

The Huntingdon Journal.

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Circulation LARGER than any other
Paper in the Juniata Valley.

ADVERTISING. SPECIAL AGREEMENT.

The undersigned, publishers of the Huntingdon JOURNAL, Huntingdon Monitor, and Huntingdon GLOBE, have agreed upon the following schedule of prices for the insertion of regular and transient advertisements and local notices in their respective papers, viz:

TRANSIENT ADVERTISEMENTS.

All transient advertisements, save those hereinafter provided for, will be inserted at **two** and **a half** cents per line for the first insertion, **seven and a half** cents for the second and **five** cents for all subsequent insertions.

SPECIAL LOCAL ADVERTISING.

All advertisements pertaining to this class, such as WANTS, Lost, Found, Special Sales, Helps and Situations Wanted, and any advertisement whatever, which is only intended for a single locality, and not for the country at large, (save Borough and Township Accounts,) will be charged at the rate of **five cents** per line for the first insertion, and **three cents** per line for subsequent insertions.

AND FOR DOUBLE THESE RATES,

For **ten cents** per line for the first insertion, and **six cents** per line for subsequent insertions, an advertisement of this class will be inserted in EACH of the THREE PAPERS above named.

REGULAR QUARTERLY AND BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS.

Regular quarterly and yearly business advertisements will be inserted at the following rates:

	3m	6m	9m	1 yr	3m	6m	9m	1 yr
1m (\$1.50)	4 50	5 50	8 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
2m (\$2.00)	8 00	10 00	12 00	15 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
4m (\$4.00)	14 00	20 00	28 00	35 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00

LOCAL NOTICES.

Local notices will be inserted at **ten cents** per line for each and every insertion, except where special contract is made for an amount not less than **half a column**, in which case the charge shall not be less than **seven cents** per line, —

AND FOR DOUBLE THESE RATES,

All such Local Notices will be inserted in each of the three papers, thus giving our patrons the benefit of the three oldest, largest, and most widely circulated and influential papers at a price equal to the old rates for such notices in one paper.

All Resolutions of Associations, Communications of guilds or individual interest, all party announcements, and notices of marriages and deaths, exceeding five lines, will be charged **ten cents** per line.

Legal and other notices will be charged to the party having them inserted.

Advertising Agents must find their commission outside of these figures.

All advertising accounts are due and collectable when the advertisement is once inserted.

J. R. DURBORROW & CO.,

Publishers Journal.

FLEMING & MCNEIL,

Publishers Monitor.

A. L. GUSS,

Publisher Globe.

A DEFENSE OF HIS ABSENCE.

Our old friends, Mengel Bros., formerly of Bedford, and D. S. Francis, have started a new paper in Reading entitled "The Spirit of Books." The first number is before us and does great credit to the mechanical skill of our friend George. There is no better printer above ground than he. The Spirit is Democratic in politics, and will soon rank high as an exponent of Democratic measures. We welcome the Spirit and hope it may long remain in substance and prove a source of great profit to our worthy friends.

The Legislature adjourned on last Friday after clearing up its calendar. The last hours of the session were given up to complimenting the officers with the usual handshakes presents. A large amount of valuable legislation was enacted during the session, and while much of the work in the Lower House was marked, at the expense stage with much blundering, yet in the end it succeeded remarkably well. It was the first Legislature under the New Constitution, and we are perfectly satisfied never to have a worse.

We have received from J. Simpson Africa, esq., Chief Clerk in the office of the Secretary of Internal Affairs, a copy of the Annual Report of the Secretary for 1874-75, part third, which is really one of the most valuable documents which we have ever known to emanate from Harrisburg. It is full of valuable statistics which are compiled, in part, from sources that have not heretofore figured in making up this class of documents. Mr. Africa will please accept our thanks.

On Thursday last a fire broke out in a foundry, at Somerset, Pa., and the flames could not be stayed until thirty-seven buildings were consumed and seventeen families lost houses. The loss is estimated at \$200,000, of which about \$75,000 is covered by insurance. Much of the property burned had been lately erected to take the place of that burned in the previous fire. We deeply sympathize with these unfortunate people.

The Belknap Impeachment case has been before the Senate. The point discussed is the plea to the jurisdiction of that body. It is contended that Belknap having resigned his resignation having been accepted he is not liable to impeachment. It is thought the Senate will sustain the plea.

ANOTHER destructive conflagration destroyed large quantities of lumber in Wilkinsport on Saturday night. The fire was the work of an incendiary, and a suspicious character was arrested and confessed the crime. A disposition prevailed to cast him into the flames, but he was got to prison without harm.

THE Governor has vetoed the items in the Legislative Appropriation bill appropriating sums to pay the expenses of investigating the Reform Schools. The veto is based on Constitutional grounds.

The grand jury of the District of Columbia has returned a bill of indictment against ex-Secretary Belknap, the charge being wilful violation of law and corruption in office.

A Message from the President in Regard to His Absence from the Capital.
A Square Slap in the Face of the Democratic House.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The President to day sent the following message to the House in reply to Representative Blackburn's resolution:

To the House of Representatives: I have given a very attentive consideration to a resolution of the House of Representatives, passed on the third day of April, requesting the President of the United States to inform the House whether any executive offices, acts or duties, and, if any, what, have within a specified period been performed at a distance from the seat of government established by law, &c. I have not been neophyte, and shall not hesitate to communicate to Congress, and to either branch thereof, all the information which the Constitution makes it the duty of the President to give, or which my judgment may suggest to me, or a request from either House may indicate to me will be useful in the discharge of the appropriate duties confined to them. I fail, however, to find in the Constitution of the United States the authority given to the House of Representatives (one branch of Congress in which is vested the legislative power of the government) to require of the executive, co-ordinate with the Senate and House of Representatives, an account of his discharge of his appropriate and partly executive offices, acts and duties either as to when, where or how performed. What the House of Representatives may require as a right in its demand is limited to what is necessary for the proper discharge of its powers of legislation or of impeachment. The inquiry in the resolution of the House as to whether executive acts have within the last seven years been performed, and at what distances from any particular spot, or for how long a period at any one time, etc., does not properly belong to the province of legislation; it does not profess to be asked for that object. If this information be sought through an inquiry of the President as to his executive acts in view of, or in aid of the power of impeachment vested in the House, it is asked in derogation of the most solemn public acts at Quincy, Massachusetts, in the same manner as when the seat of government. Several of them are resolved, and it is also specified that the trial of September, 1797, he forwarded to the Secretary of the State Commission for Justice of the Supreme Court, signed in blank at Quincy, with instructions to fill in the name of John Marshall, who could not, and if, that of Bushrod Washington. President Jefferson was absent from the seat of government during his term of office 796 days, more than one-fourth of the whole official period. He signed and issued from Monticello, among other things, 75 commissions. President Madison was absent 637 days, and President Monroe was absent 705 days, independent of the year 1824 and two months of 1825. The latter transacted public business wherever he happened to be, and sometimes while traveling. President John Quincy Adams was absent during his single term 222 days, and in his memoirs (volume 8, page 75) speaks of his practice of leaving with his chief clerk blank papers signed by him, "to be used when necessary for proclamations, remission of penalties and commissions of Consuls." He speaks also of doing this same thing in regard to patents and land grants. President Jackson was absent from the seat of government 502 days. In all cases he did not exceed, and in what part of the old earth which I have taken to "preserve, protect and defend" that instrument. 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