

truly, that it must have passed directly through the heart, and the blood which had gushed from the wound, had already saturated the clothes through, and through, and formed a small pool in the road.

'Harry Blake,' said the old man, as he drew the knife from the wound, 'this is a fearful deed, and the punishment is equally dreadful. You know that I am a magistrate and must discharge my duty.'

'And will you send me to prison on such a charge as that repeated Blake bitterly.'

The old man was silent. 'Did you ever know me to lie, Caleb?' said he.

'Never, Harry, never!' 'And do you think I'd lie now?'

'I don't know,' replied Grayson, 'I never before saw you when there was so great a risk hanging over you. Oh! Harry Harry!' continued he, clasping his hands together and looking at the young man, with an expression in which terror and sorrow were strongly blended, 'I had rather meet any than you, here. It will make many a sad heart in this neighborhood. Why did you not promise what Adams asked for, rather, why did you leave us then?'

Blake shook his head, as he answered: 'Caleb, what can I say more than I have! If I repeat what I have just told you, you will not believe me. I was coming along this road, heard the screams of this man; galloped to the spot, and found him dead with a knife in his breast. I got off my horse to see what could be done for him, and was drawing out the knife when you came up. Had you been two minutes sooner; and I one minute later, I should have made the same charge against you, which you now make against me.'

'But the cry—the words, 'Mercy—mercy, Harry!' He uttered your name.'

'He did indeed,' replied Blake, 'he did indeed, I heard it myself. But he did not say Harry Blake. Harry, you know, is not an unusual name.'

'It may be—it may be,' said Grayson, 'but still we must deliver you up; and if you are innocent, God grant that you may prove yourself to, but unless my eyes deceive me, I saw you stab that man.'

'If that is your belief, God help me!' said Blake, solemnly, 'for you must be a witness against me. If I am charged with murder, such a fact sworn to would hang me. But you have not even looked for another murderer than me. He may be hid somewhere about here. Search in the bushes, and you may find him yet. I'll not stir.'

With a strange reliance on the word of the man who asserted his innocence, they left him, and commenced a search along the road. And there stood the culprit motionless—making no attempt at escape, and watching them with an earnestness, only accounted for by the fact that on their success his life depended. At a short distance from the spot, and in a part of the bank, on the roadside, where Blake said that he had not been, there was a footprint. It was indistinct, but as far as could be judged, when compared with Blake's foot, it coincided in size and form. A little further on was another, and also the marks of a struggle in the road. Here, too, were the same foot-prints; and these, too, in dimensions, corresponded with the foot of Blake.

'It's singularly like mine,' said Blake, placing his foot on the track.

'It had ought to be,' said Walton gravely, 'unless your foot has altered its shape, within the last five minutes.'

Blake made no reply to this insinuation, but stood looking with an expression of deep trouble at the foot-print. In the meantime, the others continued their search up and down the road, and in the bushes. The marks of the struggle were numerous; but there was no trace of a murderer, other than Harry Blake. At last they both came out and stood in the road.

'Do you find nothing?' inquired Blake earnestly.

Grayson shook his head, as he said: 'I didn't expect to; but you wished me to look, Harry, and I had a hard duty to perform; and so I thought I'd humer you out. I knew it was useless.'

'Well, well,' said Blake, 'everything is sadly against me. You must do your duty. I am your prisoner. But, said he, seeing them moving to where horses were, what do you intend to do with that?' And he pointed to the dead body.

'Catch me a touching it!' said Walton, 'I'd choose to pull the knife out of him. I wouldn't ha' done it. It's the crowner's business, that is. We'll send him here, me, Harry. It isn't our fault—but you at come, you know?'

Blake, without further remark, mounted his horse; and waiting until they were also there, they rode off in company, taking direction to the residence of the nearest magistrate, where, in due form Harry Blake delivered over to the mercy of the law, arrangements were made for the removal of the body of Wickliffe.

To be Continued.

making up.—A sale has lately been made of the pine timber, growing upon a tract of about 150 acres, in Waterford county, Maine, for ten thousand five hundred dollars, and those who are familiar with the business say that the masses, at the present depressed price of lumber, will make five thousand dollars per acre.

## DEMOCRAT.

"TRUTH WITHOUT FEAR"

### BLOOMSBURG:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1842.

FOR PRESIDENT,  
**JAMES BUCHANAN.**  
(Subject to the decision of a National Convention.)

WANTED.  
A FEW BUSHELS OF  
WHEAT, CORN, OATS, BUCKWHEAT  
AND POTATOES;  
In payment for papers at this Office.

### REMOVAL CONVENTION.

The friends of Removal, in the several election districts in the county of Columbia are requested to elect two or more delegates in each district, to represent them in a County Convention to be held at the house of Charles Doebler in Bloomsburg, on Saturday the 7th day of January, 1843, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of making such arrangements as may be thought expedient, to press the Removal question in the Legislature, at the coming session.

JOHN KNORR  
MICHAEL R. HOWER  
M. FORNWALD  
SAMUEL KISNER  
CHRISTIAN BROBST  
ANDREW IKELER  
JOHN F. MANN  
JOHN F. DERR  
STEPHEN BALDY  
THOMAS FUNSTON  
CHARLES F. MANN  
ABRAHAM YOUNG  
CONRAD BREDBENDER  
CALEB THOMAS  
THO'S. MENDENHALL  
JACOB SWEINHEISER  
THOMAS J. HUTCHISON  
CHRISTIAN WOLF  
JOHN LAZARUS  
JOHN KELLER  
JOHN ACHENBACH  
ISAIAH SALMON  
ISAAC KLINE  
DANIEL FORNWALD  
JOHN DIETERICH  
GEORGE W. MORRIS  
WM. ROBISON  
IRAM DERR  
JOHN FREISE  
JOHN M'REYNOLDS.

### DEMOCRATIC COUNTY MEETING.

The democratic citizens of Columbia county are hereby requested to meet, in County Meeting, at the house of C. DOEBLER, in BLOOMSBURG, on

Saturday the 31st day of December, inst. at one o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of expressing their views in relation to the candidate for the next Presidency, and of the expediency of appointing delegates to the state convention to be held at Harrisburg, on the 8th of January next.

DANIEL FORNWALD,  
STEPHEN BALDY,  
CHARLES KAHLER,  
CHARLES F. MANN.

Democratic Standing Committee of Columbia county.  
Dec. 16, 1842.

The State Convention which is to assemble at Harrisburg, on the 8th of January, will be very fully represented, as almost every county in the state, has appointed delegates. We remark one fact, that in almost every county, the meetings for the appointment of delegates, have been called of the whole democratic party. This speaks volumes in regard to the demography of Pennsylvania being in favor of Buchanan, as their first choice for the Presidency.

No official account of the late mutiny case has yet been published, and it is thought none will be, until it comes through a court of enquiry, which is said to have been ordered upon Lt. M'Kenzie, the commandant of the Somers, at the time of the mutiny, and by whose orders young Spencer and the others were executed. It is useless therefore, to publish the various flying accounts as it is impossible to arrive at any thing like the truth from them.

CONGRESS.  
Bills have been introduced to both houses repealing the Bankrupt Law. Judging from the votes taken upon the question, we are inclined to believe that it will be repealed. The house has been principally engaged for several days past, upon the appropriation bill.

The Legislature meets at Harrisburg, on Tuesday next; the 3d day of January.

The Editor of the Clearfield Banner, one of the most consistent democratic newspapers in the state, thus gracefully bows to the will of his party in relation to the next Presidency, as it was expressed at their county meeting.

Our Flag.—By a peep at our mast head it will be observed that we have hauled down the flag of that good old chief Col. JOHNSON, and placed in his stead the name of Pennsylvania's boast, the Hon. JAMES BUCHANAN. In doing so, our opinion of the old hero has undergone no change—it is the same it ever was. But we hold that the wish of the majority, should always be yielded to by the minority of the same party in the choice of their candidates—therefore, as the demography of our county have spoken their decided preference for Mr. Buchanan we will cheerfully go with them; for this is no time for the Keystone Democracy to be divided. So far as our paper is the organ of any party, it is the organ of the democratic party of Clearfield county—and so far as that democracy made known their sentiment, so far shall our paper act as a channel to convey those sentiments abroad.

We were not present at the late meeting until near its close, and know nothing about its organization, &c. only from hearsay—from which we shall make no comment. It was an orderly, quiet and creditable meeting.

Pennsylvania will undoubtedly give her vote to Pennsylvania. It is right that she should do so; and we shall do nothing to prevent such an event. But at the same time we cannot think the American people sufficiently grateful if they would refuse Col. Johnson a single honor as long as his head is hot.

That Bribe.—The Committee of Investigation upon the \$1000 bribe to the Sheriff of New York to refrain from hanging Colt, has been unable to come to any satisfactory conclusion. The man who brought the letter to the Sheriff's house was wrapped in a great coat, and came in a cab, but neither can be identified.

The Debt of Great Britain, in silver, would load 296,250 wagons, allowing each to carry 2,000 pounds, and allowing each team 30 feet, would form a line over 1,700 miles in length. If reduced to cents, it would load 8,897,500 wagons, and form a line twice round the globe.

United States Brig Somers.—A Court of Inquiry into the facts of the recent tragic occurrence on board of the Somers, has been ordered. It consists of Commodore Stewart, Jacob Jones, and A. J. Dallas.—Ogden Hoffman Esq. of New York is the Judge Advocate. The court will commence its sittings, on Board of the North Carolina, at Brooklyn, on Wednesday the 28th inst.

### SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

A meeting of the Democrats of this county, held in Orwigsbury, on the 12th inst. Hon. JACOB KEES in the chair, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Democracy of Schuylkill county pledges its faith to the nominee of a Democratic National Convention, let him be Buchanan, Johnson, Van Buren, Cass, or any other of the brilliant array of Democratic aspirants upon whom the choice may fall.

Resolved, That Charles Frailey, Esq. be our Representative Delegate, to represent Schuylkill county in the 8th of January Convention at Harrisburg, with instructions not to compromise the Democracy of this county in favor of any individual for the Presidency, but to abide the choice of a National Convention.

Resolved, That we will concur in the nomination of a Senatorial Delegate which the Democracy of Columbia county may make to represent our Senatorial district in said Convention.

Resolved, That our Senator and Representative in the State Legislature be, and they are hereby instructed to support and vote for the re-election of the Hon. James Buchanan to the Senate of the United States.

Resolved, That we are opposed to President Tyler's 'Exchequer' schemes, believing it to be only a National Bank, by another name, and that experience has renewed the assurance we have long entertained of the wisdom and efficacy of Mr. Van Buren Sub. Treasury plan, for the safe keeping and disbursement of the public money.

Resolved, That we have undiminished confidence in the integrity and patriotism of David R. Porter, our talented and excellent Chief Magistrate; and that the Democracy of Schuylkill county are ready to award him higher honors should an occasion offer.

Mr. Bagby, the Calhoun candidate, has been elected U. S. senator by the Alabama Legislature, over C. C. Clay.

More Defalcation.—The Savannah paper contain the report of the Select Committee appointed to investigate the condition of the Central Bank. The Republican speaking of the report, says:—'There is an acknowledged total deficit of assets to the enormous amount of \$1,334,000. We observe that there are \$363,318 of notes over due, and \$728,132 in attorney's hands. In the language of the report, the Bank is now left to its own resources would be utterly insolvent.' The Committee carries out the actual value of the assets of the Bank, \$1,408,449, against the pretended assets, \$3,561,351, as furnished by the directors.'

Singular Phenomenon.—The Indianapolis Sentinel of the 29th ult. announces the following occurrence, which parson Miller may very possibly consider the 'beginning of the end.'—'We are informed by a gentleman who has recently visited the place, that a subterranean fire has been raging in Putnam county for several weeks. It has extended under a space of some acres of ground, about 1 1/2 or 2 miles south of Manhattan, and the timber had commenced falling in every direction on the 'infected District.' Where the earth has fallen in, it has left openings through which smoke issues constantly. Various causes for the phenomenon are given; but the reasonable seems to be, that a vein of coal, with which the country abounds, has become ignited from some cause, perhaps lightning.'

### PENNSYLVANIA AND THE PRESIDENCY.

The Republican Farmer.—This sterling and ably conducted paper, the organ of the democracy of Luzerne county, has hitherto studiously avoided any agitation of the Presidential question, on the ground that its discussion was premature, and might lead to division and distraction in the ranks of our party. The last number, however, contains the following article, which we copy; as well on account of the correct sentiments it inculcates, as because we rejoice in the assurance it conveys that it speaks the views of 'nearly, if not quite, the entire democratic party of Luzerne county.'

We have been requested to give publicity an announcement, that a mass meeting of the friends of RICHARD M. JOHNSON, will be held at Harrisburg on the 8th of January ensuing. We do so as an item of political information. But we cannot omit the occasion to express our decided condemnation of the terms in which the call appears in some of the papers professing to advocate Col. Johnson's claims to the Presidency. They are improper in themselves—for they contain an implication for which we believe there is no foundation; they are injudicious—for they are calculated to offend many who, entertaining an honest preference for a citizen of their own State, are yet disposed to do justice to other candidates for nomination. Thus far, this journal has carefully avoided all interference in the questions so frequently presented to the public mind, relative to the candidate of the Democratic party for the Presidency—believing the agitation of the subject premature. But the fact cannot now be denied,—(and we do not know that we should be called upon to deny it if it were otherwise.) that a vast majority of the Democracy of Pennsylvania are favorable to the nomination of their own well tried and faithful citizen and co-laborer, JAMES BUCHANAN, for that station. They are actuated equally by a Pennsylvania feeling, honorable and just in itself, and admiration of an attachment to the object of their preference. They urge, and with much justice we think, that since Mr. BUCHANAN'S name has been extensively mentioned in that connection, Pennsylvania, on this first occasion of her presenting one of her sons to her sister States, should at least preserve an unbroken front, and give him her own unanimous vote on first ballot.

These remarks have been called for us by the request above stated, preferred through a friend who occupies some space in the estimation of the Democratic public. We make them more freely, because we are well satisfied that in so doing we but echo the feelings and sentiments of nearly, if not quite, the entire Democratic party of Luzerne county. We should hesitate to do so, were not this our belief; for however fully we might ourselves be convinced, we would not express sentiments which we were certain were not entertained by the party of which this paper is the organ; and which we profess to represent.

The French papers state that Roman Catholic missionaries, taking advantage of the opening of five ports to British commerce, and of the re-establishment of peace, will proceed to China forthwith for the promulgation of their faith.

Eighty thousand head of cattle have died in Egypt of an epidemic that has raged among them the past year.

More Liberal.—A letter from Humberly states that a proposition is about to be made to the Senate to authorize Jews to become purchasers of houses or land in all parts of this city. Hitherto, they have been allowed to make purchases only in particular streets.

Amos Kendall, the late Postmaster General, is said to be on the limits at Washington, on a judgment obtained by Stockton and Stokes.

The Banks of New Orleans have resumed specie payment.

### AN ODD ESTIMATE.

It is computed the loss per annum, by the destruction of clothing and the extra expense of washing, from sooty particles in the air, amounts in Manchester alone to £30,000, and in London, at the same average, to £162,520.

Jonsthar. W. Curtis, of Huron county, O., while out hunting deer, a short time since, was accidentally shot by his brother-in-law and died, in about 12 or 14 hours.

Ohio.—On Tuesday, the 13th, the Ohio Legislature elected W. Allen an U. S. Senator for six years. Allen received 63 votes. Thomas Ewing received 44: Governor Shannon was inaugurated the same day, and delivered an inauguration address.

More Rumors.—It is rumored in Washington, that Judge Porter, brother of the Governor of this State, is to be appointed Secretary of War, and the present incumbent of that office, Mr. Spencer, to be appointed Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Alpheus Harmon, a mormon preacher, together with his nephew, Orsey Harmon, were frozen to death on a prairie, about seven miles from Nauvoo, on the 17th of Nov. last. They were caught in a storm became bewildered and perished.

U. S. Senator from North Carolina.—William H. Haywood, (Dem.) was on Tuesday last elected United States Senator from North Carolina, in place of Wm. Graham, whose terms expires on the 4th of March next. All other candidates having been withdrawn, the votes stood; for Haywood 95, Graham 69, Saunders 2.

A very wealthy planter in Woodford County, Ky. said, 'I had rather be taxed to pay for the poor boy's education than the poor man's ignorance; for one or the other I am compelled to do.'

The winter thus far has been very tight fully answering the expectations of the most severe prophets. We have now first rate sleighing; which is well improved by the old as well as young, while enjoying the pleasures of the holy days.

The Legislature of New Hampshire have adopted the following:

1. Any person of good moral character on application to the supreme court shall be admitted to practise as an Attorney.
2. Every party in a cause, prosecution or suit may appear, plead, pursue or defend in his proper person or by any citizen of good moral character.

The New Hampshire House of Representatives has resolved that they will not district the State for the choice of Representatives in Congress.

Died, at Mohegan, on the 19th, John Uncas, aged 89 years the last male of the royal-line of the celebrated Chief of that name. He was interred in the Royal burying ground of the Mohegans, on the Plain.

### HYMNICAL.

MARRIED.—In Cattawissa, on the 22d inst. by Ezra S. Hayhurst, Esq. Mr. J. K. SHARPLESS, of Cattawissa, to Miss MARY MARGARET HARDER, of the same place.

### OBITUARY.

DIED.—In Point township Northumberland county, on the 14th inst. Mr. JAMES LEMON, aged about 85 years.

### NOTICE.

THAT I have purchased at Constable sale the property of William Edger, to wit: one Horse two sets of Harness, two Sleds, one Clock, twenty Sheep, one horse Waggon, and have left the same in possession of said Edger during my pleasure of which the public will take notice.

MICHAEL LEMON.  
Dec. 31, 1842.—38.