

POETRY.

FROM THE YANKEE.

Victory of Lake Champlain

BY B. WHITMAN, JR.

Oh, wild is the land, where the yell and the cry
Bid the traveller flee, for the savage is near,
Where the Great Spirit moves in the clouds
of the sky
Arrayed in the robes of his terror and fear.
Oh, wild is the land, where the forests and lakes,
And all things around are majestic and grand,
Where nature her palace triumphantly makes
On the hills everlasting, that rise from the land.

There the wild men, while swiftly their game they pursue,
Stop in their course—with enchantment are bound,
And bless the Great Spirit, as gazing they view
The waters and earth and Heavens around.

'Tis the land of the West! where but lately were seen
The wild tribes of Indians, that wandered afar,
And where too, was heard the wild yell and the scream
That roused in the savage, the spirit of war—

Ising now of war, of conquest and blood,
Of warriors whose laurels now bloom o'er their grave,
Of deeds done where once was the Irtlian's abode,
I sing of Mac Donough the brave.

The lowering clouds grew dark on high
And spread their curtains round the sky,
And caught the flood of light,
Which poured from stars, which now above
The clouds, that dark and silent move,
Brook not the gloom of night.

No thunders roar in this still scene,
Along the Heavens, no meteor's gleam
To light the darksome hour;
The forest, lake and wave is hushed,
And now the wind, which by them rushed
Suspends its mighty power.

Upon yon lake the billows glow,
Sparkles around, no rushing prow,
But all is smooth and calm—
And warriors too, who soon may die
Now slumbering on their hammocks lie,
Nor dream approaching harm.

The orb of day, at morrow's dawn,
Will light the holy Sunday's morn,
The Sabbath of the Lord—
The labor of the week is done,
And all will at the rising sun
Sing anthems to their God.

But now, o'er rock, vale, delfe and steep,
All nature, silent, seems to sleep,
Enveloped close in gloom;
And save yon breeze that drives away,
A cloud before the face of day;
Nature appears in dark array,
An universal tomb.

Morn now the Orient gates have riven,
And far and wide the purple Heaven
Foretells a bloody day:
Each cloud appears a bloody screen
Reflecting on each lower scene,
Save where the mountains intervene
The glorious morning ray.

From yonder ship; the signal gun
Arouses with the rising sun
The seamen from their slumber;
Some shall with wreaths adorn their head,
Some shall be counted with the dead,
And proudly swell their number.

The cannons echo far and wide
Along the shore and mountain side
And wake the tuneful lark;
The wild birds raise their matin notes,
And thro' the barges, ships and boats
The slumbering seamen start.

What muttering sound is that which strikes
The ear?
What sails seem floating thro' yon misty air?
And with the breeze are now advancing fast,
With flags far waving from each lofty mast
See them Mac Donough cries, there streaming high,
By Heavens the cross, the British pendants fly,
They fly above your foe, who now prepare
To taint this holy moon with deeds of war,
Display our eagle, place our guns for fight,
And they are ours, or else we die ere night;

Now o'er the lake, the royal vessels sweep
And swiftly move along the misty deep—
They come—move near, and now abreast
they lay,
"The wind of heaven too, quietly dies away."
Our men on valor place their strong reliance,
And forthwith raise a shout of loud defiance.

Then as the sun's resplendant car
Throws back the twilight cloud afar,
And o'er the gloomy realms of air
Scatters abroad his silent glare:
So from each gallant vessel's side
With deadly portholes gaping wide,
Through fire and smoke
The thunders broke,
And muttering spoke
By every stroke
Destruction to the foe.

Mid blood and fire each vessel rides,
And down their smoke envelop'd sides,
A torrent red of life blood glides
Into the lake below:

The shroud, mast, yards, while falling crack
And every vessel seems a wreck,
As death and ruin crowd each deck
With trophies of their deeds:
Ours! work and fight as nothing fearing,
They now another flag are rearing,
And yonder vessel disappearing,
Their fire and valour feeds.

One ship is sunk! one flag is down
And adverse thunders rarely sound
Opposing seamen bleed around,
And fall among their guns;
Each ship a moving hearse goes on,
Crowded with men, whose souls are gone,
Who now above the billows borne,
No more are Albion's sons.

The strife has ceas'd; Champlain no more
Is troubled with the canon's roar,
No thunders brake from yonder shore,
The victor is Mac Donough;
The clouds disperse—the sky serene,
Has not a cloud to intervene,
And silence reigns through every scene
The forest and the billow.

As the Spartan of old, when he travelled afar
O'er scenes where his forefathers bled in the war!
At Thermopylae's Straits, where Leonida's band,
Could the millions of Persia, with glory withstand,
On the scene as he gazed, and was rous'd by the sight,
And longed to encounter some foe in the fight.

So the American Youth, when he wanders along
The scene of those deeds that you've heard in my song,
Will gaze at Champlain and go over in thought
The deeds of that day when his countrymen fought,
Will cry as the wave, on the lake he may follow,
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REPUBLICAN MEETING.

At a meeting of the democratic republican delegates from the several townships in the county of Huntingdon, convened on Wednesday, the 14th August, 1816, at the house of Patrick Gwin, Esq. in the borough of Huntingdon, pursuant to public notice, for the purpose of nominating suitable characters to be supported as candidates for the several elective offices, at the ensuing general election, and appointing Conferees as well to meet those that may be appointed by the other counties composing this congressional district as those by the other part of the senatorial district—
Michael Wallace was called to the Chair and David R. Porter, appointed Secretary—when it was determined by ballot, that the following persons be supported.

For Assembly, Conrad Bucher, Christian Garber—Commissioner, Philip Roller—Auditor, Michael Wallace—Conferees, David R. Porter, and William M'Elevey, Junior, to meet those that may be appointed by Mifflin county, to nominate a Representative in the Senate of this state, and those that may be appointed by the counties of Mifflin, Centre, Clearfield and M'Kean, to nominate a representative in the congress of the United States.

Resolved, That the said Conferees be and they are hereby instructed to support, Alexander Dysert, for Senator, and William P. M'Clay, of Mifflin county, for Congress—Provided, That the latter will give (through the delegates from Mifflin county, or otherwise) sufficient assurances that he will endeavour to have reduced the compensation allowed by the existing law, to members of Congress.

Resolved, That said Conferees meet at the house of Samuel Henry, in Barree township, on the second Monday of September next, at two o'clock, P. M.
Resolved, That this meeting adjourn,

to meet again at this house, on the Tuesday of the next January Court, to take into view the propriety of instructing our representatives of this state, who to support, at any nomination for governor, that may be made by the republican members, at their next session.

Resolved, That the proceeding of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and published in the Huntingdon Republican, Juniata Gazette and American Patriot.

M. WALLACE, Chairman.
DAVID R. PORTER, Secretary.

BRIDGE

Over the West branch of Susquehanna at Lewisburg.

NOTICE

It is hereby given, that the second instalment of three Dollars per share is required to be paid to me on or before Saturday the fourteenth day of September next. And that the third instalment of four dollars per share is required to be paid to me on or before Monday the fourteenth day of October next.

By order of the Board
William M'Quhae,
Treasurer.

Lewisburg Union County, Aug. 6th, 1816.

N. B. Receipts for Centre county are left with Messrs. Duncan & Forster, Aaronsburg, and Mr. Joseph Miles, Bellefonte.

5 Dollars Reward.

STRAYED away from the subscriber, living at Rock Iron Works, Centre county, on the 14th of August, a BLACK MARE. She was cut by the kick of another beast in her hindparts, and a small hollow in one of her hips, occasioned by a kick. She rides well and easy, but slow. Will work any where in gears. The above reward will be given to any person giving information where she is, or if brought home all reasonable charges paid. She steer'd her course towards Lewistown, or to cross Tussey mountain towards the Bears' meadows.

PAULSER SELLERS.
August 14, 1816.

Caution!

WHEREAS my wife Sarah hath left my bed and board without any just cause; this is therefore to forewarn all persons from trusting her on my account, as I am determined not to pay any debts of her contracting after this date, unless compelled by law. As some of my children have absconded with her; all persons, therefore, are hereby forbid harboring them at their peril, as I am determined to prosecute any who shall do so as far as the limits of the law will admit.

ISAAC PARSONS.
Aug. 26, 1816.

2 DOLLARS REWARD.

Ran away from the Subscriber living in Clearfield County, an indented Negro Boy, named

John Hall,
about 13 years of age; had on when he went away a tow shirt and trousers, and moccasins. Any person securing said boy in the jail of the county wherein he may be taken, and giving information to the subscriber shall receive the above reward.

George Wilson, jun.
August 15, 1816.

STRAY HORSE.

CAME to the plantation of the Subscriber living in Ferguson Township, a SOBREL HORSE, about 14 hands high; has three white feet, and a lump on his right side. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away.

James M'Iroy.
August 8 1816.

Notice.

ALL persons having demands against the estate of James Packer, senior, late of Bald Eagle Township, in Centre county, deceased, will please to present them to the subscriber for settlement, and all persons any way indebted to the said estate, will please to make payment on or before the 1st day of January next.

J. B. Shugart,
Administrator.
Bellefonte, August 5, 1816.

TOWN OF FOXBURGH.

WILL be exposed to public sale, in FOXBURGH, on Tuesday the 29th October next,

150 Lots

in the said town, and a large number of Out Lots. It is situate in Richland township, Venango county, at the confluence of Toby's Creek with the Allegheny River, which is navigable for 120 miles above the town. The creek is also navigable for upwards of 70 miles. It is seventy miles distant from Pittsburgh, and about thirty from Kittanning, Franklin and Butler. The land in the vicinity is of a good quality; the county healthy; in general, well settled, and rapidly improving.—Terms will be made known at the time of sale.

Joseph M Fox.

Notice,

TO the Collectors of County tax including 1815, those in arrears will do well by calling and settling their Duplicates on or before the August Court; Otherwise suits will be brought immediately after that time, against delinquents indiscriminately.

By ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS,
P. Cambridge,
Treasurer.

Bellefonte, Aug. 8, 1816.

Notice.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order of Orphans Court of the county of Centre, will be exposed to sale by public outcry or vendue, on the 26th day of August next, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, in the borough of Bellefonte, the following tracts or parcels of land with the appurtenances, situate in the township of Ferguson, in the county aforesaid, late the estate of Gen. John Patton, deceased, to wit: One tract surveyed in the name of James Boggs, one tract surveyed in the name of James Gaw, one tract surveyed in the name of Robert T. Stewart, one tract surveyed in the name of Henry Davis, part of a tract surveyed in the name of Michael Redman, part of a tract surveyed in the name of John Cochran, and part of a tract surveyed in the name of William Cochran.

Terms of sale; One third of the purchase money in hand, the remainder in four equal annual payments—Due attendance will be given by
WILLIAM PATTON,
Administrator.

BY THE COURT,
Wm. PETRIKIN, Clerk O. C.
Clerk's Office, Bellefonte }
May 21, 1816.

STRAY MARE.

CAME to the plantation of the subscriber some time in April last, a dun mare with a black stripe along her back, and about three years old. The owner by proving property and paying charges may have her again.

JACOB HOUSER.
June 20, 1816.

Bear Skins.

The subscriber wishes to purchase and will give cash for a quantity of bear skins. Saddles, Harness, Bridles &c. made at the shortest notice, and for sale as usual.

George Test.
Bellefonte, July 30, 1816.

Stray Bull.

CAME to the plantation of the subscriber living in Ferguson township, Centre county, about the 15th of December last, a small red and white Bull, supposed to be two years old this spring; the owner is desired to come, prove property, pay charges, and take him away.

GEORGE COLEMIRE,
APRIL 6 1816

L A W S.

THE quota for Centre and Clearfield counties, of the laws passed at the last session of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, came to hand this day, to be delivered to the different officers, entitled to copies thereof; all of whom, will please to apply personally, as receipts are to be taken on their delivery.

J. G. LOWREY, Profr.
Prothonotary's office,
Bellefonte, July 1, 1816.