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OUR FLAG.

'Now our flag is hung to the wild wind free, Let it float o'er our father land.'

FOR PRESIDENT IN 1840. MARTIN VAN BUREN, AND AN INDEPENDENT TREASURY.

Some interesting foreign news will be found on our first page.

MEETING OF CONGRESS.—Up to the time our paper went to press yesterday we had not a word from Washington, relative to the election of Speaker, &c.

Much difficulty was anticipated at the opening of the session, on account of the contended seats in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

A similar game was attempted to be played off in Harrisburg last December by Penrose, Stevens and Co., but without effect.

New York.—The Albany Argus contains a statement of the majorities in the district counties of the State of New York.

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Next Fall we expect Mr. Van Buren to sweep the State by a majority of at least 10,000.

Mississippi.—The official returns of the election in Mississippi are not yet published.

There will be about 20 of a majority on joint ballot in the Legislature. This will secure the election of a thorough going democrat to the U. S. Senate.

Special Election.—The following are the majorities in the different counties composing the 14th Congressional District, at the special election held on the 9th ult.

Table with 3 columns: County, M'Cullough (dem.), Irvin (rep.). Rows: Centre, 296; Millin, 160; Clinton, 39; Huntington, 350.

Tennessee U. S. Senator.—We learn from the Nashville Whig, that the election for U. S. Senator in the place of Mr. Foster resigned, was made by the Tennessee Legislature on the 18th ult.

Quick Work.—That part of Philadelphia which was destroyed by fire on the 3d and 5th of October last, has been rebuilt with splendid stores and warehouses.

The store house on this site, and fifty other buildings in this vicinity, were destroyed by the Great Fire, on the 4th and 5th of October, 1839.

U. S. Bank.—By a statement of the affairs of this institution, published in the Harrisburg Reporter, it appears that on the 1st of August last, the circulation of its paper amounted to \$5,933,303.

The Reporter declares as its deliberate opinion that this Bank is utterly insolvent, that her bonds are utterly unproductive, and that she remains bankrupt in Philadelphia and throughout the States.

Ohio Banks.—All the Banks in Ohio have resumed the payment of specie. When will the 'great Regulator' permit the Pennsylvania Banks to act honestly with their creditors?

Jurymen Look Out.—In the Court of Criminal Sessions of Philadelphia, on the 20th ult. a number of absent jurymen were fined \$20 each.

A GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

Is to be held at the public house of George Beem, Esq., in this Borough, on Monday the 30th inst., for the trial of Major General SAMUEL ALEXANDER, upon charges and specifications exhibited against him by Lieut. Col. FOUK.

- Maj. Gen. GEO. HARTMAN, 3d Division, " JOHN POTTER, 10th Division, " ABBOT GREEN, 8th Division, Brig. Gen. JACOB GLATZ, 2d Brig. 4th Division, " H. B. JACOBS, 1st Brig. 4th Division, " EDGAR S. PRICE, 2d Brig. 3d Division, " JACOB UPPE, 1st Brig. 6th Division, " WILLIAM HIGH, 2d Brig. 6th Division, " A. P. WILSON, 2d Brig. 10th Division.

A Court Martial is now in session at the house of Capt. William Mouldy, in this borough, for the trial of Majors Alexander and McCarty, and Lieut. Creigh, on charges preferred against them by Lieut. Col. Fouk.

The Federal Antimasonic "Union and Harmony" Convention, to nominate candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, met at Harrisburg on yesterday.

Penalty for running away with an officer.—Some time since, as the Sheriff of St. Louis went on board the steamer Gen. Brady to make a levy, the Captain, James Gonzalis, raised the steam and run away with both boat and sheriff.

Enlisting Soldiers.—It has been decided recently by Chief Justice Nelson, of New York, that a person under the age of twenty-one may enlist as a soldier in the service of the United States.

For the Volunteer.

MAJOR RAMSEY AND THE BANKS. The two following articles, from the Harrisburg Chronicle & Lebanon Courier, (two violent federal papers) go to show what an honest man may expect when he makes a demand upon the dishonest shaving shops of the day for what is fairly and righteously his due.

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From the Philadelphia Spirit of the Times. Attempted Murder at Lancaster. Our neighboring city of Lancaster was thrown into a state of great excitement on Saturday, in consequence of a dastardly attempt to assassinate JAMES CAMERON, Esq., made by a person of the name of Robert W. Middleton.

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A HANOVER FARMER. In Harrisburg. REMARKS.—I was somewhat amused in reading last week the articles copied above. The perusal of them called to my mind the story of the individual who undertook to leap over a mountain.

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honorable mind at what it conceived to be indicative of a corrupt heart and designing intellect. But is there no other solution for this man's zeal than honest indignation?

These croching and fawning sycophants of a batch of corrupt money changers, cannot realize the magnitude of that man's depravity who would dare to ask his own of an unlawful and law-breaking corporation.

In the present instance, Maj. Ramsey, because he honestly, fairly and justly desired the Lebanon and other Banks to fulfil their promises which he laid before them, is denounced by their editors as mean, vindictive, petty, spiteful and unprincipled.

General Simon Cameron, (Cashier of the Middleton Bank), the brother of Mr. Jas. Cameron, was in this city at the time of the occurrence; and at the moment when, after the arrival of the mail in the evening, he received the intelligence, he was in attendance upon a meeting, held at the Exchange of the Directors of the Lancaster and Harrisburg Railroad, he immediately left for Lancaster, taking with him Dr. McClellan, of our city.

There can be no question that there was a deliberate and premeditated intention on the part of Middleton to MURDER. After the occurrence at Mrs. Hubley's a citizen of Lancaster, (of the highest respectability) who had seen Middleton at the hotel, at an earlier hour, had occasion to call at his office.

We are gratified beyond measure to be enabled to state, that the murderous intent of the ruffian has been providentially baffled; Dr. McClellan having pronounced Mr. Cameron out of danger.

GENERAL JACKSON. Not long since the Philadelphia Gazette, on the authority of somebody, who proved to be bad authority, announced that Andrew Jackson, had bid the world good night.

THE BANK SUSPENSION. In a long article in relation to the suspension of the Bank of the United States, the New York Herald (whig) makes the following remarks:

On this side of the water the struggle has begun—only begun by the banks of Philadelphia suspended—a long protracted struggle between honor and dishonesty—between economy and extravagance—between judicious industry and reckless adventure.

THE NEW YORK BANKS. The New York banks, to their immortal honor have determined not to suspend specie payments, and on the success of this determination hangs the fate of the whole paper and banking systems in both hemispheres.

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It is true he attacked them at night, according to Indian tactics, but it was a brave thing and although we gave them their "walking tickets," yet we felt there was another sort of man at the head of the foe than the "militia" captains of Bladensburg and Baltimore.

I ease to your ashes, Old General; though we do not love you, yet we respect you for your conduct. From all we can learn from the dead, we believe that seldom has nature produced so remarkable an example of energy and courage, and as is generally the case with such men, he was clear-headed and skilful.

The gross and wicked mismanagement of the United States Bank has led the way to a train of financial and moral evils that will obliterate every principle of rectitude, if the banks of New York do not maintain their honorable position.

HARRISBURG AND PITTSBURG RAIL ROAD. The Legislature of Pennsylvania at its last session appropriated \$50,000 for the purpose of making through examinations of all practicable routes for a continuous railroad from Harrisburg to Pittsburg.

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There is no doubt but a choice will speedily be made and the work prosecuted vigorously. Such things are not suffered to languish in Pennsylvania.

A HEART TOUCHING STORY. A gentle and intelligent young man about 30 years of age, named George Mortimer Swaidwell, was recently taken up at St. Louis on a charge of being drunk in the streets and disturbing the peace.

The story of this man's life is a sad one. He was born in Pennsylvania. He was a young English lady of handsome expectations and had a beautiful boy to bless me with his endearments; we received letters from England announcing the death of my wife's father.

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