THE MORMON WAR.—*A Battle Fought and Twenty-one Persons Killed—Another Battle Expected.*—The Illinois State Register, extra, dated Sunday, Sept. 21st, contains the following important news from Hancock:

"It appears that the Anti-Mormons continued their work of destruction until upwards of 100 houses have been consumed. Sheriff Backenstos failed in raising a posse strong enough to stop these movements without resorting to Nauvoo, owing to the fear of all well disposed persons in the country, that their own houses might be consumed. We learn that he has raised about 500 men, from Nauvoo, all well armed, with which he had dispersed the rioters commanded by Col. Williams, at Green Plains.

In this affair no lives were lost, as the "Anties" run and took shelter in a corn field, before the posse came within firing distance.

Backenstos had been driven away from Carthage, and returned with about 500 men, to remove his family; he fell in with a large body of Anti-Mormons, when a battle ensued. It is said that eighteen Anti-mormons and three Mormons *were killed*. It appears that Williams, Sharp, Davis, and other leaders, escaped. A large number of the Anti-Mormons were taken prisoners and are now confined and guarded in the court house at Carthage.

The people had all fled from Carthage, Augusta, and other Anti-Mormon towns, and carried their families into the counties of Adams, Marquette, Schuyler, and McDonough, and are beating up for volunteers in those counties to recruit their forces, with which to renew the war. It is unknown how many men they will be able to raise; but it is believed that they have so disgraced themselves by the incendiary mode in which they have carried on the war, that their success will not be very great. But if they succeed, another bloody battle may be expected, in the course of this week.

Before this news arrived the Governor had issued a call for five hundred men to quell the disturbances.

We are advised that it is a fact that no letters have been received at this place from any of the Mormon party since the commencement of these troubles, except one from a very obscure man in Nauvoo, and another from McDonough county, and no newspapers. It is rumored that the mails have been stopped, and there is a story afloat that one mail carrier has been murdered.—No messenger has arrived from all that section of country until to-day, when a committee arrived from Mount Sterling."

A slip from the Nauvoo Neighbor office, dated September 24th, contains the reply of the Mormons to a proposition of the Anties, relative to their removal from Hancock county. After having expressed their "desire to live in peace with all men," and enumerated their grievances, they say:—"We propose to leave this county next spring for some point so remote that there will need to be no difficulty with the people and ourselves, provided certain propositions necessary for the accomplishment of our removal shall be observed."

The propositions relate to the disposal of their property.

They wished to be let alone, and released from "all vexatious law suits," and say in conclusion, "That it is a mistaken idea that we '*have proposed* to remove in six months,' for that would be so early in the spring, that grass might not grow nor water run, both of which would be necessary for our removal, but we propose to use our influence, to have no more seed time nor harvest among our people in this county, after gathering our present crop."

IMPORTANT TO TAILORS.—A most ingenious piece of Mechanism has lately been made known to the public in France, the inventor of which has been engaged during the last 15 years in bringing it to its present state of perfection. It is a sewing machine, plain in its details and calculated to revolutionize completely the art of sewing. It will perform 200 stitches to the minute—enlarge or contract the stitches by the simple turn of a screw—lead the needle along all the sinuosities and irregularities of the stuff to be sewed, without the least danger of tear, whatever may be the texture of the stuff, and do every part of the sewing of a coat, button-holes excepted.

STILL ACTIVE.—Jacob Hays, High Constable of New York, has completed his 74th year, and still retains his former activity and usefulness.

An honest dutch farmer thus writes to the chairman of the Massachusetts Agricultural Society: "Gentlemen, you will have the goodness to enter me on your list of cattle for a bull."

THOMAS CARLYLE, one of the profoundest thinkers and writers of England, puts the following sarcastic home thrusts into the sides of British philanthropists (self-styled) who are so desperately unhappy about Africans while Englishmen are suffering in [illegible]portable bondage and starvation:

'O! Anti-Slavery Convention! Loud-sounding, long-eared Exeter Hall! But in thee, too, is a kind of instinct towards Justice, and I will complain of nothing. Only, black Quashee over the seas being once sufficiently attended to, will not thou, perhaps open thy dull, sodden eyes, to the [illegible]stricken, pallid, *yellow* colored 'free [illegible] in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Buckingham[illegible]hire, and all other shires? These yellow colored, for the present, absorb all my sympathies. If I had twenty millions, with model farms and Niger expeditions, it is to these that I would give them. Quashee has already victuals, clothing; Quashee is not dying of such despair as the yellow-colored pale man's. Quashee, it must be owned, is hitherto a kind of blockhead. The Haiti Duke of Marmalde, educated now for nearly half a century, seems now to have next to no sense in him. Why, in one of these Lancashire weavers, dying of hunger, there is more thought and heart, a greater arithmetical amount of misery and desperation than in whole gangs of Quashees. It must be owned, thy eyes are of the sodden sort; and with thy emancipations, and thy twenty millionings, and long-eared clamorings, thou, like Robespierre with his pasteboard *Etre Supreme*, threatenest to become a bore to us: *Avec ton Etre Supreme to commences m'embeter.*'

GAMBLING.—The New York Post says: It is said that a young man, whose name is suppressed for the present, on account of his friends, has embezzled from time to time the sum of thirty-three thousand eight hundred and odd dollars, from his employers, Messrs. Holford, Bancker & Co., private bankers in Wall street. This young man was the book-keeper and confidential clerk of the firm, and by means of a regular system of fraudulent and false entries, he has been enabled to carry on his nefarious practice through several successive years. It was his passion for gambling that first induced him to rob his employers. Having lost the first sum which he purloined, he returned to his employers' till—again replenishing his pockets, with the cherished hope that fortune would yet favor him, and he would thus be enabled to retrieve his losses, and refund the money he had stolen. Thus he continued from month to month, and instead of retrieving his losses, he became deeper and deeper involved in guilt, and at last his crime was discovered.

Since writing the above, we learn that the sum of money embezzled, instead of being thirty-three thousand dollars, amounts to near eighty thousand dollars altogether. We have also heard of another case where a large amount of money has been lost by gambling, the particulars of which we are not at liberty to mention to-day.

A "CAUDLE" SCENE.—On the second day of the cricket match at Brooklin, (N. Y.) the Sheffield (Eng.) Club scored 103 for their second innings, making 134 in all. The Brooklyn Club beat by 71 majority. The sport was interrupted by a fashionably dressed female, who thrashed her husband with an umbrella, and drove him off the cricket ground over a neighboring fence. He was only a spectator, but for a short time he took an active part, and was finally "run out" by his spouse, poor fellow. Mrs. Caudle, we should think, is an angel compared with such a virago!

THE MONEY MADE BY FARMERS.—A Wisconsin letter relates the following as a not unusual operation among the farmers of that Territory:

I have heard of repeated instances here of men coming into Wisconsin in the spring, taking up a quarter section (160 acres) of land; at $1.25, breaking up and fencing 50 acres, putting in wheat, and realizing from the sale of their crop the following year more than enough to pay for the land improvements, seed and all — that is, over *one hundred per cent.* in one year.

THOMAS TRICE, Esq., editor of the Banner, published at Williamsport, Washington county, Md., died on Thursday morning last, in the 51st year of his age.

THE TIMES.

PORT TOBACCO, MD.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 16, 1845.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY hold their Fifth Annual Fair in Upper Marlborough on the 22d and 23d October, instant, and present a most liberal list of premiums for competition. We notice with much pleasure, as an evidence of the spirit and zeal which actuate the members of this admirably managed society, says the American Farmer, that independent of the regular premiums of the society, 20 gentlemen have voluntarialy contributed $5 each, for the purpose of procuring three splendid pieces of plate, valued at $50, $30 and 20, as premiums for the first, second and third best regulated and most higly improved farms in Prince George's county. We wish we could flatter ourselves that so laudable an example would stimulate to a like praiseworthy action in other sections of the State.

The Hon. John S. Sellman, of Anne Arundel county, and Alexander Keech, Esq., of Prince George's county, have consented to deliver the annual addresses before the society.

OFFICIAL CONSTRUCTION—Since the passage of the new Postage law; it has been supposed by Many persons that it might be evaded, so far as carrying letters out of the mail is concerned, by omitting to fold the letter in the usual form, or leaving it unsealed. Not long since the opinion of the Postmaster General was solicited on this point. The following extract from his reply, will show what risk is run by those who practice the mode of evasion above alluded to:

"A letter is a written or printed message, or any communication made by visible characters from one person to another at a distance; and it is entirely unessential whether it is sealed, or even folded."

SCARCITY OF CORN.—So great has been the failure of the corn crop in the upper districts of South Carolina, that conventions have been held, and resolutions adopted to apply to the Legislature of the State for aid in purchasing food.

A NEW DRAMA TALKED ABOUT.—A correspondent of a New York paper says, I to day read several pages of a local drama, written by a young gentleman of Baltimore, which he assures me is founded on the real circumstances connected with a mysterious transaction which occurred in that city about two months since. Should he succeed in getting it on the stage, it will have a great run. The very mention of the title he has given to it—*The Hero of the Bloody Foot-Prints*—will excite in the minds of our citizens an anxiety to witness its performance.

HARMONY IN THE CABINET.—The Washington Union, in reference to the many reports to the contrary which have been embodied by the letter writers for the press, asserts most positively, roundly and unequivocally, that there are no "dissentions" in the Cabinet, and not one of the secretaries in "ill odor" with his colleagues.

The Richmond Whig says that the corn crop in Virginia is much below an average, and that it is hardly up to half the crop of 1844, which, it will be remembered, was very large.

LATE IN THE SEASON.—The editor of the Cecil Whip of Saturday acknowledges the receipt from Mrs. Benjamin Bowen of that place, of a present of delicious strawberries figs and grapes of her own raising.

FIRE AT FREDERICK.—The Free School conducted by the Sisters of Charity at Frederick (Md.) was consumed by fire on Wednesday night week. Loss $1,500 or $2,000.

APPLES.—Mr. Robert Livingston Pell, of Pelham; Ulster county, N. Y., has an orchard of Newtown pippins, comprising twenty thousand flourishing trees, from which he has been enabled to gather and pack, this year, nearly four thousand barrels; all of which are preparing for shipment to Europe, Cuba, China, and other distant countries. They are sold in New York, by his commission merchant, at six dollars per barrel, as fast as they arrive by the boats from the farms.

To the Editor of the Port Tobacco Times:

OLD MAID'S RETREAT,
Saturday Morning.

MR. EDITOR: In the late paper sent out by your press, I observed a communication from a fair one "not as yet fat and forty," ridiculously subscribed "very affectionately."

Now, I beg leave to announce to the community of Port Tobacco at large, and particularly to Mr. Scratch Gravel, (a name I understand selected by himself for the writer of the original note.) that should the said note be in his hands, and he will but take the trouble to wash his spectacles in some old rye or brandy, and wipe them dry on a piece of fine flannel, he cannot fail to see, that it is signed "most respectfully."

Whether his Majesty's Excellency mistook the words "most respectfully" for "very affectionately," or is sadly given to the habit of fibbing, I do not know and cannot say; but would advise him for the future, should a similar case occur, to allow, for his own credit, and the sake of the one who trusts him, truth to prevail.

The foregoing note reached us through the post office. It appears there has been some mistake committed in the publication of the note addressed to a "most revered old bachelor" in our last. We sincerely regret such to be the case, and do assure the "inhabitant of the Retreat," that it originated from the fact of the note's being in pencil mark, and the words "most respectfully" nearly obliterated. Who this his Majesty's Excellency Mr. Scratch Gravel is we shall endeavor to find out, and if we should be so fortunate, it will be a source of great pleasure to us to hand him over to be dealt with not according to the code Matrimonial, but that of a la "Caudle."

CONSPIRACY TO DEFAME A CLERGYMAN. Romain Weinzœplin, a Catholic Priest, was a year or two ago consigned to the penitentiary in Indiana for a revolting outrage said to have been committed on the person of a female while at the confessional.—Schmoll, the prosecutor, who went off to Missouri, recently acknowledged to four German friends that he had got up the prosecution on false evidence, having compelled his wife to testify against the clergyman. Such a villain deserves to be sent to the penitentiary for life. So general was the belief of the innocence of the Rev. Mr. W., that a number of young men of the Catholic persuasion, soon after his conviction, presented him with a splendid gold chalice, as a mark of their esteem and conviction of his entire innocence. It is peculiarly gratifying to them, indeed to find that their confidence had not been misplaced.

BAPTISTS IN THE UNITED STATES.—From the Baptist Register for 1845, it appears that they number 5,373 ministers, 9,332 churches, and 707,942 members. They have 23 chartered colleges and five theological seminaries. They publish fifteen weekly, five semi-monthly, and five monthly religious newspapers, six monthly magazines, and one Quarterly review. The receipts of their principal benevolent institutions for the preceding year were, for the General Convention for Foreign Missions, $74,408; for the American Baptist Home Missionary Society, about $50,000, and for the American and Foreign Bible Society, $20,577.

COMMODORE ELLIOTT.—Intelligence was received in Philadelphia on Sunday last that Commodore Elliott is again convalescent from his recent relapse, and hopes are entertained of his complete recovery.

SINGULAR PHENOMENON.—A few days ago, for miles along the road from Medford to Camden, (N. J.) there was a regular deposite of cents, which caused no little sensation to the inhabitants, who turned out en masse to gather them up. It was subsequently ascertained that a bag containing 10,000 cents had been placed on the top of a stage, and that the string became loose by jolting, which admitted them at almost every step.

HAY.—The price of this article, says the Philadelphia Chronicle, has advanced 25 per cent. within 30 days. Farmers refuse to part with their stock, fearing to fall short before the winter is over. The hay harvest did not produce half a crop, owing to the long spell of very hot weather.

HORSES FOR THE WEST INDIES.—Thirty-six horses raised on Mr. Clay's farm in Kentucky, were in New Haven the other day, ready to be transported to the West Indies.

A TIME-KEEPING BRACELET.—We saw, says the New York Mirror, a few days since, at Mr. Thomas Crane Bank's, in Broadway, one of the most ingenious and curious pieces of ornamental jewelry that we have ever witnessed. It is a bracelet of chaste and elegant workmanship, beautifully enamelled—having in the centre a small and exquisite painting of two victims to the tender passion. By touching a spring, the centre-piece opens, and beneath it is discovered a watch of the size of a 25 cent piece—perfect in all its parts, and indicating the time with unerring fidelity. It is not connected with the bracelet, and is in itself a miniature curiosity that has no equal in this city certainly.

CINCINNATI CATHEDRAL.—The cathedral which has been in progress of erection for the past three or four years, is drawing near completion. It is to be dedicated, we are informed, says the Enquirer, on the first Monday in November next. Several bishops from the adjoining States, the Arch Bishop of Baltimore, Bishop Hughes of N. York, and Bishop Fenwick, of Boston, are expected to be present to aid in the ceremonies.

It is stated that a girl at Pittsfield was struck dumb by the firing of a cannon.—Since then a number of married men, it is said, have invited the artillery companies to come and discharge their pieces on their premises.

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL IN BALTIMORE.—The Ray states that the protracted meetings lately held by the Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore city have resulted in a large accession to her numbers. Six hundred and eighty seven persons have been received on probation in the last four weeks. The meetings are still progressing.

ANTI-TOBACCO.—The Allegheny Methodist conference lately required "that no minister shall be admitted into this conference who uses tobacco in any of its forms except as a medicine, and in that case satisfactory evidence shall be given.

SURGICAL.—Dr. Gilbert, of Gettysburg, (Penn.) a few weeks since operated successfully for cataract upon the eye of Mrs. Enstriken, of that county, aged 68 years. Her husband presented Dr. Gilbert with the handsome sum of $500, as a recompense for the incalculable benefit derived from the operation.

CHEAP GOODS FOR CASH.

THE undersigned having dissolved their old firm of William Fergusson & Brother, beg leave to respectfully inform their customers and the Public generally, that business from this day forward will be conducted by them under the firm of WILLIAM FERGUSSON & CO. They have concluded to sell goods only for CASH, or in exchange for all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE, as long experience has taught them that any other system would not be compatible with their interests or enable them to meet their engagements abroad. They believe that such a course will not only be beneficial to themselves, but to all who may favor them with their custom, as they are determined to dispose of their goods for the smallest possible advance. They have just received and are now opening—

Sup blue-black and fancy Broadcloths
do do Cassimeres
do Sattinets of all kinds
do Silk Velvet and marino vestings
Cashmeres, Moussedelains
Calicoes, a great variety
Domestics of all kinds
Negro Blankets, Kerseys and Full
Linseys, &c. &c.
A large stock of fur and wool Hats
Cloth, hair and silk Caps
500 pairs (Penitentiary made) Negro Shoes, a very superior article
Hardware, Crockeryware
A general assortment of Groceries
And many other articles too tedious to name—all of which will be sold cheap.

☞ To those who have heretofore favored them with their patronage, the undersigned return their thanks, and hope to receive a continuation of the same. They would beg leave here also to request all who are indebted to the firm of Wm. Fergusson & Bro. to come forward and settle their indebtedness, as the Books of that firm will have to be closed as speedily as possible.

WM. FERGUSSON.
oct 16 JOHN B. FERGUSSON.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned, Commissioners appointed by Charles County Court, sitting in equity, to lay out and apportion the dower of Mrs. Mary A. Spalding, in the real estate of George R. Spalding, deceased, late of Charles county, do hereby give notice to all concerned, that we shall meet on the premises on Friday, the 24th of October next, at 9 o'clock A. M. to proceed in the business for which we are appointed.

FRANCIS THOMPSON,
FRANCIS C. GREEN,
SAMUEL H. BEALL,
WILLIAM A. WILLS,
THOMAS A. DAVIS,
oct 16—2t Commissioners.

NOTICE.

ALL persons are hereby warned not to trespass on my Shore or Farm, with or without gun or dogs.

oct 16 FR. WILLS.