The Sentinel.

CLEARPRING, MD., AUGUST 10 1850.

REFORM.—On next Wednesday three weeks, the independent voters of the state of Maryland, will be called upon, to say wether they desire the present defective constitution to be altered and amended or not. It may be argued by some, that that question has been settled by the May Election. We grant it was to a certain extent; but it now devolves upon the people to eleet their delegates to the convention. There is a strong spirit of Anti-Reform extant in the state, which require all true reformers to be vigilent for whom they vote.—There are candidates throughout the state, now before the people, for suffarages, who have heretofore [illegible] d, both Legislative and Convention reform, in every shape, and it would be suicidal in the extreme, to trust them with so important a position; as by their action in the Convention, they might thwart the whole design of the Convention. The people have been fighting for Reform for twenty five years, and it is to be hoped they will not suffer themselves to be duped into a trap of the enemy, just as the object of their cherished hopes, is in sight. Is there a single voter who desires reform, who will vote for a single candidate, without having a public pledge from him, of the course he will persue; especially if he was over in the Legislature heretofore, and voted against reform measures.

A considerable ado has been made about the subject of representation according to population. Many individuals, who are in reality anti-reformers, make a great bug-bear out of that subject. We have not heard of a single candidate in the state who advocated that doctrine, especially as regards the Maryland Senate. The floating vote should not be represented in the city, but by what course of reasoning, some loud professing republicans, find out that a man because he lives in the city of Baltimore, should be disfranchised, in the federal government, we cannot, for the life of us devise. For instance, when the senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, go into joint ballot, for the Election of U. S. Senator; Baltimore city, with one hundred and fifty thousand population, does not possess are vote more than Washington, County, with her fifty thousand. Here is disfranchising citizens with a vengence; & yet those very persons who so pertinaciously oppose an equalized representation, are loudest in crying reform and republicanism. It might be argued that it would give a undue influence to Baltimore; but such would not be the case, as the Senate would be a guard; in which body the smallest county has an equal power with the largest county, or the city of Baltimore.

One important subject of reform, is the expenditures of the state; and another is the squandering of the funds belonging to the people. About one half of the amount required to keep up the present judiciary system, might be saved, and at the same time expedite the business of the courts. One presiding Judge at each court would be amply sufficient. If the trial by Jury, composed of 6 men, before a Justice of the Peace, as in Ohio, was ingrafted in our laws, and preventing an appeal, except the judgment exceed twenty dollars, it would keep numerous cases out of the higher courts. *More anon.*

Our "*squandering*" article, we are compelled to defer, owing to the crowded state of our columns.

HENRY CLAY.—This time-worn statesman passed through Baltimore, on Monday last, en route for the north, for recreation.

☞ Mr. Clay was received in Philadelphia on Monday evening, with great enthusiasm. He made a short and pertinent speech.

☞ Revenge a wrong by forgiving it ☜

SINGULAR.—On Sunday last, a strange phenomena was witnessed in this neighborhood. Two circles appeared around the sun, like unto rainbows. It occurred when the sun was at its meredian. The cause must have been the reflection of the rays of the Sun, but how we are at a loss to divine. We recollect to have seen a bow in the heaven about 10 o'clock at night, Williamsport, about 10 years ago.

CENSUS OF THE CLEARSPRING DISTRICT.—By the kindness of Samuel Boyd, Esq., Deputy Mashall for this District, we have been permitted to extract the following items

Population	4,094
Slaves	2,38
Fugitives	6
Death during past year	55
Idiots	4
Deaf and Dumb	1
Number of Farms	646
" " Families	659

PRESIDENT FILLMORE.—It was said that Mr. Fillmore had taken rooms on Georgetown heights, in order to evade the heavy fogs, that best the Presidents House but it appears from later accounts, that is was to evade the fog of office-seekers.

HOMICIDE.—Quite an excitement took place in Baltimore, on Friday night last. An officer named Conrad Vandaneker was killed by his sister-in-law, under the following circumstances:

Vandaneker had been drinking quite freely whilst in the vicinity of the Democratic Hall, South street, during the afternoon, and becoming quite intoxicated by his friends to go home. Officer Peter Kries accompanied him to his house and went in with him. He became very boisterous and acted so badly that Mr. Kaies went away. He then pulled off his coat, came out on the pavement and proceeded to the residence of his sister-in-law Scott, a few doors off, where a difficulty occurred between him and his brother-in-law, Robert Scott, during which he was mortally stabbed by Mrs. Scott, dying in about an hour afterwards.

Mrs. Scott and his wife after an examination before Justice Root, were committed to prison for trial. The defence of justifiable homicide will be set up, and will no doubt have considerable weight in the case.

P. S. At an examination before the city court, on Tuesday, Scott was discharged, and Mrs. Scott held to bail, in the sum of $500, for her appearance at the September Court.

☞ Jervis Spencer, Esq., one of the Reform candidates, addressed a large meeting in this place, on last Saturday afternoon. He gave satisfaction to the reform part of his auditors.

☞ We call the attention of our readers, to the advertisement of the College of St. James, in another column.

☞ Lewis P. Fiery, Esq., has been nominated to fill the vacancy on the whig ticket for the reform convention, in Washington county.

JOINT DISCUSSION.—The Candidates for the Reform convention, have made arrangements to hold joint discussions throughout the county between this and the election.

THE WEATHER.—During the past week we have had some very warm and oppressive weather, in all probability, the hottest of the season.

THE CORN.—This important crop continues to look well; yet that which is backward, needs rain.

P. S. Since the above was in type, we have had one of the most powerful shower of rains, we have witnessed this season. It lasted some time, and must have wet the earth to some distance.

GRAHAM'S Magazine for September, has thus early, graced our book table. It contains supurbly executed engravings. Its pages is as usual, rich.

"THE PHRENOLOGICAL and WATER CURE JOURNAL, have both been received. They are as usual No. 1.

For the Sentinel.

MR. EDITOR.—The God of nature has so constituted the human family, that there is, and of necessity must be, an upper and a lower class. Those who belong to the upper class are endowed with certain attributes, by which they are enabled to think, to reason, to devise plans, not only for their own good, but also for the good of that lower class, who were unfortunately, abandoned by nature before they were finished.

Those who belong to the lower class, instigated by envy, or malice, frequently attack the upper class with great violence. As the famished wolf is always ready to devour the hand that feeds him, so the envious, or the malicious man, is ever prompted by a natural antipathy, against every one who is greater, or better than himself. As the Owl setteth alone in darkness and is clamorous until the morning, even so is it with the malicious man who, benighted in ignorance, is only intent upon making a noise, although he is well assured that no man regardeth him.

I desire to be as gentle as possible with these people of the lower class; having a great regard for cleanliness, I do not wish to come in very close contact with them. I hope you will permit me however, to advise the boy who subscribes himself "one of the lower class," not to write any more for the public. It must have been a boy who wrote that article, as I am persuaded there is not a man in the destrict who would have written so badly.

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THE PRESIDENT AND TEXAS.—The President transmitted a message to the two houses of Congress, on Tuesday in regard to the course Texas is persuing towards the U. States, in claiming control over New Mexico. The President takes a decisive and correct stand in the premises, and is determined to resist, with force and arms, any illegal act of the state of Texas. He however recommends Congress to act in the case, and urges the necessity of settling the dispute forthwith. Texas had better mine her Ps and Qs or she will get a repremanding. She will not have Mexico to deal with, when Uncle Sam wakes up.

FOREIGN NEWS.—The steamer Camba arrival at Halifax, on Tuesday last.—The Portuguese government having declined to accede to the demands of the American Minister, he has demanded his passports, and advertised his household furniture for sale. The American Squadron had sailed for Tangiers. Mr. Clay intended to leave Lisbon on the 19th.

The News of the death of President Taylor produced great sensation in England. The leading journals devote much space in reviewing his character. A large meeting of American citizens assembled in London, at which the American Minister, Mr. Lawrence, presided. Resolutions expressive of their sense of the great loss their country had sustained, and of their sympathy with his family were passed.

Hostilities have been commenced between Denmark and the Dutchies The first battle, on water, resulted in favor of the Dutchies.

Flour and Corn have advanced slightly.

☞ We have a ROD in soak for *Political Sabbath Breakers.* It will be in order, for applicationn, the week before the Camp-meeting commences.

E. LOUIS LOWE, ESQ.,—Democratic candidate for Governor, will visit Bel-Air on Tuesday, the 13th August next, for the purpose of meeting and addressing his fellow-citizens of Harford.

☞ Wm. B. Clark, Esq., the Whig Candidate for Governor, addressed the people of Cecil county, at Elkton on Thursday.

☞ We understand several brakes have occured in the C. & O. Canal, since the water has been let in.

☞ The total population of Hagerstown, is 3,911. Boonsboro's 896.

☞ The Cholera continues in Martinsburgh and Harper's Ferry, Va.

THE COMPROMISE.—This bill, which has been under consideration, in the U. S. Senate, for the greater part of a year was defeated, on the 31st of July. Mr. Clay charged Mr. Pearce, of Md., & Mr. Underwood, as the the cause of the defeat of the bill, and took occasion to denounce the faction to declare his readiness to stand by the General Goverment and aid it in putting them down.

A letter writer of the Balto. Clipper, says:

Mr. Pearce defended himself as well as he could, from the just accusation that his amendment had destroyed the bill of adjustment. He shows in his countenance that all is not peace within, and that he has unwittingly assumed a responsibility, the weight of which sheateens him with ineveitable political annihilation. Nothing short of devising some means to restore the elements of an adjustment to as favorable a position as it occupied before he dealt it a death blow, will spare him from the continued execration of his countrymen. My hope is, he will be able to do so; for never before did a public man so rapidly bring destruction upon his own head, as has Mr, Pearce, by the course he pursued in destroying the compromise.

TAILORS STRIKE AND RIOT.—The Journeyman Tailors of N. Y. have been on a "strike" for some days. On Tuesday last they visited shops, and after stopping men at work, drove them out and beat them. The police as length proved victorious, and apprehended and lodged in jail, 40 of the giants of the needle. The whole 40 had been knocked down by the stauffs of the officers.—A set of bloody tailors, truely.

"THE WHIG."—Last week, simultaneously with "*The Sentinel,*" a Whig paper, bearing the above title, was issued into existance, in our little village. It is about the size of our paper. To the Editor, personally, we wish long life and happiness. To the owners of the establishment, we may take occasion to speak hereafter. "*Brutem fulmun.*"

CHOLERA AT THE WEST.—At Louisville on Wednesday last, there were 17 deaths, of which 11 were from cholera. At New Albany the day previous, there were 4 cholera deaths. At Burlington, Iowa, since the 4th of July, there have been 60 or 70 cholera deaths, but it is now disappearing. About 25 or 30 slaves have fallen victims to the epidemic on the plantations above Memphis. The Pittsburg Tribune, of Saturday, says there is no doubt of the existence of the cholera in that city, in a very aggravated form, nearly every case proving fatal. Mr. Werneberg, druggist, died of it on Friday, and also children of Mrs. Major. The Tribune also notes the sudden deaths of Mr. J. Shaeffer, patent leather manufacturer, and of Mr. Hugh McGarry, a merchant. The latter died of paralysis. At Circleville, Ohio, on the 31st ult., there was 7 deaths. Several deaths from cholera have occurred at Indianapolis, Ind.—*Clipper.*

RAVAGES OF LOCUSTS.—The locusts in Monmouth county, N. J., appear to be creating considerable excitement among the farmers. The Highstown Record says they have already commenced their ravages on the forest trees;—the twigs in many instances look as though they had been nipped by an early frost. Fears are entertained that they will extend their ravages to the peach orchards, which if realized, will be of serious consequence. The sting is said to be a deadly one, and on Monday a boy, aged 12 years, was stung by a locust, and died in a few hours afterward.

NEW YORK August 6.

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA,—*Arrival of the Cherokee.* The steamer Cherokee has arrival here from Chagress. She brings 111 passengers—the amount of gold on Board not mentioned.

The steamer California had arrived at Panama with about $300,000 in gold dust.

California is quiet and the news not important.

WHORTLEBERRIES.—This innocent and palatable fruit, has been in our market for some time. Fine large ones sell at 8 cents per quart.

THE ADVENTURERS.—A correspondent of the St. Louis Republican, writing from Fort Laramie under date of the 17th, gives the following as the number of emigrants, &c., which have passed there up to that time: Men 86,-964, Women 439, Children 508, Wagons, 7,113, Horses 19,386, Mules 6,-471, Oxen 18,233. The same correspondent says: "From all I can learn I have no doubt that at least 250 emigrants have died within the last fifteen days between here and Plum Creek." A list of names of those who died is given.—There is not one among these from Kentucky.

BITING A MAN'S TONGNE OFF.—Two black men, called George Sefus and Bill Miles, were engaged in an affray, in N. York, the other day, and from hard words got to blows; a clinch ensued, and Sefus seized Miels by the throat until he choked his tongue out, and seizing it with his teeth, bit it off near the base, taking the whole off the negro's tongue, so that the poor fellow could only make a grumbling noise when attempting to speak. The articulation of words was entirely gone.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 5.

North Carolina Election. From the returns thus for received it appears that the Democrats have gained twenty five hundred in the counties thus far heard from and six members of the legislature. There is but little doubt that Reid, the democratic candidate, is elected governor, and in all probability the democrats will have a majority in the legsslature.—*Ctipper.*

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 5.

Cholere Increasing.—The cholera is on the increase in this city. There were 30 deaths from all diseases yesterday.—*ib.*

DR. WEBSTER'S PROFESSORSHIP.—The Boston Advertiser states that on a suggestion made to Dr. Webster, shortly after his conviction, he readily resigned the office with an expression of gratitude to the Corporation for not prejudging him.

DEATHS AND DAMAGE BY LIGHTNING. The frequent storms of the present summer has rendered very numerous the deaths and injuries, fires, &c., by lightning. Our exchanges from all parts of the country bring daily accounts of such occurrence, some very sad and destructive.

THE CANAL.—The amount which the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal have agreed to give Mr. Micheal Byrne for finishing the work is $23,000. As Mr. Byrne is an old and experienced contractor, and possessed of ample means, there can be little doubt that the work will be finished at the time designated, 15th of September.

QUEER EXHIBITION.—Mr Littlefield the principle witness in the Parkman murder case, has, according to the Boston Mail, been offered the sum of $5,-000 to travel six months with an exhibition of a couple of full length wax figures of the late Dr. Parkman and Professor Webster.

☞ The Cassville (Geo.) Standard announces Gen. Lewis Cass of Michigan as the Democratic Union Nominee for the Presidency in 1852, with the Hon. Howell Cobb of Ga. for the Vice-Presidency, subject to the decision of the National Democratic Nomination Convention.

POLITICAL MEETING AT TOWSONTOWN. Enoch Louis Lowe, the Democrat candidate for Governor addressed a large and respectable meeting of his friends at Towsontown, Baltimore county, on Saturday afternoon last. He spoke eloquently, and his remarks were enthusiastically received.—*Sun.*

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE.—Mr. George Keatinge, of the Harford Madisonian, at the "solicitations of many whigs and democrats," offers himself as an indedent candidate for the State Convention, in Hartford county.

NEW LIGHT.—The Boston Post says that the attempt to light Schenectady with red headed girls has been abandoned; but the girls have not.

FRUIT IN OHIO.—In Ohio most of the peach trees are realy breaking down with the abundance of the fruit. The apples are nearly as abundant; the fruit crop appears to be everywhere good.

SERIOUS LOSS.—The loss of property by the late storm and freshet, in Lancaster county, Pa., alone, is estimated at *one million of dollars.*