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Are They Responsible?

An effort is being made by the Republican press to belittle and cast ridicule on the Harper's Ferry affair. They say old John Brown was crazy—that he was a mad man-that he was not a reasoning, responsible being and they ridicule the idea that the was countenanced and re-ceived "at and comfort" from any one outside of the twenty-one engaged in it --- ( This course will not do. Brown was no more insane than hundreds of others who are leaders in the Republican party We acquit the rank and file of that party of any sympathy with this insurrection or of the plot of which it was the result. We do not believe they have any conception of the length and depth of the designs of their leaders, or the legitimate effect of the doctrines taught by them When James Watson Webb, the Editor of the N. Y. Courer and Enquirer, and an acknowledged leader of the Republican party, in a speech in the convention that nominated FREWOXT in 1856, said "If we (the Republican party) "fail there, (at the ballot box) what then "We will drive it (slavery) back, sword in "hand, and so help me God! believing that "to be right. I am with them," what did he mean, it he had not in his mind's eve just such an insurrection as that just put down under the lead of Brown! Webb and his compatriots, did fall at the ballot box and the affair at Harner's Ferry is now a part of the history of the country. What did Senstor Stream mean in his Roches ter speech, when he said: "Thus these an "tagonistic systems are continually coming "into closer contact, and collision results "Shall I tell you what this collision mems "They who think that it's accidental, un "necessary, the work of interested or finali-"cal agitators, and therefore ephemer d.mis "take the case altogether - It is an IRRE "PRESSIBLE CONFLICT between oppo-"ing and enduring forces, and it means that "the United States must and will, sooner or "later, become entirely a slaveholding na "tion, or entirely a free labor nation. Eith-"er the cotton and rice fields of South "Carolinia and the sugar plantations of "Louisiana will ultimately be tilled by free "labor, and Charleston and New Orleans "become marts for legitimate merchandize "alone, or else the rye fields and wheat "fields of Massachusetts and New York "must again be surrendered by their farm "ers to slave culture and to the production "of slaves, and Boston and New York be-"come once more markets for trade in the "bodies and souls of men. It is the failure "to apprehend this great truth that induces "so many unscessful attempts at final "compromise between the slave and free "States, and it is the existence of this great "fact that renders all such pretended com-"promise, when made, vain and ethemeral "Startling as this saying may appear to you 'fellow citizens, it is by no means an origlead of Brown, the "irrepressible conflict here spoken of by this Republican leader. broke out at Harner's Ferry, and yet, for sooth, the Republican press will have it that the leader is a mad man! If he was mad. so was WEBB and SEWARD when they If Brown was crazy, what was the New York Tribune but the medium through which similar crazy men uttered their treason, when it declared, in speaking of the Kansas Nebraska bill, "Better that confu-"sion should ensue; better that discord "should reign in the national councils; bet-"ter that Congress should break up in wild "disorder; nay, better that the capitol it-"self should blaze by the torch of the in-"cendiary, or fall and bury all its inmates "beneath its crumbling ruins, than that "this perfidy and wrong should be finally "accomplished!" If Brown was insane then was not REDPARH. one of his compatriots in Kansas, and the Kansas correspondent of the New York Tribune, also insane when he wrote as follows to that paper: "Imore than agree with the dis-"union Abolitionists. They are in favor of "a free Northern Republic. So am I. But "as to boundary lines we differ. While "they would fix the Southern boundary at "the dividing line between the Ohio and "Kentucky, Virginia and the Keystone "State, I would wash it with the waters of "the Gulf of Mexico. But what shall we "do with the slaves? Make free men of "them. And with the Legrees of planta-"tions? Them annihilate! Drive them into "the sea as Christ once drove the swine; or "chase them into the dismal swamps and "morrasses of the South-any were out of "the world." With these avowed sentiments and designs of the leaders of the Republican party before the country, it is party to attempt to laugh off the responsibility which justly attaches to their party

E. C. Wilson, Adjutant General of the State of Pennsylvania, has taken forty muskets which were in possession of the colored military company, that paraded a few months since in Philadelphia.-Ec

for this Harper's Ferry affair. It cannot

be done. No crazy man-no man without

aid-noman without the countenance of just

such men as sent Sharp's Rifles to Kansas

instead of Bibles-could have procured fif-

teen hundred stand of arms in Connecticut.

and transported them to Maryland and

Virginia unknown and unsuspected. Gen-

tlemen, it won't do-your Harper's Ferry

card has been plaid a little too soon, and

you must now bear the responsibility.

And in doing so, has performed an act of duty to the state and the country. We have no great faith in the efficiency or necessity of our militia system. It is, perhaps well enough as a holliday pastime, at the public expense, for those who delight to surround themselves with the "pomp and circumstance" of imaginary war, but it loses even that charm when it is burlesqued by the formation of negro companies, with arms put in their hands by the state.

That intense, unterrified Democrat, of the Express, who was'nt nominated by the Republicans of Warren, and hence turned his back upon them in disgust, is now bragging over the success of the Republicans, and the defeat of the Democrats. at the recent election in Lancaster City.mouth speaketh.

"TRULY APPALISE" "The Republican mes, represents the scene during the firing upon" the Harper - Ferry insurrectionists, "by the soldiers as train appelanc." How these gentlemen's nerves are shocked! "Truly appalang," indeed! We suppose if these "Kansas shrickers" had succeeded, and turned a few thousand negroes upon their winte master, to burn, to slay, and to ravish, that would not have been "truly Press publishes the followings "observed to the leading and his life in as great a peril as it now is, but that God has always been at his side. appaling" We are teld in the particulars tions" which, it says, are from the pen of a of this affair, that is colored man named "Hayward, a milroad porter, was shot early in the morning for refusing to join in the "movement" That was not truly appaling," we suppose. Nor this -"The next man shot was Joseph Burley, a citizen of

"the Ferry He was shot standing in his own door " Nor this either "About this time, al.o. Samuel P. Young, Esq. was hot ilead. He was coming into town on horseback, parrying a gun, when he was hot from the armory, receiving a wound of which he shock during the day. He was a graduate of West Point, and greatly respected in the neighborhood for his high character and noble qualities." And here is nothing "appaling" to a "Sharp's cifle" advocate in this either A desultory exchange of shots followed, one of which struck Mr. Fountain Beckham, Mayor of the town, and agent of the railroad company, entering his breast and passing entirely through his body. The tall was a jarge elongated slug, and made a dreadful wound Mr. Beekham died almost immediately. He was without fire arms, and was exposed for only conoment while approaching a water station. Nor in the "Conductor Evans Dorsey, of Balamore, was killed instantly, and Conductor toeorge Richardson received a wound from which he died during the

day. Set of dothers were wounded, among

them a on of Dr. Hammond, of Martins-

"burg." Not one of these murders "was

truly appeling but to shoot down their

murderer with "Sharps villes" in then

hand, furnified by northern abolition its,

the was muly appaling.

Dearn of Hox Jone Y. Mason, - By the last arm droom Lacerpool we have receivintelligence of the death, in Pare, of Joux Y. Myox, Ameican Minister at that capital Mr. Masos was a mative of Virginia, belonging to the numerous family of that name, which has figured so largely in past and cotemporaneous American Instory.-Mr. JOHN Y. Mason graduated at the University of North Carolina, in 1810, was shortly after admitted to the bar, and was chosen judge of the district court of Virginia. He was thrice elected a representative to Congress, serving there from 1831 to 1837. At the death of President HAR-RISON, Vice President John Tyler reorganized his Cabinet, with Mr Mason as Secretary of the Navy This position Mr. Mason occupied with a much success, that he was invited -- a rare thing in these daysto take a sent in the Cabinet of the President who succeeded Mr. Tyler, Mr. Polk. He originally, under Mr Polk, filled the post of Attorney General; but upon the resignation of Mr. BANCROFT, he was transfered to the department of the Navy.-During the Administration of TAYLOR and FILLMORE. Mr MASON W is necessarily in re-"inal or even a modern one." Under the tirement; but upon the election of Mr. PIERCE, JOHN Y MASON was so strongly pressed by his friends for the mission to France that the President is said to have proken a promise to a distinguished New Yorker, for the purpose of appointing Mr. Mason to that post. Simes that time he has been in Paris, in health and in sickness, performing all the duties of his station with firmness and grack.

> The Harrisburg Sentinel, at the close of a long article on the "Future of the Party," 53ys. ' in view, then of the import uncoof the next election, let us, as rapidly 'as possible free our minds from prejudice, and act with the calmness, and honesty, and justice of men who have at heart only the general welfare." In a precedling column of the same paper the Editor says, 'The 'Administration' and Black Republi can papers, upon the slavery question, occupy precisely the same platform ' Both are for Umgressimal intervention, and each is 'struggling toout alo the other in abuse and' 'misrepresentation of Douglas and the "CINCINNATI PLATFORM!" Now, without wishing to be impertinent, we venture to advise the Editor of the System to seek. not only to free his own "mind from prejudice" but his columns from such falses hoods as the above. Defore he attempts to advise others.

DEATH OF A QUEER GENILS. - William S. Ross, famous in the West, a few years since, as a street preacher, died at Keokuk, Iowa. last week, leaving a fortune of \$150,000,-He had led a singular life. An Englishman by buth, he left college at the age of sixteen: master of eight languages, came to New York in 1850, entered into mercantile business there and amassed a competency, which he lost in the princ of 1847. and then became a wanderer, visiting folly for the journals in the interests of that other countries, and appearing occasionally in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Cincinnati; seemingly (says the Cincinnati Gazette) without any definite purpose, and earning by various means of labor, sufficient to keep him above want. This was the period when he engaged much in preaching in the open air. He sub-equently went to the West, and obtaining some money, fortunately invested it in a form situate on the outrkirts of Keokuk. This at that time, was one of the cities to which emigrants and speculators flocked in great number. Rees took advantage of this, divided his farm into lots, and sold them so advantageously that in the course of two years he realized quite a fortune. At the time of his death his property was valued at \$150,000. From the time he left college until the day of his death, he was opposed to all churches, believing that the Gospel should be preached in the streets. In 1853 he established the Keakuk Post, and subequently turted the Doniphan Parkin Kansas the latter a free soil paper,

Johnny Bull, will never be done with perpetrating bulls in discussing affairs in this country. For example, a recent number of the London Telegrah gravely states that in the United States, "among the candidates of the Democratic party for the Presidency, the most prominent is Stephen A. Douglas, a black man, who for many years has conducted an Abolition and emancipation paper with signal success." Perhaps this writer, being posted, thought that John Brown's war would get black Verily, out of the fullness of the heart the Fred into the White House; but it's no go this time.

Our cousin across the water, M

Everything in relation to the Har per's Ferry affair possesses an interest. The Republican press deny that it had any Press publishes the following "observaleading anti-slavery man in that city, and will attract attention at this juncture :

"You ask me what I know in regard to this outhreak at Harper's Ferry. I answer -I know nothing; and yet I am not altogether ignorant concerning it.

"More than a year ago, when the Kansas troubles had come to an end, a gentleman -for such he was by birth and breedingfresh from the scene of strife, and ready for another contest, called to see me at my office. He was a soldier by profession; had fought for freedom in Hungary and on the plains of Kansas, and was now ready, if an opportunity would offer, to draw his sword in the same behalf in the mountains of Virginia or in the swamps of South Carolina. On this last point he wanted to know my opinion, which, of course, I was prompt

" 'Our enterprise,' I said, 'is a moral one. It rejects the sword It seeks to accomplish its end by ideas. It appeals to the inderstanding, the heart, the conscience, the purse. Its object is, by changing public opinion, to effect a moral revolution: that to be followed by a proper political reconstruction; the same to be accomplishal by the least possible exercise of force." This, he said, was well enough in theory, but it would not work in practice. It was too slow. In the initiatory stages of the movement it might do well enough, but the time had come when something more abolitionist in the common sense of the word, but he was a friend of freedom the world over, and was ready, at any time, to unsheathe his sword against oppression.-Did I know John Brown, of Ossawatomic? No, I did not know him, though I had often heard of him. Well, said he, I don't like him; he and I don't agree. He has treated me badly; but he is a brave man and an efficient soldier. He has come home burning under a sense of the wrongs he and his countrymen suffered in Kansa at the hands of the slave-holders, and is determined to make reprisal. Hawants to organize a band to go South, establish himself in the mountains, and inaugurate a species of guerrilla warefare for the liberty of slavery. Are there any among your friends that would co-operate with such an undertaking? To the best of my knowledge and belief there was not one. Well, he would find them somewhere; for he was bent on fighting the slaveholders with their own weapons-the use of which they had so well taught him in the battles of

Such, in substance, was the conversation between Capt.—and myself, of whom, or from whom, I have never heard since that time. But soon after this, I heard from another source that John Brown was still meditating a descent on the slavehold ers, and was only waiting to find coadiutors. And about six weeks ago, a highly respectable gentleman, just returned from foreign travel, stopped in this city, and, in the ourse of a conversation I had with him dropped expressions implying his knowledge of Brown's intentions, and, what surprised me most, of his approval of them.-Ascertaining my sentiments on the subject. he did not make me a confident, and not anticipating any serious result, nor any immediate result of any kind. I made no par

icular inquiries. "This is the extent of my knowledge in regard to this startling affair. When I heard the first rumor, yesterday, I credited it, and believed that John Brown had a hand in it: subs proved that I was right.

TEE HARPER'S FERRY APPAIR -The latest items in detail we glean from the Richmond Enquirer and the Baltimore Exchange, the first quotation giving an account of an in latter that of the discovery of important papers, setting forth the nature and extent of the conspiracy of the insurrectionary

But the most valuable discovery was a trunk belonging to Capt. Brown, containing a great number of highly important papers, documents, plans and letters from private individuals throughout the Union -all revealing the existence of an extensive and thoroughly organized conspiracy, whose leaders were Capt. Brown and J. F. Cook, and the well-defined, determed expressed object of which was the hastening of the "irrepressible conflict" malicted by Seward, and recently by Gerrit Smith. which was to result in the "disenthralment of the slaves of the South," and the ex-

tinction of the "slave power." The most undoubted evidences have thus been obtained, not only of the plans and hopes of this formidable insurrectionary organization, but of the indisputable fact of its extension throught the Northern and Western States, from the influential citizens, of whom the treasonable movement has received its sustaining support and encouragement.

In a trunk, supposed to have belonged to Capt. Brown, was found seven small though elaborate maps of as many different States, bearing poculiar marks, which would seem to indicate that the points of attack, and the course of the insurrectionary movement through the South, had already been carefully determined upon by this well organized and confident league of traitors .ertain counties in the seven States, of which only these maps were obtained, bear cross marks, formed by a pen, and in several instances as if to command greater particularity of attention, or to suggest erhaps more available points of attack

ircular lines are drawn around the crosses On Gov. Wise reaching the Arsenal, old Brown received him with the utmost composure, though evidently suffering much from his wounds. He said, "Well, Governor, I suppose you think me a depraved criminal. Well, sir, we have our opinions of each other." The remark was made with no disrespect whatever. The Governor replied, "You are in the hands of the State, and I have questions to ask, which you can answer or not as you choose." Brown answered every question and made full con-fession which will be published hereafter. Brown said he was conscious that he was in the hands of the law and was prepared to moet his fate; that as far as he himself and those already in custody were concerned, he had no concealment whatever to make; that he had been mistaken in his calculations about assistance from others, otherwise he would have given much more trouble. He said the whole plot was well contrived and arranged as far back as 1856, and that he had reason to expect assistance of from 3,000 to 5,000 men; that he looked for aid from every State, (Virginia included.) pon being asked if any negroes or whites, n or about Harper's Ferry, were pledged to him, he declined answering. Upon reflection he framed an answer in these words: "From my visits, and associations and inquiries about here, I had a right to expect the aid of from 3,000 to 5,000 men." Being interrogated very closely by Gov. Wise as to where the boxes of guns and amunition came from, Brown said they were shipped from Connecticut to Chambersburg, Penna., direct to "J. Smith & Sons," in two boxes,

A New England editor has just arrived at the conclusion—after mature and painful deliberation, we presume-that the many-colored Republican party will elect the next President of the United States,—"if they have a majority of the electorial votes!" This sapient journalist should know, however, that the great bard of all time has said that "there is much in an if." meets the car. Will not Mr. Smith explain them? What did he mean by Mr. Brown's Kansas work? an if,"

knew nothing of what they contained.

Cap. Usawatamie Brown.

nothing. Alexander R. Boteler, member of Congress elect from this District, has ollected five thousand one hundred letters from the citizens residing in the neighborhood of Brown's house," who searched it before the arrival of the marines. Letters are also in possession of Andrew Hunter, Eug., who has also a number of letters obtained from the house by the marines and other parties. Among them is a roll of conspirators, containing forty-seven signatures; also a receipt from Horace Greeley for letters, &c., received from Brown, and an acurately traced map from Chambersburg to Brown's house; also a copy of a letter from Brown, stating that the arrival of too many men at once would excite suspicion, and that the should arrive singly; also a letter signed 'Merriam," that if twenty thousand dollars were wanted, G. S. was good for one fifth; also a letter from J. E. Cook, stating that the Maryland election was about to come off, the people will become excited, and we will get some of the candidates to join our Brown tells them to "let women

CHARLESTON, Va., October 26,-Brown

write letters-not men." John Copeland, the mulatto prisoner, has made full confession. He has given the names of the parties at Oberlin who inluced him to go to Harper's Ferry-furnished money for his expenses, &c.

He also stated that a movement of a similar character was contemplated in Kentucky about the same time. Many persons in northern Ohio, whose names have not been heretofore mentioned are direct

The confession is withheld from the public till after the trul is over, by Gov. Wise's

A letter from Capt. Brown to one of his sons, dated April 26, 1859, details a visit to Genett Smith, at Peterboro, which he regarded as highly encouraging; says that Smith gave him \$180; that he also received at his house a note which he considered good for \$200 more, and that Smith had written to some friends at the East that 82,000 must be raised for Brown, of which he would agree to furnish one-fifth hum-

There is also notice of a draft from the ashier of the New York State Bank for (100), sent Brown by direction of Gerrett Smith, dated Albany, Aug. 20th, 1859. Gov. Wise objects to the publication of the details of the correspondence which

THE NORTHERN DENOCRACY .- The following aragraph of a speech made by the Hon. Robert foombs, at a public meeting in Georgia some weeks since, contains a merited compliment to the Northern Democracy: "But I shall preseribe no new tests of party fealty to Northern Democrats, those who remain of them have nitherto stood with fidelity and honor upon their engagements. They have maintained the truth to their own hurt, they have displayed a patriotism, a magnanimity rarely equalled, never excelled, in the world's history; and I shall endeavor, in sunshine and storm-with your approbation, if I can get it, without it, if must-to stand by them with a fidelity equal to their great deserts. If you can stand with me and them we shall conquer faction in the North and in the South; we shall save the country from the curse of being ruled by the heterogeneous compound now calling itself the Opposition, and shall leave this great country for our children as we found it-united,

THE OFFICIAL VOTE. - The official vote of Pennsylvania at the late election shows the following result :

164,544

182,282

163,970

MURIUS E. COCRISE, Upp. R. L. Wright, Dem. ('ochran's majority,

SURVEYOR GENERAL. William II. Keim, Opp

Keim's majority, 18,312 The total vote of the State in 1858 was 369,246 Total vote in 1859. 22:867

The majority of John M. Read for Judge of

Porter. Cochran's majority over Wright for Auditor General is now 17,291, showing a Democratic gain of 9,576 in one year. NEW YORK, Oct. 27. The steamer New World on her trip to

he Supreme Court was 26,986 over Wm. A.

Albany last evening, when off Spuyten Tyvel creek, broke her walking beam, which from its great weight fell through her bottom, -hattering her center and rendering the beat a complete wreck. She began to fill at once and in 20 minutes sank. She had 300 passengers who were all rescued by a steamer and some sail craft which came to her relief

There is a rumor that several went down with the steamer.

Nothing was saved but the passenger's carpet lags and values.
The New World lies about 150 yards from the shore, her bows under water at righ tide.

One of the passengers says the accident was the result of carelessness on the part of the engineer. Two or three men were in the cabins

drinking when the accident occurred, and as they were known to be intoxicated, it is leared they were drowned by the water rushing into the cabin windows. The sames of these gentlemen are unknown. The New World is owned by the New Jersey Steamboat Company. She is worth rom \$100,000 to \$150,000. No insurance. The agent of the boat thinks there were o lives lost.

Another account says it has been ascertained by investigation that eight or nine

John E. Cook, or Capt. Cook, as he now more familiarly known, from his aleged connection with the Harper's Ferry nsurrection, was born, says the New York Tribusc, in Haddam Conn, where his paents, who are highly respectable and worhy people, now reside. He is a young nan of about 25 or 26 years of age, well slucated, and of refined manners, and is a prother-in-law of a well known merchant in this city. He taught school some five or six years at Harper's Ferry, from which dace he came to Williamsburg, and comnenced the study of law with Mr. John M. Stearns. Three years ago he went to Kansıs, and remained there about one year, during which time he distinguished himself in the Free State cause. At the expiration of that time, he returned to Williamsburgh, where he remained for a few weeks, when he again set out for Kansas; since which time his friends hereabout have heard nothing about him until now when his name appears in connection with Ild Brown's deplorable attempt.

WHAT IS KANSAS WORK .- One of the letters from Gerrit Smith to Brown, found among the papers of the latter at Harper's Ferry, speaks of having given him considand were hanled to Kennedy's farm in Maryland (the rendezvous) by drivers who. erable sums of money to aid in the prose-cution of his "Kansas Work." This phrase, a little pecular and enigmatical in itself, occurs no less than four times in a letter of about twenty-five lines. As the letter is dated June 4, 1859, and addressed to a man who had not been in Kansas for a year, and so far as appears never intended to go there again, the suspicion naturally arises that the words mean something more than meets the car. Will not Mr. Smith exLocal and Titerary.

There are twenty prinoners confin Harris has come tip top eysters, and is repared to furnish families and parties at reluced proces.

J. V. Wilson & Co., whose advertise nent will be found elsewhere, sent us a sample of the oysters they intend to furnish customers. They have been duly disposed of, and prononneed good, better, best!

Brother PATTON, of the Record, Connestutville, dropped in upon us the other day .-He was tall, good looking, and dressed in store clothes." 'Tis well!

Store, had disposed of his stock and retired from business, was permature. He is still on hand, to supply his customers, which he will make manifest through our columns next week.

The Western New York Medical Association holds its next annual session at Westfield, Chautauque county, on Wednesday, the 9th of November. Dr. Henry M. S. Smith, of Dunkirk, is to deliver the annual Address

Wednesday opened the "snow-hall" for the season. Ere the dawn it had formed for a cotillon, and its little feathery caps kept sailing up and down the middle, balancing to partners, and swinging right and left, all day. Verily, winter opens early.

There seems to be an unusual dearth of interesting local events "about these days."-The weather is rather disagreeable, and the treets show but little animation; however, editors cannot always have a good time, in recording scandal and nonsense, any more than adies at tea-tables, and gentlemen around the counting-house or office stove.

party and its leaders, says that "Seward is one of the most solid and ancompromising rocks on which the Rejublican party is built " We think he is the rock on which the party has split-at Harper's Ferry.

The Butler American says five times the usual amount of buckwheat was put in the ground this year, and ten times the usual crop harvested. At this rate, we shall not want for cakes in Western Pennsylvania this winter, if the other counties have done as well as Butler.

The Editor of the Harrisburg Telegraph complains that a cotemporary wants him to Exchange or go to h-ll," and upon such conditions he declines to do it Doubtless the Telegraph man thinks he is bound for the hot place any way, and hence there is no use in trying to avoid it; in the way suggested

We notice that Prof Surroy, who was ery successful here last summer as a teacher of writing, will open a school in Book Keeping and Penmanship in Rosenzweig's Block, 3d story, on Wednesday next. Hours of tuition at 2, 4 and 61 o'clock, P. M Terms for full course of Book Keeping \$10; writing \$3.

"The Old Schoolmaster," by our familiar correspondent, "Wynkin de Worde," is received, and will appear next week. By the by, what has become of "Nicodemus Nightshude?" Some of our readers are anxious to know-they are beginning to fear he and his familiar, Paul, have taken their last ride on the "Night Ex-

We see it stated that D. M'LAREN, Esq., the father of Dan Rice, and the proprietor of "Dan Rice's Great Show," has purchased from Mr. E. P. Christy. the extensive property on Walnut street, Philadelphia, known as Welch's National Theatre, with all its scenery, wardrobe and appointments, for the sum of \$25,000, and that the "Great Show" will locate there permanently, forthwith,

The Waterford folks are having a pleasant little rumpus with regard to the location of the road from their village to the Sunbury and Eric Depot. A "citizen," in the last Inquirer, pitches into the Road Commissioners Mrs. Caudle fashion, and indignently asks if their oaths of office don't require them to discharge their duties with fidelity; just as if Road Commissioners were not always elected to subserve their own interests!

Bonnets, say all of our exchanges, are still passing away-growing "small by degrees and beautifully less." It is supposed by another season the race will be extinct. In the meantime they make the most of themselves. If they are little they are bright Let our fair readers pull a yellow hollyhock, a scarlet poppy or a crimson dahlia, put it on the back of their heads and they will have the present style of honnets.

What an adroit and finished painter is lack-Frost. With one dash of his white brush he has turned the maple, in front of our door, from a deep green to as many colored hues as Joseph's coat, or a fashionable lady's toilet .-Every leaf on it is now fluttering in yellow. rod and purple, intermixed with all the intermediate shades. And then, when the sun breaks out from under a cloud, and its golden rays are darting through its branches, how grand the sight, and how suggestive of lifelegay-death! Yea, indeed, a grand old painter is Jack-Prost : he works when the sun has sunk beneath the waters of the stermtossed lake, but the colors he paints on bud and flower, leaf and foliage, has no equal on the pallet of any votary of art.

Philadelphia, Od. 22.-The arms recently furnished to a colored volunteer company of this city, have been taken away by the Adjutant tieneral, in consequence of the Harper's Ferry affair. — Telegram to the daily PUT)ITS.

44) now, forever Parewell the tranquil mind' farewell content' Parewell the plumed troop and the big wars That make ambition virtue! O. farewell' Parewell the neighing steed, and the shrill trump,

The spirit stirring drum, the piercing fife, The regal banner: and all quality. Pride, pomp, and circumstance of glorious wa And O, you mortal engines whose rule throats The immortal Jone's dread clamors counterfeet Farewell' OTHERLO'S OCCUPATION'S GONE!

-She speare

We have a mysterious di pearance to record. On Friday night last a Canal boat Captain, named Sinclair, from down about Middlesex, mysteriously disappeared-either took the "western slope," or met with foul play. He had paid out some \$80 on debts he owed in this city, during the day, and came up town to do some trading; but has not yet returned. The fact that he paid his debts before he disappeared, and left property, boat, horses, &c., which he could have sold in an hour for \$500 or more, gave a color to the supposition that he had met with an accident or been foully dealt with. The man he was last seen with was consequently arrested; but just at this juncture another man appeared upon the scene who asserted upon oath that he saw the missing man on Saturday in Cleveland .-

And thus ended the excitement.

The Waterford Enquirer has had two well conceived and suggestive editorials on the subject of a branch road, from the Sunbury and Erie at Wa erford to Meadville. We will not follow the Enquirer through its train of thought on the subject nor, indeed, is it necessary the importance of the project is of a character that will command the attention of all who are desirous of seeing the resources of this section developed. That it is feasible is evident; that its consummation would prove of incalculable advantage to Eric, to Meadville, and to the intermediate and adjacent country, is a proposition so plain that it requires no arguments to elucidate it. That it is the only project yet broached that will give our Meadville friends a railroad connection with the rest of the world is an assertion equally true. We have never believed that their long cherished scheme, the Atlantic and Great Western, could papers, that Baldwin, of the Reed House Drug ever he accomplished. The amount of money necessary is too vast-especially in these days when all sorts of railroad stocks. with few exceptions, can be had for a few cents on the dollar. But the project, so ably set forth in the columns of the Enquirer, is quite a different one. It can be accomplished by the people directly interested, with their own means, and no thanks to foreign capitalists; and when finished would be better for Meadville a thou sand fold than any road passing through their beautiful town, because it would end there unless they should deem it important to ex tend it to the Sandry Lake Coal fields. Speak ing of the route and the cost, the Enquire says :

valley runs a pretty tolerably direct course from this place to Meadville, and that the cur rent of the Creek is ordinarily slow, which in dicates a very light fall in the whole distance It is not probable that Waterford stands over two hundred feet above the level of Meadville and it is pretty certain that the maximum grad the mile, which is virtually equivalent to n grade at all. For all practical purposes, then the route is as level as a floor. French Creek would not have to be spanned by bridges mor A Republican paper, speaking of its than twice; once a few miles below Waterford a not very difficult or expensive job; and the other probably near Cambridge, which would not be a supersymmetric to the probably near Cambridge, which would not not be a parameter of the probably near Cambridge. doubtless prove a greater and more expensiundertaking. The grading of the whole roumny be estimated, at the highest figures, cost about one hundred thousand dollars. The iron for track-laying would cost about as muc more, and the necessary station houses, car and lecometives nearly the same-making all about three hundred thousand dollars' or for grading, track-laying and stocking t But-to grade the road is the first a most necessary thing to be considered, at when that is once done, the road can obta credit for iron enough to lay it, and all the cars, and so furth, that may be necessary stock it; and the grading, as we think, can lone for the moderate sum of a hundred thou

Bed Some very important arrests were

"It is well known that the French Cree

nade in this city last week. It appears that during the Fair, at Conneautville, some three weeks since, a number of dwellings in the vicinity of that place were broken open and robhed of property to a considerable amount.--Officers were promptly put upon the track, and after tracing the property and thieves through Ohio, they cornered them up in a house on Canal street, near the Depot, in this city. When the descent was made upon it, the house had been occupied a week by Isaac Cross, Samuel Spencer, Mary Ann Cross, and a "sporting lady," who gave her name as "Pop Smith," all of whom were arrested by officer Hay of Girard, and Ferguson, of Eric, and brought before Justice Chaid, and for want of bail in \$300 each were fully committed to answer. On the premises was found some of the stolen properof skeleton keys, together with all the paraphanalia of a regular crib of house-breakers and thieves It is evident they intended to operate on a grand scale, and if they had not been so promptly interfered with doubtless many of our stores and dwellings would have been favored with a visit from them ere many days .-As it is we advise every one to keep a sharp eye on their bolts and bars, as these confined birds have doubtless accomplices still at large.

Died, on the 20th inst., in Washington lity, after a long and painful illness, Maj HENRY L. HARVRY, aged about sixty. In this announcement many of our readers will recognize the death of an old friend. Nearly thirty years ago, in the prime of manhood, Maj. HAR-VEY came to Erie, and for a number of years Edited the Observer with marked ability As a writer he had few superiors in some departments of newspaper literature; but he lacked that business tact and energy necessary to the successful publication of a country paperhence, after a few years of struggle and toil to establish the Observer upon a permanent bases. he passed it overto other hands, and ahandon. ed the profession forever, though his pen has never been idle. To it and to the brain that now calmly sleeps on the banks of the Potomac, under the shadows, as it were, of the National Capitol, are we indebted for many of the choicest gems of the newspaper literature of the day. In 1845, when Mr. Park was inaugerated President, a position was offered him n the Navy Department, which he has filled ever since; and weare assured that to the close audication which its duties imposed upon him. may be traced the germ of the disease which fi nally calumniated in his death last week

"But now I see a higher life for thee Opening--as those pure stars do ope at morn-But not to close, because of spirit born Which rise upward through Eternity. There he thy garden-bloom ! while here we hend No more to call an earthly growth for thee Forever past, this sweet idolatry For dust with dust forever more wast blend

Here is a paragraph, on Court House Loafers," copied from the Pittsburgh Post, that has a " local habitation" in this city as well a Pittsburgh; and as such we commend it to the careful attention of those interested "Nothing but the worst sort of vulgar curi

sity can be the motive which induces such crowds of people, many of them apparently respectable, to loaf day after day about the Court House, during the season of the Criminal Court. All respectable people should avoid such places Criminal trials are unfortunately necessary but it is not necessary nor desirable for men aye for women, too, to listen day after day to the details of vice which are necessarily brought out in the Criminal Court. The morbid desire to feast the eyes and ears upon the wretched sights and sounds which abound in the ('rimi nal Court room, indicate a moral taste depraved and vitiated. People who have no business in court rooms should keep out of court rooms. None but men physically lazy and morally de

funct will seek their amusement in such places GRAPE CULTURE. - The flourishing village of North East, in this County, is becoming some what famous as a Grape producing locality there being at this time several fine vineyards at that point in bearing order, and many more under way. The soil, climate, &c., in the Eastern part of Erie county, is peculiarly adapted to the culture of the vine, and it is found to yield a hetter return to the tiller of the soil than any other crop grown in this latitude .-But little wine has been made, as yet, the demand for the fruit being fully equal to, or greater than the supply. We shall, at some future time, make a full report of this new feature in our agriculture, giving a list of those engaged in the bitsiness, with comparative results from the various popular treatments.

Bring in your wood, chickens, potatoes, apples, turnips, buckwheat, &c., &c., -we want them all on subscription to this paper,

ERIE COUNTY AUBICI LTURAL SON ALL meeting of the members of our County Ver cultural Society was held on Saturday evening last, at which proceedings were had relative the question of dishandonment and re-organsation. After deliberation, a resolution p valled signifying the intention of continue the Annual Exhibitions and other operating of the Society as heretofore We understan measures are to be taken to infuse a halle me wim into the workings of this old fogy the and it is hoped thus re-awaken the pare emulation among our agriculturist and are sans, which shall make the Society Aire. Exhibition attractive and useful, as of a li-Eric Wholesale Price Current Plour, Illinois and Iows P Bbl \$1 300

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On the 13th inst, by Rev. G. W. Chu, Mr. BENJ, R. BORDWELL, of Button of Mrs. JULIA A. WILLIAMS, of Eric

## DEATHS.

On the 3d inst, in Albion, after a brief aces, Mr. ISAAC BUMPUS, aged 80 year-In this city, on Tuesday morning the 2nut, SARVIII, consort of John W

ged about 30 years.

Suddenly on the 25th inet., Dr. IRA SHIF WIN, of Harborereck, aged 63 years, 2 months and 3 days. He had been in his usual heart during the day, went to bed at the usual hou and at about I o'clock his wife awakened an ound him dead. He had passed away withou a struggle. Dr. S. was a highly esteemed an useful citizen, and will be much missed in the neighborhood.

## To-Day's Advertisements.

OYSTERS!

OYSTERS V THE citizens of Eric and volunty is respectfully freshed to call at the N row incomen the Depot, where can be found a superior OYSTERES, directly from the Fair Herry Many WARASTED PRISES or no sale Persons (48,50 ft) there, as we can supply them as cheap as your property of the place of the

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Auditor's Notice. TO the heirs and legal representatives of DAVID TRINSLER, decreased, late of the Borou is now city of Languages.

E PAVID TRINNLER, deceased, late of the Berou now city of Lancaster.

The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphan-Court of Lancaster county, to report distribution of the balance in the Bands of Wm. B. Wiley, administrator, the estate of David Trinsfer, late of the Berough, now city of Lancaster, deceased, to and among those who ar legally emitted thereta, will meet for the purpose to the appointment, on THE RNDAY, the late day of DRI "MET A. D. 1859, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Labour-Room, in the Court House, in the city of Lancaster, when said where all persons may attend it they think proper oct 29—41.21

THOS. H. BURBOWES.