

WAR DEPARTMENT REPORT.

Mr. Spencer has made a report this year, in length almost unequalled. We cannot pretend to more than give an abstract of its most important facts and suggestions, crowded as are our columns with various and interesting intelligence.

A close reduction has been made in the numbers of the army and its expenses. The number of troops at present is 9847. The law of the last session prescribed a gradual reduction to the minimum of 3020, and by the beginning of 1843 this point will be reached. It is confidently believed that the present military establishment of the country may be kept up at a charge of \$3,100,000, and the estimates are to that amount. The abolition of offices required by the act above referred to have been effected as far as that act gave authority.

Attention is again invoked, in the report, to the dishonored pledge given by the Quarter-master General, to the Creek Indians, for the remuneration of their services in Florida, and as a consideration for their removal. An act is asked to enable the department to clear the maze of the accounts of Indian Disbursing agents—similar to that of 1831, which will authorize transfers of appropriations without actually drawing a dollar from the Treasury.

It appears that 85,124 Indians have been removed to the regions west of the Mississippi, and of the same numerous tribes east of that river, less than 25,000 souls remain. The greater portion of these are under treaty obligations to remove within a few years. The time has arrived when we should turn our attention to devising some form of government may secure peace and order among these sons of the forest, and protection against others. The report here enters largely into the necessity and duty of the U. S. government to provide for the moral and intellectual improvement of the great number who have become directly dependant on the United States by their removal.

The number of penitents on the roll is 25,035, less by 1496 than at the date of the last report; 350 claims on account of revolutionary services, have been presented within the year, and that 22 warrants have been issued for 4,250 acres of land; 416 for services in the last war with Great Britain have been presented within the same time, and that 65 warrants have been issued for 10,720 acres of land.

The report of the Ordnance Bureau is satisfactory, and it said that the system pursued will soon provide munitions of war commensurate to our wants. A national foundry on a limited scale is suggested, where iron may be tested, and models for ordnance fabricated. Some legislative provision is needed in reference to the lead mines and mineral lands, on account of difficulties between claimants of the lands, and those engaged in mining and holding by lease from the government. It is recommended that the reserved mineral lands in the north part of Illinois and the Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa be allowed to be sold in lots of ten acres each, at a minimum price of ten dollars per acre.

Considerable progress has been made in the survey of the north-western lakes, and preparations for its continuance the next season have been made, which will enable those in charge of the work to accomplish more than was practicable during the last year. The surveys for the defences of Soller's Bay, and of Delaware Breakwater harbor are completed. Those for the defence of Sandy Hook, and the harbor and town of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, are in execution, as will as military reconnaissance of the peninsula of Maryland, south of the city. An expensive and very thorough reconnaissance of the defence of N. Orleans, embracing a large extent of territory, has been completed. The Red River raft has been removed. The appropriation of \$100,000, made at the last session of Congress for the improvement of certain rivers is said to be entirely inadequate, and will be money thrown away unless increased.

A survey of the country north of the Missouri having been completed, it is intended to cause a similar survey of the country south of that river, embracing the approaches to the Rocky Mountains, their several passes, and gradually the regions between them and our possessions on the Pacific. Attention is again invited to the great importance of establishing a chain of military posts extending from the Council bluffs to the mouth of the Columbia River; of which a plan and estimate of the expense was laid before the Military Committee of last session.

The condition and utility of the West Point School are warmly commended. The reports of the several bureaux of the department are spoken of universally as favorably and the suggestions which Mr. Spencer has based on them, would, if carried out in all their details, occupy the whole attention of Congress for the session.—(Sat. Post.)

THE POST OFFICE REPORT. From the Postmaster General's annual document we get the following facts:—There are 13,733 Postmasters and Clerks; 2343 Contractors and Agents; and the transportation during the year, covers a distance of 24,835,991 miles. The whole amount of mail transportation for the year ending June 30th, 1841, was 34,906,555 miles, at a contract cost of \$3,159,375. The whole amount of transportation for the year ending June 30th, 1842, was 31,835,991 miles, at a contract cost of \$3,097,706.

The amount of expenditures of the Department for the year ending June, 1842, was estimated, in the report of December last, at \$4,490,000. The revenue to be derived from postage, &c. in the same report, was estimated at \$4,380,000. The amount estimated for the expenditure did not include the sums due by the department prior to the 31st March, 1841. Thus exhibiting a probable liability of \$110,000, beyond its estimated current receipts of that year.

The gross expenditures of the Department for the year, ending 30th June, 1842, so far as they have been audited and paid, are \$4,627,719 63—exceeding the amount derived from postage, during the same year, \$81,470.49. The amount of expenditure for the current Fiscal year, for the service of this Department, may be stated by way of estimate, in round numbers, at \$4,390,000.

This estimate does not include the probably expense of the new routes established by Congress at the last session, none of which, have yet been put in operation. The probably costs of these routes per year will be \$130,000, making the whole estimate expense \$4,520,000.

The cost of rail road transportation, for the last year stands at \$432,568. The whole length of rail road in the United States is 149,752 miles; costing \$3,067,796. Of this length of rail road, only 3091 miles is rail road transportation, at a cost of \$532,568. Only one forty-eighth part of the whole number of miles costing one-seventh part of the gross sum.—(Sat. Post.)

Mutiny on Board the U. S. Brig Somers—One Midshipman and two other officers hung.

From the New York papers of Saturday we learn the particulars of a horrible transaction on board the U. S. brig of war Somers Capt. McKenzie, which arrived at N. York on Wednesday last, from the Coast of Africa, where she had been cruising for some months, in order to protect American merchant vessels from the interruption of British cruisers searching for slaves. The Somers left Liberia on the 11th of November, and touched at St. Thomas on her voyage hither. She left St. Thomas on the 6th of December, and on that day the captain observed disorderly movements among the crew, which excited his suspicions of intended mutiny. He saw nothing definite, however, or sufficient to warrant the arrest of any. He contented himself therefore, with ordering all his officers to wear side arms, and proceeded on his voyage.

They had been out but two days when some of the crew informed him of the existence of a plot on board, which was immediately to be put in execution. The plan was to murder the Captain, the higher officers and all others who would not join them—to seize the vessel and convert her into a pirate ship. She is one of the swiftest sailers in the service, and it was thus supposed that she would be most completely fitted for the purposes to which they designed she should be applied. They intended first to watch for some one of the Liverpool packets—expected to bring out a large quantity of specie—to seize upon and plunder her and then sail for some more remote portion of the sea. This information was given to the Captain by one of those who had been originally engaged in the plot, but had subsequently repented and betrayed their murderous designs.

This was on the 7th of December. The Captain immediately ordered all hands on deck, and ordered those of the crew who were opposed to him to go upon the forward deck. Passed Midshipman Spencer son of John C. Spencer; our Secretary of War, the Boatwain's Mate and the Master at Arms, immediately led the way, and were followed by thirteen apprentices, and about sixty of the crew. They arrayed themselves upon the forward deck, without doubt supposing that they would be followed by a great proportion of the crew. Captain McKenzie instantly ordered them to be put in irons. They were shackled and securely confined.

In the evening a Court Martial was summoned, Spencer and his two companions, as the three ring-leaders, were tried, convicted and sentenced, and the next morning were hung at the yard arm. The rest were brought into this port, where they are still kept in shackles and close confinement.

The Spencer family has been attended with a sad fatality. We hear that one of the sons of the Secretary of War is now in Sing Sing; another has fled to Texas, after forging his father's name; the third has lost his life in one of the vessels of his country, not on deck, like a brave seaman, but at the yard arm, like a felon!

Spencer was about nineteen years of age, and received his warrant as a midshipman on the 20th of November last. Like his brother, who figured in the papers so largely for his misconduct some months ago, he has been a sad fellow from his boyhood.

The unhappy young man was last year attached to the Brazilian squadron. Having upon that station committed some offences for which he was arrested and would doubtless have been cashiered; the affair was compromised by sending him home, under a pledge that upon his arrival in the United States he would immediately resign. This pledge was not kept—and being in commission, he was ordered to the Somers

on board of which his brief and sad career has been ended under the circumstances already related.

Rhode Island.—The trial of Colonel Cooley, charged with Treason, for acting as a Representative of the city of Providence in the People's legislature, (so called) on the 3d and 4th May last, came on on Wednesday, the 7th inst. before the Supreme Court de facto.

The Court after objection and argument, permitted the following unusual question to be put to every Juror.—Do you recognize the existing Government of this State as the lawful Government thereof?

The trial occupied three days; the Government pressed hard for conviction—proved Cooley to be a traitor but the jury could not agree. They stood seven for conviction, and five for acquittal. The authorities of Rhode Island, whether legal or illegal, will do well by abandoning all these prosecutions.

The One Man Power.—In the town of Windsor, Mass. the Whigs elected their candidate to the Legislature, in 1840, by a majority of one. In 1841, the Democrats elected their candidate, by a majority of one. And in 1842, the Whigs have again elected their candidate by a majority of one.

Good beef was recently sold at Cincinnati, by the quantity, at three quarters of a cent per pound.

EYEWITNESS.

MARRIED.—On Tuesday the 13th inst. by the Rev. G. Berkstresser, Mr. JOSEPH E. BARKLEY, of Bloomsburg, to Miss JULIA A. daughter of Mr. Samuel Melick, of Bloom township.

Dec. 12th, in Madison, by Elder John Sutton, Mr. STEPHEN HENRY to Miss MARGARET PIATT.

Public Sale.

IN pursuance of an order of the Orphan's Court of Columbia County, on Thursday the 12th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, William J. Ickler, Administrator, &c. of Jacob Aie, late of Mount Pleasant township in said county, deceased, will expose to Sale by Public Vendue, upon the premises,

40 ACRES,

of the north end of a certain tract of land situate in Mount Pleasant Township, adjoining Daniel Force, Daniel McCarty, Edward Lawrence, and William Ickler containing

98 Acres,

and about FORTY FOUR ACRES, of cleared land on the premises, but no buildings, late the estate of said deceased, situate in the township of Mount Pleasant, and county aforesaid. JACOB EYERLY Clerk. Danville, Dec. 21th 1842.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of a writ of test, &c. to me directed will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House in Danville, on Saturday, Dec. 21st 1842, at 10 o'clock A. M.

A certain Lot of Ground situate in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia co. containing Twelve acres, and 2 acres, more or less, adjoining lands of Mathias Shipman, Daniel Stetler, John Stetler, Isaac White, John Melock and Samuel Oman, on which is erected a

LOG HOUSE AND FRAME BARN.

Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Elisha B. Stetler.

JOHN FRUIT, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Danville, Dec. 24, 1842.

SESSION REPORTER.

The Pennsylvania Reporter, is published at Harrisburg Penna. on every Tuesday and Friday during the session of the Legislature, and once a week during the remainder of the year.

The terms are—For one year THREE DOLLARS. For the session TWO DOLLARS.

Arrangements for a full and impartial report of the proceedings of both Houses of Assembly, have been made. The character of the paper as a faithful chronicle of the doings of the legislature, shall not suffer deterioration while in our charge.

We do not consider it necessary to enter into a detail of the political doctrines we advocate. All the energies of the paper since its establishment in 1827, have been directed to the advancement of the pure principles of DEMOCRACY, and to their permanent ascendancy in every department of the government. The paper has been sustained by the liberal patronage of kind friends, and we trust it will not lose their countenance and support or that of the democracy of the state, in our course—the future of which shall be a reflection of the past.

JOHN H. DIMOCK & CO. Any person who will procure five session subscribers, and forward us ten dollars, shall receive the Reporter gratis, for one year. Harrisburg, Dec. 10, 1842.

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. Bloomsburg, Dec. 3, 1842.—32.

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 D. BILES. Bloomsburg, Nov. 19, 1842.—30.

NOTICE.

IS hereby given, that we have this day bought at Constable sale, as the property of Isaac Buss, the following property, to wit:—one red Roane 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 one two horse Waggon and have left the same in the possession of the said Buss, 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.

IS hereby given to all persons, that I have purchased at Constable sale, as the property of Harman Lemon, one brass mantle clock, one show, and one acre of wheat in the ground, and have left the same in his possession during my pleasure.

JAMES R. LEMON. Dec. 9, 1742. 33

NOTICE.

IS hereby given, that I have purchased as the property of William Faux, one mantle clock for \$3.25, one cornet cupboard \$3.62, one wash stand \$1.00, one book case \$5.00, one cooking stove \$5.00, one sleigh \$10.25, two sets of harness \$6.00, one lot of lumber 1.00, one bureau \$5.00, and have left the same in his possession during my pleasure, and hereby caution all persons not to take it from him either by purchase or otherwise without my consent.

GEORGE L. KLIN. Dec. 8, 1842. 34

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the Honorable ESTES LEWIS, President of the Court 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 1st day of Dec. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, 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 January next, (being the 16th day) and to continue two weeks.

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 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, with their records, inquisitions and other remembrances, to 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 16th day of Dec. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and in the 67 year of the Independence of the United States of America.

JOHN FRUIT Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Danville, Dec. 16 1842.

Stone Coal.

100 TONS Superior Quality Coal for sale at Egyptown, Term's Cash. S. A. WORMAN.

NOTICE.

IS hereby given, that we have this day bought at Constable sale, as the property of Elias Smith and two horse Waggon, one pair Hay Loaders, one Log Chain, two Grey Hares, two sets Harness Collars and Bridles, one single line, one pair Check Lines four Trace Chains, one Log Sled, three Hogs, one Cow, one Plough and Doubletree, seven Geese, one Wind Mill, one iron Scoop Shovel, one Mantle Clock, ten bushels Potatoes, one straw Box and Knife, fifteen Harrow teeth, two thirds of six Acres of Wheat, two thirds of seven Acres of Rye, and have left the same in the possession of the said Smith, during our pleasure, and forbid any person, taking them from him either by purchase, or otherwise, without our consent.

WM. McKEILY & Co. Dec. 13, 1842.

COLUMBIA COUNTY TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

WILL hold its annual meeting on Thursday, the 5th day of January, 1843, at 12 o'clock M. in the town of Cattawissa. It is hoped that all the auxiliary societies will send up full numbers of Delegates with full reports of their doings and all the interesting information they can gather in relation to the subject; and all societies who have hitherto not become auxiliary to the County Society, and any new societies that have been formed within the past year, are cordially invited to send Delegates with a copy of their Constitution and a list of their members, and unite themselves to our society. All friendly in the cause are invited to attend. The Delegates are respectfully requested to come prepared, if possible, to remain until the next day, so that the society may have full time to have all the reports and have a full discussion of the subject.

JOHN C. GRIER, Pres't. A. W. Legburn, Secy's. James McMahan, Secy's. Dec. 17, 1843.

N. B. All newspapers friendly to the cause in the County, are respectfully requested to copy this notice.

NOTICE.

IS HEREBY GIVEN.

TO all legatees, creditors and other persons interested in the estates of the respective decedents and minors, that the administration accounts of the said estates have been filed in the Office of the Register of the county of Columbia, and will be presented for confirmation and allowance to the Orphan's Court, to be held at Danville, in and for the county aforesaid on Monday the 16th day of January next at 2 o'clock P. M.

1. The account of Joseph Brobst Executor of the last will and testament of Lawrence Christ late of Cattawissa township, dec'd. 2. The account of Benjamin Beaber, guardian of the minor children of Joseph C. Cleaver late of Cattawissa township, dec'd.

CHARLES CONNER, Register. Register's Office, Danville, December 15, 1842.

NOTICE.

IS hereby given, to all concerned, that we have this day purchased, at Constable sale, as the property of James Girton, two thirds of 23 acres of land in the ground, 2 1/2 acres of new ground Wheat one Mantle Clock, one Dining Table, one Bed & Bedding, one Iron Kettle, one Weaving Loom, one Plough, one Harrow, one Sled, one Black Cow, one Cutting Box, one set of single Harness, one set of Harness, one lot of Geers, one Strap of Bells, one lot of Hay, one lot of Oats, one swarm of Bees, one Grind Stone, two lots of Potatoes in the hole one Cradle and Scythe, one Grass Scythe, one yoke of Oxen, and have left the same in his possession during our pleasure, and all persons are cautioned from purchasing or, otherwise taking them from him without our consent.

JACOB L. GIRTON, PETER LEIDY. Dec. 13, 1842.

NOTICE.

IS hereby given to all concerned, that we have purchased of Peter R. Miller, two bay horses, one black horse, one two horse waggon, and harness for three horses, three cows, three yearling steers, two yearling heifers, two fast spring calves, nineteen sheep, two ploughs, one harrow, one sled, one windmill, one half of forty acres of wheat on the ground, 200 dozen sheaves of wheat in the barn, seventy-five bushels of corn in the crib, one stove, one clock, and have left the same in his possession during our pleasure, and forbid any person taking them from him, either by purchase or otherwise, without our consent.

AARON BOON, FREDERIC SHAFER. Bloom township, Dec. 9, 1842.

NOTICE.

IS hereby given to all concerned, that I have purchased at constable sale, as the property of Arthur Hardy, one Horse, one Sleigh, one set of Harness, cutting Box, one coal Stove, and a writing Desk, and have left the same in his possession during my pleasure, and caution all persons against taking them from him without my consent.

FREDERICK DREHER. Dec. 17, 1842.

NOTICE.

IS hereby given, 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. Montour tp. Dec. 3, 1842.

THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM WELLSER, 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. Wells, 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 WELLSER, RICHARD DEMOTT. Jerseytown, Oct. 29, 1842.—27—9w.