

MR. SPEAKER HOPKINS.

We have been a good deal surprised at the ungenerous, unkind and violent attacks made upon this individual by the Spirit of the Times, in Philadelphia, and most of the federal papers throughout the state. It is uniformly represented by these papers, that Mr. HOPKINS alleged he had backed out from the position he had taken, that he had not courage to stand up to the mark, and that he had truckled in his course and abandoned his principles. Never were charges more gratuitous and unfounded. As the best answer to them, we publish below the remarks of Mr. Hopkins on the special Message, which have been made the ground of all those insidious assaults. These remarks were furnished by our reporter in the House, who is stated by the editors of the Washington Globe, to be one of the best and most accurate reporters they ever had in their employ.

Mr. HOPKINS—Said it appeared to him that the debate had taken entirely too wide a range; the simple question was on a resolution pledging the faith of the state for the fulfillment of her engagement, and how it was that the question in regard to the resumption of specie payments had been lugged into this discussion he could not exactly comprehend. We have heard a good deal said about "receding," and the gentleman from Philadelphia county Mr. F. has told us that we have been brought to the "thinking point," but he could not but admire the suggestion of a friend on his right who thought the gentleman ought to have said "sticking point." This he said was an appropriate suggestion as we had truly reached the sticking point,—as to receding from a former position, he, Mr. H., might be permitted to say that he, in a certain sense, had undergone that process already—he had done his share of "receding"—he had voted for the resumption resolution when his own private opinion was that the true policy would have been to have passed a general Banking law, with such restrictions as would effectually guard against the recurrence of existing evils, and providing also, for as early resumption as could possibly be brought about consistently with the interests of the people. This course he thought, would have been preferable to legislating on the abstract question of resumption, as this partial legislation could at best do nothing more than relieve us temporarily and would not afford the people a guarantee against similar difficulties in future.—He thought the people were more desirous to have such restrictions imposed upon the banks as would prevent them from suspending hereafter, than they were as to a particular day for a resumption; besides, he had feared that the debtors of the banks would not be able to meet their engagements at so early a day as the 15th, and consequently the pecuniary embarrassment under which that portion at least of the community are laboring, would be increased. Yet, sir, notwithstanding these were the private opinions I entertained, and expressed to many of my democratic friends, when I discovered that a large majority of the party with whom I acted, entertained different views, and as it was only a difference of opinion as to the best mode of bringing about the same result, I yielded my own notions of policy, rather than take an obstinate stand against a clear majority of my political friends. The position I occupied seemed to indicate this as the best course; and I did so the more readily, being aware that the people who I have the honor in part to represent, are anxious for an early resumption.

PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.

Great Britain is making herself ready at every point, to appeal to arms as the arbiter of the question in relation to the North Eastern Boundary. The peaceful state of Europe leave that power somewhat at leisure. She has nothing for her large standing army to do. She has no employment for a horde of men who are ashamed to beg and too proud to dig—men who seem to have been born an incumbrance on the world.—It would be sound policy to have them killed off; and if Queen Victoria sends them over the water, she knows well enough what aim we take to be sure of never more being troubled with them. Great Britain wants a fight, though she may not wish it with us. She is fortifying her whole frontier along the lakes, and at points, too, that may seriously annoy us in case of war—at points from which she can command the channel dividing her province from our territory. She is already fortifying an island at the mouth of the Detroit River, which commands the channel near Fort Malden. She is embodying hordes of runaway negroes from the States, and putting them under arms along the frontier. Indians are growing scarce, and as Great Britain uses all the means which God and nature places within her reach, she supplies the want of savages with negroes, whose ignorance has been rendered ferocious by the fact that they have just escaped from bondage in the States.—Ohio Statesman.

Mr. Ebenezer Smith of Newbury, Massachusetts, was instantly killed at that place on Friday last by a premature explosion in blasting rocks on the line of the Eastern rail road. The rock had previously been split, and the opening was filled with several pounds of powder, the upper surface of which was exposed to the air—he was thrown up nearly forty feet, and fell about fifty feet from the spot, lifeless; and shockingly mangled.

From the N. O. Picayune, Jan. 25th.

A Father charged by his Child with the Murder of his Wife!—Fernando Dies a Cuba Spaniard, has been arrested by Capt. Yonnes of the Third Municipality, for the murder of his wife. The case at present is wrapped in mystery, although the circumstances developed bespeak somewhat strongly the guilt of the accused.—Dies some two months since lived in Barrack, between Dauphin and Bourbon streets. The women living in his neighborhood noticed the absence of his wife about that time, and their suspicions and surmises relative to the cause of it, continued to increase. From some conversation one of them had with the child of Dies, a cunning and naturally intelligent boy about six years old, she believed Dies had murdered his wife, and gave information to the police which led to his arrest.

The Mayor commenced an investigation into the case yesterday, which he is to resume to-day. The substance of the child's evidence is, that on a night about two months ago, his father killed his mother with an axe, afterwards cut her up in pieces, and buried her, or at least her entrails under the floor! The place described by the child was dug up, an offensive smell was found to proceed from it, and a bloody handkerchief with human hair on it only was discovered.

Dies does not pretend to account for the absence of his wife. He is remanded till further search and investigation be made.

Remarkable Deliverance.—At Verplank's Point; near Peekskill, a few days since, a poor laboring man was rescued from a situation of extreme peril, under circumstances almost incredible. He was digging a well—had got down to the depth of about 40 feet, and was employed in undermining the curb filled with stone when the supports of the curb gave way, and a length of it, about 12 feet, dropped suddenly down, leaving a gap of some three between itself and the upper portion about 20 feet. This upper portion in a few moments fell in upon the man, the stone all breaking away from the curb, and descending upon the unhappy man in one chaotic mass.

Of course it was supposed that he had been crushed to death; but in answer to a call from those above, his voice was faintly heard. Night was approaching, and rain began to fall heavily. The news, however, was spread, and soon a number of persons assembled to do what might be done for his rescue. The rain ceased and the weather changed to intense cold; the earth continued caving in, so that descent into the well was full of danger. Nevertheless, one brave man after another went down, and labored until his strength was exhausted; and, to bring the story to a close, after working all night and until past 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the next day, the man was got out, alive and but little injured, a living burial of nearly 24 hours. Honor to the generous and courageous men who flocked to the rescue, even from a distance of many miles, and risked their own lives to save that of a fellow being.

On Saturday, the 11th ult., a girl named Phebe Floyd, about five years old, was murdered by five of Mr. Tyce's family, in Davidson county, N. C. The circumstances are these:—After she had been buried, suspicion of violence and ill-usage grew so strong, that the corpse was disinterred and submitted to a post mortem examination in the presence of the jury and some fifty other persons. Whereupon the jury, after hearing all the evidence adduced, reported a verdict of wilful murder against five of Mr. Tyce's family; all of whom are committed to jail, to await their trial at the next term of Davidson Superior Court.

A crow, or what appears to be of that species of bird, with white wings, has been seen in the vicinity of Middleboro, Massachusetts, for several months past. Its body is as black as other crows, and keeps in company with them, has the same habits, and in all respects resembles them, except its wings.

The Washington (N. C.) Republican says:—An old lady, over 70 years of age, residing a few miles out of this town, caught eight buck rabbits, the other night, and had them nicely dressed ready for cooking, in one hour—all by herself. What a feast she must have had. It is enough to make the mouths of rabbit lovers water.

Widow Jane Eddy, of Marion; N. J. in the 69th year of her age, hung herself with a skein of thread, on the 21st ult. She was in a fit or insanity.

Virginia.—The Legislature balloted six times on 29th and 30th ult. for Senator, without result, the 4 last votes were Rives 80, Mason 81, scattering 4. Every member in his place.

The Massachusetts House of Representatives, on Wednesday, by a vote of 285 to 172, passed an order that a Special Committee be appointed with instructions to report a bill, repealing the license law of 1838.

Mr. Henry Vaughning lately died in Medina county, Ohio, at the age of 102 years. He served throughout our most hazardous struggle with Great Britain.

COMMUNICATED.

Mr. Editor—Not having had time before to notice the blackguardism of that lying editor of the "Port of Berwick," I will now answer a few of his overflowings of scurrility. He begins to feel a little snappish because I twit on facts, while he has nothing to say only what the meanest and vilest of the vile could invent. He admits himself that I am scandal proof. In that he is perfectly right; for if he was to cry his eyes out, or pull all the hair out of his head, in the act of manufacturing falsehood and slander against me & our worthy editor, Mr. Webb, we would only laugh him to scorn. Fortunately for us we are as well known throughout the county as our long tailed blue. So let him discard flout and flourish his pen, to the great exposure of his black-heartedness, it will end like the viper biting the file. And by the bye, this puts me in mind of this great personage emigrating to this county. He stopt at a tavern not a hundred miles from this place and was very hospitably treated. There was about six in number; they had supper, lodging and breakfast, and two horses, all accommodated in the best of style, and our worthy landlord, who is a very friendly man, only charged one dollar fifty cents, about the cost of the horses, thinking perhaps as Mr. was about to start a paper in this county, he might form some acquaintance, and receive his good wishes, if nothing else. The landlord did not expect Mr. was going to be a tool for a certain other printer at that time. (I would just stop here to ask how the Port of Berwick made out the other day in nominating his master for delegate.)—To resume my story.—The stranger could not help thanking the landlord and insisted (as a return of friendship) that the landlord should accept of his paper six months gratis, which the landlord politely refused. However a short time after, the landlord receives a paper from Berwick, marked "gratis". The good natured landlord let it run on six months and two weeks, then concluding he would not be imposed on any longer by receiving so mean a sheet, he wrote Mr. Editor a polite letter to stop the paper, and enclosed a one dollar bill to pay for six months, (instead of receiving it gratis.) But as it happened to run two weeks over six months, the Port of Berwick writes back a very pompous letter, that he did not receive subscriptions for less than six months, considering the two weeks a new engagement, and that he would sue him forthwith. Our worthy landlord answered him very mildly in a note, that he supposed one dollar and cleaning the bed after their being at his house, would pay for his dirty sheet. But O, how the Port of Berwick did bite the file. Now Mr. don't be offended if you should be twitted of little matters, the evidence of which you hold in your own hands. I mean the same great personage that sent a note, last winter, to one of our landlords giving him a weeks notice to prepare for a great sleighing party. Behold about a week after the note, who should arrive but himself and one more, and two other females—all making just four.

So they slept, down after twilight And off before daylight.

A few words more in answer to the basest of slander, like all the rest of his slang, he charges me with—that I should of said I never would run a good stage through Berwick, because the people of Berwick would not petition for me to get a contract. This is a base falsehood, and just such as a brain like his is capable of inventing. As I never asked the people of Berwick to petition for me, nor for any other people to petition. Contracts are not obtained in that way, but by bidding for them. I suppose he was thinking of his own case when he applied for collector. This is a base and black-hearted fabrication to try to make the people of Berwick inimical towards me. So also are the other two charges as unfounded as falsehood can make them. Is such a falsefeller and slander worthy of a situation in the confidence of the people of Columbia county? It is their own matter, let them look to it—As for myself, I neither crave his money or his friendship. So he may make his parties where he pleases, and praise the landlords to the skies, but not trouble himself about me or my horse, as I would consider his praise a mere slander, & his custom a disgrace.

Now for a little fun with our long tailed blue.—He talks very knowingly about crew-bates, as tho' he was acquainted with such things. I see him drive something through our town the other day, that I am sure a crow could not live on 24 hours. When I see it first moving along our street, I took it to be a sausage block, with the meat all removed off, as it wore a redish cast, with the corners sticking out square; but on seeing the way he made it move, it had more the resemblance of an automaton, for he kept pulling a string, and every time he pulled, it raised up before, and then he kept goading it behind with the other hand so as to make it raise behind as it fell down before; but as one of the legs did not work exactly right, I took it that one of the strings was broke, or that he pulled it a little too tight for the others. I had a fair view as it took it some time to pass a square. There he went pulling the string to the great amusement of all who see it move. Quere, does he keep this thing to hire out? If he does, I don't believe any person could ever pull the string hard enough to raise sweat out of a chopping block. It might make the driver sweat. Was this what made Mr. the saddle, sweat driving it to mill?—Now, Mr. Long-tail-blue, the longer you pull at the string the more you will sweat I assure you.

W. ROBISON.

Look out for squalls, March is coming.

The Grand Jury of Lancaster county, Pa. at a recent session found a bill against R. W. Middleton for an assault and battery with intent to kill James Cameron, in the affair which occurred last November. The trial will come on in April.

The oldest printer, now connected with the press, in New England, if not in the United States, we believe to be John Prentiss, of Keene, New Hampshire.

Mr. Clayton Newbold, of Burlington county, lately slaughtered twenty hogs, whose average weight was 418½ pounds.

William P. McConnell, of Washington city, says he has good reason to believe that his father, who now resides in Tennessee, is the legal heir of the late Anthony McConnell, of Philadelphia.

The Baltimore Clipper states that the President has pardoned McKenzie.

HYMNICAL.

MARRIED—By the Rev. D. S. Tobias, on the 4th inst., Mr. REUBEN LEIBY, to Miss LYDIA HEIMBACH, both of Hemlock township.

By the same, on the 6th inst., Mr. CHARLES SEIDEL, of Berks county, to Miss SARAH MILLER, of Bloom township.

By the same on the 14th inst. Mr. ALEXANDER LOVE, to Miss LOUISA ANNA ELIZABETH MOYER, both of Bloom township, Columbia county.

In Berwick, on Sunday morning last, by the Rev. I. Bahl, Mr. ANDREW PETIT, jr., to Miss MARIETTA, daughter of John Cressy, both of Millin township.

On the 30th ult., by Rev. R. T. Nixon, Mr. SAMUEL B. HENRY of Bloom township, to Miss ELIZA, daughter of Andrew Melick of Mt. Pleasant township.

LADIES' FAIR.

The Ladies of Berwick design holding a FANCY FAIR, in this place, for the benefit of the new Academy, on the 22d of Feb., (Washington's anniversary) to which the gentlemen and ladies of the country and neighboring villages are respectfully invited.

Berwick, Feb. 1840.

To Bridge Builders.

THE Old Bridge at Mr. Qued Everetts, across Fishing creek, having given way, and not passable, the Commissioners of Columbia county met and agreed to build a new bridge, and will enter into contract with the lowest and best bidder, for building a bridge across Fishing creek, at or near where the old bridge now stands, on the great road leading from Danville to Bloomsburg. It will be let at the house Charles Doebler, Innkeeper, in Bloomsburg, on Saturday, the 7th day of March next, and is to be of the following dimensions and materials:—Stone abutments 29 feet long, 10 feet thick, 14 feet high from low water mark—wing-walls on the south side 60 feet long with a small curve up and down said creek, and on the North side 25 feet long—all of which is to be stone of the largest size and all to be laid in good lime and sand. The superstructure to be an arch bridge 153 feet long—double track, each 13 feet wide, making in the whole width 26 feet from out to out—with a good shingle roof and well weather-boarded. Said Bridge is to be built on the plan of the Susquehanna Bridge at Catawissa, and timbers to be the same in quality and size. Specification will be shown on day of letting. The contractor will be required to commence the work within 5 days after the letting. The old bridge will be offered for sale on the same day.

Another Bridge

WILL be let by the Commissioners on the same day, by receiving proposals for building a stone arch Bridge across Laurel creek, at or near Peter Ruperts, on the river road leading from Danville to Bloom—and is to be of the following dimensions and materials:—2 stone arches each 12 feet wide the pier to be 3 feet thick at the foundation—wing-walls 12 feet at each end—the wing-walls to be raised 3 feet higher than the filling in of said road, the stone work all to be laid in good lime and sand. The top of said wall to be well coped with good cement &c. The proposals will be received until 2 o'clock of said day by the Commissioners or any time before can be handed to Mr. Doebler, marked on the back (proposal.)

JOSEPH BROBST,
JOHN M'HENRY,
JOHN DIETRICH,
Commissioners.

Feb. 15th 1840.

NOTICE.

ALL persons are hereby forewarned not to purchase or take an assignment of a Note, under seal, given by Daniel Kistler and Daniel Kistler, and made payable to Mary Moyer, or order for the sum of eighty dollars, with interest from its date, and dated September, 7th A. D. 1835, and payable seven years after date. The undersigned being the drawers of said Note; are determined not to pay the said Note unless compelled so to do by due course of law.

DANIEL KISTLER,
DANIEL KISTLER.

Cattawissa, Feb. 15 1840.

TO BRIDGE BUILDERS!

THE Undersigned Commissioners of Columbia county, will attend at the house of Isaac C. Johnson, Esq. Innkeeper in Orangeville, on Friday the sixth day of March next, to receive proposals and enter into contract with the lowest and best bidder for building a Bridge across Fishing Creek, at or near the house of Henry Hess in Sugarloaf township, with stone abutments 19 feet long, 8 feet thick, and eleven feet high from low water mark—wing walls on the west side, twelve feet long, with a curve up and down said creek, and wing walls on the east side, twelve feet long, with a curve up and down the said creek. The superstructure, a Brace Bridge sixty feet long between the abutments, and sixteen feet wide from out to out; to be put under a good shingle roof, to extend six feet beyond each abutment. A plan and specifications of the work, will be exhibited at the time and place of letting.

The Biddings will be closed at 2 o'clock P. M. on the day of letting,

JOSEPH BROBST,
JOHN M'HENRY,
JOHN DIETRICH,
Commissioners.

Commissioners Office,
Danville, Feb. 8, 1840.

Bloomsburg Artillery.

THE Members of this Company are required to meet at the house of Charles Doebler, in Bloomsburg, on SATURDAY, the 22d of February next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, in complete uniform, for company exercise and drill.

Per order,
E. ARMSTRONG, O. S.
Jan. 25, 1840.

N. B. The Bloomsburg Band is requested to turn out with the Bloomsburg Artillery on the 22d of February.

Estate of FREDERICK RHOR, late of Greenwood township, Columbia county, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, that letters testamentary have been granted to the subscriber upon the above estate. All persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same, to present them for settlement; duly authenticated according to law, to

BENJAMIN KEELER, of Jackson; Adm'r. with the will annexed.
Feb. 8, 1840

N. B. I will be at the house of the deceased, on the 7th and 14th of March next, for the purpose of settling the accounts of said deceased.

BENJAMIN KEELER.

LOST OR MISLAID,

A Large Calf skin Pocket Book, (about 8 inches long) containing letters and papers of no consequence to any of the foe. Wash- ings may have several ineffectual efforts to recover the subscribers there of the fight, is seen to the book; but as he has long been dead, and all his bills, they can be of no use to the finder or others.

Any person who will return the said Pocket Book, or give such information as will enable the owner to obtain it with the contents, will be suitably rewarded.

Wm. ROBISON.

Bloomsburg Feb. 1, 1840. 40.

J. K. EDGAR, TAILOR.

RESPECTFULLY informs the public and his friends generally, that he has just received the Philadelphia Fashions and TAILOR'S ARCHETYPES, published by Ward, Basford and Ward, for January, 1840, and is prepared to make Gentlemen's and Lady's Garments, of every description, in the best and most fashionable style, and at short notice, as he is determined to merit a share of public patronage.

January 25, 1840.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to Doct. CAHEN MOYER, Rheumatic Physician from Reading & resident at D. Snyder's, for professional attendance between May, 1838 and May 1839, are notified that in consequence of his being compelled to be absent, he has left his accounts with Charles Kahler, Esq. for collection, with whom they can be settled within four weeks from date without expense, after which time they may must expect to pay cost.

January 25, 1840.

Valuable Medicines.

THE Subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has recently received the appointment of an Agency from the proprietor, for vending Dr. William Evans justly celebrated Medicines, and that he has just received direct from him, the following articles, to wit:

Dr. Evan's Camomile and Aperient Pills, for cure of Dyspepsia, Consumption, Liver complaint &c.

Dr. Evan's Soothing Syrup for Children teething.

Dr. Evan's Fever and Ague Pills.

Dr. Hunt's Botanic Pills.

Dr. Goods's Female Pills.

Baron Von Huteheler's Herb Pills.

The Public are cautioned to beware of Counterfeits, as none are genuine but those obtained from the authorized agents of Dr. William Evans, of New York.

JOHN R. MOYER.
Bloomsburg, Jan. 25, 1840. 39—14