

# THE PORTER.

Wednesday, March 27, 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.]

Electors for President and Vice President.

WILSON M. CALDWELL, } Senatorial.  
ASA DMOCK, }  
1. George F. Lehman, 13. George Schabel.  
2. Christian Kessau, 14. Nathl. B. Eldred.  
3. William H. Smith, 15. M. N. Irvine.  
4. John Hill, (Phila.), 16. James Woodburn.  
5. Samuel E. Leach, 17. Hugh Montgomery.  
6. Samuel Camp, 18. Isaac Ankeny.  
7. Jesse Sharpe, 19. John Matthews.  
8. N. W. Sample, 20. William Patterson.  
9. Wm. Heidrich, 21. Andrew Burke.  
10. Conrad Shimer, 22. John McGill.  
11. Stephen Baldy, 23. Christian Meyers.  
12. Joseph Brewster, 24. Robert Orr.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

For Governor,  
**HON. HENRY A. MUHLBURG,**  
OF BERKE.  
For Canal Commissioner,  
**JOSHUA HARSHORNE,**  
OF CHESTER.

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.

The Coons at their Old Tricks.

Those who have watched the prognostications of the opening campaign, have done it to little purpose if they have not discovered indubitable evidence of a disposition on the part of the followers of that reckless politician, "Harry of the West," to again insult the common sense and shock the feelings of propriety and decency of the sober and intelligent portion of our community, by a repetition of those disgraceful scenes which characterized the "hard cider" campaign of 1840. Yes! this is to be the case, and if any have laid the flattering unction to their heart that principle should be arrayed against principle, and the coming contest fought on rational grounds, they are doomed to a sad disappointment. Already the paraphernalia of gongery are prepared, log cabins are reared by those who despise the occupants of these humble habitations of the poor but honest laboring man, who is now taxed by them to build up a monied, purse-proud, and arrogant aristocracy, and even the pilfering denizen of the forest, that "same old coon" is made to re-enact his part in a similitude to the transactions of 1840. The revelries that made night hideous at that time, are to find a counterpart at the present time, and those same scenes of dissipation and immorality to be re-enacted to convince the free people of this republic that Henry Clay is the most suitable candidate for the first office in their gift. And this a people too, distinguished for their intelligence and sobriety, for their patriotism and for the unerring efficiency and justice of their declarations made at the ballot box.

At the south, the campaign is opened in earnest. Henry Clay is pereambulating that portion of the country, and endeavoring by his presence to instill into the breasts of his followers a portion of that enthusiasm and recklessness which distinguished the last Presidential election. He is assisted in his work, by the notorious and infamous Bear, commonly known by the appellation of the "Buckeye Blacksmith." This is a fit person to do the work which Mr. Clay himself would not stoop to do. Uniting in his person and habits the leading characteristics of that animal whose name he disgraces, his language is composed of blackguardism and scurrility an equal for which we look in vain to the vocabulary of Billingsgate. This Bear is the person who said "he would rejoice to hear of the death of GENERAL ANDREW JACKSON," at a time when the whole nation with the exception of a few, like himself, destitute of every moral feeling, were in daily expectation of the demise the illustrious "sage of the Hermitage,"

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was blazing in light, to testify its owner's joy for that deplorable event! He is attended in his course, by the Kentucky pump-maker, for whom we will have more charity than to judge him by the company he keeps, and the potency of their arguments is much strengthened by the performances in the musical way of a certain Colonel, who has lent his talents in that line, for the success of Mr. Clay.

We have had a testimonial of the success that awaits their labors in the result of the election at New Orleans, where they had for several days, labored for the success of the whig candidate. The success of the democracy in that city, offers a merited rebuke to these illustrious characters, and speaks loudly in praise of the intelligence and indomitable resolution of the democratic party. We do not believe that appeals to the passions of men, are calculated to elevate the dignity of our government, neither do we believe that Henry Clay is to be caught up by the whirlwind of enthusiasm and placed without reflection into the Presidential chair. The democratic party present a broken and impenetrable phalanx, able at any time to cope with the incongruous forces of coonery; and are marching onward under their illustrious leader, to a certain victory.

COMPLIMENT TO MR. WILMOT.—The Democratic Union, of the 16th inst., contains the following tribute to the talents and democracy of Mr. Wilmot:—"The position assumed by this leading county (speaking of Bradford) of the North had a powerful and controlling influence with the Democracy of the State; and ultimately led to the victory which was achieved in the 4th of March Convention. It would be unjust to that democratic section of the State, and especially to Bradford county, not to acknowledge the services rendered by her delegate in that convention, DAVID WILMOT, Esq., to the cause of Democracy. The instructions which he had received to support VAN BUREN and JOHNSON were redeemed with an ability and fearless independence seldom surpassed. Mr. Wilmot was the strong champion of Van Buren upon the floor of that Convention, and the insidious efforts which had been made to prostrate this distinguished Patriot and Statesman, were met by him and resisted with that success which is evidence of his ability to serve his constituents and the Republican party of the State.—There were many more gentlemen of distinguished talents and high character as debaters in that body, and nobly did they acquit themselves in the performance of their duty, but when the resolution offered by Mr. Wood of Allegheny, declaring Van Buren and Johnson to be the choice of Pennsylvania, the delegate from Bradford took the floor, and advocated the resolutions in a speech of such thrilling effect as to be remembered with pride and pleasure. The vote which immediately followed is the evidence we offer to Mr. Wilmot's constituents of his power and abilities as a public debater, as up to that period the enemies of Democracy had professed to be entirely confident of the defeat of Mr. Van Buren in Pennsylvania, by sending delegates to the National Convention uninstructed."

A NIGHT OF SUFFERING.—The Columbia Enquirer, relates an adventure which happened to Dr. T. A. H. THORNTON, of Conyngham, Luzerne county, on Tuesday evening, 14th inst.; which was one of suffering and peril. The Dr. had been on a professional visit, and on his return, became benighted and finally lost his path in a swamp. While endeavoring to find his way from the swamp, on foot, he encountered a huge wolf. Retreat was out of the question, but by loosening one of his riding leggins, and infusing it with spirits of hartshorn, he succeeded in keeping him at bay, walking backward all night! At daybreak, the wolf disappeared. The doctor, in a state of utter exhaustion, finally succeeded in reaching a habitation at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when he told his story and fainted away.

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DEMOCRATIC CHAMPION.—The Bradford Argus, glad of any pretext to endeavor to convince the democratic party that they are divided, has seized with avidity upon a paper printed at Harrisburg, and paraded before its readers extracts from its columns indicating the non concurrence of the editors in the Democratic nomination. We are happy to say that whatever may be the course of the Democratic Champion, it is not expressive of the wishes and feelings of any portion of the democratic party. It is a small paper which was established before the nomination ostensibly for the purpose of supporting the nomination of Mr. Shunk, and displayed an amount of apparent warmth and zeal which was highly reprehensible. Now that Mr. Muhlenburg is nominated, it is perfectly rabid, and carries its feeling so far as to lead us to suspect that it wishes any thing but the success of democratic principles. We have a wily and unscrupulous foe to contend against; a foe who will suffer no occasion to pass which offers to distract and divide the democratic party. But they will fail in this instance, for be it friend or foe, the democratic party are too well united, to be divided by the attempts of an anonymous publication.

TRIAL OF GOV. DORR.—We learn from the Newport Rhode Islander, that Mr. Dorre came into court on Tuesday, and withdrew plea filed by his counsel on Thursday last; and made a speech expressing his earnest desire for a speedy trial, and protesting that he withdrew the aforesaid plea contrary to the advice of counsel, in consequence of the long time allowed by the court to the Attorney General to file an answer to it, which made it almost impossible, if that plea was continued, that he could have his trial at this term, and he wished to make it evident that he desired an immediate trial. The Court took until afternoon to consider it and fix a day. The Court subsequently announced their determination to proceed with the trial on Friday, 26th of April next.

GOV. GILMER'S REMAINS.—The Richmond Whig states, that the remains of Gov. Gilmer reached that city on Thursday last, and were escorted by a military and civic procession to the capitol, and were deposited in the hall of the House of Delegates. The procession was one of the largest and most imposing ever beheld in Richmond; and the whole proceeding was solemn and impressive. They were to be escorted on Friday morning to the packet boat, whence they will be taken to the family burial place, where the ceremony of interment will take place.

FIRST CONVICTION IN RHODE ISLAND.—Martin Luther, of Warren, has been indicted in Rhode Island, under the "Algorine act," for acting as Moderator of a Town Meeting under the People's Constitution. The jury were out about an hour, and returned a verdict of Guilty, recommending the prisoner to mercy. The Court sentenced him to six months imprisonment, and to pay a fine of five hundred dollars.

TRIAL OF J. B. WELLER.—The trial of John B. Weller, member of Congress for an assault upon Mr. Shriver, reporter of the Baltimore Patriot, on the 25th of January last, took place before the Criminal Court, at Washington, and Mr. Weller was fined \$10, and costs.

QUEEN VICTORIA CRAZY.—A Buffalo paper states, on the authority of a letter from England, that Queen Victoria is partially insane, and that the recent excursions to France and Belgium were on purpose to afford occupation and divert her mind.

COMMUTED.—John L. Brown, the young man sentenced to death for running away with a quadroon slave, of which he was enamored, has been pardoned by the Governor of South Carolina. He is to be publicly whipped.

SPECIAL ELECTION.—The special election for member of Congress in the Allegheny district, in place of Judge Wilkins, resulted in the election of CORNELIUS DARRAGH (the whig, and anti-masonic candidate).

KILLED BY HIS WIFE.—One Thomas Barry, of New York, was on Sunday week, so beaten by his wife that he died next day. Both were intoxicated.

WHIG CONVENTION.—There is to be a great Whig convention at the Tippecanoe battle ground, in Indiana, May 29th.

A GREAT EXCITEMENT.—A negro man recently murdered the family of a German shoe-maker in Jefferson county, Ill. A St. Louis paper says the affair had produced great excitement, and the editor adds—"On Monday, notice was spread throughout the county, and on Tuesday morning, one hundred persons or more, had assembled at an early hour around the house where the negro was confined. Our informant states that he understood it had been agreed upon to hang the negro at 2 o'clock on Tuesday. We learn that the murderer made a full confession and stated that he was incited to the deed by the hope of getting money to carry him to Canada. He also stated that last year, whilst residing in this city, he murdered a man, and threw him into Choteau's pond. He told other tales which are rather incredible."

We learn from later dates that the negro was taken to the spot where he executed his hellish deeds, and publicly executed in the presence of the assembled neighborhood.

WHIG ELECTORAL TICKET.—The following is the Whig Electoral ticket put in nomination by the Harrisburg Convention.

Chester Butler, } Senatorial. Townsend Havena, }	Senatorial. Jos. G. Clarkson John P. Wetherill, John N. Ninstel, John S. Libell, Eliza T. McDowell, Benjamin Frick, Isaac W. Vanleer, Wm. Heister, John S. Heister, John Killinger, Alex. E. Brown, Jonathan J. Slocum,
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Henry Drinker,  
James Pollock,  
Frederick Watts,  
Daniel M. Snyder,  
James Mathers,  
Andrew J. Ogle,  
Dan'l Washbough,  
John L. Gow,  
Andrew W. Loomis,  
James M. Power,  
William A. Irvine,  
Benj. Harshorn,

TRADING WIVES.—Two neighbors, in Hancock co. Ohio, being dissatisfied with their wives, agreed upon an exchange. One received his neighbor's wife and two of his four children and left the country. The other received his wife, and his four children, and a deed for his farm as boot. A warrant was issued, and one of the women taken into custody.

"LIBERTY OR DEATH!"—A negro girl from New Orleans, a few weeks since, absconded from her owners, while on a visit to Mobile. She was caught in that city, after they had returned home, and was sent up on board the steamer Lalla Rookh. She remained on board until within fifty yards of the Columbus (Miss.) wharf, when she leaped into the stream near the wheel house, and was drowned.

MERITED PRAISE.—The Washington Globe, the editors of which are personally acquainted with Mr. Muhlenburg, pay him the following well merited compliment:—"The State nomination for Governor is in keeping with that for the Nation. An honest man, a sounder democrat, a purer patriot than HENRY A. MUHLBURG cannot be found."

ANOTHER DEATH.—Mr. Robert C. Maynard, another of the sufferers by the Richmond Club House accident, died in that city on Monday last, from the effects of the wounds he then received. The compiler states that he bore his prolonged and severe suffering with manly fortitude.

A TERRIBLE DISEASE.—A most fearful epidemic is fraging in the county of Rockingham N. C., at the present time. It is represented as a fever of a highly malignant character, accompanied in some cases by congestion of the brain, in other the lungs, liver and bowels. It is killing off great numbers of people.

PROVIDENTIAL ESCAPE.—A woman named Morion, living at Cincinnati, got up in her sleep, and jumped from a second story window to the pavement beneath. Strange to say, she received no other injury than a slight sprain of the ankle.

COMMITTED.—Hall, the murderer of Mrs. Bacon, has been tried and found guilty. He was sentenced to be hung on 20th June. He has made a full confession of his guilt exonerating all others supposed to have participated in the affair.

LICENSED TO KILL.—The Supreme Court of Missouri have decided that a physician is not liable to indictment for manslaughter when death results from his unskillfulness or ignorance, provided his intentions in administering the medicine are good.

DEMOCRATIC TRIUMPH IN MICHIGAN.—John R. Williams, democrat, was elected Mayor of Detroit, at the election on the 4th inst. by 144 majority. The whig majority last spring was upwards of 300.

## News from all Nations.

About \$40,000 worth of property has been recovered from the steam frigate Missouri, by means of divers in submarine armor.

Franklin was an observing, and sensible man; and his conclusions were seldom incorrect. He said, "A newspaper and bible in every house, a good school house in every district, all studied and appreciated as they merit, are the principal supporters of virtue, morality, and civil liberty."

George Hedden, of Glenville, (N. Y.) hung himself on the 6th inst. Insanility from religious excitement on the Miller question, is said to have led to the rash act. He has left a wife and six children.

The Democrats gained a great victory in New Orleans at a Senatorial election. The Buck Eye Blacksmith, the Pump Maker and Mr. Clay, left next day!

The Baltimore American states that Herr Driesbach was admitted to bail on Saturday evening, it appearing that his wounds were of a more serious character than those received by the boy.

Mr. Seth Sprague, of Duxbury, Mass. recently presented thirty-six hundred dollars to a Protestant Methodist Society in that town to enable them to build a meeting house.

A resolution has passed the Mississippi Legislature, granting permission to R. S. Graves, the absconding treasurer, to return to that State.

The number of houses erected in Cincinnati from January to November, 1843, was 1,003.

The public debt of Mexico is estimated at \$82,000,000, and bears an annual interest of \$5,000,000. The actual income from all sources of revenue is about \$14,000,000, and the annual expenditures of the Government are a little over this sum.

Ex-Governor Noble, of Indiana, died at Indianapolis on the evening of the 8th ult.

A book was printed during the time of Cromwell with the following title: "Eggs of Charity, layed by the Chickens of the Covenant, and boiled with the water of Divine Love. Take ye and Eat."

Gen. Jo. Smith is to be run as a candidate for the Presidency by the Mormons.

The bill to elect members of Congress by plurality instead of majority has passed the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

The New Haven Courier states that Mary Rogers, the segar girl, said to have been murdered some time since, has arrived at Derby, Conn. and is living with her mother there.

Quite an excitement was raised at Harrisburg by the discovery of a couple of skeletons under a building once occupied as a dissecting room.

The Baltimore papers give notice of preaching by a reverend gentleman only 17 years of age.

Horse-hair bonnets have made their appearance in Broadway, New York.

The New York Evening Post, referring to the honors paid to the memory of the Princeton's dead, says that ninety minute guns were fired between the hours of 11 and 12.

Nathaniel Green, has been appointed Post Master at Boston.

John Snyder is the democratic candidate for Congress in the 13th district. The election takes place on the 5th of April next.

Captain Stockton is recovering from the wounds received on board the Princeton; Col. Benton is seriously injured and still unwell.

A little boy, aged 8 years, son of John Talmadge, of Honesdale, was drowned by falling from a bridge into the Lackawana river. His body has not yet been recovered.

A mortal combat took place on the 27th ult. between Mr. Samuel Wimbish and John Baker, the latter a son-in-law of the former, and both planters in Louisiana. Mr. Wimbish was shot in the head by a pistol ball, and expired in a few minutes.

A duel lately took place between two American midshipman at the Sandwich islands. Nine shots were exchanged, when one of the parties having been at last wounded, the contest was given over.

A woman named Rosean Keen, is to be hung at Bridgeton N. J., on Friday 26th of April. The Court of Pardons refused to pardon her.

## Correspondence from Harrisburg

HARRISBURG, March 21, 1844.  
The subject of tariff has been discussed length during the last three or four days of the following joint resolutions finally passed both branches—the House by a unanimous vote, and the Senate by one dissenting vote (Mr. Spackman.)

WHEREAS, The present tariff promises to answer the purposes of revenue, and also yield to the development of the great resources of the country: And whereas, permanency in our laws are indispensably necessary to the protection of the capital and labor embarked in the manufacturing and agricultural operations of the country: And whereas, the present tariff is a great interest which, combined, constitutes the wealth of the nation: And whereas, a bill now pending in the Congress of the United States, the operation of which would injuriously impair the important staple productions of this Commonwealth; therefore,

Resolved, 4<sup>th</sup>, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to oppose any change in the present tariff which might prove injurious to the manufacturing and agricultural interests of the Commonwealth, sternly to resist any reduction of the present duties on iron, coal and wood, to omit no effort to sustain all the manufactures of the nation calculated to foster and promote American industry.

Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions forwarded to each of our members in the State and Congress, with the yeas and nays attached.

The Revenue Bill after four days discussion in the House passed committee of the whole and is now on second reading. It progresses very slowly, and its ultimate fate is a matter of doubt.

On Saturday Mr. Rounsford, from the committee of ways and means, reported the general appropriation bill of the Session. The amount of the appropriations amount to over \$3,000,000. The following are the most important items.

Expenses of Government,	\$250,000
Common School purposes,	200,000
Ordinary repairs on Canals and Railroads,	147,150
Extraordinary repairs,	50,000
Repair bridges, &c., on public works,	24,000
Check roll creditors,	200,000
Collectors Pay, &c.,	60,000
Interest on 4th May issues,	24,000
Domestic creditors scrip,	13,000
Loan due Southwark Bank,	12,000
Interest on Funded Debt,	1,916,522

The bill giving out the public printing the lowest bidder has passed, and is now in the hands of the Governor.

Some strange developments have been here within the last few days. It is clearly made out that W. J. B. Andrews, clerk of the House of Representatives is a faulter to the amount of some \$11,000, perhaps upwards of \$20,000! The details of the transactions are not fully made out. Dr. B. Wright, late speaker of the House, implicated. More anon.

Yours &c. Par.

PRESIDENT'S CABINET.—John Mason of Virginia, has been nominated as Secretary of the Navy and confirmed.

Hon J. C. CALHOUN has accepted the office of Secretary of State, resigned by President Tyler.

The Hon. WILSON SHANNON the present Governor of Ohio, has been re-elected by the nomination as Minister to Mexico.

MR. CLAY AND THE CILLEY DUEL.—The Hartford times says: "The fact came out on the evidence table before the Committee of Congress, appointed to investigate the affair of the Cilley duel, which we have not seen in print. It is this: An Express was on the ground at the time of the duel and the moment that Cilley fell, it started immediately and carried the news to Henry Clay."

FROM A NEUTRAL PAPER.—The Philadelphia Ledger says of Mr. Muhlenburg, the democratic nominee for Governor:—"Mr. Muhlenburg comes from the old Democratic county of Berks, which will no doubt, give him a heavy support in October next. He is an able man, of unblemished reputation, and has filled many important offices under the Government."

UTICA ELECTION.—The democratic contrary to all expectations, have carried the city of Utica, N. Y. Hunt, the democratic candidate was elected by about 50 majority. Last year the Whig majority was about 200. Coming events cast their shadows before.

"OLD MOTHER CUMBERLAND."—The late elections for officers in Cumberland county exhibit a cheering result for the democracy. Cumberland promises a majority for the democratic candidate next fall. Returns from other counties show a favorable result.

EGG-HATCHING.—Eggs are hatched by artificial means in public at New York city, and attract considerable attention.