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INDEPENDENCE.

A man, let him be placed in what position he may; should have a spirit of independence, as far as regards the domineering spirit of aristocrats. Every community is cursed with *a few*, who would fain lord it over those who are in their employ; as the Emperor of Russia does over his surfs. Such should not be the case, as all men are born, (or at least) should be born free and equal. (We are speaking of the anglo-saxon race.) Why some persons claim the prerogative to think and act for adults who are of sane mind; and press those *assumed rights*; we are entirely at a loss to divine. In general, the privileged few, who claim superior or rather the whole and sole [illegible]tion of the Holy Ghost, [illegible]; are pretty generally the principal persons who claim this right of thinking for their *servents*.—It is not unfrequently the case that after succeeding in applying the *iron rod* to those immediately under their control; they extend their machinations to those whom they are indirectly connected with in the business affairs of life.—This game was attempted upon us; but not being made of such pliable stuff, we would neither yield, bend nor break: Hence the unprecedented persecution we have had to withstand during the last six months.

There is no class of men that need independence more than Editors. It is equally true, that no class is more beset by designing men, in order to influence their acts. Hence an Editor who has the moral independence to think and act for himself; must expect the execrations and enathemas of all demagogues and evildoers. There are some *men* who have the name of editors, who are the mere tools of their *masters*. What a disgrace to humanity. Such *creatures* should be held in utter contempt by all mankind. They are a perfect disgrace to the human race. They are what we would call BREAD AND BUTTER EDITORS.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—At the Late Election, Carroll county by a vote of the people, established public schools in that county. The Clerk has issued his order for an election, to elect Commissioners for each election district.—How differerent in our country. We have placed over us Commissioners, who are sometimes unpopular, headstrong and tyrannizing; and yet in defiance of those persons interested; they are kept over, and rules them as it were, with an rod. We hope the Convention will give us a general school law of a wholesome character.

THE WEATHER.—The weather which had been very pleasant this fall, up to the time of our last issue, has now assumed a rather surly mood; overcoats and gloves are in requisition. It continues to be exceedingly dry, & Rain is very much needed for the sown grain. The Corn crop that is being now housed, is unusually good. But few nubbins for stock cattle.

P. S. Since the above was in type, a regular Indian Summer has set in; and consequently pleasant weather.

We also had glorious showers of Rain on Wednesday night last.

THE CATTLE SHOW.—A number of gentlemen of this neighborhood, have gone on to Baltimore to be present at the Cattle Show of the Maryland Agricultural Society.

☞ By late arrivals from California, $1,000,000 in gold-dust, was received. The miners are driving a profitable business this season.

WELL DONE.—The chief Judge of Election, for this Election District, administers the Oath in the following form.

"You make Oath on the *Holy Evangily of THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY*," &c., &c.

The Reform Convention.

This important body will meet in Annapolis on next Monday week, for the purpose of framing a new Constitution, to be submitted to the people, for their approval or rejection. The result of their deliberations will be looked for with more than ordinary interest. Indeed the hopes or fears of thousands, will either be realized or blasted. Various are the platforms laid down by beardless upstarts of Editors, some who have not got brains enough to tell a good from a bad law. It was truly amusing to see the ludicrous position one of our cotemporary placed himself in last week; in an effort to enlighten the Delegates to the Reform Convention.

At the outset he recommends the creation of the new office of Lieutenant Governor. This would be a saving of about *Three Thousand Dollars* over the left shoulder. The office would be virtually a perfect sinecure.

The next Reform is to lop off, one year from the Gov. elect, Mr. Lowe.—This could not be done unless with Mr. Lowe's consent; as the Bill of Rights declare that no *ex post facto* law shall be enacted. What has been done in the Election of Mr. Lowe, cannot be altered unless by death, resignation, impeachment or incapacity.

Then he goes for abolishing the Orphant's Court, and creating a Vice Chancellor, who is to supersede the Judges of the Orphant's Court, and the Register of Wills; and he to receive all the *emoluments* of their offices. This would be suicidal in the extreme. A Vice Chancellorship in many of the counties would be more lucrative than the office of Governor. The office in the city of Baltimore would in probability far surpass the salary of the President of the United States, which is twenty five thousand per year. Verily we believe the Col. has an eye to political preferment, and a Vice Chancellorship, himself. But finally, he says:

"Take from him (the sheriff) also the "selection of the Juries, and vest it elsewhere; as under the present system the "power is much abused. Let *party politics be carefully excluded from the Jury-Box*. To accomplish this, let two hundred or more of the best names in the "county [we judge he means the names "of the best men. ED. SENT.] be selected by the Court, Clerk and Sheriff, or "some other power, and carefully registered, from which list let the Juries be "drawn at random, under oath, by some "officer, and as the list becomes diminished from death or other cause, let it "be supplied by other names in the same "way as originally provided for."

O tempora! From the truely wonderful basis of the three legged platform above; we are constrained to say with HORACE—*Ingenium ingens Inculto latet hoc sub corpore*. A powerful mind truly, concealed within a comical looking body—not to say with Horace, unpolished; yet we might say unshaved.

Jupiter, Saturn, Mercury, Mars, Venus, &c. &c., give us audience. A Reform Editor, in the nineteenth century, in the United States of America, in the famed State of Maryland, advocates that out of from fifty to sixty hundred voters in Washington County; and out of upwards of twenty thousand voters in Baltimore city; about two hundred "of the best names" shall be selected; and from that body of men, during their life-time, the jury of 48 men *shall* be made.

If this is not Reform with a vengence, then we are at a loss to define what Reform is. A pretty way truly, to keep the Jury-box pure—to say nothing of placing a set of men in office for life.—Probably the other leg of the bantling, which we learn is to be brought forth soon, may be better proportioned.

After the Convention has assembled for deliberation, we may give our views upon the subject. At this time we would state in advance, that we are in favor of electing every officer by the people, from Governor down to supervisers.—To suffer no officer to receive his fees for his compensation, but to allow all a reasonable compensation; and let the profits go into the State Treasury.—"*Them's our Sentiments.*"

OF INTEREST TO ADVERTISERS.—The object of advertisers is to give publicity to their advertisements. Unless persons are wilfully blind to their interest; they will seek out the paper having the largest circulation; and then act according to the dictates of reason and common sense. Some few persons have withdrawn their advertising patronage from us, and given it over to Col. Stone's paper. The parties were perfectly at liberty to do so; yet we are not mistaken, it was "Knocking their noses off, to spite their own face."

If our merchants and mechanics are willing to aid a man from the Canal, who gets $800 per year from the state; beside the profits of a store; (which is carried on to prevent the Canal custom from coming to town,) to break down (if possible) a town mechanic; than they are the last persons in the world to cry out for protection. That Col. Stone's paper was gotten up for that express purpose, there cannot be a doubt for a moment. Our circulation is almost double that of the Col's. paper; as well as our advertising patronage; and it is impossible that it can smash us. The only harm it can do; is to prevent us from enlarging and otherwise improving our sheet, as we had designed to do.

THE DIFFICULTY SETTLED.—The Duel, in prospect, between Dr. Charles Macgill and Hon. J. Dixon Roman, of Hagerstown, has been mutually settled by the interposition of friends. The Herald of Tuesday contains the correspondence between the paries.

The cause of the difficulty appears to have proceeded from a speech Mr. R., delivered in Hagerstown, on the 23d of Sept., last; in which he was represented to have spoken harshly of the "Glorious 19." Dr. Macgill came out in a card, in which Mr. Roman conceived himself misrepresented. Mr. Roman thereupon challenged Mr. Macgill, and the challenge was accepted. Mr. Clarke was the second of Mr. R., and Mr. Beddinger (of Va.) for Dr. Macgill.

It appears the principals and their friends adjourned to Boonsboro'; where previous to repairing to the land of "Jonny Cakes"; the ruture was all healed, by the challenge being withdrawn, and Mr. Macgill withdrawing his "Card," and Mr, Roman, the reported objectionable remarks in his speech. Thus the matter ended without fire or smoke.

THE ANNAPOLIS REPUBLICAN.—The Editors of this enterprising Journal, Messrs. Riley and Davis, have treated their paper to an entire new suit of type, which has improved its appearance very much. Those of our friends who would like to have a full report of the proceedings of the State Convention, would do well to take the Republican.—Price $2,50 per year.

THE EXPLORING EXPEDITION.—Private letters, as well as official dispatches to our Goverment from the officers of the above expedition, have been received.—They represent themselves to be in Lancaster Sound, off Cape Hurd. The crews were in excellent spirits, and all well.

☞ Mr. Obed Hussy, of Baltimore, was killed at the mechanics' Fair on Tuesday night by the upsetting of an iron slotting machine upon him.

☞ Joseph Hunt, of Chester Co., Pa. died of Hydrophobia, a few days ago.—He was a very old and respectable citizen.

TRANSPOSED.—The figures expressing the number of these United States have at last changed, the old "13" is turned round into 31.

CIRCLES.

Different classes or *circles* have been made, where by nature and right there were, or at least should be none. There is a *crust* which look upon labor as a disgrace—as lowering the position of the human race; and consequently, "a mechanic" is a bugbear to some persons, particularly *nice* young ladies. They little think of the insignificance (comparatively speaking) of the mortal body.

Some persons after decking their bodies like a butterfly; with all the rich & gaudy gewgaws of the day; puff themselves up as something *extra*. They little think that "life is but a span," and that in a few years at most, their corruptible bodies will be food for worms. Yet by nature we are all the same helpless, insignificant creatures; and in the end, all, "both great and small," must become reunited with their mother—*dirt* Some would fain make the world believe that they never passed through the swathing-band period; but by some extraordinary & miraculous interposition of the Great First Cause, were spoken into existance, without any of the fallen nature of Adam; and totally free from the fearful denunciations that await the finally impenitent in the last day.

WONDERFUL PRODIGIES! indeed. If such poor purblind creatures could only see their actual insignificence in the eyes of God and man; we think they would put a different valuation on themselves. Deluded things, we pity them.

P. O. DEPT.—By a late act of Congress, the sum of $2,950,000 was appropriated for carrying the mail in the U. States & Oregan. From N. York to Bremen $100,000. From New York to Havre $75,000.

The amount appropriated for wrapping paper is $21,000. Post Office furniture $8,000. For blanks $27,000.—For locks, stamps and keys, $10,000.—With the above is a variety of other appropriation, which we omit, The estimate for the present year, is said to exceed that of any year since the establishment of our government.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAND DIVISION, SONS OF TEMPERANCE, OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.—This body, having under its jurisdiction subordinate Divisions of Sons of Temperance of Maryland, assembled yesterday morning, at 10 o'clock, in the saloon of the Temple North Gay street, for transacting business important in its consequences to the temperance cause. There were 280 delegates in attendance. During the session the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—

G. W. P., Wm. P. Spencer, of Baltimore city.

G. W. A., Wm. P. Anderson, Harford county.

G. S., Wm. H. Gobright, Baltimore city.

G. T., James Young, Baltimore city.

Grand Chaplain Rev. Wm. C. Poole. Balto. city.

G. Conductor, Wm. H. Stran, Baltimore city.

G. Sentinel, Henry Rhoads, Baltimore city.—*Sun of the 18th.*

FLORIDA ELECTION.

SAVANNAH, (Ga.,) October 19.—Cabell's majority for Congress in this county is but 37, showing a whig loss.

The democrats will have a majority in both Houses.—*Sun.*

MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S ELECTION.—The Annapolis Republican furnishes the official vote for Governor, as received at at the State Department from all the counties except Calvert, from which only the reported majority is given, which shows Mr. Lowe's majority to be 1,497.

☞ On Monday last, in Funkstown; H. Tritch inflicted a severe wound upon the leg of John Wheeler.

DEAD.—James Durdy, late of Hagerstown; died about a month since, in St. Louis, of Cholera.

☞ Land warrants are selling in N. York at $130 to $135.

Commercial.

Clearspring Market.

FLOUR (RETAIL)	$4 75	a	5 00
WHEAT per bush	90	a	90
RYE (per 56 lbs.)	65	a	65
CORN " " "	40	a	50
OATS,	35	a	40
POTATOES,	50	a	75
LARD,	8	a	8
BUTTER,	14	a	16
EGGS,	08	a	08

Baltimore Market.

FLOUR	$4 62	a	$4 68
WHEAT	95	a	1 00
CORN MEAL	3 18	a	3 18
CORN (white)	59	a	61
" (yellow)	60	a	60
OATS	32	a	36
WHISKY	27	a	28

Georgetown Market.

FLOUR	$4 75	a	$5 81
WHEAT (White)	1 00	a	1 10
" (Red)	1 00	a	1 04
CORN "	60	a	62

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☞ WM. THOMSON, Esq., Carroll Hall S. E. corner of Baltimore and South sts. is an agent to receive advertisement for the "Sentinel."

TEN DAYS LATER FROM THE EAST.

GREAT EXCITEMENT ON PROSPECT HILL. CAUSED BY THE ARRIVAL OF ANOTHER STEAMER, IN FRONT OF THE CHEAP CASH STORE of

JNO. LOOSE,

GREAT DECLINE IN PRICES.

GOODS CHEAPER THAN EVER.

I HAVE this day received my large Stock of FALL DRY GOODS

to which I call the early attention of my FRIENDS and CUSTOMERS, as I am now prepared to sell cheaper than ever before.

My Stock of LADIES' DRESS GOODS will surpass any brought to this market, for BEAUTY and CHEAPNESS they consists of—Rich printed Cashmeres and Mouselines, Plain Mouselines, in modes and high colors; colored Alpacas cheaper than ever, Mouselin de Lanes and Cashmeres, Dress Goods in every variety of new designs.—Superior French Merinoes, all colors. English Merinoes, Lyonese and Chemelon Cloths, Superior Black Bombazines, Blk. Alpacas; Mourning Goods generally.

SHAWLS

In long and square Cashmere; and indeed af all the latest styles.

Jenny Lind Trimmings of all sorts; Acorn Buttons, Bonnets, Ribbons and Bindings; Silk and Kid Gloves and many other fancies, which will be exhibited when called for.

For Gentlemens' Wear,

I have superior French Cloths; Blk. brown and Drab Bever Cloths. Best blk French Doeskins and Cassimeres. French, English, Scotch and American Fancy Cassimeres; splendid Silk and Cassmere Vestings; Fancy Silk Velvet Vesting. Also a splendid stock of Fancy Silk Cravsats something that is calculated to take a LADY'S eye. Silk and Linen Hankfs, Gloves, Hosievy, Silk and Merino under Shirts and Drawers, Suspenders, Umbrellas, &c.

-ALSO-

Satinets, Tweeds, Kentucky Jeans, Full Linsey's Canton Flannels, Plaid cottons, Linceys, White and Red Flannels, bleached and unbleached Drills, plain and Twilled Osnaburgs, and a large lot of Blankets at low prices, together with a large assortment of Ready made clothing of all kinds and qualities.

MY STOCK OF

QUEENSWARE, HARDWARE, GROCERIES and DYE STUFFS all have been selected with strict regard to suit the wants of my customers.

Persons calling at my establishment will find MYSELF and CLERKS, always prepared with a polite bow to accommodate, let the purchase be SMALL or GREAT.

Oct. 24. Yours, JONATHAN LOOSE.

ATTENTION.

MRS. BORDEN Improves the present, to inform her friends and customers that she expects to have a fresh supply of goods on the 1st of Nov. It will afford her pleasure to show them to customers. Call and examine her stock. It will consist of Millinery and Dry Goods; Fashionable Straw and Braid Bonnets, of the Fall and Winter style, Bonnet silk and Satins, Ribbons, Flowers, Caps, &c., &c.; Kid Gloves, Shawles, Prints, Domestic Goods, Fashionable silk and Dress Goods.

Millinery carried on in all its various branches. No pains spared to please, as it will be her design to give this business attention while she is in the city, so as to be able to please the most fastidious.

☞ Prices Moderate. Oct, 25, 1850.—3t.