

THE COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT.

"TRUTH WITHOUT FEAR"



BLOOMSBURG:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1840.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION—1840.

FOR PRESIDENT.

MARTIN VAN BUREN.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

RICHARD M. JOHNSON.

AND THE

CONSTITUTIONAL TREASURY.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY MEETING.

By the Resolution below, passed at the Delegate Convention held at this place on the 3d inst. a county meeting is recommended to be held at this place on the 22d inst. As the salvation of our party depends upon union and harmony, it is very desirable that a general attendance of the friends of the state administration should be had, that a fair and full expression of the democracy of democratic Columbia upon the all absorbing subjects that now engross the attention of the community may be given. We hope therefore, that all who have the best interest of the party at heart will attend.

Resolved—That this convention, recommend a county meeting of the Democratic citizens of Columbia county to be held at the house of Daniel Gross, in Bloomsburg, on the 22d day of February, inst. for the purpose of taking into consideration, the general affairs of the state and of the Democratic party.

THE FRESHET.

Considerable damage has been done in the southern portion of the state by the late Freshet. The Harrisburg Bridge, and the Rail Road Bridge, at Harrisburg, have both been materially injured. The old Bridge at Northumberland, upon the Sunbury side, is entirely swept away. Upon the Juniata much damage has been done to Bridges, and to the Canal by the overflowing of its banks.

The Bridge across Fishing creek, which we mentioned in our last as having been rendered impassible, has been repaired and made perfectly safe for crossing. So that we may still repeat the invitation, "come and see," our "water power" and our "oar beds," to the great disappointment of our Danville friends who were chuckling at the idea, that all "lookers out" would be compelled to stop at Danville, in consequence of the destruction of this Bridge. And we can assure our friends abroad that our water power remains, and although it was not "strong enough" to carry our Bridge down to Danville yet, it has sufficient strength, to draw their steam power, and business to Bloomsburg.

VIRGINIA

Has elected a Whig Governor, THOMAS W. GILMER, who enters upon his duties on the 4th of March. He received the precise number of votes necessary to a choice which was occasioned through the recalcancy of a democratic Senator, Mr. POULSON, WHO VOTED FOR HIM! To this Mr. Poulson, then, are the Whigs of Virginia indebted for their Governor. The Richmond Enquirer very justly remarks:

"Our flag has been struck by a foe in disguise, The traitor we mark, and the treason disclose," States Cap. Gaz.

John Randolph and Harrison.—The following language was used by the Rosocks fanatic, in defining the position of himself and Harrison. It proves conclusively that the "Reign of terror"—the dark administration of the elder Adams—had a most powerful supporter in the new Democratic Harrison. He had just taken his seat as a delegate from the Northwestern territory. Randolph thus alludes to him:

"He was an open zealous, frank supporter of the Sedition Law, and Black-cockade Administration; and I was as zealous, frank and open an opponent of the Black-cockade and Sedition Law Administration. We differ fundamentally and totally—we never can agree about measures or about men—I do not mean to dictate to the gentlemen—let us agree to differ as gentlemen ought to do, especially gaiters of the same state, who are antipodes to each other in politics."

The Boston Post states that within a few months past, nearly 100 persons have died of small-pox in that city, and that about 1000 have had the disease.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following is an extract from the report of the State Treasurer. The suggestions are interesting to the people and for their consideration.

"We have in this state in bank, turnpike roads and bridges, loan companies and insurance companies, stock to the amount of seventy millions of dollars, and in monies or interest on bonds, mortgages and other securities, estimated to amount to fifty millions, bearing an interest of at least 5 per cent., making in the aggregate, \$120,000,000 this at a tax of 2 1/2 mills to the dollar (less than one half that landed property now bears) would amount annually to 300,000 dollars, and could be collected, as far as stocks are concerned, through the agency of the companies, without expense to the State.

"I would also recommend the repeal of that part of the tax on retailers licenses, which confines it to the sale of foreign merchandise, which instead of yielding as now from \$70 to \$70,000, would yield from \$120 to \$140,000, increase say \$60,000 on tavern licenses I would recommend an increase of fifty per cent, which would give an increased amount of \$50,000. I would also suggest the propriety of levying a tax in the form of commissions, and a per centage on the amount of sales in all brokerage and exchange offices, to the extent of their abilities to pay, from which I believe, \$75 to \$80,000 could be raised, and if there was a failure to raise a revenue, it might have the wholesome effect of abating the nuisance. I would also recommend a tax on pleasure carriages from which \$20 to 25,000 could be raised, thus

Tax on Stock, Bonds, &c.	\$300,000
Retailers foreign merchandize.	60,000
Tavern licenses,	50,000
Brokers, &c.	80,000
Pleasure carriages,	20,000

	\$510,000

In this mode I believe a tax of \$510,000 could be realized without adding to the burdens of the producing community, and although our yearly deficit is about \$1,000,000, yet with the annex annual income, and the anticipated hope that our canal and rail road tolls may from year to year increase, I would be disposed to rest at present."

The following from the pen of Charles Lamb, the celebrated essayist, forms an impressive sermon against intemperance. The writer drew his materials from the melancholy lessons furnished by the latter days of his own life:

"Could the youth to whom the flavor of his first wine is delicious as the opening scenes of life, or the entering upon some newly discovered paradise, look into my desolation and be made to understand what a dreary thing it is when a man feels himself going down a precipice with open eyes and passive will—to see his destruction and have no power to stop it, and yet to feel it all the way emanating from himself; to perceive all goodness emptied out of him and yet not be able to forget a time when it was otherwise; to bear about the piteous spectacle of his own self-ruin; could he see the fevered eye—feverish with last night's repetition of the folly; could he feel the body of which I cry hourly with feeble out cry to be delivered—it were enough to make him dash the sparkling beverage to the earth in all the pride of its mantling temptation.

"O, if a wish could transport me back to those days of youth when a draught from the next clear spring could shake any heats which summer suns and youthful exercise had power to stir up in the blood how gladly would I return to thee, pure element the drink of children and of child-like hermits! In my dreams I can fancy the cool refreshment purring over my burning tongue. But my waking stomach rejects it. That which refreshes innocence only makes me sick and faint."

Pennsylvania House of Representatives. The Harrisburg Telegraph has the following statement of the occupations of the members of the House of Representatives of the Pennsylvania Legislature.—

- Bricklayers 3, Merchants 3, Farmers 44, Lawyers 20, Printers 2, Physicians 8, Hatters 3, Gentlemen 2, Saddler 1, Cabinet Makers 2, Inn-keepers 1, Blacksmith 1, Tanners 1, Coach Makers 1, Carpenters 2; total 100.

It is a fact that does not seem to be remembered by the Harrisburgians that, during the late canvass for Governor in Ohio, which resulted in the crushing defeat of Vance and his tribe, General Harrison rode over the whole State in company with Vance, making speeches, and assuring the people that the defeat of Vance would be as much of a victory over him! It is now predicted that the State will go for Harrison by 10,000! We love to crush up these dusty recollections.

The Canal Commissioners have made their report in reference to the avoidance of the Inclined Plane near Philadelphia, and decide against the claims of both the West Philadelphia and the Valley road companies. They recommend an entirely new route, the cost of which shall be about \$700,000; and in case that be rejected by the Legislature, they then recommend the laying of the north track on the present and old location.

Several wolves have lately made their appearance in the neighborhood of Chelsea, Vermont, the first it is said which have been seen there for the last twenty years.

Mr. Richard Hildreth, of Boston, has sued Charles G. Green, of the Post for twenty thousand dollars damages for expressing a belief that he is insane! The Post well remarks, that if suing a printer for \$20,000 is not sufficient evidence that a man is crazy, there is no use in having the Worcester hospital.

The people of Jasper and the adjoining counties of East Mississippi, exasperated at the swindling operations of the Brandon Bank, have met and come to the following summary resolution respecting the branch at Paulding:—"That 'the meeting take possession of the vaults, books, papers and all other things belonging to the Branch Bank, and place them in the hands of a committee of five for safe keeping, and appoint a committee to receive whatever propositions the bank might feel disposed to make.'"

A traveller undertook to cross the Ohio at Wheeling in a skiff, but finding the current too strong the ferryman put back and leaped ashore. The traveller had a valise containing \$6,300 in gold which he attempted to throw on shore, but it struck the bank and sank in fifteen feet water.

The editor of the Portland Transcript publishes a poem commencing with the following pathetic stanza, and touching remarks:—"We have read some little poetry in our day and have been variously affected by it, but our feeling were never so wrought upon as in reading the following lines." When the cold storm howls round your door, And you by light of taper, Sit cozily by evening fire Enjoying the last paper— Just think of him whose work thus helps To wear away the winter, And put this query to yourself— Have I paid up the Printer?

To know Gen. Harrison's principles is not necessary to know the principles of the Whig party. They are perfectly and harmoniously identical.—Rochester Democrat.

Bravo! This will remind the reader of the following dialogue:— Master. Cuff, where is the spade? Negro. Wid de harrow. Master. Well, where is the harrow? Negro. Wy, wid de spade; massa want to breed a fuss wid poor nigga dis mornin'.

The St. Louis Gazette, in noticing the execution of Buchanan for the murder of Brown, says that more murders have been perpetrated in and near St. Louis, with her 22,000 inhabitants, during the last year, than have been committed in Boston, with her 100,000 inhabitants, within the last five years.

Mr. Owen Downey of Cecil county, (Md.) while sitting at the supper table, in Wilmington, (Del) on Saturday week, became choked with a piece of beef steak which he was eating, and in a few minutes expired. It was supposed at first that it was a case of apoplexy and the usual remedies were applied.

A Justice of the Peace in Baltimore lately gave twenty-five cents out of his own pocket, in order to settle a law suit which he was called on to decide, and the matter of which in dispute amounted to that sum. That man is too good to be a Squire in such times as these.

An antieneur in Illinois heads his advertisement of a land sale with "Don't look at this!" This fellow knows something of mankind; for it is one peculiarity of the human biped to wish to look at every thing which is forbidden to be looked at. No man cares a fig for seeing any thing which he is invited to see—but only say "don't look at it," and that is sufficient to make him risk his ears for a sight. Men will seldom acknowledge themselves liable to this frailty, but the ladies know the whole truth of it. For this reason the fair ones wear veils, because it makes the fellows more desirous of seeing their faces.

Three hundred and thirty-eight persons made application for the benefit of the insolvent laws at the present term of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, and of this number, three hundred and thirteen were discharged.

A remarkable case of dropsy occurred on the person of Ann Stiles of Windsor, Conn. aged 40, who has recently died. The disease commenced in 1830, and since that time she has had 70 operations of water drawn from her, weighing 3115 pounds, nearly 100 barrels.

The trade between New Orleans and the coast of Brazil is rapidly increasing.—The last few months nearly 50,000 bags of coffee have been imported direct from Rio de Janeiro.

The long Bridge over the Potomac, which cost such an immense sum of money in its erection, has been entirely swept away by the late freshet.

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.

BOAT BUILDING.

NEW ESTABLISHMENT AT BLOOMSBURG BASIN, COLUMBIA Co. Pa.

The subscriber informs the public that he has just completed a new establishment, at the Bloomsburg Basin, Col. Co. Pa. on the North Branch Canal for BUILDING all kinds and descriptions, of

Packet, Freight and Car Boats,

coveted or uncovered, of any length or size, on the shortest notice and of the best of material.

He is also prepared for REPAIRING BOATS of all kinds.

All orders will be thankfully received and punctually attended to on the shortest notice possible to complete them.

JACOB RISEWICK. Feb. 22 1840 643

The Advocate, Wilkesbarre, and Spy, Columbia, will please publish the above 6 times and forward their bills to this office for payment.

POCKET BOOK LOST.

LOST, on Wednesday last, between Bloomsburg and Yeager's Tavern in Boeding Creek a large CALF SKIN POCKET BOOK, in which were sundry papers of no use to any person but the owner. The finder shall be suitably rewarded by leaving it at this office or giving information where it may be had.

HENRY BEZZENBERGER. Feb. 22, 1840.

To Bridge Builders.

THE Old Bridge at Mr. Obed 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, Inskeeper, 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 23 feet long—all of which is to be of stone of the largest size and all to be laid in good lime and sand. The superstructure to be an arch bridge 155 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 Bloomsburg 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.

PAY THEE PRINTER!

TO BRIDGE BUILDERS.

THE Undersigned Commissioners of Columbia county, will attend at the house of Isaac C. Johnson, Esq. Inskeeper 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 but the owner.—There may have been a few shin plasters of the subscribers former issue contained in the book; but as he has long since redeemed 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, Bassford 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. Evans' Camomile and Aperient Pills, for cure of Dyspepsia, Consumption, Liver complaint &c.

Dr. Evan's Soothing Syrup for Childrens teething.

Dr. Evan's Fever and Ague Pills.

Dr. Hunt's Botanic Pills.

Dr. Goode's Female Pills, Baron Von Hetcheler'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—4f.