

From the California Three Times. **CLAMOR AND "ESTES."**—What a delightful thought it is that here, in this free and enlightened country one can act on fancy prompts and feel not the trammels of conventional opinions! Why should it be that we must conform to the prim, staid contracted forms framed by the few?—Now gambling, in all its beauty and variety, with its many joys and blishments we have, and it delights the varied many.—When one wins, the joy is ecstatic, and when one loses, the tempests of the cards, take one's money with so much grace, void of affection that one given to posturing might exclaim to his passing ounces.—

CENTRE DEMOCRAT.
WM. H. BLAIR, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.
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Belleville, Centre County Pa.
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FOR GOVERNOR
Col. William Bigler,
Subject to the decision of the State Convention.
Terms of the Democrat.
The Centre Democrat is published at \$1.50 per annum in advance, or \$2.00 if not paid in advance. Single copies 5 cents.
No subscription discontinued until all arrears are discharged unless at the option of the editor.
Country produce taken in payment.
Postage on the Democrat.
The New Postage Law takes effect on the first of July next. Under its provisions, the Democrat will be carried in the mails, FREE OF POSTAGE, to any part of the county; or to any distance out of the county, not exceeding fifty miles, FIVE CENTS per quarter; and for any distance over fifty and not exceeding three hundred miles, TEN CENTS per quarter.
We hope our Democratic friends—especially in this county—will exert themselves to swell our subscription list, now that the postage is so soon to be taken off. A highly important political campaign is rapidly approaching, and the more general diffusion of intelligence among the people will tell with marked effect on the day of the election. An increased circulation of the paper will benefit the party and the publisher in a corresponding ratio. The advantages are reciprocal, and it therefore should be considered a duty to every Democrat in the County to aid in enlarging the influence of a journal devoted to their cause.
The House of Representatives on Monday fixed upon the 15th of April as the day of final adjournment. No business of a public character has yet been transacted.
The communication signed "Pro Bonus Publico," comes without the real signature of the author, and is therefore respectfully declined.
Candidates for Supreme Judges.
From present indications, one of the chief objections that was urged to the election of Judges, will be effectually obviated, and instead of the Judges that are to be (so far as the Supreme bench is concerned, at least) being composed of FIFTH-RATE LAWYERS, and incompetent, they likely to be selected from the most eminent and able men of the State, and will form a Bench as powerful and as distinguished for legal abilities as the present Bench—high and distinguished as they are admitted to be. Among the number, from whom a selection of the five candidates will most likely be selected by the Democratic Convention, are Hon. Ellis Lewis, of Lancaster; Judge Lowrie, of Pittsburg; Judges Campbell, Pettit and King of Phila. W. A. Stokes, of Westmoreland; J. W. Maynard, of Lycoming; Judge Bell, of Chester; Judge Thompson, of Erie; Hon. H. D. Foster, of Westmoreland, and several others whose names we do not now recollect.
Judge Woodward and Judge Black, would doubt both be nominated with signal unanimity; but they have both signified their determination not to be candidates.
The Judicial Convention, too, which will select these candidates, will be composed of a class of men, pre-eminently qualified to select candidates for judicial stations—and which is another omen of good results from an elective Judiciary. It will be composed, as a matter of course, chiefly of lawyers; and mostly of the most distinguished lawyers in the State. Take the Allegheny delegation for example viz: the Hon. Wm. Wilkins, S. W. Black, R. Riddle Roberts, Andrew Burke, &c., &c.
PRICES OF FLOUR AND GRAIN.
The following are the prices of Flour, Wheat, Corn and Oats, at the several points named.
Philadelphia 4 50 1 09 61 45
New York 4 56 1 04 65 50
Buffalo 4 06 81 50 29
Cleveland 3 80 79 50 28
Wilmington, Del. 5 00 1 03 63 37
Richmond, Va. 4 81 1 05 68 41
Cincinnati 3 05 75 62 40
St. Louis 3 85 75 62 34
Baltimore 4 56 1 05 56 35
Albany 5 31 1 04 69 43
Boston 5 31 69 44
New Orleans 4 50 70 31 57
Pittsburgh 3 75 75 45 34
Louisville 3 70 72 40 40
Rochester 5 97 1 32 65 30
Milwaukee 3 75 63 61 45

This Progressive Age.
Really this is the age of improvement. A Steamboat to ply on the upper West Branch, is the last step. Now, down with your mill-dams, say we, and all removable obstructions, and let the steamboat pass. We will endeavor to be prepared for her first arrival. It will be a glorious day for all concerned in the enterprise, and the projector, whoever he may be, will live in the memory of our citizens as long as water rolls or grass grows green. We get our information from the following paragraph.—Clearfield Republican.
Steamboating on the West Branch.
By an advertisement in our paper it will be seen that Mr. Jabez Stone contemplates running a steamboat on our river next summer. Mr. Stone is now engaged in building several small crafts to be used as freight-boats attached to the Steamer. The experiment of a steamboat on our river was tried a number of years ago, but did not succeed. Mr. Stone has been engaged in running a boat on the N. Branch for a number of years and he thinks the project as practicable here as there. It is his intention to ply between Lock Haven and Clearfield, carrying passengers, store goods, flour, &c., in his upward trip and bringing back coal, boards, &c. He is acquainted with all the shoals and rapids on the river above this place and regards them as no great hindrance to his designs, as he thinks, that with but little expense they can be made possible in the driest months in the summer. So our friends up the river can keep a sharp look-out for the Steamboat.—Clinton Democrat.
New Hampshire.—The result of the recent election in this State is still in doubt as far as the legislature is concerned, but it is certain that Dismore the Democratic candidate for Governor will lack several thousand of a majority. In that case the election of Governor will devolve on the House, and in that view of the question the result of the contest for members of the Legislature becomes the more important and interesting. One thing is certain, the regular Democrats of the Old Granite State deserves all praise for the manful manner in which they acted in the whole affair. Utterly refusing all alliances with free-soil, they repudiated a candidate who would not place himself fairly on the platform of the Union, and with this disadvantage they nobly marched on to the fight. If they have been beaten, they have been so with their colors flying, on which was inscribed the great principles of the party and upon which no traitor had ever laid his polluted hands. Our New Hampshire friends, have but to persevere on the path of Democratic policy they have marked out, regardless of temporary defeats, and success must attend them. She has been bred in the Jefferson school of politics, and is not to be daunted at the first fire of the enemy. Some years since a similar event took place, which resulted in the election of John P. Hale to the Senate, but the defeat was a brief one, and she soon resumed her place in the republican line. And so it will be now, the next election and the unconquerable sons of the North will sweep the State like a torrent from their mountain in the mean time let them be certain that the democratic party of the Union look with pride and satisfaction to the gallant struggle for principles which has just terminated in New Hampshire.
A World's Fair in 1852.—We are to have a World's Fair, on Governor's Island in 1852. The matter is in good hands, and is quietly, but none the less surely, walking towards completion. The Astor House has subscribed \$5,000 towards the expense of it, the Irving House \$5,000, the New York Hotel \$5,000, and other hotels in proportion to their means. A number of our wealthy merchants have already subscribed, or have signified their willingness to subscribe, whenever the money is absolutely wanted.—N. Y. Sunday Mercury.
The Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, lately in session at Winchester, Va., has among others made the following appointments: **HUNTINGDON DISTRICT.—T. H. W. MONROE, P. E.**
Lewistown Station.—J. H. Brown.
Lewistown Circuit.—J. Ewen, P. E. Waters.
Huntingdon.—Wm. R. Mills, A. W. Gibson.
Birmingham.—J. S. McMurray.
Warrior's Mark.—A. Brittain, D. C. Wortz.
Bald Eagle.—W. A. McKee.
Pensylvania.—Wesley Howe, H. A. Pattison.
Belleville.—G. Guyer, W. J. Maclay.
Clearfield.—G. Berkstesser, one to be supplied.
New Washington.—H. Hoffman.
Sinemahoning.—A. Hockenbury, one to be supplied.
Karthaus.—W. Champion.
Mifflin.—E. McCollum, one to be supplied.
Newport.—O. Ege, J. Beatty.
Bloomsburg.—J. W. Houghavout.

Gubernatorial.
It is now evident that Wm. F. Johnston is to be the federal candidate for Governor to run against Col. BIGLER. The Democracy, says the Bedford Gazette, ask nothing better than this. His two greatest weapons in the contest that elected him by the skin of his teeth, were unconditional opposition to the veto and pardoning power! Having become a convert to these hitherto 'Whig scare-crows,' it will require all his time to refute his former position, which will render him the contempt of the whole community. When Governor Shunk was re-elected, Old Bill run the "one term" humbug right in to the ground. Here too, we will have to make a sumerset! In three short years he has changed from all the questions he contended against in the last campaign.—His next "hobby" will no doubt be based upon the B'Hoiss's exhibited in Bedford at the time he roosted upon two chairs in a bar-room after being treated with utter contempt by his political friends at the springs. He can read his fate in the two last elections for Canal Commissioner and members of the Legislature!
Hon. Geo. W. Woodward.—This distinguished gentleman declines being a candidate for the Supreme Bench. In a letter in reply to certain citizens of Clinton county asking him to allow his name to be used in this connection, he says:
I do not wish to be understood as unwilling to make a sacrifice of personal preference for the benefit of the public. On the contrary, I hesitate not to say that my reasons for declining judicial stations, if ten times stronger than they are, should be cheerfully sacrificed, if I believed it were necessary for the attainment of any great public good. Personal interests and domestic considerations must, when real necessity exists, give way to public demands. But this is not such an occasion. There are many gentlemen more competent and worthy than myself, who are willing and anxious to fill the places on the Supreme Bench, and whose circumstances oppose no obstacle to their devoting their time and attention to judicial labors. Indeed, according to estimation of my qualifications for that station as compared with those of some other men, I feel that I am promoting the public interests, by declining a nomination and giving place to them.
THE BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA.—A masterly reply to the memorial of the Bank of Pennsylvania, asking to be relieved from the payment of the tax on dividends, provided by law, has been sent to the Speaker of the Senate by Auditor General Purviance and State Treasurer Bickle, in which they show that the claim of the Bank is not founded in justice and that so far as services to the State are concerned, it has certainly not entitled itself on the account to the consideration of the State, and especially not to the exemption from taxation which it asks for. The paper is fortified by many strong arguments, which cannot fail to weigh strongly with the Legislature. The fact stated in the following paragraph is known to many of our citizens:
Had the Bank of Pennsylvania manifested the same disposition to aid the State Treasurer in his laudable efforts to pay the interest on the funded debt in specie funds as another institution has several times done, some thousands of dollars paid for discount on uncurrent funds might have been saved to the Commonwealth.—It is a fact that for the last two years the interest on our public debt has been promptly met in specie funds, without a single dollar having been paid for discount.—Pennsylvanian.
WILLIAM BIGLER.—This gentleman, who will no doubt be the next Democratic candidate for Governor, came "down the river on a raft" on Tuesday last. He remained here over night—during which time he received the gratulations of his numerous friends—and next morning passed on with his lumber to its place of destination.—Columbia Spy.
Generals Quitman and Henderson, charged with participating in the Cuban Invasion, have been discharged from arrest, at New Orleans—a news received having been entered. This, we presume, ends the farce.
Village Aristocracy.
Many are the follies and weaknesses of human nature. But none are more contemptible than those acted out by the scum aristocracy of our towns and villages.—Those are to be found in all the relations of life. A young man, whose father was a hard working mechanic, either has a moderate fortune left him, or he marries a few thousand dollars—and forthwith he puts on airs, and assumes an importance, perfectly disgusting to those who are acquainted with the circumstances of his rise and progress in the world. Such young men regard as beneath their dignity, the vocations of their parents, and frequently avoid letting it be known that they sprung from such sources. We have even met, with some who have looked upon the humble vocations of a mechanic, as beneath the dignity of a gentleman, forgetting in the meanwhile that the taint of the father attaches to the son! Pride of this kind

never finds a resting place, save in a weak brain, and manifests itself in a perverse temper.
There are many young men in our towns and villages, (and some young ladies, too) who seem to be proud of the wealth of their families, while their own reputations would be soiled by associating with the sons of mechanics. In their strange infatuation it never occurs to them, their fathers made all their property by downright stealing cheating an l. lying—while their grandfathers were sold at public auction to pay their passage across the ocean!—See the number of young men in our country, who, not endowed with common sense and no sort of love for genuine republicanism, resort to the study of the learned professions, such as law and medicine, while every man about them declares, in terms that cannot be misunderstood, that God of nature intended them for bricklayers, house carpenters and blacksmiths! Many of these ought now to abandon their professions for the more profitable and equally honorable fields of labor where their fathers made money enough to educate them, and thus elevate them to stations where they never can move with ease or grace.—God deliver us from the bastard aristocracy of our little villages, and codfish aristocracy of our large towns! Among these hateful ruffians on society, respectability is based upon the nature of a man's vocation instead of the manner in which his duties are performed. The only sentiment which well regulated society recognizes, is that sound maxim: "Act well thy part—there all the honor lies."—Parson Brownlow.
The Massachusetts House of Representatives, on Monday, by a very large vote, passed a resolution offering ten thousand dollars to any one who will discover a remedy for the potato rot; the discovery to be tested by a practice of five years.
Married.—On the 18th inst. by the Rev. John Tomner, Mr. DAVID GREENICH, and Miss Catharine Fisher, all of Spring Township.
On the 20th inst. by the same Mr. JAMES A. BELL, and Miss RACHAEL M'CRACKEN all of Huntingdon County.
On Tuesday March 18th by the Rev. Luther E. Albert, Mr. Jacob Lilly to Miss Elizabeth A. Bartin, both of this place.
On the 11th inst. by the Rev. William R. Yearick, Mr. DAVID KAUFMAN of Brush Valley, and Miss REBECCA Best of Clinton Co.
On the 13th inst. by the same, Mr. CONRAD FRIEDLEAF, of Walker Tp. and PHILINA LOCHUM of Spring Tp.
On the same, by the same, Mr. JOSEPH KEVIN of Spring Tp. and Mrs. NANCY ROTCH, of Walker Tp.
From the Lewisburg Democrat.
Died.—At Potters Mills, after a lingering illness, Andrew Gregg, formerly of this place, aged about 20 years.
It is with deep sorrow that we record the above death, for we knew him well. Of him it may be truly said:
"None knew him but to love him,
None named him but to praise."
At a special meeting of the Theta Alpha Society of the University at Lewisburg, held in their hall on Monday the 17th inst., the following preamble and resolutions, presented by Mr. C. G. Biting, relative to the decease of the late Andrew W. Gregg, were unanimously adopted.
WHEREAS, A recent dispensation of Providence has called us to lament the death of Mr. ANDREW W. GREGG, lately a member of our institution, and one immediately connected with the early organization of our Society, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That our sympathies be tendered to the friends of the deceased, the remembrance of whose gentlemanly deportment, scholarship, energy, benevolence, and goodness of character we cherish with pleasure, but whose early death whilst humbly submitting to the mournful dispensation of Omnipotence we lament; and whilst we rejoice in the hope that his freed spirit has soared to the bosom of its God, we "weep with those who weep."
RESOLVED, That in testimony of our appreciation of the character of the deceased we wear the usual badge of mourning for the space of thirty days.
RESOLVED, That these proceedings be published in the Lewisburg Journal, and that a copy be forwarded to the friends of the deceased.
UNIVERSITY AT LEWISBURG, March, 17, 1851.
At a meeting of the Sophomore Class, called to express their sense of sorrow at the decease of Mr. ANDREW W. GREGG, recently one of their number, the following resolutions presented by Mr. J. P. Trustin, and seconded by Mr. C. C. Biting, were unanimously adopted.
Resolved, that in the removal, by the hand of Death, of a class-mate of distinguished talents and good moral character, we sustain a loss that we cannot too deeply feel.
Resolved, that with the afflicted family and friends we unite in heartfelt condolence, in the loss of the deceased.
Resolved, that we wear the usual badge of mourning thirty days.
Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and also published in the "Lewisburg Democrat" and Belleville papers.
J. A. KELLY, Sec.

Application for License.
To the Honorable Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for Centre County.
The petition of Anthony Carner of the township of Walker in the County of Centre, respectfully sheweth: That he occupies a house in said township which has heretofore been used and occupied as a public house of entertainment and is desirous of continuing to keep a public house therein, He therefore prays your Honors to grant him a license to keep a public house at the place aforesaid for the ensuing year. And he will ever pray, &c.
We the subscribers, citizens of the township of Walker in the county of Centre, recommend the above petitioner and certify that the inn or tavern above mentioned, is necessary to accommodate the public and entertain strangers and travellers, and that the petitioner is of good repute for honesty and temperance.
Henry Winkelman, Ira D. Canfield, John Miller, James McCormick, John Swartz, Sam'l McLean, John Reynolds, Jacob Candy, Peter Trause, John A. Stover, John Noll, Henry Miller, George Swartz, Wm. Candy, Henry Miller, Daniel Swartz, Wendle Bartholomew.
March 26th 1851.
Application for License.
To the Honorable Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for Centre County.
The petition of James McMasters of the Township of Snowshoe in the County of Centre, respectfully sheweth: That he occupies a house in said township, which has heretofore been used and occupied as a public house of entertainment, and is desirous of continuing to keep a public house therein. He therefore prays your Honors to grant him a license to keep a public house at the place aforesaid for the ensuing year. And he will ever pray, &c.
We the subscribers citizens of the township of Snowshoe in the county of Centre, recommend the above petitioner, and certify that the inn or tavern above mentioned, is necessary to accommodate the public and entertain strangers and travellers, and that the petitioner is of good repute for honesty and temperance.
Thomas Askey, David Askey, John Flack, John Hoop, John Askey, Thomas Askey, Richard C. Hughes Wm. Stewart, John Miller, James Askey, Jacob Mingie, James Lutes, Wm. Stevens, Daniel Cashier, Geo. Graham jr.
March 29, 1851.
Application for License.
To the Honorable Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for Centre County.
The petition of C. B. Callahan of the township of Walker in the County of Centre, respectfully sheweth: That he occupies a house in said township which has heretofore been used and occupied as a public house of entertainment, and is desirous of continuing to keep a public house therein. He therefore prays your Honors to grant him a license to keep a public house at the place aforesaid for the ensuing year. And he will ever pray, &c.
We the subscribers citizens of the township of Walker, in the county of Centre, recommend the above petitioner, and certify that the inn or tavern above mentioned, is necessary to accommodate the public and entertain strangers and travellers, and that the petitioner is of good repute for honesty and temperance.
Samuel McKee, Jacob Candy, Michael Hesh, Wm. Smith Jr., David Enrick, John Sweeney, John Losh, Wm. Garner, Hunsicker, John Farrows, Wm. McCormick, Levi Candy, Henry Winkelman.
March 26th 1851.
Application for License.
To the Honorable Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for Centre County.
The petition of James McCulley of Marion township, village of Jacksonsville, respectfully sheweth: That your petitioner has provided himself with materials for the accommodation of travellers and others at his dwelling house in the county aforesaid, and prays that your Honors may be pleased to grant him a license to keep a public house of entertainment. And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c.
We the subscribers citizens of Marion Township do certify that the above petitioner is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and is well provided with house room and conveniences for the accommodation of strangers and travellers, and that said tavern is much needed.
Peter Haines, John Yergers sr. Wm. Harding, Joseph Flory, Henry Hoy sr., Jacob Harter, Simon Best, Henry Hoy sr., Jacob Gerberick, Edward Moor, Joseph Gerberick.
March 29th 1851.
STATE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
HARRISBURG PENNA.
Guarantee capital over \$100,000
Surplus cash " 25,000
THIS Company has been doing business about ten months, and has accumulated an earned capital of over \$100,000 above all losses and expenses with a surplus cash of over \$25,000 on hand. The premiums are as low as any good responsible company.
The directors confine themselves to the safest class of property, and no risk to exceed \$2,000 on one locality, (with few exceptions). The profits are wholly divided with the members, which offers owners of safe property inducements over most companies in the state.
DIRECTORS,
John P. Rutherford, John B. Foster, A. J. Gillet, P. C. Sedgwick, S. T. Jones, A. A. Carrier, Robert Klotz, JOHN P. RUTHERFORD, Pres.
A. J. Gillet, Sec'y.
The directors have the liberty to refer to the following gentlemen:
Hon. A. L. Russell—Secretary of the Com.
Hon. John Laporte—Surveyor General.
James A. Weir Esq.—Cashier Harrisburg Bank.
B. J. Rose, Esq.—Cash. Danpish Deposit Bank.
John M. Bickel Esq.—State Treasurer.
A. J. Jones Esq.—P. M. Harrisburg.
Haral Painter, Esq.—Canal Commissioner.
Messrs. Geo. Wallower & Son—Commission Merchants, Harrisburg.
John H. Brant, Esq.—Commission Merchant, Harrisburg.
Agent of the above Company, and will attend promptly to persons desiring to be insured. Letters addressed to him on the subject will receive immediate attention.
March 26th 1851.
Notice.
The partnership heretofore existing between Amos and Urias Stover in the fur and leather business, dissolved by mutual consent on Tuesday the 18th day of March 1851
AMOS STOVER,
Urias Stover,
March the 26th 1851.
PLASTERING!
The subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public that he has not relinquished his old business, as has been circulated by design, but that he will be prepared during the coming season to undertake and do in a workmanlike manner, and with expedition, all jobs entrusted to him. None but the most experienced workmen will be employed. Thankful for past favors, he respectfully solicits a continuance of the same.
Ornamental work of all kinds done in the best manner.
C. W. LAMBERT.
Belleville March 10th 1851.—30 2m.
WANTED!—A good girl, between the ages of 16 and 18 to assist in doing House work. For particulars apply at this Office.
Belleville March 12th 1851.
WANTED!—At this Office a few loads of good Wood, in payment of subscription, job-work or advertising.