



**THE JOURNAL.**

One country, one constitution, one destiny.

Huntingdon, Jan. 6, 1841.

**Democratic COUNTY CONVENTION.**

The friends of GEN. HARRISON within the several townships and boroughs of Huntingdon county are requested to meet at their usual places of holding elections, on or before Saturday the 9th day of January next, and appoint two persons from each township and borough in said county, to meet in convention at Huntingdon on Wednesday evening the 13th January, for the purpose of choosing two delegates to represent this county in the State Convention which will meet in Harrisburg on the 4th of March next, to nominate a candidate for Governor.

BY THE COUNTY COMMITTEE.

**The Meetings.**

Our friends must not neglect to meet at their usual places of holding meetings, to elect delegates to the Convention of next week. To make their conventions what they are intended to be, the people should attend the primary meetings, and there express their wishes by selecting honest and candid representatives to meet in conventions.

**Canal Commissioners.**

Our readers will find, inserted again, in this week's paper, the copy of a petition to the Legislature, relative to the manner of creating the Canal Commissioners. We have republished it because we neglected to call the special attention of our readers to the subject.

The reform suggested in the petition, has long been one that we have advocated as of vital importance, to the permanency and prosperity of our public works. So long as their revenue is considered the plunder of power and place; and their officers the pack horses of corrupt party or organization, so long will they be a curse instead of a blessing.

When the people of Pennsylvania declared the determination to remodel their Constitution, one of the great causes which led to that determination, was their anxiety to obtain, and retain in their own hands, the power of choosing their own officers. In a great measure their wishes have been carried out, but with regard to the canal board, the party in power, have deemed it too good a bone for the hungry hounds of their party to know, and have used all their means to still keep the power from the people.

Independent of the advantages to be derived from the removal of the power from the hands of the Governor, in a general point of view, there is one which appears paramount to all others. It is the fact that by the plan proposed in the petition, the Board will always contain two persons who are experienced in the duties of the office. If they be elected one each year, to continue for 3 years, as we do our board of County Commissioners, there must always be one that has been in two, and one that has been in one year; and either or both of them will understand the business, as well as the duties of the office.

Whereas under the present plan, every triumph of party is a certain forerunner of a complete change in the canal Board; and men (no matter what their capacities in other matters) are appointed, totally ignorant of many important matters in the office, the consequence of which is, that not unfrequently persons from a distance go to the seat of government to settle some affairs with the Canal Board, and after a fruitless search return home no wiser than they started, cursing in silence the incapacity of the Board. Every man at all acquainted with the transactions of the Board for a long series of years must admit that what we say is true. Nor is this all, the same advantages will result to the superintendance of the public works themselves. Now, not unfrequently, are men of known incapacity appointed, but even those who it is equally well known have not performed their duties with fidelity; and when they are appointed, regardless alike of their duty, and integrity to the interest of the people, they leave their duties

spend the time & the money of the people to further the future hopes of their partisan friends. Who is there in our country that will deny these facts? Not one who has any regard for himself or truth.

We call, therefore, the attention of every one of our readers to this subject—let them read and reflect upon the subject, and then copy out this petition, sign it, and call on their neighbors to do so, and forward it immediately on to Harrisburg. Go about the work as if you intend not to rest until this important reformation was accomplished.

**Moderate Politicians.**

Under this head we find in the "Intelligencer," an extract from the "Village Record," which with a considerable ingenuity censures such of his cotemporaries as may be disposed to object to the system of making the residence of Gen. Harrison a political bear garden. If a man wants an office, we say with that paper, "let him ask for it." But we say further, and the history of past years proves it, that, in ninety-nine cases out of an hundred, those who have the most impudence and the least qualifications, are the successful office-seekers; and why? they will push a-head. Many of them are, what may be called *active* politicians. They attend some meetings, and when there, render themselves particularly conspicuous without any particular cause—they, not unfrequently, are among the first to suggest plans to be adopted, and generally among the last to carry them out. The evidence they produce of their activity is a bundle of newspapers with proceedings of political meetings in which is a resolution or two *unanimously adopted* which was offered by these same *active* men. Such has long been the case, & if those who have professed such a horror of office-seeking and office holding politicians, are now to deem it either prudent or honest, to pursue the same course, we have only to say, that the members of the party are not as honest as their principles.

At any rate, we should like to know what is the test of activity. Is it the man who went to the most conventions, meetings, parades, &c.? Is it he who made the greatest number or the longest speeches. Is it he who may have played bully and blackguard on the election ground? Or is it he who was in a moderate way "pouring cool instruction into heedless ears? What is the gauge? Many, no doubt, could they convince Harrison they were as *active* in getting him his office as they are in trying to get one for themselves, would be entered on the active list.

We wish, however, not to be considered the advocate of those men whose moderation will not let them hardly express their principles. We are in favor of the selection of firm and honest, as well as prominent men of the party. For thank Heaven, at the last contest, nearly all the great and good men in our country, stood forth shoulder to shoulder, and fought the good fight; of such men we have hundreds, aye thousands in our ranks, who labored with untiring zeal, not for the prospect of an office, but in the earnest hope of relieving an oppressed country from the curses of corrupt rulers. Men who will honor the office more than the office them. It is in favor of such men we are willing to speak.

We are, however, inclined to think the Old Hero and Patriot of North Bend, will perform his part without fear, favor, or affection, and will, with a bold and unyielding determination, pursue his own course for the good of his whole country.

**State Treasurer.**

We see a suggestion in the Lewistown Gazette that Dr Thomas Whiteside would make a most excellent *State Treasurer*. 'Tis as like as not, but I don't believe a word of it. At any rate should he be successful we hope he will do the fair thing with a poor fellow *ice know*—this *rick-it* business keeps his nose to the grind stone. He's what we call an *active fellow*.

**Metcalf's Star & Democrat.**

The Evening Star, of Philadelphia, has changed its name to that at the head of this notice. The paper is now printed both weekly and on very fine paper. The terms are now \$2 per annum payable in advance. We consider the paper an excellent one; and wish our old friend much success.

**The Legislature**

Has commenced its session, and we shall expect to give our readers a full account of their doings. We do not mean by this, that we intend to fill our paper with the nonsense which will consume days and hours of their time. We mean that when they really *do any business*, we will as soon as received, serve it up to our readers. The Governor's Message we hope to receive to-night; and unless it is like most modern documents, of "learned length," we shall insert it all in our next paper. The Governor will have his hands full this session, to keep on the right of both parties of his friends. His love of the Banks at the last session, has not been forgotten, and he must do something to conciliate the Philadelphia "barn burners," or they will "whistle him off," and let him down the winds to prey on fortune; and then there will be a little danger, that like the dog in the fable—by trying to catch both, he may loose both—but why need we care, it is all in the family. On Friday of next week, the Banks must "fork up;" and we presume the Governor's Message will tell us what he intends to do with them, if they do not unlock their specie vaults. The Message will undoubtedly be very severe on them—especially if it is understood that they positively will resume; for it will be a first rate way of showing his anti-Bank-Democracy, especially when there will be no chance of its being put to the test.

**More Money Wanted.**

The Secretary of the Commonwealth has advertised for a new loan, (another addition to the state debt) of one million of dollars. To be reimbursed at any time after the 1st of July, 1870. We good people of this state are only just beginning to learn how extremely blest we were in the election of D. R. Porter to the gubernatorial chair; we have a *State Tax* now to pay, and still the State Debt annually and rapidly increases. But where is the Governor to raise this money? Shall we have another coalition with the rascally banks? We shall see.

**Happy New Year.**

Patrons we wish you all a happy new year! Time, with its silent but ceaseless tread, has hurried us on another year nearer that "bourne whence no traveller returns." Yet how few of us think that ere another one shall have passed, our joys and our sorrows will only be known in that world where "the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest." Yet how exultingly we exclaim a happy new year! How many who greeted the birth day of the last year, as we do now, rejoicing in health and strength, have been followed by their weeping friends to that quiet, but dread monitor—the grave!—Call up around you the shadows of your happy friends who were with you on the last new year's day, and see how many of them are now sleeping beneath the clods of the valley! The "happy new year" rang as merrily from their lips, a short year since, as it does now from yours, or our own. Where are they now? The melancholy truth murmurs—in the tomb! What theme for reflection, yet what a day of hilarity and joy. How joyously the sincere wish of "a happy new year" is echoed from lip to lip; and how few think that it tells of another step toward eternity! A happy new year may it be to all. Happy in this world—to those whom poverty has compelled to trust the cold charities of a cold and unfeeling world—and happy to those who "shuffle off this mortal coil," and are

"By Him recalled to breath,  
Who captive led captivity,  
Who robbed the grave of victory,  
And took the sting from death."

A happy new year! and may we all profit by experience, that we may make each succeeding year, or day of our lives, happier than the past.

**EDITORIAL SUMMARY.**

The population of the State of Connecticut is 310,023, of which number there are only 533 white persons over the age of 20, who cannot read and write. In 17 townships, containing upwards of 21,000, there is not one white person over the age of 20, who cannot read and write. A New Haven paper says, let any State beat that.

The Hon. Felix Grundy, U. S. Senator from Tennessee, died at his residence in Nashville, on Sunday two weeks.

Mrs. Kinney, the lady who was charged in Boston with poisoning her husband, has been found not guilty.

Peake, (whose wife was killed by her own father, Wood,) died in the Alms House, and was buried from there on Saturday.

It is said that it is intended to bring Martin Van Buren again into the field for 1844. We guess not.

**MURDER.**—A man by the name of Beasley, murdered another by the name of Long, in Virginia. He struck him with a billet of wood, after which he laid down and slept; when he awoke, Long was dead. He then cut the body up, and buried a part under a stump in the woods, and the balance under the floor of the house, and set the house on fire. He has been arrested, and confessed his guilt.

**ANOTHER.**—A lad of sixteen years of age, deliberately shot one of his companions, while they were on the ice near Baltimore, skating. The gun had been brought on to the ice by a boy who had been watching for a hawk. The boy that committed the deed was immediately arrested.

The Banks of Ohio, so says a correspondent of the "N. Y. Commercial;" will resume on the same day as those of this State, and presumes they will generally be able to meet their demands.

**A RIGHTEOUS SENTENCE.**—Goodhue, the wretch who was convicted for the crime with his own daughter, has been sentenced to 35 years imprisonment in the States prison.

Col. M. G. C. Clark, the electoral messenger from Indiana, was with Harrison at the Maumee and Tippecanoe—and he is one of 29 sons and 2 daughters, by the same parents.

**INTRODUCTION.**—On the 18th of May, 1835, Dr. Brandreth, for the first time, made known in the United States the celebrated Brandreth Vegetable Universal Pills. He left them to stand or fall by their own merits. He made no allusion to any other medicine; simply facts were stated, and the following principle laid down as the *Brandrethian Theory*, viz: that all local diseases, whether of the stomach or bowels, enlargement of the joints, rheumatic affections, cutaneous eruptions, dyspeptic complaints, or whatever other forms such local disease presents, where nothing more than so many symptoms of a disordered state of the constitution, and that his pills, which were discovered in England in 1751, were a medicine that had the effect of restoring the constitution to health and vigor, simply by removing all bad and acrimonious humors from the blood by the stomach and bowels. The American public have now made trial of this medicine for nearly six years, and have found that the medicine is not all humbug. The patronage Dr. Brandreth daily experiences, proves that the medicine gives perfect satisfaction.

Purchase them in HUNTINGDON, of WM. STEWART, and only in the county, of agents published in another part of this paper. Remember every agent has a certificate of agency, dated within the last twelve months. If of an earlier date do not purchase.

**LIST OF LETTERS** remaining in the Post Office at Mill Creek on the 1st day of January, 1841.

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| Boring Thomas       | Miller John          |
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| Collentine Henry    | Nippes Daniel        |
| Craft Henry         | Norton Julia J Mrs.  |
| Condrin James       | Robison Henry        |
| Dickson John        | Rutherford John      |
| Daily Michael       | Ross James           |
| Dunlop John or Jas. | Shoop John 2         |
| Poster William      | Stout George         |
| Freid Charles Jr.   | Shady Rubin          |
| Hamphrey Wm. H.     | Sowder Jacob         |
| Henry Joseph        | Shaw William         |
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|                     | E. L. PLOWMAN, P. M. |

Jan. 1, 1841.

**DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.**

THE partnership heretofore existing between John Maguire and James Clarke, under the firm of John Maguire and Co., Sinking Valley, has been this day dissolved, by mutual consent. All persons indebted to the said firm, are requested to call and settle their accounts previous to the 10th of March next, at which time the books will be removed for collection.

JOHN MAGUIRE,  
JAMES CLARKE.  
January 1, 1841.

The subscriber having purchased the entire stock of the late firm of John Maguire & Co., will continue to do business at the old stand, and solicits a continuance of the favors of his friends and the public.

JOHN MAGUIRE,  
Sinking Valley, Jan. 1, 1841.

**Notice.**

All persons indebted to the undersigned are requested to call and settle, on or before the 1st February, or their accounts will be left in the hands of a Justice for collection.

JOHN WHITE.  
Jan. 8, 1841.

**GRAHAM'S MAGAZINE, AND LADIES' & GENTLEMAN'S World of Literature AND FASHION.**

[The Casket and the Gentleman's united.]  
A New Volume, under the above title, of the well established and fashionable Magazine, The Philadelphia Casket in conjunction with the Gentleman's Magazine, which has been very popular of the day, will be opened on the 1st of January, 1841, with an array of Contributors secured by the union of talent and fame, which no periodical in the country can boast or pretend to rival.—The December number will, however, be a specimen of the New Volume. The volume will be opened with new and beautiful type, the finest white paper, and with the first of a series of EMBELLISHMENTS UNSURPASSED by any which have yet appeared in any Magazine. The style of elegance, the beauty and finish of these illustrations, and the extensive improvements which will be made in its typographical appearance, and above all the tone of its literary department, by the brilliant array of Contributors, whose articles have enriched the pages of each number, will give it a character, second to no Magazine in the Union. The character of the articles which shall appear in its pages, will be equally removed from a sickly sentimentality, and from an affectation of morality, but while a true delineation of human nature in every variety of passion is aimed at, nothing shall be found in its pages to cause a blush upon the cheek of the most pure.

**The Literary Character**

will be sufficiently guaranteed by the reputation of both Magazines thus united, for years past. Writers of the first rank have been regular contributors to their pages, and the tales and sketches published in them have been widely copied and read, and the firm and independent tone of the criticisms, upon the current literature of the day, has been every where approved and commended.

**The List of Contributors**

Embraces the names of most of the principal writers in America, with a respectable number of English authors. Original articles have appeared, during the last year, from the pens of the following:—New York, Professor Ingraham, Author of La Fite, Professor John Frost, Philadelphia, Professor N. C. Brooks, Baltimore, Professor C. F. Wines, Philadelphia, Author of Two Years in the Navy, Captain Maryatt, Author of Peter Simple, etc. Morton McMichael, Esq. Philadelphia, Hon. R. T. Conrad, Esq. do. Willis Gaylord Clarke, Esq. do. Charles J. Peterson, do. Rev. Thomas H. Stockton, do. Samuel W. Stockton, do. E. Armstrong, Esq. do. Gen. O. Morris, New York, L. Hunt, England, Mrs. Fanny Kemble Butler, Philadelphia; Park Benjamin, New York; Douglas Jerrold, England; Joseph C. Neal, (Charcoal Sketches) The American Boy; J. F. Otis, New York; R. S. Elliott, Editor of Harrisburg Journal; David Hoffman, Esq. Baltimore; Charles West Thompson, Philadelphia; Judge Tremper, Dresden, New York; John Du Sable, Esq.; Greenville Melvin, New York; P. B. Elder, Editor of Columbia Spy, Pa.; The Author of "Gleanings;" Edgar A. Poe, Philadelphia; T. G. Spence, do; author of "Howard Pinckney;" Mrs. L. Sigourney; Hartford; Miss Catherine H. Waterman; Philadelphia; Mrs. Ann Stephens, New York; Benson Hill, England, Editor of New Monthly Magazine; Dr J. Mitchell, Philadelphia; James Montgomery, England; A. M'Makin and E. Holden, Esqs.; J. Beauchamp Jones, Baltimore; J. E. Dow, Washington City; Mrs. E. F. Ellett, Boston; Dr. Thos. Dunn English, Philadelphia.

In addition to his brilliant array of names known to fame, the distinguished sea and host of anonymous writers of no ordinary abilities, have given width and character to the pages of the Magazines. The series of well known nautical papers entitled, "Cruising in the last War," have had a run, unequalled by any series published in any Magazine, for years. The author promises to open the first of a new series of

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and from his known abilities as a depicter of sea scenes and life, much may be relied upon from him in maintaining the popularity of the Magazine. Papers may be expected during the volume, also from the author of the well known articles entitled, "The Log of Old Ironsides." The author of "Syrian Letters," will also lend his powerful and graceful pen, to sustain and engrave the reputation of the work. The valuable and the author of "Leaves from a Lawyer's Portfolio," has also been secured, and we may expect something still more thrilling from the capacious stores which a long life in the profession has enabled him to amass. An occasional Chit-Chat, with "Jeremy Short," and "Oliver Oldfellow," is also promised; with a variety of choice articles in prose and verse from various writers of celebrity, as Contributors to the prominent Magazines of the country. The editors of the new arrangement continue their services under the new arrangement. With such an array of talent, a Magazine of unrivalled attractions, may safely be promised the coming volume.

**Fashions and Engravings.**

In compliance with the almost unanimous wish of our lady subscribers, we shall the ensuing volume furnish them with a beautiful and correct plate of FASHIONS MONTHLY, a feature, it is believed, that will neither be unwelcome nor unpopular. These fashion plates shall be drawn from original designs from Paris and London, and may always be depended upon as the prevailing style in Philadelphia and New York for the month in which they are issued. These, however, shall in no wise interfere with the regular and choice engravings, and music which accompany each number of the work. The splendid Mezzotint engravings from the bustine of Sartin, which have been so justly admired, will be followed during the volume by several from the same hand, while the steel engravings in the best style of art, from interesting scenes shall still enrich the Magazine. The choicest pieces of music for the Piano and Guitar, shall accompany each number of the work.