



BEDFORD, Pa.

Friday Morning, DEC. 24, 1858.

"FEARLESS AND FREE."

D. OVER - Editor and Proprietor.

THE MORTARA AFFAIR.

Beef-Heels takes us to task, for a couple of weeks ago publishing a statement of facts in relation to the abduction of the Jewish child, Mortara. He says that "the old Know-Nothing hatred of Catholics still lurks in the hearts of the Opposition leaders, their loud professions to the contrary notwithstanding."

Our article was a mere statement of facts, which are now agitating the whole christian world, and we believe the enlightened Catholics in this country oppose and condemn the Pope's decision.

A Jew named Mortara was residing in Bologna in 1852, when his son, a child twelve months old, was taken ill, but as the doctor certifies, was not in any danger.

Last year another of the children was taken ill; the girl was advised by a woman neighbor to baptize him, but she refused, although she had the opportunity of so doing, the child being often entrusted to her care, and therefore he died as a Jew.

In the middle of the night the Bishop sent the guards to take the boy from his parent's arms, the child crying bitterly for his mama.

The mother fainted, the father swooned, and amid the screams and terror of all the neighbors, they went away with the child, who was sent to Rome, at the Coliseum, where he still is.

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Mr. Geo. W. Herring, had his eye injured by being accidentally struck with a tuck, Mr. John R. Jordan, had his hands pretty severely burned, Mr. John Miller was slight-

ly injured by falling off a building, and Mr. Wm. Spidel had his hand badly burned. Several others were slightly hurt.

Our citizens should go to work, have their water works in good order, an engine company well organized, their engine always ready and able to turn-out at a moment's warning.

The Bedford Rail Road! The Engineers have just completed a thorough survey of a route, for a Rail Road from Hopewell to Bedford.

Citizens of Bedford County, the accomplishment of this great work, for the advancement of your own interests, now depends upon yourselves.

A SPECTACULAR PARTY.—The Party on Wednesday night, given by Mr. GEORGE D. STUCK, to his brother, Mr. SAMUEL STUCK, and his beautiful and talented bride, who have the good wishes of all our citizens for their future happiness and joy, was one of the most attractive and brilliant that has ever come off in this place.

The Farmer's High School of Pennsylvania, located in Centre County, is to be opened in February, and applications for the admission of one hundred students, from the different counties of the State, in proportion to the taxable inhabitants, will be received until the 15th of January.

Senator Cameron delivered an able speech the other day in the Senate on the memorial of iron masters who met in Philadelphia, Dec. 20, 1849.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—What nicer present to a father, mother, sister, brother, lover, sweetheart or friend, than a nice likeness of themselves. Gettys' is the place to procure the article.

The new Lutheran minister, Rev. Mr. Yingling preached his first sermon on Sunday last. He preached an able sermon, and is well liked by the community.

ELIAS DAVIDSON, Esq., a well known and highly respected citizen of McConnellsbury, died on Tuesday week. He was well known to many of our citizens.

THE GREAT REPUBLIC.—The first number of this new Magazine, is now before us, and gives promise of becoming one of the best works of the kind in the country.

Subscribe at Once!—If you wish to secure a copy of that elegant engraving, "The Village Blacksmith," and the Art Journal, with the other premiums, be sure and subscribe \$3 before the 1st of January, 1859.

THE MESSAGE. Many of our cotemporaries deal severely with the President's late Message. Some of them charge the author with unmitigated falsehood, while others, more choice of terms, simply accuse him of a desire to misrepresent.

The Pennsylvania Inquirer, always circumspect in its language, says: "In its tone towards the people it is cold and repulsive—in that towards foreign countries it is warm and boastful, courteous, yet deadly."

The New York Tribune says: "To undertake to refute, within the compass of a newspaper article, all the sophisms, misrepresentations, distortions, and positive untruths that are crammed into a modern proslavery President's message, would be preposterous."

"Independent," the intelligent Washington correspondent of the North American, thus refers to the message: "Whether the President designed his Message for the express purpose, or not, he has furnished the staple of a new slavery agitation at the North, quite as potent as Uncle Tom's Cabin, though, perhaps, in a much less attractive form than that immensely popular publication."

BLAIR COUNTY. A correspondent from Antis Township, to the Whig, gives the following notice of a heart-rending accident: "One of Mr. Stahl's dwelling houses, in which Mr. Bender lived and where he was consumed to-day by fire, with great difficulty the house in which Mr. Stahl lives (in Fostoria) was saved from ruin."

LARGE HOGS.—At this season of the year our townsmen and farmers are bragging about their large porkers. Geo. R. Barndollar, Esq., of Woodbury, Bedford County, brought to our place on Friday last, seven of the finest we have seen in one lot for a long time.

REVIEW.—Rev. Mr. Dosh, of the Methodist Church, is holding a protracted meeting in his Church. A strong feeling in favor of Religion is prevailing among his hearers, and several are here forward to be prayed for.

SENTENCED.—Judge McClure overruled the motion to grant a new trial to David S. Evans, for the murder of his wife, and Tuesday last sentenced him to be executed. The prisoner protested that he was innocent, notwithstanding he acknowledged that the testimony warranted the jury in finding him guilty.

A Washingtonian society has been organized in Hollidaysburg, and the Whig says, "from almost every part of the country come accounts of the re-kindling of the old Washingtonian fires."

A GOOD PAPER.—The Pittsburg Gazette, (Daily and Weekly,) is now in its 73rd volume and a paper which we can cordially recommend. It has all the latest news, is beautifully printed, and is a firm and unflinching supporter of the Republican cause.

CONFIRMATIONS.—The Senate has confirmed the appointment of J. Glancy Jones, of Pennsylvania as Minister to Austria, Wm. Preston, of Kentucky, as Minister to Spain, and Gen. Ward, of Georgia, as Minister to China, in place of Wm. B. Reed, resigned.

DEAD.—Robert M. Riddle, Esq., for many years editor of the Pittsburg Commercial Journal, died on Saturday morning last, in his 47th year.

The Affray Between Messrs. English and Montgomery.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19, 1858. The account of the affray between Messrs. English and Montgomery, given by the Washington Star, and telegraphed to the Northern evening papers on Saturday, is pronounced by Montgomery incorrect and one-sided.

"I have not spoken to English this session or taken any notice of him when we met, as we have occasionally. The reason is that he made a speech to the crowd who serenaded him on the night of the passage of his bill, in which he said that he had associated with me and other anti-Leecompton Democrats only to find out our plans and defeat us."

"I made no answer, but passed on without any sign of recognition. I had walked a few steps when I received from behind a very violent blow on the left side of my head, given with such a force as for a moment to stagger and confuse me."

"I had not the least idea who or what had struck me, but turning round I saw English with a large cane, which he held in both hands, and from the position in which he stood, and the direction of the blow, must have so held when he struck me. He exclaimed: 'Go—d—d—n you, I'll teach you to insult me in that way.'"

"Two persons, Wm. Couch and Daniel Cox, witnessed the affair. I have seen a statement, made and signed by Couch, which confirms Montgomery's statement in every particular.—Couch says: 'Mr. English spoke, saying, 'How are you, Mr. Montgomery?' Montgomery neither spoke nor paid any attention to this salutation, but passed on down the Avenue. Mr. English stepped after him a few steps, and struck him from behind, with his cane, a very heavy blow on the side of the head, Mr. Montgomery turned on him. English stepped back, and drew his sword cane, as though about to stab Montgomery with it. Montgomery stepped back into the Avenue, and caught up a piece of brick—English was running when Montgomery threw the brick, and hit him on the heel or lower part of the leg. Montgomery went back for another stone, and English ran rapidly away up Fourth street. When Montgomery came back, English had run a half square, and was beyond his reach. We were the only persons close by. We saw and heard all that passed. Montgomery did not speak until after he was struck.'"

"Daniel Cox fully corroborates Couch's statement, and says: 'I should add that Mr. Montgomery was unarmed, and that Mr. English held a cane in both hands and struck with great force.' Thomas Reed Keefer, a huckster and grocer, who was standing on the opposite corner and saw the latter part of the affray, corroborates these witnesses.

Montgomery went immediately to a magistrate and made a charge of assault against English, who has been held to bail. Montgomery's face was badly bruised by the blow, which caused blood to flow profusely. He has kept his room since, and is attended by a physician. Had the cane struck an inch or two higher, so as to hit his temple instead of his cheek, he would most probably have been killed.

PROSCRIPTION OF JUDGE DOUGLAS. At a caucus of Democratic Senators held some days ago, it was decided to remove Judge Douglas, of Illinois, from the position he has so long held, of Chairman of the Committee on Territories. The vote stood 17 for removal to 7 against.

The seven Senators who voted against the proposition, were Toombs, Brown, Clingman, Johnson, of Tennessee, Shields, Hunter and Stewart. The supple tools of tyranny—Bigler among the rest—yielded a ready submission to the demands of Executive vengeance. Referring to this outrage, Forney's Philadelphia Press, says: "The cause of his removal is, of course, his manly, straight-forward policy on the Kansas question. Not content with striking down every honest Democrat within its reach who dared to utter his sentiments of abhorrence of the Leecompton fraud, and writing under the contemptible and ludicrously ignominious attitude in which it was placed by the Danite assault upon the regular Democratic organization in Illinois, the Administration has, to the surprise of every eye, found a still lower depth of infamy in which to wallow, and attempts, through the Senators who follow at his heels, to wield the rod of proscription in another shape over the dauntless Hero of Popular Sovereignty."

"Among the great mass of the American people there can be but one opinion of an act like this. A sentiment of profound contempt for all who were engaged in it will universally prevail, and each new dastardly blow of this kind struck at Douglas will only serve to raise him still higher in the affections of his countrymen."

This outrage upon Judge Douglas will create a profound sensation throughout the country from men of all parties—even among those who do not hold the Little Giant in special regard. We are of opinion that the Administration party will not make much by this movement. The act will recoil upon them ere long with terrible effect.

PENITENTIARY WARDEN APPOINTED.—The board of inspectors, at a meeting held recently, appointed Captain John Birmingham, late Prothonotary of Allegheny county, as Warden of the Western Penitentiary, in place of Maj. A. Beckman, recently deceased.

CHRISTMAS.

Cold as this, the "Winter-Monath" of the Saxons is, it heralds that joyous season of yule logs and evergreen wreaths, well-spread tables and of joyous fire-sides, which commemorates the advent of Him who brought peace and goodwill. Let us prepare to follow the example of those wise men who presented gifts of frankincense and myrrh at Bethlehem, and gladden the hearts of our juvenile friends with Christmas gifts! How the little ones, the "three year olds," and all of that ilk, prattle of "Santa Claus," the jolly old elf, and his delightful pack, out of which they all expect a bestowal of something pleasing to their own fancies. We have heard one of these same "three year olds" repeating "by hoari," as they say, with great glee and a genuine gusto, the whole of the following:

VISIT FROM SANTA CLAUS. BY C. C. MOORE. 'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring—not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there. The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced through their heads; And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap. When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutter and threw up such a dash; The moon on the breast of the new year, I saw the lustre of mid-day to objects before me. When what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. How rapid his eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled and shouted and called them by name: "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! now, Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now, dash away, dash away, dash away, zzz! As leaves before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky; So up to the house top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too. And then a twinkling I heard on the roof, The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound; He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack, His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry; His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow. The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke, it circled his head like a wreath; He had a broad nose, and a little round belly That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly; He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself. A soft gaze he threw upon my face, that said, 'Soot on my eye, and I'll twist the head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose. And away he flew, with his team—his own white, And they all flew like the down on aistle; But I heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight—'Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!'

MARRIED. On the 9th inst. by the Rev. H. Wilson, Mr. WM. Y. POORMAN, of Schellsburg, and Miss ANNIE SANSON, of Bedford, Pa.

At the Parsonage in Pattonville, on Thursday evening the 16th inst., by the Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Mr. FRANCIS F. LITTLE and Miss CATHARINE KRIPS, both of Pattonville.

APPEALS. NOTICE is hereby given to the taxable inhabitants of the County of Bedford, that an appeal will be held by the County Commissioners, on the days, and at the places specified, to wit: For Liberty Township on Monday the 10th day of January next, at the house of George Tricker.

At an Orphans Court, held at Bedford, in and for Bedford County, on the 14th day of November, A. D. 1858, before the same Court, Bedford County, Dec. 24, 1858.

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The rumor which so agitated the newspapers a few days ago, that an English frigate had boarded and searched an American vessel-of-war, turns out to be a false alarm. The news from Washington in reference to existing relations of this country, England, and France is of the most auspicious character. There is not only no pretext for war, but no ghost of a pretext for such a folly.

THE NICARAGUAN FILIBUSTERS.—ES. CAPE OF THE SCHOONER SUSAN.—Mobile, Dec. 24.—The friends of the Nicaragua filibusters are greatly elated at the accounts received of the escape of the schooner Susan, having on board one hundred and forty "emigrants" for Nicaragua, well provided with provisions and munitions of war.—The schooner succeeded in escaping on Tuesday afternoon in consequence of the revenue cutter McClelland, sent in pursuit, having got aground in Navy Cove. She is now about four hundred miles distant on her voyage to Nicaragua.

The Warren County Bank after fluttering for some time, has at last closed its doors. The money of this bank has circulated extensively in some parts of the State.

PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE. BY virtue of an order of the Orphans Court of Bedford County, the subscriber will sell at public sale on the premises, on Saturday the 22d of January next, A HOUSE AND LOT OF GROUND, late the property of Mrs. Sophia Mower, dec'd trustee in Ealsburg, Colerain Township, Bedford County, Pa., being the 1/2 of the lot of 1/2 acre square, and on the East side of market street, containing 82 1/2 feet in front and running 198 feet back, adjoining Joshua Miller on the north an alley on the east and south and main street on the west. The improvements are a two story log house, with a large number of good fruit trees on the lot, such as apples, plums, cherries, pears, &c.

PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE. THERE will be sold at public vendue, on the premises, at Bloody Run, on Friday, the 18th day of January, next, at one o'clock of said day, one House and Lot of ground and out building, situated in the Town of Bloody Run, adjoining Lots of Mr. Barnabur and Mrs. Tate, on the south side of the Turnpike Road, for sale under the same. Attention will be given, and terms made known on day of sale, by JOHN STARKS, Atty in fact for Christian Stecken, and others, and J. L. STECKMAN, Guardian of George Stockman's minor heirs. Dec. 24, 1858.

NOTICE. BELIEVING that short settlements is the plan for conducting all business operations—our books will be ready for settlement on the 1st day of January 1859. Every account not settled by period names—must then be closed by Cash or Note. OSTER MANFELDER & CO. J. & M. SHOEMAKER, J. B. CRAMER & Co. REED & MINNICH, FERGUSON & Co. Dec. 24, 1858.

Estate of Samuel Carterigan Dec'd. LETTERS of Administration having been granted by the Register of Bedford County to the undersigned upon the estate of Samuel Carterigan, late of Merdle Woodberry Township, Bedford County dec'd all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to come forward and make immediate payment and those having claims against the estate will present them properly authenticated for settlement to the undersigned at Clysburg Blair County Pa. Dec. 24, 1858. DANIEL SHOCK, Adm'r.

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