

THE PORTER.

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Wednesday, February 21, 1844.

For President in 1844,
MARTIN VAN BUREN,
OF NEW YORK.

For Vice President,
COL. RICHARD M. JOHNSON,
OF KENTUCKY.

(Subject to decision of a National Convention.)

As the Senior Editor must necessarily be absent for several weeks, the entire charge and control of the office will devolve upon his son, E. O. Goodrich, who is equally interested in the publication; and to whom all payments, communications, &c., can be made.

Beauties of the Tariff.

The York Manufacturing company at Saco, owned chiefly by Boston capitalists, has declared an extra dividend of TEN per cent. Their regular semi-annual present to the stockholders was seven per cent. made a few days since, and now they have ten more, making 17 per cent. in six months. This company have been engaged in the manufacture of fancy stuffs, and, as it appears by their division of profits, to extravagant account.

The foundation of our opposition to the present tariff, is, that it taxes, (as indeed all protection must,) one class of community to fill the coffers of another portion. What justice is there in a law which compels the farmer of Bradford to purchase the manufactures of the "York manufacturing company at Saco," at a greatly enhanced price, so that the rich capitalist can realize 17 per cent. on his money in six months? What benefit has it created to the farmer or mechanic? Are the necessities of life cheapened? Are the products of industry increased in value, and their daily toil made to realize them more for the support of their families? Most assuredly not. Yet they are told that they must submit to be robbed of the fruits of their labor, in order that domestic manufactures may be "protected," or in plain English, that the "York manufacturing company at Saco," may declare a semi-annual dividend of 17 per cent!

One of the fundamental articles in the creed of the democratic party, is, a revenue sufficient to meet the wants of the government, collected from duties laid upon importations, so directed as to afford, incidentally, protection to some branches of domestic industry. This, we believe, could be done so as not to be an onerous burden upon any portion of community. But when it is done to allow the monopoly, called to the "York manufacturing Company at Saco," to declare dividends at the rate of 34 per cent. per annum, we seriously protest against it, as invading the rights of one portion of community to benefit another, and much smaller part.

DANIEL WEBSTER'S POSITION.—Daniel Webster—the "Faneuil Hall Whig"—has at length defined his position. Now that the storm has ceased, he has begun to clear the side-walks from snow, to apply his own classical illustration. He has written a letter to the whigs in New Hampshire, who requested the use of his name as a candidate for the Presidency, and refers the selection of a candidate to the National Convention, declaring that Henry Clay will probably be nominated, and intimates his hearty concurrence in the choice, and his intention to support him.

NEW COUNTERFEITS.—A new counterfeit has appeared on the *Monongehala Bank at Brownsville*, of 2's relief issue. The engraving of the title of the bank is very heavy and blurred, and the counterfeit may be detected by the motto at the bottom of the coat of arms, the word "Virtue" being imperfect. Color of paper, rose white.

Doylestown Bank, Doylestown, Pa. 5's spurious. Vignette, female with a child, respers, &c. On the right end, female with book; and on the left, Washington in a sitting posture.

FIVE NEGROES DROWNED.—At Fayetteville, N. C., on the night of the 6th inst., seven negroes crowded themselves into a canoe to cross to Cape Fear a few miles below that town, but before they reached the opposite shore, the canoe sunk, and five out of the seven perished.

Col. Johnson & the V. Presidency.

Below we publish a letter from Col. R. M. JOHNSON. It is of the same character and tone as the letter recently published in the *Globe*, and is a triumphant vindication of all that his friends have declared in relation to the "old hero's" accepting the Vice-Presidency.

WHITE SULPHUR, Ky. }
January 20, 1844. }

"I have just received your letter, enclosing your address to the democrats of Pennsylvania. I had previously given you my views in answer to yours dated at home. It was not in my power correctly to change my position before the public, or a National Convention, on account of the action of my own state, to say nothing of my friends in other states. And here, without any withdrawal of my name for the Presidency, in answer to inquiries made, it was proper to declare in advance, that I would accept of the nomination of Vice President, if my friends wished it, and the National Convention so decided it; wishing to conceal nothing from my friends or the democratic party, that all might speak advisedly on the subject. Any other course would have a tendency to give dissatisfaction to many friends entitled to my gratitude; and this course I have adopted without any reference to my prospects. I cannot interfere between friends for an honest difference of opinion as to the time of presenting me for Vice President; and although I ask nothing as a favor, yet if I was certain that the ticket would fail, I would accept the VICE PRESIDENT, if offered to me by a majority of the democratic party as cheerfully as if I thought it would be successful, and I know what you have done has arisen from a full conviction of its policy, and benefit to our great cause. Let union of feeling, and harmony of action, pervade the great democratic family, and our republican principles are sure to triumph at the elections. In the mean time I wish to submit the whole matter to my friends, and the Democratic National Convention.

"Very truly and sincerely
your friend,
R. M. JOHNSON.

"COL. SALISBURY." The above is the language of a noble heart and is creditable to the "Hero of the Thames." What a rebuke to the false sympathy of a few, who intended to use the great name of Col. Johnson to defeat Martin Van Buren, and give the electoral vote of Pennsylvania to Henry Clay! Under the banner of VAN BUREN & JOHNSON, the democratic party in union and harmony like one man are passing onward to a glorious victory.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE CANAL COMMISSIONERS.—The following list comprises the most important appointments made by the present board of Canal Commissioners:

COLLECTORS.
Thomas J. Haines, at Lancaster.
Robert Laverly, at Parkesburg.
Ardenus Stewart, at Paoli.
Peter Orwan, at Newport.
John S. Patton, at Huntingdon.
James Gillespie, at Freeport.
Charles H. Williams, at Easton.
Isaac Vanhorn, at Bristol.
Joseph B. Shugert, at Lewistown.
Alexander Newell, at the Junction of Beaver Division, and Pennsylvania and Ohio Canal.
Henry Jack, at Blairsville.
W. C. McCormick, at Hollidaysburg.
A. W. Wasson, at Johnstown.
Herman Beard, at Portsmouth.
James J. Given, at Columbia.
John Nill, at Harrisburg.
John Fleming, at Alleghany city.
John B. Beck, at Williamsport.

WEIGHMASTERS.
Eli Overdeer, at Lancaster.
P. M'Mahon, at Columbia.
Geo. Potts, at Hollidaysburg weigh-
scales, Portage Railroad.
J. O'Connor, at Hollidaysburg weigh-
scales, Portage Railroad.
William Philson, at Johnstown weigh-
scales, Portage Railroad.
C. C. Hemphill, at Johnstown weigh-
scales, Portage Railroad.
Charles H. Williams, at Easton.
Isaac Angney, at Portsmouth.

John L. Armstrong and S. J. Smith, to be State Agents on the Allegheny and Portage Railroad, to take effect from the 4th of March next.
Phaon Jarrett, to be Supervisor of the Delaware Division.

LIBERTY CONVENTION.—A Liberty Convention for Ohio, met on Wednesday, 7th inst., and nominated Jas. G. Birney for President, and Thomas Morris for Vice President; Leicester King for Governor.

ESCAPED FROM JAIL.—Two prisoners confined in the Sunbury jail, escaped on Thursday evening, 8th inst., by means of a false wooden key. Their names are Ephraim Parent and Nathan Welbert.

SOMETHING NOVEL.—The N. Y. Sun says, four Christian women have been baptized and entered the Jewish church, and within the last week have each been married to persons of that description.

Execution of James Dolan.

Friday, the 16th inst., between the hours of 10 and 2, was the time designated by the Executive warrant for the execution of James and Bridget Dolan convicted last September Term, for the murder of Rufus G. Gere, in a shanty near Athens, on the last day of July last. The execution of James Dolan took place at the time appointed; Bridget Dolan having been respited by the Executive, for the term of six months. Through the politeness of Sheriff Weston we are enabled to give our readers an account of the execution.

Ever since his sentence, he has manifested a hardened indifference to his approaching fate, and conversed freely and unconcernedly about his execution, and it was only as his last moments drew nigh, that he has exhibited a single feeling of contrition or repentance. He has been daily visited by the Catholic clergyman and other citizens, who had in vain endeavored to excite in his breast one single emotion of contrition or remorse, or an acknowledgment of his guilt of the awful crime with which he stood charged, and for which he was soon to make an awful expiation by his own life on the gallows. Too much praise cannot be awarded to those benevolent citizens who have visited him daily, and who have endeavored to direct his attention to Him "Who taketh away the sins of the world."

On the morning of the 16th, as the last ray of hope was extinguished in his breast, and it became evident that his hours were numbered, and the hand of Executive clemency had not been extended to him, he evidently became concerned about the death he was soon to die, and relaxed the haughtiness with which he looked upon his impending fate.

At 10 minutes to 12 o'clock, he was arrayed in the habiliments of the grave. The near approach of the hour of execution, and the preparations made, had a sensible effect upon him; but he still conducted himself with fortitude; smoking his pipe, and making a remark that his age was between 45 and 46, and asking the Sheriff if this is his first execution. The Catholic clergy were then introduced into the room, and remained for half an hour, and at 10 minutes to 1, the Sheriff told him the time had come, tied his arms, and conducted him to the scaffold. Dolan turned to his wife, and while shaking hands, said to her, "Good-bye Bridget, don't get drunk any more." He followed the Sheriff with a firm step to the gallows, which he ascended, accompanied by the Sheriff and Fathers O'Reilly and Fitzsimmons. At 7 minutes to 1, the rope was placed about his neck, when on being asked by the Sheriff if he had anything to say, he spoke to the bystanders in substance, as follows:—"My wife knew nothing of the murder of Gere until he was dead; she had no hand in it. I am guilty of the murder of Gere, but not of any other. I did not kill him for his money; as for his money I know nothing about it. Once I attempted to shoot my wife, while under the influence of liquor, and in a fit of jealousy. I snapped a pistol at her, but it missed fire. I have no unkind feelings toward any one; the officers have used me like a brother."

He was then told he had but five minutes to live. He offered up his prayers, through the priests who attended him on the scaffold, and seemed much affected. At 1 o'clock the cap was drawn over his eyes. Sheriff—"One minute more." The time expired; Sheriff Weston cut the rope, and the wretched criminal dropped about 3 feet. A few involuntary convulsions took place; his chest heaved; his neck and hands became livid; he struggled slightly at 3 minutes past 1, and remained quietly until 10 minutes past, when the last throbs of his pulses ceased, and the soul of the unfortunate murderer had left its earthly tenement, to try the realities of the unknown world. He died apoplectic, his neck not having been dislocated. His remains after having been suspended for 40 minutes, were cut down and placed in the coffin, and were taken in charge by some of his friends and conveyed the next day to Friendsville for sepulture.

During the discharge of his melancholy duty, Sheriff Weston manifested a decision and firmness which did him credit. The execution was performed in the presence of the Sheriff and sev-

eral deputies; Rev. Messrs. Nash and Nevins, and the two Catholic clergy three reporters; a brother of the murdered man, residing in Honesdale, Pa., physicians, and some others, and the jury consisting of the following gentlemen:—Lockwood Smith, Daniel Coolbaugh, James D. Burbank, H. L. Blackman, John W. Payson, Ira H. Stephens, Eli Baird, Uriah Terry, John F. Long, Frederick Fisher, Nathan Coon, jr., George H. Bull.

Although the execution was performed within the walls of the jail-yard, and no opportunities could be afforded for viewing the scene, yet at an early hour the inhabitants of the surrounding country began to arrive, and a living tide poured into town from every avenue. By noon the crowd was swelled to the number of probably between two and three thousand persons, all anxious to obtain some position by which a glimpse of the execution could be caught, and the neighboring buildings, from some of which a partial view could be obtained were crowded by persons, anxious to get a view of the tragedy at the risk of their own persons; while without and surrounding the wall was a dense mass of individuals, listening eagerly for the noise produced by the falling of the platform upon which stood the criminal. It was with the utmost difficulty that they could be restrained from scaling the walls, so eager were they to see a fellow man offer up his life to the insulted laws! Indeed, as soon as the guard which surrounded and protected the jail-yard had been withdrawn, (which was done a few minutes after the rope was cut)—a rush was made for the walls, and in an incredibly short space of time, the top was thickly covered with individuals, who at the imminent peril of their own necks, had thus purchased a view of the still suspended criminal, and who gave way to others, who in turn ascended, until a large proportion of the assemblage had succeeded in viewing the gallows, and the dead body of Dolan.

No scenes of violence were, however, committed during the day, and we are happy to state that it was not attended by the excesses which are usually displayed at criminal executions.

Among those whom a morbid and unhealthy sympathy had drawn together, we were surprised to see many females, standing in the snow, and gazing at the walls, within which the tragedy was being enacted.

SUSPECTED MURDER.—Mr. Robert Atkinson of Washington, Wyoming co. was suddenly killed on Tuesday 7th inst., by the falling of a tree, as was supposed. Since his interment suspicions arose that all was not right, and his body was disinterred, and examined by physicians, and the appearance of the wound, and other circumstances appeared to indicate that he had been murdered. He was engaged in chopping at the time of his death with a neighbor by the name of Baisley. Mr. A. was to have been married in a few days.

CONFIRMED.—The nomination of Hon. HENRY A. WISE, as Minister to Brazil, has been confirmed by the U. S. Senate. The mission to Brazil has cost the nation, within the last year, \$31,500, as follows:—First Mr. Hunter's recall cost \$22,500; Mr. Proffit's outfit, \$9000, one year's salary, \$9000; return allowance for Mr. P., he having been rejected by the Senate, \$2250; Mr. Wise's outfit, \$9000—\$31,500.

ANOTHER TEA SCRAPE.—Our Boston friends are obliged occasionally to make an offering in the shape of a cargo of tea, to the presiding genius of Boston harbor. Fifty-four chests and boxes of tea, which had been damaged by oxalic acid, were lately emptied into the channel by the direction of the Mayor, and sent to make "tea" for the fishes, we suppose.

ANOTHER INSANE MURDER.—Abner Rogers, jr., has been tried a second time for the murder of the Warden of the Massachusetts State Prison, and this time a verdict rendered of "Not Guilty, by reason of Insanity." The Jury were out six hours. Rogers is to be confined in the Lunatic Asylum at Worcester.

PUBLIC MEETING.—On our other page will be found the proceedings of the Van Buren and Johnson meeting, held on Thursday evening; and the Democratic Reform meeting held on Friday evening.

News from all Nations.

For fear that some of our subscribers, who are waiting an opportunity to forward us the amount of their subscription are ignorant of the following decision of the P. M. General, we insert it for our mutual benefit.

"A Post Master may enclose money in a letter to the publisher of a newspaper, to pay the subscription of a third person, and frank the letter if written by himself."

Daniel Webster will commence the practice of the law in New York, in March next.

The Texas Legislature has passed a resolution providing for the annexation on condition that the United States assumes the debt of Texas.

Fanny Ellsler, states that she uses up three pairs of satin shoes every night that she dances on the stage.

There are 260 lawyers, 180 physicians and 72 clergymen in the city of Boston.

The "Girard case," is now being argued before the U. S. Supreme Court.

An Eagle, measuring eight feet from the tips of its wings, was lately shot in York county.

Senator Porter, of Louisiana, recently deceased, has left a legacy of considerable value to Henry Clay.

Mr. William Dyer, of Cape Elizabeth, Me. aged 74, died very suddenly a few days since. While he was travelling in a sleigh with a friend, the reins dropped from his hands, and he fell back dead.

Six deaths recently occurred in Saxonyville, Mass., from a disease caught from picking over wool which came from Smyrna, some months ago.

Governor Porter has appointed Friday, the 22d of March next, between the hours of 10 and 2, for the execution of Samuel Mohawk, the Indian who murdered the Wigdon family.

Mr. Pakenham, the newly appointed Envoy to the United States from England, arrived at New York, on the 12th inst.

An anti-punishment-by-death society has been formed in New York, of which Wm. Cullen Bryant is President.

Governor Fenner of Rhode Island is dangerously ill of erysipelas.

The annual election in Massachusetts takes place on the 12th of March. John H. Steele is the democratic candidate for Governor.

An Englishman, at Saco Me. attempted to chop off his own head with an axe. When he became so benumbed that he could use it no longer he went to the ostler and asked him "to help him finish the work."

The friends of Lewis Cass for next President, held a meeting in Faneuil Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 30th ult.

The post office at Springhill in this county, has been discontinued. The post office at Owego, N. Y. is again a distributing office.

Three couples were recently married at Marblehead, after a respective courtships of fourteen, twelve and nine years!

Father Miller is preaching at the present time at Boston to pretty good congregations.

Mr. James Boughton, an apostate Washingtonian was burned to death at Watertown Conn., a few nights since, having laid down whilst drunk on the top of a coal pit.

The bill to repeal imprisonment for debt, in the Tennessee Legislature, was rejected by a majority of five.

An English woman was sent to the Tombs in New York, for beating her husband, who was sick in bed, and biting his nose nearly off.

The late King of Holland left a fortune of sixty-five millions of dollars.

Some of our Brethren of the press have been getting themselves into scrapes by publishing marriages from rumor. If they would adopt our plan, never to insert a marriage notice unless handed into the office, and accompanied by the "fixins," they would save themselves much trouble.

John Hill, a middle aged man, of Princeton, Peoria county, Illinois, was frozen in his sleigh on the 12th ult.—Whiskey was the cause.

Gen. Lewis Cass, who is about 50 years of age, is said to have stated in a Temperance lecture recently delivered at Detroit, that he had never tasted intoxicating drinks.

A Michigan paper estimates the emigration into that State, the past season, at 20,000.

Bradford County Court.

Monday, February 12th 1844.
JOHN KING vs. JOHN M'CONNELL
sumsit for work and labor performed by the plaintiff in building brick-paved on a section of the North Branch of the river.
Feb. 14th, the jury find for the plaintiff the sum of \$79.16, and on motion Mr. Williston, the Court grant a writ to shew cause why this judgment should not be entered without cost.

February 14th, 1844.
W. H. OVERTON, who was committed to the battery on Charles Jenkins was sentenced by the Court to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars to the Clerk of the Court, and the costs of prosecution.

CORVELL AND MARTIN vs. WALTER WALTMAN.—Trespass against the stable of Ulster township for trespass upon and selling in 1841, as the property of Avery and Davenport, a quantity of saw logs claimed by ryell Martin.

The defendant alleged that the was fraudulent and void as to the creditors.—Verdict for the defendant.

February 15th, 1844.
L. S. ELLSWORTH vs. THOMAS GETT, JR. & GEORGE FOX.—Trespass for a foreign attachment brought by the plaintiff to recover of the defendants of the city of New York alleged services rendered by him in collecting certain claims in favor of the defendants against Samuel P. and Geo. Mattocks. Feb. 15th, verdict for the defendants.

February 15th, 1844.
ISRAEL SMITH vs. IRA H. STEWART (late Sheriff).—Trespass for livery on and selling, as the property of son B. Smith, a large quantity of lumber.—Verdict for the plaintiff \$2000 lars.

COMMON SCHOOL JOURNAL.—"Common School Journal of the State of Pennsylvania," published at Philadelphia, by Edward C. Bland and by Hickok & Cantine, at New York, at \$1 per annum. It is worthy support of the friends of the Common School system.

AMALGAMATING.—A New Hampshire tells of a marriage which took place in that city between a white girl and a colored man. The couple applied vainly to nearly every clergyman in the city, and were finally obliged to have recourse to a justice of the peace, who legalized the union.

DROWNED.—Mrs. Young, the wife of J. Young, of Bridgewater, was drowned in the Susquehanna river near Vestal, N. Y., on Friday 8th ult. while crossing on the ice. She was married but a few months since, and was on a visit to her friends.

AN HONEST STATE.—Alabama refused to accept her share of the money distributed under the act of Congress, (since repealed), to divide proceeds of the sales of public lands among the States.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—Mr. Francis B. Bodine, who lives near Moscow, N. Y. was a few nights since met on his way home by two robbers, and compelled to give up all the money he had with him.

AWFUL MISTAKE.—At New Haven, Mrs. J. K. Post, killed her little daughter, by administering laudanum, under the impression that it was preparation of rhubarb.

CHURCH ROBBER.—A Catholic church in New Orleans, was recently entered by thieves, who after plundering the boxes, took several valuable articles from the altar.

SENATORIAL DELEGATE.—The Congress from Bradford and Tioga to elect a delegate to the 4th of March convention met at Troy, on the 16th inst., but adjourned without making a selection.

P. M. AT WILLIAMSPORT.—Thos. Ryell, Esq., has been appointed Post Master at Williamsport, in the place of J. S. Titus.

A DUEL.—A duel was fought a few days since, at Peoria, Ill., between W. C. Torrey & Robert Thompson, which the latter was wounded.

ELECTION.—An election for members of Congress took place in Maryland on the 14th inst.

STATE TREASURER.—Thomas Wrighton has been re-elected Treasurer of the State of New York.