LUSCENT are all ⊖shio sda tal∋ã าสถา และไท้หูไป drete of Dike Gyraliad a dre V S 2. 47 DB $p \rightarrow a$ 1.5 ಸ್ವಾ ಕಾಣವುತ್ತು Deboted to the Principles of Irue Democracy, and the Dissemination of Morality, Literature and News. TERMS ... \$1.50 PER ANNUM. VOLUME XVIL .- NUMBER 47. COUDERSPORT, POTTER COUNTY, PA., TUESDAY MARCH 20, 1866. 20010 THE CORN SONG. grateful gift of associates in arms-the vice, he rendered valuable service to the Secretary of State, saying: "Peace now

POTTER JOURNAL. PUBLISHED BY H. W. MCALABNEY, Proprietor.

Deroited to the cause of Republicanian, the m-rests of Agriculture, the advancement of Education, ad the best good of Potter county. Awaing no guide scept that of Principle, it will endeavor to aid in the ock of more fully Freedomising our Country.

Advertisements inserted at the following rates

Job Work, of all kinds, executed with neatness ind despatch.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Bobt. Hawley. H. H. Cammin

WILLIAMSPORT, Penn'a Special attention Williamsport, Penn'a Special attention Back Pay, and all claims against the National and Easte Governments. nov211f

Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons FULALIA LODGE, No. 342, F.A.M. Stated Moetings on the 24 and 4th Wednessarys of each month. Hall, in the 3d Story of the Olmsted Block. D.C.LARABER, Sec. WM. SUEAR, W.M.

R. A. DRAKE, M. D., PHYSICIAN and SURGEON, offers his services to the citizens of this place and vicinity and desires to inform them that he will promptly respond to all calls for professional services. Office on Main street, over Manning's Jewelry Store; Rosidence nearly op posite the office of the For & Ross Estate.-17-28.

O. T. ELLISON, M. D., PRACTICING PHYSICIAN, Coudersport, Pa. respectfully informs the citizens of the village and Trespectfully informs the citizens of the vinage and vicinity that he will promptly respond to all calls for professional services. Office an First street, first door wist of his residence. 17-48

JOHN S. MANN,

A TTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW. Condersport, P., will attend the several Courts to Potter, Camerog and McKean counties. All Disiness entrusted to his care will receive prompt atten-tion., "flice on Main street, in residence.

ARTHUR G. OLMSTED, A TTORNEY AND COUNSELLER AT LAW, Coudersport, Pa, will attend to all business en-trusted to his care with pramptness and fidelity. Office in the sees of storey of the Olmsted Block.

ISAAC BENSON, TTORNEY-AT-LAW, Condersport, Pa, wil attend to all business entrated to him with ear promptness. Attends Courts of adjoining coun. Office on Second street, near the Ailegrany bridge

F. W. KNOX A TTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW. Coulersport, Pa., will stiend the Jouris in Pot-ter and the adjoining counties.

MILLER & MCALARNEY. A TTOR VEYS AT LAW, HARRISBERG, Penn'a. Agents for the Collection of Claims against the United States and state Governments, such as Pensions, arted States and State to verminent such as the Source of States and States of Pay, do - Address Box 95, that risburg states and states of Pay, do - Address Box 95, that risburg states and states

M. W. MCALARNEY,

No richer gift has Autumn poured From out her lavish horn l Let other lands exulting, glean The apple from the pine, The orange from its glossy green, The cluster from the vine.

BY J. G. WHITTIER.

Heap high the farmers's wintry board l

Heap high the golden corn !

We better love the hearty gift Our rugged vales bestow, To cheer us when the storms shall drift Our harvest fields with snow.

Through vales of grass, and meads of flow Our plows their furrows made. While on the hills the sun and showers

Of changeful April played. We dropped the seed o'er hill and plain,

Beneath the sun of May, and frightened from our sprouting grain The robber crows away.

All through the long bright days of June, Its leaves grew bright and fair, And waved in hot midsummer noon, Its soft and yellow hair.

And now with Autumn's moonlit eves Its barvest time has come, We pluck away its frosted leaves And bear its treasures home.

There, richer than the fabled gifts Apollo showered of old Fair hands the broken grain shall sift, And knead its meal of gold.

Let vapid idlers loll in silk, Around the costly board;

Give us the bowl of samp and milk, By nomespun beauty poured. Then shame on all the proud and vain,

Whose folly laughe to scorn The blessings of our hardy grain, Our wealth of golden corn.

Let earth withhold her goodly root, Let milder blight the rye, Give to the worm the orenard's fruit,

The wheat fields to the fly." But let the good old crop adorn The hill our fathers trod; Still let us for His golden corn

Send up our thanks to God.

GENEBAL JOHN W. GEARY. John W.Geary was born in Westmore

lasting fame by his adherence to the cause of right and duty, in the different parts of our country in which he has been placed, positions.

Having lost his father very early in life, he was thrown upon his own resources miralty for maritime cases. In a word he

brave men who had fought by his side, city. Besides all this, during his residence reigns in Kansas, Confidence is grad-shared his privations, suffering and dan in San Francisco, he was Chairman of the ually being restored. Settlers are returning gers, and who witnessed and knew best Board of Health, and assisted in the or- to their claims. Citizens are resuming ganization of Masonic and Odd Fellows their ordinary pursuits, and a general how to appreciate his merits. The war having closed, Col. Geary re- Lodges, and was in fact instrumental in gladness prevades the community." He turned with the remnant of his command establishing comfortable hospitals for the had arrested criminals, driven brigands to his native state, and the people of Pitts- sick, and was connected with every be [from the roads, disarmed and disbarded burg will long remember the enthusiastic nevolent and charitable institution of the invading armies, and insured protection welcome he received upon his arrival place. He signalized himself by his cour- to all peaceable citizens !

among them. Hon. William Wilkins, in age and intrepidity in arresting the pro- But this state of tranquility, thus effected, a public speech, complimented the ser- gress of the great fires, and by the prompt- was precisely the reverse of what the provices of the gallant, weather-beaten and ness with which he answered the call elavery party in Kansas and the adminiswar-worn troops, and the excitement of of the authorities of that city, rendered tration at Washington desired. Governor the universal jubilee ran to the highest efficient aid in suppressing the squatter Geary's course, instead of receiving their pitch, riots at Sacramento.

On the 32d of January, 1849, in return In the year 1849, when Col. Geary was It was intended that the agitation and for his services in Mexico, President Polk a resident of California, a convention was excitement should continue until the appointed Col. Geary postmaster at San formed to frame a State Constitution, and Free State men were either aunihilated Francisco, which in consequence of the some of our reader still remember the in- or driven from the Territory, and the then recent discovery of Gold in Califor- tense anxiety and excitement which pre- pro-slavery party could have evreything in nia, had become a port of considerable vailed throughout the country regarding their own hands. Hence the Governor's importance. He was also empowered to the result of its proceedings. The procreate post offices, appoint postmasters, slavery Democrats of that time were de. ceived, and if answerd at all, as coldly establish mail routes, and make contracts termined that California should only be answered. There was no mistaking the for carrying the mails throughout Cali-damitted into the Union as a slave State, for gia. He was thus placed in the way of his subsequent and almost unparalelled influence in that behalf, many removed influence in that behalf, many removed the meantimeter of the recommendations are the sole purpose of exerting their becoming more and more emboldened by success and popularity among the hetero- from the Southern States to that distant the encouragement they received from geneous population of the Eureka State. region. The plan was well conceived, the seat of the General Government. At On the 1st of August, 1849, the munic and intended at all hazards to be accom. the Lecompton post office, the Governor's pal election of San Fracisco took place, and plished, to insert the slavery clause into letters and papers, both private and official although ten different tickets were framed for the various minor offices, bis name ap-haste to Washington for adoption without The few troops that had been left to guard peared at the head of them all, and he re- presenting it to the people for ratification. his person and official documents, were ceived every vote cast that day for the Col. Geary was thoroughly acquainted gradually removed by order of Jeff, Davis, office of First Alcade, it being at that with the programme, and resolved that then Secretary of War. Pro-slavery in California sixteen years ago, and still time the most important, responsible and the programme, and resolved that their determined in California sixteen years ago, and still time the most important, responsible and the proposed measures should not be ef-difficult office in the State of California fected. He accordingly took strong It required administrative and executive grounds against them, and used all his difficult office in the State of California fected. He accordingly took strong It required administrative and executive grounds against them, and used all his more held in which he had caused to be Justice Lecompte, and public meetings upon an unwilling people, and never besabilities of the rarest quality. The pop influence, which was then equal, at least were held in which he was denounced as ulation numbered 20,000, almost entirely to that of any man in the territory, first an Abolitionist for refusing to give his adult males, drawn together from every to have omitted the clause legalizing sla. sanction and assistance to the vile plots section of the world, and possessed of every very, and secondly to prevent the Con. to force the institution of slavery upon an Union Republican platform. Hence, stitution, when adopted by the Convention unwilling people. One villain, actuated To effect anything like a proper organ-ization of the city, and establish and ordi-should be submitted to a vote of the peo-nary police force, from the chaotic material ple and had received their approval. No imaginable variety of character. and rebellions spirit that then existed, was man could have labored more earnestly almost in sight of the members there as-

of itself an herculean task but added to and successfully than. he did to effect sembled. this the duties of Alcalde embraced those these two abjects, both of which, after a To crown all, the pro-slavery men of all of every one of the customary offices of a most terrible struggle, were accomplished parties, the great majority, however, being of having accomplished. city and county jurisdiction. He was a and California was received, free from the old line Whigs, mostly from the South and county, Pa, and although now only Mayor, Sheriff, Marshal, Probate Recorder, stain of Slavery, into the Union of States. met together in convention at Lecompton, forty-six year of age, has already won a Register of Deeds, and even Notary Pub- It is not too much to say that had it not and organized the "National Democratic lie and Coroner. He daily held an ordi been for the active part taken by Colonel Party." nary police or mayor's court ; an alcalde's Geary against the pro-slavery party then regard to the adoption of this name, the our country in which he has been placed, court for the minor cases and general ex-in civil, military, judicial and executive court for the minor cases and general ex-in California, this result might not have leading men of the convention declaring cositions.

first instance with universal, civil and Private affairs of great importance required his presence in Pennsylvania, Col. "Whigs." But this objection was overeriminal jurisdiction; and a court of ad-Geary left San Francisco in February, ruled, by the argument that the nume **IL W. MCALARNEY. DEAL BETATE and INSURANCE AGENT. DEAL BETATE AND SOLUTION DEAL COULT, and Persons against Ace Demostry and Persons against Ace Demostry and Persons agains**

approval met their decided condemnation

There was much discussion in that they could not swallow the word "Democrat," having been life-long

of the actual residents of the territory were decidedly and strongly opposed to the institution of slavery, which the Constitution was intended to force upon them. This having occurred after the election of Buchanan, but before his inauguration, Governor Geary addressed him letters, stating the true condition of affairs; but received no reply. He did, however, receive positive evidence, from other sources, that the newly elected President

had abandoned the true Democratic principles and adopted the platform of the "National Democracy." Hence, Governor Geary resolved at once not to hold an office under his administration, and on the day he was installed in the Presidential chair, wrote and forwarded his resignation as Governor of Kansas. On the 10th of March, 1857, he left the territory, and again returned to the quietude of private life. Had Governor Geary been sustained in his honest and manly course in Kansas, by the administration at Washington, there is reason to believe the destructive war through which we have just passed, and was then foreshadowed, and even threatened, might never have occurred, and the hundreds of thousands of brave soldiers who now sleep the sleep of death, would be living to bless with their presence the homes made so sadly desolate.

Although Governor Geary thus refused all connection or fellowship with the "National Democratic Party," he persisted in adhering to the doctrine he advocated stated to express his disapprobation of the institution in all its forms, and sentiments which have since formed the basis of the after his return from Kausas he associvery faction, and effecting the election of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency, a

result which he foresaw and was desirous

No sooner was the result of that election known, than plans were being adopted by the "National Democracy" to fulfill their oft reiterated threat to destroy the Union. Consequently, when after the inauguration of Mr. Lincoln. a waragainst rebellion became inevitable, Governor Geary was again among the first to offer his military services to the Government. He raised and equipped, at his own ex-

MERCHANTS-Dealers in Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Groceries, Provisions, Flour, Feed, Pork, and everything usually kept in a good country store. Froduce bought and sold 17 29

C. S. & E. A. JONES, MERCHANTS-Dealers in Drugs. Medicines, Paint, Oila, Fancy Artucles, Stationery, Dry Good Groceries, &c., Main Street, Coudersport, Pa

D. E. OLMSTED,

MERCHANT-Dealer in Dry Goods, Ready-made Clothing, Crockery, Groceries, Flour, Feed Fort, Provisions, &c., Main street, Condersport, Pa

COLLINS SMITH,

MERCHANT-Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Provisions, Hardware, Queensware, Cutlery, and all Goods usually found in a country store. not

H. J. OLMSTED.

HARDWARE Merchant, and Dealer in Stoves. Tin and Sheet Iron. Ware, Main street, Couder. sport, Pent's. Tin and Sheet Iron Ware made to order, in good style, on short notice.

COUDERSPORT HOTEL.

D. F. GLASSMIRE, PROFRIETOR, Corner of Main and Second streets, Condersport. Potter Co.Pa. A Livery Stable is also kept in connection with this Hotel. Dails Starges to and from the Ballgoads. Potter Journal Job-Office.

AVING lately added a fine new assortment of JOB-TYPE to our already large assortment. We are now prepared to do all kinds of work, cheaply and with taste and neatness. Orders solicited.

WANTED, AGENTS, \$150 PER MONTH, TO W sell the improved C amon Sense Family Sew-ing Machine. This Machine will suitch, hem. fell, tock, cord, braid, bind, gather, quilt, and embroider beautifuly. Price only \$20. Every Machine is war-ranted three years. For terms address or call on C. BOWERS & CO. Everyion rooms No. 255 B. Fifth Birregt. Philadelu' 4 Pa Somerset counties.



DAN BAKER,

tenant Colonel.

DENSION, BOUNTY and WAR CLAIM AGENCY **Possions** procured for Soldiers of the present War who are disabled by reason of wounds received or disease contracted while in the service of the United or discase contracted while in the service of the United States ; and pensions, bounty; and arrears of pay ob tained for widows or heirs of those who have died or heen killed while in service. All letters of inquiry promptly answered, and on receipt by mall of a state ment of the case of claimant, I will forward the ne ceasary papers for their signature. Fees in Pension cases as fixed by law. Exfers to Hons, Isaac Besson A. G. Olmsted, John S. Mann, and F. W. Knox, Esc DAN BAKER, Junes 64 Claim Agent, Coudersport, Pa

completed at Jefferson College, Cannonsniration of his first term he was reelected burg, Pa, Creating life-leng friends by an almost unanimous vote, the city in mous vote of the Senate.

among professors and classmates, by the the meantime having more than doubled EBCHANT-WELLSVILLE N. Y. Whole early exhibition of those same sterling its population. During the time of holding in July, 1856, and having delayed only the office of alcalde, Col. Geary tried, as long enough to receive his instructions. early exhibition of those same sterling its population. During the time of holding in July, 1856, and having delayed only thirty of the Union; therefore, Having finished his collegiate education

he assumed the profession of a civil engi- over a dozen appeals were made, and not neer, in the practice of which he went to one decision was ever reversed. Kentucky, partly in the employ of the

Under the old Mexican laws. Alcaldes Commonwealth, and partly in that of the had power to grant away the public lands time of his arrival. The scenes he had to make any other, is, and should be held. engaged in the survey of several very imyards square.) All American Alcaldes, acted, with horrors greatly intensified .-portant branches of the public improveprevious to Geary's time, had availed Civil war was raging with more the fiendwith the Engineer Corps, in many of the States, he successfully filled all the various offices from a clerkship to the superintendence of the Allegheny Portage

Railroad, and during several years discharged the duties of his responsible position with complete satisfaction. At a very early dats, actuated by his mathematical abilities, he exhibited a fondness for military tactics, and labored strenuously by the outlay of time and means to perfect our volunteer system. idly through all the grades to that of

Brigadier General, to which he was elected by the brigade comprising Cambria and When the war with Mexico was declared he was among the first who responded to

along with the "American Highlanders," city. of Cambria county, which splendid company he then commanded. They were in-

corporated in the Second Pennsylvania was adopted, and General Geary was land. Regiment, of which upon its organization elected Mayor under its provisions by a Such was the gloomy prospect that pre- vile an offer he would toss him through of artillery, thirty-eight thousand five large and flattering vote. The manner sented itself to the new Governor. A man the window. he was almost unanimously elected Lieu-

in which he discharged the duties of this of less nerve would have looked upon it His regiment joined the army of Gen. vance under the command, and on the line numerous subsequent messages, all of cessors, and many others. But Governor

cated and difficult duties, that at the ex- appointment, without the usual reference lowing unanimous resolution of its Leg- 1861, and continued in active service to a committee, was confirmed by a unani- islature :

"WHEBEAS We believe that on the success of our party depends the perpe-"Be it resolved, By the House of Repso many others in social and in public life Judge, over twenty five hundred civil and and make the necessary arrangements, he resentatives, the Council concurring therecriminal cases, and from his decision not proceeded to Kansas, reaching Fort Leav. in, that it is the duty of the pro-slavery party, the Union loving men of Kansas enworth on the 9th of September following. No pen can adequately describe the Territory, to know but one issue, slavery. terrible condition of the territory at the and that any party making or attempting

Green River Bailroad Company; and was at twelve dollars for "fifty vara lots" (26 witnessed in California were being re-en-In carrying out this doctrine, all the Free State Democrats were excluded ments of that State. After an experience themselves of this privilege, and disposed ish ferocity; and all on acount of sla- from membership with the "National mith the Engineer Carne in many of them here of the here of them here of them here of the here of them here of the here of th of an immense amount of valuable prop- very. Men were flocking from all parts Democratic party," not one of them being erty at these mere nominal rates. A res- of the South, of desperate character, with received into fellowship or allowed to take olution, after his election, was debated by passions inflamed to the highest pitch, and part in its proceedings. This platform the Ayuntaimeto (Council) directing the with the express and avowed purpose of was indorsed by the Democrats at Wash-Alcalde to make such grants at the legal making Kansas a Slave State by any ington at that time, and was subsequently cellorsville, the struggle at Gettysburg. rates General Geary assured them that means, however fair or foul! And these adopted and carried out by the President rather than make such grants he would again were resisted by actual settlers and to the full measure of perfection. So far in driving back the enemy from the soil relinquish his office, because the sudden new comers from the free States, equally as he had the power he ostracised all Free of Pennsylvania, "Waubatchie," "Lookand unexpected rise of the value of the as determined, though not as bratal and fe. State Democrats, no matter how long or out Mountain," "Mission Ridge," "Rings and unexpected rise of the value of the as determined, though not is brutal and for brace betweeness, no matter new roug of out Mountain, "Mission Rigge, "Regarding of the value of the last determined, though not is brutal and for brace betweeness, no matter new roug of out Mountain, "Mission Rigge, "Regarding of the value of th From a private in the ranks, he rose rap the lands belonging to thecity were worth smoke of burning buildings blackened the was to commit Governor Geary to its pol-idle through all the grades to that of the lands belonging to thecity were worth smoke of burning buildings blackened the only \$35,000. A small portion of these air; fields of grain were laid waste and icy. Accordingly, the Chairman of its Farm," "Kenesaw," "Pine Hill," "Marilands were then sold at public auction, and desolate ; women and children were driven Central Committee called upon the Govbrought half a million of dollars ! This starving and naked from their homes to ernor, with the assurance that if he would sum was placed in the pity treasury. The perish on the desolate prairies; and the connect himself with the party he should of Savanah (ten days), which was captracts remaining unsold were proportion- dead bodies of murdered men were strewn be one of the two United States. Senators tured by. his division ten hours before any ally worth several million of dollars ! along the wayside. Chaos reigned su. soon to be chosen. The Chairman urged other troops reached that city, as was also th. call for vola to rs. and was accepted, Thus was this immense sum saved to the preme-pardemonium had poured forth the matter with such determined pertiits demons-and crime, in all its most nacity that Governor Geary ordered him surrendered in person to General Ge. ty. On May 1st, 1850, the first city charter hideous forms, ran rampant through the Out of his office, and declared that if he In this capture three hundred and fifty

Soon after these proceedings a Consti- steamers, with an immense variety of position can best be understood from his with amazement, and with dismay fied tution, known as the "Lecompton Consti- ammunition and other stores, fell into the inaughral address to the city councils, and from the scene, as did two of his prede- tution," was received in Kansas by the hands of the victors. "National Democratic Party," direct from Upon the capture of Savannah General of operations, of that great chieftain which are on file, and have been published Geary was not the man to be easily intim- Washington, where it had been carefully Geary was appointed by Major General through his brilliant campaign in Mexico. as well as from the fact, that at the ex- idated. He had passed already through propared; and agreeably to the directions Sherman its Miliary Governor, which Geary was attached to Gen. Quitman's piration of his term of office a petition, many a fiery ordeal. He took in at a accompanying it, an attempt was made to position he filled with signal credit to division, and distinguished bimself in the numerously signed by the most prominent glance the entire situation. From this have it adopted by an improvised convent himself until he was relieved, that he battles of "La Hoya," "Chapultence," citizens, without distinction to party, was dismal chaos; from this hell of discord; tion and returned to Washington in the might accompany the triumphant army of "Garita de Belen" and the "City of Mex. data for reglection, which he dealined and confused mass of the Sherman in its further march through ico." Upon arriving at the capital, his date for re-election, which he declined. conflicting passions, he was expected to known wishes of the people. An act of the Carolinas. In the battle of Bolivar Super section of the contract gallant soldiers-the spontaneous and knowledge and judicious counsels and ad- he was enabled truthfully to write to the that he was satisfied that a large majority

during the entire four years of the war. with the exception of twenty-eight days, and when he was incapacitated for duty by wounds received in battle.

For meritorious deeds he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General on the 25th of April, 1862, and Breveted Major General January 12th, 1865, "for the fitness to command and promptness to execute."

From reports filed in the office of the Secretary of War, it appears that during his term of service General Geary was engaged in over fifty hotly contested battles and important skirmishes, besides many others of lesser note. Among these engagements may be especially named that of "Bolivar Heights," "Cedar Mountain," the three days' fight at Chanwhich also lasted three days, and resulted "Muddy Creek," "Nose's Creek," "Kofu's etta," "Peach Tree Creek," siege and capture of Atlanta (twenty days), siege should dare again approach him with so prisoners, one hundred and fourteen pieces

