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FIREFIRE!

THE members of the Vincennes Fire Company knowing themselves indebted to the Company are respectfully invited to call and settle the same, immediately; they know, or ought to know, that it is impossible to sustain the Company without some expense, consequently, there are a number of debts against the Company which ought to be paid.

A. W. HULL, Treasurer.

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NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR 1841.

J. M. CLARKE, Agent, for D. S. GREGORY & Co.

MARYLAND LOTTERY.

Class 1, draws January 13th 1841.—Capitals, \$ 0,000, 10,000, 5,000, 0, 0 of 1,000, &c. Tickets \$5, shares in proportion.

MONONGALIA LOTTERY.

Class 4, draws 16th January 1841.—Capitals, \$35,000, 10,515, 5,000, 50 of 1,000, &c. Tickets \$10, shares in proportion.

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Class 3, draws 20th January, 1841.—Capitals, \$20,000, 5,000, 20 of 1,500, &c. Tickets \$5, shares in proportion.

MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY.

Class 4, draws 27th January, 1841.—Capitals, \$30,000, 10,000, 5,000 and 100 of 1,000, &c. Tickets \$5, shares in proportion.

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Pontiac, Dec. 4, 1840.

C. F. SMITH.

POLITICAL RESIGNATION.

The editor of the Philadelphia Ledger, a few nights since, saw three officers of the present administration, walking down the street with reversed umbrellas, whistling the dead march. The patient spirit of philosophy which they evinced in their measured tread and composed features, was worthy of the school of the ancient stoics.

A YOUNG SUCKER.—The New York Tattler tells how an old woman the other day was taught, by her grandchild how to suck eggs. "Grandmother," said a philosopher in frock and trowsers, "we must cause an incision at the apex, and create a corresponding aperture at the base, then apply it to the lips, and at the first inhalation the contents are extracted." "Lord-a-merry!" said the old lady, "how amazin'! When I was a child we only broke a hole in both ends and sucked it. Well, I declare, what privileges the children nowadays have!"

A potato diet is found greatly to improve the quality of the blood. Hence roasted or baked potatoes are successfully employed as a specific against the scurvy, when other remedies have failed. This discovery was made in France. It is singular that boiled potatoes do not seem to have the same good effects.

The following, from the Philadelphia Gazette is the best anagram we have seen.

Madisonian.

The name of William Hamilton affords the following anagram: I am—but merry! I shall win."

Another and a better:

For:

Tippocano and Tiler too.

Ro them a piece up Salt River.

A WISH.

Sweetly as rolls the placid stream

Amid the meadow's gay,

When lighted by the moon's pale beam,

It ripples on the way—

May life's smooth tide roll on with thee,

Home to a blest eternity.

W. BURTON.

WILLIAM BURTON has associated him-

self with John Heberd and A. W. Hull,

and will do business under the name of W. Burton & Co., in the corner store lately occupied by Messrs. Burton and Hannah, where they have a fine stock of goods, well assort'd, and where they will be pleased to accommodate the former customers of the house, and the public generally.