

A DREADFUL STORY.

It scarcely falls to our lot to record so shocking an occurrence as the following which we find in the Binghamton (Broom Co.) Republican:

Cornelius Mersereau, Esq. Coroner, on Monday last, was called to hold an inquest over the bodies of two children, daughters of Mr. Locke, of this county. It appeared in evidence that early on Saturday last, Mr. Locke and his two sons went to the barn to attend to their ordinary out door business. Mrs. Locke passed into the room where a niece of hers, who was sick, and her little daughter slept, asked her niece how she rested, and then took her child from the bed under pretence that her niece might remain undisturbed the remainder of the morning.

She then took the child upstairs to the bed occupied by the other child; (the oldest five, and the youngest two years of age,) and got into the bed herself. About this time one of the sons returned from the barn for some corn, and went up stairs for that purpose. His mother urged him to hasten down with it, which he did. Mr. Locke in a few minutes also came in, and inquired of his son where his mother was. He replied 'up stairs playing with the children.' Mr. L. immediately went up, where a sight as appalling as ever was witnessed by mortal eyes met his view. The three lay in the bed with their throats cut from ear to ear, weltering in the blood! The children were quite dead, and their mother struggling as in the agonies of death!

The mother, it seems, had been insane, although no particular symptoms of her malady has been apparent, and it was thought, had been restored by a journey, which she had taken with her husband, to a sound mind. She still survives, has partially recovered her senses, expressed her regret, and hoped she might live to 'suffer the penalty of the law.' The verdict was that the children came to their deaths by having their throats cut by their mother, with a razor, while in a state of insanity.

State Debt.—The amount of interest falling due on the State debt of Pennsylvania, on the 1st of February next is stated to be \$800,000. When we recollect that we are the property of corporations, we need not be surprised at this. The only matter of astonishment is, that our debt is so small. Almost every inch of the State is covered by a charter, of one kind or another, the owners of which deserve compensation for their "patriotism," and of course must have it. We are indebted to them for our highways and bridges; for our canals and railroads; for our public buildings and general "currency;" for the water we drink; the bread we eat, and the lights by which we see our way to bed, besides a variety of other comforts and luxuries, such as furnish forth our table, sideboards, &c. &c. We ought to congratulate ourselves that our "public spirited" masters; or agents, as we call them about election time, let us off so cheaply: knowing that they nearly all have "expensive families" to support on their "dividends," we should be grateful that they are so moderate in their demands. What a free and happy people we are, to be sure!—*Spirit of the Times.*

Strange and Fearful Disease.—The Huntingdon Advertiser, West Tennessee, dated December 9th, states that a most fatal disease has made its appearance, within a few days past, in our sister county, Henry, about 10 miles west of Paris. It is said to be contagious, but in its symptoms unlike any other disease known to the human family; and in its fatality far more dreadful than the cholera. Several deaths have occurred in a few families. On Saturday night 4 deaths occurred in one family. Its victims live from one to 4 hours after being attacked. The citizens of Paris, we learn, are greatly alarmed. Many talk of leaving the town. We have heard no name by which to call this mysterious and awful visitation.

To make Linen Fire-proof.—Linen may be rendered incombustible by immersion in a solution of equal parts of alum and borax, combined with a little starch. The water of crystallization in the alum protects the fabric at a low heat, and the borax when it becomes more intense—so says the editor of the London Mechanic's Magazine.

The amount of tolls, fines and water rents on the several public works, after deducting repairs, superintendence and award of damages, is in the aggregate \$354,781 82.

The Coldest Winters within the last century, were in 1742 and 1780; in both these Long Island Sound was frozen over; and in the latter winter, cannon were taken on the ice from New York city down to Staten Island.

For Our Government.—We learn from the New York Express, that the ship Mayflower, Capt. Week, from Stockholm, has brought out for the United States Government twenty-four pieces of light Artillery, of superior workmanship, as models, together with two pieces of flying Artillery, with complete apparatus ready for immediate service. The above were ordered by the gentleman sent by the Government upon a military tour in Europe the last season.

The New Cabinet.—It is rumored that Thaddeus Stevens will positively be appointed Postmaster General, by Gen. Harrison. Small Potatoes—very!

An Excellent Addition.—A bill lately passed the New Hampshire House of Representatives, to incorporate the Portsmouth and Dover Railroad, with a section by which the private property of the individual members of the corporation is held for the payment of corporation debts.

Census of Rhode Island.—Population now 108,827. In 1830, 97,199. Increase 11,638.

An old Indian Gone.—One of the Comanche Indians, in Texas, recently died at the advanced age of one hundred and eighteen years. On the week previous to his death, he was out on a hunting expedition with some of his tribe and caught two wild horses with a noose.

Texas.—A late Austin paper states, that two additional gold mines have been discovered between that city and Santa Fe. It is generally believed that the Federalists and Centralists of Mexico have united their forces, for the purpose of invading Texas, and it was reported that 3000 troops had already crossed the Rio Grande.

Mr. Reed's Election.—Mr. Reed was elected to the State Senate, on Tuesday, by a majority of 2494. The Whig vote was 5143, the Democratic 2572, the Abolition 77. The Democrats made little or no exertion, and it would have been of little use, as it turns out, if they had.

Altered Notes.—Notes on the Bank of Wilmington and Brandywine, skillfully altered from one to five dollars, are reported to be in circulation in this city. The letter S, in the word Dollars, is described as a little out of the true line.

The Richmond Whig states, that by the late census, it appears that there are 50,000 white adults in Virginia, who cannot read.

We yesterday saw, says the N. O. Picayune, a "sure enough lemon, which measured no less than 24 inches in circumference, 7 inches in diameter, and weighed within half an ounce of 5 pounds.

Georgia Legislature.—The House of Representatives of Georgia have refused to repeal the act to prevent the evils of private banking, by a vote of 143 to 23.

A Strange Ballot Box.—The Hawk Eye, of Burlington, Iowa Territory, says that the ballot box at Burlington, was in the shape of a tin bucket, with a paper cover, and was placed in the land office over night before the votes were counted.

A bill before the Georgia Legislature for the abolition of capital punishment, makes the singular exception of the crime of treason. An execution for this crime, never did happen in the United States.

Worthy of Imitation.—There is a gentleman in Springfield, Mass. who regularly celebrates the anniversary of his marriage, by paying for his newspaper. The same gentleman celebrates the birth of every new comer, by subscribing for a new paper.

HYMENIAL.

MARRIED.—On Thursday the 24th ult. by the Rev. Geo. C. Drake, Mr. ANDREW CRAWFORD, of Rhorsburg, to Miss ARMINTA, daughter of the late John Jacoby, of Bloomsburg.

By the Rev. D. S. Tobias, on the 16th ult. Mr. SAMUEL FREY, to Miss CATHARINE BLECHER, both of Mahoning township.

By the same on the 24th ult. Mr. HENRY OHL, to Miss POLLY WALD, both of Madison township.

By the same on the same day, Mr. JOSEPH WEBB, to Miss SALLY MILLER, both of Bloom township.

By the same, on the same day, Mr. WILLIAM HAGENBUCH to Miss SALLY MUFFLY both of Bloom township.

By the same on the same day, Mr. JAMES RICHARDS from England, to Mrs. ELIZABETH DREISBACH of Bloomsburg.

By the same on the 29th ult. Mr. WENDEL BRAEUMER to Miss NANCY FENSTERMACHER both of Beaver Meadow, Northampton county.

By the Rev. William J. Eyer, on the 24th ult. Mr. PETER SENKEL, of Mahoning township, to Miss MARGARET ENERT, of Madison township.

On Thursday, the 17th ult. by Anthony Dengler, Esq. Mr. AARON HOFFER, to Miss ELIZA THOMAS, all of Roaring creek.

OBITUARY.

DIED.—About the 26th of Nov. last, at Hughesville Lycoming county, where she went to spend a short time with a married sister, Miss HANNA HUGHES, daughter of Jeremiah Hughes, late of Roaring creek township in this county, deceased, aged about 22 years.

At Wilkesbarre on Wednesday the 9th ult. Mr. WILLIAM B. SCOTT, at the age of 29 years.

THE ESTATE OF ELIZA RITTER, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Letters of administration on the above estate have been granted to the subscriber, residing in Bloom township, Columbia county. Therefore all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased, are requested to make immediate payment, and all those having claims will present them.
WILLIAM RITTER, Adm.
Bloom, Jan. 2, 1841.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the honorable ELLIS LEWIS President of the Courts of Oyer and 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 DONALDSON and GEORGE MACK Esquires, associate Judges in Columbia county, have issued their precept bearing date the 21st day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, and to me directed for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Common Pleas, and Orphan's Court,

IN DANVILLE, in the county of Columbia, on the third Monday of Jan. next, (being the 18th day) and to continue two week.

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 that 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 11th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty and in the 65th year of the independence of the United States of America.

JOHN FRUIT Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Danville, }
Dec. 11th 1840. }

TRAVERSE JURORS.

For January Term, 1841—First Week.

Briar Creek—Thomas Cox, Henry Dietrich, Frederick Nicely, John Doak, John Ruch, Joseph Wise, John Hill.

Bloom—Joseph Hendershot, Ludwig Leist.

Derry—John Herr, Thomas Morehead, William Morrison.

Fishing Creek—Harman Labour, Benj. McHenry, William Park.

Hemlock—Daniel Parsel, John Robins, Eli Mendenhall.

Jackson—John McHenry, Jacob Turner, Thomas Yocum, John Yorks.

Limestone—James Caldwell, Henry Follmer, George Smith.

Liberty—Andrew Billmeyer, William Dale.

Mifflin—John Keeler, Isaac Pettit.

Monteur—Peter Rupert.

Mahoning—James Whipple.

Sugarloaf—Samuel Gibbons, Samuel Shultz.

Valley—James Donaldson.

TRAVERSE JURORS.

For January Term, 1841—2d week.

Bloom—Samuel Boone, Charles Hagenbuch, Lewis Maus, William Sloan, Henry Webb.

Cattawissa—John Keefer, Jesse Yocum, Michael Fernwalt.

Derry—James Lake, Samuel Lard, James McNinch, Thomas Robison, James McCormick.

Fishing Creek—Alexander Coleman, John Hess, John Lazarus, Thomas Peeler, Phillip Dodder.

Liberty—Hugh Montgomery.

Limestone—Jonas Barrigar.

Madison—Thomas Barber, George Derr, James Girton, Joseph Heller, Lewis Schuyler, Joseph Sheep, Caleb Thomas.

Monteur—Jacob Heimbauch.

Mahoning—William Colt.

Mount Pleasant—James Morden, Jr.

Orange—John Auten John Edgar.

Roaring Creek—Michael R. Hower.

Sugarloaf—James Hill, James Kile.

Valley—Joseph Maus.

BOOK BINDERY.

THE undersigned having purchased the Book-Binding established in Milton, informs the public that he is now prepared to do all kinds of Binding in the cheapest and most substantial manner.

BLANK BOOKS

Of all descriptions will be done to order at the shortest notice.

All kinds of country produce will be taken in exchange for work.

H. L. DIEFFNBACH.

Milton, Dec. 5, 1840. 32

CURE YOUR COUGH BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

REMEMBER, delays are dangerous. Thousands die annually from that dreadful disease CONSUMPTION, which might have been checked at the commencement, and disappointed of its prey, if proper means had been resorted to. The very many who have thus been snatched from that fatal ravager, by the timely use of Dr. SWAYNE'S COMPOUND SYRUP OF WILD CHERRY, bear testimony to this day, announcing the cures, the wonderful cures, performed by the use of this invaluable medicine. For sale at Tobias's Health Emporium Bloomsburg. Nov. 7, 1840. 23.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY virtue of sundry writs of alias venditioni exponas, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Danville, on Monday the 18th of January, 1841, at ten o'clock A. M. the following property, viz:

A certain tract of land situated in Derry township, Columbia county, adjoining lands of William Vanhorn, Thomas Moorehead, Thomas Moorehead Jr. and Maria Winchester, containing twenty-one acres, more or less about nineteen acres cleared land, whereon is erected a small



LOG HOUSE

AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

Seized taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of John Moorehead.

ALSO.

A certain tract or parcel of Land situate in Hemlock township, Columbia county; beginning at a post, corner of John Egbert, sen's land, thence by the same north one degree, west one hundred and four perches and five-tenths to a post a corner of Widow Cox's land thence by land of William Montgomery, south eighty-six degrees, west one hundred and sixty-four perches and sixth-tenth to a chesnut-oak, thence by land of John Egbert, sen. south degrees east, one hundred and thirty-eight perches to a white oak grub, thence by land of Thomas Cole and Christian Clouse north seventy-three degrees, one hundred and fifty-six perches to the place of beginning; containing

113 Acres & 33 Perches,

be the same more or less, whereon is erected a



LOG HOUSE,

A LOG BARN,

About Twelve acres of Meadow and Sixty Acres of cleared land.

Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Samuel Miller.

BY virtue of a writ of levati facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the time and place aforesaid.

A certain message and tract or piece of land, thereunto, belonging, situate part in Hemlock township, and part in Mt. Pleasant township, bounded and described as follows; viz: bounded by lands of Andrew Meich, the Lancaster company and other lands; whereon is erected

A DWELLING

and several out-houses, a

SAW MILL,

And containing Two hundred and eighty-six acres of land, be the same more or less.

Seized, taken into execution, and to be sold as the property of Jacob Wagoner.

By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas, to me directed, will be exposed to sale at the time and place aforesaid.

Two certain lots of ground situate in Berwick, Columbia county, adjoining lots of A. B. Wilson, the heirs of William Evans, deceased, and others, whereon is erected a

FRAME BUILDING,

and numbered in the plan of said town No. 52 and 59.

Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Nicholas Seibert.

JOHN FRUIT, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DANVILLE, }
Dec. 26, 1840. }

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY virtue of sundry writs of alias venditioni exponas, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Danville, on Monday the 25th of January, 1841, at ten o'clock A. M. the following property, viz:

A certain tract of land situate in Madison township, Columbia county, containing one hundred and four acres, whereon is erected a

LOG HOUSE,

AND LOG BERN,

about ninety acres cleared, and a fine large meadow, a good orchard. Adjoining lands of Richard Fruit, John Swisher, John Funston and others.

Seized taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Phineas Welliver, by

JOHN FRUIT, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DANVILLE, }
Dec. 30, 1841. }

LIST OF CAUSES

For Trial at January Term, 1841.

- Ludwig Leight vs George Mutchler
- Joseph Cavence vs Isaac Musgrave et al
- Isiah Shuman vs Daniel Cusenboder et al
- B. W. Wapples vs Adam Michael
- William Dale vs Charles Craig
- Benjamin Hayward vs Ellis Hughes et al
- George Foegly et al vs Daniel Sponenberger et al
- Robert Montgomery vs William Swisher et al
- Daniel Gross vs Jacob Hower
- Jacob Wagner vs Dr. Wm. M' Cormick
- West Branch Bank et al vs Thomas Morehead
- Albert B. Ashton et al vs Christian Ash
- Richard Plimmer vs Theodore Wells
- Same vs Same
- Samuel Brobst et al vs C. A. Brobst
- Jacob Gelling vs Peter Miller
- O. A. Brobst vs Jesse Price.

ATTACHMENT CASE.

Notice to the debtors and creditors of the estate of Thomas Parker, late of Greenwood township, that the subscribers have been appointed Trustees of said estate and that said Trustees will attend at the public house of Joseph Lemon in Greenwood aforesaid, on Monday the 25th day of January next, and at the public house of Richard Fruit in Jerseytown Madison township, on Saturday the 30th same month, for the purpose of receiving and auditing the respective claims against said estate, when and where those having claims will present them with their evidence &c. also all persons indebted to said estate are required to make payment, and all those having in possession any property of the estate aforesaid are required to make immediate surrender of the same.

JACOB EVANS,
BENJAMIN EVANS, } Trustees.
CALEB THOMAS;
Dec. 30, 1840.

NEWSPAPERS

AT HARRISBURG.

The Harrisburg papers have issued their annual proposals for furnishing their sheets to all who may be desirous of possessing themselves of a news paper printed at the Capitol of the state. Not having room to publish their prospectus at large, we have copied below their terms. The Reporter, Keystone, and State Capitol Gazette, are Democratic, and the Intelligencer, federal.

TERMS OF THE REPORTER.

For the session, twice a week, in advance, \$2.00

For the whole year, 3.00

Any person forwarding five session subscribers, and the money, shall have a sixth copy for his trouble.

W. D. BOAS.

TERMS OF THE KEYSTONE.

During the session semi-weekly 2 00

For the year 3 00

Any person forwarding us \$2.00 shall receive the Keystone from the time of subscribing to the close of the session—or six copies will be sent to any one office for \$10 00.

All Post Masters are invited to act as agents for the Keystone, in receiving subscribers and remitting money to us; and any one signifying his willingness to act as such, shall receive a list of our subscribers in his town and neighborhood, with our terms of agency.

BARRET & PARKE:

Harrisburg, Nov. 18, 1840.

TERMS OF THE STATE CAPITOL GAZETTE.

The State Capitol Gazette will be published twice a week during the sittings of the Legislature, and once a week for the remainder of the year, at the following prices:

The session only, (twice a week,) \$2 00

The whole year, 3 00

Postmasters and others friendly to the Democratic cause, are respectfully requested to receive subscriptions to this paper—r. Any person procuring us five good subscribers, shall be entitled to the sixth copy gratis; or any person procuring five good subscribers and forwarding \$10 free of postage shall be entitled to the remainder for his trouble, and in the same proportion for a larger number.

HENLOCK & BRATTON.

TERMS OF THE

DAILY AND SEMI-WEEKLY

PENNSYLVANIA INTELLIGENCER

During the ensuing session of the Legislature, the Pennsylvania Intelligencer will be published Daily and Semi-Weekly, on the following terms:

Daily during the session \$3 00

Semi-Weekly do. 2 00

Daily during the session and semi-weekly during the remainder of the year, per annum, 4 00

Semi-weekly during the session and weekly during the remainder of the year, per annum, 3 00

The Daily paper will be published on a sheet sufficiently large to contain full reports of the doing of both branches of the Legislature, sketches of Congressional proceedings and the general news of the times, together with miscellaneous articles on a variety of subjects.

The Semi-weekly paper will be published on a sheet of double-medium size, and will contain as much reading matter as any paper ever published in Harrisburg.

LIST OF GRAND JURORS

For January Term—1841.

- Bloom—Isaac Hess.
- Cattawissa—Richard Brewer, Michael Hartzel.
- Derry—Thomas Cary, Andrew Brittain, Solomon Geise.
- Greenwood—John Albertson, Geo. W. Morris, Richard Pollock, William Oyer.
- Limestone—John Flood.
- Liberty—Hugh McElrath, John McWilliams.
- Madison—Henry Crawford, Enoch Fox.
- Mifflin—David Miller.
- Mahoning—Peter Heimbauch.
- Monteur—John K. Girton.
- Orange—Isaac Welsh.
- Roaring Creek—Aaron Barringer.
- Sugarloaf—James Wilson, Henry Hess.
- Valley—John Wilson, Wm. Caldwell.