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BECK & BROSIOUS above business in all its various branches, in the shop lately occupied by X wier Eggart as a watchcute all orders in their line, with

PROMPTNESS AND DESPATCH. They hope, by strict attention to business, mod Sunbucy, March 30th, 1844 .- ly

DR. P. E. VASTINE, dence, and is ready to attend to any calls in the

He may at all times be found at Mr. James Lee's Hotel. Northumberland, Dec. 16th, 1843,-tf.

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Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of Republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism .- Jeffenson.

By Masser & Eisely.

Sunbury, Northumberland Co. Pa. Saturday, Sept. 14, 1844.

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From the Democratic Union. FRANCIS R. SHUNK.

The gentleman whose name heads this article, is now the candidate of the Democratic party of this State for Governor. The people, with unanimity unparallelled in the history of our political annals, have substituted him in the A. MUHLENBERG.

To the great body of the people of this Commonwealth, it is hardly necessary to introduce FRANCIS R. SHUNK. He has long been familiarly known to them, and knowing him, they are prepared to elevate him to the distinguished office of Chief Magistrate. A brief sketch, however, of his life, at this deeply interesting period of our political affairs, may not be uninteresting.

FRANCIS R. SHUNK is a native of county of Montgomery, in this State. His above articles, all of which they sell at unusual- forefathers were Germans, who emigrated, upwards of one hundred years ago, from the Palatinata, on the Rhine, and settled in the neighborhood of the Trappe. His tather was, also, a native of (then Philadelphia, now) Montgomery county, and at the age of 10, entered the service of his country, and continued in her service for a period of upwards of six years during the war of the Revolution.

It was the fate of Francis R. Shunk to be denied the advantages of a liberal education. At the age of 12 years he was, from the force of circumstances, taken from the country school, and compelled, for several years, to work for hire with the neighboring farmers. But his active, enquiring and energetic mind could not be subdued or depressed by circumstances. DOCTOR J. B. MASSER, The deficiencies of calucation at school, were in a great measure supplied by reading and izens of Sunbury and its vicinity, that study during his leisure moments, and by teaching a country school, which, at the age of 17, he commenced at the instance of the farmers post office, where he will be happy to receive calls residing in the vicinity of his birth-place. As he grew up he emerged from his obscure position, and quickly established a reputation for talents and integrity, for singleness of heart, and honesty of purpose, which justly entitle him to the distinguished rank and exalted station to which his fellow-citizens are about to ele-

While Clerk of the House of Representatives he was as much noted for the faithful performance of the proper duties of the office, as for his eminent usefulness to the Speaker and memsceletrated Water and Provi- bers, in consequence of his accurate knowledge fact, one of the most efficient and active memlegislation, and that, too, without rendering himself liable to the charge of obtrusion. His ciated by many gentlemen in the several coun-Thusting Machines, from Doors, superior business, and most materially lessened the ex- and few men have performed so much labor for cial degradation. penses of government.

CAUTION -I do hereby caution all per- whom he served, their records, and all the a- adopted for his guide, and has ever since stricts - unbending in his integrity-unflanching in gents upon the public works with whom he was ly adhered to, the political landmarks which the opinions he forms after mature reflectionor Doors, of any kind similar in principle to my associated, bear testimony to his admirable skill, were established by Jefferson, the great Apos- devoted to the Constitution and laws-FRAN-Patent, of 10th July, 1841, and also against Lining arrangement and fidelity. In his capacity of the of Freedom. With entire confidence in the CISR, SHUNK'S administration will be a Secretary to the Board, he had an opportunity capacity of the people to govern themselves, he theme for patriots to congratulate themselves of becoming intimately acquainted with the va. has been uniformly opposed to the creation of upon, and constitute a bright example to those rious local as well as general interests of the powers in the government independent of their who may succeed him in the chair of State, people of this Commonwealth, which required control, and has been associated with the great at that time the fostering care of the legislature. Democratic party in maintaining the integrity | Promiseric Excursers on the Besch.-A | asked if they had any objection to be tried beand which at this time may stand in need of of the Constitution, and the unquestioned and Berr (King's county) correspondent of the Tip- fore this tribunal, to which they had none. The legislative aid. There is scarcely a county in unquestionable right of those who are to be perary Vindicator, writes as follows :-- "A rich jury was absent a short time and returned a the State that has not been visited by Mr. governed, to establish, control and regulate the scene occurred on the bench of the petty ses- verdict against Jones, White and Mitchell, and a very superior mind, and was highly educa-Shunk, and the resources of which he is not fat powers of government, and to mould them ac- sions court, shortly after Sir W. Lower had re- sentenced them to be hung, but was divided in ted. OULD inform their friends and the public Shunk, and the resources of which he is not fat powers of government miliar with. It is not saying more than strict cording to their will. truth warrants, when we remark that no man His decision of character and political firm. Isr magistrate, playfully applied a rod which he sion. The verdict was submitted to the compamaker shop, cast of the Red Lion Hotel, in Market in Pennsylvania has a better knowledge of the ness were exemplified by the manner in which had in his hand to the back of Sir Edward ny, who formed themselves in a bollow square, etreet, Sunbury, where they are prepared to exe- statistics of the State than FRANCIS R. he performed his duty as Clerk of the House of Synge, who was sitting in front of him, when when a vote was taken. The vote was unani-SHUNK. He may have his equal in this res Representatives, during the memorable Buck. The baronet, suddenly turning round, and throw- mous to hang Jones, White and Mitchell. In spect, it is true, but he certainly has not his su- shot War. When treason was abroad-when mg humself into a pugihistic attitude, popped in the case of Kay, a few were for sparing him, rate charges, and the durability of their work, to perior. The writer of this article has a person- for the first time in the history of our Com. his right and left, fibbing Mr. Drought in a because he confessed, but a large majority vomerit and receive a share of the public patronage, al knowledge of the fact, that Mr. Smink des monwealth, the monarchal dogma that the ma. style that would have done credit to Deaf ted to being him; and the next day they were voted much time in preparing for publication, pority should yield to the will of the minority, Burke, or the 'Tipton Slasher.' Queer things all executed." a statistical tabular statement of the amount was openly vindicated and attempted to be es. have sometimes been acted even on the bench, RESPECTFULLY informs the public that he has made Northumberland his place of residues, the amount and value of the various artificial so, the amount and value of the various artificial so, the amount and value of the various artificial so that he also, the amount and value of the various artificial so that he also, the amount and value of the various artificial so that he also, the amount and value of the various artificial so that he also, the amount and value of the various artificial so that he also, the amount and value of the various artificial so that he also, the amount and value of the various artificial so that he also, the amount and value of the various artificial so that he also, the amount and value of the various artificial so that he also, the amount and value of the various artificial so that he also, the amount and value of the various artificial so that he also, the amount and value of the various artificial so that he also, the amount and value of the various artificial so that he also, the amount and value of the various artificial so that he also and value of the Agricultural productions; and tablished by violence-when the powers of le. but such an exhibition as a 'mill' or 'sparring ticles manufactured in each county of the State, ed representatives, and the Hall of the 11 use tice - English paper."

relation to the general business of the office, profanation, and secured the confidence and court room. and with the school directors throughout the warm support of the law and order and peace-Commonwealth, upon the subject of common loving people of this Commonwealth. In this A writer in one of the magazines tells a fun-

fatigable zeal and industry in examining every | stitutions. During this memorable struggle aquestion, and in answering every inquiry.

Perfection in the science of government is like everything else-it must be acquired by close application and laborious study. To be well governed, the people must, and generally do, select a Chief Magistrate, and Representaplace of the late, much lamented HENRY tives, who have made the Constitution their charged his duties as a public officer, his entire laws which regulate society, and guarantee sccurity to life, liberty and property. A knowledge of these pre-requisites to official stations is not acquired by intuition. It is the result of close reading, intense reflection, and practical experience. A Statesman is not the child of desecration of our ancient enemy. an hour's or a day's creation. Years of study mend to the Legislature such measures as will themselves. tend to lighten the burdens of the people, by eounlizing and reducing the pecuniary exactions necessary to the preservation of the pledged

In private life Mr. Shunk has been proverbial for his household economy. As a public officer his reputation for strict economy, and an honest discharge of the duties devolving upon him. In was wanting, and to furnish required informa-

nected with the department, and of his inde- triot, and in protecting the integrity of our in- dinary music of the day.

gainst usurpation and treason, he occupied a prominent position, and friends and foes acknowledged the firmness, decision and impartial judgment which marked his conduct.

We have thus clucidated, by a reference to the able manner in which Mr. Shunk has disstudy, and have a general knowledge of the fitness to take charge of the helm of State, and guide her in safety to the harbor of prosperity. We will now briefly allude to another incident of his life which exhibits him as a patriot willing to sacrifice his existence to preserve the soil of his native land from the foul and savage

In 1814, when the British invaded our shores and official service have made the whole civil- for the purpose of enforing the iniquitous right ized world acquainted with the names of Jeffer- of searching American vessels, and impressing son, Madison, Monroe, Iackson and Van Bu- American Seamen, a requisition was made by ren; and to the untiring devotion of these men the general government on Gov. Snyder for to the political condition of the Union, we are troops to defend our cities and towns bordering indebted for preserving us from the grasp of on the Chesapeake bay, against the savage and ambitious demagogues, whose only aim has been merciless onsets of the enemy. To this call since the institution of our government, to build Mr. Shunk responded, by immediately volunup an aristocracy not less dangerous to the li- teering his services, and under the command of berties of the people, and perhaps more intole- RICHARD M. CRAIN, the present Secretary rable, than the iron sway of monarchy. It can of the Land Office, marched to the defence of form no objection, then, to the election of the Baltimore, and served in the division of Gen. candidate of the Democratic party, that he has Watson, composed of militia and volunteers been in office, but rather exhibits, in bold re- from the counties of Dauphin, Labanon, York, lief, the necessity, at this period of financial Lancaster, Berks and Schuylkill. In this experplexity, of elevating him to the Chair of pedition he united with thousands of his fellow-State. His unsurpassed and intimate acquaint- citizens in the defence of the Fatherland, and Mitchell came up, he asked me which way he ance with the resources of the State, acquired with them proved that us the people are capaby long experience, will enable him to recom- ble of governing, so they are able to defend

Jenlous of his own honor as a private citizen, Francis R. Shunk has ever and anon pertinaciously advocated every measure calculated to preserve unsulfied the honor and integrity of his native State. The members of the Legislature, and others, with whom he was offino man has dared (vindictive and malicious as cially associated, will unite in testifying that party spirit makes the human heart,) to impugn | he, at all times, exhibited a lively interest in suggesting and devising ways and means to avoid the humiliating, but unavoidable, necessievery department of the government in which ty of delinquency on the part of the State to he has been employed, he has been distinguish- meet its pecuniary engagements. As Chief ed for the same probity, intelligence, and uni- Magistrate of Pennsylvania, he will carry into form urbanity. For the truth of all we have practical execution the strictest economy. stated, we may confidently appeal to every citi- Known to be proverbially honest and honorable zen who has had intercourse with him as a pub- in private life, he will not disappoint the exbe officer: and there are few men in the Com- pectations and hopes of a generous and confidmonwealth who have had intercourse with more | ing people, when he shall be clothed with powof its citizens. His general knowledge and ac- er and authority, by changing his nature and did not know whether he was a secure hand or State, always enabled him to anticipate what extravagances and oppression. His well known the article some, and the only way was to sell

As Secretary to the Board of Canal Com- His political principles have been uniformly of information on every subject connected with Whitesides, who, with Elias Rice, ran her off. missioners-the members of the Board with and decidedly Democratic. In early life he the interest and happiness of his fellow-citizens

tired. Mr. Philip Drought, a deservedly popus opinion respecting Ray, who made the confes-

as returned by the township Assessors, under was filled with the minions and agents of these. If this scene had occurred somewhere out in the authority of an act of Assembly having spe-political desperadoes-when the minority, by a the Western wilds, where society must necescial relation to that subject. We deem the public mockery, was organizing a flouse of sarily be rude and uncultivated, there would be possession of this knowledge a matter of no lit- Representatives-it was then that the admira- some excuse for it in that fact, though our tle moment, at this particular and peculiar cri- ble coolness, firmness and decision of FRAN. English defamers would have copied it as an CIS R. SHUNK were manifested, and the im- instance of democratic violence and republican As Secretary of the Commonwealth and Su-mortal 56 members elected their officers, and rudeness. Happening as it did, in their own perintendent of Common Schools, his reports established their rights, under his supervision neighborhood, it is spoken of as a pleasant incito the Legislature, and his correspondence in -preserved the powers of government from dent, enlivening the dull proceedings of the of John Ross as bridesmaids. He had collected as a tall codarre streetlyne forth its branches

school education, and the administration of the trying period of the Republic, when the Capitol ny story of a pious lady, professor in Philadelprehensive knowledge of every subject con- he filled was lost in the higher duties of the pa- the playing of sacred tunes, the other for the or-

Murder.

SINGULAR TRIAL AND EXECUTION OF THE MURDIRERS. - A few days since, we copied a paragraph from the Van Buren (Ark) Whig. Arkansus, has furnished the Van Buren Intelligencer with the following particulars of the affair, as embraced in the confession of L. Ray, one of the miscreants :

"Andy Jones, White and Read, came to my house, and proposed to go and kill a party of Indians who were encamped about two miles and a half above my house, on South Sulphur, At first I objected, but they insisted-we went, and I prevailed on them to return. Upon our return, we heard of Mitchell ; and Jones observed that if it was the same Mitchell that he knew, he was of the 'right sort.' Jones went to Meatch's to get some corn; on his route back he met with Mitchell, and they came to my house and commenced talking about killing the Indians. Again I endeavored to persuade them not to kill them, but to no effect. They started and I went with them. When we arrived at the camp, which are the little girl !" consisted of three men and two boys, of the Delaware tribe, Jones shot one of the men, Read shot another. Both were killed instantly.

"Mitchell snapped at one, and bent his gun by a blow upon the Indian's head, who ran off ; they told me to pursue him, which I did, and ran about eight yards, and then shot at him. When went. I told him to wait until I loaded my gun and I would show him-we pursued him some distance. On our return we came by where a little Indian boy lay dead; I asked Mitchell who killed him; he said he caught him and Read stabled him with his knife. One Indian man (wounded) made his escape, also a boy, uninjured. The property taken from the Indians was twelve horses, four guns, three brass kettles, some saddles, and about forty deer skins, all of which were equally divided between us, five in number. At this time, Jones, White, Read and Mitchell have in their possession a negro man, whom they say they took up in the prairies. The last conversation I beard them have they were talking of running the negro off and selling hun.

"Jones and White had conditionally sold their part to Mitchell and Read. Read observed that he had done almost every thing that a man could do, but as to running negroes, he said he They got the race more and carried her to Missides. Firm in his purpose-ardent in the pursuit souri, and placed her in the hands of John A letter to the editors of the N. Y. Com-

> Col. R. says that the trial was conducted in the following manner:

"The company on the ground consisted of about two bundred and fifty persons, who selected four of the oldest settlers in the country to choose a jury of twelve, which was selected from different parts; and of the most respectable men in the country. The prisoners were

of Wilmington, Del. He is about 55, and she more honoures most weightin would give is only 18 years of age; she is said to be a ve- me half the joye as dydde thyse my little worke ry beautiful girl and highly accomplished, and for thee. The feelings thatte dydde neareste father was formerly a highly respectable mer. nygheste unto Gode, meek and gentle charvchant of this city. She was given away by her tye; fore thatte virtue, O, Anne, doe I love, doe brother and attended by her sister and a niece I cherishe thee inne mye heart, furre thou are boarding school, &c., in New Jersey, to be pre- wineterro, or the boysterrous wyndes, Faresent at the wedding, and after the ceremony a well ! to-morrow bye times I wille see the ; family party of twenty of the Rosses (all half till thenne, adewe, sweete love, common school laws, furnish proofs of his com- was surrounded by an armed force, the office phia, who had two pianes in her parlor-one for bred Indians) sat down to a most sumptuous ban- Thy one everse quet. Ress is considered to be worth half a mil- Anne Hathaway, lion of dollars .- Phil. Ledver.

1 square 1 insertion, do 2 do do 3 do -Every subsequent insertion, . Yearly Advertisements; one column, \$25; half column, \$18, three squares, \$12; two squares, \$9; one square, \$5. Half-yearly : one column, \$18; half column, \$12; three equares, \$8; two squares, \$5; one square, \$3 50. Advertisements left without directions as to the

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length of time they are to be published, will be continued until ordered out, and charged accord-

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Lord Eldron's Fulfilment of a Promise.

In the year 1783, when Mr. Scott, afterwards Lord Eldron, first became a candidate for the borough of Woebly, he was received noticing the banging of four men in Texas, for and lodged in the house of Mr. Bridge, the vithe murder of Indians. Col. W. S. Reeves, of car, who, having a daughter then a young child, took a jocular promise from him, that if he should become a chancellor, and the girl's husband should be a clergyman, the chancellor would give that clergyman a living .- Now comes the sequel partly related by Lord Edron hunself to his niece (Mrs. Foster.)

"Years rolled on-I came into office; when one morning I was told a young lady wished to speak to me; and I said that young ladies must be attended to, so they must show her up. And up came a very pretty young lady, and she curtised and simpered, and said she thought I could not recollect her. I answered I certainly did not : but perhaps she could recall herself to my memory; so she asked me if I remembered the clergyman at Woebly, and his little girl to whom I had made a promise. "Oh yes!" I said, "I do, and I suppose you

She curtsied and said, "Yes."

"And I suppose you are married to a clergy-

"No," she said, and she blushed, "I am only going to be married to one, if you my lord will give him a living."

"Well, I told her to come back in a few days; and I made inquiries to ascertain from the bishop of the diocese that the gentleman she was going to be married to was a respectable clergyman of the Church of England; and then I looked at my list, and found I netually had a living vacant that I could give him. So when the young lady came back I told her she might return home and get married as fast as she liked, for her intended husband should be presented to a living, and I would send the papers as soon as they could be made out.

"O no!" she exclaimed, and again she simpered, and blushed, and curtsied; "pray, my lord, let me take them back myself."

"I was a good deal amused; so I actually had the papers made out, and I signed them, and she took them back herself the following day." Lafe of Lord Eldron.

ACCIDENT AT NIAGARA FALLS .- There was a sad accident at the Falis on the Canadian side last Saturday, which resulted in the death of Miss Martia K. Rugg, a young lady belongof parliamentary law and practice. He was in quaintance with the details of the affairs of the converting his administration into a medium of not. Mitchell observed that he had dealt in with a party of friends and relatives, and while walking near the brink of the precipice, near tion on all subjects in the most satisfactory form. warmed into more active existence when he place, and make clean work of him, meaning to shrub." She attempted it, and stooping forward His talents and his skill added dignity to every assumes the reigns of government, and pre- kull him. Read told me that Jones and White to do so, lost her balance, and crying out "save value in this department is known and appre. other station he occupied, and have placed clude the hope with those in whom he may had killed a man in the State of Arkansas by me," she was instantly lost to sight. When tahim in a prominent and envishe position as a confide, that any department of the government the name of Moss; he said some men by the ken up she was alive, but insensible. Able ties, who have been representatives of the peoin the summer of 1842, when all the Keys were at lies, who have deen representatives of the personal p history of legislation, made him skilful in draft. great truth, that the trusts reposed in him were machinery of our government, that no public some money. White and Jones waylaid the The body was brought to Buffalo the same eing bills and reports, and qualified him for that such as required skill and industry, and that officer can prove recreant to his trust, without cornfield until Moss came to work. Jones fired vening, and has been taken for burial to Dedegree of practical usefulness which expedited be has been literally a working man in office— subjecting himself to moral, political, and offi-

mercial Advertiser, speaking of this fearful ce-

She must have broken the fall by striking against some bushes on the way down, or the body would have been greatly manufed on the rocks on which she was found. One of her ankles was dislocated, and her face is somewhat bruised, and also one of her hands.

The ladies who have seen her inform me that she appears to be about eighteen years of age, and one of the most beautiful girls they ever looked upon. I understand that she had

Literary Curiosity.

The following letter was addressed by William Shakspeare to Anne Hathaway, afterward his wife, inclosing a lock of his hair plai-

Dearest Anne-As thou hast alwes found me to mye werds most trowe, see thou shalt see I have strictive kepte mye promyse. I pray you perfume thys mge lock with thy balmy kesess fore thenne indeed shall kynges themselves MARRIAGE EXTRORDINARY -- John Ross, the bowe and praye to itte. I done assure the nor colchested Cherokee Chief, was married in the tude hande hall knottede itte, thy Willey's hand President's parlor of Hartwell's Hotel, in this hath done the work; neythere the gylddeddoc ty, on Monday night, to Miss Mary B. Stapler, bauble that covyronnes the heede of Majestye, belongs to the Society of Friends, or did. Her approache unto it was thatte which cometis several of his daughters and nephews from and succoringe the small plantes from appropria

WM. SHARSPEARE. Sept. the North, 1589.