in the Revolution, will be sent on to Baltimore under the charge of Addison Hill, Esq., of the Arsenal, to salute the delegates from the different States as they arrive, and the regular nomination."

**QUEEN ANNS—Her Democracy in motion.** A Democratic meeting was recently held in Centerville for the purpose of organizing an Association. We learn that the meeting was well attended, and an enthusiastic determination evinced to sustain the good old cause by a triumphant majority next fall. Our friend of the Cecil Democrat was present, and thus notices the gentlemen who addressed the meeting on the occasion.

After the business of the meeting had been finished, calls were made for James L. Martin, Esq., of Talbot, who addressed the meeting in an eloquent and energetic speech, which drew upon him the plaudits of the whole audience; the meeting was also eloquently and effectively addressed by Gov. Grason, Wm. Carmichael, Wm. A. Spencer, and Richard B. Carmichael, Esqs.

**WHAT'S IN THE WIND.**—From the annexed paragraphs it will appear that the greatest "union and harmony" do not exist in the Whig ranks. Would it not be as well for our Whig friends to cease prating about Democratic disruptions and look at the troubles in their own political household?—Read the following from the Hagerstown Mail, a respectable and reliable paper published in Washington county in this State.

**CHANGES.**—The Whigs are constantly talking of changes in their favor, but never say anything of the changes against them. Our exchange papers assure us that there are numerous changes against them, and we know in this county a number that supported Gen. Harrison who will not vote for Mr. Clay or Mr. Pratt. They are not only leaving from the rank and file "the bone and sinew," but some of those who have heretofore been their most distinguished champions have left them—among the latter, we have the pleasure of naming JOSEPH I. MERRICK, Esq., of this town.

We clip the following rumor from the Frederick Citizen, and our Whig friends can put it in their pipes and smoke it for what it is worth:—

A report reached here that the Hon. Wm. D. Merrick had also publicly declared his determination to withdraw from the Whig ranks.

**IMMENSE GATHERING OF THE DEMOCRACY IN THE CITY OF BALTIMORE.** We have room only to give an extract or two from the proceedings of the immense gathering of the Democracy on Monday evening of last week. The Editor of the Argus says:—

At the time of our entering the Square, and before the several wards had arrived on the ground, the spacious area presented but one compact surface of human heads. It is impossible for us to estimate, even according to Whig calculation, the tremendous assemblage. Of the numbers present we can give our readers some idea by stating that the distance below Lexington street down to Baltimore street, comprising (taking the great width of the place as a basis) two of the largest squares in our city, were literally jammed with a solid moving mass. Numbers, unable to get within sound of the speakers' voice, were compelled to leave. And had there been more stands erected for the accommodation of the orators, there is no telling where the crowd would have stopped.

Among the distinguished strangers who were present on the occasion, we noticed Messrs. Allen, Colquitt, Harlison, Saunders, Hammet, Weller, Belsler, Bowlin, Reife, Hudson, Deides, Kennedy, number of Browns, Fudge and Barton. In front of these, was the stand erected for the speakers. This was simply but beautifully ornamented.

By the way, we must not forget to mention the increased interest which the meeting derived from the immense number of ladies who were there present. Almost every window and every door-way and steps was densely filled by the fair daughters of our city. They cheered by their smiles, and encouraged the Democracy in the noble work in which they are engaged.

At a late hour of the night the meeting adjourned in the most peaceable and quiet manner.

Mr. Jabez Huntington has been re-elected U. S. Senator by the Legislature of Connecticut. Mr. H. is a Whig.

**GENERAL CONFERENCE.**—The General Conference of the M. E. Church was still in session at our latest dates. The subject of slavery had caused some agitation. Dr. Capers of the South Carolina Conference offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

"In view of the distracting agitation which has so long prevailed on the subject of Slavery and Abolition, and, especially, the difficulties under which we labor in the present General Conference, on account of this perplexing question, therefore Resolved, That a committee of six be appointed to confer with the Bishops, and report within two days, as to the possibility of adopting some plan, and what for the permanent pacification of the Church."

The chair subsequently announced the following gentlemen to constitute the committee contemplated in the foregoing resolution:

Wm. Capers, of the South Carolina Conference; Stephen Olin, of the New York Conference; Wm. Winans, of the Virginia Conference; John Early, of the New England Conference; L. J. Hamlin, of the Ohio Conference; Phineas Chandler, of the New York Conference.

Mr. Durbin then introduced a resolution that the Conference with observe tomorrow (Wednesday last) as a day of fasting and humiliation before God, and prayer for his blessing upon the Committee of Six on the subject of Slavery and Abolition, and that the hour between twelve and one o'clock be appropriated to religious exercises in the Church. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

**LETTERS FROM WASHINGTON.**—We place but little confidence in "letters from Washington," written by correspondents employed to make news; we, consequently, give the following only for what it is worth. It is from the N. Y. Evening Post's letter writer:

Mr. Cary, the new member from Maine, arrived this morning. The Whig papers have been remarkable busy in figuring down his majority, the last conclusion come to by them being that he would get the return by about fifty votes.—The truth is, he is elected by a clear majority of four hundred and eighty votes over all other candidates, and by about eight hundred over Robinson, his whig competitor. He says if Mr. Webster had given away a little larger strip of territory belonging to the state, he should have been elected some months ago, as he would not have had against him on the former trials the votes of several hundreds of the inhabitants on the provincial frontier.

P. S. Since writing the above, I have been told by a gentleman who says he had the information in confidence from an official source, that John C. Calhoun and Mr. Wickliffe have to day given Mr. Tyler notice that they shall be obliged to leave him and that he must accordingly provide himself with successors to fill the offices which they design to vacate. And who do you think, since the Baltimore Convention, is said to have put himself at the service of the Captain, and have professed a willingness to serve his country in Mr. Calhoun's place? Who, ye powers! Who but Mr. Senator Tallmadge, the last of the conservatives. Incredible as it may seem, that is the rumor, not yet cold.

**IMPORTANT.—TEXAS—MEXICO.**—The National Intelligencer of Thursday last has the following important information under its Postscript head:—

Late last evening, after an Executive session of several hours, the Senate removed the injunction of secrecy from the Treaty and Documents accompanying it, for the annexation of Texas. We have not, of course, had an opportunity of examining these papers, but we learn orally that, by a communication from the President yesterday, the Senate was informed that he had ordered a military force to repair to the frontier of Texas, to open a communication with the President of that Republic and act as circumstances might require; and had also ordered a naval force to Vera Cruz, to remain off that port and prevent any naval expedition of Mexico, if any such should be attempted, from proceeding against Texas!

The Madisonian of Friday evening, in allusion to the above, says, that after the injunction was removed, notice was given that a motion to reconsider would be made yesterday, which effectually postponed the raising of the injunction until it should be decided. "The publication of the message and documents thus postponed, (says the Madisonian), puts forth all its powers to forestall the public sentiment and excite prejudice against the President, by misrepresentations, founded upon hearsay, of the message and documents called for in secret session and transmitted by the President in confidence to the Senate."

**ICE CREAM.**—The lovers of Ice Cream should not forget to give our friends T. C. Nicols and H. J. Strandberg a call, where they will be pleasantly and sumptuously accommodated.

Mr. Nicols serves up, every day, superior Pickled Oysters. Give them a trial.

**ONE DAY FOR ELECTION.**—Dr. Duncan's bill fixing one and the same day in every State in the Union for the election of electors of President and Vice President of the United States has passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 141 yeas to 34 nays.

We hope the Senate will follow the example of the House and pass the bill by a large and equally decisive majority.

**IMPRESSIVE INCIDENT.**—We see it stated that the only part of the interior of St. Augustine's Church (Philadelphia) untouched by the flames was a portion of the inscription over the altar. The words "The Lord seeth," remain upon the burnt and blackened walls, almost as clear and legible as the day they were placed there.

The U. S. House of Representatives has adopted a resolution to adjourn on the 17th of next month.

**ITEMS RESPECTING THE RIOTS.**

The scene of the riots was crowded with citizens on Saturday and Sunday particularly the latter, and it is estimated that at least ten thousand people were on the ground in the afternoon. There was no excitement, however, the crowd having been drawn together from motives of curiosity. Numbers of our citizens, with their families, in their private carriages, have visited the spot for the last three days for the purpose of viewing the same.

**A Singular Incident.**—The only part of the interior of St. Augustine's Church untouched by the flames was a portion of the inscription over the altar. The words "The Lord seeth," remain upon the burnt and blackened walls, almost as clear and legible as the day they were placed there, a fact which is well calculated to excite the religious feelings of the people generally.

Levi Lord, who was arrested for not being fully committed, was fined \$100 for a default of \$200.

**Signs of the Times.**—The tide appears to be setting strongly against the cause of Whiggery in this and other States. From different parts of the country, since the nominations made by the Whig Convention in this city, we find, by our exchanges, that many individuals are coming out over their names, and declaring they cannot swallow the strong federal dog, which has been mixed up for them by the political quacks of the Baltimore Convention. Among the evidences of the "changes" in this State which we have received, we annex the following from a respectable and trustworthy source. Come along, say we, all ye who are disposed to stand by your country and the designs of ambitious demagogues—all ye who go for the rights of the States, and the liberties of the people, are invited to rally under the broad banner of Democracy—the people's rights—and the country's welfare.—Ball. Argus.

**SACRILEGIOUS ACT.**—David Belket is the name of the individual arrested on Saturday for breaking the tombstone in St. Michael's churchyard. The testimony was clear against him, that he, with two others, went up some of the smaller head and foot stones, and broke them by throwing them against the larger ones, and at the same time mutilating the latter. In default of bail in the sum of \$2000, he was committed to prison.—Philadelphia Paper.

**PROTECTING AMERICAN LABOR.**—What is American labor? Our agriculture, fisheries, navigation and commerce.—How are they protected? By their intrinsic worth and value. What is mis-called American labor? Lowell manufacturing stock, owned in England and paying twenty or thirty per cent dividends—a large portion of the sugar refining business in New York, principally owned by a wealthy Englishman of the name of Horsely. What is understood by protecting American labor? Giving to these manufacturers enormous bonuses by way of exorbitant rates of duties.—How does this protect American labor?—The manufacturers of Lowell are sending to Canada for women—foreigners to work in their factories because they will work cheaper than our American girls; while a number of manufacturing companies have reduced their laborers fifteen to twenty per cent. Labor in every manufacturing town is lower since than before the tariff.—Has the American laborer any interest in promoting this plan of protection? Let these facts answer for themselves.—Southern Reformer.

**HAGERSTOWN, May 10th, 1844.** Messrs. Editors:—It gives me pleasure to assure you, that the recent Whig nominations have given no satisfaction in this county. Every day brings forth fresh evidences of this. Among the many changes which have taken place in our favor within a short time past, the most prominent one is JOSEPH I. MERRICK, Esq., brother of the U. S. Senator, whose name in this county has ever been a pillar of strength, and one of the most prominent champions of the Whig cause in this State. He has openly renounced all connection with the Whig party and pledged himself to do battle in our cause.

**NO LETTER YET.** Mr. H. Clay, the Whig candidate for the Presidency, has been arraigned before the House of Representatives for having written a letter to Mr. Blair, in '25, for the express purpose of carrying out a bargain and sale between his friends and those of Mr. John Q. Adams, for the mutual preference of the two principals.—Mr. Clay first to make Mr. Adams President, and then Mr. Adams to make Mr. Clay his Secretary of State. The charge was publicly made by Col. Boyd of Kentucky, in the House of Representatives, on last Tuesday week, when Col. B. proposed to another Representative from Ky., Ex-Speaker Plagiarist White, to join him in a letter to H. Clay, calling upon him (H. Clay), to produce the letter to F. P. Blair, or to authorize Mr. B. to publish it. Mr. White dodged the proposition, and thus plead guilty to the charge. But their stands the charge on the recorded proceedings of the House of Representatives of the people—whilst H. Clay was at Washington.

**THE CONVENTION.**—The Richmond Enquirer, alluding to the Democratic National Convention says:—"We doubt not, that many of our Democratic citizens will embrace the opportunity of 'reduced prices on the railroads,' to see the distinguished men of their party, solemnly deliberating upon the destinies of a great nation. Their proceedings will be marked by that gravity and dignity, fitting so solemn an occasion. There will certainly be witnessed none of the mock enthusiasm and ridiculous & childish parade, which characterized the Mammoth Whig Convention. We shall have no overgrown assemblage resembling a 'mob'—but there will be delegates enough to concentrate the public sentiment of the nation, and to constitute a respectable deliberative assembly, whose voice will echo from mountain to valley, and arouse the Democracy, as one man, to victorious zeal. We observe from the last Columbus (Miss.) Democrat, that the delegates from that State are already in motion—and that Mississippi will be well represented."

**OREGON.**—The St. Louis Democrat says, by accident only. And now I am willing judgement shall go, and the decision be made which of us has the best of it.

**CIRCULATE THE DOCUMENTS.** We copy the following from the Annapolis Herald:—"We have in preparation and will shortly publish several political tracts upon the affairs of our State, founded upon facts taken from the 'Books and the records' and more than doubly sustained by recent admissions of Whig writers, which will be of great interest in the coming Governor's election, and ought to be placed in the hands of every voter in Maryland. As the preparing of these tracts is necessarily attended with much mental labor, and their publication with no little expense, we solicit the aid of the Democratic State Convention and all the Democratic Associations in the State, to give them an extensive circulation among our tax-ridden people.—Accompanying these tracts will appear some articles on national questions prepared by able hands, and which will speak to the people with the 'facts and figures,' which will be out of the power of opposition ingenuity to controvert. They will be supplied at the low price of two dollars per hundred."

Mr. Clay has left Washington on his return to Ashland.

**Two dollars a day and Roast Beef.**—This was the promise of the Whigs of 1840. Its fulfillment may be seen in the fact that the Workingmen in different cities have been continually and are now in some places on a strike for living wages.

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