

THE SENTINEL.
ROCKVILLE, MD.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1860.

We devote a large portion of the first page of our paper to-day, to the proceedings of the State and District Democratic Conventions, which assembled in Baltimore last week, and invited our readers to a perusal of them. Resolutions endorsing the administration of President BUCHANAN, and pledging the Democratic vote of the State to the nominee of the Charleston Convention were unanimously adopted. During the entire session of the conventions, the greatest harmony and enthusiasm prevailed, which augured well for success at the next election.

The Tobacco Commissioners. We informed the Messrs. Morgan, Clark and Allitt, the gentlemen elected at the late session of the Legislature as Tobacco Commissioners, with power to lease the State tobacco warehouses and wharves in the city of Baltimore, will qualify themselves by taking the oath before the Clerk of the Superior Court for the city of Baltimore. They will then advertise for three weeks in two daily papers before the first Monday in May next, a notice that they will on that day offer at public auction to have, to the highest bidder, each one of the State tobacco warehouses, together with all the material in each, used in the inspection of tobacco, for the period of time specified in the act of the Legislature, which we believe is for two years. The tobacco growing interest in this State has complained that the present system as now conducted, is offensive to them; and the expense of labor in the warehouses is entirely incompatible with the necessity for its employment. The General Assembly has therefore been induced to resort to this experiment, in the hope that whilst this interest may be served and promoted, the warehouses, which have heretofore been a heavy burden upon the State, may yield a handsome revenue. We hope the experiment may have a fair trial, by giving to the act a construction which will set at rest all its provisions to work.

The Senate Interstate Bill. — The Homestead Bill of Mr. Johnson, now before the United States Senate, differs materially from that passed by the House. It gives one hundred and sixty acres to the head of a family and citizens only, requiring them to reside from lands subject to private entry, and restricting them to alternate sections, by which speculators who purchase intermediately would be most benefited. The House bill gives one hundred and sixty acres to all bona fide settlers, and allows them to locate on all lands open to pre-emption.

Death of a Distinguished Lawyer. — The Louisiana papers record the death of the wife of Gov. Henry Johnson. She was born in Maryland in 1795, and was a cousin of the author of the "Star-Spangled Banner." Her father was the Hon. Phillip B. Key, formerly a distinguished member of Congress, and one of the most eminent lawyers in the United States. Mrs. J. resided many years in Georgetown, D. C., and her husband was for several years a U. S. Senator.

Villain Unpunished. — Mr. Renshaw, has repaired the large Brick House on the north-east corner of the square, and made such alterations as were required to adapt it for a dwelling and Female Seminary. We understand that it is intended to be occupied by Misses Waller and Drayton, who have a most flourishing and successful school, their present location being too small and contracted for the increased number of scholars. We sincerely congratulate the accomplished young ladies upon their success, and wish our commendation to the encomiums daily bestowed upon them by the entire community. We say God speed them.

American Entertainment. — During the past week our citizens have had the pleasure of attending the performances of the talented troupe of Mr. Edwin, well known throughout the country as one of the best delineators of Yankee character now traveling. The performance consists of songs, dances, comedies, sketches, &c., rendering it one of the most amusing exhibitions that we have ever attended. We cordially recommend Mr. E. and his talented family to the favorable consideration of the public at large.

Fires Frederick County. — On Monday morning a fire broke out of old premises of Messrs. Cornelius Cramer & Sons, about a mile from Woodborough, Frederick county, Md., completely destroying the machine shop, horse mill, a warehouse and its contents, together with all the machinery, tools, some valuable books and papers, about sixty bushels of corn, eight bushels of clover seed, and a large lot of horse feed. Loss over \$2,000—no insurance.

Military Appointments. — Gov. Hicks has appointed Col. William Richardson, of Frederick county, now one of the aids to his excellency, as colonel of the First regimental cavalry of Maryland.

In another column will be found the advertisement of Mrs. R. V. Braddock, to which we will call the attention of our readers. She is now receiving a very rich and varied assortment of Spring and Summer Goods, which she will dispose of upon terms to suit the times. All persons in want of those articles which she offers for sale, would do well to call and examine her stock before purchasing elsewhere. Her polito and gentlemanly assistants will, with great pleasure, display their goods to the best advantage, and induce all to purchase who are in want of either the fancy or substantial.

Ex-President Pierce. — This gentle man delivered an eloquent speech recently at Nassau, N. Y., the occasion being a complimentary dinner to the Hon. C. N. Niblack, colonial secretary of Providence, promoted to be Lieut. Governor of the Island of St. Vincent. Over 700 guests were present.

Importation of New Grapes. — The news from New Grapes by the steamer Baltic, contains the important announcement that the Cass-Harran treaty, as amended by the United States Senate, has been finally ratified by the House of Commons. The measure was recommended by President O'Brien in his message.

The House practice committee, on Friday last, almost unanimously resolved in favor of the restoration of the inland mail service, which was curtailed by the Post Office Department after the failure of the appropriation bill during the last Congress.

Honorable Asbury. — A Boston dispatch says:

"The Major of New York, Captain Major, when he lay out on the passage from Major to Havana, was the scene of a terrible mutiny, in which thirty sailors were killed and many maimed. The fight lasted from 6 o'clock p.m. till daylight the next morning, when the rebels yielded. Capt. Major and his wife and two daughters, and a lady passenger, an child on board. His wife and daughter passed through the deck of the ship, and the child expired soon afterwards."

The CALIFORNIA DELEGATION. — A delegation of Californians write to the "Mercury" as follows:

"The California and Oregon delegations propose to 'camp out' in front of the Convention—may we take down our tent for the purpose? We shall require room enough for some three large companies and from twenty to thirty-five small tents, as others will be about forty attendants on the Pacific slope—all good men and true, and well established in the Sierra Nevada. I think you will find these visitors from the Pacific as simple as the Constitution, as even you would desire, and as pleasant a set of fellows as can be gathered anywhere."

The "Mercury" states that the camping ground has been secured.

Appropriated in the Old Dominion. — Though it is not generally known in that section of the country, the Whig (Va.) Union asserts that an association of Mormons not only exists, but flourishes in one of the sections of Wheeling, the Union says:

They have been in successful operation for about a year, and have succeeded in converting forty or fifty of the citizens of that vicinity to the strange belief. On Sunday, the 13th inst., five new members made an open confession of "Jo-Salt," principles, and took upon themselves the "duty" of Mormonism, by undergoing the process of immersion in the water. They are all well, except the one who was seized with sickness, and his fate is unknown. Four of Mr. Lemley's slaves have been arrested.

Invasion of Mexico. — Brownsville advices of the 23d have been received at New Orleans. Two Texan Rangers, under Capt. Ford, and two companies of federal cavalry, under Capt. Steiner, crossed the Rio Grande on the 10th into Mexico in search of Cortina, who had returned to the frontier. The troops approached his encampment at night, drove in his pickets, and took thirty prisoners, who claimed to belong to a large body of national guards. They also searched for Cortina the next morning, when a large Mexican force approached, claiming the prisoners as their rear guard. Afterwards it was ascertained that these forces had been watching the Americans, on the starboard, and passed through the larboard side, making around, close hole, as if it had been cut with a circular saw. In its passage this ball carried off both legs of an unfortunate American, who, in an evil hour, doubtless quailed under the pressure of some desperate stress of fortune, had enlisted in Marin's enterprise. It is remarkable that he was the only person on the Marquis who was killed, and he was the only American in her crew. He fled to death lying on his bunk, which, with his blankets, is still to be seen, studded with his blood, within a few feet of where he received his death wound. The name of this unfortunate man was not known to any one on board."

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We regret to learn from various sources, that there is no prospect of a peace existing this county this year, the several gold camps of late having killed the birds.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Correspondence of the Sentinel.

Mr. Editor: Permit me to address you a brief communication, suggested by your remarks in a late paper, upon a subject which all must deem of vital importance, viz.: the School Hill for this county passed at the late session of the legislature.

That there was need for such legislation is too notorious to require proof. Although the school managers under the old law, doubtless did all in their power to foster education; yet they fell and deserted their limited field of action, and in every section of the county, the desire has been expressed, that some change in the system should be made.

The School Hill will be approved in all its items, by everybody, it is not to be expected, since all cannot view things in the same light, and since no human instrument is perfect. But certainly all will agree that it is an improvement upon the old system. Its provisions are almost identical with those while, in other words, the school work will, and we trust these are more suited to prevent every friend of education (which every citizen should be) from railing at its support. If that rule applies, the demand should, in the future, disclose itself.

Your correspondent is no partisan, and does not propose to "blow anybody's trumpet." He has no connection with this hill which is not common to every citizen. But this is a subject, entirely removed from party considerations; and which, it is not difficult to be wished, will ever be kept distinct from such influences. It is a subject which appeals to the deepest interest of every voter, and which our youth are growing fond of; but if properly educated, they should be no day by day even come with sleep, remained in the room, and with four other brothers in another room, whom no efforts could arouse, was consumed with the building. The fire is supposed to have originated from a basket of ashes which one of the boys had set in the woodshed, adjoining the west end of the building, when kindling the fire in the pasture. Those who escaped saved nothing from their sleeping apparel. Mrs. Owen had to walk barefooted and naked, save in her night dress, with her children in her arms, over the frozen ground for a quarter of a mile to find a shelter. The children burned were all but the oldest about eleven years, the youngest about three."

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