

To this Mr. M. assented. He then left the house of Mr. P. and on the evening of the same day removed his trunk from the vessel to the house of Mr. John Johnson, 65 Front street, and had not been seen afterwards, until found dead in Caylor's Alley, on Saturday morning, although some of his acquaintances were in pursuit of him on Friday. Mr. M. was a sober industrious man, and was desirous to increase the amount of his hard earnings.—The above disclosure occasioned a more minute search than had been made in the boarding house of the above Johnson, where was found concealed, a bloody sheet, part of a truss, and an axe. The suspicion induced our police officers to take Johnson, his wife, and children, and also John Spence, shoemaker, and his wife, who reside under the same roof, all to the police office, where the whole were separately examined. Mrs. Johnson being at Newburgh at the time, and not returning until after the murder, was discharged, and returned home with her daughter last evening. Mr. Spence and his wife were also discharged, and he, being in bad health, had a fit shortly after he got home, and his death for some time was apprehended, but was somewhat better late last evening.

Johnson was committed to Bridewell for further examination. It appears from the examination, that the cook of the vessel also identified Mr. Murray, and went with the officers to Johnson's house, and pointed him out as the man who was in company with the deceased when he took away his trunk.

It also appears, by evidence, that on Thursday evening, two persons at different times were inquired of in the streets the way to Johnson's to both of whom he said he was a stranger and had left his chest with four or five hundred dollars, and was afraid he should lose it—and that Johnson had been in company with him, and left him suddenly.

The opinion is, that the deceased was asleep when the deadly blow was given. The wound is on the left temple, and the hole, which is the size of a dollar, appears to have been made with the back of an axe or stone hammer. It is also believed that the murder was committed on Thursday night, and the body concealed until Friday night, as his feet appeared to have been gnawed by rats.

Gazette.

Some discoveries were made yesterday relating to the murder of Murray, which strengthen the belief that the act was committed in the house of Johnson. On a further search of Johnson's house yesterday morning, the chest of the deceased was found under a bed in the room in which it is supposed he slept. The coat and pantaloons of the deceased were also found in the yard behind a pile of wood, having previously, by appearances, been thrown into the sink of the necessary. The head board of the bed was found to be bloody, and a track of blood was discovered from the bed to the cellar. Johnson's dirty clothes, and a female dress were also found with stains of blood on them.—The cartman was also found, who deposited that he carried the chest to the house of Johnson on Thursday last, and was paid for the cartage by Johnson. The coat and pantaloons, and chest, were known to have belonged to the deceased, by the mate and steward of the sloop Fulton. In consequence of these discoveries, the wife and daughter of Johnson were arrested, and after examination, committed for trial.

#### NEW YORK, NOV. 25 CONFESSION OF THE MURDERER.

We have just come from the Police Office, where we learned that John Johnson, who has been for some days in custody on suspicion of having murdered Mr. Murray, has made a full and satisfactory confession of the horrid deed. We have not been able to obtain a copy of his declaration; but we understand that he entirely acquits every other person else, and states that he perpetrated the crime at midnight, when his family and every other person were asleep. His wife, as already stated, was at Newburgh, and did not return till Saturday morning. Johnson has also given information where he concealed the money belonging to the deceased.—The Police declined giving a copy of the confession until the trial comes on, when it will be laid before the court.

Eve. Post.

It appears from Johnson's statement, that Murray supped with the family; that shortly after he proposed to retire, stating that he wished his trunk to be with him in his bed room.—Johnson told him that his wife being absent he should sleep with him, and took him with the trunk into the bed room. Johnson remained with the other boarders playing at cards

for some hours they retired, and Johnson said he was then impressed with a desire to possess the money in the trunk of Murray.—He went into the bed room, found him asleep, took from the vest pocket the key, opened the trunk, and took out two bags of dollars, which he threw into a corner. He now became uneasy, and after a lapse of some time he says "the devil" suggested to him to kill Murray to prevent a detection of the robbery. He went into the cellar, procured a hatchet, and went to Murray, who was asleep on his right side, struck him twice on the left temple, which completed the horrid deed.—Johnson then bound around the head a pair of drawers and a bolster case, and took him through a trap door into the cellar. This was on Thursday night; the body remained in the cellar until Friday night; when he removed it to the place where it was found by the watchman.

After he had committed the murder, he became most dreadfully agitated, and could not sleep in his own room; he went into that where his daughters were, and in the course of the night, mentioned it to them, and the money was given to his daughter Mary, who gave it to her brother, an apprentice in Maiden Lane. The boy was this morning sent for, and has confessed where he hid the money. An officer has been sent with him to recover it. The keeper of the Bridewell states that when Johnson was first committed, he appeared very indifferent, protesting his innocence, and declaring that his mind was quite at ease. Mr. Thorp went into his room with blankets, late in the evening, when he had laid himself down—but said he could not sleep in consequence of not lying easy. Yesterday morning he also complained that he had been unable to sleep. This morning he sent early for the keeper, and appeared in great agitation. "The stings of a wounded conscience who can bear?" He stated that he passed a horrible night, and was resolved rather than die with a lie in his mouth, to confess the whole.

Com. Adv.

#### From the Pittsburg Statesman, November 25th.

#### DREADFUL FIRE

At a late hour of the night on Monday the 17th instant, our citizens were alarmed by the cry of fire, which was found to proceed from the frame house owned by Mr. D. Greer, and occupied by Mr. Borbridge at the junction of Market and Liberty streets. The fire spread with rapidity to the adjoining buildings, and soon consumed the large house occupied as dry goods stores by Messrs Conecke, Borbridge and Crosthwaite, and a small frame occupied by Green the Barber.—The progress of the fire was so rapid as to preclude the possibility of saving any considerable part of the merchandize or household goods, and consequently much was consumed. Owing to the calmness of the night, the unusual activity of the fire companies and the fortunate circumstance of some snow having fallen in the early part of the evening, the progress of the fire was arrested at the parapet wall of Mr. Holdship's brick house in market street. The amount of property destroyed is variously estimated at from 10 to 15,000 dollars. How the fire originated is unknown.

We have thus stated an ordinary circumstance—the destruction of property by fire. Every one knows how distressing it is to encounter the sudden bereavement of property and all the comforts of home by a midnight fire. The hurry—the terror—the alternations of fear that will be lost, and the hope that something may yet be rescued, and the final calm dejection when the certainty and extent of the loss is known, are things familiar to many of us, and such circumstances excite a temporary sympathy. But how trifling seem such losses compared with the loss of human life! The most painful circumstance connected with this fire is, that three persons, Miss Louisa Conecke, sister to Mr. Conecke, his son William aged 6 years, and Hetty Lashaw, his little servant girl, perished in the flames! This awful calamity has penetrated with the most profound grief, an amiable family, and cast a gloom over our city. It is the first occurrence of the kind in Pittsburgh, and we most fervently pray that it may never again be our painful task to register such a calamity.

Mr. Conecke escaped from the house, while the flames were raging through it, by jumping out of a window in the second story, with a child in his arms; his wife was carried out, apparently lifeless, having been severely burnt, and almost sufficated with smoke. She is recovering.

It would be wrong to close this notice without stating that the LADIES on this occasion behaved more gallantly, in joining the ranks and carrying water than did many lazy fellows, who stood with their arms folded, gazing on the flames, without assisting to arrest their progress.

The principal sufferers are Messrs. Conecke, Borbridge and Crosthwaite Greer and Sewell, with whom we sincerely sympathize.

A few of the bones of the persons who perished in the flames, have been found and interred.

**Caution to Thieves.**—A young fellow about seventeen years of age, was brought up a few mornings since, before the Police Magistrate, in N. Y. in a condition, expressed in common phrase by a comparison with "a drowned rat." The young gentleman, it seems had a penchant for poultry, and his own yard did not furnish an adequate supply, he resorted to the deck of a vessel lying at a neighboring dock, on which a number of coops were placed in preparation for a voyage. Whilst he was eagerly engaged in prosecuting the adventure to a successful termination, his foot accidentally slipped, and he was precipitated into the dock, where he narrowly escaped drowning. A watchman heard him struggling in the water, and after assisting him to the shore, conveyed him to the watch-house.

The imminent peril of the unfortunate wight should operate as a warning to those engaged in similar enterprises, to be cautious in avoiding similar accidents.

N. Y. American.

On Tuesday morning the body of a man named Jacob Keiser, was found on a small spot of ground, in the middle of Lost Creek; about a mile and a half from this place. The following information was collected from the evidence adduced before the inquest held on the afternoon of that day. After getting a pint flask filled with whiskey, he set off to cross the creek, and in the evening was seen by several persons, sleeping on the little island. He was found in the morning, with his flask empty, and the ice was broken partly across the creek;—from which it is supposed, that he awakened in the night, and after drinking the liquor, attempted to wade through the water but being benumbed by the cold, and overcome by the effect of the liquor, was unable to proceed, and so returned and perished. The inquest returned a verdict of "death by cold and intoxication."—*Millin Eagle.*

Captain Farrin from Havana, informs that eighteen American sailors have been imprisoned at that place, on suspicion of having murdered a Spanish sailor on the Mte. Among the number confined are all the crew and mate of the brig Noble, captain Maxwell belonging to Boston.

Baltimore Patriot.

#### HARRISBURG CHRONICLE, LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of the Legislature of Pennsylvania will be reported for the Chronicle at the ensuing session, as they have been for several years past, briefly, faithfully, and impartially. The Chronicle will be issued twice a week, at \$1 50 the session, to be paid in advance.

It has not been the practice of the editor of this paper to make extensive promises with regard to any of his undertakings, and he does not intend to enter upon it now. The size of this sheet, and the necessity that exists of devoting a part of it to advertisements, are of themselves bars to the publication of every thing that is said and done in the legislative body.—All, therefore, that we wish to be expected of us, is what we know we have the ability to perform, and that is to furnish a brief sketch of the origin, progress and termination of all matters agitated, with a condensed view of the arguments advanced upon subjects of a general nature, and occasionally, what we conceive to be, the best of the arguments at length. The re-chartering of the Banks, the Ways and Means, the Free Road, &c. are topics that will claim much of the attention of the Legislature, and of the people, and of the proceedings upon them our patrons shall have early and accurate advice.

November 13, 1823.

#### CAUTION.

All persons are hereby cautioned not to take an assignment of a Due Bill from BERNARD DOUGHERTY, for the sum of three hundred and eleven dollars and seventy-seven cents on the Centre and Kishacoquillis Turnpike Road Company. The said Due Bill although drawn in my name and the said Bernard's, yet the whole sum for which it calls for is coming to me; he having obtained it from me in a fraudulent manner.

MICHAEL McCORMICK  
Spring township, Dec'r 11, 1823.

## NEW STORE CAMBRIDGE & PETRIKIN,

Inform the public, that they have just received, and now offer for sale, on the most reasonable terms, for cash or country produce, an elegant assortment of

### NEW GOODS,

consisting of

DRY GOODS,  
GROCERIES,  
QUEENSWARE, &c.

Their store is on the north-west corner of the Diamond, and the same lately occupied by Messrs. Hammond & Page.

Bellefonte, Dec'r 9th, 1823.

### PARTNERSHIP.

## PRUNER & TATE,

RESPECTFULLY INFORM THE PUBLIC, THAT THEY HAVE COMMENCED THE

### CARPENTER & CABINET MAKING

business, in the Borough of BELLEFONTE, in their shop, nearly opposite the Presbyterian Church, where they intend carrying on the said business in all their various branches. They intend having in their employment the best of workmen, and keeping on hand at all times a large quantity of work, where persons desirous of purchasing can be accommodated at the shortest notice. Cash, or country produce will be taken in payment at the market price.

BELLEFONTE, DEC'R. 17, 1823.

### VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

By order of the Orphans  
Court of Centre  
County,

WILL BE EXPOSED TO  
PUBLIC VENDUE  
ON THE PREMISES,

on Tuesday the 30th day of December next, a certain tract of land, containing

60 ACRES,

or thereabouts, with a log dwelling house, barn, and smith shop, and about 30 acres cleared, situate in Haines township, in the County of Centre, aforesaid. It being the real estate that was of George Zuber, late of said township, deceased.

TERMS of sale, one half in hand, and the remainder in two annual payments. Due attendance will be given by Michael Mosser and George Peters, administrators.

BY THE COURT,

Certified by  
F. B. SMITH, C. O. C.  
Bellefonte Nov. 26, 1823.

### PENNSYLVANIA INTELLIGENCER, Legislative Reports.

This paper will report the proceedings of the legislature, as usual. The terms of subscription will be the same as heretofore.

For the session only, \$1 50  
For 6 months, session included, 2 00  
For the year, 3 00

No doubt the proceedings this session will be unusually interesting. The matters that are expected to come before the legislature are very important. The most prominent of these will be the renewal of the bank charters; the free road question; appropriations to various objects of improvement; among which will probably be the Potomac and Ohio canal. There will be, we are happy to say, much talent and experience, in the legislature; and we have no doubt that every public question will receive a due share of attention, deliberation and discussion.

We shall endeavor to keep our readers apprized of the progress of business—giving a general epitome of the arguments, on public questions, & some of the speeches, at length. Such as wish to avail themselves of

the whole history of the proceedings, had better send their names early:

Good opportunities will be afforded by the members to make applications  
Harrisburg Nov. 24.

### 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 26th day of January 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 seventeenth day of December A. D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three.

JOSEPH BUTLER, Sheriff.

### CONDITIONS. OF THE BELLEFONTE PATRIOT.

The price of this paper is TWO DOLLARS per annum—but if paid in advance, ONE DOLLAR AND SEVENTY FIVE CENTS only will be charged.

Advertisements, making no more in length than breadth, will be inserted three times for one dollar; and on every subsequent continuance twenty-five cents.—Those of greater length in proportion.—Rule or figure work double those rates. Which must be paid in cash at the time of insertion.

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