

FROM THE FRANKFORT COMMENTATOR, MAY 15

We learn from Paris, Kentucky, that a man by the name of JAMES McCORMICK was murdered near that place on Saturday last. A letter from a gentleman in that place, to his friend here gives the following particulars of this most shocking affair:

On Saturday last the deceased left Paris on his way to the old mill now owned by Shields. Having moved to Maysville lately, to carry on the tanning business, he found it necessary to go into the old neighborhood to settle some business, although aware of the animosity of the Shields's towards him. David and Bob Shields met him in the woods, on the bank of the Stoner, not far from the old mill, and, with a brutality which would disgrace the demons of hell, murdered him. They beat him with clubs till they thought he was dead, and then threw him over a log on the bank of the creek, observing, "lay there, you damned old rascal, till night, and we will fix you then." He, however, was not then dead; but was conscious of his situation, and of all they said over him.

In the evening he recovered so far as to get to a house belonging to Mr. Sheriff. He was then deranged in consequence of the blows he had received, and could tell nothing about himself till next day. The next morning he stated that Bob Shields struck him first, and stunned him so that he fell. He says when they threw him over the log, he opened his eyes and begged for mercy; but the wretches ran a stick down his throat, which it is said by the doctors was the mortal wound. He died last night.

We further understand that the two Shields's have been taken and committed to jail, and confined in separate apartments; and the charge against them will probably undergo proper investigation at the circuit court now sitting in Bourbon.

ROBERT BURCH, who, with his paramour, was convicted of the murder of his wife, at the last term of the Montgomery circuit court, and who was reprieved until the 11th instant, has now received a pardon from the Governor of Kentucky. His offence, therefore, goes unpunished. And the culprit, again turned loose to disgrace society, is left at liberty to rejoin his paramour in iniquity and murder; and to enter, with her, upon the quiet enjoyment of the hoped for reward of their atrocious deed.

FROM THE NEW YORK EVENING POST, MAY 20. RESURRECTIONISTS.

At the late Court of Sessions, Solomon Parnell was indicted for a misdemeanor, in entering Potter's Field and removing the covers of ten coffins deposited in a pit and covered partly with earth. The statute of this state, making it a felony to dig up or remove a dead human body, with intent to dissect it, did not embrace this case, because the prisoner had not dug up or removed the body. It was proved on the trial by Mr. Schureman, the present keeper of Potter's Field, that at about three o'clock in the morning, in the latter part of April, he suspected that some person had entered the field for the purpose of removing the dead, and after sending for two watchmen, and calling his faithful dog, he went to ascertain the fact. On arriving at the grave he found his suspicions confirmed, and requested the person concealed in the pit to come out to shew himself. No answer being given, Mr. Schureman sent his dog into the pit, and, in the twinkling of an eye, a tall stout fellow, made his appearance, and took to his heels across the field. The night being dark, he might have effected his escape, had it not been for the sagacity and courage of the dog, who pursued him for some distance, but at last came up with him, seized and held him fast until the arrival of Mr. Schureman and the watchmen, who secured him. On his way to the Watch house, he threw from him a chisel, which had been used to force the coffins. The Counsel for the accused rested his defence on the ground of the prisoner being intoxicated, and that he had retired into the grave to sleep and be protected from the night air. The jury convicted him, and the court sentenced him to six months imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

The young gentlemen, attending the medical school of this city, will take warning by this man's fate. They may rest assured that the keeper of Potter's field will do his duty, and public justice will be executed upon any man, whatever may be his condition in life, who is found violating the law and the decency of christian burial.

This robbing the grave of the dead, it will be seen by the following letter, is not confined to this city.

Hartford, (Con.) May 17.

Yesterday morning two ladies were taking a walk in the South burying ground, when they discovered a tape string and a piece of cloth which upon examination was found to be the piece that was laced upon Miss Jane Benton's face, who came to her death by drowning and was buried a few days since. The ladies then went to the grave and found that it had been disturbed—that she was drawn out of her coffin, and a rope around her neck. The circumstance has produced great excitement in the public mind and every one is on the alert to discover the perpetrators of this unfeeling, brutal act.

The citizens turned out in a body yesterday and interred the corpse again.

P. S. It is said they have got upon the track of the fellows."

HORRIBLE MURDER.

On Saturday night last, four villains entered a store kept by an aged woman, on the road near Darby. They tied her hands behind her back and otherwise ill used her. A young man living in the same house hearing the noise, went to the old woman's assistance, but the ruffians severely cut him from the elbow to the wrist, and stabbed him so deeply in the side, that in attempting to draw out the knife, the handle came off and the blade was, by Dr. Shallcross, extracted with the assistance of a pair of pincers.

The young man died soon after, having first given a relation of the circumstances and a description of the murderers with one of their names. The brutal threats of these Ruffians to the wife of the man, whom they had just cut and stabbed, were, if possible, of a more horrible and revolting character than the deed they had done. Each of them made up a bundle and carried it off. We understand that they crossed the lower Ferry and came into this city early on Sunday morning. Information has been given to the Mayor, and the Police are actively and eagerly in pursuit of the four wretches who have thus disgraced humanity. We just learn that the name of the old woman is Mrs. Warner, and that of her son-in-law, who was killed, was Mr. Bonsall.

Democratic Press.

A man going from Philadelphia on the West Chester Road, on Friday night, was stopped by five men who beat him on the head with a pistol and otherwise abused and robbed him. He assures us, that he has no doubt but these are the same villains who committed the Murder and Robbery on the Darby Road, on Saturday night. The night was too dark for our informant to be enabled to give any accurate description of the Robbers.—*ib.*

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS vs. A WIFE.

Mr. Margaret Moody, an Irish basket-woman, applied for a warrant against her husband. She had a pair of black eyes and was severely bruised in several parts of her body, by the beating she had received. She said to the magistrate— "Please your Honor Sir, I want a warrant for my husband, for bating me and murdering me as you see here," lifting up her dress.

Magistrate—Mrs. Moody, I am not a doctor, and don't want to see your wounds—only relate your murder.

Mrs. Moody—Your Worship, I was last night having my supper and sup you know, when Mr. Moody flew into a passion and murdered me as you see. Larry Hasken, the Watchman, came in, but when he saw it was Mr. Moody and myself, sure he would not meddle with us, so I want to be parted from Mr. Moody if you please.

Magistrate—I cannot part a man and his wife, You had better go home, and Mr. Moody will be kinder to you.

Mrs. Moody—Your honor, Sir! Sure I am his lawful wife, and works hard for a bit of bread; and you don't give me law, when I could him I would have the law of him.

Magistrate—You drink too much gin I believe.

Mrs. Moody—Your Honor, Sir, if you went for fish to Billingsgate, you would want a sup after carrying your load. It is very strange and hard too, that a wife cannot get as good law as a horse. You fined a man for beating his own horse, for I heard it in the paper.

Magistrate—I have no power to fine a husband for beating his wife. Go home and humour him. He will not beat you again.

Mrs. Moody—Och hone! the blackguard will. A horse can get law, but a woman cannot.

Mrs. Moody then left the office.

FROM THE NEW YORK COM. ADVERTISER. TRIAL FOR MURDER.

On Friday last, PEREZ ANTHONY was tried at Boston, in the circuit court of the United States, for the murder of Theodore Stodder on the high seas. It was proved that on the 24th day of January last, on board a vessel lying in the Bay of Honduras, the prisoner, apparently in a violent fit of passion, in consequence of some slight provocation received some hours previous, loaded a two-barrelled gun and discharged it at Stodder, and caused his immediate death. The defence of the prisoner was conducted by Benjamin R. Nichols and John Brazier Davis, Esquires. The facts were very clearly proved by several witnesses. The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

A lady in Woodbury, New Jersey, last week, poisoned two little female children, the one aged four years, and the other two, by administering arsenic by mistake. She supposed the medicine to have been magnesia. After the fatal mistake was discovered, by the distress it produced upon the children, every possible exertion was made to save them, but the poison had taken so deep a hold as to baffla the utmost skill of the physician. Housekeepers should have a medicine chest, under lock and key; each vial and article should be labelled, and all deleterious drugs should be locked up in the desk by the head of the family, where no other person has access. A little precaution like this may save years of unavailing regret.

The same paper which furnishes the above painful news mentions that Mr. JAMES ZANE, residing near Haddonfield, put a period to his life, on Sunday the 23d instant, by cutting his throat with a razor, while laboring under a fit of mental derangement. He has left a wife and family of children to lament the untimely loss of their natural protector.—*ib.*

The Boston Patriot of Friday, announces the arrival at that port, in the brig Otter, from Manila, of Mr. D. S. Dodge, of New York, who has in his possession a mermaid brought from the coast of Japan. Persons who have seen this new comer say that its appearance corresponds with the description given of this fish and flesh in fabulous history.—*ib.*

The English papers announce another Miracle by the Prince Hohenlohe lately performed on a lady, which terminated, of course, most successfully.

A miracle equal to any of Prince Hohenlohe's is mentioned in the London Courier. A man named Newman, horsekeeper to Mr. Hoare of Lewis, who had been dumb for 27 years, was lately restored to his speech by the kick of a horse! N. Y. Patriot.

FROM THE BUFFALO PATRIOT, MAY 26.

WRECK OF THE SYLPH.—On the afternoon of the 12th instant, the schooner Sylph, captain Haskin, left Sandusky for Detroit, with a cargo of not much value, and during the tempest in the night was wrecked on the North Bass Island, about thirty miles from Sandusky, and every person on board perished, consisting of Henry Haskin, master and owner, Charles Haskin, his brother, a Mr. Roberts of Florence, Sandusky county, and a Mrs. Hunter and child, said to have been recently a resident of this village. The bodies have been found except that of Mrs. Hunter. The stern of the Sylph was stove in, both masts carried away, and the foremast broken in three pieces.

The sloop of war Peacock, captain Carter, was struck by lightning at sea, April 23, in latitude 20, longitude 3. The fore and mainmast were stricken, and four seamen killed. Several others were burnt, but were doing well. Franklin Gazette.

JAMES WELLINGTON, ABRAHAM BOYCE, and CHARLES WASHINGTON LARBE, three of the persons believed to have been concerned in the murder of Mr. Bonsall, near Darby, were apprehended near Woodbury, New Jersey, on Saturday night last, and committed to the prison in that place.

They are old convicts. Wellington was sentenced to imprisonment for life in New York, but afterwards pardoned by the governor, on condition of his leaving the state.

Boyce is a large man, believed to be the same that wore a Wilmington stripe round about on the night that the murder was committed. A silver chain, answering to the description of that stolen from Mrs. Bonsall, was found on his person.

Wellington had clad himself in the clothes of Mr. Bonsall; but when Mr. Hines, one of our high constables, arrived at Woodbury, he appeared in different apparel. He denied having other garments in possession, but search being made, the clothes of Mr. Bonsall were found stuffed in a stove pipe.

Suspicion was first excited by their attempt to pass a Mexican or Peruvian dollar. Other circumstances confirmed this suspicion, and after they had left the village, they were pursued by some of the citizens, and taken into custody. Philadelphia Gazette.

FROM THE NEW YORK AMERICAN, JUNE 2.

A match for one thousand dollars a side was trotted yesterday between Top Gallant, a horse bred on Long Island, but recently from Philadelphia, and the mare called Betsy Baker. The distance was three miles on the Jamaica turnpike, which was performed in the short time of 8 minutes 42 seconds, the horse winning by about 100 yards. The mare beat the horse the same distance for the same sum about three months since, when the horse was said to be out of condition, as the mare now is.

From Poulson's Daily Advertiser, May 31.

We have the pleasure of stating, and our information is derived from an accurate source, that eight hundred able bodied men are now actively employed in excavating the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.

AUDITOR'S REPORT Of Centre county.

Patrick Cambridge, Treasurer, in account with Centre county, from the 8th of January 1823, to the 8th of January 1824

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 'To balance due at last settlement \$ 726 19', 'cash received from collectors 2768 70', 'do taxes on unseated lands 1055 61', 'do John G. Lowry balance of his bond } 150 23', 'do P. Wohlfart road taxes } 3 70', 'do John Moyer do } 1 46', 'do A. Kleckner on duplicate } 60', 'do S. Harris, house rent 1821 } 4 00', 'Balance due the Treasurer 968 49', '\$5678 98'

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Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 'By amount of Comm'r's orders paid \$5437 79', 'do Road orders do } 17 00', 'do His centage on money rec'd } 174 19', 'do Expenses to Philadelphia collecting unseated land taxes } 50 00', '\$5678 98'

By balance due the Treasurer \$ 968 49

We the Auditors of Centre county having examined the treasurer & commissioner's accounts do find them as above stated. Witness our hands, January 8th 1824.

William Kerr, H. L. M'Meen, James Crawford, Auditors.

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 Clearfield, will be held at the court house in the town of Clearfield, on Monday the 5th day of July 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 Clearfield, this 11th day of June, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, and of the independence of the United States of America, the forty-eighth.

GREENWOOD BELL, Sheriff.

ATTENTION Centre Guards.

By a resolution of the company, you are to meet in front of the court house in the Borough of Bellefonte, on Saturday the 19th day of this instant, equipped in full uniform, in order for training, &c.

By Order of the Company.

NOTICE TO COLLECTORS

By the act of the 11th of March 1822, the power of collectors to collect county taxes upon warrants issued previous to the passing of the act, was limited to two years; that period has now elapsed, and as it is presumed that the collectors have received the amount of their respective duplicates, the Commissioners have directed me to give this notice, that unless they come forward on or before the first Monday of August next, and discharge the balances due by them, they will be proceeded against immediately thereafter, without respect to persons. Collectors of 1822 will consider themselves included in this notice, more especially as John Keller and James James collectors of 1823 have shown that it is possible to collect the amount of large duplicates within one year at farthest. The former has settled and paid his account in toto.

JAMES M. PETRIKIN, Treasurer. June 10th 1824.

Henry E. Benner Tailor,

Respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he has commenced the TAILORING BUSINESS in the house formerly occupied by Wm. W. Potter, Esq. as an attorney's office, and one door south of the Centre Bank of Pennsylvania, where he intends carrying on the above business in all its various branches. All orders in his line of business will be thankfully received and punctually attended to.

CARDING.

The subscribers respectfully inform their friends and the public generally, that they have erected a

CARDING MACHINE

in Milesburg, which is now in complete operation. Having engaged Mr. John Douglass, a person well acquainted with carding, they have no doubt but that they will be enabled to give general satisfaction. Wool will be carded into rolls at Six cents per pound, if paid before the first day of November next; if not paid then, Seven cents will be charged. One pound of grease is allowed to every ten pounds of wool, which must be brought with the wool. Wool or grain will be taken in payment for Carding, at the cash price, if delivered at the Milesburg Mill.

THOMAS & FRANCIS POTTS. Milesburg, June 11th 1824.

Six Cents Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber on the night of the 1st instant, an apprentice to the BLACKSMITH business, named

Daniel Ebbs,

aged about eighteen years. All persons are hereby cautioned against harboring him at their peril. The above reward, but no charges, will be paid for bringing said runaway back to JOHN LONGWELL.

Spring Mills, Potter township, } June 5, 1824.

Creditors take Notice,

THAT I have applied to the judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield county, for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this commonwealth, and they have appointed Monday the 5th day of July next, at the court house in the Town of Clearfield, for the hearing of me and my creditors, when and where you may attend if you think proper.

James Blair. June 3d, 1824.