

reared expressly and avowedly for the use of the wealthy and aristocratic;—upon the tavern that is absolutely necessary for the accommodation of the travelling public, as upon the common grog shop. We consider it oppressive, because it places it in the power of wealthy and influential men to oppress and vex their poor but not less deserving neighbors, to gratify either their avarice or malevolence, because it is not definite in its language were it prohibits "the sale of vinegars, spirituous, and other strong liquors, by less measure than one quart," leaving it to other men to say what is meant by "other strong liquors," and as we believe, designedly to prevent the poor from purchasing ale, beer, cider, or even coffee or tea, at unlicensed houses, without the risk of being dragged to Court;—in which case, even if acquitted, the mere attending Court would be a severe punishment.

**Resolved**—That this meeting approve of the course pursued by Governor Porter, in suffering the bill relative to tavern licenses to become a law without his signature: His refusing to sign it is sufficient evidence that he did not approve of it, and as no permanent injury was likely to accrue to the community, nor no plea of "chartered privileges," or "vested rights" could be set up against its repeal, he did right to let the odium of this law rest upon those who passed it, that the people of Pennsylvania may not only hear, but feel and see what the principles of the men who compose the majority of the present Legislature are, and what may be expected from a Legislature, with a Governor of the same stamp, uninfluenced by any regard for the rights of others; aristocratic and tyrannical in their manners, sordid, corrupt, and debased in their morals, if we are to judge by their actions; yet wish the world to believe they are patriots and saints.

On motion, the above preamble and resolutions, with the amendments, were adopted by the meeting.

On motion it was resolved that the proceedings be signed by the officers, and published in the democratic papers of this county and Harrisburg.

**GEO. MACK, President.**  
**SAMUEL CREASY,** } *V. Prests.*  
**EMANUEL LAZARUS,** }  
*Levi L. Tate,* } *Secretaries.*  
*J. B. Rupert,* }

#### THE COLUMBIA DAM.

In consequence of an obstruction in the chute of the dam at Columbia, something like a thousand rafts of lumber have been detained between Middletown and the dam. The watermen feeling a deep interest in this matter called a meeting at the house of Mr. Stoner, in Daupin county, which was numerously attended, which meeting appointed a committee to wait on the Executive and make to him the proper representations. The Governor with his usual promptness, immediately sent in a message to the House, of which the following is a copy, and a committee was forthwith appointed to make an examination of the condition of the dam, and report measures for the relief of the raftmen who are thus prevented from taking their produce to its destined market.

#### GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**GENTLEMEN**—It has been represented to me by Wm. BIGLER, a delegate appointed at a meeting of citizens interested in the navigation of the river Susquehanna, held on yesterday at the house of Mr. STONER, in Dauphin county, that the chute in the dam erected in the Susquehanna river, by the Susquehanna Canal Company, at the mouth of the Conestoga creek, is impossible for rafts of lumber and other craft;—that near one thousand rafts are interrupted by this obstruction, and lying between Middletown and the said dam, the proprietors and navigators of which, amounting to upwards of two thousand citizens, are thus prevented from proceeding to their destined market. The act which authorizes this dam, makes provision for the adjustment of the damages which were caused by its erection; but this provision is totally inadequate to meet the contingency which has now arisen.

The citizens injured by the obstruction, with a laudible desire to preserve the public peace and maintain the laws, have applied to me, as the chief Executive Magistrate of the Commonwealth, for relief. An appeal so reasonable, coming under such circumstances, from so large a body of the hardy yeomanry of the State, who always have to encounter an ordinary peril on their way to market, and who are thus interrupted by an artificial obstruction, is irresistible; and I hasten to present the facts to the consideration of the General Assembly, in order that immediate provision may be made for peaceably removing the obstruction, and restoring the descending navigation to the river.

**DAVID R. PORTER,**  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,  
Harrisburg, April 14th, 1841.

#### THE CANAL PACKET LINE.

The Mail Contractors between Wilkesbarre and Northumberland, have commenced running a daily line of Packets between those places. The boats have all been thoroughly repaired and fitted up in a handsome style. With good teams and gentlemanly commanders, we are satisfied that the travelling community will receive every attention that may be required to render their passage pleasant and agreeable.

The House has concurred in the resolution of the Senate, to adjourn on the 27th inst. but it is thought the resolution will be rescinded, as the Legislature will not be able to adjourn on that day. The proceedings of the Legislature have but little interest, Johnson's bank bill has passed the house and been reported in the senate with amendments. Its fate is yet uncertain.

#### EXECUTION OF ROBINSON!

New Brunswick, April 16, }  
11 o'clock, A. M. }

*From the Extra Ledger.*—This morning, in accordance with the sentence of the court, Peter Robinson, the murderer of Mr. SUTDAN, suffered death at New Brunswick, N. J. He was executed within an enclosure immediately in front of the jail, extending out 6 or 7 feet, and the whole width of the jail, in front, some 30 or 30 feet. The gallows was made after the plan adopted and used in New York, and so arranged by weights and pulleys as to raise the criminal up to a sudden jerk. The jailer having unlocked the shackles upon his feet, proceeded to unlock the manacles upon his hands with the same key, when Robinson remarked to him, "you have not the right key." The jailer persisted in his efforts to take them off. Robinson again said, "you have not got the right key; why don't you go and get it!"

Every thing being fully ready, he was conducted by the Sheriff and jailer, from his cell, through the entry, to the platform at the gallows—during which time he manifested no hesitation or fear, but walked with a steady and firm step.

Placed under the gallows, the rope was adjusted around his neck, and in one moment the cord which suspended the weight was cut by the Sheriff with a hatchet, when the wretched man was raised from the platform upon which he stood the full extent of the rope, at which instant a great contraction of the legs upwards and backwards was visible; when to the horror of all the persons present, the knot in the rope uniting the noose around the neck to the main rope slipped, and he was precipitated to the ground!

He was instantly raised upon his feet, and stood with but little assistance and without any manifest discomposure for the space of a minute and a half, in which time the rope was properly and securely adjusted, when, with the words "Lord have mercy upon me," the fatal stroke was given, and the unfortunate and unwept victim of the law was launched into eternity, at 23 minutes after 10 o'clock.

Although he seemed anxious for prayers of his friends, and entered into exercises, he still maintained something of a callous and unrelenting character. Last night his wife and sister-in-law bade him farewell about 9 o'clock, which on his part was done in an exceeding cool and careless manner. His wife appeared to be but little affected.

His body was left hanging for about 30 minutes, and then placed in a common coffin, subject to the disposition of his friends, who had made arrangements to have him buried a short distance over the river.

It is asserted that JOSEPH RITNER is the Treasurer of the Mint, by one portion of those presumed to be acquainted with official secrets; another portion just as positively assert he is not.

**Death of Judge Dallas.**—The Pittsburg papers of Wednesday last, announce the death of the Hon. Trevanion, B. Dallas, one of the judges of the district court of Alleghany county.

From the Cincinnati Gazette, April 13.

#### FIRE AT NORTH BEND.

Great uneasiness was caused in this city yesterday morning, by a report that General Harrison's dwelling house, at North Bend had been destroyed by fire the previous afternoon. Direct information, however, arrived before noon, and quieted all apprehensions. The building was on fire, but only the upper story of the west wing sustained any material damage. The roof and this were destroyed, but without, we understand, the loss of any furniture, or seriously inconveniencing the afflicted family.

**McLeod's Case—A New Feature.**—A resolution has been offered in the Legislature of New York, by Mr. Hoffman, directing the Judiciary Committee to report a law to quash the indictment, release McLeod and send him home. We cannot believe that this resolution will be adopted.

The Madisonian says President Tyler is fifty-one years of age. He is therefore younger than the late President Van Buren and indeed the youngest President we have ever had.

**Mountains in the Moon.**—Dr. Robinson has ascertained, by means of Lord Oxmantow's immense telescope, that one of the mountains in the moon is 17,000 feet above the level of the plain out of which it rises. The mountains generally do not rise over 5000 feet.

**Sudden Death of an Editor.**—Major Richard Haughton, for several years past editor of the Boston Atlas died instantaneously on Saturday last, at his residence, while dressing himself, preparatory to embarking on board the Acadia, in which he had taken passage to England.

**Just Come and Gone.**—An Irish woman named Mary Deary, 60 years of age, just landed from a ship from Liverpool, fell into the dock at New York on Sunday and was drowned. She left three sons and two daughters on board the vessel.

**New York Election—Democracy Successful!**—We have not only succeeded in electing a Democratic Mayor in New York by a large majority, but ten Aldermen out of Seventeen, and ten Assistant Alderman. In Brooklyn, the Federalists as usual succeeded.

**The Big Ship Pennsylvania.**—The following is the armament determined upon for the Pennsylvania, and which is now taking on board at Norfolk:

Lower Gun Deck, 28 long 32 pounders and 4 Paixhan Guns, and Paixhan Shot are thrown from an 80 Pounder.

Middle Gun Deck, 30 long 32 pounders and 4 Paixhan Guns.

Upper Gun Deck, 32 32 pound Medium Guns and 4 Paixhan Guns.

Spar Deck, 32 32 pound Cannonades and 4 Medium 32 lb. Guns—Total, 138.

Weight of metal of one broadside, near 2,496 lbs.

A young lady having borrowed a dictionary, was asked upon her returning it how she liked it. She replied, "The words are truly beautiful—but I don't think much of the story."

**The old Roman.**—The Boston Post relates the following anecdote of Gen. Jackson. He must be hickory yet, and will never let the Whigs alone.

A few days ago he visited Jackson county, Tennessee. While he was there, a large number of ladies called to pay their respects to him. "Girls," said the old Roman, "I have an important piece of advice to give you; be sure to marry whig husbands, and then, if they do not renounce their party, kick them out of bed."

Ex-President Van Buren is noticed as one of the distinguished personages who joined in the funeral procession in New York, on Saturday last, in honor of the memory of Gen. Harrison.

**Very Good—if True.**—Bennett's Herald says that orders have been received in New York from the War Department to arm all the fortifications in that harbor, which are not now in a condition for defence. The thing is to be pushed forward with all practicable despatch. This is right.

**Great Slaughter.**—No less than 33,000 hogs have been slaughtered at Louisville, at two establishments this year.

**Buffalo Harbor.**—The Buffalo Commercial Advertiser of Monday evening, says the ice has entirely disappeared from that harbor and the offing.

The Buffalo shippers, it adds, have been taken by surprise, not being prepared for so early a departure of the wintry fetters.

Robinson, the murderer, was executed on Friday morning, in front of the jail in New Brunswick. After he was suspended, the rope untied and he fell, but he was immediately hoisted up again. He remained hardened and insensible to all religious impressions until he was executed.

The Kingston Chronicle, Upper Canada, appeared in mourning on the 9th, the day after the intelligence of President Harrison's death reached that place.

**Cut his Throat.**—Mr. John Wetherill, formerly of Murray, Pa. committed suicide a few days since, by cutting his throat.

**Mitchell the Forger** was last seen on board of a steamer going down the Ohio. His pursuers were about 100 miles behind. They can't catch him.

**Preacher Asleep.**—One of the clergy of Boston fell asleep in his pulpit a few Sundays since; tumbled against the door and then rolled down the stairs into the aisle.—No damage done. This was teaching effectually by example the folly of sleeping in church.

#### HYMNICAL.

**MARRIED**—By the Rev. D. S. Tobias, on the 22d inst. Mr. ELIAS DREISBELBIES, to Miss SARAH SHOEMAKER, both of Madison.

In Wilkesbarre, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. D. W. Bristol, SAMUEL P. COLLINGS, Esq. Editor of the Farmer, to Miss ELIZABETH, eldest daughter of Hon. A. Beaumont, all of Wilkesbarre.

#### OBITUARY.

**DIED**—In Berwick, on Tuesday last, Mrs. ANN HEADLEY, relict of Dr. Samuel Headley, in the 66th year of her age.

#### ATTENTION.

##### BLOOMSBURG RANGERS.

YOU are hereby commanded to meet in Bloomsburg on Monday the 3d day of May next, at 10 o'clock A. M. with arms and accoutrements in good order. By order of Capt. JOHN HAZLET.

#### DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between THEODORE WELLS and ISRAEL WELLS jr. Merchants in Bloomsburg, under the firm of ISRAEL WELLS jr. & co. is this day dissolved by mutual consent of parties, and all accounts due to and from said firm, will be settled by Israel Wells jr.

THEODORE WELLS,  
ISRAEL WELLS, jr.

Bloomsburg, April 14, 1841.

The business will be continued at the old stand by the subscriber, who respectfully solicits a continuance of public favor.

ISRAEL WELLS.

#### NOTICE

IS hereby given that I have purchased of Samuel Kerstler of Hemlock township, ONE ANVIL, and ONE IRON VICE, which I have left in the possession of said Kerstler, as my property. All persons will govern themselves accordingly.

BENJAMIN DIETERICH.

March 29, 1841.

#### Ran Away,



FROM the subscriber's, a boy by the name of SOLOMON TRONSUE, he is about five feet five inches high, light straight hair, parted on the left side in front. Had on when he left, a dark grey coat, dark pantaloons, black hat, and lace boots. Four cents and a pinch of snuff reward, but no charges will be paid for the apprehension of said boy.

L. H. & J. B. MAUS.  
Bloomsburg Iron Foundry, April 17, 1841.

#### TO PHYSICIANS, CABINET MAKERS, &c.

The patent right for the Manufacturing and Vending

**ENGEL'S PATENT SOFA AND SOFA BEDSTEAS,**  
For Invalids and also the patent right of **ENGEL'S PATENT BEDSTEAD**

are offered for sale for the counties of Schuylkill Columbia: The former are admirably adapted for the use of Invalids and bed ridden persons. The latter are adapted for hotels, being so constructed that they may be put together and taken apart, in less time than bedsteads now in use, and will cost no more to manufacture than the common bedstead. The right will be disposed of, for either of the above counties, for Townships, Towns, Shops, or single right. Persons wishing to purchase rights may obtain every information upon application at Brady's Hotel, Danville, where specimens can be seen.

The following recommendation is from Doctor George McClellan, of Philadelphia.

**An ingenious invention for invalids.**  
Messrs. Engel & Connor, of the borough of Easton Pa. have invented a Sofa for the use of bed ridden patients, which has met with the approbation of our Medical faculty; and which we think ought to be introduced to the notice of the public. It combines all the advantages of a Sofa for parlors, and a moveable bed, for the support of invalids. By the ingenious applications of hinges and cranks it is capable of raising the patient to every desirable change of position without exciting the system, or disturbing any injured part. I have procured one of them, and I shall seize the first opportunity of introducing it to the attention of my friends in practice; and I feel perfect confidence in recommending it to the patronage of our profession.

GEO. McCLELLAN, M. D.  
Danville, March 20, 1841.—if 47

#### TAILORING BUSINESS.

THE Subscriber informs his friends and the public generally that he will continue the business at the stand lately occupied by E. Howell, & co. in all its various branches. From his long experience, and strict attention to business, he flatters himself that he shall be able to do whatever work is intrusted to his care, in as good style, workmanlike, and expeditious manner, as any of his neighbors. He is thankful for past favors and solicits a continuance of patronage.

R. B. CUTHBERT.  
Bloomsburg, April 10, 1841.

#### COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given to the taxable inhabitants of the several townships of Columbia county; that

#### AN APPEAL

will be held by the County Commissioners, for the benefit of those who may think the amount of tax with which they are assessed, to exceed the proportion for the amount of property held by them, to meet the current expenses for the year 1841, at which time and place you may attend if you think proper.

The appeal for Valley township will be held at the house of Daniel B. Gray, on Monday, the 3d day of May next;

For Liberty township, at the house of Hugh M'Elrath, in Mooresburg, on Tuesday, the 4th day of May next;

For Limestone township, at the house of Abraham German, on Wednesday, the 5th day of May next;

For Derry township, at the house of Jacob Seidle, on Thursday, the 6th day of May next;

For Madison township, at the house of Richard Fruit, in Jerseytown, on Friday, the 7th day of May next;

For Hemlock township, at the house of John M' Reynolds, on Saturday, the 8th day of May next;

For Mount Pleasant township, at the house of Frederick Miller, on Monday, the 10th day of May next;

For Greenwood township, at the house of Joseph Lemon, on Tuesday, the 11th day of May next;

For Jackson township, at the house of Joshua Savage, on Wednesday, the 12th day of May next;

For Fishing Creek township, at the house of Daniel Peeler, on Friday, the 14th day of May next;

For Orange township, at the house of Isaac C. Johnson, on Saturday the 15th day of May next;

For Cattawissa township, at the house of Stacy Marjoram, on Monday, the 17th day of May next.

For Rearing creek township, at the house of Paul Rhodes, on Tuesday the 18th day of May next.

For Millfin township, at the house of John Keller, on Wednesday the 19th day of May next.

For Briar creek township, at the house of John Hess, on Thursday, the 20th day of May next.

For Bloom township, at the house of Charles Doebler, on Friday, the 21st day of May next.

For Monteur township, at the house of Leonard Lazarus, on Saturday, the 22d day of May next.

For Mahoning township, at the Commissioner's Office in Danville, on Monday the 24th day of May next.

JOHN M'HENRIE,  
JOHN DIETERICH,  
CHRISTIAN WOLF,

Commissioners.

Commissioner's Office }  
Danville, April 1, 1841. }

#### SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY virtue of a writ of Alias Venditioni Exponas, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale on Saturday, the 24d day of April next, at ten o'clock, A. M. at the Court House in Danville, the following property, to wit:

**Two certain lots of ground,** situate in Berwick, Columbia county, adjoining lots of A. B. Wilson, the heirs of Williams 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, }  
April 9, 1841. }

#### NOTICE

IS hereby given, that on the first Monday of June next, a special Court of Common Pleas will be held at Danville, in and for Columbia county before the Honorable A. V. Parsons, President Judge of the 12th Judicial district of Pennsylvania, and the associate Judges of Columbia county, in pursuance of the provisions of the 37th and 39th sections of the act of General assembly passed the 14th day of April, 1834; for the trial of a certain action wherein the West Branch Bank at Williamsport is plaintiff, and Thomas Moorehead, jr. is defendant, of which all officers and others interested will take notice.

JACOB EYERLY, Proth.  
Proth. Officer, Danville, }  
March 30, 1841 }

#### POWDER For Sale.

THE subscriber would respectfully inform their friends and the public generally that they have just received a lot of

#### ROCK POWDER,

which they offer for sale at wholesale or by the single keg, on very reasonable terms

RUPERT & BARTON.  
Bloomsburg Jan. 20, 1840 42