

Democratic Banner.

CLEARFIELD, PA. May 20, 1846.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER, WILLIAM B. FOSTER, jr. of Bradford county.

POSTSCRIPT.—Just as our paper was going to press we learn by passengers by to-day's stage, that Gen. Taylor had opened his battery upon Matamoras, and destroyed the town—killing about 700 Mexicans, with the loss of only one man. If this is true, these Mexican braggarts will begin to pick their ears.

The DEMOCRATIC REVIEW, for May, has been on our table for several days. We are glad to see this great national work continue to sustain its high character for usefulness and influence to the cause of Republicanism. The leading article of the present number is a powerful paper from the pen of the editors of the Independent Treasury—followed with several other scarcely less important productions, among which we were particularly pleased with a sketch of the life and services of Gen. Ross, the republican leader of the Argentine Republic.

Our Morris township friends ask too much at our hands. That they were grossly misrepresented by the writer of the letter published in the Pennsylvania some weeks since, there is no doubt; but we think that either of the four communications they have sent us for publication, would be all-sufficient to vindicate their injured feelings. If we thought it could possibly result to any benefit to our good friends of old Democratic Morris, we would publish every word they have written. But we do not think so. To publish all would, in our opinion, be over-doing the thing, and reflect more indignation than is really felt. If the offence should be repeated, then, repeat the chastisement.

We purpose publishing one of the communications next week, and then wait until we hear from our friends in Morris.

A WICKED SLANDER.—A story was extensively circulated in this county last winter, representing a native of this county—ISAAC G. WELB—as being suspected of, or condemned, or hung, in some of the Western States, for murder! This story was no doubt invented by some wicked person for some wicked design, as the father of the slandered man, at our late court, presented us with a letter from his said son, dated on the 9th of last March, in which he gives a very plausible, and no doubt correct, account of himself since he left his home. He is engaged in a lawful and very lucrative business high up the Missouri river.

The War Bill.

In pursuance of the recommendations of President POLK, as contained in his message which we publish to-day, Congress immediately passed an act appropriating Ten Millions of Dollars, and authorizing him to receive the services of 50,000 volunteers, for the purpose of defending our country against the aggressions of the Mexican Government. The preamble to the bill is in these words: "Whereas, by the act of the Republic of Mexico, a state of war exists between that government and the United States." It passed the House by a vote of 174 to 14—and the Senate 40 to 2. Strong efforts were made to change the phraseology of the preamble so as not to declare that war now existed by the act of Mexico; but this very properly failed—and our country now presents the glorious spectacle of having, almost unanimously, placed in the hands of its chief magistrate, the power and the means of sustaining and defending the honor and the rights of the nation.

We refer the reader to the remarks of Gen. Cass, among the proceedings of the Senate, in another column.

LIEUT. PORTER, who was recently murdered by the Mexicans, was a son of the late Commodore Porter. Mexico, it seems, is the grave of the Porters—two of them having previously died in that country of yellow fever.

PRINTERS ALWAYS AHEAD

A meeting of the Journeymen Printers of Philadelphia was held on Wednesday last, (13th inst.) which was numerously attended, and at which resolutions were adopted, unanimously pledging themselves in readiness and willing at once to march at the call of their country. The following is their 2d resolution:

"Resolved, That we have heard with pride and pleasure that our brother craft in New Orleans have thrown down their composing sticks, taken up their shooting-sticks, and are now on their march to the Rio Grande, willing to spill their blood in a righteous cause."

THE SPIRIT OF THE NATION.

The greatest excitement and animation prevail in all our large cities and towns on the war question. Patriotic meetings are being held throughout the country. In Philadelphia, at the call of the Mayor, Independence square was filled to a perfect jam, and spirited speeches made, and resolutions passed, pledging their lives and fortunes to the speedy and successful prosecution of the war.

In New Orleans the enthusiasm is still greater. The four regiments (or nearly so) of volunteers required by Gen. Taylor's requisition, were mustered into service within 36 hours after the call was made. The legislature, by acclamation, voted \$100,000 to defray the expenses of their equipment and transportation.

In all the South, similar activity characterized the proceedings of the people. So that, from profic indications, the President will have no difficulty in mustering into service the 50,000 voted by Congress.

CLARKE'S FERRY BRIDGE BURNED.—On the 14th inst, the remaining portion of this splendid bridge was destroyed by fire. Two spans of it were carried off by the ice in March—since when a steamboat has been used for towing boats across. The fire was caused by the sparks from this boat, it is believed, and cost about \$80,000.

The August Interest.

Col. SNOWDEN, State Treasurer, has issued a circular to the Commissioners of the several counties, urging them to use increased efforts to secure the collection of the State tax, in order to meet the payment of the interest due in August. The Legislature adjourned without making any provision to meet this exigency, hence the administration are thrown back upon the laws formerly existing. Added to this, the immense destruction of public property by the floods, and now by the burning of Clark's Ferry Bridge, it will require the most zealous exertions of all concerned to meet the public creditors. Let what may come, the administration has done all that men could do, to sustain the faith of the State.

We have had two very fine freshets in the Susquehanna within the last fortnight—enabling nearly all our lumber to get to market.

EXECUTION OF McCARTHY.—James McCafferty, convicted of the murder of Hassler, in Huntingdon county, was hung on the 9th inst. The rope broke at the first attempt, letting him fall heavily to the ground. Though pained from the effects of the fall, he remounted the scaffold with a firm step, perfectly calm, and reconciled to his fate. He manifested a confident hope of meeting with favor at the bar of God. From a statement taken from his lips a few days before his execution, it appears that he has lived a life of dissipation, and that he was on a drunken spree the day he committed the fatal act. This same McCafferty spent a portion of his boyhood days in this place.

GEN. WORTH.—This gallant officer, a few weeks ago, resigned his commission in the army, having taken umbrage at some of the promotions, and repaired to Washington. But as soon as he heard of the commencement of hostilities on the Rio Grande, he flew to the War Department and demanded whether his resignation had been acted upon. Being answered in the negative, he recalled it, and started forthwith to the scene of action.

DREADFUL SHIPWRECK.—A Swedish vessel (the Carlsberg) was captured in the Gulf of Mexico on the 2d inst., and 115 out of 132 passengers and crew perished. The surviving seventeen were picked up by a vessel from New Orleans, and brought to this city.

DROWNED.—A young man named JOHN FRYXON of Indiana, Pa. was drowned in Orr's Mill Dam, Chest Creek, week before last. He was crossing the dam on two planks, which separating, let him into the water, and being unable to swim, found a watery grave.

ANOTHER.—On Friday morning, the 1st inst. JOSEPH HOPKINS, a respectable colored man, whilst engaged in floating saw logs in the Messers, Irwin's dam, on Lick Run, was thrown into the water and drowned, not over ten feet from shore.

FROM THE ARMY.

COMMENCEMENT OF HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.

From the New Orleans Bulletin, May 2. The news in our second edition this morning is regarded as of much importance.

Letters from authentic American sources in Matamoras, state that the Mexican forces are at least 8,000 men, well equipped, with an excellent park of artillery.

The Governor of this State has issued his requisition for twenty-five hundred volunteers, and the soldiers are already in the street, and making the most active preparations for departure. They will leave in the course of twenty-four hours.

The Legislature of the State, with a patriotic promptitude worthy of all praise, have already passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the service. The measure passed by acclamation.

From the Picayune, May 2.

Col. Charles Doane arrived in this city at an early hour yesterday morning, from Brazos Santiago, which place he left on the 28th ult., in the steam schooner Augusta. He is the bearer of important dispatches from Gen. Taylor, and of a requisition upon the Governor of Louisiana for four regiments. The previous news received that the Mexican army had crossed the Rio Grande is fully confirmed, and a detachment of American troops has been cut off. But for the details we refer to the following account of operations, kindly furnished us by Col. Doane:

On Thursday evening, the 23d inst., Gen. Taylor received information that a body of the Mexican army had crossed to the east side of the Rio Grande, at a point some 20 miles above his encampment.—Early on the following morning, he dispatched Capts. Thornton and Hardee, of the 2d Regiment Dragoons, with a detachment of 70 men to examine the country above, and Capt. Kerr, of the same regiment, with a company, to examine the country below the encampment. The latter returned to camp without having made any discovery of Mexicans.

The former, however, fell in with what he considered to be a scouting party of the enemy, but which proved to be the advance guard of a very strong body of the enemy who were posted in the chaparral, immediately in the rear of Gen. Taylor's camp. Capt. Thornton, contrary to the advice of his Mexican Guide, charged upon the main body, followed by Capt. Thornton, when in an instant he found himself and command surrounded by the enemy, who fired upon him, killing, as it is supposed, Capt. Thornton, and Lieuts. Kane and Mason, and some 26 of the men, and taking Capt. Hardee and the remainder of the command prisoners.—The Mexican commander sent into Gen. Taylor's camp, a cart, with a soldier badly wounded, with a message that he had no travelling hospital with him and could not, therefore, render the soldier the assistance which his situation required. It is supposed that the detachment of

the enemy on the east side of the Rio Grande consists of at least 2500 men, under the commands of Colo. Carusco and Carrabjal, both old and experienced officers, and that their object is to cut off all communication between Gen. Taylor and Point Isabel, the depot of provisions. In the execution of this object, they have fully succeeded, and have thereby placed the American army in a most dangerous position, as it will be utterly impossible for Gen. Taylor, with the limited number of men now under his command, say 2300, to force his way through the dense chaparral in which the enemy are already strongly posted.

On the 22d, Gen. Taylor received from Gen. Ampudia, by means of a flag of truce, a communication in very offensive terms, complaining of his having blockaded the Rio Grande; to which he replied, that Gen. Ampudia had himself been the cause of the blockade, in having expressly declared that unless Gen. Taylor commenced his retreat beyond the Nueces within twenty-four hours after his displaying his flag upon the left bank of the Rio Grande, he would consider war as being declared, and would act accordingly. Gen. Taylor furthermore stated that he would receive no further communications from the Mexican commander, unless couched in language more respectful towards the Government and people of the United States.

Gen. Taylor's position, in the rear of Matamoras, is sufficiently strong to withstand successfully an attack of the whole Mexican force, and commands the town, which, with the batteries already mounted, could be razed to the ground in an hour's time. Gen. Taylor has in camp full rations for 15 days, which he thinks can be made to last thirty days, by which time he is in hopes to receive large reinforcements from Texas and Louisiana, upon each of which States he has made a requisition for the immediate equipment and transmission to Point Isabel of four full regiments of militia. It is thought by the superior officers of Gen. Taylor's Army that 20,000 men will be required with in a very short period, as it is well known the Mexican army is daily receiving large reinforcements from the interior.

Subsequently to his leaving the camp on the 26th, Col. Doane learned that Gen. Arista addressed a polite note to General Taylor, informing him that he (Arista) had assumed the command of the Mexican forces.

At Point Isabel great fears were entertained of a night attack, which, from the present exposed situation of that post, could not be otherwise than successful, if conducted with energy. The post is defended by Major Moore, with a detachment of 80 artillerymen. There are also at the post about 200 armed wagoners and 50 laborers, under the orders of the quartermaster, and some 100 citizens, furnished with arms by the U. S. ordnance officer, organized under the command of Capt. Perkins, & denominated the Sumpster Guards. A company of 50 Mexican cavalry were seen on the night of the 26th within five miles of Point Isabel. They were supposed to be a corps of observation.

The body of Col. Cross was found on the 21st ult., about three miles from camp, frightfully mutilated and entirely destitute of clothing. The body of Lieut. Porter, who was killed some days previous by a party of banditti, under the command of Ramon Talcon, had not been found.

MARRIED.—On the 30th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Murphy, Mr. ARCHIBALD STEWART to Miss NANCY WHEATLEY, both of Bradford township.

DIED.—On Saturday night last, in Boggs township, Mrs. ESTHER McCORD, consort of John McCord.

List and Classification

OF Retailers of Foreign merchandise in Clearfield county, for the year 1846.

Table listing retailers and their goods: Richard Shaw Class 13 no liquor \$10 00; Bigler, Boynton & Powell 13 no liquor 10 00; E. & W. F. Irvin 13 no liquor 7 00; Moore & Leonard 13 no liquor 7 00; F. P. Huxthall 14 no liquor 7 00; Chas. D. Watson 14 no liquor 7 00; James Forrest 14 no liquor 7 00; John Irvin 12 liquor 18 75; John Patton 14 no liquor 7 00; Daniel Garrett 14 no liquor 7 00; A. E. Waller 14 no liquor 7 00; John Patchin 11 no liquor 7 00; Jos. & Jas. McMurray 14 no liquor 7 00; David Irvin 12 liquor 10 50; Geo. & Sam'l Arnold 13 no liquor 7 00; Joseph Lyons 14 no liquor 7 00; John Brubaker liquor 5 25; A. P. Owens 13 no liquor 10 50; Israel Cooper 14 liquor 7 00; Wright & Graham 14 do do; A. Leconte 14 do do; John Patchin 14 do do; Francis Lamote 14 do do; Levi Lutz 14 do do; J. G. Lebo 14 do do; Watson & Brunner 14 do do.

A. K. WRIGHT, J. T. LEONARD, Associate Judges. GRIER BELL, S. JOHNSON, A. KYLAR, Commissioners.

Attest—H. B. BEISEL, Ck pro tem. Persons feeling themselves aggrieved by the above classification will take notice that the aforesaid Judges and Commissioners have appointed the 8th day of June, for the hearing of such grievances. May 21, '46.

MEN'S Summer Wear.

Tweed, Croton and Oregon cloths for coating. Linen, hemp and cotton striped goods for pants and children's clothing at B. B. & P.'S.

TAILORING.

M. A. FRANK WOULD respectfully inform the inhabitants of Clearfield and vicinity that he still occupies his old stand on Front street, two doors north of the building formerly occupied by Chas. D. Watson as a Drug Store, where he can at all times be found ready to execute all orders entrusted to his care with neatness and durability, and warranted to fit. Thankful for the liberal patronage heretofore extended to him, he hopes by strict personal attention to business and unremitting exertion to please, to still share the public patronage.

The New York and Philadelphia Fashions received quarterly. Cutting done at short notice, and warranted to fit if properly made.

Country produce taken in exchange for work at the highest market price.

N. B. I would also inform the trade that I am an authorized agent for Mr. T. Oliver's new system of cutting. May 21.

ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS of the Lycoming County Mutual Insurance Company are hereby notified that the Board of Directors have ordered an assessment of one per cent. on all premium notes, due to the company on the 16th day of November, 1845, to be paid previous to the 2d day of June next to the Treasurer or to Receivers.

Wm. A. PETRIKEN, Sec'y. N. B. The Receiver for Clearfield co. is ELLIS IRWIN, Esq. Treasurer C. S. Wallis, Esq. Office of the Ly. Co. Mut. In. Co. } Muncy, April, 17, 1846.

PROPOSALS

WILL be received by the Commissioners of Clearfield county at their office in the borough of Clearfield, on Monday the 8th day of June next, for making a desk and a case to file papers in for the office of the Prothonotary. A plan and specification of the work can be seen at the Prothonotary's office. By order of the Comm'rs. H. B. BEISEL, Ck pro tem. May 9, 1846.

CAUTION.

ALL persons are hereby cautioned against buying, selling, or in any way meddling with the following property now in possession of Christopher and Geo. Neff:—One brown mare, one yoke of oxen and yoke, two cows, one heifer, one wind-mill, two harrows, one plough, ten sheep, one mantle clock, one bull, two yearling calves and one two horse wagon, as the said property was sold to me at Constable sale on the 2d day of May, 1846. JOHN M. RIDDLE. May 8, 1846—pd.

NOW COME!

SPENCER & DALE are very desirous of meeting their creditors, and as this is impossible without assistance from those indebted to them, they therefore earnestly, though with sincere respect, call upon those indebted to come forward without delay and square up. Those whose debts are of one year's standing, are particularly alluded to. SPENCER & DALE. Curwinstown, May 18, 1846.

10 Dollars REWARD.

LOST, on the 23d inst., between the residence of the subscriber, in Pike township, and Curwinstown, a large Calf-skin Pocket Book, containing four \$20 bills on the Columbia (Pa.) Bank, and one \$2 relief bill on one of the Pittsburgh Banks—in all \$82—besides a number of private papers of value to the owner and no one else. The above reward will be given to the finder. WILLIAM FULLERTON. Lawrence township, April 25, '46.

SYRUP and ORLEANS Molasses,

Sugar, Rio Coffee, Young Hyson and Black Tea, Chocolate, &c. at the store of B. B. & P.

DRUGS.

A fine assortment of Drugs and Patent medicines at the store of B. B. & P.

A few pieces of superior BLACK and BLUE CLOTHS—Satinets of all colours and styles at B. B. & P.'S.

LADIES there are RIBBONS & ARTIFICIALS, THREAD, LACE & EDGING at the store of B. B. & P.

CLOCKS. Jerome's best twenty-four hour at B. B. & P.'S.

HATS. Beaver, Russia, Silk, Leghorn and Palm Leaf at B. B. & P.'S.

A fine article of RUGS, parlor and hearth. Also—Carpeting and carpet yarn at B. B. & P.'S.

BOOTS & SHOES. Gent's fine calf boots, pumps and slippers—Ladies kid and morocco shoes, punell and fancy colored gaiters, kid slippers & hall gaiters black and variegated at the store of B. B. & P.

"Sich a gittin up stairs"

To see the New Goods! BIGLER, BOYNTON & POWELL are now receiving and opening at their old stand a new and splendid assortment of cheap and SEASONABLE GOODS,

consisting in part of DRY and FANCY GOODS, HARDWARE & GROCERIES, all of which will be sold on the most reasonable terms. Their old customers and the public generally are invited to give them a call and examine their stock. May 21.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

LETTERS of administration having been granted to the subscriber, on the estate of Henry Fye, late of Brady township, Clearfield county, dec'd—notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate that the said administrator has appointed Saturday the 30th day of May next, for all persons indebted to meet him at the house of the said decedent and pay off the same—and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them duly authenticated for settlement at the same time and place.—pd. DAVID BUTLER, Adm'r. April 25, '46.—pd.

Attention Battalion!

THE Third Volunteer Battalion, composed of the "National Grays," "Curwinstown Artillery," "Washington Troop," "Union Grays," and "Brady Guards," will meet for inspection, at Luthersburg, Clearfield county, on Monday the 8th day of June next, at 12 o'clock, precisely. This being a Law day a punctual attendance is requested. By order of Col. BARRETT, J. F. WEAVER, Adj't. April 27, '46.

DR. E. GREEN'S RED & BROWN PILLS.

THE demand for the above medicine in the last 2 or 3 years, is deemed a sufficient apology for placing it now fully before the public; and the diseases for which it is applicable have become so prevalent in this country that a remedy entitled to confidence, is a great desideratum. The diseases I allude to are—Hepatitis (Liver affections,) Dyspepsia, and female complaints in general. The Pills will be kept constantly for sale by DAVID ADAMS, of Boggs tp. Clearfield county. April 25, '46.

CLEARFIELD BRIDGE WOOLLEN FACTORY.

THE subscriber would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally, that he has taken the above establishment, formerly occupied by William Lang, situate at Clearfield Bridge, in Lawrence township, Clearfield county—and, having put his machinery in good order, he can assure all who may favor him with their custom, that their orders will be promptly attended to on the shortest notice, and on the most reasonable terms. He will do country carding, fulling and weaving at the customary prices. Persons wishing to exchange wool for manufactured goods can be accommodated, as he intends keeping goods on hand manufactured at one of the best establishments east of the mountains. All kinds of country produce taken in exchange for work if delivered at the factory. JAMES G. BARRETT. April 14, 1846.—paid.

NOTICE.

PERSONS knowing themselves indebted to the estate of Elias Horn, late of Pike township, dec'd, are required to make immediate payment to the subscriber, and those having demands against said estate, will present the same duly authenticated for settlement. GEO. W. HORN, Adm'r. Brady tp. April 14, 1846.

NOTICE.

PERSONS having demands against the estate of Geo. Scott, late of Jordan township, dec'd, are requested to make the same known to the subscribers without delay, and those indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. JANE SCOTT, Adm'r. RICH'D CURRY, Adm'r. April 14, 1846.

A lot of new style PRINTS at the store of B. B. & P.

A few pieces superior DELAINES and BALZARINES—also, Mowhair Shirts, Delaine Shawls, Crape Scarfs, Fancy Ties and Cravats at the store of B. B. & P.

BONNETS. A fine lot of newest style Florence, Straw and Rutland Bonnets, just received and opening at B. B. & P.'S.

COUNTERPANES and Bed Spreads, Ticking and Table covers, breakfast and dinner Table Linen at B. B. & P.'S.

PARASOLS & UMBRELLAS at low rates at B. B. & P.'S.

FURST & ANDREWS improved patent Running-Mills for sale at the store of BIGLER & CO.