

COUNTING HOUSE ALMANACK, FOR THE YEAR 1844, BEING A HESSELE OR LEAP YEAR, AND THE 68TH OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

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THE AMERICAN. Saturday, Dec. 30, 1843.

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Van Buren and the Presidency. A writer in the Richmond Enquirer, in an able article on the Presidency, produces some powerful arguments against the policy of taking up Mr. Van Buren as the candidate of the Democratic party.

THE WEATHER.—Cloudy, with rain, for a week past. The sun did show himself for a few hours on Christmas afternoon, by way of a refreshment to the turkey and other poultry dinners that were eaten on that day.

A daring attempt was made, a few nights since, to fire Mr. Joseph Weitzel's Mill, about three miles from this place. The villains had succeeded in communicating fire to some straw that was in the mill, but which, fortunately, on account of being wet, did not become ignited.

A correspondent of the Clinton County Democrat recommends E. Y. BRIGHT, Esq., of this county, as a candidate for Speaker.

NORTHERN PENNSYLVANIA.—This is the title of a new paper, just started at Williamsport by our friend Col. CARTER. The Colonel, will, of course, publish an interesting and amusing paper. It supports James Buchanan for President, and Francis R. Shunk for Governor.

NEW YORK STANDARD.—This is a new paper established in New York by the friends of Gen. Cass. The Standard is ably edited by John J. Mumford, and warmly advocates the election of Gen. Cass to the Presidency.

CHARLES J. INGERSOLL, in the course of the debate on the subject of printing the Messages in the German language, asked if there was any difference between German and Low Dutch, except in pronunciation.

The vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge THOMPSON, of the Supreme Court of the United States, it is thought, will be filled by Secretary Spencer.

A State Temperance Convention will be held at Harrisburg on the 10th of January next. Delegates of temperance associations are invited to attend.

THE STATE DEBT AND PUBLIC WORKS.—There are a number of papers, mostly in the city, which are constantly harping upon the propriety of selling the public improvements, for the purpose of paying the State debt, or rather paying a bond one-half, say 20 millions, and leave the remaining 20 millions to be saddled on the people, without any resources or means of payment but by taxation.

A great fire occurred in Wilkesbarre, on the 24th inst. Ten families were burned out. The fire was so sudden that but little furniture was saved. The dwellings, we understand, were all burned, excepting that of Mr. John Liggett.

The Sheriff of York county has advertised the sale of the locks dams, &c., of the Tide Water Canal Company, on the 30th inst.

MISCELLANY. Editorial, Condensed and Selected. A new Comet has been discovered in France and England.

There has been another eruption on Mount Atna. The stream of burning lava that was discharged was two miles in breadth.

The Duke of Sutherland gave his daughter 50,000 on her marriage with Lord Blantyre.

There are 25,000 pensioners on the military list in England.

The London Spectator says—Mr. O'Connell is stated to have received from the Irish since 1829, the sum of two hundred and thirty thousand pounds sterling.

The Creek Indians have passed a law expelling all white men from the limits of the nation, who play at cards, whether they have Indian wives or not.

At Washington, Mr. Pennington asks for \$30,000 from Congress, to try an experiment with a steam balloon.

The Bombay Times mentions the liberation of 7000 Christian slaves from galling bondage, at the intercession of Captain Harris.

The following communication was sent us upon the subject of some poetry, entitled 'The Child of Nature to its Mother,' which we copied into our paper of the 9th inst., from the Miltonian, by special request.

FOR THE AMERICAN. INFIDELITY. There being so much trashy stuff, under the name of poetry, I seldom read the original effusions which are published in country newspapers.

THE BLOOMING REGISTER gives an account of a burglary in the house of Leonard Rupert, the county Treasurer, on the night of the 18th inst. The robbers broke open the desk and took out about \$200 in money, and \$8000 in redeemed treasury orders.

MONEY MATTERS.—In the cities money is still as abundant as ever. Fair paper is readily negotiated at 3 1/4 to 4 per cent. per annum. This continued abundance of the money market, for so long a period, has been contrary to all expectations and has set the croakers and calculators all at naught.

The Free Banking law is beginning to find many advocates in Ohio, where they have extirpated nearly all their old banks. Yet this system has not prospered any too well in New York, where it has been in existence for nearly five years.

son and revelation in reference to other matters of vital importance, besides his ungenerous reflections on the ministers of our holy faith.

He has either taught that man has no soul distinct from his body, or, laying out a part for the whole, has included the soul in the word body.

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The Rev. Sydney Smith of England, who until recently held considerable Pennsylvania State Stock, has been abusing the Americans in most unmeasured terms, on account of the non-payment of the interest on his stock.

It may be very true that rich and educated men in Pennsylvania wish to pay the debt, and that the real objectors are the Dutch and German agriculturists, who cannot be made to understand the effect of character upon clover.

And now, dear Jonathan, let me beg of you to follow the advice of a real friend, who will say to you what Tyler had not the virtue to say, and what all speakers in the eleven recent Pennsylvania elections have cautiously abstained from saying, 'make a great effort look up at once and pay.'

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