

David Eves. Betsy Poke's character for veracity is good. Never heard any thing against either her or Freeman Poke's character for truth.

Wm. Wollner. I cannot say any thing against her character for truth in the neighborhood. I live 12 miles from Poke's. I have known her for 12 or 14 years. She was at my house. I can't say any thing against Freeman's character for truth. Never heard any person speak of their character for truth.

THE PLEADINGS.

We regret that we have not been furnished with the speeches of the counsel employed to conduct this cause, and particularly with the truly classical and eloquent speech delivered by JOHN COORZA, Esq. in behalf of the prisoner. However to show the mass of legal disquisition and authorities we subjoin the cases cited by the gentlemen on either side.

Messrs. COMLY and FRICK cited 7 S. & R. 428; Roscoe's Crim. Ev. 557, 589, 590, 593, 606, 631; 1 Brown's Rep. app. 20 22; 2 Chitty's Crim. law, 435, 483; 1 Russel, 389; Addison's rep. 149, 162; 4 Dallas, 146; 4 Blackstone, 184; and 1 East, 245.

Messrs. MONTGOMERY & COOPER, cited Act of 1794; 2 Starkie on Evidence, 948, 965, 973; Roscoe, 41, 593, 597, 600, 609, 630, 655; 1 Russel on Crimes, 401, 415, 457; 1 East's Common Law, 224, 239, 281; 1 Phillips' Ev. 91; 4 Blackstone, 194; 5 Burrows Rep. 2796; 6 Am. Com. Law, 573, 575; Addison's Rep. 381; and 1 Brown, app. 20; 7 Am. Com. Law, 99.

Judge Lewis delivered his charge to the Jury on Thursday evening, and after retiring about an hour they returned into Court with a verdict of *voluntary manslaughter*. On Friday morning the prisoner was sentenced to four years' solitary confinement in the Eastern penitentiary, and required to give bail in the sum of \$1000 for his good behavior during the term of five years.

The Judge has promised us a copy of his eloquent charge, and also the sentence of the Court; both of which will most probably appear in our next number.

NEGRO SUFFRAGE.

The following important preamble and joint resolution were introduced into the House of Representatives on the 22d inst. by Mr. Reed of Philadelphia county. In the Senate, Gen. Rogers, of Bucks, and read in his place, a bill of similar import.

RESOLUTION to preserve the right of suffrage to the citizens of this commonwealth, and to prevent negroes from exercising the same.

WHEREAS, The right of suffrage has been claimed and exercised by the negroes of this commonwealth, in some of the counties of the state, in the election of officers, generally, and public attention having been recently aroused to an investigation of such right, which it is said is recognized by the constitution, the settled opinion of the great mass of our fellow citizens is, that the right of suffrage is not guaranteed to the negro, by the spirit of the constitution, if the words thereof by any construction, would seem to acknowledge it, and it never was the intention of the wise and patriotic framers of it, to identify the negro with the citizen, for the purposes, and with the rights, powers and privileges, which under the constitution, it is so universally admitted, the white citizens of this commonwealth, shall have and enjoy. *And whereas*, the court of common pleas of Bucks county, because certain inspectors and judges of the last general election, permitted a large number of the negroes, residing therein, to appear at the polls, and exercise the right of suffrage which under the constitution, belongs to the white citizens exclusively; (through their president the Hon. John Fox,) have recently decided, that negroes have no such right, and declared it to be their opinion, that the word citizen, in the constitution, does not embrace or refer to the negroes of the state, who were all slaves or nearly so, at the time of the adoption of the constitution. *And whereas*, the convention to propose amendments to the constitution, have by a very large majority, approved of the introduction of the word, "white" into the amendment, thus acknowledging in the fullest and most satisfactory manner, the correctness of public sentiment and of the opinion of the court of common pleas of Bucks county, as aforesaid in relation to this subject.

Therefore, Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general assembly met, That from and after the passage of this resolution, if any inspector, judge or other officer of any election hereafter held in this state, for the election of any officer or officers which the electors of members of the general assembly have the right to vote for, shall knowingly and wilfully receive and cause to be counted, the vote of any negro

or mulatto, such inspector, judge or other officer so offending, on being convicted thereof, shall be deemed guilty of violating the several acts of assembly punishing frauds at elections, and for preventing illegal votes being received, and be subject to all the punishments and penalties which the said acts impose.

REFORM CONVENTION.

We learn from the Philadelphia papers that the Convention on Saturday last adopted Mr. Martin's amendment inserting the word *white* before "freeman" in that clause of the constitution relating to the qualifications of voters. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 77 to 45.

This decision, we feel firmly convinced, is in accordance with the wishes of a large majority of the freemen of this Commonwealth. The blacks can never be admitted to an equality in our social and domestic relations, and any attempt to confer upon them equal political privileges would inevitably tend to render their condition worse than it is at present. Until society become so debased as to adopt in practice the principles of amalgamation, the white and the black can never meet on an equality at the polls, and he who would confer upon the latter class that equality mistakes the dictates of true philanthropy, and strikes at the happiness and the welfare of those whom he seeks to elevate. Many other considerations, both of principle and policy, combine to render this decision acceptable to the people of Pennsylvania.

The following are the yeas and nays on inserting the word "white."

YEAS.—Messrs. Bank, Barclay, Barn-dollor, Bedford, Bigelow, Bonham, Brown, of Northampton, Brown, of Philadelphia, Chambers, Clapp, Clarke, of Indiana, Cleavinger, Cline, Crain, Crawford, Crum, Cummin, Carl, Darrach, Dillinger, Donagan, Donnell, Doran, Dunlop, Fleming, Foukrod, Fry, Fuller, Gamble, Gearhart, Gilmore, Grenell, Harris, Hastings, Hayhurst, Helffenstein, Henderson, of Dauphin, High, Hopkinson, Hopt, Hyde, Ingersol, Keim, Kennedy, Krebs, Lyons, Magee, Mann, Martin, McCahan, Meredith, Merrill Miller, Nexin, Overfield, Payne Pollock, Purviance, Read, Ritter, Ritter, Rogers, Russel, Saeger, Sheetz, Sellers, Seltzer, Shellito, Smith, of Columbia, Smith, of Centre, Snively, Sterigere, Stickle, Sturdevant, Taggart, Weaver, Woodward, —77.

NAYS.—Messrs. Agnew, Ayres, Baldwin, Biddle, Carey, Chandler, of Chester, Chandler, of Philadelphia, Chaucney, Clarke of Beaver, Clark, of Dauphin, Coates Cochran, Cox, Craig, Cunningham, Darlington, Denney, Diekey, Dickerson, Earle, Farelly, Forward, Hays, Heister, Jenks, Kerr, Konigsmacher, Macalay, M'Call, M'Dowell, M'Sherry, Merked, Montgomery, Pennypacker, Porter, of Lancaster, Reigart, Scott, Sill, Thomas, Todd, Weidman, White Young, Sergeant, President.—45.

ABSENT.—Messrs. Barnitz, Bell, Brown, of Lancaster, Brown, of Northampton, Brown, of Philadelphia, Baile, Clapp, Cope, Henderson, of Allegheny, Long, Myers, Porter, of Northampton, Royer, Stevens.

After this decision Mr. Scott moved an amendment authorizing the legislature at any time after the year 1860 to extend the right of suffrage to others than white freemen, which was rejected by a vote of 78 to 38.

Mr. Dunlop then moved to amend by giving to negroes now in Pennsylvania, and their descendants, the right of suffrage, provided they shall possess a certain amount of property. This amendment was under consideration when the convention adjourned on Saturday.

A shoemaker in Whitecross street, London, pawns his wooden leg every Monday morning, for half a crown, and redeems it on Saturday night to enable him to take the air on Sundays.

There is a new game at the South—a man has put up a fat hog to be *guesses for* at one dollar a chance—the one guessing nearest the weight of his porkship to be his owner.

Strange reports are in circulation relative to the young Queen. It is rumored that the dissipation of this male branch of the Hanover family has not increased her virgin beauty.

Gen. *Marabeau B. Lamar*, has assented to become a candidate for the Texan Presidency.

A great meeting in favor of the Canadian patriots, was held in Detroit on the 1st instant. It is represented as having been full of spirit.

Commodore *Stewart*, it is reported at Washington, will be nominated by the Conservatives of Pennsylvania for the Presidency. Who are the Conservatives of Pennsylvania?

Gov. White's message to the legislature of Louisiana is less than two columns long. A good example.

Daniel O'Connell has delivered himself of another furious invective against America. He is out of favour with his countrymen here on this subject.

One of the most destructive fires that has ever occurred in this country, happened at New Orleans on the 3d inst. Several lives were lost, and the amount of property destroyed is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The Hon. William Shannon is the democratic candidate for governor in Ohio.

THE COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT.

By Ingram & Mills.



BLOOMSBURG:
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1838.

We are under obligations to Dr. *Petricin*, for Congressional documents, and to Messrs. *Hayhurst and Smith*, for favors of a similar kind connected with the proceedings of the Reform Convention.

On our fourth page we have published an article relative to the installation of the Rev. J. P. Hudson, of this place, as pastor of the Presbyterian congregation at Williamsport; and also a bill reported in the House of Representatives on the 15th inst. relative to the West Branch Bank.—Both articles may prove interesting to our readers; and the space occupied by the publication of *Poke's* trial is our only apology for giving them an *out-side* insertion.

BANK BILL.

A bill was reported in the House of Representatives on the 15th instant, and made the order of the day for Wednesday last, providing for the future regulation of Banks and Loan companies. It provides against declaring more than eight per cent. dividend on the capital stock paid in; restricts their liabilities in proportion to their capital; places loans to stockholders and directors upon the same footing with other persons; makes stockholders individually liable for double the amount of stock held by them, when their institutions refuse to redeem with gold or silver; defers the payment of any loans to the state for charters, except the profits arising from the sale of stock by auction; obliges Banks to redeem their notes with specie on the first of May next, and fixes upon a mode for compelling such course; prohibits the issue of notes under the denomination of \$10 after January 1, 1840; and compels the publication annually of their statements to the Auditor General, setting forth the amounts, names and residence of stockholders and depositors.—In the House this bill will most probably pass; but the concurring action of the Senate, and the approval of the Governor will doubtless be withheld, and consequently it will only prove an *effort* towards reform.

THE LUMBERMAN'S BANK.

There has been a great excitement at Warren lately respecting the affairs of this institution. It was discovered that an individual owing the Bank \$100,000 cancelled his note by giving a mortgage on property not worth \$20,000, and that others severally owing 50, 50 and \$40,000 were treated in like manner—the value of their property being but a nominal concern. Holders of notes on hearing this demanded more than previous assurances of its solvency; and some even went so far as to threaten to raze the banking-house to the ground unless they complied with their request. With this statement before us, we would advise our friends to keep their hands off, until the Bank settles its affairs at home—at least until the president of the Bank agrees to receive its notes in payment of private debts due him, which at present is the fact. The last "Warren Bulletin" says nothing about the matter.

Those who are fond of exhibiting their skill with the rifle will find ample inducement to attend the disposal of a Devonshire Bull, advertised in another Column. A finer animal of the kind could not be found any where; and for size, strength, beauty, colour, and weight, we never saw his equal; and while much credit is due Mr. Beidleman for his enterprising spirit in obtaining him, we are confident that every one would be astonished and gratified at the docility and noble appearances of the animal.

James F. Linn, Esq., an Attorney at Law and Squire, of Lewisburg, Union co. has issued Shin-plasters, some of them entitled the bearer to *Five Cents!* Wonder if Mr. Linn uses such notes when giving change to clients for professional services! As a magistrate, understanding and respecting the duties of his office, he really merits some credit for this private performance.

The latest news from CANADA is the evacuation of Navy Island, and the delivering up of the State cannon to the proper authorities. It is supposed however that this abandonment is only induced from a disposition to procure a more favorable rallying point, for the purpose of more effectually invading Canada. They evacuated on the 17th inst. The Navy Islanders numbered 510 at the time of disbanding.—We shall next week hear more than mere conjecture respecting this movement.

Important Indian Treaty.—A treaty has been concluded, according to the Detroit papers, with the Saginaw Indians, by which they accept a location on the head waters of the Osage, west of the Missouri. They are to occupy for five years two of the ceded reserves on the west of Saginaw Bay. This completes the extinguishment of Indian titles within the lower peninsula of Michigan. Government is to pay the entire net proceeds of the land as valued at the land office—to be invested in stocks for a perpetual annuity, after deducting debts.

The Biter Bit.—A good story is told of a chap in North Carolina, who went the entire figure in the way of marrying the girls who would have him, without waiting for any of them to die off, as the law directs. After having married the *thirteenth*, some of his first loves came down upon him and had him placed safely in jail. But a person so fond of perfect liberty and who could get into hymen's noose with such ease, found little difficulty in getting out of the "jug," and the next news of him he was running at large with a heavy reward offered for his apprehension. He was shortly recognized by a gentleman, who, anxious to get the reward, invited him to his house, desired him to sit down, called in his wife to chat with him as an inducement to detain him there, while he made some excuse for leaving a few moments and started for a consible to arrest the runaway. What was the poor man's astonishment on returning with the consible, to find that the gay Lothario, taking advantage of his short absence, had absconded with his wife! This makes the fellow's stock of wives now on hand *fourteen*.

HYMNICAL.

MARRIED.—On the 21st inst. by the Rev. William J. Eyer, Mr. PETER LAURITZ, of Germany, to Miss CATARINE NEIDMANN, of Cattawissa.

On the 22d inst. by the same, Mr. ISAAC WETZ, of Newcastle, Schuylkill County, Pa. to Miss MARGARET HAWK, of Routhersack.

OBITUARY.

DIED.—At Danville on Tuesday the 16th inst. Miss JANE daughter of James Donaldson Esq. aged nineteen years.

FARE REDUCED.

THE PROPRIETOR of the North Branch Line of Mail Stages would inform the travelling public that he has reduced the fare to TWO DOLLARS for through passengers, and four cents a mile for way passengers. Leaving Northumberland daily at the arrival of the Harrisburg Stage. For seats at Northumberland, apply at H. H. Burr's Hotel. Returning—Leaving Wilkesbarre every morning between 8 and 9 o'clock; for seats apply at the Hotels of G. Kucher and George P. Steele, Wilkesbarre.

William Robinson.
Bloomsburg, January 27, 1838. 40—41.

TO SPORTSMEN.

Great Shooting Match!

THE public are respectfully informed, that on **TUESDAY, the 27th day of FEBRUARY** next, the famous

DEVONSHIRE BULL,

brought to this county from the state of New York by Mr. Valentine Beidleman, will be shot for at Bloomsburg, Columbia county. He is a full-blooded Devonshire, of a bright cherry red colour, and weighs, in common running order,

2130 POUNDS.

He is certainly the largest and handsomest animal of the kind ever introduced into this section of country; and those who would derive a prize worth contending for, are invited to attend on the above day and exhibit their skill.

Marksmen from all the adjoining counties are requested to attend.
Bloomsburg, January 27, 1838. 40—41

Look at This!

SPIRITS, for removing and cleansing Ladies & Gentlemen's wearing apparel, and restoring them to their original colour and brightness. This excellent Remover never fails, no matter with what article the garment may be stained. It removes all grease from the collars of coats, spots and stains caused by lime, paints, tar, oil, &c. &c. for sale at

Tobias's Health Emporium.
Bloomsburg, January 27, 1838. 40—41

VALLERSHAMP'S Cough Syrup and Family Pills, for sale at

CELEBRATED Universal Plaster for the cure of Croup and Rheumatic pains, Resolving croup, curing Sore-throat, Hoax, and Sore Throat, for sale at

Tobias's Health Emporium.

WANTED.

THE subscriber wishes to engage for one year from the first day of April next, the services of

A Wagon-Maker,
such an one as can make One and Two Horse Wagons in a firm and substantial manner. Also:

A BRICK MOULDER,
for the season, who can come well recommended as a good workman. Either of the above will obtain reasonable wages by applying to the undersigned.

Henry Wells.
Bloomsburg, January 27, 1838. 40—41

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

THE partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, trading under the firm of Joseph Lemon, & Co. was mutually dissolved on the 16th of January, 1838. All persons having demands will please to present them for settlement, & those indebted to the firm are requested to make immediate payment.

Joseph Lemon,
William Lemon,
Jonathan Lemon,
Isaac Lemon.

January 27, 1838. 40—41

Estate of Jacob Winter, late of Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Letters of Administration have been granted to the subscriber on the estate of said deceased. Therefore all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them, and those indebted are requested to make immediate payment.

David Eves, Adm'r.
January 26, 1838. 40—41

Estate of LUDWIG HERRING, late of Bloom township, Columbia county, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Letters of Administration have been granted to the subscriber on said estate. Therefore all persons having claims against said estate, are requested to present them, and those indebted are requested to make immediate payment. If those indebted do not attend to this call before the first day of March next, their accounts will be placed in proper hands to enforce collection.

John Herring, Adm'r.
January 27, 1838. 40—41

The Estate of UZAL HOPKINS, Esq. deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Letters of Administration on the estate of UZAL HOPKINS, Esq. late of Bloom township, Columbia county, deceased, has been granted by the Register of Wills, &c. in and for said county, to the subscriber, resident in Bloomsburg. All persons having claims on said estate are requested to present them for settlement, and those indebted are requested to make immediate payment.

JOHN R. MOYER, Adm'r.
Bloomsburg, January 13, 1838. 38—41

Tailoring Business.

B. RUPERT,
RETURNS his acknowledgments to customers for their very liberal support, and would now respectfully announce to them, and the public generally, that he has just received the latest

WINTER FASHIONS.

from Philadelphia, in which material changes are made. His shop is at the old stand, in the same building with the post-office.

None but good workmen are employed at his shop; and those who want their garments made in a neat, durable and fashionable style, are invited to give him a call, and they may rely on having their work well and expeditiously executed.

He would also announce that he continues regularly to receive the Fashions, and that any orders from abroad will be promptly executed.

Bloomsburg, January 13, 1838.

A LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING in the Post Office at Bloomsburg, January 1, 1838.

Mary Bewyer	John Klina
John Bayler	Emanuel Lazarus
Joseph Colman	Peter Mench
Lewis Compton	Sabina Miller
Thomas Cox	Andrew Melick
Andrew Emms	Peter Miller, (Tanner)
Rev. Wm. J. Eyer	G. & D. Newhard
James C. Fox	George Russel
Henry Geiger	Daniel Reedy (2)
Daniel Geiger	Charlotte Ritter
Thomas Hartman	Mrs. Elizabeth Shumaker
Daniel Hower	" Mary Sloyman
Catharine Hartman	" Rebecca Vanderlice &
Edward Hicks	Henry Weaver
Mrs. Elizabeth Jacoby	Michael Waltar
Rebecca L. Johnson	Jacob Weiler
Mrs. Sully Ann Kandy	George Zeigler

Persons calling for the above letters will please say they are advertised.
B. RUPERT, P. M.
January 13, 1838. 38—41

SIX CENTS REWARD

WILL be paid, but no additional charges, for the apprehension and delivery of **IRAM HUNTER**, an apprentice to the Tailoring business, who absconded from my employment on Sunday morning last. Said boy is about 16 years of age, fair complexion, dark hair, and had on a dark brown new coat and pantaloons. All persons are cautioned against harboring or trusting said boy at their peril.

BERNARD RUPERT.
Bloomsburg, Dec. 8, 1837.

STOVES.

JUST received, and for sale at the store of the undersigned, a splendid assortment of WOOD STOVES, both plain and with Bellows. Also an assortment of round and square Cast Irons, of different sizes.
C. B. Pflaumer.
Bloomsburg, Sept. 30, 1837.