

Unit Vote of Virginia.

It is well known to most of our readers that the delegates to the Chapman Convention from the State of Virginia were sent before an intemperate mob in their own State—so much so that they were afraid to leave the city, and the whole delegation departed from the city under the escort of Judge Buchanan, who received strong orders not to submit any bill or amendment which would be construed as a vote of the South, or even in favor of the vote being cast as a unit, as an original question, because we desired to retain the influence Virginia had ever exerted in National Conventions. But the question of uniting and dividing our country, and the course pursued by the self-conceited leaders of the delegation was playing the most important and political games to the New York delegation, and were being led by the now the dignitaries of Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi, and thereby maintained a decided and divisible policy creating a feeling of such supreme disgust and contempt with all independent free-thinking men, as to lose the prestige the State enjoyed, and rather to excite a smile of derision, than an impulse of admiration.

The friends of Virginia make it appear that she is a wise and handsome tree. The Virginian is a most excellent democratic journal, and we are glad to see this evidence of its prosperity.

We have been requested by a friend to publish from the Spectator an article upon "Julius." This we shall do in our next issue, disclaiming, however, any purpose to interfere pro or con in the matter about which it treats.

We notice that our old friend Capt. J. W. Reid, who distinguished himself in the Mexican war, has been nominated for Congress in the Lexington, (Md.) District, now represented by Hon. S. H. Woodson. Capt. Reid is a fine soldier and a man of enduring industry. His election will insure the presence in Congress of a working member which it treats.

The Washington Constitution is exhibiting the honest and most depraved proclivities, unworthy either of a gentleman or a statesman, in the person of Judge Douglas. The editor, a new son of the Emerald Isle, played second fiddle to Shields and Bright at Charleston, and now goes to Washington to play the rascal through the volleys of the Constitution.

Our friend, Wm. Miller, has opened a very handsome assortment of Books and Pictures of every description on New Street three doors above Crawford and Cochrane's store. See advertisement.

It will also be seen by the advertisement of Mr. Hughes that he is prepared to supply his friends and customers with every variety of Books and Shoes. Give him a call.

Accident.

We are sorry to learn that the wife of Capt. Finks, conductor on the Central Railroad, broke her leg just above the ankle on the 7th inst., by slipping on the cellar steps of her residence.

Charleston Delegates Sustained.

The Rockingham Register and Valley Democrat fully sustain and endorse the action of the delegates from this District to Charleston. The Democratic chose an article on the subject as follows:

We shall refer to this again, concluding by expressing the general satisfaction which prevails in this District in regard to the action of Messrs. McNeill and Yost, and our own individual opinion, that they were not only the most conservative, but the ablest members of the Virginia Delegation in the Convention.

A Suggestion.

We have no doubt that persons arriving in the Cars are exceedingly anxious to see the people who congregate every evening on the platform at the Depot. It is perfectly natural that we have a number of handsome ladies about easily curiously. But notwithstanding the evident delight experienced by travellers at the sight of such a smiling boc-

course, we modestly suggest that it would be much more agreeable if the platform was not totally blocked up, and the passengers prevented almost entirely from getting out of the Cars. Especially would it be more pleasant to the ladies if they were permitted to go in and out of the train, without having to elbow their way through a crowd of men. We have noticed ladies almost bewildered with embarrassment in their attempt to pass through the crowd to get to the Hotel or an omnibus. For the sake of the gallantry of our City, we trust herself for whom will be disappointed with, and that those who visit the Depot on the arrival of the Cars, will at least be considerate enough to leave room sufficient on the platform for the ingress and egress of passengers.

Capt. Wm. M. Harper.

Our temporary editorial subeditor, Gen. Herman, announced a very modest term last week, the appointment of himself by the Governor of Virginia to the office of Brigadier General, and that of Capt. Keister Harper to the position of Major General of Militia. A just and well deserved tribute was paid by our friend to the merits and qualifications of Capt. Harper, and the wisdom displayed by Gov. Letcher in the selection of a gentleman in every respect so well suited to the position. All of this and more we observed in relation to Gen. Harper, whom we esteem to be one of the most perfect gentlemen and whose personal qualities in the State, but we must protest against the jealousy of our sub for the Jacobins and pro-slavery magnates which is no doubt natural. If you, Captain Harper, would make a admirable selection he has made of the Major General, then he is doubtless to be considered for the selection of Gen. Maynard for the position of Brigadier General.

We voted for Judge Douglas because we know him to be a true friend of the Democratic party and the Union. We knew he had fought more hard battles for the South than Northern men, and had won his battles to the last. We at this moment had a more intense hatred for Black Republicans than we can conceive of, and would more heartily rejoice at their defeat and dismemberment than any man South of Massoy and Dixie's line. He has grappled with them. He is now fighting them, and has dedicated himself to their destruction, and the triumph of conservative and national principles. What can the South say against him? Look at the record of his services as the editor of the *Vindicator*. We can not say, whether we set off the best of the defense of our position against the attacks of the South, and the South is a large part of it. Any fact that is a fact is a fact. With the exception of a few cases of opinion upon the Territorial question—a question that has been tolerated until now, where there is little or no law, draw and shoot bill for Southern as well as the Northern style of rule and law, have they any right to do so? We have a good record.

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The Slaveholders' Convention.

It is well known that the Democratic National Convention, which convened at Charleston on the 10th of April, adjourned on the 12th, without making any resolutions, except in Baltimore on the 11th of April. The policy of this convention, after the discussion of several of the Southern States, cannot reasonably be questioned. It was unanimous, and therefore, Judge Douglas could have been nominated in a few more ballots, notwithstanding the arbi-

trary and despotic ruling of the Presi-

dent. If there is no plurality of votes in the Southern constituency, we defer to them.

That a difference of opinion has always

existed among the great mass of the

people of the South, in regard to the power of Congress in the

Territories, is a well known fact to every

reading web. This difference has not only

existed among members of the same party, but has been tolerated without impairing

their political influence, or compromising

their party unity. In 1837 and 1848

when the agitation growing out of this very

question shook our government to its

very foundations, it was deemed advisable

to adjourn, and thus afford the representa-

tives of the South the opportunity of appointing

delegates. Then the Congress proceeded

to the nomination of a potent lever would

thus have been placed in the hands of the

Opposition to attack the nationality of the

Democratic party, and it might also have

endeared bad feelings with the national

men of the Southern States, who are anxious

to be represented in Baltimore, and thus re-

dease their southerners from the train of dis-

union and rebellion which might otherwise

exist upon us. The Southern delegations

clearly manifested the great mass of the

unsuspecting people of their States, who, being

aroused by the action of the agitators

who held in their power, and have betrayed

them, will now desire the work of re-

deating their authority and attack their de-

legation to the Union by sending delegates to

the Balance Convention, to fill the va-

cancies which have been created.

The disruption and secession at Charle-

ton, occasioned by the action of Al-

abama, was preconceived, and not unexpected

by the friends of the South.

The Arch-agitator in the programme,

W. L. Yancey, has directed all his thoughts

and energies to bringing about a dissolution

of the Union for the last 20 years. In 1848

he seceded from the Democratic Convention

which nominated Gen. Cass. In 1858 he

attempted to establish a new Southern

Confederacy, the object of which

was to "precipitate the cotton States into a

revolution." The mask was effectually torn

from him in this effort, by Roger A. Pryor,

and the insidious attack upon the Union ex-

posed. The plot and its author fell still-

borm, and Mr. Yancey was heard nothing

more until he succeeded in getting into

the Territories, to the Supreme Court of the

United States, no hunting at all, the n-

ameless abstraction. The honest masses,

who love the Union will never consent to it.

They believe if the people of a State or Ter-

ritory want negro slavery they will have it,

and if they do not want it they will not have

it; and that is the end of it. Slavery can

not be forced upon any people. In addi-

tion to this we have half as many negroes

in the Southern States as we have here.

Non-Intervention. With it we have hope

to succeed, and with it we can triumph

hereafter. We had better suffer the ill-

fortune to be beaten than to be beaten.

EDWARD E. & WM. P. JOHNSON.

Shanahan, May 1, 1860.

The Territorial Question.

The Spectator of the 2d class a

moderate and anti-slavery article on the Charles-

ton Convention.

It is well known that the Democ-

atic National Convention, which convened

at Charleston on the 10th brings

some plan of operation.

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