



"TRUTH WITHOUT FEAR."

BLOOMSBURG:

Saturday, May 13, 1837.

THE CONVENTIONS.

We have only room to give a condensed view of the proceedings of the Conventions, which we glean from our Harrisburg exchange papers. The address and resolutions of the "Integrity of the Union" convention are given entire; and when the convention "to alter and amend the Constitution" gets properly organized, and proceeds to act upon the exciting topics which have long been agitated, and which will unquestionably be introduced into that body, we shall endeavor to give the proceedings more in detail, and occasionally present our readers with the speeches of the Delegates. So far as business has progressed, the party line has been drawn with the blackest kind of ink; and with the exception of Walter Forward, Esq. the delegates seem determined to have each question decided exclusively on party grounds. This gentleman is untrammelled by political feelings—he holds the balance of power in his own hands—and, although a Whig, seems determined to go for his country and his whole country. His casting vote gave the printing of the Debates, to the editors of the "Keystone;" and his opposition to life offices, and to the immense patronage of the executive, may present a reform in our constitution which we had but little reason to expect from the political caste of the Delegates, since the death of Dan Caldwell. We can only now hope for the best; and while so distinguished an individual in the ranks of the opposition pursues a course so honorable to himself and so subservient to the interests of his country, our hopes have a reasonable foundation. However little party feeling has affected the interests of the people already, yet it may do much injury in preventing the promulgation of good acts; and we sincerely wish those causes for useless excitement may be entirely lost in the anxious desire to promote the public good, and that the same patriotism and love of country which characterized the distinguished framers of our present charter of rights, may prompt them in suggesting amendments, which are so seriously to affect the interests of those who sent them as delegates to the convention. We say again—we can only hope for the best.

We thank our editorial brethren for their promptness in forwarding exchange papers; and we really feel grateful for the undeserved compliments which have been bestowed upon the matter and execution of our first number. These complimentary notices, we are proud to say, come from both political parties; and in our intercourse with either, however much we may vary in sentiment and action on public topics, we shall endeavor to deserve their good wishes, and enjoy their best feelings, by a tenacious adherence to the course laid down in our prospectus. Scarcely thirty winters have frosted our terrestrial existence, and eight of these at least have been spent in catering for the public, as the editor of a newspaper; and although we have been an active partisan in almost every political strife since the memorable one of 1828, which happened on the very day we were entitled to a vote, by age, yet we have learned, by experience, that one friend is more valuable than any number of enemies; and that to preserve friends, we must act honorably, live sociably, and never vilify our brother-typographers, who are as spunky as any Texian soldiery, and who have vowed on the shooting-stick that they will never suffer an insult to pass without inflicting their inky resentment. To all, then, we extend our kindly feelings, and promise, on honor, that we shall not, at least, be the first to handle the filthy weapons which sometimes characterize the personal abuse of one another.

A coroner's inquest was held on the body of JOSEPH C. JONES, on the 3d inst. He was drowned in crossing Cattawissa creek, near Paxton & McKelvy's mill, on the 31st of March last, but his body was not found until the date of the inquest above mentioned.

THE PRESSURE.

There is a great fuss made by the City papers about pressure and failures, and really if a person knew nothing of the world, he would imagine that all the riches and honors of great men were scattered to the four winds of Heaven—because it would be ludicrous to suppose that they should fall to the lot of poor and humble citizens. But how ridiculous is all this palaver and excitement, when we know the cause in most instances. For example, many of these "unfortunate" business-men were not worth a red cent three years since; but they commenced speculating in stocks, and buying lands in the West and Texas, upon a credit that had nothing to loss and all to gain; and when payment is demanded, and the Banks refuse to discount their paper, why they fail! "Oh! what a fail was there, my countrymen!" Then they buy in their debts—they compound with creditors, and pay 20, or 25, or 30 cents in the dollar—which is a new era in business; and they commence operations on a larger scale than ever! Those are CITY failures. Now, in the country, poor people are always scarce of cash, and rich people know how to keep what they get; but there is no such system of speculation—no such credit—no such mode of paying old debts. When a man fails here, there is no fun about the matter—there is no compounding for a less amount than the property will bring under the hammer of the Sheriff—and after all his property and credit are gone, he will be monstrous lucky, and feel monstrous happy, if he gets employment to supply him with comfortables in the way of living. We never knew a man fail for \$50,000 in Philadelphia, who did not seem richer, in all his adversity, than a Countryman with three or four farms, all well stocked, and all paid for. We consequently never notice those sham alarms of distress. They are like the Bank panics of 1834—nothing but smoke arising from the burnt rags that never were of any real value.

IRON ORE.—We have been shown a specimen of Iron ore dug from the farm of Mr. William Robinson of this place, which is about one mile from town, on Fishing creek. It is the finest we have ever seen, and must yield from 75 to 80 per cent. The vein runs from 5 to 9 feet below the surface of the earth—is from 12 to 18 inches thick; and must be inexhaustible in extent. About 100 tons have been excavated, and are lying on the bank; and while they promise a great source of wealth to our friend Robinson, they add a little to the future prosperity of Bloomsburg. We again congratulate Columbia county on account of her mineral resources.

JOHN GOVERNHOVEN, Esq. of Orangeville, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the townships of Bloom, Briar Creek, and Mount Pleasant.

DIVIDENDS.—The Bank of Middletown has declared a dividend of six per cent. from the profits of that institution for the last half year, ending 30th of April; and the Harrisburg Savings Institution a dividend of seven per cent. Gen. Cameron is at the head of the Middletown Bank, than whom, as Mr. Bicknell says, "a better cashier is not within the U. States;" and from its regular semi-annual dividends we should really suppose that Mr. B. was a good judge of Banking officers.

ADVERTISING.—Those of our friends through whose representations we were induced to make "our habitation and our home" in Bloomsburg, and to whose exertions we are indebted in a great measure for our present subscription, should also bear in mind that advertisements are the life of a paper, and the main support of an editor on commencing business. We believe the "Democrat" circulates as extensively as any paper in Columbia county; and as Administrators, Guardians, Agents, &c. have a controlling power in the disposition of these favours, we particularly look for them as due us from those friends who seem, at least, to feel such an interest in the prosperity of this establishment. A gentle hint will certainly give no offence; and as we give it from purely interested motives, we hope it may have the effect which we unquestionably intend.

The Superintendent of the W. Branch division of the Pennsylvania canal will receive proposals at McEwensville, Northumberland county, on Thursday next, for repairing the Muncy Dam and Schute, which sustained considerable damage during the freshets this spring.

TO BRIDGE BUILDERS.

The Commissioners of Columbia county have advertised for receiving proposals at the house of John McReynolds, Esq. at the Buckhorn, on Friday next, for the construction of two Bridges across Little Fishing Creek.—One is to be built near Paxton and McKelvy's mill, with stone abutments, ten feet above low water-mark, surmounted by a circular arch, on Burr's plan, and to be 75 feet long and 16 feet wide. The other to be built at Kinney's fording, with stone abutments, eight feet above low water mark, to be surmounted with a common trussel superstructure, and to be 60 feet in length and 16 feet wide. Plans and specifications will be exhibited at the letting.

SPECIE.—Bicknell's "Reporter" of Wednesday last says,—“we believe it is an admitted fact that the amount of specie in the vaults [of the City Banks] at this time, is larger than at any former period for a number of years.” And yet the Philadelphia papers prate about the Banks being compelled to stop specie payments, notwithstanding their solvency in every respect. The reason is obvious: they wish their stock thrown into market, so that they can purchase it themselves at a discount—then sell again at an advance of 10 or 20 per cent.—and continue this course of speculating policy until widows, and orphans, and soap-sticks, are completely rifled of the small change which industrious and economical husbands and ancestors had intended for their honest and liberal support. Every day but the more and more convinces us of the abominations attending almost every species of speculation—especially Banking.

A TRUE PATRON.

We cannot resist the temptation of giving publicity to the following letter from an old friend and subscriber. It comes from one who has always stood in the front ranks of democracy, and who justly appreciates the services of a humble, but vigilant editor. His acquaintance with the pecuniary affairs of a printing office are well expressed in words, and ably exhibited in the eloquence of his address to me.

MAY 13, 1837.

DEAR SIR: I have received and read the first number of the "Columbia Democrat;" and while I am pleased with its neat execution, I cannot avoid my expression in favor of the pith and principles which characterize both your original and selected matter. If you pursue your present course, you will not only assist in sustaining freedom and spreading intelligence, but you will secure the confidence and support of the people, and your paper be looked upon as the one through which correct principles alone are promulgated.

By the bearer I send you \$2, as advance payment for one year's subscription. I am aware that in most instances a young man uses all his capital in starting business; and as I wish to support the freedom of the press, as the surest palladium of our rights, I employ my efforts in this way to attain the object. Wishing you success in your present undertaking, I am Your well wisher, &c.

Our latest Harrisburg paper is the "Keystone" of Wednesday, from which we glean our notice of the proceedings of the convention—the latest reports being up to Saturday.

VISITERS TO WEST POINT.

The following gentlemen have been invited by the Secretary of War, to attend the examination of the Cadets of the Military Academy, to commence on the first Monday in June next: Nathaniel Bowditch, Esq. of Massachusetts. Hon. A. Vanderpool, of New York. Col. James McCown, do. R. B. Miller, Esq. do. A. M. Dod, Esq. of New Jersey. Capt. John Miles, of Pennsylvania. Ellis Lewis, Esq. do. James Rogers, Esq. do. Hon. Jacob Wagner, do. James McDowell, Esq. of Virginia. Alexander River, Esq. do. Alfred Moore, Esq. of North Carolina. Gen. James Rodgers, of South Carolina. Thomas Bennett, Esq. do. James S. Bullock, Esq. of Georgia. John C. Mullan, Esq. of Tennessee. Thomas P. Moore, Esq. of Kentucky. Owen, Esq. of Alabama. Gen. George W. Terrill, of Mississippi. William M. Dunn, Esq. of Indiana. Gen. M. Arbuckle, United States Army.

TEXAS.

The New Orleans American of a late date states that an intelligent gentleman from Washington, (Texas) informed the editor that the feeling is daily growing in favor of driving the Spaniards from Matamoras. He says "The army is in fine order, and if peace be not made with Mexico before the 1st of June, we may be certain that it will move upon the above city. The Texian congress meets in a few days, and they will doubtless adopt measures for the benefit of the country. Nothing would be more popular than to carry the war into the enemy's lines."

WASHINGTON, May 2.

In the case of Richard H. WHITE, indicted in our circuit court, upon a charge of burning the treasury building in March, 1833, and now tried on that indictment for the third time, the jury, after being shut up three days and nights, came into court yesterday morning, again without a verdict, declaring that they should never be able to agree upon one. The jurors were, of course, discharged by the court.

Tailoring Business. A CARD.

The Subscriber

RETURNS his acknowledgments to his numerous friends and customers for their past favors, and would now respectfully announce to them, that he has received the latest

SPRING FASHIONS,

From Philadelphia, and as there are material changes, invites persons desirous of having their garments made in the newest and best style, to give him a call. He will endeavour to please all who favour him with their patronage, by executing his work in a neat and fashionable manner, and at the shortest notice. PETER R. HEIGHMAN. Orangeville, May 13, 1837.

WANTED:

A Journeyman Tailor,

Who will find constant employment. None need apply except a good workman. ALSO:

AN APPRENTICE

Is wanted. A lad between the age of 14 and 17 years, of industrious habits, who wishes to learn the Tailoring business, will find a good situation, by applying immediately to

PETER R. HEIGHMAN.

Orangeville, May 13, 1837.

HATTING BUSINESS.

Benjamin Zerr,

RESPECTFULLY informs the public that he carries on the above business in Millville, and that he keeps constantly on hand an assortment of



BEAVER, FUR, AND WOOL HATS,

Which he will warrant of the best materials, and well manufactured. His shop is on Main Street; and he will feel grateful for a share of patronage. May 13, 1837.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE.

WILL be sold, at public vendue, on Saturday the 10th day of June next, at the public house of Robert Hachenbuch, at M'Dowell's Mills, in Bloom township, Columbia county, the following property, viz.—The one undivided sixth part of a

Tract of Land,

Situate in said township of Bloom, adjoining lands of John Barton, and bordering on Fishing Creek—late the property of Joseph Stettler.

Sale will commence at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, when attendance will be given and terms of sale made known, by

PHILIP STETTTLER, Assignee.

NOTICE.

All persons having claims against said Joseph Stettler, are requested to present them at same time and place for settlement; and all persons indebted are solicited to be in attendance and make prompt payment. PHILIP STETTTLER, Assignee. May 13, 1837.

SHERIFFALTY.

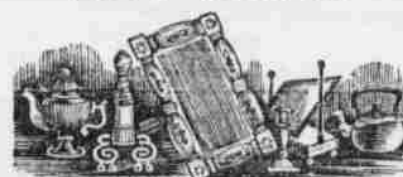
To the Electors of Columbia county:

FELLOW CITIZENS: At the urgent solicitations of numerous friends, I offer myself as a candidate for the office of

SHERIFF.

Should I be so fortunate as to receive a majority of votes, and procure my commission, I pledge myself to execute the duties of the office with fidelity and impartiality. ELIAS McHENRY. May 13, 1837.

NEW GOODS.



The Subscriber

RETURNS his thanks to customers for the patronage which he has received from them since he has commenced business in Bloomsburg. He hopes they will still continue their usual support; and he has now the pleasure of offering them a large and fashionable assortment of SEASONABLE GOODS, which have been carefully selected, embracing the latest style of French, English and American

DRY GOODS,

AMONG WHICH WILL BE FOUND

Cloths, Cassimeres and Sattinets, of different styles and colours; Silks; Figured Laines and Jackonets, European & American Calicoes & Ginghams, Vestings, Damask Table Cloths, Hosiery, Gloves, Bonnet Trimmings, &c. &c.—ALSO, Ladies' Morocco, Seal, & Prunelle Shoes & Slippers, & Men's Shoes and Boots.

TOGETHER WITH AN ASSORTMENT OF



HARDWARE, IRON, China, Glass AND QUEENSWARE:

PAINTS, OILS, Medicines and Dye-Staffs; CEDAR-WARE, GROCERIES & LIQUORS, SALT, FISH, &c.

All of which will be sold on the most reasonable terms. Persons wishing to purchase, are requested to call and examine his stock of Goods, and judge for themselves.

All kinds of country produce will be taken in exchange for goods.

C. B. FISHER.

Bloomsburg, May 6, 1837.

HEMLOCK FACTORY. Fulling, Dyeing, AND DRESSING OF CLOTH.

THE Subscribers respectfully inform the public that they have taken the above fulling establishment, recently occupied by Solomon Nimox and John Mishall, on Hemlock creek, in Hemlock township, Columbia county, between Blomtsburg & the Buckhorn, where they are prepared to accommodate customers in their line of business. They will attend at the following places every two weeks for the purpose of receiving wool, and delivering cloth, viz:

At Stacy Margerim's Inn, in Cattawissa; at Widow Drumheller's, in Cattawissa township; at John Yeager's Inn, Rourinsville; and at Peter Klone's Inn, New Amelia.

The customary prices charged. All kinds of country produce received by them for their work. They respectfully solicit patronage from the public. SAMUEL THOMAS. ANDREW EMMONS.

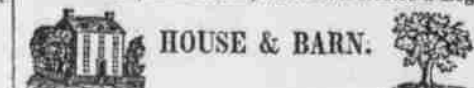
May 6, 1837.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY virtue of sundry writs of Vendition Exposita, issued out of the court of Common pleas of Columbia county, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, at the court-house in Danville, on Saturday, the 27th day of May next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the following property, to wit: A certain

Tract of Land,

Situate in Bloom township, Columbia county, adjoining lands of William Clark, John Conner, John Vance, Conrad Adams, & others, containing EIGHTY ACRES, more or less, whereon is erected a Log



HOUSE & BARN.

Seventy acres are cleared land, and on the premises is an APPLE ORCHARD. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Frederick Rantz and Peter Rantz, Executors of the estate of Frederick Rantz, dec'd, ALSO, a certain

TRACT OF LAND,

Situate in Roaring Creek township, Columbia county, adjoining lands of John Cooper, J. Hurly, Adam Starks, Leonard Roup, George Stine, and others, containing SEVENTY-SEVEN ACRES, more or less—whereon is erected one



LOG HOUSE, AND A LOG BARN.

About forty-six acres are cleared land. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Jacob Roup. By

ISAIAH SALMON, Sheriff. Sheriff's office, Danville, 3 April 29, 1837.

Valuable Real Property FOR RENT.

PROPOSALS will be received by the subscriber, at his residence, on Fishing creek, on or more years, the following property, to wit:

A Good Farm,

situate in Bloom township, about two and a half miles from Bloomsburg. Also, a



GRIST MILL, AND MERCHANT MILL,

situate on said farm, together with a FULLING MILL AND FACTORY, on the same premises. Also, a



DWELLING HOUSE, AND STORE HOUSE,

with necessary out-buildings, in Bloomsburg, now in the occupancy of Mr. C. B. Fisher.

The preference will be given to those who will rent the whole property. Possession given on the first day of April next. JOHN BARTON. Esptown, April 29, 1837.

CHAIR MAKING.

The Subscriber

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends, and the public generally, that he continues to manufacture

Chairs, Bedsteads, SETTEES, &c.

His shop is near Mr. McKelvy's store-house, at the Basin, on the Pennsylvania Canal. He will be thankful for favors, and use his endeavors to please customers.

CHARLES A. MOYER.

April, 29, 1837.

TAKE NOTICE.

THE Subscriber is about leaving this part of the county, & would therefore respectfully invite those in arrears to him on subscription lists, &c., to call on or before the 1st day of June next, and settle with him without further notice. JEREMIAH SHINDLE. Bloomsburg, May 6, 1837.

JOHN S. INGRAM,

ATTORNEY AT LAW, OFFERS his professional services to the citizens of Columbia county. He will also attend to business in the several courts of this Judicial district. Law office in the same room with the printing office of the "Columbia Democrat." Bloomsburg, April 29, 1837.

A DIGEST OF THE Revised Code & Acts

Passed by the Legislature between the 15th day of April, 1836, and the 16th day of June, 1836; forming with Purdon's Digest of 1830, and Parke & Johnson's digest, vol. 1, a complete digest of the laws of Pennsylvania, to the present time.

A few copies of the above Digest for sale at this Office.