THE SOMERSET HERALD.

HARRY OF THE WEST.

PRINCESS-ANNE MARYLAND.
TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 5 1844

FOR PRESIDENT IN 1844,

HENRY CLAY:

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.—Within a few days past, it has been *discovered*, that Mr. TILGHMAN, one of the Commissioners from the Lower District of this County, was not legally entitled to the office to which he was elected more than a year since. The mistake originated in the belief by all parties, that a part of Dublin (on the line of which he resides,) belonged to the third Commissioners district. Such was the fact, anterior to the Law constituting and determining the Commissioners districts, which expressly declares that the sixth election distrirt shall of itself, constitute the Third Commissoners district. It was a great oversight in the knowing ones, to be sure, and Mr. Tilghman displayed a magnanimity, which will certainly be a lien on the gratitude of the people of the Lower District, in future, on learning the fact, by immediately resigning his seat in the board of Commissioners. The vacancy has been supplied by the appointment of Mr. Henry S. Handy. A Bill legalizing all the official acts of the Ex-Commissioner, has already passed the House of Delegates and will of ocurse pass the Senate.

PASSAGE OF THE TAX BILL.—The Bill from the House, providing for the more effectual collection of the Direct Tax of this State, was passed by the Senate on Wednesday last, by a vote of 12 to 8, and is now a Law. The provisions of the Bill, if rightly executed, will have the effect, no doubt, of doing much towards collecting a sufficient revenue to enable the Treasury to pay punctually the interest on the public debt. The strongest considerations of honor and justice call loudly upon those clothed with authority and upon all who hold inviolate the plighted faith of the State, to promote by every laudable means, the object designed to be accomplished by the Bill. From the people of this County, we do not anticipate any formidable indisposition to pay the Tax; it was not on this ground that they have hitherto *virtually* refused, and now, when they learn, that the present rate of tax, will be sufficient to meet the demands of the Treasury, will *no longer* withhold their assent to the common feeling which animates with confidence, every true Marylander. They may not be as prompt as those of their bretheren who are better situated for interchanges and commercial facilities, yet we do not believe for a moment, that they will hesitatate to pay every farthing of their quota. There may be an ignoble few, who will refuse to pay the tax; yet we trust, that the force of the law will be found amply coercive to compel all recusanters to pay their proportion. The amount due from this county, has been withheld from the coffers of the State long enough; and we hope to see soon, measures in progress under the Law, to collect the tax. The payment of the taxes for the three years past, by instalments, in the present and two succeding years, and the separation and distinction of the State tax from the County Taxes, will very much favor the collection of the same. And since this union of the Direct and County Taxes, is dissolved, there can be no apology, no excuse, for the faithful and punctual payment of the State's Tax. We do not for a moment harbor the thought, that the people of Maryland, will by refusing to pay the tax, suffer the fair fame of their State, any longer to tarnish, or allow her creditors to knock at the door of her Treasury, and it, not be opened unto them. The true Marylander is too honest for this—the credit and plighted faith of his State, are as sacred as his own—and he will cheerfully respond to the demands of necessary measures, that her escutcheon, may be again made as stainless as ever.

CONNECTICUT IN MOTION.—A great Whig State convention, was held at Hartford, on the 22nd ult. It is said there were ten thousand delegates present. Gov. Ellsworth and others of the State, were there and addressed the meeting.—Gov. Morehead of Ky., was also present and addressed the multitude in glowing terms. Resolutions in favor of HENRY CLAY, the tariff, distribution and a sound national currency, were adopted in the right vein. There was a profusion of Banners on the ground, and a Prize Banner was awarded to Bristol, which in 1840, gave 293 Whig votes, but now, sent 393 Whig delegates to the convention.

Among the incidents of this glorious gathering a written argumentative recantation of Van Burenism, by Mr. F. Lawrence of Norfolk, was read and entered on the minutes.

Altogether, this must have been a most gratifying display,—and shows, beyond all peradventure, that in the first week of April, CONNECTICUT WILL BE WHIG TO THE CORE.

OHIO.—At the Convention held at Columbus on the 22nd ult., MORDECAI BARTLEY, of Richland county was nominated for Governor. Resolutions were adopted by acclamation, expressive of unwavering attachment to HENRY CLAY.

AWFUL CALAMITY!

BURSTING OF THE BIG GUN ON BOARD OF THE STEAM-SHIP PRINCETON, AND THE DEATH OF THE
Hon. Gov GILMER,
" JUDGE UPSHUR,
" VIRGIL MAXCY,
Com. KENNON, Col: GARDINER,
and several others; for particulars see below.

From the Nat. Intelligencer of Thursday.

MOST AWFUL AND LAMENTABLE CATASTROPHE!

In the whole course of our lives it has never fallen to our lot to announce to our readers a more shocking calamity—shocking in all its circumstances and concomitants—than that which occurred on board the U. S. ship PRINCETON, yesterday afternoon, whilst under way, in the Potomac, fourteen or fifteen miles below this city.

Yesterday was a day appointed, by the courtesy and hospitality of Capt. Stockton, commander of the Princeton, for receiving as visiters to his fine ship (lying off Alexandria) a great number of guests, with their families, liberally and numerously invited to spend the day on board.

* * * * * *

Here follows a notice of the company on board, the President of the U. S. the Heads of the several Departments, and their families; the entertainment on board; the passage down the river, and the firing of the big gun carrying a ball of 225 pounds, frequently;) the vessel was on her return up the river, opposite Fort Washington, where Captain Stockton consented to fire another shot from the same gun, around and near which, to observe its effects, many persons had gathered, though by no means so many as on similar discharges, in the morning the ladies who then thronged the deck being on this fatal occasion almost all between decks, and out of reach of harm.

The gun was fired. The explosion was followed, before the smoke cleared away so as to observe its effect, by shrieks of wo which announced a dire calamity. The gun had burst, at a point three or four feet from the breech, and scattered death and desolation around. Mr. UPSHUR, Secretary of State, Mr. GILMER, so recently at the head of the Navy, Commodore KENNON, one of its gallant officers, VIRGIL MAXCY, lately returned from a diplomatic residence at Hague, Mr. GARDNER, of New York, (formerly a Member of the Senate of that State,) were among the slain.

Besides these, seventeen seamen were wounded, several of them badly and probably mortally. Among those stunned by the concussion, we learn not all seriously injured, were Capt. Stockton himself; Col: Benton, of the senate; Lieut. Hunt, of the Princeton; W. D. Robinson, of Georgetown. Other persons also were perhaps more or less injured, of whom, in the horror and confusion of the moment no certain account could be obtained. The above are believed, however to comprise the whole of the persons known to the public who were killed or dangerously or seriously hurt.

We undsystand that Mrs. Gilmer was upon the deck when her husband fell.

The following we copy from the Madisonian:

To day the Princeton made another excursion, having on board several hundred guests.

The ship proceeded down the river below Mount Vernon, and on its return, when in about twenty minutes run of Alexandria, the large gun on the bow was fired, it being the second or third time it had been discearged with ball, and the usual service charge, and, exploding at the breech, spread death and destruction on the deck!

It is said several of the gunners, crew &c., belonging to the ship, were killed or mortally wounded, and several others are missing.

The breech of the gun was severed, and carried away the bulwark of the ship opposite to it. It was the iron fragments, it is supposed, which struck down so many on board, and who could not have been behind the gun.

Captain Stockton, we learn, is among the wounded but it is thought he is not seriously injured.

Col. Benton was likewise injured. We understand that none of the fragments struck him, but that the concussion stunned him severely, as well as several others.

The accident took place about sunset.

A steamboat from Alexandria, which was passing, was sent sent back to town, and returned with several surgeons. The Princeton yet lies at anchor at the place where the frightful calamity occurred, with the bodies on board. Most of the guests have arrived in the city.

The PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, who was on board at the time of the explosion, but who escaped unhurt, remains with the bodies on board. We understand the Princeton will come up in the morning.

[Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun.]
WASHINGTON CITY,
Wednesday, night, 8 o'clock.

The District of Columbia is, this night, one unbroken scene of sorrow and dismay. Death, with its sable wings, again hovers over us,—'Great God!! What shadows we are and what shadows we pursue."

This morning, a large party of ladies and gentlemen, amongst whom were the President of the United States and family; members of the Cabinet and their families; members of Congress, and several distinguished gentlemen from various States of the Union—proceed on board the Princeton, Captain Stockton, down, the river on an excursion. Every thing passed off delightfully until, on the return of the vessel, when abreast of Alexandria, when a salute was about to be fired. The word was given—an unusual sound was heard—the big gun bursted into atoms, and, my trembling pen can scarce record the fact that the

Hon. GOV. GILMER, Hon. JUDGE UPSHUR, COMMODORE KENNON, COL. GARDNER, of New York, and Hon. VIRGIL MAXCY, of Maryland, WERE INSTANTLY KILLED!!

The Hon. J. W. Tyson, 2d assistant Postmaster General, had his hat cut—and a piece of the gun, about six inches in length, quietly rested on the top of his head.

The Hon. Mr. Wickliffe had started to go on deck with Judge Upshur, when some one below called—detained him for a second, and thereby saved his life.

The Secretary of War, to avoid the crack of the gun, advised the President to go below where they were setting when the calamity happened.

The legs of Messrs. Uphur and Gilmer are shockingly mutilated.

Captain Sockton, as soon as the shock overwhelmed him caught his chin—then clapped his hands up each side of his face and was in the act of leaping overboard when he was caught by the Hon. J. W. Tyson.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

IN SENATE.

The bill, a supplement to the act for the general valuation and assessment of property in this State, and to provide a tax to pay the debts of the State, was reported by Mr. Goldsborough, from the majority of the committee on Finance, without amendment, and made the order of the day for Wednesday last.

On that day it was taken up and passed by the following vote.

Ayes—Messrs. Williams (President pro tem.) Beall, Bowie, Charles, Gaither, Goldsborough, Howard, Matthews, Newcomer, Palmer, Potts, Ricaud—12.

Nays—Messrs. Ely, Frick, Martin Maulsby, Scott, Seliman, Townsend, Parran—8.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Mr. Potter reported a bill, entitled an act to allow female infants unmarried, over the age of 18 years, but under the age of 21 years, to have and receive possession of their real and personal estate' from any persons, but Executors, Administrators or Guardians; which was read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cathell, from the Committee on Elections, reported a bill entitled, an act to amend the constitution of the State, so as to prevent the necessity of a new election in case of a tie; which was read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Franklin from the committee on Claims, made a favorable report upon the petition of sundry citizens of Worcester county, praying that a sum of money therein mentioned, may be refunded to Samuel Brittingham, accompanied with the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore be authorised and required to pay out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to Samuel Brittingham the sum of one hundred dollars, to reimburse him for money advanced by said Brittingham, to secure the apprehension of Benjamin C. Dixon and Rowland H. Vail, who had committed a felony in Worcester county and escaped from justice.

Mr. Philips presented the petition of John S. Crockett, late Sheriff and collector of Somerset county, praying further time to complete his collections. Referred to the Somerset Delegation.

After disposing of several local matters, the House, on motion of Mr. PHELPS, resumed the consideration of the bill reported by him, entitled "an act to alter and amend the constitution so as to substitute biennial for annual sessions of the Legislature

Mr. CALVERT moved the previous question, which was sustained; and on the question being put, the bill was passed by a vote of yeas 47, nays 27.

Mr. Waters of Somerset, reported a bill entitled an act to confirm and make valid the proceedings of the commissioners of Somerset county:

CONGRESSIONAL ITEMS.

IN SENATE.

THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL.

The Bill for the surrender of the Government Stock in the *Chesapeake and Ohio Canal* was then called up by Mr. Merrick. The Bill gave rise to some debate between Messrs. Merrick, Porter, Tappan, and RIVES.

Mr. RIVES proposed to change the terminus of the Canal from Cumberland to the mouth of the Savage river, which Mr. R. said was in the heart of the coal region.

The amendment was then rejected, and the Bill was then ordered to be engrossed without a division, when the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. KENNEDY of Md. asked the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, (Mr. Holmes of S. C.) whether the Committee intended to report a Bill upon the subject of our Reciprocal Relations with Foreign Governments?

Mr. HOLMES said the Committee had the subject under consideration and had not made up their minds upon it sufficiently to warrant an answer to the interrogatory submitted.

Mr. KENNEDY then offered a resolution, asking the President of the United States, if not incompatible with the public interest, to report as to the expediency of changing our reciprocal relations with Russia, Austria, Denmark, the Hanseatic towns and other governments.

The Resolution was adopted.

A Resolution was next offered instructing the committee on the District of Columbia to inquire and report whether the 19th Joint Rule has been violated. The 19th Joint Rule declares that no spirituous liquors shall be sold in the Capitol or on the Public grounds.

Objections being made to this Resolve it was necessary that it should be laid over unless the Previous Question was moved. The Previous Question was moved accordingly and seconded by the close vote of 68 to 69. The main question was ordered when.

Mr. HAMMETT of Miss. moved to lay the Resolution upon the table. The yeas and nays were ordered and the motion lost by the overwhelming vote of 131 to 36.

Mr. CAUSIN of Md called for a division of the question, and without a count, the House decided that, no spirituous liquors should be sold in the Capitol or upon grounds adjacent hereto."

"*And that the Restaurants be forthwith abolished.*"—This was the second branch of the amendment. The yeas and nays were ordered upon this proposition and the motion was rejected. Ayes 80, noes 90.

It will be seen by the proceedings, that the important bill for biennial sessions, instead of annual, as at present, of the Legislature, has passed the House of Delegates, by a vote of 47 ayes to 27 noes.

Slave Property in Illinois.—The Supreme Court of Illinois has decided that a slaveholder has a perfect right to pass through Illinois with his slaves, and that comity between the States would protect him in regarding the slave as such, while within the limits of the State.

☞The Hon. T. A. SPENCE, the Representative from the Sixth district of this State, was introduced to the House of Representatives on Tuesday last, by the Hon. JOHN P. KENNEDY. He was then duly qualified and took his seat.

The whole delegation from this State are now in Congress.

NICHOLAS BIDDLE, Esq. Died at his residence near Philadelphia on Tuesday last, in the 58th year of his age.

LOCO FOCO MUMMERIES.—There is fun in the Whigs singing and real wit in the 'same old coon.' But the Loco Focos are ridiculous whenever they undertake any of the kind, and cruel as they are ridiculous. At Chestertown (Md.) on the 16th inst. when it was supposed that the Loco Focos had elected Mr. Constable to Congress, they performed one of their auguries. The Centreville Times says.

All the coon skins in that region were brought up, as well as a poor living coon. The Loco Focos, after lighting their fires, began their incantations and seemed greatly endowed with magical skill. * * * * * * *

They erected scaffolds on which they hung the emblems of their fallen foes—they marched—loaded their pieces, and ball after ball passed through the living as well as the dead coons.

And it is thus by torturing a poor dumb animal that these enlightened Loco Focos expect to establish their reputation for order and decency;

From the Louisville Journal.

THE MARYLAND ELECTION.—We always entertained very kindly feelings towards the State of Maryland, but we never experienced such a gush of affection for her as we do now. The gallant manner in which she conducted herself through her elections last week, will cause her name to be cherished everywhere among the noblest and most patriotic in our confederacy. Once in a while, she has swayed from her integrity; but, on such occasions, her repentance has been speedy and her return to correctness marked by that boldness and enthusiam which are the unerring symptoms of thorough reform. * * *

Thanks, then, ten thousand thanks to the gallant and conquering Whigs of Maryland, for this the most brilliant and important victory that ever illustrated the devotion of her sons to the cause of the country and the doctrines of true Democracy.

A GOOD ONE.—A Millerite who had been lecturing not long ago on Kent Island, Md. was told, at one of his meetings, that the people of that region strongly contemplated riding him on a rail, in case he persisted in promulgating his doctrines to the Kent Islanders, to which he made the following very deliberate reply—"If you place a saddle upon the rail, I should greatly prefer it to walking on these muddy streets." The wreck of matter and the crush of worlds is but a small consideration to one who can take things so coolly as this.

MR. SPENCER.—The Washington correspondent of the N. Y. Courier writes: "Great exertion are being made by the Administration and personal friends of Mr. Spencer, to change the views of Senators in relation to his nomination as Judge, with the view, if it can be made probable, that he will pass to his renomination."

There is no telling what coaxing, wheedling and intrigue may do. Spencer knows well how to manage his cards, and a more persevering demagogue never appeared upon the political stage. We have heard it asserted, however, upon the highest authority, that his present attempt will be a greater failure than the first, but *nous verrons*.—Patriot.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—The Hamburg Journal, a stanch Calhoun journal, after the abdication of that aspirant, proclaims its purpose of supporting Mr. CLAY. It says.

"WILL SOUTH CAROLINA SUPPORT MR. CLAY? —This is a question that has been asked over and over again, and yet no definite answer has been given. And why? Because those interrogated were afraid to commit themselves, and were unmindful of the dignity and unsullied pride of South Carolina. We did look with fond anticipation to the nomination of our worthy and gallant son, but recent events have cast shadows ahead that plainly give us to understand that South Carolina must stand alone, or support Clay, the next best choice to Calhoun. But we again unequivocally say that if Van Buren is to be the candidate of the Democratic party, Henry Clay will be supported by South Carolina. Politicians may say whatever they please about the matter, but the people will have a voice that will ring from the seaboard to the mountains. If we are forced to haul down our colors in defence of Mr. Calhoun, we will rally under the banner of Clay. The friends of Van Buren may hold as many conventions as there are letters in the English alphabet, and meet in caucus in every hole and corner in the Union, still it will avail them nothing."

A correspondent of the Alexandria Gazette complains of the unsuitableness of the building which has been erected as a covering for Greenough's statue of Washington, now placed in the eastern yard of the Capitol. He says—

It disparages the generosity and good taste of Congress. It is a miserable shed, more fitted for a cow house, than the receptacle of that sublime conception of the genius of Greenough. Already has the barbarian hand impressed upon the Statue, marks of defilement and vulgarity. Some rude persons have defaced its beauty, and they have even crawled up to the very top of the statue and have soiled with pencil marks the forehead of the image of the venerable Father of his Country. If the statue remains in its present position it will be thoroughly defiled and unworthy any longer of exhibition. Instead of being a noble spectacle it will become a disgusting one.

The nomination of the Hon. SAMUEL BEARDSLEY (one of the Representatives in Congress from the State of New York) to be a Justice of the Supreme Court of his State has been confirmed by the Senate. The acceptance of this seat will of course vacate Mr. Breadsley's seat in Congress.

The Locofoco National Convention, is to assemble in Baltimore on the 27th of May next.—So says the Globe.

WISCONSIN.—A bill has passed the Wisconsin Legislature, authorising the people to vote on the question of a State Government, at a time fixed in the law.

COTTON.—The New York Tribune says—"Cotton is still going forward to some extent, and two transient ships have been taken up to-day, at 1-2d for Liverpool, carrying about 3000 bales. The packets ask 1-2d, and are filling up at that rate If Cotton will go freely we shall soon see the rate of exchange down."

THE DEFENCE OF THE WHIGS and of the acts of the 27th Congress, is a phamphlet of great interest and great ability, which may, we hope, have a wide circulation. It purports to be written by a member of that Congress—we surmise J. P. Kennedy, of Baltimore. It is eloquent, argumentative and highly satisfactory. We commend it strongly to our friends.—*N. Y. American.*

SIGNS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.—We copy the following from the New York Courier and Enquirer.

THE NEW YORK TOWN ELECTIONS.

Accounts from the middle and western sections of the State show that the spirit of the Whigs is fully aroused. The town elections exhibit the most astonishing results. In Steuben county, at Painted Post the Whig ticket is elected by an average majority of over one hundred. At Hamburg it is chosen by 84, and at Bigflatts, (Chemung county,) last year Loco by 40 to 80 the Whig ticket is elected. At Hornellsville, howard and Canisteo, all Loco last year—the Whigs have triumphed. At Binghampton, Broome county, a heavier vote was polled than *ever* before, and the *whole* Whig ticket was elected by over one hundred majority. In Chenango, Conklin, Lisle, Barker, Nauticoke, and Colesville, the Whig tickets have succeeded by largely increased majorities, and in Vestal, Union, Triangle, Windsor, and others, the Loco Focos have been *for the first time* defeated.

These results are most cheering. They show that the people are awake, that the Clay clubs are at work, that Whig principles are becoming daily better understood and therefore more popular, and that the empire State will give an overwhelming vote for HENRY CLAY.

THE WHIG BANNER CITY.

BALTIMORE.—This is the Whig banner city. In 1840 when nearly the whole Union went Whig, Baltimore gave Van Buren a majority of 30 votes. Now in the teeth of all our misfortunes and despite the most desperate efforts of a desperate enemy, she rolls up the splendid Whig majority of SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX! BALTIMORE is Whig ground—a glorious place for the two great Whig National Conventions which are to assemble there on the first and second days of May next. The Whigs of the Union will feel "at home" in Baltimore, and their brethren there will give them a joyful, a hearty Whig welcome, as they pour in there by thousands and tens and hundreds of thousands to ratify the nomination of HENRY CLAY.

The Locofocus had better change the location of their National Convention. They will feel dismally awkward in Baltimore. We advise them to go up to New Hampshire, or Nova Scotia, where Whigs are said to be somewhat scarce.—*Albany Am. Citizen*

THE GAINES CASE.—A decision was made a few days ago in the Supreme Court of the United States, on the case in which Gen. Gaines and his wife were plaintiffs, and the executors of Daniel Clarke, of New Orleans, defendants. A Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post says that the points on which the defendants appealed, have been decided against them. One of the points has been decided absolutely, and the two other points with a qualification that requires the cause to go again before the Circuit Court, but which will not probably affect the result. This decision makes the General and his lady the lord and mistress of an immense property; some say fifteen millions of dollars.

The Alexandria Gazette says:—The Potomac Fisheries, it is expected, will commence active operations about the last of next month. There will this year, be no extra exertions, either to increase the number of landings, or the work at the shores already established. About the usual preparations are making.—We wish all hands engaged success in their labors.

"None but the Brave Deserve the Fair."—The Buffalo Advertiser records the following document, which was handed into their honors, the Judges of the court there holden. The big wigs were doubtless greatly astonished, at it, the books affording no precedent at all in point.

From the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser.

A HERO.—The bar was much amused by the following billet, which came to hand this morning and furnished by the Court.

BUFFALO BARACKT, February 16t, 1844.

Judge H.

Dear Sur I hear that there is a young lady in jail and is sentenced to state prison for life and has got 12 days before she goes and if any boddy will marry her in that time she will get clear I will volunteer to marry her, M i can and i wish that the Judge would be so good as to see in it I am a soger in the service of the United States I am in the guard house now for some slight offence you might send the constable up and git me and i will come and marry her and i will support her as it is in power.

I am dear your most obedient servant.
G***** S**********J

NEW JERSEY.

Our Locofoco brethren of New Jersey held a State Convention in Trenton, on Thursday.—There was, we are sorry to hear, a great want of harmony in their ranks. It appeared that Colonel Johnson is the first choice. General Cass the second, and Mr. Van Buren the third. A Van Buren man thought that the Sage of Lindenwold ought to have been recommended, even though the people did not approve of him; "because," said he, "New Jersey could *nominate* him, and the Democratic States *might* elect him—but the Coons have Jersey.

The Whig members of the Legislature of Massachusetts held a Convention on the 22d ult.

Mr. Kellogg, of Pittsfield, from the committee appointed to draft resolutions, reported sundry resolves, principal among which were those nominating for the Presidency, HENRY CLAY, of Kentucky, and for Vice President, JOHN DAVIS, of Massachusetts; both, however, subject of the decision of the National Convention.

SING!—No Clay Club is complete without a Chorister. A bell without a handle, a door without a latch, a bucket without a bottom, a wagon without wheels, so is a Clay Club without a Chorister. Give us Choristers. Let the people sing—let every man sing. Sing with spirit, sing aloud! Sing the praise of the noble and the patriotic—sing the dirge of Locofocoism.—Give us Clay Clubs—Give us Choristers!—*Hartford (Conn.) Journal.*

A DIFFICULT OPERATION.—The Madisonian, Commenting on some allegation in the Globe, says: "If it was by Mr. Benton, let him look down his throat into his own heart."

A Traveller.—There is a lady in Charleston, who has crossed the Atlantic 50 times. She has a daughter 13 years old, who has crossed that big pond 40 times.—Smart wimmin.

A Grand Levee in honor of HENRY CLAY is to be held at Boston, in Faneuil Hall, the "Old Cradle of Liberty," on the 4th of March next.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTH-DAY.—Wh
PHILADELPHIA.—The forenoon of the 2
was celebrated by the Whigs of Philadelphia
Musical Fund Hall, with much spirit.
number of ladies were present, and took g
terest in the exercises of the day. After
national and other airs had been performe
excellent Band in attendance, Washington'
well Address was read by JAMES HANNA, E
oration was then delivered by WILLIAM B.
Esq. The U. S. Gazette says of it—

It was remarkably appropriate for the o
answering the question why the day was cel
by the Whigs as a party, by saying that the pr
of Washington are the principles of the Wh
that it was certain that he, toward whom th
of every Whig is now turned, would mak
ington's principles the model of his admini
A beautiful, eloquent, and feeling review
example and administration of Washingt
ceeded in the course of which he paid a
glowing tribute to the venerable statesm
Quincy Adams, who, trusting to the slow
justice which time would inevitably re
pointed HENRY CLAY to be his Secretary
d uring a season when the voice of slan
loud against him.

The peroration was a splendid outburst
quence, and when the name of HENRY C
from his lips, the enthusiasm of the a
burst forth without restraint; and when th
was brought to a close, the orator reti
loud and continued plaudits, in the midst
the Band burst forth into a national air.

At the conclusion of the oration Mayor
arose and stated that he held in his hand
from the Farmer of Ashland. "This a
ment," says the North American, "was
with a tempest of applause." When th
had died away Mr. Scott read the letter,
subjoin:

NEW ORLEANS, 10th February,
Gentlemen:—My absence from this cit
layed the transmission of my acknowledg
the receipt of your letter, inviting me, at
stance of the Whig citizens of the city an
of Philadelphia, to unite with them in ce
the approaching birth-day of Washington.
be most happy to be present on that intere
casion. Of all the men of whom history
tion has preserved any account, Washin
common consent, deserves the greatest ad
The birth of no man that ever lived is so
titled to perpetual commemoration, as a r
ing, bestowed on mankind by the goo
Providence. In contemplating his ca
character we beheld displayed and com
in him, calmness, dignity, moderation, fir
delity, disinterestedness, wisdom—all th
that adorn the warrior, the patriot, the s
and the honest man. Most justly has he
the title of the father of his country. D
Revolution, and since, many good men h
en in the United States; but Washington
an immeasureable height, elevated far abo
all.

He is the model of true greatness,
should be the highest ambition of the you
country to strive to imitate; but alas! wh
if ever, will the world behold his equal?

The task of recalling the purer days of
public, during which he lived and figured
renewing the unadultered republican p
which he so fondly cherished and succes
forced, by distinguished celebrations of
versary of his birth, and by other ap
means, is eminently worthy the Whig cit
the city and county of Philadelphia, th
unexcelled by any other community in
to those principles. I hope their exertion
encouraged, and their laudable aim accom
Gladly would I make any humble contrib
my power to the attainment of that patri
But the distance that separates us, and c
engagements which I have contracted, will
me to assist on the occasion to which y
done me the honor to invite me. I am
therefore, only to tender my grateful ack
ments, and the cordial assurances with
are.

Truly your friend and obedient servan
H. C

Messrs. John Lindsey, J. A. Elkinton
Weer, James Hannah, G. W. McMahon
Lybrand, James Traquair, and A. H. Fre

In the afternoon the Whigs of the Th
gressional District assembled in the North
tary Hall and partook of a sumptuous din
soned with mirth and excellent speaking.

In Lower Delaware Ward a celebration
at the White Swan Hotel. The guests
to a capital dinner, and among those pres
Mayor SCOTT, the Sheriff, and many othe
guished gentlemen. Speeches were deli
Mr. McMICHAEL, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr
LER.

The Whigs of Southwark met at South
where the good things of life were pro
abundance, and properly discussed. Am
speakers were on the Hon. EDWARD JOY
the representative of the District in Congr
Sr., J. G. CLARKSON, and J. R. CHAND

The U. S. Gazette, speaking of these
says: "Enthusiasm and devotion to HEN
mingled with the ringing feelings of the
each his name and his services were pro
mentioned; and at each new pledges of
to his cause, and determination to bat
behalf, were warmly given."

In the evening a grand Whig Ball
ven.

A letter from Washington to the Phi
Ledger revives, with a show of great confi
rumor that Mr. Van Buren is to be withdr
General Cass put in his place as a candi
the Presidency.

The Governor of Virginia has issued a
mation for holding an election for two me
Congress, in the Districts lately repres
Messrs. GILMER and WISE, on the 4th
April, the day of the State elections.

POWERFUL MAGNET.—Professor Lo
Cincinnati, has invented and made a Magn
lifs eleven hundred pounds. The Magne
only 171-2 pounds and is probably the m
erful Magnet of the size known.

Effects of Millerism.—The Norri
(Me.) Workingman says—"We are paine
that the wife of Mr. Solomon Luce, of N
yard, committed suicide last week, by tak
danum, having become deranged by embr
doctrine of Millerism. She was the dau
David Pratt, Esq., and has left five or s
children to lament her melancholy end."

©Maryland State Archives, msa_sc6044_1_69-0002.jpg