

regiment of Dragoons. It is situated on a high bank of the Missouri, on the western side, and although not regularly fortified is yet sufficiently so as to repel all Indian force that may be brought against it. Indeed, I do not see how they could attack it with any prospect of success; for in ten minutes after the alarm, almost every man could be armed and mounted, and the ground near us being favorable for cavalry, we could scatter them like chaff before the whirlwind. Six companies of dragoons are regularly stationed here. The remaining four are at Fort Gibson, on the river Arkansas, three hundred miles to the South of this. Our company is considered the best in the regiment, consequently I have the honor of belonging to the best company of horse in all America, north or south. A great many recruits have joined the other companies from the Yankee States—and some from Indiana. But none are equal to the Pennsylvanians. This is allowed by every one. They are the best horsemen, are more orderly, and will do more work than any other men, except perhaps the Virginians, Kentuckians and Tennesseans, who are as good. I do not think we will go out on a campaign this season. We may perhaps take a short one. We have had orders to be in readiness, but the winter is too close at hand, and the prairie grass is dead or dying, so that it will be difficult to find food for the horses. However twenty-five men went yesterday to lay out a military road between here and Fort Coffee, on the Arkansas.

I suppose you would like to know something about the Indians in this country. The nearest are the Kickapoos, who have their village about 3 1/2 miles from here. They have good lands, and raise corn, melons and other truck, and contrive to make a tolerable living. They have a missionary among them, sent by the Methodist Society, and a blacksmith is paid by government to reside among them to mend their agricultural implements and rifles. There was a farmer paid to live with them, but I do not know whether he is there now or not.

There was a band of Pottawatomies about thirty miles from here; but they have removed this summer to the Missouri, above the Council bluffs. A company went along to protect them against the Sioux, a very ferocious and warlike tribe, and so numerous that they can bring upwards of twenty thousand warriors into the field. They are the freebooters of the prairies and have always been the terror of the fur traders. They are, however, afraid of us, and to that alone we are indebted for their peaceable behaviour. A few of their chiefs were down here about three weeks since. They are wild looking savages, and very expert with the bow and arrow.

Another nation of Indians is the Delawares. They have a village and lands about 15 miles below here. They are brave warriors and good looking people. Besides these we have Shawnee, Konzas, or Cows, Otoes and others. They are all peaceable at present, though there is no telling how long they will continue so.

THE SUSQUEHANNAH.

It is with pleasure we announce to our readers that from the latest intelligence there now remains no doubt of the rumor respecting the capture of the Ship "Susquehanna" proving erroneous. Several vessels which have arrived at New York, had met the packet since the day on which the outrage should have been committed, and as they "read the name—saw the passengers," &c. there remains no doubt as to her perfect safety.

Ex-Governor WOLF, in a letter to the editors of the "American Sentinel" declines the honor of a nomination for the office of Governor by the 4th of March convention. He contends that the acrimonious feelings engendered in the contest of 1835 have not subsided, and "that the unsuccessful candidate of that day, who will adventure upon a second heat, in the face of this but partially smothered feeling, must expect to encounter a burst of popular indignation, which will not fail to overwhelm him in confusion and ineffable disgrace." "This is strong language, to say the least of it—indicating that George Wolf still holds spite towards the Muhleys, and that he & his friends would oppose Mr. Muhlenberg, even should he be regularly nominated. Quite "ill-timed and unfortunate." In our next we shall publish the letter entire, the whole of which exhibits a similar spirit to that manifested in the above extract.

The FIFTH number of "The Gentleman's Magazine," besides its regular appearance, possesses all the merits of its predecessors. It is on our desk for the inspection of those who wish to patronize a neatly executed and useful literary periodical.

One word to those who have borrowed preceding numbers: *Return them, or we shall never credit you on the same account.*

The general election took place in New York on Monday last. It continues three days; and consequently in our next we expect to give the result of a warmly contested campaign, as in several counties the democrats have placed two tickets in nomination.

ROBBERY.

The branch of the U. S. Bank at Pittsburgh recently forwarded to the Mother Bank at Philadelphia about 72,000 dollars in specie. It appears that whilst on board of the boats between Hollidaysburg and Columbia, some person drove up the bilge hoop of one of the kegs, cut out a piece of a stave, and abstracted about \$268. Information of the robbery having been forwarded to this place, Constable Spofford proceeded to Clark's Ferry, and upon overhauling the trunks belonging to one of the hands of the boat, found \$235 of the stolen money. Two of the hands on board the boat were apprehended upon suspicion, and committed to the jail of this county.

Victoria's Seal.—The design for the new Great Seal, which has been approved of by her Majesty in Council, has on the obverse an equestrian statue of the Queen, attended by a page, and has the following inscription round the border: "Victoria, Dei Gratia Britanniarum Regina, Fidei Defensor." On the reverse, the Queen seated on the throne in her royal robes, and wearing the Crown; in her right hand is the sceptre, and in her left the orb. Her Majesty is supported by two female figures, Religion on one side and Justice on the other; above is a Gothic canopy, and at the bottom is a shield of the Royal arms, surmounted by the imperial crown. An embossed border of oak leaves and roses encircles the whole.

TRICKS OF TRADE.

The New York Journal of Commerce contains a report of a case in the Common Pleas of that city—Silk and Aaron vs. Adolphus—in the course of which there was testimony adduced by defendant as to the usage of certain flash auctions, which is quite of an edifying character; and if it shall not serve as "a caution" to purchasers, it must be their own fault. The action was brought to recover a balance due on goods bought by the defendant at auction. He had bought a great bargain of a pretty little box, filled with jewellery and other small articles, at so much per article; and, after paying a part of the demand, was "shocked" at the number of odds and ends, small brass rings, etc. which the box was found to contain, and refused to abide by his bargain.

Among other witnesses called by the defendant was a man named Coyer Janny, who exposed the manner in which mock auctions are carried on in so candid and good humored a way, as to create considerable laughter. His evidence was as follows:

Q. Have you ever been employed as an auctioneer?

A. Yes. During fifteen years, I was employed as auctioneer by different houses.

Q. Do you know of such things as shave lots?

A. Yes. A shave lot generally consists of a nice looking little box filled with a variety of articles of value, and in the bottom a large number of small articles worth little or nothing, and so minute in size that they can scarcely be perceived until all the things are turned out of the box. All the articles in the box are sold at so much each article and when a person bids for them, and the box is knocked down to him, he is then asked to give a deposit, and after he has paid it, the articles are then all turned out of the box, and the purchaser sometimes looks a little astonished.

Q. Are there many of such boxes sold at an auction during one day?

A. Not often. If we can really sell one shave box in the day, it pays all the expenses.

Q. What do you mean by the words really sell?

A. It often happens that we sell the same box five or six different times in the same day, to Funks.

Q. What are Funks?

A. Puffers employed to bid against real bidders, in order to raise the price.

Q. To what intent do these puffers bid?

A. Why, until I can catch any other chap bidding; then as quick as I can, I knock it down to him.

Cross-examined.—Q. Do you think that an honest way of doing business?

A. No; that was the reason I quit it.

Q. But were you not 15 years at it before your conscience became too tender to bear it any longer?

A. Yes; but there was not an auction every day. I often refused to sell shave lots.

By a JURY.—Will you report how those shave lots were put up?

A. Yes, I'll tell you exactly. There were a great number of small articles, less than the top of your finger, and worth little or nothing; placed in the bottom of the box, then there was a few silver articles put in the top, and sold at so much each article, and the bidder was told there were 150 articles in the box; and as soon as he purchased them and paid part of the money, then the articles were all reckoned, and made to amount to 500 articles.

Q. What used you to do on such occasions?

A. Why, I told the best story I could, as in duty bound. I was considered a pretty smart fellow that way, and was, therefore, always employed.

Q. Did persons ever buy their own goods at these auctions?

A. Sometimes the goods were sent to the auctioneer with an invoice; and if the owner wished to protect them, (from being sold too cheap,) he might do so; but we always charged him the fees.

Q. You have said you have often sold the same article several times over. Explain that.

A. If, for instance, I had a single watch to sell, and could not get a single bidder for it, some of the funks bid for it, and I knock it down, and then take it up again, as if it was another watch, pretending that I had a large number of them, and knock it down to a second funk; and then another of the funks says, "that watch is not dear, I'll take another of them," although he knows that there is not any other one. Another funk then says, "Come I'll take two of them at the same price," until perhaps some stranger thinks the watches are going very cheap, and asks the opinion of one of the funks, who tells him "there never was such a bargain," and the stranger says, "I'll take one of the watches;" and then the only one which was for sale is given to him; and if any other person should then say, "I'll take another of the watches," I tell him I am very sorry that he did not speak in time, for the watches are all sold.

Q. Have you known any thing of this sort to have been done in the plaintiff's store?

A. I know nothing about the plaintiff.

The witness here looked archly at the box of trinkets which the defendant had purchased from the plaintiffs, which had been brought into Court, and was then lying on a table near where the witness was standing.

But that box reminds me strongly of old times.

Major Noah informs us that a few evenings since, in the crowded Saloon of Mr. Catlin, at the Indian lecture, in the midst of an intensely interesting discourse, a person rose up, and in a solemn manner, said, "Mr. Catlin, will you have the goodness to stop for one moment." The audience looked with astonishment, and the lecturer paused: "I have lost my little boy in the crowd, and wish to call for him." A dead pause ensued in the 1200 persons present. "Clark Potter!" cried the father. "Here I am, father!" said a shrill voice in the corner, at which shouts of laughter and applause ensued, as the stripling was handed over benches to his anxious parent.

Immense forgeries have been committed on the "Southern Bank of Ireland." Two persons have been apprehended in London, on suspicion of being the forgers.

The New York Transcript of Saturday says, that a sea-faring man has just returned to Portland, after an absence of nineteen years, (having been cast away among savages) and finds his wife married to another man.

The police of Paris have seized a steam engine, used by a wine dealer in that city for the manufacture of factitious champagne, and other wines.

On Wednesday last, a load of hay containing two tons, from Wenham, on its way to Boston, took fire, and wagon and all, with the exception of the wheels, was consumed. The accident was occasioned by friction on the axle tree, which burnt till it broke off and let the load down upon the fire.

The St. Louis Bulletin of the 17th instant says,—"The sale of town lots in Jefferson City, which took place yesterday; went off rather dull. The lots averaged about fifty dollars specie—some sold as high as \$120."

HYMENIAL.

MARRIED.—On Thursday last, Mr. JOSEPH LILLEY, of this place to Miss ELIZA KNARR, of Briar Creek.

In Danville on Thursday last, by Lyman Sholes, Esq. Mr. WILLIAM SNYDER, of Rush township, Northumberland county, to Miss MARY LINN, of Mahoning.

OBITUARY.

DIED.—On Thursday the 26th ult in Derry township, Mrs. MARY MOYER, consort of Jacob Moyer, aged 69 years.

On Thursday morning last, Mr. JACOB WENICH, of Henlock, aged 74 years.

Salt! Salt!

25 B ARRELS of Lake Salt, and a large quantity of Ground Alum Salt, just received, and for sale at the cheap store of J. T. Musselman, & Co. Nov. 11, 1837.

Pocket-Book Lost.
A LARGE CALF-SKIN pocket book, containing about \$10 in Shiplasters, and sundry papers, was lost between Chattanooga and Bloomsburg, on the 1st inst. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving the same at this office, or at the store of J. T. Musselman, & Co. Nov. 11, 1837.

A CARD.

Dr. H. Smith, SURGEON DENTIST,
WOULD respectfully announce to the public that he will be in Bloomsburg on Monday next, the 30th instant, and remain for ten days, at Mr. Daniel Snyder's Hotel. He has just received a great variety of the best selected

INCORRUPTIBLE TEETH,
which are warranted not to change colour, while his operations are guaranteed to answer all the ornamental and useful purposes for which they are designed.

The perfect satisfaction of his numerous customers in Danville, during a year's professional services; is the only recommendation which he presumes necessary to secure the calls of those whose decayed Teeth may require the attendance and skill of a Surgeon Dentist.

Ladies will be called upon at their dwellings. Bloomsburg, Oct. 28, 1837.

Doct. SMITH will also visit Orangeville on Monday the 13th of November, and remain a few days at Mr. Isaac C. Johnson's Hotel.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the honorable ELLIS LEWIS President of the Courts of Oyer & Terminer and General Jail Delivery, court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Court of Common Pleas, and Orphan's Court, in the eighth Judicial district, composed of the counties of Northumberland, Union, Columbia, and Lycoming; and the Hon. WILLIAM MOSTWISER, and LEONARD REBERT, Esquires, associate Judges in Columbia county, have issued their precept bearing date the 26th day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and to me directed for holding a court of

General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Common Pleas & Orphan's Court, IN DANVILLE, in the county of Columbia, on the third Monday of November next, (being the 20th day) and to continue two weeks.

Notice is therefore hereby given to the coroner, the justices of the peace, and constables of the said county of Columbia, that they be then and there in their proper persons, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, with their records, inquisitions, and other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done. And those who are bound by recognizances, to prosecute against the prisoners that are or may be in the jail of said county of Columbia, are to be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just. Jurors are requested to be punctual in their attendance, agreeably to their notices.

Dated at Danville, the 20th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and in the 63d year of the independence of the United States of America.

WILLIAM KITCHEN, *Shff.*

ISSUE LIST

For Columbia county—November Term.

Valentine Bidleman	vs	John Folk
John McHinn et al	vs	William Scott
William Levan	vs	John M. Allen
Henry Weaver,	vs	Peter Baldy
James Strawbridge	vs	Hugh Allen's Ad'm'rs.
Commonwealth et al	vs	Andrew McReynolds
Michael Brobst et al	vs	William McKelvy et al.
George Stine	vs	Michael Hower
Thomas Woodside	vs	Joseph Maus
Jonathan D. Heister et al	vs	John McReynolds.
William F. Reynolds	vs	William Kitchen
Daniel Musselman	vs	Neal McCay et al
John McReynolds	vs	Fanny Cummings et al
John McReynolds	vs	Nancy Cummings
John McReynolds	vs	Christiana Cummings (et al)
John Fulkerson et al	vs	Lucas Brass
John McReynolds	vs	Alexander Cummings
William Payne	vs	William Gibson
William Gibson	vs	William Payne

CREDITORS.

TAKE NOTICE that I have applied to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, of Columbia county, for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this Commonwealth, and that they have appointed the third Monday of November next, for the hearing of me and my Creditors, at the Court house, in Danville, when and where you may attend if you think proper.

JOHN KINNARD.

November 4, 1837.

BAR IRON, just received, and for sale at the new & cheap store of J. T. Musselman, & Co. November 4, 1837.

For Sale or Trade.

A GIG AND HARNESS

WILL be sold very cheap, or given in trade for a Dearbourn Waggon, or for Country Produce.—Enquire of the Editor of the "Columbia Democrat," or to J. T. MUSSELMAN, & Co. Bloomsburg, Oct. 28, 1837.

WOOD!

A FEW LOADS OF GOOD WOOD will be taken in payment for subscriptions at the Office of the Columbia Democrat. Bloomsburg, Oct. 28, 1837.

CAUTION.

THE subscriber at the Constable's sale of John German's property, in Fishing Creek township, Columbia county, purchased the following articles, viz—

One Young Sorrel Mare, \$60
One Mantle Clock, 7
and having left said mare and clock in the possession of said John German, he hereby cautions all persons against purchasing or taking an assignment of the same at their peril.

LUTHER A. GERMAN.

Fishing Creek, Oct. 31, 1837.

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As the ensuing session will be one of more ordinary importance, the proprietor has made arrangements as will enable him to give full satisfactory reports of the proceedings of the Legislature, and to realize the expectations of those who may patronize the Reporter as a vehicle of Legislative information.

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WILLIAM D. BOAS



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which he will feel gratified to keep in readiness the accommodation of customers.

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NOAH S. PRENTISS.

Bloomsburg, November 4, 1837.

JURY LIST For November Term

GRAND JURY.

- Bloom—Jacob Melick, Esq.
- Catawissa—Jacob Martz, Jacob Hower Wm. Gehart.
- Derry—Andrew Brittain, J. W. Stamp
- Fishing Creek—Benjamin Jones, Esq.
- Liberty—Daniel Snyder, Frederick Blue, W. Hendrickson.
- Madison—John Manning, Caleb Thomas, Esq.
- John Funston, William Richard.
- Mahoning—Thomas Woodside, John Mowre
- Samuel Gulick, James Childs.
- Mifflin—Levi Kirkenhall.
- Roaring Creek—Anthony Dingler, Samuel Ed.
- Judah Cherington.
- Sugarloaf—John Fulmer, Wm. Coal.

TRAVERSE JURORS.

- First week.
- Briar Creek—Philip Freas, Amos E. Kitcher
- Jacob Shellhammer.
- Bloom—Simon Wertman, Philip Eyer, C. C. Ricketts, Henry Geisinger, Geo. Wert, Wm. Robinson.
- Catawissa—Geo. Mears, Jesse Cleaver
- Derry—William Ellis.
- Fishing Creek—John Bright.
- Greenwood—William Lemon, James Wilson
- Charles Eves.
- Hemlock—Charles Hartman, Isaiah Barton
- Liberty—Henry Shell.
- Mifflin—Samuel Crensey, Esq. John Brown
- Jacob Gearhart Henry Pettit.
- Mahoning—Cullin Cameron, Samuel Harman
- Wm. Hartman, Wm. Woodside.
- Madison—Wm. Haldren, Jacob Demott, Jeremiah Welliver, Jacob Swisher.
- Mount Pleasant—Andrew Melick, Jr. John Vance.
- Roaring Creek—Abijah John.
- Sugarloaf—George Hess, John Lawbauch.

- Second week.
- Briar Creek—Samuel Heady, Esq.
- Bloom—Solomon Newhart.
- Catawissa—Jacob Kruck, Benjamin Beaver.
- Derry—Adam Tanner, Michael Snyder, David Derr, John F. Butler, Wm. S. Davis.
- Fishing Creek—Harman Aaron.
- Greenwood—John Rishel, Labor Patterson, Abner Mendenhall.
- Hemlock—Thomas Hartman, John Quick, Peter Rupert, John Pursel, Geo. Kufman, Esq. Henry Ohi, Jr. Jacob Leidy, James Emmet.
- Limestone—Wm. Tireman, Daniel Wagner, Samuel Oaks.
- Mount Pleasant—John Hower.
- Mahoning—David Pursel, Jr. Rudolph Sechler, Esq. Joseph Maus, Thomas Benfield.
- Mifflin—George A. Bowman Gideon Gensel.
- Madison—John Hendershot.
- Roaring Creek—Samuel Mears.
- Sugarloaf—Andrew Hess, Mathias Appleman
- Samuel Shultz.

NOTICE

IS hereby given, to all Legatees, Creditors, and other persons interested in the estates of the respective decedents, that the administration accounts of the said estates have been filed in the office of the Register of the county of Columbia, and will be presented for confirmation and allowance in the Orphan's Court, to be held at Danville, in and for the county aforesaid, on Tuesday the 21st day of November next, at 3 o'clock P.M.

- 1st. The account of Henry Didrick, administrator of the estate of Jacob Dedrick, late of Briar Creek township, deceased.
- 2d. The supplementary account of Jacob Seidel and John Seidel, administrators of the estate of John Seidel, late of Derry township, deceased.
- 3d. The account of Isaac Stagers, administrator of the estate of Frederick Bedine, late of Liberty township, deceased.
- 4th. The account of Curtis Stadion, administrator of the estate of Jacob Kline, late of Mount Pleasant township, deceased.
- 5th. The account of John Sheep and Caleb Thomas, administrators of the estate of Andrew Sheep, late of Derry township, deceased.
- 6th. The account of John Sheep and William Snyder, administrators of the estate of Bernard Stetter, late of Madison township, deceased.

ALEX'R. BEST, Register.

Register's Office, Danville, Oct. 28, 1837.