

From the West Chester Republican.

National Convention and State Conventions.—In our last number we expressed our approbation of the Tennessee proposition that the Democratic National Convention for nominating candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, be held in November, 1843; and we also suggested the policy and propriety of holding a State Convention in this state on the 4th of July next, for the purpose of appointing delegates to the National Convention. We still incline to adhere to the views then expressed, notwithstanding several of our Editorial brethren whom we highly respect have advanced a different opinion.

As regards the time for holding our National Convention, there is not, as has been intimated in some papers, any established Democratic usage; for the Convention which nominated our Presidential Candidate for 1836 was held in May 1835, while that which nominated the candidate for 1840, was held in May of that year.—The latter Convention was in fact but a mere formality, for it was universally conceded Mr. Van Buren would and ought to be nominated; the former Convention, however, was not of such a characteristic character; claims and qualifications were to be subjected to the ordeal of public scrutiny, and, therefore we presume, was held at a time sufficiently preceding the election, or that purpose. Hence the usage of the party, so far as there can be said to be usage of the subject, is certainly against May, 1844.

But, a National Convention in November, is more desirable on many accounts, than in May; and principally because the delegates to it will be more likely to come direct from the ranks of the people, and be the true representatives of the popular voice; whereas a convention in May, and especially in the May immediately preceding the Presidential election, would be more or less affected by the influence of Congress politicians, and the Delegates to it, being chosen, in many of the states, at the places where, and whilst the legislatures are in session, would be selected more or less under the influence of the politicians in those legislatures, and at the several seats of Government.

For these reasons, together with those suggested last week, and others which might be urged if we had space, we shall continue to advocate a Democratic National Convention in November, 1843, and a Democratic State Convention on the 4th of July next, as being calculated to promote the harmony and success of the party, both in the Union and in this State.

Most Horrible.—We find the following narrative in the Cincinnati Sun of Tuesday last. Can it be true? We can scarcely regard it any other light than as a horrible fiction.—*Baltimore Sun.*

It has been a matter of considerable inquiry with the priests of the day, whether the spirit of God or the devil was uppermost in the world; but generally conceded that the latter took the lead.—In the following instance, we shudder at the depravity of the human heart—wonder at its hardness, and sigh over its obduracy. Some three years since a family of the first standing in our city was called to mourn the loss of a father, who had toiled to amass a fortune for his wife and children.—Scarcely had he been laid in the grave, when a plan was fixed upon by the children two sons and a daughter, too horrible to think of, yet too true to slumber, to abduct the mother who stood between them and the property of the dead father. Accordingly, the mother was prevailed upon to go to the country, where some relation resided. The journey was commenced; but on the same evening, the old lady was returned to this city, secretly taken to the garret of their family mansion, and confined in a room where no eye could reach her but that of the daughter, the usurper of her mother's rights. Here in solitude, the old woman lay, with just food sufficient to keep her live, beyond the reach of friends, a muzzle on her mouth to keep her from crying aloud for help.

A story was raised some few weeks after, that the old lady had died in the country—mourning was put on by the sister and two brothers, as well as the relations, who actually supposed that the old lady and lawful owner of the property was dead and in her grave.

Two years rolled away and the daughter and sons are in quiet possession of their ill gotten wealth, when a circumstance transpired shocking to relate. A person employed about the premises, who had often heard or surmised he heard, away in the farthest part of the upper garret, moaning so low, indeed, as to be scarcely thought earthly—about two months ago heard the groans more distinctly than ever, and became convinced that foul play had been used upon some body. He watched till well assured that in the dark and ghostly rooms of this garret, a human form was suffering the pains of confinement and villainy. He aroused the household, the guilty daughter being absent, rushed to the spot with a light burst open the door, and there beheld the miserable form of the poor old woman in the last agony of death! What a sight! No pen can describe the scene. Language fails to give an adequate view of such a spectacle.

On the return of the daughter her husband and friends, by bribery and threats, succeeded in quelling the noise just bursting forth, and had the body secretly buried, and these devils incarnate now stand up in the

first society in this very city as pure and healthy patterns of all that is good and virtuous. Steps are soon to be taken we learn to investigate this foul affair, and bring those concerned in it to justice.

Joe Smith, the Mormon, grows more audacious and impious with the apparent immunity from arrest, which he enjoys. He preached at Nauvoo on a recent Sunday to an immense concourse of his "brethren." He said in one of his late discourses that Governor Carlin was afraid he (Smith) wanted to be Governor, but no fears need be entertained on that point as he considered himself even now in a better situation than he would be if he was Governor or President being Lieutenant General for time, and prophet for eternity, either of which he considered preferable to being Governor or President.

Bankrupt in Kentucky.—The whole number who had applied up to 1st October, for the benefit of the bankrupt act in Kentucky was 1270. The highest individual indebtedness was \$610,000; next highest, \$352,000; several of near 200,000; a great number from \$20,000 to \$100,000; and some down as low as \$70 000. The assets surrendered up amount to about a million of dollars, while the debt liquidated by these amount ten to millions!

An Attached Friend.—A correspondent of the Richmond Whig stated that a gentleman by the name of Blanch, left Cairns, in Cumberland county, for Missouri, and carried with him a hound dog. Soon after Mr. B. reached Missouri; he died; and (strange to tell) the dog left Missouri, and reached Cairns some short time past, in search of his master the distance being one thousand miles or more.

A western editor, giving a description of a storm, says: 'It is utterly impossible to describe the scene presented to the eye of the beholder in the vicinity of the dwelling destroyed. We saw as many as four hogs killed by the timbers.'

A man came 300 miles, from New Hampshire, for the express purpose of witnessing the execution of Colt; The officers very properly refused to gratify his brutal appetite, and refused him permission to enter.

'You are always in a bustle Kate,' said a mother to her daughter. 'It's the fashion Ma.'

An Erie, paper states that Mr. John Evans of Millcreek, raised the present season, on less than an acre of ground, eight hundred and fourteen bushels of the sugar beet.

In a circuit of three miles around the Southern part of Bergen township, Hudson county, N. Jersey, there are 77½ acres of cabbages, containing 600,000 heads.

An eel measuring 3 feet 7 inches in length, was speared at Northumberland, Pa. last week, by Mr. Thomas Gaskins.—It measured nine and a half inches round the body.

A young lady named Mary Ann, recently went to a ball with a bladder tightly blown up for a bustle. A gentleman accidentally ran against her and burst the bladder, restoring her chaotic form in its usual proportions. The report was heard all over the town.

STARS.

A child pointing on a fine frosty evening to the stars, said with great simplicity, 'Aunt, what are these? are they little gimblet holes to let the glory through?'

There is a man in Buckingham County, Va. who has a wife who weighs 370 pounds!—*Thunder.*

MENTAL.

MARRIED.—In Danville, on Monday the 21st ult; by Wm. Kitchen, Esq. Mr. JOHN HOWER, of Danville to Miss DEBORAH WARD, of Rush township, Northumberland county.

On Sunday, the 13th ult; by Joseph Brobst, Esq; Mr. PRTER MUNGESSER, to MARY ANN KLINGMAN, all of Millin township, Columbia county.

OBITUARY.

DIED.—In Danville, on the 22th ult., JAMES HUGHES, aged about 11 years—son of Mrs; Elizabeth Brown, widow of the late Silas H; Brown, formerly of this place,

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.

TAILORING.

CHARLES KAHLER, thankful for past favors respectfully announces to his numerous friends, and the public generally, that he still continues to carry on the above business in all its various branches, at his old stand on the corner of Maine & East streets, where he hopes by his long experience in business, that he is prepared to attend and execute all orders in his line of business, with the utmost punctuality and workmanlike manner, as cannot fail to render satisfaction to all those who may favor him with a call. Particular attention paid to cutting, and good fits warranted.

N. B. All kinds of country produce taken in exchange for work, and cash will not be refused.

Bloomburg, Dec. 3, 1842.—32.

NOTICE.

I hereby give, that we have this day bought at Constable sale, the property of Isaac Bass, the following property, to wit:—one red Roan Mare, one set of harness and Collars, one Sled, twenty-seven acres of Rye on the ground, three acres of Wheat on the ground, one Plough, and one Harrow, and have left the same in the possession of the said Bass, during our pleasure, and forbid any person taking them from him, either by purchase or otherwise, without our consent.

E. & J. LAZARUS.
Orangeville, Nov. 28, 1842.

NOTICE

I hereby give, that I have bought, on the 10th day of Nov. last, at Constable sale, the following property of Charles Albright, to wit: one white & brown Cow, and one red & white Cow, and have left the said property in possession of the said Albright, during my pleasure, and forbid any person taking them from him, either by purchase or otherwise, without my consent.

SAMUEL LAZARUS.
Monteur tp. Dec. 3, 1842.

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. 29, 1842.—27—6w.

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 acknowledgements, 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 professions 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, 3 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, Postmasters 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. 12, 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; Battines; 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 laine; Challies; 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, Sheet 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.
Bloomburg, Nov. 19, 1842. 30—6f.

LECTURES ON ENGLISH GRAMMAR

THE undersigned proposes delivering a course of lectures on E. Grammar; consisting of 30 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 Bloomburg, or the subscriber, in order to commence as early as possible.

JOSEPH L. BILES.
Bloomburg, Nov. 19, 1842.—30.

\$5 REWARD.

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

POCKET BOOK.

containing about \$35 in bank notes.—One five on the Miners 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 supersede 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.
Bloomburg Oct. 29, 1842.

LIST OF RETAILERS

The following is a list of the wholesale and retail dealers of Foreign Merchandise in the county of Columbia. Classified 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'Brice	paid
John C. Griet	paid
Leib & Trego	paid
E. & C. Reynolds	paid
J. & J. Bowman & co.	paid

THIRTEENTH CLASS.	
Daniel L. Schmick	unpaid
Ruppert & Barton	unpaid
George Weaver	unpaid
Cyrus Barton	unpaid
Robert B. Sproul & co.	unpaid
James Davidson & co.	unpaid
Andrew & Peter Miller	paid
C. A. & C. G. Brobst	paid
Shuman & Rittenhouse	unpaid
Levers & Nagle	paid
Grim, Derr & Dye	unpaid
Robert M'Gay	unpaid
Masters & Mather	unpaid
Samuel Hochenberg	unpaid
Eleszer Brothwell	unpaid
Nathan Snyder	paid
Brown & Creamy	unpaid
George Shuman	paid
Levi Beisel	paid
George Kaufman	unpaid
Konover & Leibrick	unpaid
Ballist & M'Ninch	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 Kelchner	unpaid
Neal M'Gay	unpaid
Vaniah Reese & co.	unpaid
Eves Kester & co.	unpaid
Hugh M'Williams	unpaid
Marshall Shoemaker & co.	unpaid
James & Bethington	unpaid
John Lundy	unpaid
George Kaufman	paid
Coleman & Miller	unpaid
William & D. Fox	unpaid
William M. Auton	unpaid
Moses Meyer	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, Treasr.
Bloomburg, 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 Helles, and others the property of John Vastine, dec'd. containing about

150 ACRES.

About one hundred acres cleared land, a large quantity of

GOOD WOOD

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

A Frame

DWELLING HOUSE

A Frame Barn.

and a

Stone Springhouse.

The unclesed 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 wood land

Timber Land,

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

ALSO

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

21 ACRES

And Ninety-nine perche.

Adjoining lands of Peter Helles, 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—6f.