

Oddities.—The American newspapers are distinguished for strange conceits, curious ideas, odd oddities, queer queries, and matters and things out of the common order. The editor is a curious fellow who said that in Virginia there is a country where the soil is so sterile that when the wind is in the north-west they have to tie the children to keep them from being blown away.

It was an odd genius, who said that in New York there is a man who has some whiskey so good, that after drinking of it you speak broad Scotch.

It was an odd saying, that in some parts of the country their beavers are so poor, that when they kill one of them they have to hold the animal up to knock him down.

It was an odd saying, that in Maine there is a place so rocky, that when they plant corn, they have to shoot the grain into the crevices of the rocks with muskets.

It was an odd saying, that in another place Down East, the stones are so thick, that the ducks can't get their bills between them to pick up the grass-hoppers.

It was an odd saying, that there is still another place Down East, where the grass grows so short that the sheep can't get at the sprigs except their noses are first ground down on a grindstone.—*N. O. Sun.*

The New Albany (Ind.) Argus of the 31st ult. says—A severe gale passed the rear of this city on Wednesday night. Its course was marked with violence. Some houses were unroofed, barns and fences blown down. Capt. Ruter's barn was blown down, and a part of his orchard levelled with the earth. The extent of the injury not known. Before the fog was very dense—the night set in uncommonly dark—the rain fell for a time in torrents—lightning was incessant, accompanied by frightful peals of thunder—all conspiring to render the scene awfully terrific. Before daybreak every thing was frozen up solid—so sudden was the change.

Law Law.—An awful scene was recently enacted in a court of law in Texas, in which the Judge and Clerk were the principle actors. A dispute as to the disposition of some cause arose between them when the Clerk, finding that his legal opinion was about to be disregarded, thrust the papers into the stove, saying, "I shall abrogate the whole proceedings of the Court." The Judge immediately entered a demurrer in the shape of his two fists, the Clerk rejoined in a similar way, and their respective friends coming to their assistance, threw the temple of the blind god into a state of the utmost confusion.

A Treacherous Memory.—A Mr. Pollock of the Ohio Assembly recently stated in that body that he was at the battle of Fort Stephenson, and that he saw Gen. Harrison in the thickest of the fight. Now unless history tells false, Gen. Harrison was at least twelve miles off at the time of the fight, and so far was he from helping Croghan in that affair, that he ordered his arrest for fighting, instead of helping, or participating in that gallant exploit. A party must be hard pressed indeed to venture on the manufacture of such exploits in aid of their "hero" available.—[Rochester Daily Adv.]

The Haverhill (Mass.) Republican says: "In Springfield, N. H., Mrs. Hardy, aged 100 years, having travelled on February 11th, in the evening, about two miles over a hill on foot, on the snow crust, lost her shoes and wore out her stockings, came to a house which was fastened and no persons within, left her staff at the door and went into a barn yard, near the house, half a mile distant from any other house where she wrapped her cloak around her feet and laid herself down—and was there found next morning frozen to death."

Licenses in Connecticut.—The Hartford Courier says—Most of the towns in this State have followed the example of Hartford in allowing the free sale of wines and spirituous liquors. Several towns that had passed resolutions entirely prohibiting the sale, have since called meetings and reversed that decision. Among these are Wethersfield, Bolton and Manchester.

Died at Mansfield, Mass., on the 20th ultimo, Lieut. Mason Cobb, 84; 28th, Mr. Benj. Cobb, 87; 4th inst. Capt. John Cobb, 82—all three brothers and revolutionary pensioners, leaving still living four other brothers, the youngest of whom is over 70. The united ages of all seven amount to 550 years, 9 months, and 17 days, the average of which is 78 years and 8 months. Their father, Benj. Cobb, died in 1811, aged 82, and their mother died in 1828, in the 99th year of her age—a rare instance of family longevity.

Via Charleston, we have dates from Bermuda to Feb. 5th, which states that her B. M. schr. Skip-Jack, well known for years in the W. Indies, &c., in her successful captures, has sent into Hamilton, the Portuguese slave Ulysses, taken off Africa, with 529 slaves on board, chiefly between 9 and 16 years of age. They have been apprehended out at Bermuda.

The house of Representatives of Maryland have passed the banking regulating bill. It requires resumption on the 1st July next.

OPPOSITION MOVEMENTS.

The Harrisburg Reporter has the following very just remarks in relation to the boasted hopes of the whigs founded upon the expectation that the democratic party will be divided at the next Election.

"It is not our habit to pay much attention to the movements of the federal party, beyond their tendency to mislead public opinion; but we may be permitted to draw attention from their falacious expectation in the present juncture of affairs. In a misapprehension of the temper and views of the democratic party, which has been their misfortune since 1824, they now rely for success upon dissensions among ourselves, instead of any merit in their principles, or strength in their motly alliance. They forget of course that the American people are intelligent, democratic and patriotic, and will support no such party as the ancient or modern advocates of federal doctrines who range themselves under the name of whig, antislavery or money changers.—They forget too that the democratic party from the beginning, has differed, like independent citizens, upon questions of expediency, in settling preliminary steps, but uniformly reconciles such differences in time to route the opposition at the election."

The coinage for 1839 at the Philadelphia Mint amounted to \$3,021,170 11, composed of \$1,160,345 pieces, at an average net expense of \$65,700, or a fraction over two per centum.

The Providence (R. I.) Herald says: "Our River, which is now open, has been closed by ice for the last 65 days,—a longer period than in any one season since 1816."

In a recent trial for a breach of promise of marriage, at West Chester, in this State, Miss Eliza Ann White recovered 1500 dollars damages from a fickle swain named Albert Hinamen.

It is stated that within a circuit of fifty miles of Lancaster, Pa. there are one hundred and two iron manufactories, and one hundred and forty-two flouring mills. The latter manufacture five millions of bushels of wheat.

Four persons were recently married at Mathews county, Va. whose united height makes 25 feet. The grooms are each six feet six inches high, and the brides six feet. Look out for a race of giants.

In the Senate of Maine, on the 11th inst. a petition was presented from John Francis, Lieut. Governor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians asking an allowance of money, to enable him to support the dignity of his office.

DIED FOR LOVE.

A correspondent of the ledger states, that a Mr. Black in Ontario county N. Y. had been observed for some time to live on terms of disagreement with his wife, giving the neighbors some reason to suspect that he had fixed his affections on another viz: a widow who lived in the same village. Some time in autumn Mrs. B. died Mr. B. often visited the widow's both before and after the death of his wife, and recently he became an inmate of the widow's house, in the character of a boarder. He had remarked to some of his friends, two or three months ago that if this woman refused to marry him, he would drop dead at her feet. This prophetic assertion was literally filled.—On Sunday evening last about 9 o'clock he made proposals in due form and was rejected. When he immediately fell dead? By direction of the Coroner, the body was opened by a physician and the sudden disease of Mr. B. was found to have been caused by the rupture of a large blood vessel near the heart. Powerful emotion may account for this singular event.

GOV. PORTER.

The New York Gazette contains the following remarks on the subject of Gov. Porter's late message to the Legislature. "The following Message has been transmitted by the Governor of Pennsylvania to the Legislature of that State now in session. The Philadelphia papers call it a singular document—and so it is undoubtedly. It is a singular position for the Governor of a State to be placed in—very singular that a State should ever place her chief magistrate and her citizens, in such a situation; but really it strikes us that the conduct of Gov. Porter is well judged and such as becomes him under the circumstances. It is difficult to see what other course he could take in the emergency or what other course can be taken by the Legislature but the one he recommends. If the interests of the banks were alone concerned, there is nothing in the bill which have passed the House of Representatives too rigid. Banks suspending under such circumstances ought so far as they are concerned to forfeit their charters and be made to wind up unless they promptly comply with the provisions of those charters; but it is hardly worth while for such a State as Pennsylvania utterly to destroy herself upon an abstraction, and in punishing the misconduct of certain corporations, punish herself and her citizens past all redemption. Better bear with minor evils and permit minor crimes to go unpunished, than bring upon herself the greatest of all evils dishonor and disgrace. Faith once lost, is lost at least for a century."

Eight Bullocks, raised in Hartford county, (Md.) by Dr. Hopkins, were sold in Baltimore on Wednesday last, the gross weight of which amounted to 13,535 pounds, being an average of 1691 7-8 pounds each.

Prison Profits.—Gov. Shannon says there are now four hundred and ninety convicts confined in the Ohio Penitentiary.—Last year they made articles to the value of \$54,000, and the expenses of the institution were \$35,000—leaving a profit of \$19,000.

Mr. Profit, a crazy fanatic from Indiana, now a Whig representative in Congress, made a speech the other night to the Harrison-men of Washington, in which he solemnly declared that he was the first whig that had ever been elected from his district: "And the last," said a voice in the crowd.—Profit hung his head and bid the crowd "good night."

INTENTIONAL.

MARRIED.—By the Rev. D. S. Tobias, on the 16th inst. Mr. JONAS HERTZEL, to Miss POLLY HELLER, both of Millin township.

By the same, on the 27th inst. Mr. JOSEPH LEHR, to Miss MARIA NUNGRESSER, both of Millin township.

OBITUARY.

Another Revolutionary gone.

DIED.—At the residence of Mr. Elisha Thomas in Catawissa township, on the 22d inst. Mr. PETER HARDER, aged ninety-seven years, six months and ten days. Mr. Harder, was one of the first settlers of Bloom township, and has been a resident of this county between sixty and seventy years.

In this town, on the 13th inst. Mr. GEORGE BEER, aged 27.

FOR SALE,

A HOUSE AND LOT OF GROUND.

THE Subscriber offers to sell his House and Lot, situated in the flourishing town of Bloomsburg, in the county of Columbia.—The buildings consist of a well finished two story frame house and kitchen, a work shop, and a good stable, all in good order. As this property is well known, a further description is deemed unnecessary. If not sold at private sale by the 21st day of March next, it will on that day, be exposed at public sale, on the premises. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.—An indisputable title will be made, and possession delivered to the purchaser on or before the fifth of April next. For terms, apply to the subscriber on the premises. ISRAEL WELLS, Bloomsburg, Feb. 29, 1840.

JEW DAVID'S

OR

HEBREW PLASTER.

AN extraordinary remedy for Local inflammation, scrofulous affections, Kings-evil, Inflammatory and Chronic Rheumatism, Gout, Head-ache, nervous tooth-ache, pain in the side, hip, back and limbs, Wens, White swellings, tumours, stiff joints &c. &c. &c.

The subscriber has just received a small supply of the above Medicine, with numerous certificates of cure performed, with directions for using the same. JOHN R. MOYER, Agent. Bloomsburg Feb. 29 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,

covered 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.

Canal Boats For Sale.

SEVERAL new Canal Boats, built the last season, for sale. Enquire as above.

PAT THE PRINTER!

COMMON SCHOOLS.

PURSUANT to Law. We the undersigned publish the following statement transmitted by the "Superintendent of Common Schools," in conformity to law.

JOSEPH BROBST, JOHN DEITRICH, Comm'rs. of Columbia county.

Commissioners Office, } Feb. 24, 1840. }

TO THE DIRECTORS OF COMMON SCHOOLS IN COLUMBIA COUNTY.

THE following statement is made in compliance with the tenth section of the School Law, of June, 1836.

Districts that have accepted the Common School System.

The amount which each accepting School District is entitled to receive the ensuing year, commencing on the first Tuesday of June next, out of the annual State appropriation, is a sum equal to ONE DOLLAR for each taxable inhabitant in the District.

The amount of School Tax required to be levied to entitle a District to its share of the State appropriation, must be a sum equal to at least sixty cents, for each taxable inhabitant in the district.

Districts that have not accepted the Common School System.

The amount of undrawn balances remaining for the use of non accepting districts, for the school years 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838 and 1839, is FOUR DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS, for each taxable inhabitant in a district, according to the enumeration of 1835; and for the school year 1840 and 1841, it is TWO DOLLARS for each taxable inhabitant, according to the enumeration on the first Tuesday of June next.

Hence it follows that each non-accepting School District, in which the qualified citizens accept the system, at the next Spring Elections, and lay a tax equal to sixty cents for each taxable inhabitant, will be entitled to receive out of the State appropriations, a sum equal to more than SIX DOLLARS, for each taxable inhabitant in the district.

By a resolution of the Legislature, passed the twenty-fourth day of June, 1839, the above undrawn balances are to be retained for the use of non-accepting districts only until the first of November, 1840. On which day they are to be repaid into the common school fund.

Hence it follows, that as the law now stands, unless the non-accepting districts accept the system at the next Spring Elections, these undrawn balances amounting now to a sum adequate to the erection of School Houses, and putting the System into complete operation, will be forfeited.

Table of Taxable Inhabitants in the Districts.

DISTRICTS.	ENUMERATION OF 1835.	1839
Bloom,	433	450
Briar Creek,	340	378
Catawissa,	345	408
Derry,	250	409
Fishing Creek,	121	155
Greenwood,	256	230
Hemlock,	327	200
Liberty,	268	249
Limestone,	121	130
Madison,	302	319
Mahoning,	368	357
Millin,	379	438
Mount Pleasant,	147	159
Roaring Creek,	322	358
Sugarloaf,	154	157
Monteur,		148
Jackson,		75

I am yours, respectfully,
FR. R. SHUNK,
Superintendent Common Schools.
Harrisburg, Feb. 1, 1840.

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 the Commonwealth, and that they have appointed Monday, the 20th day of April next for the hearing of me and my creditors, when and where you can attend if you think proper. JOSEPH MILLER, ABRAHAM STEARNER. Feb. 20, 1840

TO BRIDGE BUILDERS.

THE Undersigned Commissioners of Columbia county, will attend at the house of Isaac C. Johnson, Esq. Inkeeper 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, 6 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 DEITRICH, Commissioners. Commissioners Office, } Danville, Feb. 8, 1840. }

LOST, on Wednesday last, between Bloomsburg, and Yeager's Tavern in Roaring Creek a large MOROCCO 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 DEZKENBERGER. 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 Doeblar, Inkeeper, in Bloomsburg, on Saturday, the 7th day of March next, and is to be of the following dimensions and materials:—Stone abutments 20 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 155 feet long—double track, each 13 feet wide; making in the whole width 28 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 Cattawissa, 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. Doeblar, marked on the back (proposal).

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

Feb. 15th 1840.

NOTICE.

ALL persons hereby forewarned not to purchase or receive of any person, a Note, und sealed, given by Daniel Kistler, promissory made payable to Daniel Kistler, the order of eight 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.

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.

J. K. EDGAR, TAILOR.

RESPECTFULLY informs the public and his friends generally, that he has just received the Philadelphia Fashions and TAILORS 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. CHASEN MOYER, Rhuematic 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.