

It is a long time since we heard from Eliza. Are we to receive no more of those excellent articles, from her classic pen? She is always welcome, and we think it a positive proof of our good taste, to like her beautiful productions.

Disorganization Rebuked.

We observe that an attempt has recently been made to establish another democratic paper at Bedford, in opposition to the Bedford Gazette. The germ of disorganization was immediately crushed by the aim of the entire mass of the ever-glorious democracy, including the Sheriff, Prothonotary, Commissioners, &c., of Bedford county, appearing in a strong address, to the Public, over their respective names, in which they manfully denounced the effort as "UNNECESSARY," and "calculated to destroy the Union and harmony of the Democratic Party."

Such conduct is worthy of all commendation, and should place their Editor, as we have no doubt it will, under lasting obligations. We cannot conceive of a higher or more substantial compliment. Unguarded must be the man, who would not live to honor such a constituency.

Per Contra. How was it, about one year since, with some of the officers of Columbia county, when the idea was conceived of raising an opposition paper in Bloomsburg? Did they step forward manfully, and resolve to sustain the organ of the Democratic party, that had faithfully defended their principles for the last twelve years, and was then zealously sustaining the County, State and National Nominations, and the Editor of the Columbia Democrat, who had served over twenty-five years in the "political battlefield," and just paid an exorbitant price for the location at the county seat without opposition? Did they emulate the glorious example of the "Bedford Democracy," or did they encourage the "opposition movement," by the profuse bestowal of official patronage?

Honesty, Capacity and Fidelity.

How this text of Zachary, is lived up to, and carried out, by his appointees to office! We are certain, that during the last four years, we have not heard of so many mail and Post-office robberies, as have been committed since the advent of Collamer, Taylor, and Co. Almost every paper we open contains an account of a post-office felony. Talk about officers under the last administration. Nine months have convinced every one, of the honesty, capacity, and fidelity of whig Post-masters and clerks.

The mail of Nov. 3d, from Oswego, to N. York, containing checks and drafts to the amount of \$2,000 or \$3,000 which should have reached New York on the 5th inst., has not been heard from.

At Springfield, Ohio, a few days since, a mail agent was arrested for robbery of the mail. \$1,200, have been recovered.

In our own County is a case of daring and successful robbery. The culprit is arrested \$3,684 having been found upon him.

We have not pretended to keep an account of these things, and no doubt many more could be gathered up, with a very little trouble. But these are enough to show the character for Honesty, Capacity and Fidelity, which "the all decency party" wear before the world. What a commentary is this, upon the promise of the Whig Party to conduct the government and reform abuses!

Some people don't know how to pass a person on the street, and thus force one to step first to one side and then to the other; as if wavering between two magnets. You should always pass to the left of a man, and invariably give the inside of the side-walk, to a lady. This will in all cases prevent collision.

If you see any dogs on the pavement, the best thing you can do, is to kick them off—but be somewhat careful because there are puppies which have only two legs.

A Banker in Jail for Perjury. The President of the State Morris bank has been arrested in New Jersey for perjury in having sworn that the actual cash capital of the concern had been paid in.

The Editor of the Lancaster Express was convicted of a libel upon Mrs. Leah Frazer, at the Lancaster Courts, last week, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and costs.

North Branch Canal.

The Board of Canal Commissioners met at Congress Hall on 1st inst. and made the following allotments on the North Branch:

Table with 2 columns: Sections, and names of contractors like Jacobs & Co., Dykess & Wendel, etc.

The Board meet again next morning for the transaction of business relative to the Road to avoid the Inclined Plane.

Large Radish.—Mr. JOHN R. MOYER, of Bloomsburg, introduced into our office, on last Thursday, a Radish from his garden, 30 inches long, 18 in circumference, and 9 lbs & 7 oz weight!

LARGE BEET.—A Beet of extraordinary dimensions, weighing 12 1/2 lbs., was left at this office last week. It grew in the garden of DAVID CROWWELL in this Borough. This beats the great Beet of which the Doylestown Intelligencer boasted a few weeks since, by 4 1/2 lbs. Who has a Beet that can beat this Beet?

Norristown Register.

We can Mr. Register! The Beat the Rev. Mr. Beady presented us, on the 29th of October last, weighed exactly 13 lbs. We now repeat what we then said, that it was the greatest beat of the season, excepting the one Mr. Gamble and the democracy gave the whig candidate for Canal Commissioner.

LARGE CABBAGE.

Sheriff TATE, informs us, says the Clinton Democrat, that Mrs. LODER raised a head of Cabbage, on his Cedar Spring farm, in Porter township, which weighed 18 1/2 pounds! If that can be beat in Pennsylvania we will agree to eat the Cabbage.

BANK OF NORTHERBERLAND.—At an election for Directors of the Bank of Northernberland, on Monday the 19th inst., the following gentlemen were chosen to serve for the ensuing year, viz:

John Taggart, John Porter, William Forsythe, William McKelvy, Abbot Green, George Schuere, Ebenezer Walton, Daniel Brautigam, A. E. Kapp, Lewis Dewart, Samuel Wilson, John Walls, and Samuel T. Brown.

WEST BRANCH BANK.—The following persons were elected directors of the West Branch Bank for the ensuing year:—

A. Updegraff, S. H. Lloyd, A. Woodward, Geo. Tomb, Wm. McKinney, J. S. Grafius, P. Dickinson, E. S. Low, Jos. S. Williams, Thos. Bennett, C. Gudykunst, John H. Cowden, L. A. Mackey.

At a meeting of the board, A. UPDEGRAFF, was unanimously elected President and THOMAS W. LLOYD, Cashier.

Nominations at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—P. M. The Democratic Members of the House of Representatives met in caucus this evening, Hon. JAMES B. BOWLIN, of Missouri, in the chair.

The following named gentlemen were nominated, to be balloted for on the organization of the House:

For Speaker—H. Cobb, of Georgia. Clerk—J. W. FORNEY, of Pennsylvania. Sergeant-at-Arms—N. LANE, of Ky. Doorkeeper—B. F. BROWN, of Ohio. Postmaster—J. M. JOHNSON, of Va.

The Whig Members also met in caucus, and after nominating the Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, of Massachusetts, for Speaker, adjourned over to Monday morning, to complete their nominations.

The following statement of parties we think can be nearly relied upon.

Table with 2 columns: Party Name and Number of Members. Includes Democrats proper, Free Soilers, Federalists, etc.

A correspondent of the Washington Union, makes the following calculation:

Table with 2 columns: Party Name and Number of Members. Includes Democrats elected from slaveholding States, Whigs elected from slaveholding States, etc.

Death of Gen. Clinch.

General DUNCAN L. CLINCH, formerly of the army of the United States, and subsequently a Representative in Congress from the State of Georgia, died at Macon, on the evening of the 29th ultimo after an illness of nine days.

In 1786, General Washington imported two ploughs from England, because he found our own too inferior for good husbandry.—Washington Republic.

In 1819 General Taylor imported 300 yards of Brussels carpet from England, because he found our own too inferior for an American President to walk upon. This is another proof that General Taylor is a second Washington.

Letters.

In writing letters, people should be very careful. Careful, in the first place what they say, and in the next place, how they say it. They should be careful also, that they say just what they wish to, and no more. No mistakes should be made in spelling, nor in grammar.

As a general thing, unless you have particular directions to the contrary, a letter should be directed to the place, at which the one you are answering, was mailed.—A space should always be left at the margin, for the wafer, or you may chance to cover some very important word, upon which the meaning of the whole sentence depends.

The direction on the outside should be plain and full. First the person's name, then the town or Post Office; then the county and then the State. There should be no flourishes with the Pen, in the direction of a letter. It should be done in a plain, legible hand. Care should also be taken in folding a letter. We have received some letters, of which we were actually ashamed, and no doubt the writers were. A little pains will make all those things come easy to you, and are a great acquisition.

An Idea.

While the subject of the modification of the post office regulations, is exciting an interest, and giving a movement to the masses which congress is bound to respect; we wish to throw out to our readers occasionally, such ideas, views, and notions, as may be useful or new.

Many changes are being spoken of, as necessary, either for convenience or safety; and as effecting beneficially, the collection and amount of revenue. It has been made a question, whether the lowering of the postage or letters, would result to the good, pecuniarily, of the Department, and at the same time, to the convenience of the People. We hope that upon this point, Congress will display some of its wisdom.

In most governmental measures, the mean is perhaps the true position. Among the many projects and changes which will probably be submitted to, and acted upon, by Congress, we would like to see this one appear.

It is our opinion that with the exception of Newspapers, sent from the office of Publication, all matters passing through the mails, should be prepaid. We go in for Equality, and think no one entitled either by divine right, or superior abilities, or splendid achievements, to the privilege of the frank.

We are not aware that this thing is new. Indeed we think it is not. If it is, we claim the honor. It has always been our opinion, that much money would be saved to the Department, by passing a law for the prepayment of all mail matter.—And to the franking privilege we are decidedly opposed. We think men who get eight dollars per-day, can prepay their constituents. We shall revert to this again.

Supposed Murder!

Portions of a human body, supposed to have been that of Dr. George Parkman, who mysteriously disappeared in Boston, some time since, were found on Friday last, under the Medical College, in that City. Suspicion fell upon Professor Webster of the College, as the Murderer, who was arrested and thrown into prison. Great excitement prevailed in the City, and the Military were called out to prevent an outbreak. The evidence against the accused is circumstantial.

Original Taylor-men Taylorized.

Col. GEORGE SEIZINGER, one of the oldest citizens of this county, says the Potomac Emporium, a Taylor Democrat, who claims to have been the first man in the Union to name Gen. Taylor for the Presidency, and who supported him faithfully up to the time of his election, has fallen under the ban of the keepers of the President, and had the Post Office at Fountain Spring, torn from him and removed to Ashland, about one and a half miles farther North. And this merely because the old gentleman dared to exercise the rights of a freeman, and lend his influence to secure the success of the Democratic Ticket, last October.

The value and importance of this Office, which Col. Seizinger, has faithfully conducted, to the satisfaction of all, from the time of its establishment, some 17 years ago, under the Administration of Gen. Jackson, may be the more readily understood, when we state, that there are four mails to be charged daily, and the compensation to the Post Master does not average more than three dollars and fifty cents per quarter!

Mr. A. B. Jones, of Ashland, has been appointed Post Master in place of Col. Seizinger.

The Turn of Life.

From 40 to 60, a man who has properly regulated himself may be considered as in his prime of life. His matured strength of constitution renders him almost impervious to the attacks of disease, and experience has given his judgement the soundness of almost infallibility. His mind is resolute, firm and equal; all his functions are in the highest order; he assumes the mastery over business; builds up a competence on the foundation he has laid in early manhood, and passes through a period of life attended by many gratifications. Having gone a year or two past 60, he arrives at a critical period in the road of existence; the river of death flows before him, and he remains at a stand-still. But onward this river is a viaduct called 'The Turn of Life,' which if crossed safely, lead to the valley of 'Old Age,' around which the river winds, and then flows, beyond without boat or cause-way to effect its passage. The bridge is, however, constructed on fragile materials, and it depends upon how it is trodden whether it bend or break. Gout, apoplexy, and other bad characters also are in the vicinity to way-lay the traveler, and thrust him from the pass; but let him gird up his loins and provide himself with a fitting staff and he may trudge on in safety with perfect composure. To quit metaphor, 'the Turn of Life' is a turn either into a prolonged life or into the grave. The system and powers having reached their utmost expansion now beginning either to close like flowers at sunset or break down at once. One injudicious stimulant—a single fatal excitement, may force it beyond its strength, while a careful supply of prep, and the withdrawal of all that tends to force a plant will sustain it in beauty and in vigor until night has entirely set.

Governors of Pennsylvania.

From the time when the State Constitution was formed, in 1790, down to the present time, the list of executives is as follows, which may serve as an item of political intelligence to our young men: THOMAS MITCHELL, Democrat—elected 1791, and left office 1799. THOMAS MCKEAN, Democrat—elected 1799, and left office 1808. SIMON SNYDER, Democrat—elected 1808, and left office 1817. WILLIAM FINDLAY, Democrat—elected 1817, and left office 1820. JOSEPH HENRY, elected by democratic votes 1820, and left office 1823. JOHN ANDREW SHULZER—elected 1823, and left office 1829. GEORGE WOLF, Democrat—elected 1829, and left office 1835. JOSEPH RITZER, Whig—elected in 1835, a wing to secession division in the Democratic party, and left office in 1839. DAVID R. PORTER, Democrat—elected in 1839 and left office in 1843. FRANCIS R. SHUNK, Democrat—elected in 1843, and died in 1848. WM. F. JOHNSTON, Whig—Governor by virtue of his office as speaker of the Senate, and elected in 1848 by a small majority.

The whig papers are all in a muss, in trying to defend Governor Johnson, in his gross violation of the pardoning power. Every one that we pick up, is in arms upon the subject; and altogether they are in a great stew. Now if the Governor is really so innocent as they would have us to believe, why pour out so many pens full of wrath on Judge Parsons?

SHUNK, and PORTER, also come in for their share, and they endeavor to hide the responsibility of Johnson, by putting forward the acts done by those democratic governors. If their excellencies, Porter and Shunk, were wrong in this thing, let them take the blame; but in what way will this affect Wm. F. Johnston? Two wrongs do not make a right, and the present Governor is as guilty as if Messrs Porter and Shunk had pardoned twice the actual number.

Such a defence merely shows the dearth of arguments, labored under by his defenders; and we think that Judge Parsons, has done his duty—nobly and fearlessly; let Governor Johnson go and do likewise.

Conviction of Murder in the Second Degree.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 1. John Price, charged with the murder of Geo. Washington Campbell, has been found guilty of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to fourteen years and six months, in the penitentiary.

The Ohio Legislature.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 5. The House is fully organized. The Democrats have elected all their officers. The Democratic members whose seat have been disputed, have been admitted, the Free Soilers voting generally with the Democrats.

In the Senate there is no prospect of an immediate organization. Both members from Hamilton claim seat, and ask to be sworn in—Warm and animated discussion both sides.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DEMOCRAT.

Letter from Washington, No 1.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SENATE—NO ELECTION OF SPEAKER IN THE HOUSE. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 5, 1849.

DEAR SIR:—The First Session of the Thirty First Congress, commenced on Monday last, in pursuance of the Constitution.

In the Senate, there was a pretty full attendance, and the body was called to order at 12 o'clock, M., by the Hon. MILLARD FILLMORE, of New York, who is Speaker of the Senate by virtue of his office as Vice President of the United States. There were some 18 absentees. The credentials of new members were presented—who were qualified and seated—after which the usual preliminary business was transacted and a committee appointed.

In the House, things were vastly different. The Clerk called the House to order, at the usual hour. Two hundred and twenty three members were present and seven absent—making 230 Representatives. The contest, or test of strength between parties, was for Speaker. The democratic nominee, as you will have seen by the papers, is Hon. HOWELL COBB, of Georgia, and Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, whig, of Massachusetts. Four unsuccessful ballottings were had on Monday, six on Tuesday, and four more to-day, (Wednesday), making in all 14 Polls. On Monday, Mr. Cobb, (demo.) on first vote had 103 and on last vote, 102, whilst Mr. Winthrop had only 99 votes. Had Mr. Cobb, on the last vote received his 103, first vote, he would have been elected. Winthrop to-day, was 10 ahead, but at no time above 99: 112 being necessary to a choice.

David Winant, the "Judas" Representative from Bradford county, is also a candidate, and has received as high as 10 votes. After having defeated the State and National nominees in 1848, he may betray the American Congress. Winant votes with the whigs.

Under existing circumstances, it is altogether uncertain when an organization of the House will be effected, and till then we shall not have the President's Message.

The nomination of Col. FORNEY, of Pennsylvania, is hailed with profound satisfaction, and is just tribute to the chivalrous democracy of the Keystone State.

Faithfully yours, OBSERVER.

How he got Out.

BY NISI PRIUS.

Once upon a time, in the early part of the spring, I was driving along the road in an open wagon; and overtook two boys, from eleven to fifteen years of age; the elder of whom, was carrying some butter. It was extremely muddy, and in course, the walking miserable. In fact, I don't think I ever saw it much worse.

The boys asked me for a ride, which I readily granted, and they clambered into my carry-all. Thus, we joggled along until we came to, if possible, a still muddier portion of the road, and here, at a little house along side, the boys told me they lived, and requested me to stop.

I did so, and holding the butter for the elder, he proceeded to get upon terra firma. The mother came out, and was profuse in her thanks for my kindness. During this time, the youngest stood upon the top of the wagon-body, looking at the mud and piteously asking, 'how will I get out? how will I get out?' and reaching his hands towards his mother, who was approaching, for aid.

Just while he was in the very agony of suspense, as to his getting out, my horses made a step or two forward, and he—fell out—where the clay and mire was about six inches deep. He got up, a perfect picture of free soiler, and taking a hasty glance at his profile in the mud, I cracked the whip and made tracks.

Editorial Comment.

The "Pen, the Past, and Scissors," is a paper, gotten up to compete with the "Plough, the Loom, and the Anvil."

The Kent News learns, from undoubted authority, that Mr. James N. Goldsborough, of Talbot county, raised, the present year, on a lot of twelve and a half acres, thirty-seven and a half bushels of wheat to the acre.

We learn from the Philadelphia Pennsylvania, that three million seven hundred and thirty thousand dollars of California gold had been received at the U. S. Mint, in that city, up to Saturday last.

The shocks of an earthquake, which were felt at Brooklyn, N. Y., and Middlesex, Mass., on the 9th of October, were felt in Jamaica, and at about the same hour.

The legislature of the Mexican State of Queretaro recently enacted a law re-establishing the Jesuits there. The Governor has vetoed it.

The Balloon of Mr. Vardall, Charleston, on Monday, descended into the river, but he was rescued by a boat.

The Legislature of Minnesota adjourned on the 12th inst.

The New Brunswick Times claims a Democratic majority on the popular vote in New Jersey, at the late election, of 3,618.

The object of Sir John Franklin's expedition, was to find a northwest passage through Lancaster Sound and Behring's Straits.

MONEY—FOUND!

WAS FOUND, on Tuesday last, in one of the Streets of Bloomsburg, a Lot of Money. The owner can have the same by satisfactorily identifying the property and paying for this advertisement. Apply to the Editor of the Columbia Democrat. Bloomsburg, Dec. 8, 1849.

ROLLING WINDOW BLINDS.

THE undersigned, Agent for Spruce, Burrows & Co's improved Rolling Window Blinds, would inform the public that he is prepared to furnish them in every size to order on moderate terms. Specimens may be seen at his Store. Bloomsburg, Dec. 8, 1849. L. E. RUPERT.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania, will meet at Harrisburg upon Tuesday, January 1, 1850.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the subscribers on bonds, notes, or book-accounts, of more than one year's standing, are requested to make payment between this and the first day of March next. Those neglecting this notice may expect to pay costs. WM. MCKELVY & Co. Bloomsburg, Dec. 3, 1849.

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED.

THE subscribers, having dissolved partnership on the first day of August 1848, would say in knowing themselves in arrears, on note, book-accounts, or judgments, that unless paid in a very short time, additional costs will be the consequence. And those holding claims against them are requested to present them immediately for payment. B. T. POTYRUS, is authorized to attend to their business. He may be seen for a short time at Lime Ridge, after which communications will find him at Millington, Union county, Pa. B. T. POTYRUS, S. W. THOMPSON. Lime Ridge, Dec. 8, 1849-50.

PUBLIC SALE.

IN pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, on Saturday, the fifth day of January next, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon, 2,222 1/2 lbs. of Administrator's A. C., of WILLIAM ILLIOTT, late of Mountpleasant township, in said county, deceased, will expose to sale by Public Vendue, upon the premises, a certain

LOT OF LAND.

Situate in Mountpleasant township, aforesaid, adjoining lands of John Grant, on the north; John Hoister, on the east; Fobinger, on the south; George John, on the west—containing TWENTY THREE ACRES, all cleared and improved land. There is on the premises,

A LOG HOUSE,

Frame Barn, an Apple Orchard, and a good Spring of water.

A Wood Lot.

Situate in Mountpleasant township, aforesaid, adjoining James Gimes, on the east and south; William Howell, on the west and Jacob Shijman, on the north—containing FIVE ACRES.

Late the estate of the said deceased situate in township of Mountpleasant, and county aforesaid. JACOB EYERLY, Clerk. Bloomsburg, Nov. 26, 1849.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, to me directed, with the express to Public Sale at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, on the 31st day of December, 1849, at one o'clock, p. m., the following property to wit:—

1st. A Lot of Ground, situate in Roaringcreek township, Columbia county, adjoining lands of Reuben Edinger, George Fetters, Daniel Keller, Joseph Weaver, and the year leading to Ross Gap, containing between THREE AND FOUR ACRES, more or less, on which is erected a LOG HOUSE AND SHED.

2. A Lot of Ground, in the same township, adjoining Daniel Keller, Joseph Weaver, George Fetters, and the Post Gap road, on which is erected a FRAME HOUSE, containing ONE ACRE AND A HALF.

3. A Lot of Wood Land, in same township, at the foot of the Little Mountain, adjoining lands of John Billy, and Joseph Stokes, containing FOUR ACRES AND THREE FOURTHS, more or less. Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of John Bell. PETER HILMEYER, Sheriff's Officer, BLOOMSBURG, December 8, 1849.

NOTICES.

To Collectors of County and State Taxes in Columbia County: The year will soon come to a close, and our annual settlement have to be made, as will meet the several Collectors at the Treasurer's Office, Bloomsburg, on THURSDAY, the 27th day of December, inst., to make Examinations, &c.—We desire them to make a vigorous effort to settle the amount of their respective Duplicates on that day.

Delinquent Collectors, previous to 1849, will take this friendly hint, as the next may be of a more serious nature, and we hereby give notice that we will make no examinations on Duplicates or militia fines, after the day above mentioned.

JAMES LAKE, HARMON LAMOUR, } Com'rs. JOSEPH YETTER, } Commissioner's Office, Bloomsburg, Dec. 8, 1849.

TO MY CREDITORS.

NOTICE, is hereby given, that I have applied to the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, for the benefit of the first vest Laws of this Commonwealth, and the said Court have appointed the Third Monday of January next, for the hearing of me and my creditors at the Court House in Bloomsburg, when and where you may attend if you think proper. D. S. RUSSEL. Dec. 8, 1849-50.

BANK OF DANVILLE.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Stockholders in the Bank of Danville, that the following installments on each share will be required to be paid in, as follows:—Thirty per cent. on the 15th day of December, 1849; twenty per cent. on the 1st day of January, 1850; and twenty per cent. on the 15th day of January, 1850. By order of the Board of Directors. PETER BALDY, President. Danville, Nov. 30th, 1849.