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THE WEEKLY GAZETTE, issued on Wednesdays and Saturdays, is the best and cheapest family newspaper in Pennsylvania.

WE PRINT on the inside pages of this morning's GAZETTE—Second page: "My Old Woman and I,"—poetry; Ephemeris; Robbers Caught; Spring Balances.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 134 3/4 @ 134 1/2.

OUR ANNIVERSARY AND ANTIQUITY.

The Gazette closes its 83d annual volume and enters into the 84th this day. There is not a person living who can remember the day on which was published in the rude little hamlet of Pittsburgh the first number of our Journal.

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We have before us a copy of the "Pittsburgh Gazette" published Saturday, May 15, 1790, priced six pence.

PHILADELPHIA, April 19th, 1790. Died on Saturday night, the 17th inst., at the residence of Benjamin Franklin.

The foreign news from London and Paris bears date January 8-10th, or four months and several days old at time of publication.

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length, built for the general reception of passengers. The amazing facility with which these boats passed down the creek to the mouth, their safe crossing of two miles, one of which was about twelve feet high, with the rudeness of the creek in its natural state, especially at the falls, sufficiently show what immense advantages might arise to thousands of people in the county of Washington, were the Legislature to attend to the improvement of its navigation.

"Well, in the four score years which have passed, away since the above was written, Washington, Pa., has successfully held its own and pays nearly as much as ever for freights by water roads between Pittsburgh and that borough."

We find an advertisement of "a lottery scheme for raising the sum of ten thousand dollars for a City Hall in Philadelphia."

A runaway negro named "Sip" is advertised as having decamped from the "York" Ferry at the mouth of the "Yough."

The horse department was also a conspicuous one in our fore-father's days, but the advertisements of the owners of fast stallions like "Young Shewball" and "Planter" would insult the more refined reader of to-day.

The Gazette had in 1790 the largest circulation of any Journal West of the Alleghenies, as there were none others published, all the city papers have it now.

There was no "exclusive leader" in the Gazette of that period and Andrew Johnson's name did not appear once in the twelve columns, for he was, if possible, less thought of than now.

Perhaps the most interesting article in this old GAZETTE before us, is an advertisement headed, "A Subscription for a Medal in Gen. Washington," which reads as follows:

"Medals from the earliest period of time have been regarded by an enlightened people as the greatest trophy to be conferred on the memory of the heroes and patriots of the age, and one of the most honorable distinctions a nation can confer on its heroes."

"The following proclamation will be of interest to some interested in the early establishment of justice in Western Pennsylvania."

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Notice is hereby given to all justices of the peace, coroners and constables within said county that they be there and there in their own persons with their rolls, records, inventories and other remembrances to do those things which to their offices in that behalf appertain to be done; also all those who will prosecute against the prisoners that shall then be in the goal of said county, are to be there and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

James GUTRIE, of Greensburg, Sheriff of Westmoreland county, attaches his name to a similar proclamation, dated March 15th, 1790.

There are other items of interest which we may again take occasion to refer to, but our space is limited and we must dismiss the curious old paper from which the above extracts were clipped.

PROGRESS REPORTED.

The approximate agreement, as first made between Lord STANLEY and our Minister to England, for the adjustment of pending controversies, was returned by Secretary Seward, with instructions to insist upon its amendment in several particulars, to all of which the British Government now assents.

Without any reference to the reasons of expediency which may have led the English government to acquiesce thus heartily, in the needful preliminaries for the adjustment of its controversies with the Great and Once More United Republic, let us recognize in the agreement, which has thus come to be an accomplished fact, a matter for the heartiest rejoicing.

There is no good reason for doubting that the Senate will readily accept and ratify the Convention when presented to it, with or without such amendments as will not substantially change its character.

The signature of the Convention, and of the accompanying treaties relative to naturalization and the Northwestern boundary, in effect, put a final close to all outstanding questions of disagreement between the two great nations.

THE CRESCENT AND THE CROSS. The cable brings a report that the Cretan Insurrection is ended, by the entire submission of the population to the Turkish authority, which gratifies the Greek feeling by conceding to them a local but subordinate government.

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UNCONSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIONS.

We have taken several occasions, of late, to remark that the rights of Kentucky and Maryland, to representations for a colored population which each of them have franchised, ought, and doubtless would be, tested at the opening of the first session of the next Congress.

More than this! If Congress does not make haste to supply its omission by anticipating, by one year, the regular territorial census of 1870, the same inconsistency of the Constitution with the existing laws will have to be ignored in the elections of 1870, for the XLIII Congress.

There are intimations that the decision of the Supreme Court, to be announced towards the close of this month, will be in favor of the constitutionality of the Acts as a war-measure, but against any new issues in time of peace.

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THE CHARTERS VALLEY ROAD.

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