Progress of Van Burenism.

MASSACHUSETTS.—A Convention was held at Northampton, on the 20th inst., composed of Delegates from the 5th Congressional district. Charles E Huntington presided, assisted by many Vice Presidents and Secretaries. Speeches were made by Stephen C. Phillips, of Salem, Lawyer of Cambridge-port, Abraham Payne of Providence, R. R. Hoar of Concord, J. W. Taber (formerly editor of the *Northampton Democrat*), and Mr. Ashmun's opponent for Congress at the last election, of Sheburne, and others. The following resolutions were opposed delegates to the Buffalo Convention; John Mills Cooper, of Springfield, David Lee Child of Northampton, and R. B. Hubbard of Sunderland.

The *Lowellean of Pawtucket* held a meeting, and, after some discussion, agreed to declare against Cass and in favor of Van Buren.

The *Lexington* of Taunton held a meeting, at which the nomination of Cass and Butler was repudiated, and a determination was expressed to support Van Buren. A call for a county convention was read and a committee was appointed to make arrangements for that convention. Ex-Governor Morton was present and addressed the meeting.

The Springfield *Sentinel*, an uncompromising *Locofoco* paper, announces its determination to support Cass.

NEW YORK.—The *Utica Democrat* gives the following list of forty-nine Locofoco journals in New York which repudiate the Cass ticket, and support Mr. Van Buren for President:

—N. Y. Evening Post, N. Y. Globe, N. Y. Democrat, N. Y. Barnburner, Suffolk County Watchman, Long Island Democrat, Williamsburg Advocate, Eastern State Journal, Poughkeepsie Eagle, Newburgh Democrat, Goshen Clarion, Catskill Recorder, Columbia Democrat, Ulster Republican, Delaware Gazette, Albany Atlas Troy Budget, Fonda Sentinel, Fulton county Democrat, Mohawk Courier, Otsego Democrat, Hamilton Republican, Utica Democrat, Lewis County Democrat, St. Lawrence Republican, Steuben Farmers' Advocate, Roseville Democrat, Watertown Union, Jefferson County Democrat, Oswego Palladium, Onondaga Standard, Skaneateles Democrat, Free Soil Compromiser, Cayuga Free Press, Homer Herald, Binghampton Courier, Tioga Freeman, Elmira Gazette, Chemung Jeffersonian, Steuben Messenger, Phelps Atlas, Lyons Argus, Palmyra Sentinel, Rochester Anti-Slavery Advertiser, Northern Freeman, Allegheny Reporter, Cattaraugus Democrat, Buffalo Republic, Niagara Cattaraut.

The *Utica Democrat*, a Locofoco newspaper, Washington County, N. Y., which has heretofore supported Cass and Butler, has now struck his black flag, and run up "Van Buren and free land."

NEW JERSEY.—A mass convention was held at Newark on the 26th ult., at which resolutions recommending an immediate organization of the friends of Free Soil were unanimously adopted. Ten Delegates were chosen to the Trenton (24 of August) State Convention.

The Barnburner section of the Locofoco fold is assembling at Trenton, evening at Jersey City. The call, it is said, is signed by 150 citizens friendly to that division of the Locofoco party. They anticipate a very large gathering. Of course the design of the meeting is to oppose Cass and Butler, the old Hunkerism, and to advance the interests of Martin Van Buren, the Barnburner candidate for the Presidency.

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BARNBURNERISM.—Francis P. Blair, late editor of the Washington Globe, has come out against the nomination of the Baltimore Convention. He says that the principles, measures, and candidate put forward at the recent Utica Convention, have his cordial approbation, and will receive his earnest and hearty support.

A Convention of the Barnburners has been held at Baltimore, at which it was resolved to organize on a second ticket, and to send delegates to the Buffalo Convention.

VIRGINIA.—George Rye, of Woodstock, published a notice in the last *Truth Teller*, proposing the holding of a meeting at Woodstock on the 19th day of August, for the purpose of forming a Free Soil Electoral Ticket for Virginia.

THE NEWS FROM MEXICO

The New Orleans Picayune of the 23d acknowledges the receipt of papers from the city of Mexico to the 14th of July, three days later than before received. Those were brought by the steamer New Orleans.

The Supreme Court of Mexico has pronounced its decision on the question of the late Treaty with the United States, declaring that it was not necessary that it should be submitted to the Legislatures of the different States for their approval.

As regards the recent movements of the annexation fleers in the vicinity of Goanaxuato the Picayune has the following:

"We are still left in much uncertainty as to the result of the actions between PARDAS and BEYTAS, NEYTAS. The papers in the interest of each, claim the victory for their side. In the Monitor Republicano of the 14th there is a kind of diary of each day's events, from which it appears that the 7th every thing was quiet. On the 8th Bustamente attempted to carry by assault the fort of El Topo, but was repulsed after desperate fighting. Some deserters went over this day to Paredes. On the 9th some troops of the third regiment of Allende went over to Paredes. There was little fighting this day. On the 10th tranquility reigned, but there is a report that this day Bustamente received from Marfil, but the Government newspapers refused to believe it. Even from this enunneration we think it manifest that Paredes had the best of it down to the 10th. We have a letter from a very intelligent foreigner in Vera Cruz, who writes that the report is current there that Bustamente had fallen back, in consequence of his reverses, to Celaya, where he had sent his wounded to Jiotto and Queretaro, and that most of his troops had deserted. Bustamente confirmed, in a despatch dated the 12th, that the division of Cortazar had been repulsed, and that many of his troops dispersed, but he effects to have rallied his affair."

A SLAVE RESCUED.—The New York Tribune contains an interesting account of John Lyole, a colored man, born in Philadelphia, but just arrived from New Orleans, where he has been unlawfully held as a slave for eleven years. He was shipped on board the ship Ann Gale, and made his way to a slave factory. Thence he took passage in a slave vessel for Cuba, and was unexpectedly sold into a slave.—He contrived to make his case known to an American gentleman who was travelling on the island, and succeeding in obtaining where he worked. This gentleman laid his case before the Secretary of State, who promptly instructed the American Consul, Gen. Campbell, formerly member of Congress from South Carolina, to demand the liberation of the American citizen thus unjustly held. Great caution was necessary in order to identify the captive before snatching him from his cruel object. Both the Secretary of State and the Consul appear to have acted in the most prudent and judicious manner, and the result of their exertions has been the liberation of Lyle, and the payment to him of $2211 33, being the wages for the eleven years of his servitude.

THE ELECTION of the Archduke John, of Austria, as Chief of the German Empire, will place the Emperors, Kings and Princes of the German States at a discount.—They will retain their present titles, and exercise the functions of a sinecure, bearing a relation to the Chief, not different in kind from that of our Governors towards the President. The Kingdom, we, it is rumored, will resign rather than submit to the new Chieftancy of the Germanic Union, by which act, if it were imitated by all his compeers, Germany would rather gain than lose.—The Archduke is 66 years of age, and has a high reputation for scientific knowledge and ability, civil and military. In 1800 he commanded the Austrian army at the battle of Hohenlinden, and was the founder in 1809 of the famous Landwehr, or militia of Austria. For thirty years he was a determined opponent of the Metternich policy, on account of his enmity to that Prince, was exiled from Vienna. The exiled John is now the idol of Austria, and Chief of the German Empire, while Metternich is an exile.

IRISH MOVEMENTS IN AMERICA.—The Dublin correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer states that contributions have been tendered so liberally to the Irish Confederate Committee in that city, that the sum of fifty thousand dollars will go by the next steamship, which will sail from Boston on Wednesday next.

DEAD SEA EXPEDITION.—The U. S. Exploring party has returned to Jerusalem from its expedition to the Dead Sea.—They were to start off the day of the date of the last ever navigated around the sea, and many of the stories once current have been found to be fabulous. The explorers sounded the sea in all its parts, to the depth of 600 feet, and found the bottom crustated with crystalized salt. The peculiar tital effects attributed to the waters turn out to be fabulous. Ducks were seen skimming over the surface, and partridges abounded along the shore. Nothing was seen of the ruined cities, which, according to popular legends, were visible in clear weather beneath the water. It should be a source of great satisfaction to every American citizen, that his country, although the most remote, was the first to explore this celebrated sea.

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6. Thos. W. Duffield, 7. Chas. W. Fisher,
8. Daniel C. Hiner, 9. Andrew Ross,
10. Joshua Thomas, 11. Ang. C. Dickey,
7. John D. Shank, 12. Jno. Dunlap Aspen,
8. Jos. Schoucker, 13. Richard Irvine,
9. Jno. Hamilton, 14. Wm. Jenkins,
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The Meeting at Petersburg, By reference to the call of the Whigs at York Springs district, for a meeting to organize a Rough and Ready Club, it will be seen that our friends of the country are determined to spring to arms in a good account of themselves. We trust the good example will be followed in other districts.

The meeting at Petersburg will come off TOMORROW NIGHT, (the 5th inst.) and not on the 12th, as announced last week.

Not True. Our good Whig friend, ANTHONY K. MEYER, of Tyrone Township, wishes us to give contradiction to a false rumor. It is not true that he will *not* support the Whig nominees, but will support them with the Whig party. He means to act and hin. He always has been, and always will be a true Whig—and goes now as heretofore for the ticket and the whole ticket.

The State Government. The Governor of the States, WM. F. JOHNSTON, Esq., has been sworn into office as Governor of Pennsylvania. He is a gentleman of ability, courtesy and polish in his manners—experienced in public affairs, and of sound republican Whig principles. The Government may be confidently placed in his charge with every promise of a prosperous administration. The King of Hanover, it is rumored, will resign rather than submit to the new Chieftancy of the Germanic Union, by which act, if it were imitated by all his compeers, Germany would rather gain than lose.

The Compromise Bill Defeated.

We are pleased to record the fact that the "Compromise" bill, to establish territorial governments in Oregon, New Mexico, and California, in such a way as to shuffle the responsibility of determining the limits of Slavery from the shoulders of the People's representatives, and place it in the hands of a Slaveholding Judiciary, has been killed in the popular branch of Congress. As was expected, the Bill passed the Senate on Thursday, after a protracted session of eighteen hours, by a vote of 29 to 25.

It came up for consideration in the House of Representatives on Friday and a motion was made to postpone the Bill, by STEPHENS, of Georgia, to lay the Bill upon the table. The previous question being at once ordered, Mr. Stephens's motion was adopted—yeas 112, nays 97.

Mr. PRESTON, of Pennsylvania, in order to kill the bill outright, moved to reconsider the vote just had, and then had his own motion laid on the table by a vote of 111 to 96. Such manœuvring, under the rules of the House, precludes the possibility of the Bill's being taken up again this session.

For the gratification of our readers, we annex a full table of the vote in the Senate on the final passage of the Bill, and the vote in the House on Mr. Stephens' motion to lay the Bill on the table:

THE VOTE IN THE SENATE.

YEAS—Messrs. Atchison, Atherton, Benton, Bowlin, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Clayton, Davis, of Miss. Dickinson, Dix, Downs, Foote, Hannegan, Houston, Hunter, Johnson, of Md. Johnson, of La. Johnson, of Ga. King, Lewis, Mangum, Mason, Phelps, Rusk, Sebastian, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee—32

NAYS—Messrs. Baldwin, Badger, Baldwin, Bell, Bradbury, Clarke, Cowin, Davis, of Mass. Dickinson, Dix, Dodge, Pitch, Fitzgerald, Greene, Hale, Hamlin, Metcalfe, Miller, Phelps, Underwood, Upham, Walker—22.

ABSENT—Messrs. Cameron, Pearce, and Webster—3.

PAIRS.	REPUBLICANS.	Whigs.	Democrats.
For the Bill,	7	22	26
Against the Bill,	2	12	10
Absent,	2	1	3

The following table shows the vote by States It will be seen that all the Democratic Senators from the slave States voted for the bill.

SLAVE STATES.

	Yeas.	Nays
Democrats,	19	4
Whigs,	4	6
FREE STATES.	Yeas	Nays
Democrats,	7	8
Whigs,	2	6

THE VOTE IN THE HOUSE.

YEAS.—FREE STATES: *Maine*—Babcock, Clapp, Hammons, Stuart, Wiley. *N. Hampshire*—Cilley, Tuck. *Vermont*—Collamer, Henry, Marsh, Peck. *Massachusetts*—Abbott, Ashman, Grinnell, Hale, Hudson, D. P. King, H. King, Palfrey, J. Rockwell. *Rhode Island*—Cranston, Thurston. *Connecticut*—Brown, Hubbard, J. Ingersoll, Marvin, Mallen, Nelson, Nichols, Pettibone, Reynolds, Ross, Stewart, Sherrill, Stanford, St. John, Starkweather, Sylvester, Tallmadge, Vail, Wright. *New York*—Bennett, Chapman, Cole, Dickey, Erhart, Fowler, Hampton, Farrelly, J. R. Ingersoll, Irvine, M'Irvine, Jones, Pollock, Stewart, Strohm, Stirling, James Thompson, Wilmer. *Ohio*—Canby, Crowell, Dimmick, Edwards, Evans, Fisher, Fries, Giddings, Lahm, Lawrence, Lucas, Lyon, Mason, Morris, Parker, Reese—Dunn, Embree, Hendy, Caleb B. Smith, R. W. Thompson. *Indiana*—Brown, Dunn, Edsall, Wentworth. *Michigan*—Bingham, M'Clelland, Stuart. *Wisconsin*—Dreling, Lynde. *Iowa*—Cobell. *Texas*—Kaufman, Pilsbury. *Florida*—Boyd, B. L. Clark, French, Morehead, Peyton. *Georgia*—Barrow, Cobb, Cooper, Hill, A. Johnson, G. W. Jones, Stanton, Thomas. *Missouri*—Boyle, Green, Hall, Jameson. *Arkansas*—R. W. Johnson. Total, 97.

RECAPITULATION.

Yeas,	112
Nays,	97
Majority for laying on the table,	15
Total vote,	209
Members,	232
Vacancies,	1
Total members,	233

ANALYSIS OF THE VOTE.

	Whig.	Dem.	Slave States.	Free States.
Yeas,	27	70	76	104
Absent,	8	10	17	1

☞ We annex the vote of the Pennsylvania delegation on the passage of the Compromise bill on the table—designating the Locofoco members by *Italics*. It will be seen that while every Whig member present voted in favor of the motion and against the bill, a majority of the Locofocos voted against the motion and in favor of the bill. Our immediate Representative (Dr. NES) met the question manfully, as he has invariably done in every instance in which an issue has been made between Freedom and Slavery, and deserves the thanks of every freeman in the district:

YEAS—Blanchard, Butler, Dickey, Eckert, Everett, Freedley, Hampton, Parrelly, J. R. Ingersoll, Irvine, M'Irvine, Nes, Pollock, Reynolds, Stewart, Strohm, Stirling, Thompson, Wilmer—17.

NAYS—*Brown, C. J. Ingersoll, Mann, Broadhead*—4.

ABSENT—Brady, Levin, *Bridges*—3.

☞ A correspondent of the Lewistown Gazette urges the nomination of DAVID CORSON, Esq (formerly of this place) for Congress in the Mifflin District. Mr. C. is a young man of talent, a true blue Whig, and would make an excellent M. C.

GEN. CASS AND THE PROVISO.—A telegraphic despatch from Washington, on Monday to the Philadelphia Bulletin, says:—

"We understand that a letter is in town from Gen. Cass, addressing himself, if elected, to veto the Wilmot Proviso."

☞ The Whigs of "Old Guard" are to have a grand demonstration at Lancaster to-morrow. Gov. JOHNSTON, TOM COWIN, and other popular speakers, are expected to be present.

☞ Gen. WEAVER and Staff arrived at Washington on Saturday evening.

All the diplomatic agents of the German courts are to be recalled, in consequence of the dissolution of the German Diet, and they will be replaced by a representative of the German empire or nation, to be appointed by the National Convention, at Ardiuke John.

General Taylor's Letter of Acceptance.

In consequence of the delay which has attended the receipt of Gov. Morehead's letter, and the general anxiety that is felt on the subject, the following correspondence is laid before the public by the N. Orleans Bulletin, in anticipation of its official publication.

PHILADELPHIA, June 16, 1848.

General Zachary Taylor—Dear Sir: As a Convention of the Whigs of the United States, held in this city on the 7th, 8th, 9th, and continued from day to day until the 9th, you were nominated as a candidate for the Presidency of the United States, at the ensuing Presidential election.

By a resolution of said Convention, it was made the duty of the undersigned Delegates to communicate to you the result of their deliberations, and to request your acceptance of the nomination.

In obedience to said resolve, I, as the organ thereby designated, have the honor to make to you the foregoing communication, and ask your acceptance of the nomination.

Permit me, dear sir, to indulge the hope that he who never shrinks from any responsibility, nor fails to discharge any duty assigned him by his Country, will not now refuse the enthusiastic call of his countrymen.

I am, dear sir, with sentiments of very high regard, your most obedient serv't,

J. M. MOREHEAD,
President of the Whig National Convention.

BATON ROUGE, LA., July 16, 1848.

Sir: I have had the honor to receive your communication of June 10th, announcing that the Whig National Convention, which assembled at Philadelphia on the 7th of that month, and of which you were the presiding officer, has nominated me for the office of President of the United States.

Looking to the composition of the Convention, and its distinguished character for constituency, I feel deeply grateful for the honor bestowed upon me, and for the distinguished confidence in my patriotism, implied in my being put in the highest office in the gift of the American people.

I cordially accept that nomination, but with a sincere distrust of my fitness to fulfil the duties of an office, which demands for its exercise the most exalted talents and patriotism, and which has been rendered illustrious by the greatest names in our history. But should the nomination of the Whig Convention be confirmed by the people, I shall endeavor to discharge the new duties then devolving upon me, so as to meet the just expectations of my fellow citizens, and promote the permanent prosperity and reputation of our common country.

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Even if the subject which you have in your letter opened to me were acceptable to me, I feel that it would be a folly for me to attend to it now; the vigorous prosecution of the War with Mexico, so important to the interest, and so honorable to the arms of my country, demands every moment of my present time, and it is my great object to bring it to a speedy and honorable termination.

With my best wishes for your health and prosperity, I am, most sincerely, yours,

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More Conquest and Annexation. The annexed important article from the National Intelligencer, of Saturday, we commend to serious attention. The startling char racter of the announcement, but for the high authority by which it is made, would be incredible to many. The intelligencer, however, endorses one in many instances, and in announcing the existence of the plot in question, it has undoubtedly good data for prompt Congressional action. We trust that the infamous Texas drama is not to be re-acted.

NEW SCHEMES OF CONQUEST AND ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY.

Though every one must have foreseen the danger to be apprehended from the slide the swords and evil examples which are the necessary consequences of the Texan-Mexican War, the public is not, we believe, prepared for the announcement made in the Washington Union, that the Mexican Congress has commissioned one for an offer of President of the United States.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

The Steamer Europa brings the latest news from Europe. Ireland is in a high state of rebellious excitement. Several leading repeaters have been arrested on charges of sedition; sundry chartists on the other side of the channel have been tried and sentenced to confinement.

Numerous clubs are forming throughout the Island, and measures taking for arming the mass of the population. The crisis of Ireland's opprossed people seems to be rapidly hastening.

The potatoe rot again threatens so blight that universal scarcity of the bride, and has increased for a time the demand of corn meal. Other grains continue pouty and the market will consult much advance or decline.

Another insurrection among the workmen was again projected against the French Republic. The insurgents had a well organized scheme of assault—mainly directed against Paris; but it was discovered in the bud by the government and defeated. Several of the chief conspirators were captured and secured for punishment. Peace and quiet seem to be again restored in the metropolis, however, and the character of the French population leaves no great doubt.

The war between Austria and Italy makes no advance; Germany has been thrown into some agitation by the election of the Arch Duke John to the new supreme station.

Russia has marched an army into her resident province of Moldavia, whose inhabitants have been infected by the democratic contagion. Mehemet Ali is reported to be dying.

THE POTATO ROT is playing and having with the crop around Boston. In one case, although no signs of disease appeared on the vine, the potatoes when dug would examine a few hills. Singular to state, the tops were in a perfectly flourishing condition, and gave no indication of the ground-rot the entire field. They had all rotted away.

MARRIED,

On the 25th ult. by Rev. B. Kalbe, Mr. JOHN DAY and MISS MARGARET CREAMER, both of Adams county.

On the 3d inst. by the same, Mr. JOHN SWISHER and MISS MARY ANN SWISHER, all of Mt. John Steinour, of Menallen township.

On the 25th ult., by Rev. Samuel Sprecher, Mr. JOHN K. SHETRICK and MISS EMILY ANN M. SWIVE, daughter of Frederick Smith, Esq., both of Chambersburg.

☞ Capt. DAVID NEVIN, of Gettysburg, Pa., has been appointed by the President to a Lieutenancy in the Cavalry.

GEN. TAYLOR'S ACCEPTANCE.

The long wished-for letter of Gen. Taylor, delayed on the way by an unknown accident, which we publish to-day, expresses the cordial acceptance of the nomination for the Presidency conferred upon him by the Philadelphia Whig National Convention, cannot but give pleasure to every member of the Whig party as well as to every patriotic citizen of whatever political feelings, who anticipates in Gen. Taylor's election, the speedy and restoration to the Government at Washington of the simplicity, economy and executive purity of the first Presidents, the safety, the happiness and the honor of the republic.

The letter breathes, throughout, the modest, yet honest and self-possessed spirit which has gained for Taylor so much of that public confidence which he enjoys. We do not wonder that he feels nervous at his name, as he, "a sincere distrust of his fitness to fulfil the duties of an office which demands for its exercise the most exalted talents and patriotism;" but he feels no diffidence or hesitation in promising, if elected, a patriotic endeavor to perform the duties devolving upon him so as to meet the expectations of his fellow citizens, and preserve undiminished the prosperity and reputation of our common country." It is a letter which reflects honor on the talents and patriotism, though unboastful, which promised the memorable answer of the heroic Scotch lass, when, in her mother's absence, to capture the British Battery at Lundy's Lane. Taylor will "endeavor," and he will be successful. This is prophecy, and these are the kind of sentiments which the American people most anxious to have re-elected Polk in the Presidential chair at Washington. No more of the arrogant, dictator-like confidence of a Veto-President—a determinate-minded Chief, who knows a king of a party, who resolves beforehand, according to platform, what he will do as President, and what he will do in defiance of his brief reign, all regardless and in despite of the free people whom he expects to rule, and who will not tamely submit to and outrage, and trample, as he chooses, or as he elects to fancy his party chooses, instead of simply discharging his constitutional constitutionally executing the laws which it is the people's province, through their Representatives, to prescribe, to enact, and his only to carry into operation.

The long delay of General Taylor's acceptance, indicated by some only little fear but now perfectly well, understood by the people, has caused a lull in the political people, which, it cannot be doubted, will very soon begin to swell into a tempest. The Democratic tone of the letter will have their effects in warming the rights feeling, and in the right quarters, towards the brave old Hero, whose modest, yet so firm, so honest and truthful, and patriotic in all things—in whom the people of the Union now behold the sole competitor and alternative of Gen. Lewis Cass for the Presidency. One or the other must be elected Chief Magistrate of the Republic. Who that has no personal interest in the campaign—what freeborn man, whose heart beats warmly for his country, can a moment hesitate between them?—*Daily News.*

A GOOD ONE.—The Buffalo Commercial Advertiser says the proprietor of an extensive iron foundry in that city was complaining to a gentleman, one day, that "the people did not know where his establishment was, but passed him to other places to procure their engines, machinery, &c." "It is the most natural thing in the world," replied the gentleman, "A man who neglects to pay fifty dollars a year to give publicity to his business, by advertising, can't expect that others will spend their time, or be at any great pains to hunt him up."

INDIAN MASSACRE.—The Lake Superior News of the 21st learns from Lapointe that a savage encounter had taken place between a party of Chippewas and Sioux in the vicinity of Sandy Lake. The Chippewas, about 80 in number, were out as a fishing party and unarmed, when they were surprised by the party of the Sioux, who massacred some seventy of the number.—There was much excitement among the Chippewas at the Point, who entreated help on the most summary vengeance.

DIED,

On Sunday last, Mr. JOHN SELTZER, of Cumberland township, aged about 29 years.

On the 29th ult. near Gettysburg, the daughter of Mr. Jacob Hoffman, of Straban township, aged 18 years, 4 mos. and 5 days.

Suddenly, at his residence, in Chambersburg, on the 28th ult. Mr. JOHN M. BRIGHT, late of Mr. ALEXANDER THOMPSON, aged about 63 years.

[COMMUNICATED.

DIED.—On Wednesday evening, July 26th, at the residence of his father, in Mount Pleasant, Hancock township, Mr. LOUIS H. WRIGHT, aged about 21 years, 10 months, and 8 days.

Louis was in all times prefixed to separate exercises from contemporaries, and his parents have learned to love. "Farewell!" is a word which the heart shrinks from utterance, even when the object of our affections leaves us but for a season, with the prospect of a speedy return. But when the iron tongue of Death bears the repulsive sound from our ears, and bids us bid farewell to one in whom our fondest hopes centered, the heart will mark the place where the rude blow falls, and the tender tendrils of affection, twined around the object of our love, will bleed at every pore. Yes, the heart will bleed, and the tear will flow, when they part, such hope we have built hel.—"Not pure in heart,

July 31, 1848. B

ROUGH AND READY CLUB.

"UNION AND PROSPERITY."

THERE will be a meeting of the Friends of TAYLOR & FILLMORE, in Huntington and Latimore Townships, held at the Academy, in Petersburg, (Y. S.) on *Saturday the 5th day of August next*, at 7 o'clock, P. M., to make arrangements for organizing a Rough and Ready Club.

A general attendance is requested.

MANY.

Petersburg, July 28, 1848.—21

LAST NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons indebted to the Estate of WM. REYNOLDS, deceased, to call upon the subscriber immediately and make settlement. As it is desired to settle up the Estate at once, the accounts will, in a few days, be placed in the hands of an officer for collection, after which no further time will be given.

JAMES A. THOMPSON,
Aug. 4, 1848.—3t Adm'r.

SOLDIERS' CLAIMS.

WM. THOMSON,
S. E. Corner, of Baltimore and South streets, Baltimore, Md.

HAS secured the services of an Attorney resident at Washington, of some forty years intimate acquaintance with the affairs of Congress, and will, as prompt and in prepared to procure the settlement of the claims of soldiers who served during the Mexican war. His charges for prosecuting a claim before the Departments at Washington and getting it settled, whether for Bounty Land, Scrip, or Pension, will be $5 —and for pay, mileage, clothing, &c., ten per cent. on the amount recovered, if $50 or over; and if under that sum, $5. He will furnish free of extra charge, any information desirable a party to prepare and forward to him a claim for prosecution, if requested by letter post paid addressed to him as above. Office at the S. E. Corner of Baltimore and South Streets, Baltimore, Md.

W. T. would refer to Editors of newspapers generally throughout the United States, and to those of Baltimore and Philadelphia, as to his character.

Aug. 4, 1848.—3t

FARM FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers at Private Sale, on advantageous terms,

A FARM,

situate in Franklin township, Adams county, adjoining lands of Robert Shekley, William Bailey, and Wm. Hamilton, within 3 miles of Gettysburg, containing

184 Acres and 91 Perches.

There are about 50 Acres of Woodland, and the residue good cultivation. There are on it

Dwelling Houses

on the Farm, a double LOG BARN, newly covered, with sheds around two sides of it, and a spring of water at one of them; a sufficient quantity of Fruit Trees, such as Apple, Pear, Peach and Cherry, and a Locust Grove sufficient to make 60 tons of Hay yearly. About 1500 bushels of Lime have been put on the farm, and about 60 acres of cleared land.

This would suit to be divided into two Tracts, both of clear and wood land.

For further particulars, purchase, will be shown the farm, by Henry Trostle, residing thereon.

GEORGE TROSTLE.

July 28, 1848.—tf

FRESH ARRIVAL.

CLOCKS, WATCHES, AND JEWELRY.

THE subscriber tenders his acknowledgements to his friends and the public for the liberal patronage heretofore conferred on him, and respectfully informs them that he has just received from the city a large and well assorted stock of

CLOCKS,

OF ALL KINDS—also,

JEWELRY,

such as Rings, Breastpins, Ear Rings, Gold Lockets, Watch-keys, Guards, &c., &c. Also

SPECTACLES,

and Glasses of all kinds and qualities—all of which he will sell low.

CLOCKS & WATCH