



## LAWRENCEBURGH.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1825.

It may not be uninteresting to a number of our readers, to be informed what has been the result of the meeting of the White-Water Canal Committee, at Brookville, on the 29th ult. All the members composing that committee, except Mr. Tipton, of Fort Wayne, were present. After proceeding to business, it was found, from letters and other information, received by several of the members from gentlemen on the Miami canal, that it would be impossible, the present season, to procure either in Ohio or New-York an engineer to make the survey, estimates, &c. necessary in commencing the work. Thus circumstanced, the committee have thought it advisable to employ men within our own state, who are good practical surveyors, to go on to one of the Ohio canals, and continue in the service or under the instruction of some engineer, until they shall have obtained a proper knowledge of the business. This is providing for contingencies: in case the General Government, to whom application has been made, cannot furnish an engineer, there will be no further delay, as means will be within the state.

Col. Brown, of Union county, and Capt. T. Porter, of this place, have been appointed by the committee to attend the engineer on the Miami canal, and attain the information above named. From the character and intelligence of these gentlemen, there cannot be any doubt as to the success of the project, should they accept the appointment, which we believe they have. Nothing more, it is supposed, will be done this season, than to examine the route and make a partial survey. Early in the spring another survey will probably be made in order to its permanent location, at least as far as Connersville. In all the counties through which the line passes, the citizens have contributed to the fund to defray incidental expenses, very liberally, indicating a determination to perform something more than what the editor of the Centreville Emporium sarcastically terms the "wind work" of the business.

It appears by a statement in the last Hamilton Advertiser, that canaling is not the only business carried on with spirit in that county: Five ingenious gentlemen have lately been suspected (living near Oxford) for making money; not, however, by working on the canal, but by a much easier mode, if it had been attended with success, that of coining imitation Spanish milled dollars. Very little objection would, we presume, have been made to the project, had the artificers made them out of good metal, any other defect might have been overlooked; pewter, brass, copper, or tin, will not answer, it has been tried too often. The dollars made at this mint are dated 1820 and 1822. One of the coiners has been arrested and gave bail for his appearance at the next court, the others have made their exit, *incog.*

**Canal Convention.**—The Convention which has for some time been spoken of in the state of Pennsylvania, to devise measures for the extension of internal improvements within that state, met at Harrisburg on the 4th August, when delegates appeared from forty-eight counties. James Lawrence having been appointed President, and Nathaniel P. Hobert and Francis R. Shunk, Secretaries, a Committee of nine persons was appointed to draft an address and resolutions, who made report on the following day; in which it was declared that the opening of an entire and complete communication within the borders of the state from the Susquehanna to the Allegheny and Ohio, and from the Allegheny to Lake Erie, is indispensably necessary to maintain the character and standing of the state; that the application of the resources of the state to this undertaking should not be regarded as an expenditure, but as a most beneficial investment; that all local objects should yield to this great undertaking; that in their opinion the people will sustain the Legislature in the measures necessary for effecting the object; that the efforts of sister states are re-

garded with satisfaction, and that a wise and liberal policy requires of Pennsylvania to grant to them every just and legal facility; and that a general Committee of correspondence should be appointed to prepare an address to the people of the state. A set of resolutions were offered as a substitute for the report of the Committee, approving of the law of the Legislature at its last session, and the appointment of commissioners under it; and recommending to the people a consideration of the subject by the next election, that the Legislature may be enabled to act in relation to the improvement particularly of the navigation of the Susquehanna. After a long and animated debate, the question was decided in favor of the resolutions reported by the committee, with some slight alterations, and the Editor of the Lancaster Gazette, says, that the convention, so full of promise, has only tended to render darkness more intense.

*Delaware Gazette.*

### MIAMI CANAL.

It will be remembered that 20 miles of the Miami Canal, was put under contract on the 20th of July last. It was divided into 43 sections.—On the 28th of July, the sod was first broken on section No. 3—a part of a contract taken by Seymore Scovel, esq. of the state of New-York, on the 23d the whole of this section was taken by a sub-contractor, who commenced active operations on it, on the 24th, and has now, August 23d, completed 30 rods ready for inspection. No less than 39 parties, or near five hundred workmen, under original and sub-contractors, are now engaged on 27 sections—many of these sections are in a rapid state of forwardness, and present a scene more like the effect of magic, than reality; and can only be accounted for by the number of workmen so suddenly thrown upon them; and the determined perseverance of the undertakers. A little more time will be necessary for farmers to remove their corn from the ground occupied by a part of the canal line, when all the sections will speedily be commenced, and from the number of persons continually flocking in for employment, and the character of the contractors, there can be no doubt that the whole 20 miles will be completed within the stipulated time.—We understand that the resident engineer will set out in a few days to prepare the south end of the line for contract, which has been delayed in consequence of the great press of business, occasioned by the immediate commencement of labor, by so many of the contractors, on the part of the line already let—and that the acting commissioner intends to dispose of 15 miles more on or about the 15th of September next.—*Hamilton Advertiser.*

**Another great Hunt.**—On Friday last three large bears were discovered on the plantation of Mr. Martin Meese, between 3 and 4 miles from this Borough. Pursuit was immediately made by a party of men and a Miss M— daughter of Mr. M— of Spring township, who outran all the men in the chase. After pursuing the bears about a quarter of a mile, our intrepid heroine overhauled them, attacked and compelled two of them to take to trees, and the other, having been considerably worsted in the engagement, took to his scrapers. Our heroine guarded the two Zacheus's until reinforced by her sister and faithful Tray, when a furious onset was made, which terminated in the death of the two Treed Gentry. Not satisfied with her victory, Miss M— immediately renewed the chase after the one who had deserted his comrades in the hour of battle, but fortunately for his sable majesty, he had employed his land-paddles to some purpose, and being favored by the thickness of the timber and underbrush, he was enabled to escape from his brave and determined pursuer.

*Bellefonte Patriot.*

From the N. Y. National Advocate.

**Mr. Editor.**—The following instance of canine sagacity deserves to be recorded, for the curiosity of naturalists:—Some few nights ago as I was returning down Wall-street, from an evening visit, I perceived a Cat in the gutter. A band of other Cats, who appeared to be on some nocturnal ramble, passing by, and seeing this invalid, went forward, one by one, and having surveyed it attentively for some time, uniformly inflicted on the poor sufferer the most severe blows, uttering at the same time the most hideous yells. By and by a neat brown dog, of the half pointer breed, having heard the tumult, came forward, and eyeing the poor victim for some time with the greatest concern, stroked it gently all over with its paw. Two or three times it went away a short distance and returned, exhibiting the most commiserating feelings. Finally having taken the cat in his mouth with the greatest care, he went down the street at a slow pace. Curiosity impelled me to follow, when to my utter astonishment the sagacious animal dropped the expiring cat over the end of the wharf into the river, and returned home, seemingly well pleased at what he had done.

## THE GATHERER.

**Commodore Porter.**—The sentence of the Court Martial which has suspended Commodore Porter from service for six months, has been approved by the President of the United States. The Commodore was found guilty on both the charges preferred against him. The Court in their opinion state, "In deciding upon the first charge, and the specifications under it, the Court, however, feels itself called upon to ascribe the conduct of the accused, which is deemed censurable, to an anxious disposition on his part to maintain the honor, and advance the interests of the nation, and of the service."—*Nat. Crisis.*

The whole amount of tolls on the Grand Canal in the month of May was \$100,000, and but little short of that sum in June. The tolls this year will be about \$500,000—next year \$600,000.

### PRINTING OF CALICO.

The Rochester Republican states, that an establishment for printing calico is about to be established in Troy. It is supposed that the buildings and machinery will cost about one million of dollars. A large manufacturing house in Manchester, England, is said to be deeply interested in this establishment.

*Balt. Amer.*

Pendleton, S. C. July 13.

A negro fellow named William, the property of Mr. Cokergee, of the state of Georgia, was found guilty of the murder of Mr. Peter Garrison, late of Greenville district; and, agreeable to the sentence of the Court, was burnt on the first instant, near Greenville, S. C.

**Distressing Accident.**—It is stated in the Chillicothe Supporter, that 'on the 19th ult. at Heller's Bottom, Ross county, as a young man, named Grim, was letting himself down a hay stack by sliding from the top to the bottom, he unfortunately came in contact with a pitch-fork, the handle of which entered his body above the groin to the depth of about twenty-two inches, by which he was so severely injured that he expired in a few hours.'—*Recorder.*

The Dover (N. H.) Republican mentions, that Mr. Israel Tibbits, of Malbury, in that state, was weighed in that town a few days since, and his weight found to be four hundred and thirty-five pounds!!!

A company from Tennessee and Kentucky, have obtained, through Mr. Leftwich, of the Mexican government, a grant of 6 or 8,000,000 acres of land in Texas, adjoining Louisiana, designed for the settlement of 800 families.

**Extract of a letter from near Camden, (S. C.) dated 26th July.**

"In consequence of the drought in the early part of the last year, and excessive rains towards the close of it, our crop of provisions was very short, which has obliged us to purchase largely for the support of plantations. Corn is now selling at \$1 and 1 25, and it is with difficulty it can be procured, even at this price. Many poor families are almost in a starving condition: I have heard of a family which subsisted two days on nothing else but cabbage, until relieved by the hand of charity."

*Charleston Cour.*

**Law and Lawyers.**—The New-Hampshire Patriot mentions that the new state court of common pleas, for Stafford county, had its first term at Gilmantown last week, when five hundred new actions were entered.

In the same court, for Coos county, there were 163 new entries, 10 jury trials, and 25 continuances—pretty well for country business. It can scarcely be as difficult, we presume, in New Hampshire, to get a lawyer to undertake a case, as Dandy Dinmont found it to enlist Counsellor Pleydall in his suit.—*U. S. Gazette.*

**From the Will of the Rev. Dr. Applebee, of St. Brides, proved 1783.**—I leave my body to be dressed in a flannel waistcoat, an old surcoat, and breeches without linings or pockets, no shoes, (having done walking) and worsted wig, if one can be got, in order that I may rest comfortably.

**From the Will of Gen. Blacket, late Governor of Plymouth, proved 1782.**—I desire my body to be kept so long as it may not be offensive; and that one of my toes or fingers may be cut off, to secure a certainty of my being dead. I further request my dear wife, as she has been troubled with one old fool, she will not think of marrying a second.

**Quackery.**—The bursting of the boilers on board the steamboats is not the only way in which steam is made to destroy human life. A fellow by the name of Thompson who styles himself a patent doctor, with a host of idle persons about the country to whom he has sold the right, are "going to and fro in the earth," and steaming every patient whom they can induce to submit to the process and pay the expense of heating the steam! No matter what the disease may be, stones is the sovereign, patent, and universal antidote. Several lives have already been destroyed by these quacks, and it is probable the evil will not end here. When a few of them shall be convicted of murder or manslaughter, and find

their way to the halter or the state's prison, the practice being found impracticable, may be laid aside.—*Monroe Rep.*

### SPOT IN THE SUN.

From the Baltimore Gazette.

Sir: There is at present on the disc of the Sun, a very large spot about half way between the Sun's centre and its south-east limb.—This spot is of such extent, that it is easily visible with a telescope of very moderate powers, or a common spy-glass.—Indeed, I saw it plainly to-day with only the assistance of a smoked glass, and I have no doubt but that it may be readily seen, by the naked eye, at any time near sun-rise or sun-set, when the Sun's brilliancy happens to be so diminished by the vapours of the earth that the eye can bear it. Your scientific readers are aware of the connection which astronomers have supposed to exist between these spots in the Sun and remarkable seasons of warm weather. Whether this spot was the occasion of the late extraordinary heat, we cannot pretend to determine; but this is an additional example to the numerous instances already observed, of the two phenomena existing at the same time.

July 27.

WM. HOWARD.

**Gen. Braddock.**—It has been rumored from an early period, that Braddock had been shot by his men. More recently it has been stated by one who could not be mistaken, that in the course of the battle Braddock ordered the provincial troops to form a column. They, however, adhered to the Indian mode of firing severally from the shelter of a tree. Braddock in his vexation, rode up to a young man of the name of Fawcett, and with his sword cut him down. Thomas Fawcett, a brother of the killed, soon learned his fate, and watching his opportunity, revenged his brother's blood by shooting Braddock through the body, of which wound he died. Thos. Fawcett is now or was very lately, living near Laurel Hill. He is now 97 years of age.

*Pittsburgh Mercury.*

**SPECK OF WAR.**—The Boston Palladium furnishes extracts from Buenos Ayres papers to May 24. Under date of the 20th, the following letter is given:

**Monte Video, May 17, 1825.**—The Imperial brig of war just arrived, bringing in, as her prize, the (Buenos Ayres) schooner Libertad del Sud, dismantled, which she captured in the Bay of Santa Rosa. All she had on board had been landed, and no prisoners taken.

**Buenos Ayres, May 17.**—By the Courier we learn that Monte Video remains in the same state as by former accounts. The Baron holds it with 300 men.—Lavelleja had marched with 1000 men, to attack Gen. Barretto near Uruguay.

Rio Janeiro, June 11.

Our advices from the river La Plata leave little doubt that this country and Buenos Ayres will soon be involved in war, on the question of the possession of Monte Video by the government of Brazil. The Patria of Monte Video are in arms and are secretly supplied with munitions of war and money, by the individual citizens of Buenos Ayres. They threaten the invasion of Rio Grande, and to set the slaves free on condition of their joining them.

A Colombian brig and two schs. lately fired on Algeiras, because the Governor would not exchange some prisoners. There was a probability of their having a contest with a Sardinian man of war that had determined to protect from search two vessels suspected of having Spanish property on board.

The Rev. SAM'L LOWREY, who preached in the court house on the evening of the 8th ult., will preach at the same place on the first Sabbath in September.—On Monday night succeeding he will preach at the house of Mr. Duncan Carmical.

## NOTICE

To all whom it may concern.

AS I expect to leave this place shortly, for Indianapolis, I confidently hope that all those who are indebted to me, will call and make payment, before the 17th inst. Those who have unsettled accounts, at least, will call and settle, if they cannot make payment; as it is a delicate subject for me to be frequently calling on them for settlement. I hope they will recollect favors shown them time out of memorial, and try to reciprocate them.

LAZ'S. NOBLE.

Lawrenceburgh, Sept. 1st, 1825.

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### JOHN LAWRENCE,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

HAVING removed from Lawrenceburgh to Versailles, Ripley county, Indiana, will attend to his profession in the counties of Jefferson, Switzerland, Jennings, Decatur, Dearborn and Ripley; and any business confided to his care will be punctually attended to.

July 1, 1825.

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