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The Family Circle,
From the New York Mirror.

ENTRANCE INTO LIFE.

It is doing a service to mankind to destroy the prejudice which is generally entertained that youth is educated when some care has been taken of their infancy. This prejudice, or other bad effects of it, suspends the zeal of that small number of individuals in the middle ranks of life, who wish to give their children the best education they possibly can. From a false notion that the minds of young persons are formed at a very early period, they suffer them to be their own masters at a time when they stand most in need of a guide to direct them in the course of the most important period of their education, by the wisdom of his counsels, the gentleness of his insinuations, and the force of his example. Few persons, in their infancy, learn the art of employing and governing themselves; and it is very difficult to learn till the faculties of the mind are full-blown, and the character has taken its true bias. When young persons, therefore, are entering upon the tempestuous ocean of human life, then is the time when they must be taught the pilot's art, the manner of steering their course, so as to avoid rocks and quicksands. A philosopher might begin to take the charge of education at a time when the vulger think it is finished. Many persons are capable of educating children in the ordinary method—there are few, very few, who are capable of forming men.

INDUSTRY, SLOTH.

It is with us as with other things in nature, which by motion are preserved in their native purity and perfection, in their sweetness, in their lustre—rest corrupting, debasing, and defiling them: if the water runneth, it holdeth clear, sweet and fresh: if the air be fanned by winds, it is pure and wholesome; but from being shut up, it groweth thick and putrid; if metals be employed, they abide smooth and splendent; but lay them by, and they soon contract rust; if the earth be beia boured with culture, it yieldeth corn; but lying neglected, it will be overgrown with brakes and thistles, and the better the soil is, the ranker weeds it will produce: all nature is upheld in its being, order, and state, by constant agitation; every creature is incessantly employed in action conformable to its designed end and use; in like manner the preservation and improvement of our faculties depend on their conduct and wholesome exercise.

TIME.

What voice may speak to the, tomb builder, Time!
Thou wast, and art, and shalt be, when the breath
That holds communion now, is hushed in death.
Upon thy tablet earth—a page sublime—
Are chronicled the wrecks of buried years:
The cities of the lava sepulchre—
The relicks of heaven's wrathful minister—
Yield up their boarded history of tears!
The pyramid and mausoleum proud,
Attest of thee, and tell of those that were;
Of sounding names, now heard as empty air—
That once were as the voice of nations loud;
The Persians and the Greek are crowded there—
Feuds are forgot when foes the narrow dwelling crowd!

EXTRACT.—He builds too low who builds his hopes beneath the skies. Let us then be chiefly anxious respecting the present that we may know how to profit next by it, and respecting the future only as it is connected with our interests in another world. Behold the various exquisite scenes which open before our eyes as we proceed in our walk. Look at that path which winds before us till it is lost in shade. See how beautiful its borders are diversified with plants of every tint and and every form. Mark how the light breaks in from above, and how it trembles among the leaves. Listen to the note of the wood pigeon, the distant lowing of the cattle, and the bark of the watch dog. How beautiful, how delightful is this scene and its attendant circumstances!

Yet all the earth is changeable. The yellow tints of autumn have already begun to discolor the leaves; the winds will speedily lay those leaves in the dust; and the whole face of nature will soon be veiled in the snowy mantle of winter. All these circumstances, therefore, all these changes, even to the falling of a leaf, ought to be received by us as so many warnings not to rest in present scenes, but to press forward to those which are eternal. And although there is nothing in this sentiment which has not been repeated a thousand times, yet I belief it cannot be to often repeated or too deeply felt.

Missouri —St. Louis County—the residence of *Thomas H. Benton*, the great humbugger—has given a Whig majority of over 800 votes; six hundred more than it gave at the Presidential election. So much for the popularity of the expunger at home.

Poems by Rufus Dawes.—Mr. Coleman of New York, proposes to publish by subscription, the poems of Mr. Dawes, comprising Geraldine, a Romance of Real Life; St. John's Eve, a Fairy Tale; Lancaster, a national Poem; Occasional Poems comprising Songs and Odes; and Fugitive Pieces.

Mr. D. was recently associated with the N. Y. Whig, and is now in the Sunday Morning News—is a gentleman of fine poetic attainments, and is destined to rank high in the lyric annals of our country.

SCOTLAND.

79th Highlanders.—The united services of nine men of the 79th Highlanders, about to be discharged at Chatham, about to 263 years—they are all Waterloo men—some of them were present at the late battle of Copenhagen and shared in the glories of the Peninsular war. There are only two officers and five men remaining in the regiment who were at Waterloo—*Scotchman.*

Herring Fishing.—We are glad to perceive from the John O'Groat Journal that the appearance of herrings on the coast of Caithness has given an impetus to the preparations of the curers. About 550 barrel of cured fish were forwarded to Leith per last steamer—330 from Kukwall, and the remainder from Wick.—*Ib.*

Accident at Leith.—We regret to state that one of the individuals injured by the explosion of fireworks on Leith Links on Thursday evening, died late on Saturday night. He was a young man about seventeen, nephew of Mr. Thompson, gunmaker, head of Leith Walk. Mr. Thompson himself is still confined, but we understand is considered out of danger. A boy lies in the Leith Casuality Hospital much injured, but is in a fair way of recovery.—A woman who received severe injuries on one of her legs is still under medical care. Other individuals who were more or less burnt we believe are all doing well.

Coronation Blunder.—The following laughable occurrence happened at a small town not far distant.—A printer having been applied to, to print a notice for closing the shops, &c., for the Coronation, by some mistake, purposely or accidentally made, the letter C was put in the place of S, which made it read as follows:—"Notice is hereby given, that all the trades people have agreed not to open their *chops* on the Coronation day." This of course, was an unlucky announcement for many when the roast beef and plum-pudding came in view.—*Perthshire Courier.*

Mr. Alstor, Treasurer to the Asylum for the Blind, has received from the Trustees of the late Mr. Walter Brechin, surgeon, Glasgow, £250, being one-fourth of the residue of Dr. Brechin's Estate, after deducting legacy duty, &c.

Pulpit Eloquence.—A venerable divine of the "auld light" class, now gathered to his fathers, whose flock congregated in a Strath on the line of road betwixt Ayr and Edinburg in expatiating on the temptations of Satan, observed—"Only think of his matchless impudence, my brethern, offering the Saviour of the world all the land as far as could be seen from the top of an exceedingly high mountain! Base liar that he was to mak ony sich offer!—him! the loopy loun, that never had a fur o' lawn a' his days!"

[*Ayr Advertiser.*]

A field of hay on the Ayr and Irvine road cropped this week brought about seven ponds per acre.—*Ib.*

A lot of clothes was carried away on Friday at Flatfield, near Symington, Ayrshire, by a whirlwind. They were seen high in the air, after which they entirely vanished, and have not since been heard of.—*Ib.*

WALES.

Ancient Coin—There is now in the possession of Mr. Heywood, watch and clockmaker, of this city, at whose shop it may be inspected by the curious in antiquarian research, a gold coin in the reign of Henry VI called an "angel," in excellent preservation. Its value at that period was 6s. 8d. but if now broken up for melting, it would fetch double the current value; as a relic of the olden time its value must be considerable. The coin was dug up out of the earth at Clynog midway between Carnavon and Pwlhell.

North Wales Chronicle.

A child of Mr. David Powell, of Libanus, near Brecon, between four and five years old, born blind lately, underwent an operation by Dr. Lucas, which was attended with complete success, the blessing of sight having been restored.

Fatal Accident.—A decent old man, named Slack, from the neighbourhood of Enniskillen, while bathing at Bundoran, on the 6th July, incautiously ventured too far in to the tide, and was carried off; his remains were washed on shore, a few hours afterwards.—*Ballyshannon Herald.*

Sunday last was ushered in by the celebrated St. Swithin with copious showers of rain, which continued until night, with little intermission.

"St. Swithin's day, if thou dost rain,
For forty days it will remain:
St. Swithin's day, if thou be fair,
For forty day's 'twill rain na mair."

Limerick Chron.

Literature.—Direction on a letter put in the Post Office, at Glyn Neath. "To King Jorge, Priordy, Carmarthen, for John Lodwick, Penybwlch, Aabergwegly perish.

At Merioneth-shire Quarter Sessions on Friday, the 6th inst. *Ellis Jones* was tried and found guilty for being found on the premises of Col. Vaughan, in the night, in search of game, and resisting the keeper whilst endeavouring to apprehend him, and sentenced to ten months imprisonment in Dolgelley gaol to hard labour.—*North Wales Chronicle.*

The village of Cleverley has again, since the coronation, been the scene of great festivity, which took place on Tuesday, in celebration of the marriage of Edward Lloyd Galactre, Esq of Galactre Hall, with Jessie, second daughter of the late W. Forbes, Esq of Calendar House, Stirlingshire.

The fair of Enniskillen on Tuesday, the 10th July, was one of the briskest for business on the green we have had for some time. Horses of a good description sold particularly well, and stock of every kind realized profitable remuneration to their owners.—*Erne Packet.*

Bridge of Athlone.—Commissioners have arrived in Athlone, for the purpose of making arrangements to erect a new bridge across the Shannon.

Conscience.—Messrs. J. Bidgelow & Co. Jewellers, Boston, received a letter on Thursday through the post office, containing $75, but no signature nor word of any sort. An eloquent letter nevertheless, as the voice of conscience ever is.

No one has the "conscience" to write us such letters—if the gentlemen receive many of the like, we shall petition to be admitted into the firm.

Handel and Haydn Music.

BOSTON Handel and Haydn Society's collection of Church Music, latest edition, just received and for sale by B. BANNAN.

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POTTSVILLE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 5, 1838.

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THE STATE DEBT.

The Van Buren and Porter Loco Foco Central Committee, published an address unto the collar-wearers on the 7th August last, in which the most imblushing and exaggerated mistatements of the state of the Public Debt are given under the sanction of the State Treasurer *Daniel Sturgeon*, among which we will point out the following.

I. That Governor Ritner *had*, in *three* years, increased the State Debt, $5718,783 58;

II. In swelling up which increased amount of State Debt, the State Treasurer includes Temporary Loans.

III. That Governor Ritner has expended, in *three years*, $8,954,760 28.

IV. "That not one cent has been added to the permanent revenue of the Commonwealth," by Governor Ritner.

V. That Governor Ritner has *commenced* public works, that will cost $17,000,000.

VI. That he has only expended towards these public works, $1,940,000.

VII. That the "sums expended, and debts created by Governor Ritner," amount to $24,704,760 23.

VIII. And, finally, that there will be a deficit, the present year, in the Treasury, to the appropriations and demands upon it, of $1,466,080; and that to meet this, and other claims, $3,856,080 must be approvided by the next Legislature.

The above changes have been answered at length in the Harrisburg Chronicle, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Auditor General, but as the details would take more room than we can spare, we shall simply show the gross injustice, not to say wilful falsehood of all the assertions.

The first allegation is that Governor Ritner in three years, increased the State Debt $5,718,783 58." The List of loans in the Auditors office will show that the *permanent* State Debt on 4th, December 1835 amounted to $24,330,003 32, this is an aggregate of $625,432 24 *less* than the amount stated in the address of the Van Buren Central Committee, because temporary loans and unpaid appropriations are included incorrectly in that statement. On the 18th Aug. 1838, the permanent State Debt was $24,230,003 32; the loan by act of April 1, 1836, of $100,000, having been paid off—therefore the permanent debt is that sum LESS than it was when the present Governor came into office. If a *temporary* loan is to be considered a State debt, we will only state that in *four years* Gov. Wolf's temporary loans amounted to $1,424,340, while during Gov. Ritner's administration of *three years*, only $715,000 has been borrowed; and out of that sum $350 000 were negotiated for the express purpose of paying instalments on interest, which should have been provided for by Gov. Wolf: two other loans of $55,000 and $74,000, contracted by Gov. Wolf, have likewise been paid off, and are included in the above estimate, so that the actual temporary loan during Gov. Ritner's three years, amounts only to $585 560. On about two thirds of this and interest of only 4 per cent is now paid, when formerly it was five per cent.

The third charge is, that Gov. Ritner in 3 years has expended $8,954,760 28. In this estimate is concluded the deficit in the revenue of the present year, amounting to $1 816,079 62, that is, Gov. Ritner is blamed for having spent what was never in his possession—with as much propriety might one of our coal dealers who, cleared say $5000 by his operations last year, be accused of lavishing and expending a like sum this year, because the experiments of the general government have stagnated business, and his anticipated revenue has not been realized! Deducting this amount from the gross charge, will leave $7,138,680 66. From this, we have three other items to deduce, for the simple reason that they never *came into the Treasury*, and therefore could not be spent, viz: $250,000 deficiency in tolls, $150,000 deficiency in repair fund, and $400,000 to re-construct the Juniata canal. Deduct this $800,000, and we have $6,338 680 66, which amount has been nearly appropriated in the following manner:

Extension of Canal to Erie,	$700,000
For the N. & W. Branch Canal,	895,017
For the Kittaning Feeder and Wisconcois Canal,	50,000
For the Gettysburg Rail road,	450,000
For completing main line from Phil. to Pittsburg, repairs, renewing defective work,	1788,562
Two *American* Locomotives to replace the *experimental* imported ones.	216,620
For Canals and Rail Roads for the aggrandizement of individuals against the advice of Gov. Ritner.	295,000
For turnpikes, state roads and bridges,	275,300
Internal Education,	1,343,919
For expense of convention,	300,000
	$6,315,418

The next assertion is, that not one cent has been added to the permanent revenue of the Commonwealth, under the administration of Gov. Ritner! We will see how far facts and figures will substantiate this: In 1835, the *last* year of Gov. Wolf's administration, the revenue of the State from tolls amounted only to $684,357 77—in 1836, Gov. Ritner's *first year*, the amount was $837,805 72—in 1837, they were $975,350 49—and in 1838, up to 18th August, there were $780,000. In the *whole six* years of Gov. Wolf's administration, the gross income from public works was $1260,466 06, and in *two and a half years* of Gov. Ritner's term it has amounted to $2,593,156 21, *making an increase in little over one third the time, of more than all his revenue for two successive terms of office*, viz: $1,332,690 15!!!!

Charge the fifth is, that Gov. Ritner has commenced public works that will cost seventeen millions!—That the Erie extension, the North and West Branches, were commenced by Gov. Wolf, every one knows, and if from the works estimated to cost that sum, we deduct those so commenced unproductive and dilapidated, the balance will not cost *three* millions.

The sixth charge can be refuted by the estimate made under the third charge, where it is shown that instead of having expended only 1,940.000 dollars on the public works, he has actually laid out 4, 101,199!

The seventh and most wilful assertion is, that the sums expended and debts created by Gov. Ritner amount to 24,704,760 23 dollars. The component parts of this expenditure are

1. Amount required to complete public works,	15,060,000 00
2. Amount added to State Debt,	2,718,783 58
3. Amount given to Colleges, Academies, Hospitals, Asylums, Surveyors, &c.	690,000 00
4. Amount received as Bank Bonus,	3,235,976 65
	24,704,760 23

The first of these has been disproved under the fifth charge—the fallacy of the second shown in the fact that in the first charge temporary loan is considered as addition to State Debt—as regards the third item of this expenditure, appropriations to purposes of education, science and charity, the assertion bears on its face the impress of mistake, for if the Treasury has paid out one half that sum, it has done so without law or authority, and nothing to the knowledge of the Secretary of the Convention or the Auditor General, has been so disbursed, but as regular legal appropriations. The fourth item includes about three millions and a quarter, received as Bank Bonus, which is estimated as debt. To use the language of the above named gentlemen, "it will be pleasant news for the Banks, though not for the people, to hear that such donations were debts, and are to be repaid."

The last charge is that there will be a deficiency of 1,466,080 dollars on the 1st January next, and that to pay this and current appropriations for 1839, the Legislature must raise 3.856,080 dollars. As yet no deficiency has taken place, the State is solvent—interest on State Debt all paid off, the public works progressing, all the appropriations of last year so strongly resisted by Gov. Ritner, have been met, and the credit of the State so good, that money can be raised at 4 per cent; at a time when it is worth more than ever it was before, and when 5 per cent has heretofore been given; one third of the navigation season, and the most profitable part of the public income is yet before us—and there is no reason to foresee that the appropriations of next year cannot be met by the current revenue and the fourth instalment of the surplus revenue, and when Gov. Ritner came into office, the permanent State Debt was 100,000 dollars *more* than it is at the present date! Where then is the foundation for all these charges! where but in the imagination of those who are striving to misconstrue the situation of our state, and impeach every action of our State Executive! A similar charge against the General Administration, would be indignantly repelled by the friends of Porter, and yet mark the contrast; our State is solvent and depends only on its own resources—the U. States are insolvent, and depend on an immense emission of Treasury Shin plasters to bolster up their reputations, and give a temporary credit to their embarrassed affairs. Such are the facts—let the candid mind draw its conclusions.

Young Men's Meeting.

At a very large meeting of the Young Men of the Borough of Pottsville, favorable to the re election of our present worthy Governor JOSEPH RITNER, and decidedly opposed to the Loco Foco candidate D. R. Porter, (the poor Man's enemy,) convened at the public house of William Wolfinger on Saturday evening, September 1, 1838. The Meeting was organized by appointing SAMUEL B. YOUNG President—R. M. GRANT, ALEX. SILLYMAN, DANIEL EYLER, WILLIAM POLLOCK, JOHN P. OFFERMAN, GEORGE MORTIMER, and J. R. TREGO Vice Presidents, and *Valentine K. Mills, Wm. P. J Painter, Henry Moll, George P. Whipple, and James Trout Secretaries.*

After the meeting was thus organized, it was

Resolved, That a committee of 30 be appointed to draft a Preamble and Resolutions, expressive of the sentiments of the meeting, whereupon the following named persons were appointed:—Jos. C. Kern, John Frank, Charles Medary, Solomon Lord, Solomon Mood, Jacob Millard, Gabriel Fisher, Benjamin Stetler, Isaac Taylor, Samuel G. Sands, Jacob Heder, Peter Seiler, J. Dungleberger, John W. Roseberry, J. D. Hahn, Joseph Mathews, Charles Bittle, W. Sillyman, Timothy Montlinus, Charles Sillyman, Charles Lawton, John Stager, Wesley Mortimer, Thomas S. Ridgway, Benjamin Shantle, George Arnold, Charles Lord, Daniel Yeager, Frederick Mowry, John Alleb ach.

The committee then retired, during the absence of which, the meeting was addressed by Robert M. Grant, in a very fluent manner, after which Mr. John P. Offerman made a few, but very eloquent remarks.

The Committee then returned and reported the following which were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, The pre-ent Gubernatorial Election is one which vitally concerns the character of our State, the dignity of its laws, and the great political principles upon which alone the prosperity of our country can be judicious based,—a contest emphatically between the sovereign people and their unprincipled and unjust stewards, in which it behooves every friend of liberty, every lover of his country, and every co-citizen of our great republic, to battle against a presuming aristocracy, who have abused their delegated powers, and forfeited the public confidence, and whereas the true issue has now been distinctly made on the question of "SUB-TREASURY" or "No SUB-TREASURY," or in plain language *whether the Executive shall have the Entire control of the public money, accountable only to its satilites and office holders*, and whereas our State demands a head who shall be *opposed to all such Dictation*—to *all Sub-Treasury schemes, and all Shin Plaster issues*, and whereas we conceive JOSEPH RITNER the *People's Friend*—the *Promoter* general Education, the *supporter* of Internal Improvements; and the *Champion* of Individual Enterprise, *opposed* to monopolies, to be such a man—and whereas—in our political annals, no crisis in our country has called more loudly upon our young men to achieve a victory of principle, to which the eyes of all the country are now directed with confidence and hope,—and viewing it as a paramount duty to use every honorable and lawful means to procure the extensive dissemination of those principles by which alone such a triumph can be gained—feeling, too, that on our county as one that has heretofore contained a majority, who have advocated the proceedings of the Executive, it is more particularly incumbent to reject their recent innovations, and proclaim our disentitlement from their specious delusions, therefore

Resolved, That we view the decision of the approaching contest between JOSEPH RITNER and *David R. Porter*, to be of vital importance to our welfare as a community, and that a false result will jeopardise the republican institutions of our country, and carry a legion of accumulated evils in its train.

Resolved: That from recent developements which have lost him even the confidence of his original nominators, we cannot with any degree of propriety give our support to D. R. Porter, who stands now before the public, charged by his neighbours with the high crime of *Perjury*.

Resolved, That in our estimation it is an insult, not only to the good sense, but to the morality of any high minded citzen to ask his support in favor of such a man for Governor of the State.

Resolved, That we view moral turpitude as paramount to any political dissenting opinion, in forming an estimate of his fitness for the office.

Resolved, That were his moral character as unsullied as humanity would allow, his adherence to the doctrines of the Sub-Treasury—his vote in Senate in favor of the issue of Treasury Shinplasters—and his support of the Executive in their most obnoxious measures, and his total want of requisite qualifications would be sufficient ground on which to base our most decided objections.

Resolved, That it would appear from the corrupt measures of the General Government, that David R. Porter was chosen as a fitting tool for their purposes, being himself equally corrupt, that if through the influence of party he should be elected in Pennsylvania, the people might become familiar with crime, and better prepared for their invidious attempts to subvert the Government.

Resolved, That it is with pride and pleasure we turn to the contemplation of such a man as JOSEPH RITNER, whose private character is unsullied—whose worth and attainments redound to the honor of his office, under whose fostering care, the prosperity of the State has been preserved—who has relieved the people from an odious state tax,—replenished a *weakened* treasury, and carried on our internal improvements without resorting to heavy permanent loans, or increasing the state debt.

Resolved, That we view his veto of the mammoth Appropriation Bill, as the wisest measure of his administration, inasmuch as it prevented the State from involving itself to the amount of 40,000000, for the agrandizement of private incorporation, the re-action of which would have tended totally to check all state improvements.

Resolved, That we view the policy of JOSEPH RITNER in adopting our internal improvements to our internal resources, to be the index of a safe politician and experienced financier.

Resolved, That we will to the last oppose those measures which would reserve specie solely for office holders, and rags for the people.

Resolved, That the attempts to excite the feelings of the poor, against the rich, the employed vs. employer, and the attempt to introduce an agrarian anarchy, is worthy only of an enemy to his country, his fellow men and his God.

Resolved, That we give our most cordial concurrence to the County Tickets, nominated in convention by the friends of JOSEPH RITNER, on Saturday last, believeing the candidates to be such men of uncompromising worth and competency, as the present crisis requires and demands.

Resolved, That we view Dr. GEO. N. ECKERT, as a man whom the votes of Schuylkill will be proud to honor, a man who will represent the interests of the whole county without regard to party and local feeling, and one whose public and private character are above the breath of calumny.

Resolved, That it is high time for the people of our county to elect to their Legislative Assemblies men of business, who will look well to their constituents interests, without prolonging sessions for purposes of political ferment and discussion, thereby wasting the public money, and degrading the dignity of legislative assemblies—men who, when public business is finished, will return to their homes, and their private affairs, in the true spirit of republicanism,—men who do not make the public business a matter of gain, and a livelihood, but who can conceive it a duty they owe their country as patriots, when called upon, to act with promptness and despatch.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the people of Schuylkill county, to hold a General County Meeting in the Borough of Pottsville, on Saturday the 29th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of consulting together, and adopting such measures as may be deemed necessary to further the cause of the people, and secure the re-election of our present worthy Governor, and the Ritner county Ticket.

Resolved, That the following Young Men be a Committee of Vigilance for the Pottsville District.

[The names will appear next week.]

Mr. JOHN M. CROSLAND, was then called upon to address the Meeting, which he did in a very able speech of some length.

Resolved, That the proceedings be signed by the officers and published in all the Democratic papers in the county.

[*Signed by the officers.*]

The West.—We find the following in the Louisville, Journal, (Prentice's paper:)

News has just reached us, that T. P. MOORE, notorious as "Free Tom Moore," attacked the senior editor of this paper in the yard of the Harrodsburg Springs.—Mr. MOORE advanced upon Mr. PRENTICE with a drawn pistol and fired at him; Mr. PRENTICE then fired, neither shot taking effect. Mr. PRENTICE drew a second pistol, when Mr. MOORE quailed and said he had no other arms; whereupon Mr. PRENTICE from superabundant magnanimity spared the miscreant's life.

Tom Moore is making *free* with a *sergeant*.

Notice to Contractors.

James River and Kanahwa Improvement, Virginia.

A Public Letting will be held in the town of Lynchburg, on the 18th September next, of all the work that now under Contract, on the line of the Canal between that place and the City of Richmond.

This work consists of 39 Locks, 43 Culverts, 3 Aqueducts, 2 Towing path bridges, (one of which is across James river,) about 120 Farm and Road Bridges, and from 30 to 40 sections, besides several heavy sections between Lynchburg and the Blue Ridge.

The Locks will generally be of dry Masonry sheathed with plank.

The situation of the work will be pointed out to Contractors by the Assistant Engineers on the line; and the general plans and specifications will be exhibited at the Office of the subscriber, in the City of Richmond, until the 9th of September, and in Lynchburg at the time of letting.

The valley of the James River is remarkably healthy.

CHARLES ELLET, Jr. Chief Engineer of the J. R. and K. company.

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