

COLT'S SUICIDE.

Yesterday afternoon, about three o'clock, Colt requested the officer in attendance upon him to leave him alone, as he wished to devote an hour to preparations for his final exit from this world. The officer consented. A few minutes before 4 o'clock, Sheriff Hart and deputy Westervelt, attended by Dr. Anthon, proceeded to the cell for the purpose of bringing the condemned out to execution; but upon the keeper drawing the bolt and opening the door, they found that during the hour he had thus been left entirely to himself, he had forestalled the hangman, and put an end to his life with his own hand. He was found lying on his back stretched out at full length on the bed quite dead, but not cold. A clasp knife like a small dirk knife, with a broken handle was sticking in his heart. He had stabbed himself about the fifth rib on the left side. His vest was open, the blood had flowed slightly, and his hands, which were placed across his belly, were bloody; he had evidently driven the fatal knife directly into his heart. His body was laid out quite straight in the bed, as if laid out for a funeral by others. His mouth was open, and his eyes partly open. Dr Hosack and others went into his cell and pronounced him dead. The Coroner was ready at hand, took charge of the body, and locked the cell; and after summoning a jury last evening held an inquest on the remains of the ill-fated suicide.

Sheriff Hart, his deputies, Dr Anthon, Colt's attending clergyman, Samuel Colt brother of the deceased, Mrs. Caroline Colt wife of the deceased, and several others, were examined; after which the jury returned the following verdict:

That John C. Colt came to his death by a wound inflicted by himself with a knife, in the left breast, but the jury are unable to say in what manner he became possessed of the said knife.

The finale to this exciting and extraordinary case was not unexpected to many, and but little surprise was felt, either among those within the prison walls, or the crowds in the streets, when it was announced to them. Nevertheless, it tended to add to the prevailing excitement, and as the intelligence flew like wildfire throughout the city it seemed to appal all minds, and to absorb all thoughts.

Still further fuel was added to the popular excitement by the most singular fact, that at the instant the death of Colt was proclaimed, the large new cupola of the front building was discovered to be on fire, at or very near its top. The alarm produced by this event instantly swelled the concourse of people assembled to double its former numbers; and caused great confusion and most intense excitement.

The cupola being above the reach of the hydrants, and the wind being high, it was totally destroyed before the progress of the flames could be stayed; but beyond some injury to the roof, no further damage was done. The fire is attributed to a stove pipe in the cupola; but the coincidences connected with it, and with the peculiar time of its occurrence, gave rise to surmises among the public, that the conflagration was, to say the least, a very strange occurrence.—*Flag of the Union.*

MILLER, the millennium prophet, about whom so much interest is just now felt, and which will grow more intense, amongst his followers before next April, has given out a history of his 'sojourn on earth,' in which we find it stated that he was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in 1781, consequently he is now 61 years of age. He spent the early part of his life as a farmer. Thirty years ago he entered the United States Army, and was then wild, and a deist; but even then, he said in one of his sermons, it was always of astonishment to him that the almighty had not made a revelation of some kind to the people of this earth.—During the last war he was a captain in the United States Army, and took part in one or two battles on the lakes. After the peace he settled at Low Hampton in the state of New York, where he bought a farm which he owns to this day, but which is managed by his wife and sons, behaving taken no part in his worldly affairs for the last eleven or twelve years, during which time he had been preaching his peculiar doctrines, although they have only attracted particular attention as the time draws nigh. After he left the army, he filled the office of sheriff of the county in which he resides. About twenty years ago, he set about searching the scriptures with a view to refute them, and this gave him his extensive knowledge of the prophecies and of history. In 1822, he says he became fully convinced that the world would come to an end in 1843; and about six or seven years afterwards he began to preach and write about it; He has written a great number of works on that subject.—*Reporter.*

Quick Transit.—The Peoria (Illinois) Register says:—We received on the 28th October, an extra from the office of the Boston Courier, dated the 18th, announcing the arrival of the Britannia at that port, with Liverpool dates to October 4th. Thus the journey was made from Liverpool to Peoria in twenty-four days—the shortest time on record. This is less than one-half longer than it recently took a steamboat to go from Pittsburg to St. Louis, and nearly a week less than it took a gentleman to travel here from New York by way of the Ohio river. The route of the Courier extra was by Albany, Buffalo and Chicago.

Patent Office Nov. 1, 1842.

Having noticed in the public prints an entire misapprehension of the law of the Patent Office, I hasten to say, 1. That the new law does not alter the fee or duration of Patents for such objects as have been hitherto patentable—the amount of which is till thirty dollars and the term fourteen years. The new law extends protection to a new class of cases, viz Designs embracing patterns for silk, woollen and cotton fabrics,—for busts, statues or bas relief or composition in alto or basso relieve; such protection having been granted by foreign countries, and not till the present law by the United States.

2. The New law extends the privilege of removal of lost patents to all those granted before the fire of December, 1836; the former law limiting it to those actually lost before the fire—thus excluding many lost subsequent to the fire, and before recording new, leaving the inventor remediless.

3. American minister, consuls, &c. residing abroad, can now administer oaths to inventors. By the former law such functionaries could not perform this act—thus subjecting inventors to great inconvenience.

4. The Secretary of the Treasury is now authorized to repay money paid into the Treasury for the Patent Office by mistake—thus precluding the necessity of making special application to Congress for relief.

5. The new law forbids, under a penalty, stamping the words patent on articles vended where no patent has been obtained, and compels patentees to stamp on the articles vended by them the date of the patent, thus affording the public information of the duration of the patent.

HENRY L. ELLSWORTH, Commissioner of Patents.

A Tale of Horror.—In the Runias (Iowa) Gazette, we find the most extraordinary and cruel relation of circumstances that we believe ever went forth in type. An old man lived alone, and had forbidden a daughter, who lived near, and her husband, or even their children, ever to approach his place, on account merely of some whimsical pique that he had taken against his child. One morning the inhuman being found his grandchild, under three years of age climbing upon his garden rail, and he deliberately went for his rifle, and shot the boy dead. The victim fell inside of the fence. The old man reloaded and sat watching. Not long after, the mother came seeking her child, and the minute she touched her father's garden rail, as she did with a shriek, the instant she perceived her dead child, the old brute shot her in the temple, and killed her stone dead on the spot.—The maniac (as he is now accounted) shot the father also, when he came,—and he is now in prison to answer for the three murders.

True Fortitude.—The Hartford Courant relates the following expedient by which Mrs. Clark, formerly Miss Perkins, of Norwich, Conn. saved her life and that of her two daughters—being on board the steamboat Vermillion, lately burnt on Lake Huron. Her daughters were one six and the other twelve years of age. They were at the stern of the boat; and finding no other way of escape, she dropped them into the water, giving them direction to seize hold of a chain as they rose, which she pointed out, and which was attached to the boat. Seeing them successful, she jumped into the water herself; and they all three kept hold of the chain until assistance came to their relief.

The British Treaty.—A letter from Mr Cushing, published in the Newburyport Herald, gives a description of this public document. It says, the treaty is fairly engrossed, in a thin volume of folio ruled paper, bound in crimson velvet, with ribbons to tie the covers together, when closed; depending from which, by two silver or silk cords, with large tassels, of the same materials, is the seal, five or six inches in diameter, and an inch thick. The seal is contained in a silver box or case, stamped on the cover with a beautiful raised impression of the British arms, and represents Queen Victoria on horseback with a page holding the horse, and surrounding the figure the legend 'Victoria Dei Gratia Britanniarum Regina Fidei Defensor.'—The signature to the ratification by the Queen, is in a large and bold hand; VICTORIA R.

HYMNICAL.

MARRIED.—On the 22d inst. by the Rev. William J. Eyer, Mr. WILLIAM MENCH, of Bloom Township, to Miss HANNAH BROBST, of Catawissa.

On Tuesday last, by the Rev. N. Bahl, Mr. DANIEL MILLER, of Bloom township, to Miss PHEBE BAUER, of Briereck.

In Williamsport, on the 15th inst., Mr. REUBEN RUCH, formerly of Berwick, to Miss MERCY COULTER, of the former place.

On 17th inst. by the Rev. Jos. A. Rosa, Mr. ISAAC SMITH, of Millin township, Columbia, co., to Miss MATILDA FORTNER, of Nescopek, Luzerne county.

CASH AND PRODUCE STORE.

The Subscribers are about receiving and will open in a few days, the CHEAPEST and BEST assortment of goods ever brought to this market, which they are determined to sell for CASH AND PRODUCE ONLY.

E. H. BIGGS, & Co.

Nov. 5, 1842—28.

THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM WELLIVER, DEC'D.

NOTICE is hereby given, that letters testamentary have been granted to the subscribers, residing in Madison township, upon the late will of Wm. Welliver, late of Madison township, aforesaid dec'd, therefore, all persons indebted to said estate, are requested to make payment, and all having claims to present them for settlement.

JOHN WELLIVER, RICHARD DEMOTT, Executors.

Jerseytown, Oct. 20, 1842.—27—9w.

State Capitol Gazette.

Two Dollars for the Session—in Advance.

The undersigned embraces the present opportunity of conveying to his friends and the public, his sincere acknowledgments, for the very liberal patronage which they continue to extend to the State Capitol Gazette; and in his future course he shall use every endeavor to merit their approval of which he has the best evidence in their generous support of the paper. The approaching session of the Legislature will be one of deep interest and importance to the people of Pennsylvania. The election of a State Treasurer, and a United States Senator, and the adoption of an Apportionment Bill, are among the important acts to be performed by the Legislature; and they will engross much feeling and deliberation. With the hope of increasing the usefulness of our paper, we have made ample arrangements, as well for reporting the proceedings of both branches, as for presenting them to our readers at the earliest possible period. We have engaged the most competent Reporters, and our publication will embrace full details of what may transpire in either branch during the session. In many instances we shall give a full report of the debates, and in every instance we shall produce such a synopsis of the discussions, as will convey to the constituent, the course and zeal of his representative. In addition to this, we have employed an able and attentive correspondent at the seat of general government; and our readers may anticipate, not only the earliest Congressional intelligence, but also the earliest and most correct information in regard to the doings of the administration, and the plans and operations upon the political chess-board.

It may be well enough to reiterate, what we stated on assuming the sole ownership and control of this paper, that its political character will remain unchanged. We were educated in the school of Jeffersonian democracy—we have always zealously contended for the principles we then imbibed, and under the broad banner of equal rights, we shall be found rallying, faithfully defending our beloved doctrines, and our hallowed institutions. As an organ of the democratic party, we shall exert every zeal and ability to maintain its usages and principles, and secure the success of its candidates. As a sentinel upon freedom's watch-tower, we shall always be found vigilant and energetic in guarding the rights and liberties of the people; and as a journalist, our columns will contain that quantity and quality of intelligence which cannot fail to please and instruct the general reader.

With these profers of enterprise and declaration of principles, and with renewed assurances of our gratefulness, for the liberal support extended to us, we pledge our zealous exertions to deserve a continuance of the patronage of an enlightened public.

TERMS.

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

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

The whole year, 2 00

Any person sending us five subscribers accompanied by ten dollars, shall receive a copy for their trouble, gratis. Payments may be transmitted by mail postage paid, at our risk. By a rule of the Post Office Department, Post-masters are permitted to frank letters containing money for subscriptions.

No attention will be paid to any order unless the money accompanies it. JOHN B. BRATTON, Harrisburg, Nov. 18, 1842.

Legislative Keystone,

TWO DOLLARS FOR THE SESSION.

The **Keystone** will, as usual, be published twice a week during the session of the Legislature; and as we shall spare neither pains nor expense in giving full and accurate reports of the proceedings of the two Houses, together with sketches of the debates on all public and important questions, we hope to receive a liberal support from the reading public. The coming session of our Legislature will be one of more than common interest, and persons desirous of obtaining early and correct information from the seat of government, will find it to their advantage to take the **Keystone**. To lawyers, judges, justices of the Peace, and public officers generally, it will be invaluable, as all the laws of a public and general nature are published in it immediately after their passage, and fully three months before they will be promulgated in any other manner. We shall also have an able correspondent at Washington city, who will keep the readers of our paper apprised of all that is doing at the seat of the National Government.

TERMS.

The terms of the **Keystone** are as follows:

For the whole year, \$3 00

For the session only, (twice a week) 2 00

Any person sending us five subscribers for the session, accompanied by ten dollars, shall receive a copy gratis for his trouble. All payments may be transmitted by mail, and all Post-masters are permitted to frank letters containing money for newspaper subscriptions.

M'KINLEY & LESCURE, Harrisburg, Nov. 18, 1842.

New Goods

WM. MCKELVY, & CO. HAVE just received a large assortment of

FALL AND WINTER GOODS, of every variety, which they are enabled to offer to the public a little lower than the cheapest for the READY GO DOWN, such as

CASH or COUNTRY PRODUCE, the THOUSAND YEAR CREDIT SYSTEM having been ABANDONED. Among their assortment of

Dry Goods

may be found all the varieties of English, French and American Manufactures of Wool, cotton, silk, flax and hemp; among which is an elegant assortment of superfine, fine and common Broad Cloths and Cassimeres; Sattinets; Cotton and Linen Drilling; Irish Linens; brown Hollands; Marseilles and other vestings; Silk Velvets; brown and bleached Shirtings and Sheetings; Calicoes; printed Lawns and Muslins; Mousline de lains; Chiffons; plain and figured Silks; a large variety of silk, mohair, and Merino Shawls and handkerchiefs; Lady's and Gentlemen's Gloves and Mitts, Hosiery; Ribbons; Gentlemen and Children's

HATS, CAPS, &c., &c.

Gentlemen's, Ladies and Children's

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Among their

GROCERIES,

will be found

Sugar and Coffee of several kinds and quality, Imperial, Young Hyson, Hyson skin, and Shouschong Teas; Chocolate, Spices of all kinds; Madeira, Port, Lisbon and Malaga Wines, Brandy, Holland Gin, Spirits, Rum, and Whiskey West India, New Orleans, Sugar House and Boston Syrup MOLASSES,

HARD WARE,

Knives and Forks, Cutlery Saddlery, Coach and Wagon, trimmings and mountings, Mill and cut Saws, tenant saws, Saddler's, Shoemaker's, Tailor's and Carpenters tools; Blacksmith's Anvils and Vices; Sweeping and a great variety of other brushes; all kinds of Ropes and Cordage &c. &c.

A large and elegant assortment of

CHINA GLASS AND QUEENSWARE, CROCKERY WARE.

IRON

Of all kinds by the Ton or smaller quantity, Spring Steel, English blister, Crowley, Sheer and Cast steel, German steel, and American blister, Nails and Spikes, Large and small Copper Kettles, &c.

It is impossible to mention separately in an advertisement, all the articles which they have on hand; but the subscribers wish it to be understood that their assortment has been laid in solely with a view to supply the wants of the country; and therefore few will be disappointed who may call upon them to have their individual wants supplied, provided they offer in exchange the

"READY GO DOWN."

WILLIAM MCKELVY & Co. Bloomsburg, Nov. 19, 1842. 30—1f.

LECTURES ON ENGLISH GRAMMAR

The undersigned proposes delivering a course of lectures on E. Grammar, consisting of 36 lectures for the benefit of such young persons as have not an opportunity of attending school in the day time; and who are desirous of becoming acquainted with the grammar of the English language. Three lectures will be delivered each week, on such evenings as may be most suitable. Those desirous of uniting to form a class for the above purpose, will please make early application and leave their names at either of the printing offices in Bloomsburg, or the subscriber, in order to commence as early as possible. JOSEPH L. BILES, Bloomsburg, Nov. 19, 1842.—30.

\$5 REWARD.

LOST, on Friday, the 21st day of Oct. 1842, somewhere in the township of Fishingcreek, or Greenwood, a calfskin

POCKET BOOK,

containing about \$35 in bank notes.—One five on the Mercis Bank, Pottsville, and other Relief Notes of different banks.—Any person finding said Pocket Book, and will deliver it, with its contents, to the owner, shall receive the above reward. RICHARD HAYCOCK, Nov. 5, 1842—28.

HALL'S PATENT BEE HIVES.

THIS Hive is one of the best constructed now in use, and so arranged as to supercede the necessity of killing bees to take from them their honey. It is simple, and can be made with little expense. The subscriber has the right to sell to individuals, the privilege of making them for their own use, and requests all who are interested in bees, to call at his house, and see the hives for themselves, as he has been now working in them. GEORGE LILLY, Bloomsburg Oct. 24, 1842.

LIST OF RETAILERS

The following is a list of the wholesale and retail dealers of Foreign Merchandise in the county of Columbia. Classed as follows for 1842 viz:

TWELFTH CLASS	
William Donaldson	paid
Peter Baldy	paid
William Biddle & co.	paid
William M'Kelvy	paid
John & J. R. Sharpless	paid
Abraham Miller	paid
Derr & M'Bride	paid
John C. Grier	paid
Leib & Tregoe	paid
E. & C. Reynolds	paid
J. & J. Bowman & co.	paid

THIRTEENTH CLASS.	
Daniel L. Schmieck	unpaid
Rupert & Baiton	unpaid
George Weaver	unpaid
Cyrus Baiton	unpaid
Robert B. Sprout & co.	unpaid
James Davidson & co.	unpaid
Andrew & Peter Miller	paid
C. A. & C. G. Brobst	paid
Shuman & Rittenhouse	unpaid
Levers & Nagle	paid
Grim, Darr & Dye	unpaid
Robert M'Gay	unpaid
Masters & Mather	unpaid
Samuel Hackenberg	unpaid
Eleazer Brothwell	unpaid
Nathan Snyder	paid
Brown & Creary	unpaid
George Shuman	paid
Levi Beisel	paid
George Kaufman	unpaid
Kownover & Leibrick	unpaid
Ballist & M'Nittelt	unpaid
E. & J. Lazarus	unpaid
Covanhovan & Steward	unpaid
William W. Cook	paid

FOURTEENTH CLASS.	
Israel Wells	unpaid
Christian Hartman	unpaid
Stephen Baldy	paid
G. H. Fowler & co.	paid
George Keichner	unpaid
Neal M'Gay	unpaid
Vanish Reese & co.	unpaid
Eves Kester & co.	unpaid
Hugh M'Williams	unpaid
Marshall Shoemaker & co.	unpaid
James & Hathrington	unpaid
John Lundy	unpaid
George Kaufman	paid
Coleman & Miller	unpaid
William & D. Fox	unpaid
William M. Auton	unpaid
Moses Moyer	unpaid
Joseph Sharpless	unpaid
Dengler & Wertman	unpaid
Russel P. Welliver	paid
Colt & Rishel	paid
O'Daniel's & co.	unpaid
Silas Allen	paid
George Stives	unpaid
Jonas Sperring	unpaid
Moses May	unpaid

L. B. RUPERT, Treas'r. Bloomsburg, Nov. 5, 1842—28.

VALUABLE FARM AT PUBLIC SALE.

TO be sold at public sale, on the premises, on the 10th day of December, 1842, that valuable and well improved farm, situated near Jerseytown, Madison township, Columbia county, adjoining lands of Jacob Zeisloft, John Heller; and others the property of John Vastine, dec'd. containing about

150 ACRES.

About one hundred acres cleared land, a large quantity of

GOOD MADOW

well watered, a good Orchard, and in a good state of cultivation—the buildings are

A Frame

DWELLING HOUSE.

A Frame Barn.

Stone Springhouse.

The uncleared land well timbered.

ALSO

Another tract, situated in the same township, adjoining, containing upwards of

FORTY ACRES,

part of which is cleared, the balance being uncleared land.

Timber Land,

Adjoining lands of Wm. Welliver, and Powell & co.

ALSO

A certain tract of timber land situated in the same township, containing

21 ACRES

And Ninety-nine perche.

Adjoining lands of Peter Heller, Daniel Snyder and others.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M. when terms of sale will be made known. Persons desirous of getting information relative to either of the above named tracts, can obtain the same by calling on ROBERT CAMPBELL, who resides on the farm.

WM. VASTINE, AMOS VASTINE, HUGH VASTINE, Executors.

October, 31, 1842. 27—1f.