



THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 14, 1841.

TO ADVERTISERS. The circulation of this paper is greater than that of any other published in this city.

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THE BANKS. We have no personal knowledge of the evils of which "Ariel" complains, but have not considered ourselves at liberty to withhold his statement of them from our readers.

Our correspondent desires to restrict the accommodations of directors to \$30,000, caput, we presume. This is, truly, a very liberal allowance.

There is one defect in banking which we fear exists in most of these institutions. It is the granting of enormous loans to individuals, whilst minor claimants receive little or no attention.

DIVORCES. Our grave legislators are pushed to the wall by the ladies, and have cried peccati. So numerous are the applications of the sweet creatures to be released from the control of the bearded monsters, that petticoat petitioners have heated down members, who, in very despair, cry "hold, enough."

We are practically sliding into Fanny Wrightism, and making marriage a mere verbal contract, binding upon the parties as long as they may be pleased with each other, and no longer.

Public Lands. In the discussion of the pre-emption bill now before the Senate, Mr. Calhoun has taken occasion to renew his proposition to cede the public lands to the states in which they lie, upon certain conditions.

We suspect that members of the legislature begin to think less of the Annapolis and Baltimore Rail Road, since they find the cars loaded with clamorous wives.

To Maryland, under existing circumstances, it is of the first importance to receive her equitable portion from the proceeds of public lands—but were it not demanded by her necessities, the justice of her claim should be enforced by her representatives; for we cannot perceive any propriety in voluntarily relinquishing that to which she is clearly entitled.

THE BELPER PRESS. We sometime since gave a description of this beautiful machine, and invited printers and others to examine it at the Clipper office. It was imported from England expressly for our own use, and in the rapidity and neatness with which it prints, exceeds any press that we have ever seen in operation.

One of those printing machines has also been obtained by the proprietors of the Norfolk Herald, who speak of it in the following terms: "Our New Printing Machine. The Herald is now printed on a patent printing machine imported expressly to our order from the patentees, Messrs Carr & Smith, of the town of Belper, in Derbyshire (England). It has been to recently put up in our office to afford a fair specimen of its execution as respects the quality of its work, the persons appointed to tend it, not being yet exactly versed in its operation; but in the rapidity with which it throws off the sheets there is no mistake."

"The number of impressions which it throws off per hour, must of course be regulated by the dexterity of those who tend the machine (and boys of from 12 to 14 years old might suffice for that purpose.) In the leisurely way in which we do our work at the South, it would produce impressions per hour may be accomplished with ease; at the north, however, where they move with alacrity, in doing their work, the fair average might be from 1200 to 1500; but the machine is capable of throwing off 2000 per hour, with skillful performers and a *primum* movement."

"We are aware that the state of the times would admonish us to contract rather than expand our operations; and having had mortifying experience of delays and disappointments in the use of the old hand press, we have ventured at a very heavy expense, to carry into effect what we had contemplated some time previous, namely, to supply ourselves with a power press to do our work with the desired certainty and celerity, when we should have of one combining the necessary requisites to adapt it to our contingencies; and we were fortunate enough to fall in with a gentleman who gave us such an idea of the Belper machine as convinced us that it was precisely the article we were in quest of, and we forthwith ordered one through Messrs. Watchman & Bratt, Machinists, of Baltimore; the former of whom, on a visit to England had seen the machine in operation, and with the eye of an artist, was struck with its peculiar beauty and simplicity. We can now, at any moment when the inner form of our paper is laid upon the bed of the machine, have the entire impression struck off in about an hour and a half, by which extraordinary facility we are enabled to proceed as expeditiously as we please, to send our carriers to the town, or pack up our mails for the country. Seven hours was about the average time consumed in the same operation with our old press."

"This is the only machine of this description at present in the United States, except one imported at the same time for Messrs. Bell & Co., publishers of the Baltimore Clipper, who are now using it with successful operation in their office."

"The machine is a beautiful article, and it is equally curious and interesting to see the sheets flying off from it, right and left, as if it were imbued with some invisible power. The work of those who tend it is so exciting that they perform their tasks with ease, and appear to be sorry when they are ended."

"AN EXPOSITION OF ENGLISH GRAMMAR, in conversational or familiar lectures, containing a systematic order for parsing and false syntax corrected; observations on letter writing and comprehensive lectures on rhetoric and elocution. Designed for those persons who have not had the advantage of this branch of education in early life, and also for the use of schools. By George Little."

The author is a townsman, and the volume comes recommended to the public by Dr. Monro, David King, Esq. principal of the East Baltimore Female Institute, and the Rev. John Smith, pastor of the Seamen's Bethel, Fell's Point; all competent judges, and all of them have carefully and critically examined it. We have glanced over the pages, which appear to be written in plain, intelligible style; and the arrangement seems well adapted to the design of the author, that is, to convey a knowledge of grammar in familiar lectures. But, upon this work, not only correct, we should waive all objections, and earnestly recommend it to public patronage, for the reason, that the author, (who is a worthy man with a family,) has had the misfortune to lose his eye-sight. This affliction should be sufficient, without reference to the merits of the book, to induce the humane to purchase. It is for sale at the bookstores of Armstrong & Berry and Isaac P. Cook.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN. South Down Mutton. Yesterday we dined off some delicious mutton chops which we bought at the stall of our Friend Turner, Centre market, and we feel bound, from the high gratification afforded us, (no doubt, says the reader,) to pay him a public compliment for the great superiority of his mutton over any that we have seen or ate this season. There will be another splendid display at his stall on Saturday next, so go early if you wish to obtain a choice morsel.

PRaisEWORTHY. We were informed yesterday that Mr. Matthew Collins, who keeps a wood yard on the Point, invariably makes it a rule to lower the price of his wood per cord 50 cents whenever a snow storm commences, in order that the poor may be served at reasonable prices during the inclement weather. Such an act deserves commendation, and partially counteracts the effects of those who raise the price of fuel as soon as a flake of snow is seen falling in the air. Yesterday the snow commenced falling between nine and ten o'clock in the morning, and oak wood immediately rose to \$5.50 per cord.

MUSIC. Mr. George Wallig, Jr. has sent us two pieces of music recently published by him. "O touch for me thy harp again," by J. Wex Hermon, is a pretty ballad, ornamented with an appropriate vignette. The other entitled, "Le Bonnet de la Reine," is a waltz for the forte, with a piano forte accompaniment, by Francis W. Scott, as well as a piece of pianissimo from Nicholson's waltz as used by the musical world.

STAPLING. Yesterday afternoon Joseph Mearns was arrested by officer Christman, and brought before A. H. Pennington, Esq. charged with stapling with a knife Archibald Cook. Notice was received by the magistrate from the physician that the situation of Cook was highly critical, and that he declined receiving bail. Mearns was consequently committed to jail. Mr. Christman is a new police officer, and we understand, he is now engaged in a determination that completely evaded the rebels in spirit of the officer against the law.

LECTURE. The lecture on "National Defence" advertised to be delivered before the Mercantile Library Association, by Gen. Gaines, has been postponed until Saturday evening next. The General was unexpectedly detained in Philadelphia.

ANOTHER TEMPERANCE SOCIETY. We refer the reader to the announcement of the Franklin Temperance Society, established in the north-western section of the city. We understand its ranks are fast filling.

ANOTHER. A meeting was held last week in the room of the Deptford Fire Company, and a new Temperance Association formed, called the "Neptune Temperance Association."

AND YET ANOTHER. A meeting took place at the New Market Engine House last evening, for the purpose of forming a temperance society, auxiliary to the Washington Society, the beneficial doings of which are already known.

ROBBERY. The dwelling of Capt. Cooper, corner of An and Fleet streets, F. P. was entered on Monday evening at an early hour, and several articles, consisting of an overcoat, shawls, &c. stolen therefrom.

POlice. Catharine Merritt and Martha Knepply, charged with threatening to take the life of Lucinda Moore, were on Tuesday arrested and brought before Justice Snyder. Failing to give security to keep the peace, they were both committed to prison.

George Conquell, David Bowersox, Edward Thompson, Jr. Henry Cassell, Christian Baum, John Thompson, Henry Peregoy and Lewis Cayano, all boys, charged with rioting at the corner of Passula and Chestnut streets, were arrested and brought before Justice Wright. Giving security for their future behavior, they were released.

WOMEN ROBBERIES. The Eastern District, on Tuesday night last, in the Middle District, a young boy named James Traverser, was brought to the watch house, charged with robbing Charles O'Farrell of \$1.50; the boy was handed over to his master. Wm. Lusby was found intoxicated. Dr. Jacob Henck was arrested by police officer Cook and others, at midnight, charged by the address officer and Jesse D. Reid with drawing a kick in the latter and rioting at the Assembly Room in Fayette street, at which a ball was being held; the Doctor, on giving security for his appearance at the City Court, was released by Justice Gabriel. Walter Huston was brought in by the police. In the Western District, a white woman named Mary Devlin, was brought in at the request of her husband, who charged her with being under the influence of liquor, and while so, causing him and breaking and destroying every thing he has in his house. A white man, named William Bryan, was also brought in at the same time, at the request of his mother, charged by her with being common and rioting in the constant habit of threatening her with violence. Jemima Baber, colored, was imprisoned. John Myers and Jane Armstrong, negroes, were locked up for riotous behavior and disturbing the quiet of "Brazostick Row" in the morning reprimanded.

GREAT DISCOVERY. Dr. Jones has discovered a plan by which he can destroy the nerves of decayed teeth without pain. This may seem impossible, because the operation has been so painful that few, if any, could endure it, but we have had such respectable and undoubted proof of the operation, that we feel assured of its success, and have no hesitation in recommending it to the public. A gentleman informs us that the operation was performed for two of his family with the greatest ease, and what is still more encouraging, instead of injuring the teeth, they can be plugged and will last for life.

WE learn that the health of the mayor of New York has materially improved.

CITY COUNCIL.—First Branch, Dec. 13, 1841. We cannot tell exactly the influence the gloomy and slopy weather had on the spirits and understandings of the members, but should judge to appear signs that the dullness of the weather had a blent influence over the intellectual regions of the assemblage. It is worthy of record that there are three clerks to the First Branch, one of them, pro tem, and all of them men who have "done so the state some service," for the three can muster an array of fifty-three "little responsibilities." They deserve a nibble at the loaves and fishes.

A communication was presented by Mr. J. S. Brown, from the Eighth Ward, signed by A. W. Ennis and others, praying for repairs of the foot way at the intersection of Light and Lee streets. Referred to the committee on streets.

On motion of Mr. Hanson, the Branch resumed the consideration of the report and resolution for repairing the platform at Commerce street, which was read, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

A memorial was handed in by Mr. Dallam from J. Crosby, praying for a reduction of the wharfage on boxes of oranges and lemons. Referred to committee on the harbor.

Mr. Hanson from the committee on the harbor, presented a report relative to the obstructions in Jones' Falls. The report stated that said obstructions were in the progress of removal. The same was returned from the Second Branch endorsed "concurrent in."

Mr. J. S. Brown presented the report of the Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred the accounts and vouchers of the Board of Health. Concurred in—also returned from the Second Branch "concurrent in."

Mr. Pinckney requested a suspension of the rule for the purpose of bringing up a resolution relative to the retailing or huckstering of wool. Granted.

The resolution reads as follows, and is nearly the same as met with the concurrence of both branches last year.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Senator and Representatives in the General Assembly of Maryland, from the city of Baltimore, be requested to prepare and to use their influence to procure the passage of a law, authorizing the city to issue licenses for retailing or huckstering wool upon the different wharves of the city.

Read a first, and by special order a second time and concurred in.

A communication was received from the Port Warden and Commissioners relative to the schooner lying sunk in the basin. Referred to the committee on the harbor.

Mr. Dallam presented a report from the joint committee on streets, begging that the communication of A. W. Ennis and others be referred to the City Commissioners. Concurred in. Returned from the Second Branch "concurrent in."

Mr. Donovan offered a resolution proposing that a message be sent to the Second Branch proposing with their concurrence, that the two branches assemble in convention on the 25th of January, for the purpose of appointing eight directors in the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road Company, two directors in the Baltimore & Susquehanna Rail Road Company, and thirteen school commissioners. Concurred in. The Branch adjourned.

In the Second Branch, Mr. Lucas offered a resolution requesting the Mayor to commute with the Legislature relative to the altering the day of meeting of the Councils to the Second Monday in January. Laid on the table.

(Correspondence of the Baltimore Clipper.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 1841.

In the House of Representatives an attempt was made by Mr. Green of Kentucky, to introduce his resolution directing the committee on ways and means to consider the propriety of reporting a bill, laying a tariff on foreign wines, silks and other luxuries, for the purpose of meeting demand upon the government.

Mr. Taylor being entitled to the floor, declined giving way—of the resolution was not received. Mr. Taylor then occupied the remainder of the day, in continuation of his remarks in reply to Mr. Ingersoll, relative to the contested seat.

The Senate is still upon the pre-emption bill. A member of the select committee on steam boilers requests me to state, that a full size set of ready patent safety valves for preventing explosions has been placed in the Rotunda. As the bill for the purchase of this patent by government comes up as the special order very shortly, it is suggested that members will examine for themselves. Mr. Underwood, the chairman of the committee, is so sanguine that he will stake his life that a boiler would not burst with these valves attached. The specimen was manufactured by Mr. Briggs, an ingenious machinist of this city.

The case of the brig "Amistad" comes on in the Supreme Court on Friday. The trial cannot fail to excite intense interest.

The weather is again gloomy, and the snow is falling "bright smart."

MARRIED. At Georgetown, D. C. on the 12th inst. ROBERT W. DICK, of Washington, to MARY ELIZA, daughter of Gen. Stephen Cassin.

DIED. On the 12th inst. GEORGE CHERRY, aged 42 years. On the 24 inst. MARY JAMES, eldest daughter of Robt's and Mary Ann Porter, aged 1 year and 8 months.

MARINE LIST—PORT OF BALTIMORE.

OLBARED. Schr E. Dorey, Peterson, Porto Cabello and Laysa. Schr Esther Eliza, Ryerson, New Haven. ARRIVED. Barque Louisa, Hoorn, from Amsterdam, and 45 ds from the Downs to the Cape, ballast. Brig Henry P. Sumner, Tyler, 42 days from Rio de Janeiro to the Cape, coffee. Schr Delaware, Stokely, 14 ds from Turks Island. Schr Fort Hill, Baker, 35 days from Montego Bay, Jam. pineapples and sugar.

MEMORANDA. Brig Opelleora, Forrest, for Baltimore, cleared at Savannah 6th inst. Brig Oglethorpe, Banner, of Baltimore for Havana, cleared at Savannah 6th inst.

STATE ARMORY AND TOWN HALL LOTTERY. It is due to the citizens of Baltimore that they should be fully apprized of the combination openly at work to crush this project; and that the means and agents employed, in the accomplishment of so unprincipled a purpose, may be nakedly exposed, a brief synopsis of the facts are respectfully submitted to a dispassionate public. The want of a spacious Town Hall in our city, suggested to some of the rich and noble citizens the feasibility of supplying so great a desideratum by the aid of the Lottery System. It was thought that inasmuch as the universally admitted evil of that system was forced upon the people of the State, that it was not just that some benefit should be made to result to our own community from it; so that if the law to license Lotteries could not be repealed, that the city of Baltimore, whose people were subjected to the system, at least was entitled to, and ought to enjoy from its avails, the benefit of some Public Improvement.

The Town Hall Lottery was accordingly projected, a grant from the General Assembly obtained, and authority had from the corporation to use the site of the present Hanover Market Place, as a suitable location of the contemplated spacious edifice. In obedience to the law, the individuals appointed to manage the Lottery, submitted their schemes to the State Lottery Commissioners, which were approved, and unwilling to await the tedious delay of the sale of the tickets themselves, the Commissioners effected a sale of 12 schemes to H. S. Gregory & Co. large Lottery contractors to the Eastward, for which they received several thousands of dollars. These being all drawn, to the surprise of the Town Hall Lottery Commissioners, no further admissible proposition would be made for the further purchase of schemes, and the broad ground was actually taken by these foreign monopolists of Maryland Lotteries, that the Town Hall Commissioners should neither sell to any body else, nor draw themselves, their Lottery authorized by the General Assembly of Maryland, and to communicate this outrage upon the rights of the Town Hall Lottery Commissioners, and in this way to crush the purpose of erecting a spacious Town Hall in the city of Baltimore, an edict was issued, through their agents in this city, forbidding all the Lottery Brokers, licensed by the State of Maryland, to sell the Town Hall Lottery Tickets, under pain of cutting off the supply of tickets in other Lotteries, and to put in effect the entire overthrow of the Town Hall Lottery, or coerce its Commissioners to put its schemes into their hands at their own price, and upon their own terms, or give up the project. In this aspect of affairs, nothing has been left to the Town Hall Lottery Commissioners, but to open an office, and sell their own tickets, and to appoint themselves agents, since the regular lottery dealers, whom they would gladly have employed, are under pain of being broken up, prohibited from selling the Town Hall tickets.—These are the facts; and in view of them, an indignant and enlightened community will not be in vain, it is confidently believed, invoked to crush as unprincipled a combination. Agents will immediately be appointed by the Commissioners in every part of the city, and the public are earnestly recommended, when they buy Lottery Tickets, to ask for Town Hall Tickets, and to buy no other. Published by order of the COMMISSIONERS. Jan 12

PROGRAMME OF MADAME MARRAS' VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT, at the Assembly Rooms, on MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 15th, 1841, assisted by Mr. NENNINGER, Mr. PERRY, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. DIELMAN, Mr. ALLEN, and several Gentlemen Amateurs. PART I. 1. Sinfonia. Hayden. 2. Variations on the Harp, (with the new effects.) Mad. Marras. Bochsa. 3. Variations for two Violins—Mr. Nenninger and Mr. Allen. Kallivoda. 4. Variations for Flute—by Mr. Lucchesi, Mayceder. 5. Romanza, from the Opera, preceded by a grand meco, with Harp accompaniment, sung by Mad. Marras. Bellini. PART II. 6. Overture. Mozart. 7. Duo for Harp and Violin—from Moise in Egypt—by Mad. Marras and Mr. Nenninger. Berlioz. 8. French Romance—Je veux t'aimer sans te le dire—by Mad. Marras. Mlle Puget. 9. Introduction and Air, with variations—by Mr. Dielman. De Bort. 10. Grand Fantasia on the Harp—Mad. Marras, Alvarez. Variations on half past 7 o'clock, and the Concert to commence at 8 o'clock precisely. Tickets \$1 each—to be had at Robinson's Circulating Library, and at the principal Music Stores and Hotels. Jan 14

ORGANIZATION Of the Western Franklin Temperance Society of Baltimore, as Auxiliary to the Washington Temperance Society. At a meeting held on Friday Evening, Jan. 8th, 1841, at the dwelling of Mr. J. U. DEKART, (Pensylvania Avenue,) it was Resolved, that this Society be known by the name and title of "The Western Franklin Temperance Society of the City of Baltimore." The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing twelve months: WALTER L. BURK, President. WILLIAM RICHARDSON, Vice president. THOMAS GAMBRIEL, Secretary. JAMES LAWSON, Treasurer. JOHN S. HORTON, Standing Committee. SAMUEL THOMAS, JAS. KIRKPATRICK,)

Resolved, that we adjourn to meet again on MONDAY EVENING, 12th inst. at Emery Chapel, (Biddle street,) at 7 o'clock.

All friends to the great and good cause, are invited to attend and sign the pledge.

Editors, friendly to the above cause, will please to give this one insertion. Jan 14

TEMPERANCE NOTICE. THE MARION TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY will hold an adjourned meeting on MONDAY EVENING NEXT, 19th inst. at half past 6 o'clock, at the School House in Ensor street, adjoining the Independent Engine House. The friends of the good cause of Temperance, and the public generally, are respectfully invited to attend. By order, THOMAS FINDAL, Presr. Jan 14

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE—FELL'S POINT. A Lecture will be delivered, by HUGH DAVY EVANS, before this Institute, at the Wesleyan School Room, Bond street, on THURSDAY (Thursday) EVENING, Jan. 15th, at half past 8 o'clock. Subject—"The Constitution of the United States." A debate will follow. The public are respectfully invited to attend. Jan 14

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF THE DEPTFORD FIRE COMPANY. The Introductory Lecture before this Association will be delivered by S. TRAILL WALLIS, Esq. on FRIDAY EVENING NEXT, at 7 o'clock, in the Caroline street Church. The public are respectfully invited. Jan 13