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JOHN S. GALLAHER.

Aug. 6, 1823.

READING ROOM,

At the Harpers-Ferry Hotel.

THIS establishment is regularly furnished with Newspapers from the principal cities and towns in the Union, to the number of thirty, or more, at the unusually low rate of \$3 per annum.—Such a cheap and agreeable mental repast has never before been offered to public taste. The attention of reading men is respectfully invited. Gentlemen wishing to subscribe, will leave their names with Mr. Thomas, or at the office of the Free Press.

August 13, 1823.

PARKE'S

Formers & Mechanics' Arithmetic.

A CONSTANT supply of the above valuable work will be constantly kept for sale at this office, to a perusal of which *Parents and Teachers* are respectfully invited, as well as young gentlemen wishing to qualify themselves for business. The distinguishing features of this work are, the omission of all unnecessary matter, and the insertion of much practical matter in the space thus saved. The work contains, besides a sufficient course of Arithmetic, an abridgement of *Mensuration*, sufficient for ordinary purposes. It presents one of the most valuable compendiums ever offered to the "man of business;" and this opinion is corroborated by the written certificates of numerous and respectable preceptors, whose certificates might be adduced if necessary. The work has already obtained a *respectable circulation*, and to be more extensively patronized needs but to be known. Price 75 cents.

August 13, 1823.

Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

THE Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland and Virginia, will commence its session on the first Sunday in November, (2d day of the month) at Shepherdstown, Jefferson county, Va. The rev. clergy and lay delegates within the jurisdiction of this synod are earnestly solicited to attend. D. S. SCHAEFFER.

Aug. 9, 1823.

Sec'ry.

WEED & WARING,

CONTEMPLATING an extension of business, have taken into co-partnership JAMES WOOSTER; their concerns will, therefore, in future, be conducted under the name and firm of

DANIEL A. WEED & CO.

Every person must be sensible of the superior advantages possessed by those who have Cash wherewith to purchase their goods, and, as the undersigned intends to start in a few days to New-York, for the purchase of a Fall and Winter Stock, he anxiously hopes that those indebted to the late firm will contribute their mite to that effect. To most of our customers, for their general punctuality and friendly patronage, I, for the concern, tender my sincere thanks; but to a few others I am constrained to say, that, unless they settle their accounts soon, resort must be had to other measures for collection.

D. A. WEED.

Aug. 6, 1823.

D. A. WEED & Co.

Have just received,

FIGURED Black Canton Crapes,
Coloured do. do.
Cambric Muslins,
Tamboured Jackonett do.
Corded Cambric Gingham,
Irish Linens,
Steam Loom Shirtings & Sheetings,
Ladies' Figured silk,
Sateen,
Prunelle, &
Morocco

SHOES—

Hosiery, &c. &c.

Likewise, Molasses, loaf & brown Sugar, Coffee, Chocolate, Powder, Shot, Nails, &c.

We have now on hand,

300 yards Calicoes at from 18 to 20 cents per yard,
4-4 do. at 25 cents,
Ginghams at 12½ to 16 cents,
4-4 Domestic Shirtings at 1 shil.
30 pair ladies' morocco walking Shoes and Pumps at \$1.
Aug. 6.

TO BRIDGE BUILDERS.

THE undersigned intend to erect a BRIDGE across the Potomac river at Harpers-Ferry. This place contains about 1500 inhabitants, is situate at the junction of said river with the Shenandoah, in Jefferson county, one of the most fertile in Virginia. It is about 60 miles above Washington city, and on the most direct route to the western states. The river is navigable the greater part of the year, affording an easy water communication with the eastern cities. The site possesses advantages; the river is 720 feet wide, and is shallow; the bed is solid rock; for the abutments and piers there is stone on the spot; timber and all other materials can be easily procured, and on good terms. The Bridge to be of wood, except the abutments and piers, and it must be built of the best materials, and warranted. A further description is deemed unnecessary, as undertakers will first view the site. Proposals will be received until the middle of October next.

CATHARINE WAGER.

JAMES B. WAGER.

Harpers-Ferry, Va. July 23, 1823.

The Editors of the *National Intelligencer*, the *Philadelphia General Gazette*, the *New York American*, and the *New Haven Pilot*, are requested to publish the above, conspicuously, once a week for 6 weeks, and transmit their accounts for payment.

TO THE FARMERS

OF JEFFERSON AND LOUDOUN.

THE undersigned having taken the Shenandoah Mill, on the Island, near Harpers-Ferry, respectfully informs the farmers of the neighboring country, that it is now in good order for the reception of grain. Those who bring to his mill good merchantable wheat, may expect the customary quantity of flour, the inspection of which he will stand in the Georgetown and Alexandria markets. Those who wish to send a part of their flour to the *Baltimore Market*, will also have the inspection answered for them.

The advantages attending the manufacture of flour in this mill, will be obvious, when it is recollected, that in addition to standing the inspection, as above mentioned, the mill is situated at a most convenient point, just above the junction of the Shenandoah with the Potomac, and below the Shenandoah locks, so that a favorable opportunity for boating will be afforded at all proper seasons. And to effect this object more certainly, boats will be at all times employed, and punctual and careful boatmen engaged to transport the flour to market, without delay, whenever the water will admit of it.

Corn, Rye, &c. will be ground, and a country Bolting Cloth prepared, for the accommodation of those who may wish to use Rye Flour. The terms of grinding will be the same as in other mills. Wheat, Rye, and Corn, purchased at all times.

From the advantages named, and from the circumstance of having competent and punctual millers employed, the undersigned flatters himself that the strict attention and constant efforts which will be made to please, will enable him to render the farmers the most perfect satisfaction.

F. BECKHAM.

June 11, 1823.

KOWNSLAR'S WHISKEY,

FOR sale by

D. A. WEED & CO.

August 13, 1823.

FAMILY BIBLE.

JUST received, and for sale, at the Printing Office, a few copies of the FAMILY BIBLE, quarto size, with plates, at the very low rate of \$5 each. Heads of families wishing to have this invaluable work, (and what family would be without it?) will do well to make early application.
July 23d, 1823.

BOOKS.

For Sale at the Office of the Free Press.

WALKER'S Critical Pronouncing Dictionary, octavo, at \$3 50,
Small edition of do. for schools,
Murray's Grammar,
English Reader, Introduction to do.
Bibles and Testaments,
Parke's Arithmetic, Pike's do.
New York City Hall Recorder,
History of Bristol (England),
The Monastery, a novel,
The Contrast, do.
Children of the Abbey,
Caroline of Lichtfield,
Goldsmith's Roman History,
Do. History of England,
Grimshaw's do.
Vicar of Wakefield, Aesop's Fables,
Watt's Hymns, Songs of Zion,
Gass's Journal, Ladies' Library,
Life of Putnam,

And a variety of pleasing works for children, such as

The Children in the Wood,
Choice Tales, History of Bees,
Story of Joseph and his Brethren,
History of the Trojan Wars,
Grandmother's Stories, Hocus Pocus,
Amusement for Good Children,
Present for a Little Girl, Black Giles,
History of the Beggary Boy,
Academy of Compliments,
Life of Baron Trenck, Gulliver's Travels,
New Robinson Crusoe,
Webster's Spelling Book,
Wood's New York Primer,
A Father's Serious Advice,
Catharine Haldane, Biography of Girls,
Song Books, &c. &c. and many others which need not be enumerated.

Aug. 13, 1823.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned takes this method to inform the public, that he is prepared to transact business as a Constable of Jefferson county, and solicits the favors of those who may think proper to confide the collection of money to him. The long experience he has had, (34 years) and the confidence hitherto reposed in him, will, he hopes, be a sufficient proof of the fidelity with which he has acted. For the convenience of persons at Harpers-Ferry, who may wish him to do business for them, he has made an arrangement which will add much to their convenience. By leaving accounts, &c. at the Printing Office of the Free Press, with the proper directions accompanying them, he will be enabled to receive them once a week, and will endeavor to serve his employers to the best possible advantage.
DAVID CONKLYN.
July 30, 1823.

Twenty-five Cents Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, on Sunday morning last, an indentured apprentice, named GEORGE LAFFERTY, about 18 years of age. All persons are forewarned from harboring or employing him. The above reward will be given for his apprehension.
WILLIAM SMALL.
August 6, 1823.

ICE CREAM

WILL be prepared at Dr. Weise's store every Tuesday and Friday afternoons, if fair, if not, the succeeding fair days.
May 28, 1823.

Sale on Saturday Next.

SALE OF LAND FOR CASH.

BY virtue of a Deed of Trust, given to me by Sam'l Grove, for the benefit of Wm. Derry, I shall sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on Saturday, 23d August next, on the premises, the balance of the land by said deed conveyed, to raise the instalment of sixty-one dollars and twenty-eight cents, due on the first of June last, with interest and expenses. The tract proposed to be sold consists of three acres more or less, and lies in the county of Loudoun, between the hills, not far from Harpers-Ferry, and adjoins the land of James Neer.

JOHN DEMORY.

July 30, 1823.

Trustee.

NEW-BEDFORD, AUG. 5.

Justice's Court.—At Nantucket, on Wednesday last, Mr. Solon Worth was brought before George Cannon, Esq. for examination, on a charge of *crim. con.* with the wife of one David Fitzgerald. The Attorney for the Commonwealth, Hon. Isaac Coffin, at whose instance he was apprehended, exhibited sufficient evidence against the defendant to induce the magistrate to commit him to prison, to await his trial at the next Court of Common Pleas, to be holden at Nantucket, in November next.

We are informed that the circumstances attending this case, are of the most flagrant and atrocious nature. The injured party having been limited in marriage to a young, beautiful, but unfortunately as it appears, a frail female, sailed very soon after on a voyage to the South Seas. After an absence of more than two years, he has recently returned, and found the deluded object of his fondest, though misplaced affections, gone to the eternal world!—having, about a year subsequent to the departure of her husband, given birth to an illegitimate child, which merely breathed and died. The unhappy mother survived but a few miserable days—wrung with the bitterest remorse, she expired in all the agonizing horrors which her condition induced. The wretched husband, stung to distraction, has abandoned himself to the most abject despair.—[Gaz.

United States' Military Academy.—From an official statement of the number of Cadets who have graduated from this institution, it appears that there were three hundred and twenty-four who received commissions since the first establishment of the Academy in June, 1802, to July, 1822, inclusive.

In the Military Service,	195
In the Civil Service,	3
Killed in battle,	9
Died in Service,	24
Resigned or disbanded,	33
	93
Total commissioned,	324
Which number was apportioned to the several corps of the army as follows, viz:	
Engineers,	38
Artillery and Ordnance,	211
Other corps,	75
Total Officers,	324

From the Louisville (Ky.) Morning Post.

Mr. H—, a respectable citizen of our town, had, in the progress of a fatal disease, a large cavity formed in the brain, from whence there was gradually evacuated about half a pound of brain. The excavation was directly through the organs of firmness and veneration, as laid down by Gall and Spurzheim. From the crown of the head to the bottom of the cavity, it was at least four inches in its longest diameter. Yet this gentleman retained his faculties entire, and was remarkable, to the close of his life, for his firmness of character.

By a letter received in town from one of Gen. Ashley's expedition, we are informed, that a man by the name of Mike Fink, well known in this quarter as a great marksman with the rifle, and the same who sometime since, in this place, shot off a negro's heel to enable him, as he said, to "wear a genteel boot," was engaged in his favorite amusement of shooting a tin-cup from off the head of another man, when, aiming too low, or for some other cause, shot his companion in the forehead and killed him. Another man of the expedition (whose name we have not heard) remonstrated against Fink's conduct; to which he, (Fink,) replied, that he would kill him likewise; upon which the other drew a pistol and shot Fink dead upon the spot.—[Missouri Republican.

Printing.—On the 10th of July, 1823, there was to be a grand fete at Harlaem, in honor of *Laureat Coster*, to whom the inhabitants of that place attribute the invention of the art of printing. It is well known that Harlaem, Mayence and Strasbourg, dispute the honor of that invention. At Harlaem are preserved the first typographical attempts. They are plates engraved on wood; and the book which is printed on those plates is called "*Der Spiegel van ouze Zelighey*."—"The mirror of our safety." This book is shut up in a silver coffer, the keeping of which is entrusted to several magistrates, each of whom has a different key to the place where it is deposited.

John H. ...