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An Apprentice

To learn the Printing business, will be taken at this office, if application be made soon. None but a smart, active, intelligent, good boy, and possessing a good education, need apply.

Hon. Richard Brodhead and Hon. Wm. H. Kurtz, will accept our thanks for sending us Congressional documents, papers, &c.

A BEAUTIFUL ENGRAVING.—We have received a most beautiful engraving intended as a Premium Plate for the subscribers to Graham's Magazine.

Gov. Bigler has vetoed the bill relieving the Ohio and Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Railroad Companies from fines to the amount of \$70,000, incurred by these companies in passing small notes contrary to the small note law.

THE SPECIAL ELECTION for State Senator from Philadelphia County, to supply the vacancy caused by Mr. Foulkner's death, will be held on the 13th of February next.

MINISTERS TO SPAIN.—Hon. Pierre Soule has resigned his office as Minister to Spain. Hon. John C. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, has been appointed and confirmed as his successor.

Commodore Perry reached home on the steamer Baltic, from the command of the Japan squadron, and will receive a public reception in New York.

FROM HARRISBURG. The proceedings of the Legislature, thus far, are barren of interest, our Know-Nothing lawmakers not having got fairly to work yet.

Henry C. Hickok, a renegade Democrat, now of Union, but formerly of Perry county, has been appointed Deputy Superintendent of Common Schools.

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POLITICAL CLEVERNESS.

The Harrisburg Telegraph says it is not opposed to Catholics because of their religion, but because of the political feature in their creed.

Now, it is not our business to defend the Catholic religion, because, in feeling, we are opposed to it.

We never were inside a Catholic church but once in our life, and that was in one of the Southern States, sixteen years ago.

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A Few Facts to Learn.

Every political faction that has ever sprung up in the State of Pennsylvania, says the Harrisburg Standard, has invariably fallen into the arms of the Whig party, except the K. N.'s.

In the present instance, matters appear reversed—the K. N.'s, have swallowed the Whigs, tooth and toe-nail.

This case drew together quite a number of the citizens of our own and York county—the latter county having been committed in the latter county, and the prosecutor being a resident of Cumberland.

The defendant relied for an acquittal upon the veracity of the prosecutor, but as the only witnesses for this purpose were his own relations, most of whom were placed in a very unfavorable light before the Court.

The testimony of the girl essentially corroborated by indifferent witnesses, he failed of doing so, and a verdict of guilty was rendered against him.

The same was Paul Job, and Thomas Martin.—This was an indictment for riot and malicious mischief, in attacking the dwelling house of Mrs. Lydia Hamill, in Shippensburg, some time in November last, by throwing stones into and breaking the windows of her house.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Our present issue does not contain, as heretofore, a full report of the proceedings of our Civil and Criminal Courts, for the reason that of the cases tried, there were but few of sufficient general interest to deserve a notice.

In the Quarter Sessions, of week before last, the principal cases tried were:—Com. vs. John Hikes—Charge of Fratricide and Bastardy.

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A KNOW-NOTHING LEGISLATOR.

A Mr. D. L. Smith, who was elected to the Legislature from Allegheny county, by the Know-Nothing, has signified his intention to that body by introducing the following bill:—

AN ACT TO CONFINE UPON COLORED PERSONS THE RIGHT OF CITIZENSHIP. Sec. 1. Be it enacted, that from and after the passage of this act all colored male persons of African or mixed extraction, who are now or may hereafter become residents of this Commonwealth, be and are hereby entitled to all the civil, religious and political rights, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as the same are enjoyed and held by any person or persons, citizens of this Commonwealth.

That so much of any law or laws as may be incompatible with the provisions of this act, and the same are hereby repealed.

Mr. Smith probably never read the constitution of Pennsylvania, or he would have discovered that the right to vote is prescribed by that instrument, and that the Legislature has no control over it—unless to propose an amendment to the constitution—and that consequently his bill is the sheerest nonsense imaginable.

A few such exhibitions as this, will induce some people, who now think that "know nothing" is enough for a Legislature to know, to change their minds.

What Uncle Sam has done in 77 Years. Uncle Sam was born a nation seventy years ago—since then he has whipped his mother and one of his brothers, thrashed the Barbary coast, threatened France and made her pay up, and cleared decks for battle with Austria.

He has set an example of liberty and popular power, that has thoroughly frightened the despots of the earth and purified the ancient thrones.

He has grasped a continent and is fast covering it with a free, educated and thriving people. He has built more ships than any other nation in the same time, and his flag is now seen on every sea and ocean, and in every harbor and river.

He has built more steamboats, more railroads, more telegraph lines, more school houses, more churches, more cities, bigger babies in his seventy-seven years, than any other nation in five hundred years.

He has printed more newspapers, made more speeches, and done more bragging than any other nation has done in a thousand years.

The Romance of Law—Legislation and a Fortitude. The New York Tribune has the report of a will case before one of the courts of that city, which illustrates the romance of law.

It is that of the estate of Jeanne Dulux, formerly a French maid in Broadway, and more recently a capitalist and money-lender in Wall street, who died last autumn quite suddenly.

Her inheritance amounted to \$100,000, and she was left with a child of five years old.

It was brought up by Madame Dulux as her nephew, but now asserts that he was her son by an early marriage, which took place some time since she was a child of five, and which she artfully concealed.

The case is now before the court, and the Public Administrator, who is now in possession of the estate, is endeavoring to prove that she was not his legitimate son, but a bastard.

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Mechanicsburg Teachers' Institute.

In pursuance of a resolution passed at a previous meeting of the Teachers of Mechanicsburg and vicinity, a number of the Teachers of the adjoining districts, and our worthy County Superintendent, (Mr. Shelly) with the Teachers of the Borough, convened in the Town Hall, on Saturday the 6th inst., for the purpose of organizing a Teachers' Institute.

Mr. J. S. Hostetter, acted as President pro tem, and JACOB SEVENMAN as Secretary.

The President called the house to order, and stated the object of the meeting, and of forming the Institute, which was the harmonizing of the interests in common school education, and the mutual improvement of the members of the association.

The committee which had been previously appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws reported, which report was accepted, and the constitution and by-laws adopted as read.

The constitution then being signed by all present, the association was regularly organized by electing the following officers, viz:—JOHN S. HOSTETTER, President, HENRY G. RUPP and ANDREW KAUFMAN, Vice Presidents, JACOB SEVENMAN, Secretary, and JES. E. MOSSER, Treasurer.

The President appointed David Williams and S. Eckels, to lecture at the next meeting of the Institute.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

For the Volunteer. Lower Allen in the Field. In pursuance of previous notice the teachers and citizens of Lower Allen Township, met at school house No. 4 in said township, on Thursday evening the 4th inst., for the purpose of forming a Teachers' Institute.

The meeting was held in the evening, and was very interesting. The President appointed S. Eckels, Wm. Smith and John Ohall, a committee to draft a Constitution and By-laws for the better organization of the Institute.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were then read and adopted. On motion the Constitution was read, and an opportunity being given, several persons signed it, and became members of the Institute.

After some reports of Committees were received and considered, the Institute adjourned to meet at one o'clock, P. M.

For the Volunteer. MECHANICSBURG TEACHERS' INST. UTE. According to this association met in the Town Hall, on Saturday, 20th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The President being in attendance, called the house to order and stated the object of the meeting, which was the harmonizing of the interests in common school education, and the mutual improvement of the members of the association.

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For the Volunteer. Reverend Dennoeggen. The Harrisburg correspondent of the York Republican, thus speaks of the clerical demagogues who have espoused Know-Nothingism, and turned politics for a "mess of pottage."

In a Massachusetts journal I have just been looking over, I observe a statement that there are no less than forty-six Methodist Ministers in the Legislature of that State.

In our own there are some six or eight, and although I sincerely revere and respect religion and the cause of Christ, yet utterly despise the man that would cast off his clerical robes and turn politician for a "mess of pottage."

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The Lancaster Examiner, the old organ of the Whigs of Lancaster county, thus speaks of our present Know-Nothing Legislature:

The Legislature last week took another step forward in "reform"—by electing some eight, or ten additional legislators.—The precise number we do not see stated, but although the employes of the present Legislature outnumber those of the last by at least a dozen.

This is not a very important matter, if it be true, as the additional expense will not exceed \$3,000, but it exhibits a principle which, if not promptly checked, will soon become the fruitful mother of a hundred more. These offices are created for the sole purpose of making places for idle followers of "Sam" to loaf at the public expense.

The number of employes might have been considerably reduced without detriment to the public interest; but reform of that kind is only intended to be talked about with those good natured people whose sympathy forms the chief stock in trade of crafty politicians—it is not for use.

The first week of a Know-Nothing Legislature sees the number of its officers increased thirty per cent. We commend these facts to the consideration of those citizens who looked upon the Know-Nothing movement as a "very good thing."

It gave us a lift the last election, yet are the habits of scrutinizing their exorbitant expenses closely. It may be very pleasant to elect representatives to the Legislature merely because they "know nothing"; but the farmer who spends ten hours a day chopping wood in the snow, would not find so much pleasure in the reflection that he helped to put a party in power whose first exploit was to establish a dozen offices in the capitol, to receive their \$3 a day from the public treasury for doing nothing. Yet so it is.

[From the Albany Register, Jan. 8.] How Gov. Clark and Comptroller Cook came to an Understanding. Comptroller Cook—Governor, I understood that Judge Cady has resigned the office as assessor of the Fourth District; can't you give the office to my friend, Mr. Bockus, of Saratoga? He's A. No. 1.

Gov. C.—Well, I'll see about it. By the way, Mr. Comptroller, I've a son who has a taste for office. Can't you give him a clerkship till something better turns up? I understand the desk formerly occupied by Mr. Stoddard is vacant. Suppose you give my son that?

Comp. Cook.—Very sorry, Governor, but I've promised that to Mr. Munson, a young gentleman from St. Lawrence, who is here on his invitation to take possession of the office.

Gov. C.—Very well, I should like to get a place for my son—but placing his right digital on his nose, and closing his left eye, come to think of it, I have promised the judgeship to Mr. M.—