

Virginia Washington Monument.

It is with sincere pleasure that we announce that the beautiful and solid granite structure of the Virginia Washington Monument in the Capitol Square, is now completed.



LEWISBURG: SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1851.

The Liberty of the Press consists in the right to publish the Truth with good motives and for justifiable ends, though reflecting on government or individuals.—GEO. HARRISON.

Local Memoranda.

UNUSUAL MORTALITY.—The venerable Rev. Dr. J. McElhenney, who has officiated clerically in this community for nearly half a century, characterizes the present as the most sickly time he has ever known.

As familiar as we are with the progress of the epidemic, we take great pleasure in testifying to the skill, energy and untiring industry which Mr. W. Herbert, the Superintendent, has shown in completing the granite masonry.

A LEAF not much less perilous than that of Sam Patch, was witnessed on Saturday, by the conductor and passengers on the Covington and Lexington train.

OUR COUNTY SCHOOLS.—We call the attention of parents and guardians to the advertisements of schools to be found in our columns to-day.

FATAL AFFRAY.—An affray occurred in a house of ill-fame at Nashville, on the 10th, between two women named Collier and Paxton, inmates of the place.

SAD OCCURRENCE.—Mr. P. Wright of Westford, brother of the Hon. John Wright and agent of the Suffolk Corporation in this city, was so badly frozen on Friday night last, that he died on Sunday.

SCARLET FEVER.—As this dangerous fever seems to be on the increase in the County, it is advisable that all parents take steps immediately to free their children from worms, in the stomach and bowels.

A CLEVERLY-MADE.—An old and valuable subscriber has sent us a certificate from one of his Parishoners, which he wishes published for the benefit of his neighbors, and the community at large.

FIGHTING SLAVES.—One Hawkins, a colored preacher who was formerly a slave of Gen. Taylor, states that there are in Canada West four hundred slaves, who absconded from their masters, living in Kentucky.

DISTINGUISHED VISITERS.—Professor Richard Owen, the eminent comparative anatomist, and Dr. W. B. Carpenter, well known as the author of the latest and most approved work on physiology, intend visiting the United States.

GEORGIA AND THE NEBRASKA BILL.—The Legislature of Georgia, previous to its final adjournment on the 17th ultimo, adopted resolutions unanimously in the House, and with five dissenting votes in the Senate, instructing the Senators from that State in Congress to vote for the Nebraska bill of Mr. Douglas.

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Calendar. MARCH 17—ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

This is a high festival in the R. C. Church. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He is said to have been born in Scotland, and was carried prisoner into Ireland by a band of Irish who made a predatory excursion into Scotland.

As the Welsh wear the leek, the Irish wear the shamrock. The origin of this custom is accounted for as follows: When St. Patrick was preaching to the people of the triinity, they laughed immoderately at the idea of there being three in one, and were about to offer disrespect to the saint.

On this day many fairs are held in various parts of Ireland, where the men and women wear the trefoil, and use the "shillelagh" and bottle with equal dexterity. Scenes of such drunken hilarity can only be seen in Ireland.

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NEW CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD.—Mr. CYRUS S. LAKEW is again in the field for Com. of the Revenue. Of course he will get a "double chance," as he deserves. Messrs. JOHN HENRY WETZEL and J. H. ARBUCKLE are also "out" on the other side of the County for the same office.

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Conviction and Death of Dr. Gardner.

The trial of Dr. Charles E. Gardner at Washington, upon the charge of obtaining about \$100,000 from the Government by fraud and false swearing, was brought to a close on the 2d instant. After being out one night, the jury returned a verdict of guilty—doubtless a most righteous verdict.

The prisoner was then conveyed to jail, where, at about 3 o'clock on Friday, the 3d instant, he fell into convulsions and died. The suspicion of poison flashed upon the public mind, and a coroner's inquest was held over the body; but the testimony was so conflicting to enable the jury to arrive at a verdict.

AN EXTRA SESSION. The Legislature adjourned on the 4th instant, as was universally expected.—They adjourned, we believe, with the full expectation of being again called together early this Fall.

PASSAGE OF THE NEBRASKA BILL! The Nebraska Bill passed the Senate on Saturday morning—after a session extending throughout the whole night—by a vote 31 to 14!

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Present Condition of Liberia.

Com. Isaac Mayo, of Maryland, at present commander-in-chief of the United States Naval forces on the coast of Africa, has written an interesting letter to the Rev. Mr. Pease, of the Pennsylvania Colonization Society, an extract from which he has also transmitted to the Rev. Mr. Slaughter, of Fredericksburg, Va., giving a very flattering picture of the present condition of Liberia, in which he says:

"No one who sees the American emigrant in the Liberia Legislature and Courts of Justice, performing the highest duties of a citizen, with grave and decorous intelligence—no one who sees the ample provision for education indicated by the numerous schools and the signs of religious culture attested by the many church edifices; no one who sees the proofs of prosperity exhibited by the erection of substantial and spacious brick houses, which are fast supplanting the cheaper structures of the early colonists, will fail to find abundant evidence of the improved condition of the black man, when transplanted to the land of his forefathers; while in the United States he must retain an inferior station in spite of the fanatical efforts of his false friends, the abolitionists."

MAINE IN MISSISSIPPI.—The Legislature of Mississippi has passed a prohibitory liquor law.

THE DIPLOMATIC COSTUME.—The papers published a rumor asserting the speedy return of Mr. Buchanan, our Minister to the Court of St. James, on account of the vexatious troubles he has encountered in carrying out Secretary Marcy's instructions regarding proper diplomatic costume.

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Baltimore Conference.

This large ecclesiastical body assembled in Baltimore on the 1st instant. Bishop Ames presiding, assisted by Bishop Wm. Doane.

DOMESTIC ITEMS. Murder in Wetzel County.—We learn by a letter written by a gentleman in this city, that an aged widow lady named Gump, who resided upon Fish Creek, in Wetzel county, was murdered by some person a few days since.

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SPECIAL ELECTIONS.

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