

counts with me at Squire Condy's mill. That was twelve months ago, and it is well as if it were yesterday...

Yes, some little," returned Harry. "I know that I should not soon be a match for Bill, unless I learned how to box and so, for four or five months...

"I guess not," answered my companion. "He will know that he was in the wrong. If he does try it, and lowering his voice, as he spoke he grasped...

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, January 31, 1839. I mentioned in my last letter that Mr. Benton had introduced into the Senate a resolution...

In the debate upon Mr. Benton's Salt Bill, Mr. Davis, of Massachusetts, took occasion to answer some of the arguments of Mr. B. in its favor.

Mr. Hubley, of Pennsylvania, has informed the Speaker of the House that he has tendered the resignation of his seat to the Governor of that State.

A petition has been presented in the Senate from some of the inhabitants of Oregon Territory, praying for protection from the Indians.

A petition was presented to the Senate from a lady who calls herself AMERICA VESPUCCI, and who says she is a lineal descendant from Americus Vespucci...

Mr. Grant, of New York, came very near playing off a trick on the House of Representatives by means of the Previous Question.

the resolution, he moved the previous question. The Speaker sustained the motion at first, but afterwards stated that he had inadvertently done so, and that it was contrary to the rules...

"TREASON AND RIOT CASE," "BACKING OUT."

Under this caption the Editors of the mercantile print the Keystone, in their last number, give a garbled and one-sided account of certain proceedings in the Court of Quarter Sessions of Dauphin county...

In reply, we will state that the following Bill of Indictment was laid before the Grand Jury on Thursday last, who after spending the whole of that day, and until noon of the following day, (Friday) in examining witnesses on behalf of the commonwealth...

We disapprove of any publications respecting the proceedings of courts of justice previous to the trials, that may have a tendency to prejudice the public mind, and therefore merely published this bill to explain and refute the Keystone's article...

It may be proper to state that this bill would have been laid before the Grand Jury at an earlier day in the week, but several of the witnesses who reside at a distance did not arrive in Harrisburg until Wednesday evening.

FALSE ALARMS.

To make anything very terrible, says Burke, some obscurity seems in general to be necessary. Where we know the full extent of any danger, and can cast our eyes to it, a great deal of the apprehension vanishes.

We do not believe that any of the "charges made against the late Administration, are true. From our intercourse with gentlemen prominent in that administration, we are satisfied that every ramification of what there were under any Judge Meigs or William B. Mitchell's any Boyds or Harris, Prices, Swartwouts, Gratiots, Henshaws, or imitators of any of the countless defaulter of the General Government...

The Mobile Chronicle says: "Since our report of Saturday morning, a new impulse has been given to our cotton market. Purchasers come up to the mark of holders, and it is estimated that between 3 and 4000 bales have changed hands. Full 2c advance on last week's quotations have been established. We have no alteration to notice in general business, exchange of freight."

THE FIRST PLUNGE.

The administration of Joseph Ritner in three years did not add one dollar to the permanent debt of the State, but reduced it.

How different is the case under Governor Porter. Already has a law passed to borrow ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, ON PERMANENT LOAN!

One of the peculiar features of the act for the borrowing of this money, is the rate of interest given. Instead of requiring the United States Bank to loan the money at four per cent., it is to be borrowed at five. This one per cent. difference will be \$12,000 per annum, which in twenty years will amount to \$240,000.

Section 1. That the Governor be authorized to negotiate a loan, by the issue of negotiable certificates of stock, for the sum of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, at a rate of interest not exceeding FIVE PER CENT. PER ANNUM, payable half yearly...

Section 2. The Governor be, and he is hereby authorized to cause to be executed certificates of stock, signed by the Auditor General and countersigned by the State Treasurer, for the sum to be borrowed in pursuance of this act...

Section 3. So much of the above law as is necessary shall be applied by the State Treasurer to the following payments, falling due and payable at the Treasury on or before the first of February, 1839: Or the payment of interest on permanent, temporary, and treasury loans; to payments falling due upon various items of internal and local improvements under the provisions of the act of the 4th April, 1838; and to such other purposes as the necessity of the treasury may require to preserve its credit.

THE HALIFAX CASE.

Our readers will remember the unlawful conduct of the Locofoco constable at the Inspector's election in Halifax township, Dauphin county, which resulted, as the Locofocos said, in a "riot." At the November sessions of our Court the Grand Jury found a bill against the Constable, who has been tried at the present session, and fined \$50 for violating the law, in addition to which he will have to pay the costs, amounting, we believe, to upwards of 200 dollars.

Gov. Porter was elected by the great anti-bank party, and yet his first official act was to sign a bill to extend the charter of a bank.

A bill has been passed by the Texian Congress, locating the seat of government at some point between the Trinity and Colorado rivers, above the San Antonio road to Nacogdoches, formerly known as the King's Pass, when the country was owned by the King of Spain. The commissioners of location are to be elected by the present Congress, from among its own members, allowing two to the Senate, and three to the House of Representatives.

THE BRITISH SQUADRON AT VERA CRUZ.—A SINGULAR EXPLANATION.

A slip from the office of the New Orleans Bulletin furnishes some information in relation to the British squadron. It is stated that private letters have solved the problem that has so much puzzled the quinquins in relation to the objects of the British. It appears that Mr. Packenham, far from interfering in behalf of the Mexicans, is about to join the French in making imperative demands of redress for spoliation committed on the property of British citizens and other grievances of a similar nature.

The committee of the Senate appointed to investigate the contested election between Messrs. Bell and Brooke, of the district composed of Delaware, Chester, and Montgomery, have reported in favor of Mr. Brooke, and he has taken his seat.

THE LIGHTNING TELEGRAPH. An association has been started in New York and Philadelphia to establish a line of Electro Magnetic Telegraph, invented by Professor Morse, between those two cities.

AN IMPORTANT REMOR.—The following is an extract from a letter from a gentleman, holding an official station in the Province, to one in Bangor, Me., dated, FREDERICKTOWN, Jan. 22, 1839.

A woman not far from Bangor, being cursed and tormented by a drunken husband, told him, at last, that if he ever came home drunk again, she would throw herself into the river. The next Sunday evening he came staggering home; when after abusing his wife some time, he retired to bed.

U. S. ARMY.—It appears from documents appended to the Report of the Secretary of War, that the number of men enlisted into the U. S. Army from Oct. 1st, 1837, to Sept. 30th, 1838, was 4,147.

PRIVILEGES OF THE SEXES IN ENGLAND. The ages of male and female in England are different for different purposes. A male at twelve years old may take the oath of allegiance; at fourteen is at years of discretion; and may consent or disagree to marriage.

A GLORIOUS TRIUMPH. After a great struggle in Congress Mr. Wise has succeeded in carrying his motion to appoint a committee to investigate the frauds and corruptions of the Administration, by ballot.

From the Pennsylvania Register.

Resolved, That this meeting concurs in the resolution passed by a National Convention of Silk growers, held at Baltimore; in December last, that Silk may be grown in all the United States, not only for domestic purposes but as a valuable article of commercial export.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, experience has demonstrated that the soil and climate of Pennsylvania are better adapted to raising silk than those of Italy and France.

Resolved, That the friends of Silk culture in every part of the State are invited to attend the Convention as members thereof.

Resolved, That the members of this Convention are requested to devise some plan whereby Philanthropists may establish Mulberry orchards in the vicinity of our large cities and villages, for the purpose of supplying mulberry leaves gratuitously to the worthy indigent inhabitants thereof.

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Two Vessels Lost.—A letter of the 4th instant, from Vera Cruz, states that a Spanish ship and brig from Havana, had arrived and were ordered out of port. On their way to Sacrificos they got ashore and were lost. Several vessels from New Orleans had arrived at Sacrificos there were 14 English vessels of war at anchor, and the English and French admirals were said to be on the best of terms.

LETTERS of administration on the estate of Daniel Meigs, dec'd, late of Frankford township having been issued to the subscriber residing in Frankford township, executive officers of said township will present them to said estate for settlement, and those indebted will make payment immediately. NANCY MOUNTZ, Adm'r. January 29, 1839.—Gw.

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