Star & Republican Banner.

GETTYSBURGH, PENN.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1838.

For the Gettysburg Star.

Who is David R. Porter?

"Who is the Van Buren Loco Foco candidate for Governor?" is a question often asked. When we answer *David Ritten-house Porter*, we are immediately asked, who is David Rittenhouse Porter? We are obliged to answer somewhat as follows:

David R. Porter (as we shall call him to save time,) is an individual now residing in Huntingdon county, (Pennsylvania of course) of whom we never know any thing, nor do we believe any one else did, unless, perchance, some of his honest creditors, beyond the limits of Huntingdon county. In consequence of this ignorance, the corrupt cabal at Washington were induced to presume, that David R. Porter would be a fit instrument (an "honoured" *tool*, if you please!) to subserve the vile purposes of a tottering administration, and avert that destruction which threatens it.

Unfortunately, however, for the projectors of the plan, but happily for the country, the spirit of inquiry, which so eminently characterizes the honest yeomanry of Pennsylvania, spread abroad through the land; they are not ready to submit to the yoke and voke of David R. Porter, without knowing what the man is who by their votes and influence is to be elected on the second Tuesday of October, to preside, either for weal or for woe, over the destinies of almost two millions of freemen. Their surprize upon learning, is more readily imagined than described, that the person selected for their support, by a convention of delegates professing to be democrats, was the descendant of an aristocratic family; who had studied the pro-cess of the law, but for want of capacity, totally unqualified for the practice; who embarked in speculation and amassed considerable property, but not caring for the discharge of his honest debts, assigned his goods to another, availed himself of the benefit of the insolvent laws, that he might defraud his creditors and enrich himself at their expense, and who has ever manifested a total disregard of veracity and honesty! He has admirably succeeded in his wicked projects, as his supporters unblushingly boast to the tune of forty-thousand dollars!!

Although he has succeeded in swindling his creditors, he can never make Pennsylvania tributary to him and prey upon her resources which are so justly her pride and ornament at home and abroad.

He has been a member of the House of Representatives, and is now a member of the Senate; his whole public career has been one of the most abject party subserviency, imbecility and profligacy. No better proof of his subserviency to party requisites, than his advocacy of the Sub-Treasury, so odious to the democracy of our country. Of his imbecility it is merely necessary to state, that he never in Congress introduced any talent whatever in any public station which he has held. Of his profligacy, it is enough to say that he voted for the Bank of the Mammoth bill of the session of 1836 '37, better known to many as the "Bill of Abominations," which would have increased our State debt by the addition of twenty millions of dollars, had it not been, so fortunately for the State, arrested by the salutary interposition of our wise, independent and patriotic Farmer Governor.

David R. Porter is besides, a Royal Arch Mason, an oath bound member of a secret and lawless institution, the violation of whose unhallowed orgies can only be expiated by a crust of the vilest perjury. Pity the man who has the misfortune to be deluded by its siren songs into its fangs.

But as David R. Porter is so notoriously incompetent for the exercise of the high and important functions belonging to the station, for which he is such an unworthy aspirant, who, our democratic friends will naturally inquire, will perform its duties? The only reply we can make is, that David R. Porter is to be the *nominal*, and James Madison Porter the ACTING GOVERNOR; and what renders the suggestion plausible is the fact, that James Madison Porter very *modestly* offered to bet fifty thousand dollars that his brother David R. Porter would be elected.

For the information of the true believers of the hard money humbug, and those who have entire confidence in the infallibility of the Van Buren dynasty, it may not be amiss to state that James Madison Porter is a Royal Arch Mason, one of the most strenuous advocates of the banking system and a paper currency, and above all the friend and advocate of Henry Clay!

Citizens of Pennsylvania! You cannot, you will not vote for David R. Porter, one whose private life exhibits a degree of moral depravity rarely to be met with in the most abandoned profligate of the land, and whose public career is stamped with imbecility, extravagance and a blind devotion and willing subserviency to the dictation of a corrupt power that glories in the prostration of the industry and enterprise of our beloved Country!!

Is there a freemen so recreant to the interests and regardless of the honor of our great Commonwealth, as to prefer David R. Porter, a prig of aristocracy, whose whole life, private and public, has been nothing but a succession of repeated injuries inflicted upon individuals or the state, to the present judicious, worthy and efficient Chief Magistrate, who instead of being of noble extraction, is of humble, my obscure birth; who, independent of the corrupting influence of wealth and the smiles and patronage of the great, is wholly indebted to his own efforts and the force of that vigorous intellect which it has pleased his Creator to endow upon him, for the lofty eminence he now occupies, and to which his unworthy competitor in vain aspires. It is to JOSEPH RITNER our Farmer Governor, that Pennsylvania is mainly indebted for her elevated character; to him the Roman fortness has defied every effort and spurned all dictation of the Federal Executive. His moral are unsullied and his integrity incorruptible. Pennsylvania is Pennsylvania still, and as long as Joseph Ritner is at the helm, she will remain herself, her institutions unimpaired, her councils uncorrupted and her laws revered.

ARISTIDES.

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☞The "Lancaster Examiner" has shaken off its old coat and appears in an entire new and handsome dress.

Wood Wanted.

☞Will some one of our friends send us a cord or two of dry Wood immediately!

General Intelligence.

NORTH CAROLINA is fairly waking up to a perception of her true interests, by turning her attention to the development of her internal resources. We recently adverted to the suggestion made in this quarter, of secuting various important works of internal improvement, and our attention is now directed to the fact that domestic manufactories are taking permanent root within the State. It appears that there are at this time eleven Cotton Factories in the course of erection, and numerous others are in the establishment of others. The system of draining the immense bodies of swamp lands, which are now worthless, but which will be productive and highly valuable when thus improved, is about to be begun under the direction of a competent State engineer, and we see that a bill passed in the Davidson county, and comprehending Guilford, are both worked with complete success. The spirit of judicious enterprise is evidently spreading itself among our brethren of the Carolinas, and cannot fail to work out for them the happiest results.

WISCONSIN.—"It is a delightful country, this Wisconsin. The wildest dreams of the picturesque fall far short of the palpable realities in the vicinity of Fox river. The soil is exuberantly rich, the climate salubrious, the water unequalled, the streams abounding in fish and the woods with game of all kinds. How men can coop themselves up in cities who have the will for enterprise, and the means of emigration, is to me problematical indeed. I had rather traverse the rich hills of Wisconsin, with hard bread and cold pork in my haversack, and see my sons growing to maturity healthy, uncorrupted by the vices of the metropolis, than the observed of thousand observers in a gay and fashionable promenade."

Capture of the Ship Lone.

The particulars of the gallant recapture of the schooner Lone, whose arrival at New Orleans was noticed last week, are furnished in the missing New Orleans slips of 11th instant, which have now come to hand. The Bulletin thus relates the occurrence:

"Our readers recollect a notice in this paper a few days since, of the arrival of the schooner Lone, Capt. Clarke, at Matamoras, after passing the blockade. Having sold her freight at no inordinate profit, Captain Clarke took in a cargo of specie and hides worth $30,000, and cleared again for New Orleans. On the morning of the 25th of June, before day light, the Lone passed the bar of the Del Norte under canvas with a fresh smacking breeze, and strong expectations of eluding the vigilance of the blockading squadron. But she had not sailed ten miles to sea before the breeze died away, and day-light revealed the French brig of war within a mile's distance.

So soon as the Yankee was discovered, the French commander manned a boat with a dozen sailors and marines, boarded, and took possession of her as a prize. All the crew and passengers were transferred from the schooner Lone, to the U. S. sloop of war Vandalia, commanding Captain Clarke, the mate and the cook. A lieutenant and a grace ever of eight men were then put on board and ordered to Sacrifices, where the French fleet lay at anchor. Captain Clarke, his mate and cook were thus detained prisoners in their own vessel, under a guard of nine armed men including the lieutenant. They submitted to their fate with commendable fortitude till the morning of the fourth of July. The vessel lay becalmed thirty miles from Sacrifices. The recollections of '76 stirred the Yankee blood in the veins of the prisoners, and they determined to make one effort for liberty. Fortune seemed to favor the attempt.

They stole upon deck about daylight and found only four sailors upon the watch, the residue and the officer having retired to rest. To knock down two of the watch and drive the other two up the rigging before they could rally of a pistol without a load or a flint—to fasten the companion way upon the lieutenant and lock the forecastle upon the sailors, was but the work of a moment with this trio of resolute seamen contending for their freedom. Without any bloodshed, and almost without resistance, they took possession of the schooner, and brought her prize crew, money, hides and all safely to New Orleans. On their way to this port they were met and boarded by a British armed brig, the commander of which applauded the gallant exploit of Captain Clarke, and offered him a convoy to Havana. The whole achievement may be taken as a fair specimen of Yankee daring enterprise.

The appropriations made during the first and second session of the Twenty-fifth Congress, amount to 38,413,064 87. For the Civil and Diplomatic service, eight millions, two hundred and fifty two thousand three hundred and sixty dollars twenty-two cents. Under the latter are some curious items.—Thus for the paper mint at Washington twenty thousand dollars, and for the expense of the constitutional mint in this city is thirty-five thousand dollars. Expenses of the Smithsonian legacy, five thousand, dollars. Remuneration for the loss of the mint at Charlotte, North Carolina, two thousand dollars The general heads of expenses are—

For the support of the Government and suppression of Indian hostilities for the year	42,169,600
Civil and Diplomatic,	8,252,360 22
Army,	5,157,560 10
Fortifications,	1,415,415
Protection of the Northern frontier,	625,000
Navy,	8,063,136 30
Revolutionary and other pensioners,	3,058,332 62
Current expenses of the Indian Department,	3,002,497 73
Preventing and suppressing Indian hostilities,	7,739,410 41
Harbors,	1,335,008 53
Light-houses,	307,010 36
Miscellaneous,	540,300
Private claims,	45,103 60
	$38,413,064 87

IMPORTANT TO WIDOWS OF REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS, &c.—At the session of Congress just closed, an act was passed entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, and for other purposes." We publish the first section, which is as follows:

Be it enacted, &c. That if any person who served in the war of the revolution, in the manner specified in the act of congress of seventh day of June eighteen hundred and thirty-two, entitled "an act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain suffering officers and soldiers of the revolution" have died leaving a widow, whose marriage took place after the expiration of the last period of his service, and before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, such widow shall be entitled to receive for and during the term of five years, from the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty six, the annuity or pension which might have been allowed to her husband in virtue of said act if living at the time it was passed. *Provided*, That in the event of the marriage of said widow, said annuity or pension shall be discontinued.

NEW YORK, August 1.

About 4 o'clock this morning, a most destructive fire broke out in the block bounded by Hammond, Perry, West and Washington streets. It raged till 3 and burnt two-thirds of the block, or nearly fifty houses. It commenced in a Tallow Chandlery. The houses were two story bricks, habited by respectable mechanics.

The flames spread with inconceivable rapidity. The inhabitants rushed from their beds with five or no clothes upon them; some as naked as the hour they were born. One man was dug out of the ruins dead; a very lovely young lady is missing, supposed to have shared the same fate.

From the New Orleans Bee.

Late and Important from Mexico.

By way of Pensacola, we have more recent intelligence from Mexico. The Pensacola Gazette mentions the arrival of the United States sloop-of-war Vandalia, from a cruise of seventy-four days in the Gulf of Mexico and on the coast of Texas, having visited Vera Cruz, Tampico Matamoras and Galveston.

The ports of Mexico were very closely watched by the French cruisers. The contemplated attack on the Castle of San Juan de Ulloa, has for the present been abandoned, and the Baron Defendis, the French Minister, has sailed for France. Vessels from the United States and Cuba *will not* be warned off before being subject to capture, a sufficient time having elapsed for the blockade to become known.

Commodore Bazzocle, in the frigate L'Hermince, is at anchor under the Island of Sacrificios, and one brig and two schooners and the frigate's launches are close in with the shoals, and frequently within musket shot of the Castle. One brig is off Alvarado, which port was opened on the 18th May, by the Mexican government. The cruisers off Tampico and Matamoras lay at anchor close in with the land, and other vessels are cruising along the coast between these ports.

All appeared quiet in Texas. The British packet which sailed from Vera Cruz on the 27th June, was detained a week after the regular day of sailing, at the request of the Mexican Government, for the purpose of taking out a request to the British Government to become mediator between the French and Mexican Governments. The best of feelings have thus far been kept up between the French and Mexican officers were in the constant reciprocation of services and courtesies.

From Jamaica.

By the Cicero arrived at Baltimore on Wednesday last, the editor of the Patriot has received the Jamaica Gazette of the 14th ult., from which the following is copied:

His Excellency has at last issued a Proclamation, addressed to the negro population, recommending them to behave themselves. This document is as follows:

JAMAICA, SS.

A PROCLAMATION.

By his Excellency Sir Lionel Smith, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Hanoverian Order, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over this Island, Vice Admiral of the same, Colonel of the Fortieth Regiment of Foot, Captain General, Governor in Chief and Commander of the Forces in and over her Majesty's Island of Jamaica, and the other territories and dependencies thereunto belonging, Vice Chancellor and Admiral of the same, PRÆDIAL APPRENTICES.

In a few days more you will all become FREE LABOURERS—the legislature of the island having of late passed the necessary act. Your ship, the commander of which applauded the gallant exploit of Captain Clarke, and offered him a convoy to Havana. The whole achievement may be taken as a fair specimen of Yankee daring enterprise.

The editor of the Boston Atlas has a letter from an officer in the frigate United States dated Tripoli, May 8th, which states that the Austrian government was getting a Frigate ready for sea to bring an Arch-Duke of Austria to this country. The officers of the United States had been treated with the greatest attention at Tripoli. The United States was to sail from Corfu in a few days and afterwards to Smyrna.

A SINGULAR FACT.—The Reverend Lemuel Potter, of the Second Baptist Church, in Cincinnati, Ohio, preached the following fact to the Lowell Courier: "A young lady of that city, daughter of Mr. Levi Atwood, who has been sick for some time, and was supposed to be in consumption, on Saturday, the 14th of July, vomited, it is supposed, between three and four hundred insects, resembling maggots.—Some of these were placed in a bottle of white glass, and soon changed into the chrysalis state. On Thursday, July 26th, they became the common house fly. The process will require a little time, before these introduce their eggs into the stomach of the person? It is suggested that she may have received them upon lettuce, or other food, and that her stomach, being diseased, retained and hatched them. Although strong emetics were given her, no more have appeared since the 14th."

Political Matters.

EFFECTS THE PROCLAMATION.—We learn from the last Miners' Journal, that an honest miner in that neighborhood went to pay a debt that he owed on Saturday week, and carried with him between sixty and seventy dollars in gold. "But why do you pay my uncle?" said the creditor. "Because Joe Ritner's proclamation will soon make specie plenty, and I have no preference for gold over good bank notes." "Aye, aye," said a miner who was present, and whose eye glistened at the sight of the shiners, "Ritner's the man to bring out the *yellow boys*. Benton, of mint-drop memory, is a fool to him!"

TROUBLE IN THE CAMP. RITNER OR THE BANK!

The Nashville Union seems to be in some trouble about the banks. That paper should just remember that the policy of the loco foco, to which it belongs, is to say very little about the matter at the present time—*certainly not to make it a question*. The Union will see the reason in a few days. In Pennsylvania, it is found that if one side is pressed pretty hard, it makes for the United States Bank; and if the other course is taken, then Governor Ritner is aided. The United States Bank is declared by the loco focos to be omnipotent. Well, specie payments are to be resumed, *ergo* the United States Bank has brought about specie payments. That is the logic. The Bank has made no speeches or reports in the Senate! I have been a constant reader of the newspapers and yet I have not seen any evidence of his having done so, and I cannot therefore believe himself to be a man of talents, or fit to govern the Commonwealth."

The Loco Foco Porterite hung his lower lip and said no more about Porter's talents.

Philadelphia is the mother of Shin-plasters. *Globe.*

And Dick Johnson the *father* of "yellow boys."—*Somerset Her.*

THE U. S. GOVERNMENT AND THE U. S. BANK BONDS

We find in the National Gazette the subjoined paragraph:

"It is rumored that the Bond of the Bank of the United States, due in 1839, for two millions of dollars, has been sold by the Treasury Department, at par, to Charles Macalester, Esq., of this city."

The above rumor, we are happy to say, is well founded. The same offer was made for the Bond due in 1840, for a like amount, but declined, the Secretary of the Treasury not having decided that the public exigencies will require a sale.

The purchase, we understand, is for account of the United States Bank. We also understand that Mr. Macalester has effected a negotiation by which the third Bond for TWO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, will be liquidated in a manner equally acceptable to the government and to the bank.

We are truly grateful to hear of these arrangements. We hope, and, indeed, cannot doubt, that they are indicative of a *mutual forbearance* between the contracting parties; and we congratulate the country upon this event, which we consider as equally creditable to the administration and to the bank, and which cannot fail to have a beneficial influence upon all the business relations of the union.—*U. S. Gazette.*

From the York Republican.

Insults to Gov. Ritner and the German Community.

AT Gov. RITNER was passing through the Borough of Huntingdon—the residence of David R. Porter—on his way to his farm in Washington county, he was assailed by loco foco blackguards with the following cries and yells: THE SUN SHINES OUT FUN! HURRA FOR OLD SOUR CROUT, SUCCESS TO DAVID R. PORTER!" At Warrioramark in the same county the loco focos, hearing that the Governor was to pass through that place to visit his brother of Karthaus, stretched a flag across the street from one tavern to another, upon which was painted a coffin and the following "The insults which the same blackguard faction committed against the Governor at Harrisburg on the night previous to the 4th of July, have already been mentioned by us. The Whigs have attempted to deny them, and for that purpose have produced a convenient set of fellows who certify—some of them under oath—that no such insults were offered to the Governor. We subjoin some SWORN AFFIDAVITS on the other side.

DAUPHIN COUNTY, SS.

Personally appeared before me, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said county, Andrew J. Jones, who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say, that he resides in Harrisburg, Harrisburg, one door south-east of Gov. Ritner's residence; the two houses being as it were in one yard, only one door being only eighteen inches or near that distance apart; that on the morning of the 4th of July last about 1 o'clock A. M., himself and family were much disturbed by a great noise in front of his house; that part of the family being unwell rendered it very painful; that said deponent arose and went to a front window, and discovered about thirty persons, as nearly as he could judge, on the pavement in front of his own, the Governor's, and another neighbor, Mr. Uhler's, houses; that he and a young man who was with him, and whose name can be forthcoming at any time if necessary, remained at the window until the close of the scene, and that he did not recognize any member of the party there assembled call out for "Old Joe," and request him to "bring out his Champaigne he might let it alone, that he was a "DAMNED OLD DUTCH HOG," and could not drink it; and said deponent heard them hurra for Porter, and in the meantime a portion of them were pulling at the bell-wire; that said deponent has no political feeling or interest in the foregoing, but deems these all that is necessary to repeat to show the character of the men there assembled, whom he believes were celebrating the present administration; that said deponent is not an active politician, nor does he ever expect to be; but he likes the truth to be proclaimed, and the Governor treated with respect for the foregoing statement; and further saith not.

A. J. JONES.

Sworn and subscribed, July 27, 1838.
Before me,
WM. KLINE.

DAUPHIN COUNTY, SS.

Personally appeared before me, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, Frederick Uhler, who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say, that he resides on Front street, Harrisburg, next door to Andrew J. Jones; that he believes what said Jones has sworn to be literally true; that at or about the time mentioned, he the said deponent and part of his family were alarmed, and his eldest daughter, Miss Sarah Uhler, aged about 20, much so, that she arose from her bed, left her chamber and came to that of the deponent, in a terrible fright; that he does not want and never applied for any political office or preferment, to say so with truth; and further deponent saith not.

F. UHLER.

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The Pennsylvania Intelligencer contains a number of others, all of which corroborate the above.

This conduct on the part of the loco focos, which appears to have become a part of their political tactics, is eminently disgraceful to their party. It is a burning shame that the chief magistrate of Pennsylvania cannot travel quietly about his affairs or rest undisturbed in his own dwelling, but is INSULTED and ASSAILED by the VILEST EPITHETS by his political opponents. *WHO WILL JUSTIFY SUCH MISCONDUCT? WHO WILL VOTE FOR A MAN SUPPORTED by such MISCREANTS?* Why, if the friends of Porter in this manner now, if admitted to public stations, they might justly be expected to introduce LYNCH and MOB LAW against all who would not support the image which they had set up, or bow in slavish subscriency to them!

We ask our German fellow citizens to look at these things. The loco foco call Governor RITNER a "Damned old Dutch hog" and "old sour crout." They seem to succeed in HIRCULING his German extraction! Will the German tamely submit to such INSULTS! They have spirit to resent the contemptuous feelings which the loco focos feel for them. Will they sustain a party and support their candidate, who indulge in such gross obloquy of them, through their worthy patriot who now fills the Executive Chair of Pennsylvania! We doubt not that the German yeomanry of this commonwealth will rebuke such conduct in the most effectual manner, at the polls.

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BY ROBERT WHITE MIDDLETON.

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GETTYSBURGH, PA.

Tuesday, August 7, 1838.

DEMOCRATIC ANTI-MASONIC NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR,

JOSEPH RITNER.

Sheriff's Sales.

☞Some valuable Property will be sold by the Sheriff on Saturday next, at the Court-house in this place.

"Another Neller."

☞What blind fellows are the Porterites are! They pretend time after time, to clear their man Friday of the charges brought against him, and every time make the proof against him still clearer! Under the head of "Another Neller" in the last Compiler, they furnish proof, not to contradict one of the charges brought against Porter by our Hollidaysburg correspondent a few weeks since, but to confirm it!

It will be recollected, that in one of the letters above referred to, that two of David R. Porter's reconstructed friends "purchased some lumber Estate from the Widow Somerville for "a mere trifle," and that David R. Porter was *one-third* purchaser although in the name of others."

In the Compiler of last week appears a letter purporting to be from those "confidential friends," which begins with the assertion that they did purchase this "eleventh Estate" of Mr. Somerville for the trifling "sum of $856;" *yet that one is to have one-third and the other two-thirds;* that D. R. Porter was not present at the sale, but Thomas Jackson *afterwards* informed C. Carter (both confidential friends of Porter,) that David R. Porter agreed *with him to take one-third.*☞

This we agree is "neller." *Fraud and dishonesty* never has been "neller" with a vengeance!—Messrs. Garber and Jackson are not Ritner men; but good, *honest* Porterites!

Have you any more such "Nailers," Major

Hypocrisy.

☞The Van Buren party have all along claimed the right to the exclusive friends of a metallic currency, alledging that the Federal Whigs and Whigs were the exclusive advocates of an irredeemable paper currency. We appeal to every intelligent man, in the community here to be false. Every one who had reflected for a moment, on the subject, knew that the Administration of the General Government, by the unwise system of policy which it pursued, had brought upon the country the numerous evils that were afflicting the people; yet the supporters of that administration claimed, as we have before observed, to be the exclusive friends of a gold and silver circulating medium, and the enemies of the worthless currency which was the result of their own measures. In this way they attempted to impose upon the people.

But look at the late PARTY, and see if they do not give the lie to the former allegations of the Van Buren party, that they were opposed to a paper currency and the exclusive friends of a metallic one.

Every body knows that since May, 1837, the people of this county have been cursed with a currency at once illegal and worthless, but which prove the degeneracy of the Van Buren party. Government was tolerated from necessity. Until the passage of the Sub-Treasury Bill was rendered impossible by the adjournment of Congress, the Banks could not, with safety, remove the collection of their notes with specie, and to have required them to do so sooner, would have been disastrous to those who held the notes of these institutions.

But the adjournment of Congress removes necessity for the adoption of the present administration; that said deponent is not an active politician, nor does he ever expect to be; but he likes the truth to be proclaimed, and the Governor treated with respect for the foregoing statement; and further saith not.

A. J. JONES.

Sworn and subscribed, July 27, 1838.
Before me,
WM. KLINE.

DAUPHIN COUNTY, SS.

Personally appeared before me, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, Frederick Uhler, who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say, that he resides on Front street, Harrisburg, next door to Andrew J. Jones; that he believes what said Jones has sworn to be literally true; that at or about the time mentioned, he the said deponent and part of his family were alarmed, and his eldest daughter, Miss Sarah Uhler, aged about 20, much so, that she arose from her bed, left her chamber and came to that of the deponent, in a terrible fright; that he does not want and never applied for any political office or preferment, to say so with truth; and further deponent saith not.

F. UHLER.

Der Joseph Ritner ist der Mann,
Der unsern Staat regieren kann.

THE BIG FARM!

☞We have heretofore alluded to the fact, that JOSEPH RITNER is the first PRACTICAL FARMER that has ever occupied the station of Governor in this Commonwealth; and it is also a fact, that he has more real farming about him than any man now in the Chair of the State.

When Joseph Ritner assumed the duties of the office of Governor, the State was involved in a debt of

$24,800,000,

and increasing at the very rapid rate of

$2,000,000 *a year!*

Under the management of his predecessor, the Commonwealth was like a great Farm *rented out to a bad Tenant*, who had dominion over it, and was *determined to make the most of it* he could *for himself*, without regard to the condition in which he should return it to the Landlord when his lease had expired. Every thing had gone to wreck; and as we have said, the Commonwealth was getting deeper and deeper in debt every year!

But JOSEPH RITNER, like A GOOD FARMER, as soon as he got the big Commonwealth Farm into his possession, set to work to repair it and make it productive and pay off the debts. This he has done, and accomplished in a year, or in two or three years. It requires time. Every Farmer knows, that when a farm has got out of order under the management of a *bad tenant*—the buildings out of repair, the fences down, the land grown up with briars and brambles, and the orchards dying for want of pruning—that all these things cannot be repaired at once; they require time. But by industry and economy, a few years will make such a change that you scarcely know the place to be the same.

Such is the case with the Commonwealth when put into the hands of Joseph Ritner. Public works had been constructed at great expense, *and still continued to be an expense to the State.* The Sub-Treasury Bill was rendered a DEAD LETTER. THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY, and still the debt was increasing at the rate of TWO MILLIONS A YEAR!

Let us inquire if this is the case *now*. NO IT IS NOT. The public works are no longer a source of expense, but of profit. Large sums of tolls amounted to NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS; and this year, had it not been for the flood which destroyed *forty miles of the works on the main line*, the tolls would have exceeded

$1,300,000!

This is the change in this department of the public economy.

How is it with regard to the DIRECT TAX? Follow Citizens, have you this Tax DUE to pay? NO, YOU HAVE NOT. *Under the administration of* JOSEPH RITNER *it has been abolished.* "This is the change in this department: FORMERLY YOU HAD A DIRECT TAX TO PAY. NOW YOU HAVE NOT!

We shall lastly inquire how it is with regard to the State Debt—whether it has continued to increase or not.

How is this fact! When Gov. Ritner came into office the Debt was about

$24,800,000.

Now it is LESS by

$400,000,

notwithstanding the public works have been put in a condition to become eminently productive, and the direct tax of $300,000 a year repealed—This is the change in this department.

Now, Fellow-Citizens, we ask you, whether our companions of THE OLD FARM and THE BIG FARM RITNER is not just! It is true the State is still in debt, *but the debt is growing smaller;* and you will recollect, that when a man goes on to a Farm out of order, it will take, for a year or two, in addition to make money to pay off his debts: *he must first get his farm in order.*

So with Joseph Ritner. It has taken him most of the time he has been in office to pay off the interest and get the BIG FARM in order. But he has now got things pretty well righted up and has begun to pay off the principal of the Public Debt. Let him alone for another three years, and you will see a change that will surprize the most sanguine of his friends.

Porter's Assignment.

☞The Two Loco Porterites are thus requested, by the "Beaver Falls Union," to unshackle the manner of their assignment made by David R. Porter previous to his taking the benefit of the Insolvent Laws:

Porter's ASSIGNMENTS.—It is most strenuously argued that the assignments to Messrs. Stonebraker and Owens, were for the benefit of Mr. Porter's creditors. Against this, it appears from a decision of the Huntingdon county court appointed Michael Wallace and William Simpson, as the legal assignees of his property. It will be necessary therefore to show why Porter chose Stonebraker and Owens were made assignees, by Mr. Porter, at the *very term*, when he applied for the benefit of the insolvent law. For what was it done? Was it for the benefit of Stonebraker and Owens? If the former was it honest? If the latter why were other assignees appointed by the court? Did the court, or Mr Porter's creditors, know of the Beaver county and other assignments and transfer of property made a month before and if so, why the time of Mr. Porter's application and his subsequent discharge?

☞The *Beaver Argus*, of the 25th July, contains the following: "To satisfy the people of Beaver Porter's assignment in this county was fair and honest some of his nosy friends assert; it is proved that he placed his property in the hands of his assignees, *Stonebraker and Owens*, for the use of his creditors. It so happens, however, that Messrs. *Wallace and William Simpson* were the assignees appointed by the court—that Stonebraker and Owens were selected by *Porter*, to work out the ends he had in view."

YORK SPRINGS.—There are about one hundred visiters at this delightful watering place, mostly from Baltimore and the South. The waters are highly spoken of by those who have been benefitted by their use, and have been recommended by the most distinguished professional men in the country. There are plenty of the proprietors of the establishment, Messrs. Kettlewell & Gardner, are gentlemen that deserve all praise for their exertions to please. They keep an excellent house with every thing about it to make it a very fashionable one," in the evening, free of charge.—Those of our friends who may wish to spend a few days at a comfortable place during this hot weather, would do well to visit York Springs. We can recommend the place, and no doubt, with the accommodations, and the society, at the York Springs.[*Pa. Tel.*

Another *Shower of Meteors* is predicted by the philosophers of New Haven, Connecticut, for the night of August 5th.

The Globe says:—"The Philadelphia Bank is now discharged by public opinion into a determination to resume.

Public opinion must turn about now, and follow the Bank, or the Bank must follow the example of the Banks and resumes too.

An honest Loco Foco—a kind of RARA AVIS—who has recently travelled through the greater part of western Pennsylvania, tells us, that he was informed by Mr. Church in Beaver, no doubt of RITNER's re-election by a very large majority. His late Proclamation requiring the Banks to resume on the 13th of August, has removed all doubt on the subject.

The editor of the Lutheran (Pa.) Observer publishes a letter, addressed to him by Marianna, Princess William of Prussia, wife of the brother of the present King of Prussia, one of the most amiable, interesting, and deservedly popular princes of Europe." She remarks—

"I occasionally hear from your country through a minister of Sweden, Baron Nicolay, whom I have his name is Mr. Reuchel; perhaps you may fall in company with him, and hence I mention his name: he is a highly pious young man. The ambassador from the United States at this court, the Hon. Mr. Wheaton, also occasionally gives me information concerning your country."

The Insurance companies of Cincinnati have agreed to an abatement of ten per cent. on the premium for insuring steamboats which are conducted without intoxicating drinks.

Uncles, the person who had been arrested at New Orleans for stealing the jewels from the Bank of the Metropolis at Washington, has attempted to escape by coming through a four inch partition, and then making a hole through a brick wall.

A BALLOON ASCENSION.—On Monday evening last about 10 o'clock, our attention was attracted towards Wrightsville by a very fine balloon upon the stillness of the night and came booming across the quiet bosom of the Susquehanna like the sound of many voices. We soon found that it was occasioned by the ascension of a balloon beautifully illuminated. It rose gradually till it obtained a height of five or six hundred feet and passed off in a Southerly direction and was final-ly lost in the distance. We are informed that the occasion drew together the "bons and sinew" from the public works, and from Wrightsville and the vicinity, who took the opportunity to express their opinion of the old Corkscrew, by firing their hurrahs for Ritner, that first drew our attention. His course like that of the balloon is onward and upward until he rises above every cloud. So says the Columbia Courant of Wednesday last.

TIOGA COUNTY.—The cause of correct principles in this county is gaining