



"TRUTH WITHOUT FEAR."

BLOOMSBURG:

Saturday, July 8, 1837.

"THE VISION OF CONFUCIUS," a well written literary production, was received too late for publication in this number, on account of its extreme length. It shall certainly have a place in our next.

FOURTH OF JULY.

In Cattawissa, Danville, and at McDowell's mills, the citizens celebrated this Anniversary with the spirit and decorum that should characterize all such festive occasions. We regret, however, to state, that an Irishman, while the party were charging a cannon at Cattawissa, placed the fire of his pipe upon the touch-hole before the wadding had been sufficiently "rammed down," and that it bursted, at the same time launching him into eternity. He has left a wife and two children upon the charity of the world; and by his conduct he has given another warning to those who celebrate the Anniversary of American Independence, to prevent the use of Cannons on such occasions. Every anniversary gives fresh cause to oppose the use of those pieces, the control of which are generally placed in the hands of persons incapable, from habits of inebriation, of using them with safety to the attendants or themselves.

How is this?—Our subscribers at Coleville, Benton, Campbell and Sugar Loaf post offices complain of great irregularity and delay in receiving their papers; and the Post Master at Coleville informs us that the Democrat of the 17th of June did not reach his office until the 2d of July. Now, we cannot account for such delay; as we pack our papers every Friday afternoon, and send them by way of Berwick. The cross mails leave Berwick on Saturday—and our papers should leave there the same day; and if any delay occurs it must be at some intermediate post office.—If we hear further complaints we shall endeavor to ascertain the cause.

LYCEUM MEETING.

The attention of our readers is particularly directed to the proceedings of a meeting composed of members of the Reform Convention, and others, held in the State Capitol at Harrisburg. It affords us some gratification to observe our delegate, EZRA S. HAYHURST, Esq. so zealous an advocate for the extension of education; and we feel assured that any exertion in behalf of this all-important cause will meet a hearty response from his intelligent constituents. The proceedings explain the object of the participants; & we hope their beginning may be crowned with a system of improvement, through the co-operating exertions of those whom they represent. "Knowledge is power;" and let it be freely disseminated to preserve our free institutions.

NAYLOR has been elected to Congress in the Third district over Ingersoll, by a majority of 231 votes. The vote stood for Naylor, 5072—for Ingersoll, 4841. It must be gratifying to the friends of the defeated candidate to know that he received the largest demerit vote ever polled in the district.

The New York Express says—"A very large amount of specie went to London yesterday. Specie is arriving here from all sections of our country, and is leaving principally for Europe and Canada."

Bank of the Metropolis.—The Globe announces that this bank has paid nearly the whole amount of its debt to the Treasurer of the U. States. This is honorable to one of the fiscal agents of the government.

The Connecticut Legislature have been obliged to repeal the law giving a bounty of 10 cents each for crow's heads, the charge upon the Treasury being too heavy to be borne. Since the passage of the law, 26,000 heads have been brought in about 10,000 of them within the last year.

The number of Presbyterian churches in the United States is estimated at 3000, valued with the property attached at three millions of dollars.

OUR MOTTO—CORRECTION.

When we selected the motto which is placed at the head of the 'Democrat' as indicative of our own sentiments, and the course we intended to pursue in conducting the paper, we neglected giving our authority. This error has been corrected; and the name of the author of the declaration of independence will be found attached in the present number. Having lost a good—a very good Whig—subscriber, on account of this motto, we notice the correction for the information of some half-a-dozen of our exchange papers that are similarly situated. He supposed it one of our own productions!—Comment would be superfluous; and to show how much we regard the loss of such a patron, we do not hesitate in proclaiming aloud, that nothing could afford us more pleasure than to expunge from our list the name of every subscriber who either despises the sentiment or the author of our motto. "Hung be the heavens with black" when the American Press depends upon the support of such enemies to its freedom, and its advocacy of correct principles.

Third Presbytery of Philadelphia.—We learn that the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia decided at their recent meeting, to continue their present organization, notwithstanding the decision of the late General Assembly, cutting them off as a Presbytery, which they hold to be unconstitutional, and not in accordance with the constitution of the Presbyterian Church.

Small Notes in Virginia.—The House of Delegates of Virginia have reconsidered their vote respecting a proposition to allow the Banks to issue small notes, and have passed a bill, which authorises the Banks to issue in one, two, and three dollar notes, two and a half per cent upon the amount of their respective capital stocks, between this time and 1st of March—and they are required to redeem them in specie after the 1st of March, on the penalty of paying twenty per cent thereon. The sum to be issued will amount to \$156,000.

Lotis Phillippe.—The recent acts of clemency appear to have much increased the king's popularity. He had gone about, as in former years, without guards, mingling freely among the people, and every where greeted with hearty acclamations.

Alas! for Ireland.—The distress of the poor in this neighborhood is beyond description. We have heard of families who have only had one meal a-day for the last month. Most of the early seeds put down have failed, and the ground has been reploughed.

VICTIMS OF THE BALTIMORE FLOOD.—Out of the seven unfortunates swept away by the Baltimore flood, in a shantee on the Susquehanna rail-road, near White Hall Mill, four of the bodies have been recovered. Some of them were greatly bruised, and one had the skull fractured. It has been ascertained that 22 in all were drowned, of which number the bodies of 16 have been found.

FAMINE DOWN EAST.—The Eastport Sentinel says that a scarcity of provisions in that quarter is severely felt—many families in a state bordering on starvation, and have been compelled to dig their seed potatoes from the ground to sustain life.

EXEMPLARY DAMAGES.—The mate of a steamboat of the Mississippi, has been fined \$5000, for striking a deck passenger with a billet of wood. The passenger had refused according to the terms of his contract, to assist in "wooding" the boat, when the mate struck him with a club across the right temple, which caused him to lay several hours without sense or motion.

NOT BAD.—"You will never get gold back again from America," said a disputant on the commercial crisis. "How could it be expected?" observed a bystander, tired of the argument, "why, the Americans have not a Sovereign to send."

NOVEL SQUIRREL HUNT.—The Lowell, Mass. Courier says, a boy in the neighborhood of that city a few days since, who shot a squirrel on a stone wall, on searching for him in the hole in which he fell; drew out a tin pot containing 50 counterfeit dollars.

The whole line of the Morris and Essex Railroad, (N. J.) is completed to within one mile of the public square in Morristown. All the rails nearly are laid, and the road will open by September 15th.

INSECT PROFOGATION.—A fly lays four times during the summer, each time eighty eggs, which makes 320; and it is computed that the produce of a single fly, in the course of the summer, amounts to 3,080, 320.

CURIOUS FACT. Sozeanty is the supply of water in Paris, that Louis Phillippe has been heard to remark that he furnishes his navy with wine at Toulon, at a less cost per gallon, than the price of Seine water in the capital.

Women at the Polls.—A fact with which we were not before acquainted is stated in Miss Martineau's new work on America, viz: That the women in New Jersey went to the polls and voted at State elections about forty years ago. Since then the law denies them the right.

The Oxford (England) Chronicle, shows us by the following paragraph how the British reward their generals.—

"The Duke of Wellington's pension is 12,531l.; this is in addition to 700,000l. granted him in money, the interest only of which is 35,000l.; besides this, he is a Field Marshal; Colonel of a regiment of horse and of foot; Colonel in Chief of Engineers; Colonel in chief of Artillery; Lord Lieutenant of Southampton; Lord Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets; High Constable of the Tower; Governor of Dover Castle; and Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports; a Commissioner for Indian affairs—these offices produce 26,000l., with several other sources of emolument and patronage enormous."

MARRIED.—In Metz, New York, on the 18th ult, by Elder Fuller, Mr. JAMES B. TUTTLE, of Chicago, Illinois, to Miss SARAH R. DODGE, of the former place.

If there be some she dodget,
By being somewhat subtle,
It now appears quite clear,
She did not dodge James Tuttle.

Rencontre with a Bear.—An Arkansas correspondent to the "Louisville Journal," gives an account of the death of a Mr. Harris, near the mouth of White river, in an attempt to kill a bear. Having wounded it he went into the cave to get another shot, when Bruin caught him by the ham-string and bit the large artery in two. He died in a few minutes. He is represented as an old hunter, having killed hundreds of bears and been in four or five previous fights with them.

A Valuable Couple.—There resides in one of the interior counties of North Carolina a man and his wife, who have eighteen children living, all of them married, and having among them, eighty two children, so that the united household is one hundred and twenty. Truly here is a goodly train.

Spinsters.—Among the industrious and frugal ancestors, it was a maxim, that a young woman should never be married until she had spun herself a set of body, table and bed linen. From this custom, all married women were termed spinsters—an appellation they still retain in all law proceedings.

A Butcher's Dun.—The following note was actually sent to a creditor in New York, a few days since:
Mr. B—Sir, I won't wait—I am about to leave the place—I have given you line upon tender line—you've skinned me, and reduced me to a spare-rib. If you don't pay me immediately, I'll shin up to you by a constable with a hook in his hand, at your cost. A Butcher's word for it.

A cotermporary has the following:—"The Clergy live by our sins, the doctor by our diseases, and the lawyer by our follies. What do printers live on; echo answers—what? Why you goose, they live on wind."

The mayor of a provincial town in England, conceiving that the word clause was in the plural number, always talked of a claw in an act of parliament. It is evident.

Opinion of Mr. J. Q. Adams upon Suspensions.—"The violation of moral principle committed by a bank in suspending specie payments, is, in my estimation, not inferior to that of fraudulent bankruptcy in an individual. The right of any Legislature to authorise such a suspension is questionable, and the repeal of laws expressly enacted to enforce the fulfilment of contract, at the very moment when they have been broken, is a mockery of all moral principle and a scandal to human legislation."

Well gentlemen; how do you like this shot from one of your champions?

The New Orleans Herald says:—Specie is selling in this city for 15 and 20 per cent premium. The banks paid 14 per cent. for \$40,000, when arrived a few days since from Mexico.

Love.—The editor of the Methuen Gazette makes the following sweeping assertion—"What a man! and never love! Pshaw! Such a man must have a heart of ice, a soul as lifeless as a corn cob; the gizzard of a goose, and a head as sappy as cocoa nut."

NEW-ORLEANS, June 21.

TEXAS.—Advices to the 17th instant had been received at New Orleans from Galveston Bay. On the evening of that day the Congress of Texas adjourned after a protracted session. The New Orleans Bee derives the following information from a passenger:

The town of Nashville had been taken and racked by the Cumanche Indians, who massacred the few inhabitants that remained. They can, it is said, bring fifteen thousand well armed warriors in the field—and their bravery and prowess have always put the Mexicans even in the zenith of their power in fear and trembling.

The number now engaged in devastating the frontiers of Texas is about 5,000, led on, it is said, by painted white men, who, being dissatisfied with the government, have joined them, and lead them on to deeds of rapine and carnage.

Several families were murdered fifteen miles from Washington; & such is the apathy of the people in that town no steps were taken to arrest their blood thirsty course.

President Houston has granted furloughs to nearly all the efficient men composing the army of the Republic, until about the middle of September, and in case of not returning at the time specified are to forfeit all their lands, and other privileges and emoluments.

As might be expected, the disbanding of the army has given much dissatisfaction to the people; who from its absence are exposed to the incursions of the Indians and Mexicans. The army also appears to be dissatisfied with President Houston—their wish was to attack, and if possible, take Matamoros, but President H. would not accede to their demand.—Baltimore Amer.

MEXICO.—We are indebted to the politeness of Captain Collins, of the brig Opeleous, arrived yesterday from Vera Cruz, for files of papers of that city to the 12th June, inclusive. The Opeleous sailed on the 11th, and has on board \$131,000 in specie consigned to different houses in this city.

The message of President Bustamante was sent to the assembled Congress of Mexico on the 1st of June. It speaks in rather pacific tones towards the United States. After declaring that harmony prevailed in the relations of Mexico with foreign nations, the message continues thus:

"From this pleasing perspective which I have traced of our foreign relations, I have to except the conduct observed by the Government of the United States. The law, nevertheless, which authorizes the republic to act on the claims of that Government, and to take proper measures for the national safety, if satisfaction should not be given by us, induces me to hope, not without good grounds, that our relations with the neighboring republic will be re-established. In the contrary case, the nation will place itself in an attitude demanded by its dignity and its honor."

Concerning the internal situation of the nation, the President says:

"Although good order and peace prevail throughout almost the whole extent of the republic, it is painful for me to except the departments of Texas and California, and a small part of that of San Luis. The government is unceasingly occupied in directing measures calculated to insure success to the Mexican arms and to restore to the republic its most remote limits in the territory of Texas."

EDUCATION.

Among the millions of our countrymen there are few who do not effect to be governed by the sentiment, "knowledge is power;" yet how contradictory are our practical definitions of the aphorism. Indeed so passively do we consent to be contradicted by circumstances and force of habit, that, having acquired the mere pounds, shillings and pence information, absolutely necessary, to the vocation whereby we subsist, we settle down as though we had exhausted the wisdom of Minerva, and our intellects had no capacity for greater things. "The maxim, "mind your own business," in this case is observed to the letter, on one intermeddling with any department of education not immediately connected with his own profession. The machine leaves a correct autography, legible penmanship, and grammatical construction of sentences to the school master, who in turn, leaves the toil of authorship to him who makes his living by the page or paragraph; the obtruse sciences again devolve upon those ambitious of a name hereafter; the learning of the church is considered exclusively the property of the priesthood; and last and worst, the lawyers alone learn law. So through all the gradations of scientific, moral, religious, & civil research, we indolently trudge on in the path immediately before us, without deigning a glance upon the glorious field around.

If knowledge be power, what prodigies of might are slumbering around us! In this nineteenth century, when its treasures are all free as the winds of heaven, how might man arise and burst the shackles of insolent domination? How might he stretch his arm to the "chief pillars;" and bring down the great temples of delusion? With his right hand he could unfold the floodgates of truth—with the other tear up the foundations of error. The demons of superstition and oppression would stalk back to their dark abode, and intellectual, political, and spiritual freedom proclaim a jubilee for all the earth.

CHURCH ROBBERY.

We regret to learn, says the Newark, (N. J.) Advertiser of Saturday, that the handsome new edifice of the Episcopal Church at Belleville was destroyed by fire this morning about 3 o'clock.—The house had not been finished or occupied, and stood entirely insulated, and there can be no doubt that its destruction is the work of an incendiary. The loss to the parish must be from \$2000 to 3000. A reward of \$200 is offered for the incendiary. We understand that two men were seen running from the village towards Newark, a few minutes before the alarm of fire.

HYMENIAL.

On Thursday evening, the 22d ult. by H. H. Teets, Esq. Dr. LEWIS MEYER, of this place, to Miss MARGARET J. MUENCH of Shamokin township, Northumberland county.

OBITUARY.

"In the midst of life we are in death."
DIED.—In Liberty township, Columbia co. on Thursday the 22d ult. Mr. JOHN WILSON, a soldier of the revolution, aged about 80 years.

New Advertisements.

WANTED:
Corn, Rye, Oats & Potatoes,
FOR which CASH will be paid on delivery.—
Enquire at the Buckhorn.
W. T. WALTERS:
July 8, 1837.

WANTED.
AN APPRENTICE to the Blacksmithing business. A Boy between 16 and 18 years of age, of good character and steady habits, will find a situation by applying to the subscriber, at his residence, near Espytown. JOHN HAZLET, Jr.
July 8, 1837.

To Bridge Builders.

THE Commissioners of Columbia county, will attend at the house of John Reynolds, in Henlock township, on Saturday the 15th day of July instant, for the purpose of entering into contract or contracts for building

TWO BRIDGES;

one of them across little Fishing Creek at or near Robert Montgomery's Mill in Madison township, with stone abutments, and a wooden arch superstructure of eighty feet span. The other, on the state road above Espy-town, near the dwelling of F. B. Swally.—The plan of this bridge has not been definitively settled by the Commissioners; but proposals will be received for building an entire stone bridge; and also for a bridge with stone abutments and wooden Superstructure of about 85 feet span. Plans and specifications will be exhibited at the time and place of letting.

J. YEAGER,
I. BARKLEY,
C. CLECKNER,
Commissioners.

Commissioners Office
Danville, July 8th, 1837.

List of Letters,

Remaining in the P. O. at Bloomsburg,

July 1st, 1837.
Rebecca Adams, Jesse Beers,
Maria Biggs, Andrew Criveling,
William Erasmus, Obed Everett,
Col. Thomas Fields, Michael Good,
L. S. Gibson, S. Geist or J. Foulk,
Joseph Garrison, Jacob Hartman,
William Howell, Lydia Hall,
Caroline N. Hazard, Jacob Jacoby,
John Long, Andrew M'Faden,
Murray Manville, Jacob Risewick,
Rake & Chamberlin, Elizabeth Shipman,
James Shesby, Esq., Samuel Webb,
Samuel White, John Van Sickle & Co.
Andrew R. Jacoby, B. RUPERT, P. M.
July 8, 1837.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.

UPWARDS OF
Seventy Men & Horses!

J. J. HALL,

RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of the town of Bloomsburg and vicinity, that a spacious pavilion will be fitted up, on the Commons in BLOOMSBURG, on TUESDAY THE 16th of JULY NEXT.

The splendid establishment has been newly fitted out, in a style superior to any thing of the kind offered to the public, with a company of EQUESTRIANS, and STUD of ARABIAN and HANOVARIAN Horses, which for performance stand unequalled in America.

The band attached, is of the very first order, and without any impropriety, may be called the best of their number.

The Manager, in soliciting the public patronage, would respectfully state that nothing will be introduced into the performance that can in the least offend the most delicate and fastidious persons; but the whole will be conducted with that order and respectability calculated to increase the patronage of genteel society. The Boxes will be partitioned off from the Pitt to prevent inconvenience or annoyance to the ladies and gentlemen from the immense crowd usually visiting this exhibition.

DOORS open at 1 o'clock, P. M.
ADMITTANCE, Boxes 50 cents, Pitt 25cts, children under 10 years admitted with their parents to the Boxes at half price.

This Circus will be exhibited at Danville on Monday the 17th of July.

JOHN S. INGRAM,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,

TENDERS his professional services to the citizens of Columbia county. He will feel grateful for business entrusted to his care. Office in the same building with the 'Columbia Democrat'
Bloomsburg, May, 1837.