

WELLSBOROUGH ADVERTISER.

WELLSBOROUGH, VERMONT.

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The New Postage Law.

is the time to subscribe for the Advertiser.

The new Postage Law will go into operation on the 1st day of July next, after which date the Advertiser will circulate in Postage county FREE OF POSTAGE. This will reduce the price of the Advertiser...

THREE CENT PIECES have made their appearance in our town.

erson's Magazine.—The June number of elegant two dollar periodical is highly interesting. "Ghost Stories" is a capital engraving...

THE STATE.—A tremendous meeting of the Third Congressional District, Philadelphia county, was held on Friday evening a Gov. Johnston was present and addressed length.

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GOLDEN PAPER.—F. Gleason, of Boston, (in allusion to his "Drawing Room Companion," a daily paper, which we have heretofore noticed as a del of typography, and rich repository of hand engravings), has issued a sheet entitled the "Golden Paper," printed with gold bronze, containing a portrait of the celebrated songstress, a sketch of her history, some incidents of her tour in this country, and some of her favorite songs.

NEW GOODS IN TIOGA.—R. H. Marriott, of Tiooga, has received a large, beautiful, and cheap assortment of Summer Goods, Groceries, Ready-Made Clothing, &c., and it is said that a very extensive business is now doing at his establishment.

AT HOBOKEN.—Some eight or ten thousand men residing in New York, went over to Hoboken on Monday last week, to enjoy a May Day. They consisted of men, women, and children. In the afternoon, they were attacked by a rowdy crew from New York, assisted by Irish ruffians of Hoboken, and a dreadful riot ensued.

PHILADELPHIA CONTRADICTION.—Some political sheets have recently charged Governor Johnston with having pardoned Geo. W. Horner, who had been convicted of several burglaries in Warren county, and sentenced in May last, to ten years in the Eastern Penitentiary.

A MONET TOWN.—Wellsborough has not at the present time a licensed tavern or grocery in it, any place where liquor is sold, except the drug store, where it is only sold for medicinal purposes.

PROGRESS OF THE SHORT DRESS MOVEMENT.—We find the following in the Boston Traveler: A New York house has recently transmitted an order to Paris for an invoice of dress goods, with deep border on the side. These goods are intended for ladies' short dresses, and the width of the cloth will comprise the length of the skirt.

Keep it Before the People.

The Carlisle Herald calls attention to the years and says on the passage of the mammoth Appropriation Bill through the House of Representatives, at its last session, in which bill two new STATE LOANS were provided for—one of \$150,000 for avoiding the Inclined Planes on the Allegheny Portage Railroad...

Yea—Messrs. Benedict, Bigelow, Blair, Bonham, Brindle, Cowden, Demers, Doran, Downer, Dunn, Ely, Evans, (of Parks), Feather, Fogarty, Freeman, Gabe, Ciffin, Hague, Haight, Jackson, Laury, Leech, Lee, Lilly, Linton, McCune, McKean, McKee, Melton, Morris, Mowry, (of Wyoming), Olwine, Patten, Penniman, Rockwood, Rice, Rhoads, Ross, Shull, Simpson, Skinner, Souder, Steward, Thomas, Walker and Cessna, Speaker—Aye.

We want the people to remember, that their money is to be used for the purpose of electing Bigler Governor. The large appropriations made by the last Legislature will be used by political favorites in the Locofoco party, and squandered recklessly, in order to carry his election.

A Popular Administration.

The Reading Journal, is eminently popular with the masses of the people, is clearly shown by the manifestations of esteem and regard that have everywhere attended the progress of President Fillmore and Cabinet, in their tour to the north. Much of this is no doubt owing to that broad spirit of patriotism that leads the citizen, at all times and upon all fitting occasions, to honor the constitutional authorities of his country...

Col. Bigler and the Act of '47.

The opposition presses censure Governor Johnston for not signing the bill to repeal a part of the Act of '47 to prevent Kidnapping. It is very strange, says the Harrisburg American, that they should blame him for this, when their own candidate, so far as the public knows his opinions, stands committed in favor of this very act.

Let us ask a few plain questions of the opposition. Did not Col. Bigler help to place the act of '47 on our statute books? Why, then, represent that he is hostile to it, in the absence of any act or avowed hostility from Bigler himself?

PROGRESS OF REFORM.—The Harrisburg Telegraph says that the late order of the Court of Dauphin county, requiring the enforcement of the law for the better observance of the Sabbath, works well. We have never known so quiet a Sabbath in town, as the last. Not only were all the bars closed, but also the oyster saloons...

A Touching Poem.

Until about six weeks since, the "Fulton Republican," a Whig paper published at McConnellsburg, Pa., was under the editorial management of Jony McCann, Esq., formerly of Shippenburg, Cumberland county. About that time he was stricken with paralysis, which resulted in sudden and total blindness.

Fair, lovely earth! shall I no more Behold thee clad in robes of green! Shall not these eyes trace landscapes o'er That they in boyhood's days have seen?

When mem'ry turns to childhood's hour, And Fancy paints its scenes anew— When ev'ry brook, and ev'ry flow'r, Rise up familiar to the view;

But why despond?—Can he who took, Not render back the sight anew? Can he not open out the book Of nature's beauties to our view?

Whig County Meeting.

Pursuant to notice a meeting of the Whigs of Tioga county was held at the Court House on Thursday evening, the 30th ult. On motion, JOEL PARKINUST was appointed Chairman, and Jno. N. BACHE, Secretary.

L. P. WILLSTON was appointed a Senatorial Conferee. On motion, the Chair appointed O. F. TAYLOR, LEWEL DAVENPORT, B. B. SMITH, A. J. MONROE, CHADBECK AUSTIN, JOEL COLVER and ROBERT CASBEAN, Standing Committee for the County.

Massachusetts Election.

At the Congressional election in the 2d, 4th, and 7th Districts on Monday a week, Robert Rantoul, Jr., Free Soil, was chosen in the 2d by a large vote; in the 4th, Benjamin W. Thompson, Whig, is chosen; in the 7th District, Col. John Z. Goodrich, Whig, is elected by not far from 400 majority.

The Boston Atlas, in speaking of the result of the election, expresses the opinion that the Free Soil party in that State is now virtually dissolved. We regard, says the Atlas, the result of these elections as fraught with important consequences.

Election of Judges.

Now, that the Judges of our Courts have been made elective by the People of this State, an additional responsibility will rest upon them—the People. The Governor has been relieved of that duty, and the citizens of the State will be called upon to discharge it.

The oldest woman in the world is supposed to be one Mary Beaton, now residing at Elton, in the county of Durham, England. She was born on the 12th of February, 1731, and is of course in her one hundred and twenty-first year.

The Republic of Liberia.

In the New York Commercial Advertiser, we find many interesting facts concerning Liberia, and the interior of Africa. We make room for the following, which possesses interest.

While such indefatigable exertions are made to open an intercourse with the farthest interior of the continent, the colony of Liberia is fast growing into a populous and well governed Christian state, becoming a bright example of the benefits of religion and civilization, which must necessarily have an immense influence upon the minds of the surrounding natives.

Every settler in Liberia receives a grant of ten acres of good land. He and his family are supported during the first six months in Africa. The whole expense of the family is defrayed by the society.

These ten acres may be improved so as to become an independent fortune to any family. One acre will produce \$300 worth of indigo; half an acre will raise a thousand pounds of arrow root, five acres will plant 1250 coffee trees, which at five years old will, for thirty years, bear six pounds to the tree, which is \$400 a year; and half an acre of cotton trees will stand many years without replanting, and yield every year enough to clothe a whole family; one acre of cane will furnish sugar and preserves abundantly; one acre of fruit trees will give more bananas, plantain, oranges, pawpaws, and pine apples, than any family can eat; and one acre in a garden will give fresh vegetables, two crops in a year, directly out of the ground ten months in a year, sufficient for twenty persons; hogs, poultry, &c., may be raised at pleasure.

Schools of the best kind are provided for the children. Messurship county alone has twenty places of worship, six of them exclusively for natives of the county, 18 schools, and 875 scholars.

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Our State Administration.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer thus sketches some of the features of our State Administration, which have rendered Gov. Johnston so popular with the mass of the people:

Governor Johnston will probably be the candidate of the Whig party at the next gubernatorial election—from present evidence he will be nominated by acclamation—the Whig press is largely in his favor, while the locofoco organs are ominously silent. In this event, a brief recapitulation of the policy of the present Executive will be right and proper.

More than half a million of the actual State debt has been paid during the present Administration, which, with the liberal appropriations towards completing the North Branch Canal, and the improvement of the Columbia Railway, and the Schuylkill Inclined Plane, will show a saving to the coffers of the Treasury of nearly a million of dollars.

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INTERESTING ASTRONOMICAL FACT.—Two persons were born at the same place, at the same moment of time. After an age of fifty years, they both died, also at the same spot, and at the same instant, yet one of them lived one hundred days more than the other.

form this constantly towards the west, in fifty-one years he will be fifty days behind the stationary inhabitants; and if the other sail equally east he will gain fifty days in advance of them. One, therefore, will have seen one hundred days more than the other, though they were born and died at the same place, and at the same moment, and even lived continually in the same latitudes and reckoned by the same calendar.

An Inquisition.

A correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce, writing from Italy, gives the following thrilling description as a few of the horrors of the inquisition.

In Turin I met the American Consul of Rome, who has passed through the entire revolution in the Eternal city, and who was present when the doors and dungeons of the inquisition were opened by the decree of the Triumvirs, its prisoners released, and the building converted into an asylum for the poor.

The Holy Inquisition of Rome is situated near Porto Cavalligieri, and under the very shadow of the sublime dome of St. Peter's Cathedral, and capable in case of emergency of accommodating three thousand prisoners. The Consul was particularly struck with the imposing dimensions of the Chamber of Archives, filled with voluminous documents, records and papers.

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Mrs. Swisshelm on Slavecatching.

Mrs. Swisshelm, who edits the Saturday Visitor, says some very plain things on subjects she speaks upon. As a sample, we annex what she says of the slave-catcher:

"We do not say one half that we feel we should say, if we were a man. If we were, and any fellow who has acted hound and aided in capturing a fugitive, should offer us any of the courtesies of life, proper between man and man, we would spit upon him. As it is, if one should enter the room we were in, it would require a strong muscular effort on our part to prevent 'Get out dog! get out!' from escaping from our lips.

THE VERY LATEST NOTION.—Some newspapers correspondent asserts that there is a project on foot at Naples to extinguish the fires of Vesuvius by digging a canal from the bottom of the crater, which is several thousand feet below the level of the sea, to drain off the burning lava into the sea or the sea into the crater, at an expense of two millions. An excellent project in either event; for if the sea does not put out Vesuvius, Vesuvius will warm up the sea, and then boiled fish will be cheap.

spurn him from her door; every child who loves its father, should taunt and mock him when he shows his face."

Full Confession of the Couden Murder-Parties all in Custody.

We received last evening the following hasty letter from our correspondent at Chestertown, written yesterday morning, a half an hour after the confession to which alludes was made. It will be seen that a full development of this bloody transaction has been made by one of the parties to the deed, and that all of the accused participants are in jail!

CHESTERTOWN, May 26, 1851.

GENTLEMEN: We have now a confession of one of the parties under arrest for the Couden massacre, which is thought to be worthy of credit. About the time of the murder, a man by the name of Hand, living near Blackbird, suddenly, and without assigning any reason, left his home and went to New Jersey. A few days after his wife also left. The movements of these people were of course regarded as suspicious, and efforts have for some time past been made to obtain a knowledge of their whereabouts. A few days since Mrs. Hand was brought to Chestertown, and made statements to the following effect:

That on the morning after the murder, at a very early hour, a man by the name of Stephen Shaw, who boarded in the house with herself and husband, came running into the house, with a musket in his hand, and very much under the influence of liquor—that he told her the Couden family were murdered, and that himself, Taylor, Shelton and Murphy were the parties—that he had been solicited by Taylor to join the conspiracy, which he supposed was only for plunder, and not for murder—that he and Taylor proceeded, on the evening of the murder, to the Swanton mill, (about a half a mile from Couden's), and were there joined by Shelton and Murphy; that he had a double-barrelled gun; Taylor a musket; Shelton a double-barrelled gun and double-barrelled pistol, and Murphy a double-barrelled gun. He then proceeded to state that upon arriving at the house, Taylor fired through the window and shot down Couden, and then, snatching Shaw's gun, shot Mrs. Couden, as she ran out. He also stated that Shelton murdered Miss Couden, and Miss Webster, and Taylor shot the black woman, but that Murphy took no part in the murder. He asserts that he himself was drunk, and took no part in the murder, and that he was afterwards so overcome by liquor, that he fell in the fence corner and lay there for several hours.

Shaw was arrested on Saturday, and this morning has made a full confession, corroborating all the statements made by Mrs. Hand, saying "that he knows that Mrs. Hand's testimony will convict him, and that he may as well make a clean breast of it." He has been confronted with the parties charged, and adheres, in their presence, to all the particulars, as detailed by Mrs. Hand.

Murphy, he says, he had never seen before, but believes the man he sees in jail is Murphy, to have been in the murder. There is little or no doubt entertained of the truth of this confession.

The cause of Mrs. Hand's sudden flight, was fear, that as she possessed Shaw's secret, he might do her some bodily harm, to prevent her divulging it.

Since the above letter came to hand, we have conversed with a gentleman direct from Chestertown, who was present at the jail yesterday morning, when Shaw was confronted with the prisoners, and made his confession. He says he never saw a more hardened set of men collected together. The excitement in Chestertown was intense, and great joy was manifested by the people at the certainty of all the murderers being in custody. Webster, the uncle of Mrs. Couden, is now acknowledged to be free of all participation in the bloody deed, and will be discharged in a few days. The prisoners are heavily chained together, and present a most revolting spectacle. Their trial will take place next week.

Baltimore Sun, May 27.

Population of California.

It has been generally estimated, on this side of the continent that the population of California would not exceed two hundred thousand, but the following article, which we extract from the Sacramento Times, affords that the population amounts to 314,000, of whom 100,000 were engaged in mining during the past year. This will entitle California to three representatives in the United States House of Representatives.

In the northern mines, or that scope of country lying north of San Francisco and Feather river, we give a population of 20,000. Feather river, with all its mining tributaries, 25,000. The Yuba, 40,000. Bear river, 4,000. The American fork, 50,000. The southern mines, or all that portion of the mining country of California lying south of the American river, 80,000. The San Joaquin valley, 10,000. The city of San Francisco, with the population scattered in its immediate neighborhood, 25,000. The Sacramento valley, including all above San Francisco, 40,000. The coast, or that portion of the State which lies below San Francisco, bordering upon the ocean, 20,000—making, in all, a population of 314,000, which, we believe, is nearly as correct as the means at hand will allow us to approximate.

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