



FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 15, 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 AND THEIR MANAGEMENT.

Under this head the American of yesterday contained an editorial article which excited our surprise; and, were we not acquainted with the accuracy of its editors in matters of fact, we should be disposed to believe that they were mistaken in the assertion that "it is one of the internal rules of banks that the private accounts of individuals, (which include executive officers,) shall not be subject to the inspection of the directors."

It is well known that banks have suffered greatly from the acts of their officers; but we have believed that the injury arose from one of two causes: either from exorbitant and ill-secured accommodations granted to favorites by the general authority conferred by the board upon such officers—or by their fraudulent abstraction of the funds of the bank.

It was our impression, that all the transactions of a bank were at all times open to the inspection of directors; and it is right that such should be the case, as they are the guardians of the common property.

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officers than the vigilance of directors—we agree with the American that it is full time to change the procedure, and to place the responsibility where the law designed that it should rest, upon the directors.

Other amendments in the banking system are required to render it more perfect. There should be some restrictions and limitations imposed by law, which do not now exist.

OFFICE-HUNTING. The National Intelligencer contains a communication in relation to some office likely to become vacant by the death of an incumbent. The writer asks, "would it not be decent, when an office is about to be vacated by the death of an incumbent, to await until he has fairly 'slipped off his slippers' before we attempt to thrust our toes into them?"

The disposition to obtain office is too prevalent. It is not because public office affords a better compensation than can be obtained in a humbler sphere; but applicants suppose that there is a certain dignity attached to office, and that the labor is light. A man will seek an office not worth half as much as could be earned by honest industry—but then, there is the dignity!

TEMPERANCE IN BALTIMORE. Never since the establishment of our city has there been so great an excitement, relative to the cause of temperance, as at the present. New societies are being formed almost daily, and immediately swelling in numbers to hundreds.

The skeptical have sometimes questioned the utility of such associations. The argument is, that if men are inclined to live soberly they can do so without the formality of signing a pledge. This we admit will hold good in many instances, but not in all.

While we do live let us live as happy as possible—and no argument is wanting to show that sobriety is the road to refined pleasures while drunkenness is the certain companion of misery.

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The mahogany coffin which enclosed the remains of Napoleon at St. Helena, and which was exchanged for the ebony one brought from France, was cut up by order of the Prince de Joinville, and distributed in pieces to the officers and men of the Belle Poule and Favorite.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN.

CITY COUNCIL. First Branch, Jan. 14th.—Resolved, by no, That such members of the First Branch, City Council, as cannot leave their dinner tables in time to attend to the business of their constituents, be, and they are hereby requested to put their dinners in their pockets and smother their provender during the session, in order that they may answer "yes" or "no" when called upon.

Mr. Donovan presented the petition of Mr. Joseph Ahey and other property holders in the 8th ward, praying that an alley of the width of 30 feet might be opened between Light and William streets. Referred to committee on streets.

Mr. Bender presented the petition of Robert Hickley and others, praying to be released from the payment of pump tax for reasons set forth in the petition. Referred to committee on claims.

Mr. Pinckney begged leave to reconsider the resolution offered by him yesterday and concurred in, relative to wood-haxters, in order that he might make an amendment. This being granted, Mr. P. offered the resolution as before, (published yesterday) adding the following:

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution, signed by the Mayor and presidents of both branches of the City Council, be forwarded to the senator and representatives from the city to the General Assembly of Maryland. Concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Donovan, the branch reconsidered the resolution to go into convention on the 25th inst. Mr. D. moved to add two commissioners of finance, which was concurred in, and a message sent to the second branch accordingly. Concurred in by the second branch.

A message was received from the Second Branch, proposing the appointment of a joint select committee for the government of the two branches—Messrs. Lucas and Hook having been appointed on the part of the Second Branch. After a second reading, the proposition was agreed to, and Messrs. Dryden, Keyser and Doonan were appointed on the part of this branch.

Mr. Burns presented the report of the joint select committee on the commissioners' and port wardens' accounts, which, after a second reading, was concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. J. T. Brown presented the annual report of the Union Fire Company. Referred to the committee on fire companies.

Mr. Pinckney presented an unfavorable report of the joint committee on police, to whom was referred the subject of guards to prevent the snow and ice from falling from the roofs of houses. Laid on the table.

Mr. Gorsch presented the report of the minority of the same committee. Laid on the table.

The rules were suspended in order to allow Mr. J. S. Brown to offer the following resolution. "Resolved, That our delegates to the General Assembly, now in session, be requested to use their influence in furthering the passage of an act to incorporate the Washington Temperance Society of this city; and furthermore, that they be requested to lend their aid in carrying out the design of a memorial to be presented to that honorable body, praying the erection of a law, prohibiting any license to be issued for retailing intoxicating drinks in the election districts of any county, or ward of any city of this state, wherein a majority of the voters thereof at the polls, at any general elections, after its passage, on their ballots express their opinions that no such license should be therein granted; and furthermore, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors of any kind on the Lord's day."

On motion of Mr. Pinckney, the resolution was laid on the table.

The Second Branch returned the report and resolution of the joint committee on the harbor, relative to the repairing of the platform at Commerce street wharf, and the report and resolution of the joint committee to examine the commissioners' and Port warden's accounts, severally concurred in.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Pinckney, requiring the joint committee on streets to enquire into the expediency of suspending the operations of an ordinance passed 7th Feb. 1837, relative to the repaving paved streets, lanes and alleys in the city of Baltimore. Concurred in. The Branch adjourned.

In the Second Branch, Mr. Barnett presented the petition of Jacob and Benjamin Horn, asking the passage of an ordinance to close Bloom street, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Lucas referred to the joint committee on streets.

DON'T TAKE THE LAW IN YOUR OWN HANDS. An action for damages was brought before Justice Snyder yesterday, the details of which will probably have a tendency to check the spirit which prompts every man to become the maker and minister of the law. It seems that a poor and unfortunate woman by the name of Catharine Duffy, (the wife of Martin Duffy, who was not long since committed for assaulting and beating the lawful partner of his joys and sorrows,) being destitute, sought friendly asylum in the house of Mr. League, one of the city bailiffs, who was the friend of her family. In removing her "goods and chattels" to his house, she employed a carrier, by the name of William Conlin, to carry the furniture and bargained with him for 25 cents, stating that he would be paid when the things arrived at the house. Conlin delivered the articles at the house, and demanded the money, when Mrs. Duffy stated that Mr. League not being in, he would have to call again. Hereupon he grew wrothy, and took possession of a barrel of herrings, as security for the payment of the 25 cents. Mrs. Duffy then brought an action of damages against him for the value of the herrings; and the magistrate, after a full investigation of the case, ordered that he should pay \$2.25,

the value of the article, and costs amounting to \$1.24. But Conlin's troubles did not end here. Mr. League examined his cart, and found that there was no number on it, and he having carried goods for pay, by the act violated one of the city ordinances, which makes it a penalty for receiving pay for drayage or cartage, when the dray or cart is not numbered. He was consequently fined \$2 and 56 cents costs for violating said ordinance. Thus was he amply punished for taking the law in his own hands; had he but waited a few hours for the twenty-five cents, he would have saved himself \$6.06.

LECTURES. Lectures are all the go, and in a short time there will not be a subject left that has not been fully explained. On Wednesday night at a late hour, a fellow mounted the hydrant box at the corner of Gay and Fayette streets and delivered a forensic mangle on various subjects, from the evils of National debt down to the luxuries of a mad puddle. His discourse would have embraced a vast amount of useful knowledge, had he not "fallen from his high estate," to the pavement below.

TOWN HALL LOTTERY. A drawing of this popular lottery will take place to-morrow. If we must have lotteries, let them be of benefit to the city or state—the improvements contemplated by the planners of this lottery are such as should awaken the interest of every Baltimorean. The scheme is liberal, and, if those who are desirous of venturing, wish their money to go in a right direction, let them give the Town Hall Lottery the preference.

CITIZENS' BALL. Great preparations are making for this affair by the managers. It is to take place at Washington Hall on Wednesday night next. Remember, it is solely for the benefit of the poor—and if you do not join in the giddy whirl of the dance, you can have the proud consciousness of having given your mite towards the relief of the distressed.

ACCIDENTS. The Patriot of last evening states that Mr. Thomas Sewell was in the morning considerably injured by the falling of his horse at the corner of Fayette and Holliday streets.

POLICE. John and Eliza Whittington were on Wednesday arrested, charged with threatening the life of Eliza Walker. Justice McDonald released them on their giving security to keep the peace.

Yesterday morning, John Wylie was brought before Justice Wright, charged with assaulting and threatening the life of William Jordan. Released on giving security for his appearance.

Richard Reister, a colored man, was brought before Justice Gorsch, charged with assaulting and beating Elizabeth Hiner. Released on giving security for his appearance.

WATCH RETURNS. In the Eastern District on Wednesday night, Hector McDonald was brought up for being "mookied" and riotous. Wm. Carter, John Nelson, and James Roach asked for quarters. In the Middle District, George Jackson was brought in by the police under suspicious circumstances. A number of loafers were kept on hand for the almshouse. In the Western District a negro man named David Duffin was sent to the almshouse.

We have been favored by a friend with the following extract of a letter, which we insert, not from anything new which it contains, but because it speaks in just terms of commendation of some of our naval officers. Extract of a letter from an officer of the U. S. frigate Constitution, dated

"Callao Bay, Sept. 1840. "We are very dull, and have lost two men by small pox. The St. Louis has not yet arrived from the North shore where she has been on a cruise. We are detained, and the consequence is, that our fine ship has been put in the most ample order, and is now ready for a voyage around the world if it were required. This country is very unsettled—loans forced from the people in every possible way, and a small chance of ever getting it back. Even foreigners are forced daily to contribute to the wants of this free and enlightened people. Our next operation is to Guyaquil. The Shark sails to-morrow. Commodore Claxton is the same popular, fatherly and most exemplary commander. While these noble feelings are exercised, the dignity, the discipline and the sailor are exemplified. A better naval representative our country has never had in these waters.

Captain Turner, the commander of this ship, is much beloved; and the whole squadron is peculiarly favored with as fine a set of officers as can be found—so much so, that every man of the crews is desirous of contributing his share to the honor and character of his respective ship, and to render all as happy as a jolly and contented set of tars can be, when so far away from the land of the free and the home of the brave."

DANGEROUS HOAX. Some individual in Vicksburg ran into the theatre when it was crowded with spectators, and cried at the top of his voice, "torpedo! torpedo!" The audience instantly became frightened, the ladies shrieked, boys yelled, children screamed, dogs barked, and men rushed for the doors. Pell well, scamper, scramble, every fellow was for himself, and no one stopped to look for his neighbor. Dresses were torn, fine capes rumpled, bonnets mashed, shawls and cloaks trampled under foot, heads bumped and bodies squeezed, but no bones broken. After a great fuss, the crowd was enabled to get out, when it was discovered that the torpedo was no "great shakes" after all, and the whole party returned to their seats, and the play proceeded.

Lt. Gov. Harvey, of New Brunswick, has notified the Governor of Maine, that the detachment of troops were sent into the disputed territory merely to protect the British magistrates from insult by the armed posse of Maine.

MARRIED. At Frederick city, Md. on Thursday, 7th instant, by Rev. Mr. D. Zachary, Mr. CHARLES HOBBS, of Baltimore, to Miss HARRIETTA U. KEORRY, of Frederick city.

At Washington, on the 12th inst. by the Rev. Edw. Harrison, the Rev. ALBERT G. BROWN, Representative in Congress from Mississippi, to ROSSETTA E. YOUNG, daughter of the late Gen. Robt Young, of Alexandria.

DIED. On Friday, 8th inst. at his father's house, in Baltimore, Baltimore county, Mr. JAMES E. COLLIER, in the 29th year of his age.

On Monday, 11th inst. Mrs. MARY MILLER, consort of Mr. Esch Miller, in the 35th year of her age.

MARINE LIST—PORT OF BALTIMORE. CLEARED. Brig Isabella, Crossin, Liverpool, Jan. 14. Sch'r Mobile, Barrow, Norfolk and Petersburg. ARRIVED. Brig Galveston, Burr, 25 days from N. Orleans, super. Barque Serene, Hill, from the Pacific, to Hn. Boyne. Sch'r Leonidas, Kelly, 23 days from Cape Hayne, coffee, hides, and logwood.

SHIP CALAURA. From Baltimore for Rotterdam, arrived at Helvoet 14th Dec. Ship Active, Beard, of Baltimore, from Amsterdam for St. Uben, was off the Light 25th Nov. Brig Angola, Binney, of Baltimore, was at Bordeaux 15th Dec. to sail soon for New York.

Apprentices' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. A meeting of the friends of the above Association will be held in the Lecture Room of the First Baptist Church, corner of Sharp and Lombard streets, on THURSDAY EVENING, at 7 o'clock. It is hoped that Master Mechanics and all who feel any interest in the welfare of so interesting a portion of our community, will make it their business and privilege to attend. This is probably the last call, and upon the success of this meeting mainly depends the future existence of an Apprentices' Library in this city. Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. Mr. BURMAN, Professor DUNBAR, and others. A. FULLER CRANE, Jan 15-11

A CARD. Mr. SINCCLAIR begs leave to announce to his friends and the public, that his BENEFIT and LAST APPEARANCE will be given on SATURDAY EVENING, 17th inst. when will be produced (first time in this city), the Grand Romantic Musical Drama, 'THE LORD OF THE ISLES; OR, THE GATHERING OF THE CLANS. Founded on Sir Walter Scott's Poem. With a variety of Entertainments. In the course of the evening, Mr. SINCCLAIR will sing his most popular English and Scotch Songs. Box Book new open. Jan 15-11

BALTIMORE LYCEUM. The exercises THIS EVENING, commencing at 7 o'clock, will consist of Recitations by different members, and a further discussion of the postponed question—'Are the Criminal Laws of Maryland calculated to prevent the commission of crime, and promote the general welfare?' Tickets to be had at ISAAC CAMPBELL'S Book Store, Pratt street. Jan 15-11

THE JAMES ROACH, reported in the Watch Returns of the Eastern district, is not JAMES J. ROACH, Painter, of No. 15 German street. Jan 15-11

WASHINGTON TEMPERANCE SOCIETY. A public meeting will be held in the William-st. Church, on THURSDAY EVENING, at half past 6 o'clock. It is expected the meeting will be very interesting as an experience meeting. The public are respectfully invited to attend.

The Washington Temperance Society intend holding weekly public meetings on the 1st of April, of which notice of time and place will be given through the papers. Such of the Churches as are disposed to favor the temperance cause, by offering their churches for the purpose of holding a meeting in, will please address a line to the President of the Society. Jan 15-11

O. I. O. F. The Past Grand and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, are requested to meet at the Hall, Gay street, on THURSDAY EVENING, 15th inst. at 7 o'clock, to bring the Annual Communication. By order, WM. G. COOK, Grand Secy. Jan 15-11

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. THE LEFFORD FIRE COMPANY. The Lecture before this Association will be delivered by S. T. VAZIEZ, Esq. on FRIDAY EVENING NEXT, at 7 o'clock, in the Caroline street Church. The public are respectfully invited. Jan 15-11

NOTICE. Hereafter the Washington Temperance Society will hold their regular meetings EVERY MONDAY EVENING, in Mr. JOHN NEELY'S School Room, corner of Lombard and Hanover streets, at half past six o'clock—entrance on Hanover street. N. B. Our fellow-citizens, desirous of joining the Society, are requested to attend the meeting on Monday evening next. By order of the President, JOHN P. HOSS, Secy. Jan 15-11

Washington Junior Temperance Society. The members of this Society are requested to meet at Union Hall, corner of Market street and Tripoli-st. alley, on SATURDAY EVENING NEXT, at 7 o'clock precisely. Young men, under the age of 21 years, desirous of joining this Society, are invited to attend. By order, WM. GEORGE HECKROTTE, Sec. Jan 15-11

ROBINSON'S OFFICE. 80 BALTIMORE STREET, Below Federal Bk. 19 32 37 One of the Capital Prizes in yesterday's consolidated Lottery of Maryland, was sold at this office, the following are the drawn Nos. 37 12 43 39 29 42 45 19 14 32 34 18 Drawing of the Delaware State Lottery, class 4—drawn 13th inst.—lowest prize \$120. 3 61 14 5 12 41 36 65 22 33 Magnificent Lotteries for the week: On TO DAY, Virginia State Lottery, Extra, class No 3, to be drawn at Alexandria, Va. Capitals of \$10,000, 3000, &c. 75 Nos. 13 Ballots. Tickets \$1. On SATURDAY, Immense and Grand Scheme, Va. State Lottery, net capitals of \$30,000, 10,000, 5,000, 400, 50 of 1000, 50 of 500, 250, 500, &c. 75 No. 5000, 75 No. 1000. More prizes than blanks. Whole tickets \$10—Halves \$5—Quarters \$2.50. All letters, addressed to the subscriber, (enclosing cash or prize tickets), for single tickets, shares, or packages, in any of the Lotteries now drawing every week, will meet prompt attention by return mail, and the result of each drawing rendered immediately after it is received. Address, E. W. ROBINSON, No. 60 Baltimore-st., Baltimore, Md. Agent for the State of Maryland. Jan 15-11

STONER'S OFFICE. UNDER WASHINGTON HALL, MARKET STREET BRIDGE. On SATURDAY NEXT, we can offer a brilliant chance for fortunes. Alexandria Lottery, class No. 1, 75 Numbers—15 Ballots.

GRAND SCHEME. 1 Prize of \$20,000 1 Prize of \$7000 1 " " 10,000 1 " " 5200 1 " " 5000 1 " " 4000 23 " " 4000 50 " " 1600, &c. Tickets \$10—shares in proportion.

Orders, from all parts of the city and country, should be carefully directed to JOHN L. STONER, Baltimore. Jan 15-11

BOARDING WANTED. Gentleman wishes to obtain unfurnished Rooms, for himself and family, in a private family residing somewhere near the center or north-western part of the city. He would be bound with the family, provided the terms could be made such as to suit his income. Apply at the office of the Clipper. Jan 15-11

CO-PARTNERSHIP. DAVID WHITSON respectfully informs his associates with him, in business, that he has this day associated with him, in business, his son WILLIAM E. WHITSON. The business will hereafter be conducted under the firm of DAVID WHITSON & SON. JANUARY 14th, 1841. Jan 15-11