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LET THE STAUNTON SPECTATOR have as large a circulation as any paper published in Western Virginia, has no superior in this section of country as an advertising medium.

FOR PRESIDENT, JOHN BELL, OF TENNESSEE.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, EDWARD EVERETT, OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Union or Disunion. That is the Question. The great work to be accomplished in the present canvass is the preservation of the Union against the ambitious schemes of sectionalism, North and South. Union or Disunion—that is the great and absorbing question in comparison with which all others upon which political parties have been heretofore divided sink into insignificance.

We have ever believed that whenever the conviction forced itself upon the minds of the honest masses of the American people that the Union was really in peril, they would rise in their majesty and their strength to rebuke the traitorous designs of corrupt and selfish men. These people are now convinced, and the result everywhere will be a "regular groundswell" in behalf of the Constitution and the Union.

We do not state these facts and ask Democratic people to believe them, upon our authority, but they are so told by many of the most prominent and honest men of their own party—not the leaders who are all committed to Yancey and Disunion—but by such men as those assembled in Convention at Staunton on the 10th, representing the people and not the politicians.

Glorious Meeting of the Friends of the Union. We regret that we are unable in this issue to give a full account of the great and glorious anti-fugitive meeting held at the Court House yesterday.

Remedy for the Floods. The recent severe freshets, which proved so disastrous to our town, have led our town authorities to undertake the work of preventing such inundations for the future.

Very Feary. The "Richmond Enquirer" talks about John Bell's "abdication heresies." Mr. Bell is said to be interested in the "peevish institution" to the extent of about 400 negroes only.

Bell and Everett in Rockingham. The Bell and Everett men of Rockingham organized for the campaign at the last Court. A spirited speech was delivered by Capt. John A. Imboden, of Staunton, which elicited hearty applause.

Check Bookkeepers. A few observations we saw a little boy, not more than three years old, lying on Water Street, near the old bridge, in a state of thorough intoxication, frolicking at the mouth, with eyes half closed, and unconscious of things around him.

The Convention in Virginia. We congratulate our Union friends in the Old Dominion, says the Baltimore American, not only upon their attitude of hostility to all new dogmas, but upon the courteous and kindly spirit they manifest towards their ancient political adversaries of both wings of the divided Democracy.

The Turkish Government in Syria. The Turkish Government in Syria is said to be from 15,000 to 16,000. More than one hundred towns, villages and hamlets, have been burned; seventy five thousand people plundered of their all, and the greater part of those who have been burned, were at least fifteen thousand men, women and children.

But the matter will not stop here. France has sent a military expedition to Syria, and Russia is also ready to take a hand in the great work. From motives of policy connected with her East Indian possessions, England has been reluctant to interfere—she is jealous of the influence of France and Russia in the East, and wishes to maintain the Turkish empire as it is.

Democratic Meetings. The Douglas Democracy convened at the Court House on Friday evening, and the Breckinridge Seceders on Saturday evening last, for the purpose of organizing their respective forces for the campaign.

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At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Constitutional Union party, held at the Court House, on Monday, the 27th inst., on motion of J. D. Imboden, Esq., Hon. A. H. H. Stuart was called to the Chair, and L. W. Wallall, Esq., appointed Secretary.

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