

# AMERICAN.

## BROOKVILLE, INDIANA.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2, 1849.

### Local Items.

**Jeremiah Woods, Esq.**, has been appointed Collector of Tolls on the Canal at this place.—This is a good appointment. A more vigilant, faithful officer could not be selected.

**There are occasionally sales of property in our county which are of interest to our community, as showing the prices of real estate, and the movements in trade. Mess. Linck & Farquhar have purchased the large three-story brick house with the blacksmith shop and dwelling attached, of Joseph Rudman.**

**Mr. Charles Van Camp** lately sold his farm in this township at \$25 per acre.

**Mr. Samuel Shirke**, Jr. lately purchased a piece of land, east of his father's farm, in Springfield township, at \$20 per acre.

**C. F. Clarkson** sold his hay farm near Union, a few days since, at \$22 per acre.

**Mr. John W. Hitt** has purchased one half of the Mill property of Mr. Holland, formerly belonging to John Peters.

**The real estate belonging to the estate of Christopher Whitehead, deceased, was purchased by one of the heirs, Mr. Wardell.**

**We understand that but a small portion of the lands belonging to the estate of James Conwell, at the sale advertised, were disposed of.**

**Agents** are in this place purchasing new corn for distillers, at 25 cents per bushel.

**The price of coffee has advanced very unexpectedly in our market to 15 cents per lb.—This is said to be owing to the failure of the crops in Rio, and other places.**

**The water is now out of the canal, and will remain out for a few days, for repairs.**

**The Lawrenceburg branch of our Canal is about finished to Lawrenceburg. This appears to be a season of rejoicing with the citizens of that place.**

**C. C. Meredith**, late publisher of the Centreville, Ind., Record, started for California last week.

**The small pox is said to be prevailing to a considerable extent in Cincinnati, still it is not best to believe all the magnified stories that are circulated about it.**

**It is stated that James B. Sleeth, Esq., of our place, is a candidate for the office of President Judge of this District, should the place be rendered vacant by the resignation of Judge Dunn.**

**Judge Cushing** has not yet received the appointment of Judge to Sweden, as has been stated in the papers. We are in hopes however, that he will receive it. He is every way capable and worthy of the station—and his appointment would be gratifying to his numerous friends, and complimentary to the State.

### Presbyterian Revival.

There is going on at the Presbyterian church in this place a refreshing revival. Some fifteen or eighteen persons have been added to the church, and the prospect is good for more. The best of feelings prevails, and we hope the good work will go on. We are not a member of that church, but we can say that its members live in a way to win the hearts of others. The utmost brotherly love is always prevalent in its borders. Its members have with commendable zeal watched over each other in sickness or distress. They feel for each other as true Christians should feel. Of them it can truly be said, "See how these Christians love." This church, in numbers, for many years was very feeble, but its interests have been watched over and prayed for, by some most devoted and discreet men and women. And if all professing Christians would only live one year as exemplary as holy, and as zealous in the cause as they should, they would take the world by storm.

### Evansville Journal.

W. H. Chandler, the editor of this paper, having been appointed Post Master of that city, has retired from that establishment. Knowing and watching as we do the career of every editor in the State, the retirement of a contemporary is an era with us. Every editor in the State has commenced his editorial career, since we have occupied our present position. We have therefore seen the commencement of all the present editors, as well as scores more who have flourished and fallen. Notwithstanding we are only 35 years old, and there are many editors in the State older in years, yet as editors they are all our juniors. Then we say when one is added to the list, or one retires, it is noticed by us with more than usual feeling. Mr. Chandler has published a good paper—been a devoted and consistent whig, and has done much service in the cause. We hope he has made an ample fortune at it.

Mr. Sanders, late of the Cairo D. I., takes the Journal. Personally we are about as well acquainted with him as his predecessor. But Mr. Sanders has earned for himself a reputation for an able and witty writer, which has extended far beyond his own immediate county. We therefore look upon this as a valuable accession to the editorial corps of the State. We feel deeply the necessity of its character being elevated. We have seen too many tools of politicians occupy these stations, who are perfect tools, and have no more to do with the editorial department of their papers than the man in the moon. They are generally bankrupts in character and purse—totally irresponsible in any respect. And these tools are made use of by the usurper, the malignant and designing, to trample the character of correct and responsible editors. Through them all the fifth and venom of a corrupt village political clique is disengaged upon the best men of our State. This is no fancy sketch. Almost every county town in the State is cursed with this kind of a dung cart—the establishment either owned by a company, or mortgaged to those who started it—and the man at the head so destitute of character, that no honorable man can make them an equal by replying to their attacks. In this way, then, is the editorial profession very much degraded in our State. We really have but a few editors who are responsible, or respectable. We say this in all seriousness. Look around you—see the tools—the dunces—the vagabonds—the idiots—and the ninnies, that are made to talk and make signs like the images in the days of Henry VIIIth of England. And who does not feel humbled at the prospect.

We rejoice then at the accession of Mr. Sanders to our profession. He is a man of talents, and of independence.

### Santa Anna.

El Lector, published in Panama, says that information has just been received from Jamaica, stating that Gen. Santa Anna is laboring most earnestly to return to Mexico. Once there, he will have himself declared Dictator, annul the treaty of Queretaro, and renew the war with the United States. It says, also, he has sent \$200,000 to be distributed among his partisans, and is making an effort to obtain five hundred Irishmen to land at Tampa and join his party there, which is very numerous.

### Two Months Notice.

This is the heading of a very pointed advertisement of Mr. Tyner in this day's paper.—Mr. Tyner has been longer engaged and done more business, in this place than any other man. In money matters he has granted more favors and recommendations, than any other person. For 25 years he has been the leading Merchant in this place, and has extended credit to a large portion of the country, either in money, goods, or endorsement, until his outstanding claims are large. He now wishes to close his old and extensive accounts. And we are satisfied his advertisement this time is not mere talk. He is in earnest. His age and health admonishes him to this step. Close application to the financial department of a large mercantile establishment for some 25 years (25 of his own) is enough to weaken and enfeeble the stoutest constitution.

We hope, and he wishes, that all will make arrangements to meet their engagements with him by the time specified. It would do violence to his feelings to be compelled to harass any one, yet he is satisfied nothing but the most vigilant course will enable him to close his heavy accounts in any reasonable time.

So long has he been identified with the business and trade of the town—with its society and its history—that it would hardly be Brookville without him. It will be seen, however, that he is not about to close his store, as he has just brought on a new stock of goods.

### Grand Union D. of T.

This body convened on the 17th, and adjourned on the 19th. The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:

**Mrs. Campbell**, of Indianapolis, G. P. S.  
**Mrs. Lemley**, of Lawrenceburg, G. S. A.  
**Mrs. Richmond**, of Indianapolis, G. S. S.  
**Mrs. Bassett**, of Indianapolis, G. S. T.  
**Mrs. Tousey**, of Lawrenceburg, G. Chap.  
**Mrs. Heill**, of Vernon, G. S. C.  
**Mrs. Thatcher**, of Shivelyville, G. S. S.

### Louisville Courier.

If it would be of any benefit, we would say a good word for that excellent political, commercial, and miscellaneous paper, the Louisville Courier. It is truly a worthy paper, but we are so overshadowed, connected with, and owned by Cincinnati, that many of our people do not know any other place, or read any other papers. So eulogies upon the Courier would be thrown away. No difference, we will think as we please, if it is not polite to say it.

### Insult to Gen. Taylor.

It appears, from the proceedings of an anti-slavery convention, held in Norristown, Pa., that Mr. Garrison, the noted abolitionist, had prepared an address to be delivered to Gen. Taylor, had he visited Massachusetts, in which he would have applied the most insulting epithets to the President. He read the address to the convention, remarking that if Zachary Taylor, in view of his wickedness and oppression, had been met with rebukes and railings, instead of cheers and rejoicings, he would have been induced to abolish slavery, not only on his own plantation, but also in other places.

We have no idea that President Taylor would have been received by the people of Massachusetts in any other than a respectful manner; and we are confident that they would not have permitted Mr. Garrison to address his language so exceedingly offensive as that contemplated by this ultra-abolitionist. A Northern paper makes the following extracts from the address:

"That fellow" referring to the Chief Magistrate, "was deserved when the people elected a tyrant to fill it. You are," says Mr. Garrison to President Taylor, in the address, "a successful perpetrator of robbery, murder, and every atrocity, upon a gigantic scale. You are a man-stealer; you are honored, exalted, flattered, but still you are a man-stealer. It is said you are honest, but no honest man would deprive his fellow man of his liberty. It is said you are brave, but the brave man would not hold in bondage his fellow man."

Miss Fillmore, a daughter of the Vice President of the United States, recently received an appointment as teacher in one of the public schools of Buffalo, and is now acting in that capacity. How striking an illustration of the simplicity of our Republican institutions! Miss Fillmore received her education at the State Normal School.

### Irreprobable.

The Hallowell Gazette has a long account of the wonderful cure effected by a mesmerizer in that town. Miss Hannah S. Ames, who has been unable to speak for seventeen months, was mesmerized. The doctor placed his hand under her throat, commanded her to speak, and she made the attempt and spoke. This is backed up by twenty-one persons.

### Abolition in Portuguese Colonies.

It is said there is a prospect of a law being passed in Portugal for the abolition of slavery in all the Colonies of that country. A bill for that purpose was read in the Chamber of Peers at Lisbon, on the 25th of May last, and on the 25th of June following, the committee on Colonial affairs, to which it was referred, made a report approving and recommending its adoption by the whole body.

The number of slaves that will be freed by this measure should it become a law, is between fifty and sixty thousand, nearly thirty thousand of whom are in the settlements along the Eastern Coast of Africa, about six hundred in the Cape de Verde Islands, and the remainder chiefly in the settlements and on the island-sabine of the Western Coast of Africa.

### Emigration.

These have arrived at the quarantine ground, Staten Island, from the first of April to the last of October, one hundred and ninety-three thousand, one hundred and ninety-three passengers, being an average of eight hundred and ninety-six per day; and an increase of near thirty-five thousand over the same number of days last year.—N. Y. Sun.

### What Next?

The Cincinnati Commercial, of the 17th inst., informs us that in one of the churches of that city, the subject has been broached whether it is proper for men and women to sit together in the church or not, during divine service. The next question we expect to hear agitated is the propriety of running separate lines of omnibuses, steamboats and railway trains for the two sexes, with drivers, captains, conductors and engineers of each sex.—Who can tell what wonders are yet in the womb of this enlightened nineteenth century?—N. Y. Sun.

### Death of a Bride and her Maid.

On Saturday afternoon, a wherry, containing Mr. Thompson, S. Brown, late Engineer to the Erie Railroad, who was married to a widow, and a bride, (the bride, having only been married that morning,) was proceeding up the river towards Fairview, T. L. Lathrop, brother to the bride, having the management of the boat. When about midway between Batherston and Wansworth, it came across the mooring chain of a barge which was then at anchor. The wherry, in alarm, rose from their seats, and instantly the boat overturned, and the whole party were immersed in the water. Unfortunately, the bride and Mary Ashdown, one of the bridemaids, sank and were drowned.

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### Correspondence of the Indiana American.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 15, 1849.  
Mr. Emmons.—In most of the maps of the upper Mississippi country, the river St. Croix is represented as entering that river at Lake Pepin, which is incorrect, for it comes in several miles above the lake. It is a large river and navigable for Steam Boats for probably 60 or 70 miles. The first 25 miles of it from the mouth is a very beautiful lake with bold shores, and fine scenery generally. Our boat went to the head of this lake before going to St. Paul, where we found the second town of importance in Minnesota. The name, Stillwater, is not very euphonious, but the town is a thriving village of white frame houses which may contain 400 or 500 inhabitants, though the citizens claim some 8 or 900.

From the mouth of the St. Croix, to St. Paul is, if I remember aright, about 40 miles—making in all, about 60 miles from Stillwater by the river, when the distance by land is but seven.

The first inhabited part of the Territory of Minnesota, begins at the point of land formed by the junction of the Mississippi and St. Croix. There seems to be an embryo town here of a house or two, called Point Douglas. The only land owned in the Territory by either the U. S. Government, or citizens, lies between these rivers, which has crowded most of the citizens into a small space, and forced the makers of towns upon the same footing with English vessels, while the ye-sels of Great Britain can take cargo from or to parts of the United States upon the same footing with our own vessels.

It is an advantage to be reaped in consequence of this mutual act of reciprocity, yanks skill, enterprise and industry will reap it. This is a good reason why General Taylor and his cabinet are pleased that England has at last accepted our long-extended offer. And it is only a question of time when England will make up her ungracious proclamation of the fact, the "Yankee crew" advances to claim that they are home to the step! If they were to come out and say they were for it, each and all of them, no doubt the "Foreign crew" would find something in the measure to censure and condemn—such is the propensity to find fault with every thing the Administration approves.

In my last letter on this subject, an error occurred in substituting the word courting for courting.

Quite a number of strangers may be seen in town at this time. Mr. Pierson of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Gallagher of Virginia, are here, and rumor says there are soon to be made auditors.

### POTOMAC.

A Test of Citizenship.

A correspondent of the Boston Republican recommends some one of the towns in Massachusetts that is sure to elect its candidate, to nominate a negro for the next Legislature, by way of testing the citizenship of the negro.

### Provision Business of the West.

The Bedford, Ia., Standard of last week, has the following reference to Hogs in Lawrence county:

"We are not prepared, with our limited knowledge of the resources of this county, to state when we will be produced this season. We are informed, however, that a very large number are prepared for the market. This country annually produces a heavy surplus, more in proportion than any other in the southern part of the State."

As yet we have heard of no purchases passing through our county. We believe there is a general feeling with the dealers to hold off. Farmers should be prepared, and when the market opens, offers that are made, paying them reasonable profits for their labor, should be promptly accepted."

The Louisville Journal of Saturday says—Good Beavers are rather scarce. We quote sales of fine catte at the yards at \$22.35. Sales of light calves at \$22.35. Sales of inferior cattle we quote at \$22.35. Hogs during the week have been sold at \$2.75-\$3 dollars on foot. Sales of sheep at 75¢@1.25@2.50. Sales of lambs at 75¢@1.25."

The Connecticut Economist understands that an old and wealthy hardware house in Sheffield, England, is negotiating for the establishment of a branch in Connecticut for the manufacture of hardware.

### A New Wrinkle.

By a notice published in this day's paper, it will be observed that a State Convention of Free Soil Men is called, to meet in this city in December next, for the purpose of providing for the establishment of a Newspaper organ at the Capital, devoted to the new organization. There may be something more in this proposed movement than meets the public eye, and if there is, we will say so.

We think it proper now to say for the satisfaction of our readers, that we publish the notice at the request of a leading gentleman of the anti-slavery party, who in time past was a distinguished member of the whig party. From this, we infer only, that those at the head of the movement cannot be in the belief that the democratic party will adhere to the line of policy marked out by the last Democratic State Convention, and that they still more strongly distrust the whig party under the lead of Taylor.

[Ind. State Sentinel.]

### First Wishes of a Child.

The following beautiful little poem was written by James T. Fields, for the Boston Book for 1850. It is taken from the proof-sheets by a correspondent of the New York Literary World:

All the hedges are in bloom,  
And the warm west wind is blowing;  
Let me leave this stilled room,  
Let me go where flowers are growing!

Look! my cheeks are thin and pale,  
And my pulse is very low,  
Ere my sight begins to fail,  
Mother dear, you'll let me go!

Was not that the robin's song  
Piping through the easement wide?  
I shall not be listening long!  
Take me to the meadow side.

Bear me to the willow brook;  
Bear me to the merry mill;  
On the orchard I must look  
Ere my heating heart is still.

Faint and fainter grows my breath,  
Bear me quickly down the lane.  
Mother dear, this chill of death—  
I shall never speak again!

Still the hedges are in bloom,  
And the warm west wind is blowing;  
Still we sit in silent gloom—  
Over the grave, the grass is growing.

From the N. Y. Tribune.

### Noblemen.

By C. D. Stuart.

The noblest men I know on Earth  
Are men whose hands are brown with toil;  
Who by hook or by ancestral graves,  
Hew down the woods, and till the soil;

And win thereby a prouder fame

Than follows king or warrior's name.

The working men, what'er their task,  
To carry the stone, or bear the load—  
They wear out their honest brows.

The royal stamp and seal of God!

And brighter are their drops of sweat