

OFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY.

1837.

	Bloom.	Briar Creek.	Catawissa.	Darry.	Fishing Creek.	Greenwood.	Hanlock.	Liberty.	Limestone.	Madison.	Malomung.	Millin.	Mount Pleasant.	Orangeville.	Paxton.	Roaring Creek.	Sugar Loaf.	70731.
ASSEMBLY.																		
JOHN BOWMAN.	206	127	180	74	26	112	141	23	34	128	56	31	49	29	48	63	30	1357
EVAN O. JACKSON.	19	100	82	133	64	16	43	126	47	39	220	141	11	75	41	123	56	1337
SHERIFF.																		
WILLIAM KITCHEN.	18	57	88	148	9	34	47	130	42	34	235	44	16	54	45	13	32	1040
JOHN FRUIT.	205	83	57	62	3	59	134	11	28	122	20	40	58	12	3	9	41	947
PETER KLINE.	84	54	159	36	16	30	81	19	10	5	8	93	10	38	71	159	15	888
ELIAS McHENRY.	12	119	60	76	85	26	19	21	33	32	152	63	10	53	5	30	53	849
WILLIAM RICHART.	79	48	67	33	6	64	18	28	19	32	38	18	11	15	3	21	5	505
CORONER.																		
ISAAC C. JOHNSON.	113	150	56	11	74	85	80	124	23	39	169	97	60	96	52	75	81	1385
JACOB SEIDEL.	37	111	68	149	26	26	94	35	68	21	117	44	10	16	—	51	14	884
EVAN EVANS.	136	60	162	10	—	28	58	22	6	—	47	10	5	7	31	119	4	705
DAVID JENNINGS.	27	4	80	8	11	31	63	28	20	17	10	33	37	5	7	18	32	431
COMMISSIONER.																		
JOSEPH BROBST.	183	70	136	19	7	102	146	12	9	119	35	17	53	9	49	107	4	1077
STEPHEN BALDY.	2	54	89	96	37	1	21	17	17	26	209	37	6	54	26	40	31	772
JOHN P. DAVIS.	17	16	31	73	33	17	5	105	33	7	3	6	10	40	5	15	57	473
JOHN KELLER.	21	67	—	2	4	—	—	3	19	2	9	11	2	3	2	5	—	250
TREASURER.																		
HUGH McWILLIAMS.	106	70	102	68	11	107	132	113	31	112	101	116	62	28	28	152	30	1468
JOHN LAZARUS.	10	105	59	118	76	12	44	23	41	36	126	24	10	80	15	3	48	830
RUDOLPH SECHLER.	12	24	89	6	5	1	—	17	7	20	41	7	3	—	32	22	1	287
AUDITOR.																		
GEORGE H. WILKITS.	197	91	176	—	5	92	145	8	—	109	51	25	59	21	62	116	3	1160
JOHN FULTON.	3	94	51	153	65	7	24	121	71	35	126	82	10	80	6	37	64	1029

From the Wyoming Republican.

The steps which have led to the consummation detailed in the article below, we carefully noted in the "Republican" as they transpired: The first was the accidental discovery, and subsequent publication in a Lancaster paper, of a letter written more than two years ago by a gentleman of Logansport, Indiana, (Col. G. W. Ewing.) The paper containing the letter soon found its way to those interested here; and the result was an immediate communication with Col. Ewing by a member of Mr. Slocum's family. The correspondence, a portion of which we published, was of such a nature as to induce Mr. Slocum to set off immediately for Indiana, to satisfy himself by personal examination. But it seems his brother in Ohio had received the same intelligence, and preceded him in his visit. The result of the interview is the subjoined statement, which we extract from the "Peru Forester," an Indiana paper, kindly forwarded to us by some unknown hand. What a theme would the sufferings and trials of the captive during her long hours of cheerless bondage—the extent of country she has traversed—the scenes and changes through which she has passed—her feelings and sentiments—afford for a narrative!

FRANCES SLOCUM.

Or, The Indian Captive.

In the year 1777 and '78 it will be remembered, the Delaware Indians along the banks of the Susquehanna in the State of Pennsylvania, were very annoying to the white inhabitants, and that frequent massacres and tortures were the results of their hostile movements; but the length of time, which has elapsed, since those numerous depredations were committed, has measurably, erased the horrors of such scenes of carnage from the memories of the present inhabitants of the beautiful Village of WILKES-BARRE.

In the year 1777, there resided within the present limits of that town, a respectable gentleman, whose name was JONATHAN SLOCUM. His family consisted of his wife, seven sons and two daughters, of which Frances was the youngest sister. In the autumn of that year, while Mr. and Mrs. Slocum were from home, and the children (with others) engaged at play about the door-yard, a party of hostile Delawares approached the house, and after killing one boy, bore off another with Frances, as prisoners.

We shall not pause, here, to attempt to picture the dismay of her brothers and sister, (who had secreted themselves) upon seeing their beloved sister, thus torn from their society by the ruthless hands of savage barbarians; nor shall we attempt a description of the horrible feelings of a tender father and affectionate mother, on their return. What agonizing groans and sorrowful palpitations of the heart, were theirs, may be imagined, but not described with the pen. Frances was gone! but to what part of the habitable world to them was a mystery, and for aught they knew, she had soon after her captivity, fallen a victim to the tomahawk and scalping-knife.

Diligent search was instantly made through the immediate neighborhood; but where the circumstance transpired; but without success. Day after day passed by, without bringing to the ears of a disconsolate father and mother the least tidings of their dear—long—lost, though not forgotten Frances. "Hope," that last best solace of human sorrow, at length failed them; and the hearts of the parents became, as it were, gladdened with the consciousness that their darling child had ceased to exist, and that the Spirit of their Frances had sped to an endless immortality.

About two or three months after this heart-rending catastrophe had occurred, the father and grand-father of the unfortunate Frances, were killed in an engagement with a band of hostile Delawares; and at

the same time, an elder brother of hers, was severely wounded.

As soon as this additional melancholy bereavement had become sufficiently removed from the minds of the residue of the family, to allow them to think of their lost Frances, another and most diligent search was instituted, by her brothers; who continued it from that time, until the year 1797, when after an unsuccessful tour throughout Canada and the Northwestern Territory, they returned disconsolate and forlorn, and further pursuit was abandoned. Frances was not to be found; nor could even a shadow of her fate be discovered.

Years rolled away, without bringing any intelligence to the family, of this lost member. But Frances was not DEAD! although her "ghost" had, apparently, risen up to confirm the fears of her weeping relatives. She yet lives! and that, too, within a few miles from where we are now writing.

In a letter published a few weeks ago, in this paper, Col. G. W. Ewing Logansport, gave such a minute detail of particulars, as has led to a full disclosure of the captivity of this, now aged, female; and we are happy to say, that through the instrumentality of that gentleman, the lost Frances has been restored to the arms of an affectionate brother.

A few evenings ago, Mr. ISAAC SLOCUM, a younger brother of Frances, arrived in town, from his residence in Sandusky county, Ohio, and, in company with JAMES T. MILLER, Esq., of this place, Interpreter, proceeded to the place of her residence, known by the appellation of *Deaf Man's Village*, about nine miles above Peru, on the Mississippi river.

Mr. Slocum, on the way, remarked to his guide, that if the woman (Frances) was really his sister, he would recognize her by a scar upon the fore finger of her left hand, caused by a blow from a hammer upon an anvil, while at play with her brother before she was taken captive, but knew not in what other way, he should be able to convince either her or himself, of the relationship which subsisted between them.

Mr. Miller proceeded to the house, alone, in order to prepare the old lady for the reception of her brother; but found her unwilling to believe that such a thing could be. She recollected many of the circumstances which attended her capture—that she had a father, mother, brother, and sisters, but supposed that they were all long since dead.

The brother, at length entered the house, and gazing upon the changed appearance of Frances, involuntarily exclaimed, "Good God! is this my sister?" Then grasping her hand, he drew it towards the light, and beheld the scar! the identical scar, which he had described. He was then satisfied; but Frances was still unwilling to believe Mr. Slocum to be her brother. Mr. Miller, at the request of Mr. Slocum, interrogated her, in the Indian language, (as she speaks or understands no other) concerning the scar upon her finger, and she related the same story which her brother had told him on their way; and finally, before they separated, Frances was satisfied to acknowledge Isaac, to be her own brother; but expressed no inclination to leave her wigwam, to partake of the comforts of his hospitable mansion, after a residence of near sixty years among the *Red Men* of the wilderness.

Mr. Slocum is exceedingly anxious to prevail upon her to accompany him to Ohio, where he now resides, and to Pennsylvania, "the land of their fathers;" but he informs us that his efforts to do so, will prove abortive. We are informed that many years after Frances was taken a prisoner by the Delawares, her adopted parents died, and that she was married to a Miami, (according to their custom) by whom she had four children, two daughters, living, and two sons now dead. She is now a widow, at the age of 65 years, and being

captured at the age of five, having lived entirely according to the Indian mode, it is not reasonable to suppose that she should retain any recollection of the features of her kindred, or many circumstances of her early history; nor is it to be marvelled at, that after sixty years residence amongst the inhabitants of the woods, she should feel a reluctance in leaving her home and her family, to end the remnant of her days amongst former relatives; who, however kind and affectionate, cannot be more dear to her than her own offspring, notwithstanding the dissimilarity, in the color of the skin, may be most striking. The old lady is quite wealthy—comfortably situated with her son-in-law, *Captain Brovriette*, with whom, as far as we know, she lives very agreeably; and, although we should be pleased to hear of a willingness on her part, and that of her children, to return with Mr. Slocum, yet we should think it improper to separate her from her children, to whom she is strongly attached. Mr. Slocum informs us that while in Canada, forty years ago, with his brother, they offered some traders the sum of *three hundred dollars*, if they would only give intelligence of Frances.

He also states, that his brother Joseph, and sister, Mrs. Mary Town, will be here in a few days—that he will await their arrival. Mr. Slocum bears the appearance of a gentleman of the first respectability, and in conversation, often alludes to the horrible scenes which transpired on the banks of the Susquehanna, during the days of his boyhood. He is now 53 years old, in apparent good health, and returns his most sincere gratitude to the citizens of the Upper Wabash, and to Col. Geo. W. Ewing and Mr. J. T. Miller, in particular, for the interest which they have taken in restoring the lost Frances to the family, and for their kindness and hospitality in general.

How seldom is it that we meet with infidels among elderly men, whilst it not unfrequently occurs that those who have not enjoyed the advantages of reflection and experience are very apt to indulge in scepticism. Whence can this arise, unless it be from the fact that in youth we have yet to learn the fallibility of our judgment, while in more advanced years the lessons of life are so graven upon our minds, and prove so clearly our dependence on a Higher Power, that we are forced to admit our short-sightedness and distrust the suggestions of our own reason. We have often observed the inclination of the young to treat with scorn and endeavor to suppress the promptings of religious feeling, deeming it a self degradation to be subject even to a Creator, at the same time that they reject as unphilosophical, forsooth, the inferences enforced upon them by the displays of divine wisdom by which they are surrounded. This weakness, for such is the appellation which belongs to it, would be more pardonable, if it were permitted to rest in the bosoms of the victims of it, but, where ever opportunities occur, it is so fond of exhibiting itself to the admiration of ignorance, that it becomes a source of infinite evil, and deserves the severest censure. If they, who are so vain-glorious of their puny acquisitions as to induce themselves to believe that religious feeling is entirely the result of prejudices springing from education, would for an instant reflect upon the unhappiness and discomfort which they produce in society by the promulgation of their crude notions, we cannot help believing that they would refrain, at least, from publishing them. What satisfaction, we would ask, can it afford any one to unsettle the belief which forms the leading and un-failing source of comfort to the poor man's family, and furnishes restraints where in its absence ignorance would open the door to lawless passion? Let then the free-thinker reflect and reconcile to himself, if he can, the satisfaction that will arise from an ingenious argument that at most can only serve to promote vice and wretchedness.

HYMENIAL.

MARRIED.—On Thursday the 5th inst. at the residence of B. L. McCarty, in Chapman township, Union county, by the Rev. Mr. Sybert, Mr. JAMES M. CALLER, merchant, of Selins-Grove, to Miss MARY McCARTY, of the former place.

[Accompanying the above hymenial notice, we acknowledge the receipt of a bottle of Champagne and a monstrous Pound-cake—the latter having been carefully ornamented and enveloped by the tender hands of the enchanting bride; and the former labelled in the manner that all superior articles of the kind are usually done. They will please accept our kindest wishes for their future prosperity and happiness, and for a bountiful supply of little Col-lars.]

On the 5th inst. by the Rev. D. S. Tobias, Mr. DANIEL ROODY, to Miss HANNAH FAUST, both of Danville.

By the same, on the 20th ult. Mr. SAMUEL CREESE, to Miss ELIZABETH NEINGESSER, both of Millin township.

By the same, on the 28th ult. Mr. BENJAMIN WERTMAN, to Miss MARIA HERRING, both of Orangeville.

In this place, on Thursday last, by the Rev. Geo. C. Drake, JACOB GEARHART, Esq. of Rush township, Northumberland county, to Miss ANN PICKERSON, of Briar creek, Columbia county.

STORE GOODS AT COST!

THE subscriber is going to remove to the West on the first of January next, and would respectfully inform the public that he is now selling off his stock of Merchandise, consisting of

Dry Goods, Hardware, Groceries, Queens-Ware, &c.

At cost, for cash or country Produce, or Lumber BARNHART BARBE. Cattawissa, a Oct. 14, 1837.

ALL persons indebted to the subscriber are solicited to call and settle immediately, otherwise their accounts will be placed in the hands of a magistrate for collection. BARNHART BARBE. Cattawissa, Oct. 14, 1837.

NOTICE.

THE Co-partnership of Davis & Williams, contractors on the Cattawissa Rail road, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 11th of August last. All persons having demands against said firm will call on E. Davis, who has assumed to pay the same. EZRA DAVIS. DAVID WILLIAMS. Oct. 14, 1837.

WANTED.

A Journeymen Shoemaker, will meet with constant employment and liberal wages by applying immediately to the subscriber in Bloomsburg. WILLIAM KARNES. Bloomsburg, Oct. 14, 1837.

FUR CAPS, just received, and for sale at the new & cheap store of J. T. Musselman, & Co. Oct. 14, 1837.

LADIES' FUR CAPES, just received, and for sale at the new & cheap store of J. T. Musselman, & Co. Oct. 14, 1837.

SLEIGH WHIPS & BELLS, just received, and for sale at the new & cheap store of J. T. Musselman, & Co. Oct. 14, 1837.

BONNET SILKS of a very superior quality just received, and for sale at the new store of J. T. Musselman, & Co. Oct. 14, 1837.

INSURANCE AGAINST FIRE. THE DELAWARE COUNTY Insurance Company. Capital authorised by Law, \$250,000. CHARTER PERPETUAL.

THE public are respectfully informed, that this Company will make insurance, either permanent or limited, on property and effects of every description, against loss or damage by fire, on the most reasonable terms, at their office in Chester, Delaware county, Pennsylvania.

The citizens of Columbia county are hereby informed, that insurances by the above Company of every description of property, can be effected by applying to the undersigned agent, in Cattawissa. The following are the annual Rates of Insurance on the \$100, upon the most Common description of property, viz:

Stone or Brick dwelling houses	30 to 40 cts
Frame or Log do.	60 to 75 "
Brick or Stone barns,	50 to 62 1/2 "
Frame or Log do.	75 to 100 "
Brick or Stone Grist Mills,	62 1/2 to 100 "
Frame do.	75 to 100 "

Merchandise and furniture contained in houses and grain and utensils in mills and barns, in proportion. Information can be had by applying either personally, or by letter post paid, to EZRA S. HAYHURST, Agent. Cattawissa, September 30, 1837.

WANTED.

AN Apprentice to the Tailoring Business, is wanted immediately. A Boy between 14 & 17 years of age, will find a good situation by applying to the subscriber. P. R. HEIGHMAN. Orangeville, September 30, 1837.

MARBLE MANUFACTORY.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform the public, that he continues the above business, in its various branches, in Selinsgrove and Milton, where he has constantly on hand an assortment of

MONUMENTS, Head & Foot Stones, TOMB-TABLES,

OF ALL SIZES AND DIFFERENT QUALITIES.

ALSO:

Mantles, Centre-Tables, WINDOW AND DOOR-SILLS, DOOR-STEPS, &c.

made to order, on the shortest notice, and in the best manner.

The public are respectfully invited to give him a call.

Lettering, both English and German, done in a neat, bold, and beautiful style.

GEORGE GUNDRUM.

September 30, 1837.

The Terms, &c. can be ascertained by calling upon the Editor of the "Columbia Democrat," who will attend to any orders which may be made by the people of this neighbourhood, and guarantee a speedy and faithful execution of any job which may be specially ordered.

NEW & CHEAP STORES.

THE subscriber would respectfully inform the public, that he has taken the store recently occupied by Mr. McDowell, in Orangeville, and is now opening and receiving from New York and Philadelphia, a splendid assortment of all kinds of

MERCHANDIZE,

which he will dispose of at the most reduced prices for cash or country produce. The public are invited to call and examine for themselves. WILLIAM FAUX. Orangeville, Oct. 7, 1837.

LAST NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of *Thomas A. Girtton*, deceased, by Note, Bond, Book Account, or otherwise, are requested to make payment to the subscriber before the 15th day of November next; and all persons having demands against said estate are requested to present them, properly authenticated for settlement, to the subscriber. WILLIAM GIRTON, Sole Administrator. Hanlock, Oct. 7, 1837.

SHARP SHOOTING.

CAPT. HIRAM A. ROOT, of Cattawissa, lately from Tomkins county, New York, shot across the Susquehanna river, ranging the enormous distance of four hundred yards, and killed a Crane. The feat was done on the 28th inst. on Col. Paxton's farm, in Bloom township, in the presence of a number of spectators. This is but one of the many marvellous feats that Mr. Root has performed with his rifle; but he is a first rate marksman, and those who excel in this art, can have a chance to try their skill with Capt. Root, on a bet of from *Ten to One hundred dollars*, string measure. He will be found at the public house of S. Brobst, in Cattawissa village, where he will be very happy to wait on any Gentlemen who may favour him with their custom. Cattawissa, Sept. 30, 1837.

LOOK HERE!!!

THE subscribers thankful for past favors, have the pleasure of announcing to their customers, and the public in general, that they have just received and are now opening a fresh supply of cheap and

SEASONABLE GOODS

carefully selected for the season, at their new and cheap store in Bloomsburg.

Come friends and patrons, one and all. And see our purchases for the fall. If you'll but call and take a peep. Surely you'll say, they're very cheap.

J. T. MUSSELMAN, & Co. Bloomsburg, Sept. 30, 1837.

PETERSHAM and Bearskin cloths, for Overcoats, just received and for sale by J. T. Musselman, & Co. Sept. 30, 1837.

BLANKET Shawls, and Ladies' Capes and Tippets, just opened at the new & cheap store of J. T. Musselman, & Co. Sept. 30, 1837.

BLANKETS, of various sizes and qualities, and warranted a fresh article, for sale at the new and cheap store of J. T. Musselman, & Co. Sept. 30, 1837.

CAMLET, for Cloaks, for sale very cheap at the new & cheap store of J. T. Musselman, & Co. Sept. 30, 1837.

LIQUORS.

WINE, Brandy, Gin, Cordial, &c. just received, and ready for delivery to customer at very reduced prices, by J. T. Musselman, & Co. Sept. 30, 1837.

AN assortment of HARDWARE, just opened and for sale at the new & cheap store of J. T. Musselman, & Co. Sept. 30, 1837.

SILKS & FUR HATS.

JUST received, a handsome assortment of S & Fur Hats, which will be sold cheap at the store of C. B. FISHER. Bloomsburg, Sept. 30, 1837.