

the "Friend of Truth" cares very little either about truth or religion; and as it is the least of his concern, he wishes to bring men that have a regard for both, on a level with himself. It is a well established maxim, that non-professors of religion are the most prominent denouncers of those that make a profession. How, it appears, that it is becoming fashionable to intermix religion with politics; and the compound, no doubt, suits the taste of the person that fabricated the contradiction to the editorial remarks of the Patriot. Intolerant in every thing, I do not wonder that his ire has got the better of his judgment, and induced him to commit to paper and publish to the world so flagrant an attack on my character, and such an outrage of all truth. I take notice of his "Contradiction" only because his ribaldry appears to be principally levelled at me, and abroad it might be believed—at home it is appreciated as it deserves. Not because I think it necessary at home to appear in the columns of a newspaper to defend or establish my character.

JOHN RANKIN.

Bellefonte, July 14th 1823.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

A number of the democratic republicans of Centre county, friendly to the election of ANDREW GREGG, esq. for the office of governor of this Commonwealth, convened at the house of James Watson, in the Borough of Bellefonte, on the 4th day of July 1823, and having appointed JAMES HARRIS Chairman, and WILLIAM PATTON Secretary, passed the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That reposing the highest confidence in the patriotism, integrity and abilities of Andrew Gregg, Esq. and his fitness for the office of governor, we will use all fair & honorable means to have him elected to that office.

2. Altho' we, as well as Mr. Gregg, are, and have been, of the democratic party. Yet, as the state of affairs in this county, does not seem to require that party distinctions should be kept up; and as we believe the time has arrived, when, in the language of Mr. Jefferson, the great political family of our country, may consider themselves, as "all federalists all republicans," resolved, that we do hereby invite all the citizens of Centre County to unite with us in support of Andrew Gregg for governor, who, if elected, we are persuaded, will be a governor of the people and not of a party.

3. Resolved, That John Holt, Jacob Roop, David Michael, David Barr, James Watson, David Lamb, Samuel McKinley and William H. Patterson be added to the committee of correspondence, who are hereby instructed to address the citizens of Centre county, as often as occasion may require.

4. An address to the citizens of Centre county, having been presented by the committee of correspondence for consideration, and the same being read and approved of, Resolved, that said address, together with the proceedings of this meeting, be forthwith published in the Bellefonte Patriot.

Signed,
JAMES HARRIS, Chairman,
WM. PATTON, Sec'y.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC & INDEPENDENT REPUBLICANS OF CENTRE COUNTY.

FELLOW CITIZENS—

The names of two persons are before the people for the office of Governor of this Commonwealth; John Andrew Shulze and Andrew Gregg. The duty of making a wise selection rests on the integrity and virtue of the citizens of the State. That we may be enabled to exercise this duty with that integrity and impartiality which as freemen it becomes us to do, and to choose the candidate most worthy of our suffrages, "come let us reason together."

The first question for our consideration is the manner of nominating the respective candidates. The first named gentleman was nominated by a convention convened at the instance of a legislative caucus. Let us enquire whether this is in accordance with our Constitution or the spirit of our Government?

It is an axiom of Political truth, that sovereignty rests in the people, and that all power not specially delegated remains with them. The power of electing a Chief Magistrate is inherent in the People, and as an attribute of that sovereignty, the selection and nomination of candidates is with them; and any infringement of that power is a direct usurpation of their rights. The Legislature had usurped and exercised this power unquestioned, until its evil and corrupt had become glaring and intolerable. In 1817 an inquiry as to this legislative usurpation was excit-

ed among the people, which resulted in a universal manifestation of public opinion against it; and it was repudiated as corrupt and unconstitutional; and in 1820 the people were reinstated in their rights. After this decision made and ratified by the whole community, it was not anticipated that this usurpation would be again attempted. But in this hope we were disappointed. To the intrigue of a part of our representatives in the General Assembly during the last session, the people are indebted for a revival of the legislative caucus system, a system in its consequences, destructive of the public liberty; and in its immediate operations, opening a wide door to intrigue and corruption. In 1820 the delegates of the democratic party declared that it was the wish of their constituents that the nomination in 1823 should be made by delegates specially appointed, to convene in May at Lewistown. In the autumn of 1822 and winter of 1823 public opinion was in favor of George Bryan as the republican candidate, and if the nomination had been made at Lewistown by delegates been the man selected.

This did not meet the wishes of the legislative intriguers. At all events the candidate of the people, Mr. Bryan, was to be put down. For this purpose a legislative caucus was resorted to, a mandate from this caucus was issued changing the time and place of holding the Convention, so as to bring it within the sphere of legislative influence, and introducing a principle by which members of their own body were introduced into the Convention.

You fellow citizens, cannot forget the burst of indignation with which all classes of people contemned this legislative usurpation. A democratic meeting was convened in the court house in Bellefonte, at the January court, and an expression deliberately made deprecating legislative influence, and solemnly protesting against the proceeding and particularly against the selection of any member of the legislature as a candidate. A sense of danger from legislative influence was deeply impressed on the public mind, and the result evinced the correctness of the opinion then entertained. By the novel and aristocratic principle introduced by the caucus nine senators and sixteen representatives were admitted as members of the convention; and altho delegates from fifteen Counties were instructed to support Mr. Bryan, and he received on the two first ballots a majority over any of the candidates named, yet a nights caucusing produced the abandonment of that gentleman, and resulted in the nomination of Mr. Shulze a member of the Legislative body. How came this thing to pass; was Mr. Bryan, the people's candidate put down by legislative influence? There was undoubtedly something rotten in the business.

The delegates from this County on their return home spoke in terms of high indignation of the proceedings, they said something about corruption, something about bargaining and selling; will you fellow citizens countenance or sanction such measures by supporting them? We trust you will not.

We forbear making any remarks on Mr. Shulze's unconstitutional votes in Senate or his unfitness for the office of Governor. The circumstances attending his nomination were so glaringly foul and improper, as ought to defeat his election, and turn away every democrat from aiding such measures.

The nomination of Mr. Gregg made by a convention specially delegated by the people, the fountain of all legitimate power in a free country, is not liable to any of the objections which apply with such force to the nomination of the opposing candidate.

You fellow citizens, are not unacquainted with the private as well as the public character of Andrew Gregg; he has lived long your neighbor, a husbandman, a labourer in converting the wild and unproductive lands into fruitful fields; possessing all that mild amenity and simplicity of manners peculiar to the Pennsylvania farmer; of pure integrity and unstained reputation. In public life, respected for his inflexible attachment to the rights and liberties of the people. He has been repeatedly from the year 1791 chosen to represent the district of which Centre County is a part in Congress, by almost the unanimous voice of the democratic citizens; he served you in times of the greatest excitement and turbulence. When parties first arose, he was found in the first ranks of Democracy an able coadjutor of that band of patriots who brasted the power of federalism in its wildest career; one of those who shared in the toils of gaining the victory for Democracy. Yet he who was a republican a democrat when most was to be risked, is slav-

derously branded as an enemy to his country, by striplings and newfledged democrats; and old and firm democrats who rally around Mr. Gregg as a tried patriot, are denounced by these ephemeral beings as apostates. But the period we trust has arrived when such denunciations pass harmless and unfelt, except by their recoil on the authors. You have seen and felt fellow citizens, the evil effects of party excitement; you have seen the vilest calumnies fabricated and circulated to serve party purposes. Is it not time such a state of society should cease? In the language of Mr. Jefferson our political chief "we have gained little if we countenance a political intolerance as despotic as wicked." This evil, and it is a serious one, can be corrected only by the good sense, and the good taste of the community. The soundness of Mr. Gregg's mind, the mildness of his temper, the republican simplicity of his manners, the liberality of his sentiments, added to his weight of character and his political experience aid by a liberal education renders him peculiarly fitted for the office of Governor at the present time.

We congratulate you fellow citizens that an opportunity is afforded you of again bestowing your suffrages on your old and trusty political friend and your highly esteemed neighbour.

- HAMILTON HUMES,
 - JAMES WATSON,
 - JOHN THOMPSON,
 - WM. H. PATTERSON,
 - JOHN HOLTE,
 - WILLIAM PATTON,
- Committee of Correspondence.

Wm. Alloway,

CLOCK & WATCHMAKER,
Informs the citizens of Centre county that he has commenced the above business in the borough of Bellefonte. His shop is immediately on the North East corner of the Diamond, and the same in which S. W. Hull has his saddler shop. He will repair all kinds of watches—horizontal, repeating and patent Leever. He will work on the most reasonable terms for Cash or country produce.

Bellefonte July 15th 1823.

THE AARONSBURG FAIR.
Will be held on Friday the 8th day of August next; where all kind of goods &c will be exposed to public sale, from a needle to a cannon. Peddlars and Cake women are respectively invited to attend on that with full cargoes. It is presumed that musicians will attend without a special invitation. Ladies and gentlemen are respectfully invited to attend; they may rest assured that they will be politely treated. Disorderly persons are invited to remain—at home.

A. MANAGER.
Aaronsburg, July 15th 1823

STRAYED OR STOLEN

FROM the subscriber, living in Bald eagle township Lycoming County, on the 5th of June last, a



BLACK MARE
about five years old, fourteen hands high, and a natural trotter. Any person giving information of her to the subscriber, will be liberally rewarded.

JESSE HUNT.
Baldeagle Township, }
July 1, 1823. }

LOOK HERE! FOR SALE,

A large quantity of well burned **Roach Lime** of a superior quality. The kiln is set on the Old American plan, with four Arches;—burned 70 Cords of Pitch Pine wood in 70 hours;—situated on the property of Messrs. Wm. and John Irvine, adjoining the out lots of the Borough of Bellefonte. It will be sold on reasonable terms for cash, or country produce at the market price. Due attendance will be given on the Wednesday of each succeeding week by
JOHN M'KINLEY, Sr.
Bellefonte, July 5th 1823.

STRAY OXEN.

CAME to the Plantation of the subscriber, living in Ferguson township, on the 1st of this inst.
A yoke of Oxen;
One a BRINDLE; the other a BROWN. The owner, or owners are desired to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take them away.
CORNELIUS DALE.
Ferguson Township, }
July 4 1823. }

\$5 REWARD.

Was stolen on the night of the 21st of 22nd of June instant, from the house of Thomas Hastings, Innkeeper, in the Borough of Bellefonte, a **DRAB GREAT COAT,** with three separate capes, each bound, a drawn back and strap, and a pocket, buttoned with a small mole, on the outside of the left breast; the collar was covered with drab tabby velvet. The above reward will be given to any person who will return the coat, or give information, so that the subscriber, whose property it was, can get it again.
MATLOCK BENNER.
Bellefonte, July 1st 1823.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

That the Commissioners appointed by an act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, for the improvement of the Susquehanna from Columbia to tide, passed the 31st day of March, 1823, will dispose of **SEVERAL SECTIONS OF SAID RIVER** for improvement, at **PUBLIC SALE,** to the lowest bidder, to commence on the 7th day of August next, beginning at STAHL'S RIPPLES, and be continued from day to day, until the whole be disposed of, or so much as the Commissioners may deem proper. The improvement will be designated on the day of sale—a schedule of which is hereunto annexed, to wit: STAHL'S RIPPLES, FRY'S FALLS, ESEHLEMAN'S SLUICE AND BARR, from the "HOUSE ROCK" to M'CALL'S FERRY, along the Lancaster Shore, CULLY'S FALLS and such other improvements as the Commissioners may deem proper.

JABEZ HYDE, Jr.
JOHN M'MEENS,
SAML H. WILSON } Commrs
June 24th 1823.

FOR SALE.

The subscriber offers for sale, the following lands, situate in the county of Clearfield: A valuable farm containing **300** acres, on which are erected a good **DWELLING HOUSE** and a new **LOG BARN,** with about fifty acres cleared, seven of which are meadow, and much more can be made with little expense, a thriving APPLE orchard, a number of PEACH and other fruit trees; **ALSO,** A handsome FARM, adjoining the above, containing **200** acres Improvements, a log dwelling house and barn, out houses, and about seventy or eighty acres cleared; sixteen of which are meadow—a bearing APPLE and PEACH orchard, besides a variety of other fruit trees; **ALSO,** a tract of land adjoining the last mentioned, containing about **200** acres, with small improvements, but elegant land, and easily cleared; **ALSO,** in that neighborhood, two tracts of unimproved land, containing **2000** acres, the quality of which, comparatively, is the best in that county.

FOR SALE.

The subscriber offers for sale a lot of land, some thousand acres, near the above described, most of which is first rate land, and which the subscriber will sell at a moderate rate. **J. B.**

ELIJAH REEVES,

Clock and Watch-Maker,
Informs the citizens of Centre county, that he carries on the above business in all its various branches, in the Borough of Bellefonte, next door to the office of the "PATRIOT," where he will thankfully receive all orders in his line of business. He will work on the most reasonable terms for cash or country produce. An apprentice to the above business will be taken, if application be made soon.
June 17th, 1823

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\$20 REWARD.

Escaped from the Jail of Centre county on the night of the 8th inst. two prisoners, confined by sentence of the court to four months imprisonment; one a mulattoe, named JOHN BRANUM, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, stout built and very down look. The other a white man, named SAMUEL TAYLOR, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches in height speaks broken English, says that he was raised in Lancaster county and of German extraction. The above Reward will be given for their apprehension and delivery at the jail in Bellefonte or ten dollars for either of them.
J. BUTLER, Sheriff.

FOR SALE,

The subscriber offers for sale a **HOUSE & LOT** in Earlysburg, formerly occupied by Walter Longwell as a tavern. The lot contains one acre and a fourth, and the house is a commodious one, and the stabling good. It is an excellent stand for either Tavern or Store. Possession will be given on the first of April next. Any person wishing to purchase can know the terms by application to the subscriber, Farmer's Mills, Pennsylvania.
LEWIS LONGWELL.
June 3d. 1823.

PROCLAMATION.

Notice is Hereby Given
THAT a court of Common Pleas General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and the Orphan's court, in and for the county of Centre, will be held at the court house in the Borough of Bellefonte, on Monday the 25th day of August next, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, of which the Coroner, Justices of the Peace and Constables within said county will take notice, that they be then and there in their proper persons, with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations, and other remembrances to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done; and all suitors, jurors and witnesses are also requested to be and attend at said court, and not depart without leave.

Given under my hand at Bellefonte this seventh day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three.
JOSEPH BUTLER, Sheriff.

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