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## Notice.

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North Branch Canal,

prior to the 9th day of January, 1844, who have not handed to the subscriber an account of the eather, are requested to do so at the earliest possible moment, in order that they may be put in form for assembled at Baltimore, tement as soon as the fund anotopriated for the payment of old debts can be obtained. Those living at a distance are requested to forword by mail or otherwise, W. R. MAFFET, Wilkesbure, May 11, 1844.---tf Supervisor.



# AND SHAMOKIN JOURNAL:

Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of Republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism .- JEFFERSON.

By Masser & Eisely.

## Sunbury, Northumberland Co. Pa. Saturday, Oct. 17, 1844.

## The Value of the Newspaper.

Somebody-a very sensible somebody-peaks as follows :- "A child beginning to read becomes delighted with a newspaper, because he reads of names and things which are very familiar, and he will make a progress accordingly. A newspaper in one year, says Mr. Weeks, is worth a quarter's schooling to a child, and every father must consider that substantial information is connected with this advancement. The mother of the family being one of its heads and having a more immediate charge of children, ought to be intelligent of mind, pure in language, and always cheerful and circumspect. As instructor of her children, she should herself be instructed. A mind occupied becomes fortified against the ills of life, and is braced for any emergency. Children amused by reading or study are, of course, considerate and more easily governed."

Neal's Saturday Gazette says :- "The difference between people who read the newspapers We've a thrifty young hickory to stand in and people who do not, is striking. It may almost be seen in their faces, and it is at least made evident in two minutes of conversation. We have indeed been always of opinion, that newspapers of the proper character should be regularly placed in the hands of children, as soon as they are able to read. It will soon be to them a pleasure as well as an advantage. and its beneficial effects in awakening the mind would be felt throughout life. We might even, if we had leisure just now, prove that to read the journals is an improver of beauty-an actoal cosmetic, giving intelligence to the eye, expansion to the brow, and vivacity to the expression. The aspect often indicates the soul, It will spread to the lakes and the sea. and if the scul be dark and unenlightened, the imprint will be likewise on the visage. How often do we see children with the most bright and intellectual look, become gradually heavy, dull and contracted in their expression, as they -for want of the proper mental culture. The "In my judgment, it is the duty of the Go- best part of their nature perishes for lack of ex-

#### A Chapter About American Ice.

As we are henceforth to have this cooling luxury regularly supplied to us, and its great superiority, both in clearness and thickness, over the home article (owing to the precarious nature of our winters and other causes) is ac-

Platforms, or low tables, are placed near the opening made in the ice, with an iron slide reaching from them into the water ; and a man stands on each side with an ice book, very much ike a beat hook, but made of steel with fine sharp points. With these the ice is hooked with a jerk that throws it on the platform on the talking world ! Many, who are now valuable sides which are of the same height. On a cold as geese, would then be mute as fish. day every thing becomes covered with ice, and

hard frost will make it as thick below--inch for inch-for what has been taken off above.

ice house has a branch railway from the main ine; and is conveyed in properly constructed box wagons to Boston-a distance of (as the locality may be) 10 to 18 miles. The tools, machinery, &c., employed, and the building the houses, and constructing and keeping up the railroads, &c., are very expensive ; yet the facilities are such, through good management. per pound ; and the failure of the ice crop in

It would appear that, for the procuring, preserving and use of this new article of importthough but water in its natural state in the fri- evil speaking ; it is usually the result of gid zones - a variety of mechanical and scient thoughtlessness; or, the desire of saying some-

#### PRICES OF ADVERTISING.

square 1 insertion, -\$0 50 do do 0 75 2 do 3 do . 1 00 Every subsequent insertion, - -0 26 Yearly Advertisements : one column, \$25 ; half column, \$18, three squares, \$12; two squares, \$9; one square, \$5. Half-yearly : one column, \$18 half column, \$12 ; three squares, \$8 ; two squares, \$5; one square, \$3 50.

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#### CJ Sixteen lines make a square.

There is no doubt that Mrs. B- was right in ascribiug the origin of most of the gossip and scandal in society to the desire to be lively and entertaining, rather than any mischievous desire of injuring those whose characters are so freely criticised. Still the habit of this evil speaking can hardly be too carefully avoided.

That beautiful portrait of woman, drawn by the inspired minstre!, cannot be too sedulously studied, "She openeth her mouth with wisdom (or learning.) and on her tongue is the law of kindness,"-Is not the picture charming ?-Such should woman always be, and fear not that this

## Advice to Matdens. BY M. M. NOAH.

That classical song which commences with "O, take your time, Miss Lucy," has proved very disastrous to young ladies who have been controlled by it. Every thing is done in a hurry in this world, therefore get married as quickly as possible. Husbands are like birds, it you don't bring them down at once they are off.

Love is an idea ; beef is a reality. The idea you can get along without ; the beef you must have. Do not then allow any refined sentimentalism to interfere with what judicious and calculating parents call an advantageous settlement

Young girls will have twinges of the heartstrings, we know, but these are like other complaints incidental to youth, they go away suddenly without any bad effects. Dyspepsin often produces melancholy, which is attributed to disappointed affection, but bran bread and apple sauce will speedily remove this complaint.

Some girls have imaginations so tender that they believe themselves in love with every man who says a civil word to them. These unfortunate creatures should take the shower bath every morning, and take frequent exercises on borse-back.

Romance should be confined to circulating libraries and boarding schools : it is well enough in these places, but out of them it is sadly out of the way. It is very apt to take bread and butter out of one's mouth, and it is a curious fact in "physics," that though love causes the heart to swell, it never fills an empty stomach. If a man falls in love with you, instead of ascertaining the color of his eyes, find out the length of his purse ; instead of asking his age, get a list of his effects. If these make a goodly appearance, never mind his looks but conclude the bargain at once. You will learn to love him when you feel the necessity of such a passion. In the mean time endure him. There used to be many Alonzos and Melissas in the world, and there was much misery in consequence. Now a days, people are more sensible. They have an eye to the real ; they are matter of fact, and see more substantial comfort in a well furnished home than a dozen sonnets, more beauty in a bountifully supplied table than a score of love letters. All this betrays a good deal of sound sense, which maidens would do well to profit by.



#### YOUNG BICKORY.

AIR-"Bonnets o' Blue."

The glorious old hickory tree, The stately old hickory tree, Is sinking away from age and decay, And soon it must fall, the old tree Hurrah for the Hickory tree, For long it has sheltered the free, From the storms of oppression, the wind and the

> And the tyrant far over the sea-Hurrah, &c.

But near to that noble old tree. In the country of West Tennessee. his place, And there's not a dead spot in the tree. Hurrah for the Hickory tree, The tallest in West Tennessee.

It is spreading its limbs to the east and the west. To the lakes and the Mexican sea.

## Hurrah, &c.

It's good to be equal in laws, In the blood-purchased rights of the free ; It's good to support the republican cause, Around the youg hickory tree. Hurrah for the Hickory tree, The noble young Hickory tree, So thrifty and tall, you shall see in the fall, Hurrah, &e.

#### Mr. Polk on the Tariff.

In a letter to John K. Kane, E-q. of Philadelphia, dated the 10th of last month, speaking of advance towards maturity. And why is this ! the Tariff, Col. POLK says :

vernment to extend as far as it may be practi- ercise. They do not read the newspapers cable to do so, by its revenue and other means People may laugh, perhaps ; but if this be a within its power, FAIR AND JUST PRO- jest, there is not a little of truth in it. TECTION TO ALL THE GREAT INTER-Commonwealth for Libor performed or mate- ESTS OF THE WHOLE UNION, embracing Agriculture, Manufactures, the Mechanic Arts, Commerce and Navigation. I heartily approve the resolution upon this subject, passed by the Democratic National Convention, lately

## Vol. 5 -- No. 4 -- Whole No. 212. SCANDAL. BY MRS. SARAH J. DALE.

"Speak not evil one of another."-Bible. Is the precept of the spostle could be enforced what a revolution there would be in this

200,000 tons, is secured. Some winters it is besides personalities, agreeable to them.

of no value, and has to be planed off.

ty and humility." The ice is transported on railways. Each

America would be a great calamity.

There is a cortain class of persons who ne-

the blocks are each sent spinning along, al- ver have any subject of conversation, unless though they weigh two cwt., as if they weigh- connected with personalities. We regret to ed only a pound. The slides are large lattice- say that women more often than men are accuwork platforms to allow the ice to drain, and sed of this gossipping propensity, though we do three tons can thus be easily run in one of them not believe it originates from any innate per- discretion will make you dull. "The innocent by one horse. It is then carried to the ice- versity of moral teeling in the female character; are gay." touses, discharged upon a platform in front of it is only the result of their defective training, the doors, and hoisted into the building by a and their limited opportunities of acquiring inhorse. Forty men and twelve horses will cut formation. Still ignorance does not extenuate and stow away 400 tons a day. If the weather the evil of slander ; it only shows how it may be favorable, 100 men are sometimes employed be corrected, namely, by giving our daughters at once; and in three weeks the ice crop, about such an education, as will make other subjects,

very difficult to secure it, as a rain or a thaw "I called," said a gentleman, "the other day, will come that will destroy the labor of weeks on a very fashionable lady, and was entertained and render the ice unfit for market; and then, during my visit, by a variety of piquant anecit may snow and rain upon that, before these dotes and saturcal remarks respecting her paremployed have time to clear it off ; and if the ticular friends. She had a beautiful set of latter freezes, the result is snow-icc, which is teeth, and as she laughed in her glee over the mangled reputations, which she had strewn like

The operation of planing proceeds in nearly plucked flowers around her, I was thinking of the same manner as that of cutting. A plane the doctrine of transmigration, and imagining guaged to ran in the grooves made by "the what animal her soul would be compelled to inmarket" and which will shave the ice to the habit, in order to explate her sin of evil speakdepth of three inches at one cut, is drawn by a ling,-and I fixed on the hyenn,-yes, the laughhorse, until the whole piece is regularly planed ing hyena; and before I left her, that truly over. The chips are then scraped off. If the beautiful woman had quite a hyenaish look ice is not then clear, the work is continued un- By the way, there was much justice in that potil the pure ice is reached, and a few nights of etical doctrine of the transmigration of souls. It taught two excellent lessons to men-humani-

The remarks of this gentleman brought to our recollection similar conversations; and we could not but own that there were in society those who would be changed into crying hyemis, if they had their deserts. Have you never heard people lament over the follies of their friends, and dwell in the most pathetic manner on the faults and misfortunes of their acquaintances! And have you not felt, as you watchthat ice can be furnished at a very triding cost | ed the expression of the countenance, and listened to the intonations of the voice, that these "shocking things" did not greatly afflict the relator ? But there are few, we trust, who thus give themselves up to the malicious pleasure of

## REMOVAL.

## DOCTOR J. B. MASSER.

RESPECTFULLY informs the cit-CAR izens of Sonbury and its vicanity, that he has removed his office to the white building in Market Square, east of Ion in the line of his profession Sunbury, May 4th, 1844.

## DAVID EVANS'

Patent Fire and Thief Proof Iron Chests, Slate lined Refrigerators, with Filters attached when required.

EVANS & WATSON, No. 76 South third St., opposite the Exchange,

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of Boiler Iron. (and not over Plank us minely-five out of every one hundred now in use and for sale are made.) with first rate Locks and David Evans' Patent Keyhole Covers, similar to the one exhibited at the Philadelphia Exchange, for three months. in the summer of 1842, when all the Keys were at liberty to be used, and the Chest not opened, although the experiment was tried by at least 1500 persons. One of the same Locks was tried by Robbers, at the Delaware Coal Office, in Walnut street, above Third, but did not succeed.

or P Heisting Machines, Iron Doors, superior Locks, and all kinds of Iron Rudings. Seal and Copying Presses, and Smithwork generally, on hand or manufactured at the shortest notice.

OF CAUTION -I do hereby caution all persons against making using, selling, or causing to be sold, any Keyhole Covers for Fire Proof Chests, or Doors, of any kind similar in principle to my Patent, of 10th July, 1841, and also against Lining Refrigerators with Slate, for which my Patent is dated 26th March, 1844, as any infringement will be dealt with according to law.

DAVID EVANS. Philadelphia, April 13, 1844 .-- 1y

#### FORESTVILLE BRASS EIGHT DAY CLOCKS.

THE subscriber has just received, for sale, a few of the above celebrated Eight Day Clocks, which will be sold at very reduced prices, for eash. Also, superior 30 hour Clocks, of the best make five hundred houses going up in St. Louis, and quality, which will be sold for cash, at \$4 50, Also, superior Brass 30 hour Clocks, at \$8 00. H. B. MASSER. Dec. 2, 1843.

# STONE WARE for sale. 225 Stone Jugs, from 1 quart to 3 gallons,

chesp, by

Henry Clay's Opinion of the Tariff Question.

The following extract is from the speech of Mr. Clay, in the Senate of the United State on the 21st January, 1842, in reply to Woodbury, on the Treasury Note Bill-reported for the Washington National Intelligencer.

EXTRACT FROM MR. CLAY'S SPEECH. "Carry out then, said he, the spirit of the Compromise Act. Look to Revenue alone for

157" I never was in favor of what I regarded a high Turiff. No more Revenue should to Mr. Merriweather of Georgia, Oct. 2, 1842.

### Principles we Fight for.

Jefferson lays down the following principles : "The People-the only source of legitunate power.

"The absolute and lastning severance of Church and State.

"The Union-a confederacy, a compact, neither a consolidation, nor a centralization,

"The Constitution of the Union-a special grant of powers, limited and definite,

"The civil paramount to the military power, "The Representatives to obey instruction of his constituents.

"Elections free, and suffrage universal. "No hereditary office, nor order, nor title. "No taxation beyond the public wants. "No national debt, it possible. "No costly splendor of administration. "No proscription of opinion, nor of public dis cussion.

"No unnecessary interference with individual conduct, property or speech.

"No favored classes, and no monopolies "No public monies expended, except by warrant or a specific appropriation.

"No mysterics in government inaccessible to the public eye.

"Public compensation for public services, moderate salaries, and strict accountability."

IMPROVEMENT .- It is said that there are now

225 Stone Jugs, from I quart to 3 gallons, 50 Stone Jacs, from 2 to 6 gallons, sp, by Oct. 14 H. B. MASSER. expenses, \$35,000, a part of which has been in-very brittle in a keen trost : in comparatively be at all lively and pengent, must be personal."

knowledged by all who have tried it, a short no. tifical operations are brought into play. tice of its uses, the manner of keeping it, and of guaging, squaring, and (sometimes) the planing interesting to our readers.

Ice has become a great article of export from the import to our navigators; the preservation West Indies, &c. ; and as sawdust is solely used Liverpool Standard. in packing, a large trade is also carried on in post office, where he will be happy to receive rails support of Government. Do not raise the that article. The ice-houses near the lakes question of Protection, which I had hoped had and ponds, are immense wooden buildings, ca- The new Family Cook Back, published in been put to rest. There is no necessity of puble of holding 10,000 to 20,000 tons each ; London, a quaint affair, gives the following re-PROTECTION FOR PROTECTION." some of them, indeed, cover half an acre of cipe for a "Dish for Two," called Marriage. It ground. They are built with double walls, that may be served in the same way in this part of is, with an inner wall all round, two feet from the world.

mannert-

The ice that is intended to be cut must be ling, try another battle. When getting red in

cutting and securing it in America, may prove appear to belong to the joiner, aided by the ma-Miss A .-. ," said the lively Mrs. B .-.; "she is thematician ; the ploughing to the agriculturist; the transport over land to the civil engineer ; Every body regrets it ?"

America. Sixty thousand tens are annually to our philosophers ; and the use and economy sent from Boston to southern parts, the East and to our medical men and our housewives -

## A New Dish for Two.

the outer one ; and the space between is filled | "Catch a young gentleman and lady. The be levied then to an economical administra- with saw dust-a non-conductor,-making a young gentleman will be best raw, the young tion of the Government .- Mr. Clay's Letter solid wall, impervious to heat and air, and of ten lady quite tender. Set the gentleman at the feet in thickness. The machines employed in | domertable ; take a battle of wine-claret is cutting the ice are very beautiful, and the work good, porter is better, a dash of champagne will is done by men and horses, in the following give it a briskness; let him suck in this mixture for a couple of hours ; if no signs of bod-

kept clear of snow, as soon as it is sufficiently the gills, take him into the drawing room; it in thick to bear the weight of the men and horses winter, set him at the fireside with the lady, to be employed, which it will do at six inches ; throw in a dish of green tea, of about three cups and the snow is kept scraped from it until it is to each : let them simmer together. It in the thick enough to cut. A piece of ice is cleared summer time, place them in a current of sir. of two acres in extent, which, at a flot thick, as near the window and as much out of sight will give about 2000 tons, by keeping the snow as you can; stick the lady all over with flowers, off, it freezes thicker, as the frost is freely al- then place them near the plano, and keep stirlowed to penetrate. When the time of cutting | ring them till the lady sings. When you hear arrives, the mencommence upon one of these the gentleman sigh, all is going on well. Then pieces, by getting a straight line through the take them off, and put thesh in a corner of the centre, each way. A small hand plough is room on a sola, near a chess-board, if possible, ry hady knows and notedly will wouch for, is warded him at Hymen's Union-office. pushed along the line, until the groove is about and leave them together summering for the rest what as a Christian I cannot do." a quarter of an inch in width, and three inches of the evening. Repeat this three or four times, deep, when they commence with "the marker" taking care to keep them as close to each other rious," replied the gay Mis. B .-. "It was on- ing to describe his opponent as a soulless man -an implement drawn by two horses-which as you can. Great care must be taken about by in a laughable way that it was mentioned to main ; of have heard some persons hold to the makes two new grooves parallel with the first, the degree of heat-it too story they will ex. mot just to culture conversation in a bulle con- opinion that just at the precise instant after our 21 inches, the gauge remaining in the first plote and fly off; if to lathe they will turn ins fidential circle. It has troubled me," and the human being dies, another is born; and that the groove. It is then shifted to the outside groove to a july or perhaps an ice. The best heat is hely spoke with forling, we doubt not with truth soul enters and animates the new-born name. and makes two more. The same operation goes the moderate, regular and constant. The also, "because may fault of temper in a young Now I have made particular and extensive inon in parallel rectangular lines, until the ice is length of time during which it is to be applied lady, and such a lovely one, is to be deeply re- quiries concerning my opponent thar, and I find all marked out into squares of 21 inches. In must be according to circumstances. For a gretted. But then these things will be said to that for some hours previous to his nativity, nothe meanwhile the plough is following in these gentleman and lady, under five or twenty, three keep up conversation. I really wish we had body died ! Follow-citizens, you may draw the grooves, drawn by a single horse, a man lead- months, three weeks, or three days are some- more rational subjects of social entertainment ; inference." ing it; and he cuts up the ice to a depth of six times sufficient, but in every instance there but ladies you know are not in the habit of ininches. The outer blocks are then sawn out, must be great precaution to avoid a broil. A troducing rational or improving topics of con- An editor out west gives vent to his indiguinand iron bars are used in splitting them. These certain quantity of "Queen's coin" put in during versation. We are atraid of appearing stiff and as follows : "he who steals my purse, size a bars are like a spade, of a wedge form. In the cook, will have a great effect in keeping up being called blues; and so we rattle on with trash; but he who steals my umbrella-cost dropping them into the grooves the ice splits the heat ; the dish will look remarkably well whatever nonsense first occurs. And a little him." THEAVENCALS IN THE UNITED STATES -It is off, and a very slight blow is sufficient to sepa- if garnished round with bank paper; it may scandal, as you may call it, or harmless pleasstated that Mr. Macready has received for his rate them; and they split easy or hard, accord- then be served up, and will make an excellent antry on our absent friends and sequeintances. A boarding school miss, being mowell them he

thing to an use or astonish. "On I am serry to believe this story about a lovely girl; but there are spots on the sun-

"Indeed ! I never heard a syllable of the matter," replied Mrs. C-. "I think it must he a mustake. I have been intimate with the tainily a long time, and understand Miss A-'s disposition. I am sure she was never guilty of such conduct."

"No-there can be no mistake, I had it from good authority. I regret to believe itbut I must. The young lady has a very bad temper. It is a pity--a thousand pities. So fascinating as she is, too ! I am sorry. Do you think Edward D- ever heard of it ?" "I hope not," said Mrs. C-,

"Hope not ! Why, if it be true he ought to know it. He is very attentive to her ; many think it an engagement; though I never believed it had gone so far. But you are his friend, and I presume will inform him of it."

made a vow never to retail scandal." "Scandal do you call this ?" exclaimed the

adv, reddening to the forehead," "Certainly .- I call every evil report seandal

"Oh, you are making the affair quite too se- A Southess Max .- A stump orator, wish-

professional services, in this country, over his ing to the weather, in a very cold day. Ice is dish for two. Care should be taken that no vi- serves wonderfully to amuse. It is so easy to it was not genteel to say she was Bil-ious, so

The following instance of the ruling passion amid danger is perhaps unsurpassed.

A gentleman, newly married, being in a small pleasure boat with his wife, a storm arising, the trail bark was tossed at the mercy of the wind and waves. The wife clung, shrieking to her husband, exclaiming, "we are lost !" "Nay, my dear," rejoined her husband, who was an irreclaimable punster, "nay, my dear, how can we be lost when we're one," (won-)

COURTRAIP .- A rich and handsome young widow lately asked a gallant officer on ball pay at what fire house he would advise her to in-ure which is not issued under the autharity of a re- her house. "In either the Union or the Handpossible name. Now if you will give me the in-Hand Office," replied he, significantly. "Is ame of your informant, and become answerable the fire office near ?" she asked "Very Dear, courself for the truth of this story, I will inform | madam; I cover it with my hand," placing his Mrs. A --- family and Edward D--of the mat- hand on his breast. The widow was not inter. But to tail it merely as a story which eve- sensible to his wit or merit, and speedily re-