

N. Western Bank of Virginia.

Books were opened in Western Virginia, on the 1st inst. for subscriptions to the stock of this bank. The editors of the North Western Gazette, printed in Wheeling, speaking of this bank, says: Our citizens have been necessitated to acknowledge that the banking system though an evil, is, by the practice of other states, made necessary to their prosperity, and, "Evil be thou my good," has become the prevailing sentiment.

There is a report that the British government had asked for the island of Cuba, of the court of Madrid, as a set-off against the debt of Spain.

General Wade Hampton and John K. West, esq. are appointed at New Orleans, two of the commissioners of the new State Bank of Louisiana.

The South American commissioners have transmitted despatches from Rio Janeiro to government; they were submitted to the cabinet on the 25th ult.

In Ohio most marriages are authorized by licenses from the county clerk. The editor of the St. Clairsville paper, says that 173 licenses were granted in the county of Belmont during the last year, and that as the Friends and Seceders marry without licenses the number of marriages must have been considerably greater.

THE FLORIDAS.

Ferdinand intending to sell, or expecting to be dispossessed of Florida, is carrying on a high game. In the Aurora a letter is published, dated Madrid, March 17, in which it is stated, "that since the seizing of Amelia island by our government, Ferdinand VII, has granted to several of his favorites, immense tracts of land in the Floridas, and gives a translation of a transcript from the Spanish.

The legislature of New-York, at their session which closed at midnight, on the 21st of April last, passed 290 laws.

IMPORTANT FACT.

In the communication of B. F. Stickney, Indian agent, at fort Wayne, it is stated that there is an uninterrupted navigation from Lake Erie to the Ohio river through the St. Mary's and Wabash rivers; and also from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi, by the Applan river, which throws a part of its waters into the Lake, and part into Illinois river.

Ohio Fed.

We are authorised by a gentleman of unimpeachable honor and veracity, to state the following facts; and we feel at a loss to find time adequate to express our indignation and horror at the cupidity and barbarity which they display.—Our informant states that a black boy belonging to him, some months ago, eloped from his service, but not being very anxious to recover him, he took the usual precaution of advertising a small reward for his apprehension. He heard nothing of the runaway for a considerable time, and the first information was from a person who offered to purchase his time. The master declined the offer, and upon inquiry found that the person proposing to buy the boy, had already kidnaped and sold him! to be transported as a slave to the Southward!! With a zeal and humanity which reflect honor upon his character, he immediately made arrangements for the recovery of the unfortunate boy; and he was not only successful in reclaiming his servant from the foulest bondage, but has been the instrument, under Providence, of exposing a scene of villainy almost unexampled.

The officer who was dispatched for the purpose, reached a house on South River, about 8 miles from South Amboy, occupied or owned by a Charles Morgan.—The house was almost like a garrison, so well was it guarded and watched. But the officer made his way, and reclaimed the boy, just on the eve, with about thirty others, of different ages, of being consigned to perpetual and cruel slavery. We are requested to state that this abominable traffic in human flesh is carried on by men holding offices of respectability and trust, and that Nicholas Vanvicle a magistrate, and Jacob Vanvicle, Esq. his son, a lawyer, and Peter Ferren, Henry West Windsor, are knowing to be aiding and assisting in this notorious business. The name of our informant is at the service of any person complaining of this article, and we request publishers throughout the United States, to give the foregoing an insertion.

Phil. Gaz.

It was estimated in England, that upwards of 3000 souls were lost on the coasts of England and France during the late gales.

From the National Intelligencer.

The following letters have been presented to us for publication:

Navy Department, }
April 7, 1818. }

Capt. J. D. Elliott, U. S. Navy:

Sir—In complying with a resolution of Congress, passed on the 29th day of January, 1813, and on behalf of the president of the United States, I have the honor of handing to you "an elegant sword, with suitable emblems and devices, in testimony of the just sense entertained by congress of your gallantry and good conduct, in boarding and capturing the British brigs Detroit and Caledonia, while anchored under the protection of Fort Erie."

Among the various official duties devolving upon me I have a high degree of satisfaction in the performance of this, and at the same time to add the assurance of my personal esteem and respect for your honorable services as an officer, and your character as a gentleman. With the best wishes for your prosperity and happiness, I have the honor to be, &c.

B. W. CROWNINSHIELD.

Norfolk, April 13, 1818.

Sir—Your letter, and the sword which you present to me in compliance with a resolution of congress, have both been received: I want terms to express the mingled sentiments of gratitude and pride inspired by this token of public confidence. Next to the consciousness of having endeavored to do his duty, every officer must value the approbation of his country. I know indeed, that the success which has procured me this honor should be ascribed to the gallantry and good conduct of those whom it was my good fortune to command, rather than to my personal skill, and that I owe this distinction more to the generosity of congress than to my own merit; but this very consideration will animate my future efforts to justify the distinction which my country has deigned to confer on me.

For the kind and flattering manner in which you have been pleased to make this communication, I beg you to accept my acknowledgments.

I have the honor to be, respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. ELLIOTT.

Hon. B. W. CROWNINSHIELD,
Secretary of the Navy.

In the new organization of the staff of the army, by the late law, and the arrangements of the war department, as we understand them, the principal officer of each branch of the military service will be stationed at the seat of government; forming bureaus under the secretary of war, so constituted as to give precision, energy and promptness to the army machinery. The want of such an organization at the commencement of, and during the late war, caused so many embarrassments, that no one can doubt the good policy of congress in affording the means, and the judgment of the execution in employing them to carry this arrangement into operation. The knowledge gained by experiments which cost millions, will be thus preserved, without increased expense, within the reach and control of the proper department.

Nat. Int.

At the last session of the legislature of New-Jersey, a law was enacted, which, after the 4th of July next, will exempt the body from imprisonment for any debt under ten dollars.

Letters from Amsterdam, by the William and Jane, state, the king of the Netherlands has appointed the Viscount de Quabek, of Brabant, to succeed Mr. Ten Cate, present charge d'affaires to the United States.

Mr. Pinkney arrived.—Capt. Chase, who arrived here last evening, informs, that 40 miles E. N. E. off cape Charles, he spoke the ship Plato, Smith, from Bremen for Baltimore, having on board the Hon. Wm. Pinkney, and family, all in good health.

N. Y. paper.

The house of Commons have refused to accede to the motion of Lord Castlereagh to increase the income of the British Princesses and Princesses preparatory to their marriage. This vote against Ministers has excited much speculation in the London papers. The Courier, &c. do not scruple to speak of it in strong terms of reprehension.

Dem. Press.

It is a fortunate circumstance for the reader as well as the editors of Newspapers, that another great Sea Serpent; greater, it appears, than the one which formerly excited so much attention, has kindly visited our Eastern fellow-citizens.

During a scarcity of important news such a visit from so great a personage is highly interesting.

Balt. paper.

Maysville, (Ken.) April 24.

MURDER.—The dead body of a man by the name of Joseph Young, was found nearly concealed in the sand on the bank of the river, near Powers' ferry on the 22d inst. over which an inquest was held by a jury of 12 men, chosen for that purpose, who were of opinion that the said Joseph Young had been murdered by some unknown person. He came to this place from Baltimore some months since, and few particulars respecting him are known.

Savannah, May 7.

A gentleman from St. Augustine, informs that three Patriot brigs captured a few days since, two Spanish vessels with \$14,000 on board, for the payment of the troops at that place. All Americans at Augustine are treated with the greatest respect and civility.

New-York, May 23.—The bustle of business, which is daily exhibited in this city excites the admiration of every visiter, and to residents, the utmost felicity is enjoyed, by the reflection, that their lot has been cast in a place where nothing is wanting but active industry, to ensure a fortune. This envied metropolis will, ere long, take the lead of the most flourishing commercial cities of the old world.

The approach of the numerous vessels which yesterday entered and enlivened our waters was visible from the range of stores and warehouses on the East and North Rivers, and from the Battery; one of the most fascinating walks in the world.

Republicanism in France.

A private communication from Paris, dated the 2d April, and from a quarter which we have found to be generally correct, says—"There has been formed at Paris, a political club, under the presidency of old General La Fayette. The number of its members at present amounts to 36. It is not a loose association, like that of the libereaux, Messrs. Lafitte, Perrier, or Davilliers, but a club eminently political, where the highest questions of state are discussed.

"Among the principal members are mentioned, Messrs. Lanjaunais, and the Duc de Broglie, Peers of France, the Deputies D'Argenson, Bauvelin, Dupont de l'Eure, and Bignon; the men of letters, Benjamin Constant, Jay, Ronjoux and Aignan.

"In one of the last meetings of this Club, the members discussed the advantages of a Republican government, like that of the United States, and it was unanimously agreed that it was the best possible government, far superior to the highly boasted government of Great Britain. I mention it with regret, but I am forced to confess that the Republican Party makes considerable progress in France, and especially in Paris."

Cork Pa.

Tangiers, Feb. 27.

The frigate which the Emperor of Morocco has presented to the Dey of Algiers, left this port yesterday, having on board the Algerine commissary, Bentulen, with twenty five negroes, whom he had purchased for the Dey's body guard.

FRANKLIN GAZETTE.

IN addition to the daily paper, and that issued three times a week, it is the intention of the editor also to publish a paper once a week. It will contain all the news matter of the daily paper, and such advertisements as may be ordered to be published in it. The type will be the same as that of the daily gazette, and the paper the same size and quality. The first number will be issued next week. Price two dollars a year, payable in advance.

A greater number will be printed than are at present subscribed for, so that persons hereafter subscribing, may have them from the first number, if they desire.

Printers friendly to the Franklin Gazette, will confer a favor, by giving this a few insertions.

Philadelphia, April 4, 1818.

Creditors Take Notice,

THAT I have applied to the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Cambria, for the benefit of the several acts of assembly, passed for the relief of insolvent debtors, and they have appointed the second Monday of July next, at the Court House in Ebensburg, as the time and place, for hearing me and my Creditors, at which time and place they may attend, if they think proper.

E. B. Patton.

Ebensburg Jail, June 4, 1818.

NOTICE.

The subscriber having lost a certificate for forty shares of Bank Stock in the Centre Bank of Pennsylvania, hereby gives notice that application will be made at the said bank in Bellefonte, on the tenth day of July next, in order to procure another certificate for the same stock in lieu of the one lost.

Robert Maxwell.

June 3, 1818.

One Dollar Reward.



RANAWAY from the subscriber, living in the borough of Bellefonte, Centre county, Pa. on Sunday the 21st ult. an apprentice boy to the Boot and Shoemaking business, named

ANDREW COULTER,

about 17 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, and black hair. He had on when he went away, a sailors jacket, a new white vest, a new fur hat and a new pair of boots.

The above reward will be given to any person who will bring back said runaway; but no charges paid.

Wm. C. Welch.

Bellefonte, June 2, 1818.

FOR SALE, A Farm and Tavern Stand,

Situated on Lycoming creek, 27 miles from Williamsport, 44 from Tioga Point, and 43 from Newtown; containing 200 acres; between 30 and 40 of which are cleared and in a high state of cultivation; a young bearing orchard; 15 acres in clover, timothy and herd grass. The buildings are a two story house 22 by 36 feet, hewed pine, well finished off; a log kitchen and wash house; a frame barn 30 by 40 finished in the best manner. The stand is one of the best on this road—the late improvement has reduced the crossings of the creek from 40 to 10.

The terms will be made easy, and possession given on or before the first of October next. Apply to the subscriber living on the premises.

John Graham.

June 1, 1818.

NOTICE.

FORMER subscribers to the Bellefonte Patriot, are respectfully informed that they will be personally waited on, in the course of the ensuing month, for all debts due the establishment; when, it is hoped, they will be prepared to make payment.

Alexander Hamilton.

Bellefonte, May 28, 1818.

20 Dollars Reward

WILL be given for securing in any jail in the state of Pennsylvania, a man who called himself

Thomas Johnston,

By trade a carpenter, who is suspected of having stolen out of the house of Arthur Bell, Esq. of Clearfield county, on the night of the 18th inst. the following articles of clothing, viz: A dark grey broad cloth coat; two vests, one a yellow striped marseille, the other a spotted; two pair pantaloons, one pair brown stockingnet, the other pair cross-barred factory cotton; two silk handkerchiefs, one black fringed barcelona, the other yellow spotted; one pair white cotton suspenders, and a pocket pistol, brass butt. Said Johnston is about 5 feet ten inches high, red hair and sandy beard; he has a hollow or depression in the skull on one side of his head, and is about twenty six years of age. He was dressed in soldiers' uniform, grey clothing.

The above reward will be given for securing said thief and clothing or ten dollars for the clothing alone.

James Young.

Clearfield county, May 23, 1818.

The editor of the Democratic Press is requested to insert the above three times, and forward his account to the editor of the Bellefonte Patriot, for payment.

J. Y.