## STAR & REPUBLICAN BANNER.

From the Harrisburg Intelligencer.

### "*Treason and Riot Case.*"

COMMONWEALTH VS. CHARES PRAY, JOHN W. RYAN, ADAM DILLER, JOHN SAVAGE AND OTHERS, FOR RIOT AND DISTURBANCE OF THE LEGISLATURE IN DECEMBER LAST.

We gave in our last a brief paragraph relative to the proceedings in court in this case. We said all that we then felt justified in saying. Although we had taken an ample report of the proceedings in court, we did not deem it proper then to go into detail, inasmuch as there will be future action of the court in the premises, and publications relative to pending cases are objectionable on many accounts. But the one sided and unjustifiable course taken by the last "Pennsylvania Reporter," in giving a garbled and party colored statement of the transactions, has put an entire new face on the matter; and accordingly, he rightly informs the public mind abroad, we publish in our subsequent columns a full, fair and candid account of the proceedings, to which we invite the serious attention of our readers.

This case is one of the most important in the judicial annals of Pennsylvania or of the United States, and hence the necessity of not only stating the truth concerning it at present, but of leaving to those who shall come after us a correct history of it in all its bearings. This we had done up to the finding of the bill of indictment by the Grand Jury at the January sessions of our court, (which bill was published in our paper of Jan. 19th,) and we now continue the narrative, which must be painful to the feelings of every patriot, as the very bare of it is laid in one of the most outrageous violations of law and order ever known in this or any other country.

Although the conspirators have secured a respite for a few months, by the force of legal quibbles and ingenious but contemptible subterfuge, their escape is only temporary. The friends of the constitution law throughout the Commonwealth may rest assured that the efforts to bring to condign punishment the men who have so fearfully assailed law and dignity, will not be relaxed, but that the GUILTY will in all probability meet the reward of their heinous offences. "The evidence against certain individuals is strong as proof of Holy Writ," and if they do not feel the justice of the laws they have violated, it will not be because they do not deserve it, but because those laws are powerless to avenge their assailants.

Our opinions have long since been made up as to the guilt of those involved in the present prosecution. *We know them to be guilty not only of brutal riot, but of HIGH TREASON, if the terms of our laws mean anything!* With our own eyes we saw them revelling in unrestrained licentiousness in the Halls of the Legislature, after having driven out that body, and with our own ears we heard their treasonable declarations; and the fact of their having erected a government within a government—an *imperium in imperio*—is before the world; not denied, but avowed by themselves. We understand that a bill of indictment with all be embraced in the bill or bills which will be sent up to the Grand Jury at the August sessions, and for this reason we rather rejoice than regret that the last bill was quashed.

The most disgraceful and bloody riots have taken place in Philadelphia, between the different fire companies. Scarcely a fire occurs, that a battle does not occur also. The present organisation of the department is apparently very defective, and should be remedied as speedily as possible, otherwise its efficiency will be utterly destroyed.

The persons of Norfolk, are not to be insulted with impunity, as the following instance will show: The Rev. Mr. Suckling of that city, lately had a quarrel with a neighboring gentleman, who insulted him, and at last told him—"Doctor, your gown is your only protection." "If it is so," replied the clergyman, "then it shall not be yours!" and immediately pulling off his gown, he gave the aggressor a decent trashing.

There is a man in Germantown, so excessively ugly that his hat—Offers on his head—his shadow won't follow him—and it takes two barbers to shave him! We don't mention names.

A man by the name of *Cain Abel* keeps the "Adam and Eve" tavern in Norwich, England—and what may be expected as a natural consequence, people there generally *get slew'd.*

FEMALE CONTRIBUTEETEG.—A young woman, named Elizabeth Johnson, was committed to prison in Boston, on Thursday, on a charge of passing altered bills. "Her plan of operations" was simple. She would obtain *fives* for ones; and from each five cut off a corner with the figure or word *five*. With these clipped corners she would make fives out of, by sticking the corners of the former over the latter. The fives were considered none the worse for having lost an ear. It was proved that she passed to different persons three bills thus altered. Her counsel gave her case up as hopelessly desperate.

In the House of Lords, on the 20th of March, Lord Brougham asked, was it basically that in the controversy respecting the Maine and New Brunswick boundary, Great Britain was *vandemiale, clearly, and manifestly in the wrong.*

A meeting of the Butchers of Philadelphia was held a few days since, when they adopted resolutions to co operate with their brethren in other cities—to pay no more than ten dollars per hundred for cattle—and to unite with each other in a bundle effort to put down the spirit of monopoly.—*Pottsgrove Inquirer.*

### *Horrible Superstition.*

The "Indicator," a semi-official journal, published at Gotha, relates the following fact, which took place, and would be totally incredible did it not come from an eye-witness and attended with strong reprehension on the part of the journal:—"On the 18th of February, immediately after the decapitation of a criminal condemned to death for murder, several persons, subject to epileptic fits, ascended the scaffold, with permission of the authorities, and each filling a glass with the blood of his victim drank it on the spot."

THE CASE OF THE BRAGANZY PIRATES.—We learn from the New York Despatch, that Cornelius Wilhelmus and Joseph Ver Bruggen, German seamen, were tried on Wednesday last, for the crime of murder upon the high seas, committed on board the American brig Braganza, on the 5th of August last, by putting to death Captain Armel F. Turley, the master of the said vessel.

The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* against both prisoners.

WEED PRAIRIES.—In Texas there are extensive prairies known as Weed Prairies, where nothing but rank weeds instead of grass grow to 15 feet high.

### *Russian Forests.*

A modern traveller states that a vast portion of the soil in the northern provinces of Russia, is uncultivated—the land being covered with almost interminable forests. The boundless extent of wood, with which Russia is covered, may be inferred from the condition of one Government alone, in which of 50,000 000 of acres, its whole extent, 17,000,000 consists exclusively of forests. According to an estimate made in 1809, which referred only to the North of Russia, these forests appear to contain no less than 3,192,285 pine trees, fit for be masts, each being thirty inches in diameter. The accuracy of this estimate has since been confirmed by actual survey, in the course of which it has been ascertained that in the three northern governments on Vologna, Archangel and Olmutz there are 216,000,000 of pine and fir.—*Boston Journal.*

LACE MADE BY CATERPILLARS.

A curious species of manufacture has been contrived by an officer of engineers residing at Munich. It consist of lace and veils, with open patterns in them, made entirely by caterpillars. The following is the mode of proceeding adopted:—Having made a piece of the texture of the material which the species of caterpillar he employs *feeds*, he spreads it thinly over a stone, or other flat substance of the required size. He then, with a camels hair pencil dipped in oil, draws the patterns he wishes the insect to leave open. This stone is placed in an inclined position, and a considerable number of caterpillars are placed at the bottom, eating and spinning their way to the top, carefully avoiding every part touched by the oil, but devouring every part of the paste. The extreme lightness of these veils, combined with some strength, *is truly surprising.* One of them, measuring 26¼ by 16 17 inches weighed only a grain and a half, a degree of lightness which will appear more strongly by contrast with other fabrics. One square yard of the substance of which these veils are made weighs 4½ grains, while one square yard of silk weighs 137 grains, and one square yard of the finest net weighs 262½ grains.—*Foreign paper.*

### *Crime and its Wages.*

An affecting scene occurred on Monday in the Court of Oyer and Terminer. The spacious room was crowded to excess, and the solemnity of the Bench, consulting upon some topic of judgment, indicated that they were about to execute an important and unpleasant duty. In the midst of the concourse of lawyers and gentlemen within the bar, sat an elderly man, about 50, of genteel appearance. He was about to be sentenced to an ignominious punishment, for a libel, preferred to the observer, that recollections of his home, and his large family, were darkly and deeply penciling an additional agony on his heart, and ploughing a new furrow into his forehead.

He was of classical education, and that always refines the feelings; but he was induced to enter upon the delicate and dangerous business of dealing with life and death, and he realized that the brilliant scholar was incapable of catching the healing art by intuition. A young and erring girl fell by his hand, and the law called it murder; his plea of professional duty, and of tender care for her reputation availed not; he had done an unlawful act, and the inflexible commentary of the law gave to the act the aspect of the highest penal offence. The Court, by its organ, the President, directed that the prisoner stand up. He evidently made the effort—and again, and again, to obey the directions, but failed; his agitated frame was palsied.

He was overheard to say to his counsel beside him, "For God's sake save me from this ceremony." But the ancient formality of the law must be complied with. A violent effort brought him to his feet—pale, haggard and staggering, the lineaments of his face speaking the language (imprisonment, misery and disgrace among men) impress upon the most hardened; the judge impressively prefaced a short address to the sentence—he spared the unhappy man an oration of daggers; the judicial fiat was spoken—he fell upon his seat, unmanned; his tears and sobs broke out audibly. He is now in solitary confinement, at labor, in a cell of the Franciscille Jail; and for five long years his earthly career is arrested, or suspended. Who would be a criminal?—*Ecc. Star.*

In Perry county, a majority of those who supported Porter, are said to be in favor of establishing a democratic Press opposed to him. In Huntingdon and many other counties the greatest dissatisfaction prevails. His political days are numbered.

*The Wabash Valley* is decidedly one of the most fertile portions of the West. The region is famous for corn, pork, and beef. It is estimated that 90,000 hogs have been slaughtered on the Wabash the past season, worth at least $1,000 000 in the Southern market. The quantity of corn shipped South is immense. The quantity of beef too is large. 6 or 700 head of cattle being packed at Tere Haute alone.

The completion of the Wabash and Erie Canal will divert a portion at least of this trade into a different channel, and give increased animation to the Lake carrying business.

EXQUISITES.—The Baltimore Sun says, "The most contemptible of all characters is your regularly finished, thorough-bred exquisite, your thing of gloves and glasses, monkey movements, and mustachios."

ORIGINAL IDEA.—The Richmond Enquirer, in calling upon the party to bestir themselves for the coming election, requests the active members of the party to "make neighborhood gatherings, raise the watchwoop early on the morning of the election, in every nook and corner, and put *fire on the back of every Democratic Terrapin.*"

LATEST FROM MAINE.

*From the Portland Advertiser of the 4th.*

John Bull is as quiet as a kitten. He neither mews nor purs. Brother Jonathan, too, is very docile, as we see. The last of the troops have been paid off, and the barracks occupied by the Dorchester soldiers have been sold at auction for $340. We hear nothing but honied words and nothing that betokens war. But we must not sleep after so much blister, unless we secure in our possessions. We have a notion that the boundary question is not yet settled.

## POLITICAL.

### *More of the Bankrupt Administration.*

We are informed that there has not been a SINGLE bid for the *five hundred and eighty thousand dollar Loan* authorised late in the last session of the Legislature, and which has been advertised in the loco focus journals for some weeks, the time having expired on the 25th of April.—What will become of us it is impossible to conjecture. On the first of January last, a debt of two hundred and twenty thousand dollars became due, which was contracted under Gov. Shultz, on the 30th of March 1821; and on the first day of the present month a debt of three hundred and eighty thousand dollars became due, contracted in the same year, the principal or interest of either of which have not been paid. Surely, the credit of the Commonwealth is in a fine plight, unable to pay a debt of $600,000!!! Out of money, and her credit so low as to be unable to borrow it to pay off this petty sum!!

We see no other remedy for the State than to take the benefit, and as the Governor has had some practice in the business, and given evidence that he is fully competent to the undertaking, we think it would not be amiss if he would endeavor to pay off some of the old scores as the way he was wont to do in days gone by. This advice must be unpleasant to the creditors of the State, but then, what will be done? No money—no credit—how will the State pay her debts, other than by the law suggested. —*Harrisburg Chronicle.*

### *The Libel Case.*

We understand that Mr. Sage, the democratic Editor in Allentown Lehigh county, who was prosecuted by Gov. Porter for a libel, has been found guilty. The manner in which this verdict was obtained is most extraordinary. We are *informed* that the whole trial was a perfect farce—as complete a mockery as was ever attempted in a play-house. *Porter, the prosecutor, was allowed to give testimony under Oath!* AMONG OTHER THINGS HE SWORE TO, WAS THAT HE (Porter) WAS AN HONEST MAN!!! which the records of Huntingdon, Beaver and Armstrong counties contradict. A man's HONESTY must be in an unhealthy condition when he is obliged to swear to it. The Governor had *four* of his lackies there to conduct the prosecution, among them Washington Barton, while the defendant had but *one* lawyer. It is said that the effort to daunt and intimidate the witnesses of the defendant by his presence, was most disgraceful.

This is the man whom the rebel *organs* compare to Simon Snyder and Thomas Jefferson!! What a slander of the illustrious dead. Did they ever sue for, and swear to their own characters? This imbecile numskull, whose heart is as bad as his head is weak, compared to such men!! Out upon such base defamation of these great and good patriots.—*Harrisburg Chronicle.*

### *The Kendall Patriots!*

☞Since Amos Kendall has been in the POST OFFICE Department, the following relatives, besides numerous others in other stations, have been in the regular receipt of the salaries set opposite their names.

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| Amos Kendall, Postmaster General, | $6,000 |
| A. Kyle, (his father-in law,) | 1,200 |
| A. Kyle, jun. (his brother-in-law,) | 1,200 |
| Samuel Kendall, (his nephew,) | 1,400 |
| —— Kendall, (another nephew) | 1,200 |
| George M. Kendall, (his brother,) | 1,000 |

*An Intelligent Postmaster.*—There is Postmaster in Arkansas, who cannot read, and cannot write, and who has to call in the necessity of measuring it, and sends about three pecks to little Rock (the capital) two pecks to Batesville, and twindles down to a gallon when he comes to the cut counties.

DR. DEXCAW is mentioned in the Cincinnati papers as the probable Van Buren candidate for the Vice Presidendy.

Thus bad begins and worse remains behind.

☞We subjoin the following extract from the address of our worthy Ex-Governor Joseph Ritner, delivered at the public dinner given him by the citizens of West Pennsborough township Cumberland county.

The exalted patriotism and noble character of our late Executive, are themes upon which every lover of his country delights to dwell. Mr. Stevens was prevented by indisposition from attending after proceeding so far as Shippensburg for the purpose of being present.

MY FRIENDS:—The welcome that has been extended to me adds very much to the pleasure I feel in resuming the pursuits and avocations of my former life, among my esteemed friends and acquaintances of West Pennsborough township. It is a subject of sincere joy to me that the changes in my condition of the last three years have resulted in placing me so near the spot from which I started, an obscure individual about thirty-four years ago. During these thirty-four years I have seen life in every phase of condition and it exists amongst us; and I have learned that no event is more agreeable than the warm and cordial greetings of old and esteemed friends.

To a public man when his task is done, and when the absence of power leaves him wholly on the ground of his merits and character, upon the partiality and attachment of early and warm friends, a reception and welcome such as are now offered, give rise to emotions that I cannot express. Knowing my own want of merit I attribute this most agreeable event to your friendship, and in return can only say, that, a life of toil and exertion in the public service would be well repaid by one hour such as I now enjoy.

You have been pleased to advert to my public services. I have claim to none in regard to them other than that of devoting all my time and energies, to the discharge of the duties assigned me, and having been at all times and in every instance, guided in my conduct by a single desire to promote the common good, and the honor and prosperity of my native state. There has not been an executive member of the Revolution, within which so many embarrassing and perplexing questions arose as during that, which terminated in January last. But my friends through the mercy and guidance of an alwise God these were all met and disposed of in such a manner as enables me to look back upon that part of my life, with an unchanged confidence, that the future will do the just justice, and that my children and friends will not have cause to regret the existence of one line of the history of Pennsylvania, with which the name of their father or their friend, is connected.

The events with which my life as chief magistrate of the State are connected, are so recent, that it will not be expected that I should dwell upon them in detail. And the administration of my successor is too new, to require at my hands an exposition of the principles and measures, upon which he commenced it.

My ardent and sincere prayer for the state, is, that the present executive may have a more quiet term than mine; and that when retired from the difficult seat he occupies, the Commonwealth may be prosperous, and be free from the abuse of her trust that now accompanies me to the plough.

I will not detain you longer my friends than to offer in return for your sentiment, one, that seems to me appropriate for the occasion.

*The Political Plough*—Every good citizen should deem it his duty to lend a prying. Let it not be thrown by in disgust, and abandoned to rust and decay because one crop has failed, and weeds and chest, instead of wheat, swung up from the furrow. Try it again. Turn down the cheat and noxious weeds, and a more rich and abundant harvest will be your reward.

The committee of arrangement then reported the following toasts:

Joseph Ritner, the Cincinatus of Pennsylvania—he left the plough to save the Commonwealth, and when the task was effected, being repaid with ingratitude, slander, and threatened assassination, he returned to the plough.

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GETTYSBURG STAR

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*Tuesday, May 14, 1839.*

DEMOCRATIC ANTI-MASONIC NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT,

**Gen. Wm. Henry Harrison.**

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,

**Daniel Webster.**

## COUNTY MEETING.

A MEETING of the Friends of the Constitution and the Laws, will be held at the Court-house in Gettysburg, on FRIDAY NEXT, (the 17th) at 1 o'clock, P. M. in regard to the high handed proceedings at Harrisburg.

By order of the County Committee,

R. SMITH, Chairman.

### *Victory!*

The election for borough officers on Tuesday last, resulted in the complete triumph of the Anti Van Buren ticket, by a large majority. And although as usual every possible exertion was made on the part of our opponents, they were met and most signally defeated. We are not informed the *rats* came in for any share of the blame this time, we believe they were fully exonerated. The following is the result:

| Democrats. | | Whigs. | |
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| M. C. Clarkson, | 137 | Wm. M'Clellan, | 75 |
| COUNCIL. | | | |
| John Slentz, | 132 | Geo. Geyer, jr. | 75 |
| Jacob Culp, | 198 | Andrew Polly, | 79 |
| Dan. M. Smyser, | 137 | Dr. D. Gilbert, | 75 |
| David McCreary, | 137 | Peter Weikert, | 72 |
| George Arnold, | 140 | | |
| SR. & ROAD COMMISSER. | | | |
| Joseph Little, | 138 | Geo. Schryock | 76 |
| Moses Degroff, | 126 | C. Chritzman, | 79 |
| SCHOOL DIRECTORS FOR 3 YEARS: | | | |
| John Houck, | 150 | Geo. Chritzman, | 77 |
| Dr. D. Horner. | 150 | E. Martin, | 74 |
| FOR ONE YEAR: | | | |
| T. J. Cooper, | 140 | T. C. Reed, | 75 |

☞Poe, Parker & Co. of the Baltimore Chronicle display the most culpable ignorance and lack of brains, in relation to the affairs of our Commonwealth, by supposing the people of Gettysburg are so easily humbugged. The truth is Neilson, your connection with the institution that binds its votaries to support a *brother* "right or wrong" is the reason and the only reason of your hypocritical abuse of Mr. STEVENS, and you cant deny it. But prate on, Loco Foco like, probably they will give you some credit for your gross misrepresentations.

☞The "Compiler" *pities* us, because we occasionally set forth in their true colors the infamous course of conduct pursued by some of the prominent leaders of their party. While at the same time it professes to scorn such a way of dealing, and is determined not to pursue such a course; we wish this to be marked, and let the result show the amount of confidence to be placed in that *veritable* sheet; we would merely suggest that a great change of late must have "come over the spirit of its young dream," if it succeeds in convincing its readers that denunciation of private character has ceased to be its prerogative. When we spoke of the little fellow who "ruled its destinies" we had no reference to the size of his body corporate, we merely referred to the quantum of his brains, to the moiety of his intellect, nothing else. We assure him if he is so "unfortunate" as to meet our *lordship* in the street we will have the goodness to let him pass unnoticed, dont be afraid. We would also advise him to save those tears he falls so pathetically about shedding for us, until next fall two years, again that time if his wheel were waters and his eyes fountains of tears" he will need them all to "shed for the slain of his people." He has made a wilful perversion of our true meaning in asserting that we said the insertion of the name of McElwee, instead of our own was a small mistake, we said no such thing, and he well knows it, however, much credit his friends may give him for such a pitiful subterfuge. We stated that the mistake consisted in McElwee being bitten by the still worm instead of a mad dog. We hope he will stick to the truth hereafter. The Col's friends need not be under any apprehensions about his immediate safety, he has been bitten so often, that the *nutritious* substance upon which he exists will be sufficient to keep him above ground awhile longer at least. His friends may reasonably indulge a hope of seeing him again for aught we know to the contrary; if they can find the place of his location, and make their way to the nearest tavern they will find him *pleading at the bar* from three o'clock in the afternoon until twelve at night. But the true reason of this abuse being heaped upon us by the compiler is because we have asserted nothing but the truth, this he is fully aware of, this cuts the deepest, if he knew it was not true and believed we occupied the station in society he says we do he would deem it unnecessary to notice it; but on the contrary he has not attempted to deny a great part of what we advanced, his reply consist altogether of abusive epithets poured out upon us, which we, (knowing from whence they originate,) consider perfectly harmless well knowing that our character will never suffer by any thing emanating from such a source.

### *Another Violation of the Constitution & Laws!!!*

On Wednesday last, being the first day on which a *quorum* was present in the Legislature since its meeting, THADDEUS STEVENS, Esquire, one of the Representatives of this County was announced as being present, and ready to be qualified as a member of the House.

When this announcement was made, McElwee, a member from Bedford county, one of the most abandoned scoundrels, that ever disgraced humanity, rose and offered a Preamble and Resolution, to exclude Mr. Stevens from a seat in the House. This worn out, and almost putred debauchee from Bedford, who disgraces, alike, his constituents, the State and human nature, then went on to support his resolution, in a strain of the most brutal vulgarity, that was ever listened to. The whole remnant, of the lowest billingsgate of the vilest Brothels, in which this wretch has schooled himself for years, exhibit nothing more shocking to decency than the trade which he uttered. This is the same foul creature, who two or three weeks gone by, was seen of a morning, vomiting about the streets of our Borough, after his debauches of the preceding night!

But why do we speak of this mass of moral and physical corruption? Why do we lose sight of the violation of the Constitution and the Laws, practiced against our rights, by refusing our Representative his seat? Why do we forget that when such usurpation and tyranny are practiced, "that the end is nigh?"

Who after this will speak of a Republican or Representative form of Government? He that does, will use unmeaning and vain terms! We are living under the worst kind of despotism—the despotism of a viler mob, than the mob of the Parisian Faubourgs, of the French Revolution! These times cannot last; the people will be compelled by this monstrous, tyranny, in order, to secure a *free rights*, to abandon the rest and seek repose and some small degree of security—in the arms of some regular kind of despotism. We add the following from the Harrisburg Chronicle:

The first thing which came up, was a motion to admit and swear Thaddeus Stevens, Esq. as a member from Adams county, who, as we last week predicted, has complied with the wishes of his constituents to take his seat. But, strange to say, the motion was objected to by the loco locos, and a resolution was adopted, to appoint a committee to enquire into the proceedings of the meeting and show that the principle of Clay tactics, *is to secure the nomination of Clay at Van Buren.* We will show too, that the meeting called for the 28th, was got up, by one of the chief stays of the Loco Foco party, in the county.

### *Thomas B. M'Elwee.*

The individual whose name heads this article, is the person, who was selected by the mob of Loco Foco Locomotives, in the Legislature of Pennsylvania, to shame the Commonwealth, and when the task was effected, being repaid with ingratitude, slander, and threatened assassination, he returned to the plough.

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☞The County Committee, it will be seen, have called a meeting, to be held on, FRIDAY next at 1 o'clock, at the Court House, in the Borough of Gettysburg. We say to our *friends*, let one and all attend. Let every friend of the Constitution and Laws attend—no matter what may have been his politics heretofore. The crisis is one of fearful magnitude—not the triumph of *this party, or that party*—but the question is presented, *is Republican, Representative Government to be or an end?*

The vital principle of Republican Democracy, is forever destroyed, if the conduct of the tyrannical mob, in the Legislature, be not condemned. It will be a death blow to liberty, which cannot survive the destruction, of this, right of representation, its *life principle.* Come, all then and unite in your endeavors to check the march of the odious tyranny which has been practiced.

### *Shocking Event.*

On Saturday last, Mr. PETER MARSHALL, of Berwick township, went out with his gun, for the purpose, as he said, of shooting birds. A short time afterwards, he sent home a lad to request his wife to come to him. She, surprised at the message; hurried out; and soon met her husband coming from home. Heard the report of his gun. On arriving at the spot, she found him on the ground dead, the lead having passed through his head. He was about 50 or 60 years of age; and we understand had been in an unhappy state of mind, occasionally.—*Sentinel.*

## ☞ *From Harrisburg*

*Harrisburg*, May 7, 1839.

There were about forty members of the House present to day, but not as many Senators in proportion. The respective Speakers took their seats, and the roll of names was called; but being no quorum they adjourned. There is ahwys a poor prospect of business the first week.

The country is hearing no news in particular. The country is represented as generally presenting a prosperous appearance. Green fields look remarkably well.

The House will be full. Mr. Stevens has come, and the Gettysburg 'Star' of to day announces that he will take his seat. He was elected by the people, and it is his duty to urge this course. Since this has become known, there has been some talk of an impeachment *against sine die.—Penn. Inquirer.*

FROM OUR HARRISBURG CORRESPONDENT.

HARRISBURG May 9, 1839.

Dear Sir—Mr. Kettlewell again this morning announced the presence of Mr. Stevens, and at his request and on behalf of his constituent, denounced the Speaker to administer to him the official oath agreeably to the constitution and Laws.

This motion brought up a question of order, and after having been argued, it was finally decided that the motion was in order, and a motion was made to postpone for the present the admission of Mr. Stevens, and on calling the yeas and nays, the yeas were 48, nays 30, consequently the postponement prevailed.

The resolution to appoint a committee was not taken into consideration to-day, nor will it be until a motion is made to consider the one made this morning to admit him. The great object no doubt is to prevent him from taking his seat in the House, which I fear they will succeed.

If there is one circumstance in existence, to elevate Mr. Stevens in the opinion of the citizens of Pennsylvania it will be found in the proceedings of the Legislature. The Constitution, the Laws, and the right of suffrage all prostituted, to gratify a party that fear his talents.

The following are the yeas and nays on the monstrous proposition to exclude THE CHOICE OF THE PEOPLE from the Legislative Hall:

YEAS.—Messrs. Anderson, Andrews, Barstow, Brittain, Brodhead, Bruner, Carpenter, Cole, Coolbaugh, Crispen, Dare, Fegely, Field, Fleniken, Gorges, Hamlin, Hart, Heffenstein, Hesson, Hill of Berks, Hill of West'd. James, Jones, Kerr, Longacker, Loy, M'Elwee M'Kinstry, Montelius, Mortimer, Nesbitt, Park, Penrose, Pray, Reynolds, Ritter, Roberts, Rowen, Shimmell, Shearer, Smith of Franklin, Snowden, Strohecker, Sturdevant, Walborn, Yost, Hopkins, Speaker.—48.

NAYS.—Messrs. Beaty, Butler, Carothers, Cassel, Corry, Cox, Crabb, T. S. Cunningham, Diller, Ehrman, Fisher, Funk, Gratz, B. G. Herr, J. Herr, Kendig, Kettlewell, Kinsey, Konigmacher, M'Clintan, Morton, Morrison, Penniman, Ramsey, Richardson, Sheriff, G. R. Smith, Sprott, Way, Woodburn, Zeilin.—30.

HARRISBURG, May 10, 1839.

Dear Sir—The mob House have not yet admitted Mr. Stevens; they seem afraid of him, a base conspiracy against him has been discovered, in which five men in your town were concerned, through the winter, two masons and three jacks. They imposed on a poor old man, to sid them, which account for certain proceedings in your county during the winter; it will be known in a light in due time. T. C. Miller was heard to say last evening, *vmoe is the time, don't let him escape; I think if he is hard pressed now we can break down the D——d rascal and the party.*" Such is the reckless villany of these Scoundrels! Fraud, Treason and Perjury are their weapons to "break down" all, who are dangerous to them! Your Judge M'Clean who has been hanging about here for two weeks for a clerkship, has been disappointed, as is understood. But it is said that they are about to establish a Collector's office on the Gettysburg rail road for him!

From the Philadelphia Evening Star.

The letter of this morning informed you of the doings in the House. You were doubtless not a little astonished to hear of this new Loco Foco manœuvre. It is, however, of a piece with the tactics of the Globe and the party of which that vile receptacle of pollution is the exponent. They single out bright marks for detrusion, and the whole pack of blood hounds set upon him and hunt him down. Such was their course with Tallmadge, Rives and other distinguished men. Such is their *caucus* determination in reference to Mr. STEVENS. But what most astonishes me in this particular instance is that they should fix upon the manine M'ELWEE to lead the crusade This miserable inebriate, a locomotive impersonation of moral depravity and degradation, was the last man in the party that should have been designated to lead an emprise of so much delicacy.—How this mass of putrefaction could have the effontery and audacity to rise in his place and prefer charges of moral obliquity against Mr. S. when he himself bears upon his forehead, strongly marked in every lineament of his diatorted countenance, the characteristics of beastliness and proffigacy, is the marvel with me, as it is with all who are conversant with the facts! This last scene in the grand drama of Loco Foco abundrities and monstrosities, has excited on all hands unfeigned astonishment and even the bitterest enemies of Mr. STEVENS are heard to condemn it in terms of unmitigated severity. It is an outrage so flagrant as to lack even one extenuating feature to palliate its enormity. It is a matter of general regret that Mr STEVENS should make the wreck of his domestic happiness, and embittered the existence of an amiable wife, than which no crime of blacker turpitude disgraces the annals of civilized society. Even now his habits are revolting; his days, weeks, months, and years—in short his whole life presents a revolting picture of moral depravity. If it is true that this man was singled from the motley ranks of the Loco Focos to arraign at the bar of the House, and to hold up to the public gaze Thaddeus Stevens, whose name is linked by infants throughout the lenght and breath of the land in accents of gratitude! whose well-directed benevolence and superabundant goodness of heart has endeared him to the poor and the afflicted wherever he is known. And where is he not known?—and where shall we go that we will not find the poor and the afflicted mourning over the recollections of a numerous train of beneficiaries upon his bounty?

Mr. CUNNINGHAM, of Mercer, essayed his defence in a manner alike creditable to his head and heart. I did not hear his remarks, but am told they were very pertinent, lurid and forcible. Messrs. Crabb and Fisher also spoke in his defence and acquit themselves well, as I understand.

Mr. LAFFERTY, of Clearfield county, showed himself, in this instance, a man of refined feelings, and great goodness of heart. His conscience was formed by God, for his party to assassinate Mr. Stevens' reputation. He was startled at the audacity of the attempt, and expressed himself in terms of just indignation. Mr. LAWRENCE, of Lawrence, I am told also showed painful evidences of mental disquietude and compunctions of conscience. Such acts are naturally enough calculated to startle men unschooled in crime, and unused to prodigious acts of political rascality. Such men as Pray think nothing of *butchering* private characters, and by far the largest portion of the loco focos that compose the present House are but a shade removed from the *gentleman* from the county, in point of breeding, education and intelligence. I will be seen, I will endeavor to strip of its more disgusting features, and furnish it to your readers as illustrative of my position. Had you been passing in the vicinity of the Arsenal about 5 o'clock, yesterday afternoon, you would have beheld a sight calculated to call the blush to your cheek more than any thing that has come under your notice for a long time. You would there have beheld a member of the House of Representatives of this State, in company with maculates who feign to be so horrified at the moral defects in the character of Mr. Stevens—*wallowing in his own filth*, as beastly intoxicated as to be incapable of action or locomotion. He was found in this condition by a member from the city, whose kindness of heart prompted him to lead the unfortunate wretch home to his wife from his lodgings. So completely stupified and entirely insensible to all shame, was this loco foco scion, as to lie wallowing in a state of partial intoxication, within the finger of scorn to point at! This precious specimen of loco foco beastinity sit in judgment upon Mr. Stevens! he and his compeers prate of morality, purity and so forth! Miserable trixters—shameless, graceless hypocrites! let them commence the work of solution with *Heaton*—of purgation with McElwee—evviscration with Pray!

*Correspondence of the Baltimore Patriot.*

### *Explosion at Hancock, Md.*

Extract of a letter, dated

HANCOCK, May 2, 1839.

Last evening, about 8 o'clock, we were suddenly alarmed by a tremendous explosion that shook the whole building terribly, and soon we ascertained that Daniel Rush's store had been blown to atoms. The old part is completely demolished, and the new part, which has just been fitted up for a dwelling, is so shattered that it will cost a loss have to be taken down. His goods are so much damaged by fire, water and dirt, that they will scarcely bring more than one fourth of their value; but all this is nothing, when compared to the human suffering that has resulted from the explosion.

There were fourteen persons in the building at the time, six of whom were dangerously wounded—some with legs, others with arms broken, and all with their faces scarified in a shocking manner. Daniel Rush and two journeyman shoemakers are not expected to live. Three of Daniel's children are among those seriously injured; but the youngest child miraculously escaped unhurt. It was in the cradle, and those who first arrived at the scene of ruin and distress, saw its little hands above the rubbish, and on removing the fallen timber, they found that the cradle had preserved the child from being crushed to death. Mrs. Rush, Daniel's father and mother, John Craig, Murphy Pool, Mr. Kingsly and son, are all more or less injured. Every body seems to be in a state of gloomy amazement—wonder, curiosity and astonishment prevail—numberless conjectures as to the cause of the explosion are afloat, but nothing definite in relation thereto can be obtained, for those who were in the *store* when the unfortunate event took place, are too much injured to say any thing about it.

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HANCOCK, Washington Co. Md

May 2, 1839

A few minutes after I addressed you yesterday, I repaired to the room where Rush had been removed to. The maimed and mutilated poor fellow breathed his last soon after I arrived. Such a piece of disfigured mortality I never beheld, though it has fallen to my lot to witness the harrying out of existence of some scores of my fellow-men. The children and the other wounded are despaired of. If the children should recover, they will finish their days as cripples.

Mr. Rush's superannuated father and mother had retired to their pallet, in the upper story, and when the floor was uprisied by the explosion, they were carried into mid air, and strange to say, were found nearly forty feet from the house *unhurt.*

Mrs. Rush, likewise, most miraculously escaped without injury; but what a truly gloomy prospect is here—her husband dead—her children dying, and her property—her wherewithal destroyed. Truly the chalice of misery overflows to her!

MARRIED.

On the 7th inst, by the Rev. Chas. Weyl, Mr J. BOWMAN, to Miss MARGARET MYERS—both of Menallen.

On the 9th inst, by the same, Mr. JAMES PARSONS, to Miss HANNAH CRAWFORD, both of Menallen.

On the 5th inst, by the Rev. Mr. SECHLER, Mr. GEORGE MILLER, to Miss MARIA CUBONISTER, both of this county.

DIED.

In Gettysburg, on the 30th ult. MISS HYNMAN ANN, daughter of Mr. Jacob Hynman, aged 19 years.

On Thursday last, Mr. PETER VANDYER, of Mummasburg, in the 37th year of his age.

## RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

☞*The Rev. Mr. ——, will preach in the Lutheran Church on Sunday morning next, and the Rev. Mr. KELLER, in the evening*

The Rev. Mr. MCLEAN, will preach in his church on Sunday morning next.

☞There will be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, a Quarterly Meeting, commencing on Saturday next, the 18th inst.

BALTIMORE PRICES CURRENT.

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| Flour, | $ 7 00 | to 7 25 |
| Rye flour, | 0 00 | 5 75 |
| Wheat, | 1 60 | 1 68 |
| Rye, | 0 95 | 1 00 |
| Corn, | 87 | 92 |
| Oats, | 0 40 | 0 45 |
| Potatoes, | 0 50 | 0 60 |
| Bacon, |