

Another avalanche.—We understand that some time during the night on Thursday, about an acre of land of the high bank on the north side of Presumpscot river, situated about a quarter of a mile below Pride's bridge in Westbrook, gave way and slid into the middle of the river, on which people passed and repassed. The consequence was, the river below was drained, while above, it rose rapidly 10 or 12 feet, and flowed the adjoining field, until in the course of Friday, the water found a passage on each side of the slide, which has been wearing away since, and will undoubtedly soon again find its accustomed channel.

The people at Presumpscot lower falls were yesterday morning first apprized of the trouble above, by a total failure of water which usually pours over the top of the dam in torrents—so that fears began to be entertained that these valuable privileges for mills and factories, were in danger of being lost to the proprietors for want of water. But their apprehensions were relieved before night by the sudden rise of the pond to an unusual height.—Portland Courier.

American Eclipse.—This superior horse, who is now in the neighborhood of Baltimore, and had been running races from a colt until he was aged, and had never been beaten, challenged the continent, giving 6 or 12 months notice, to run for \$20,000, the adversary to be named at starting, consequently he stood alone against the United States. The best blood of Virginia was trained and tried by the most experienced gentlemen of the turf. Col. Johnson, and several others were selected and brought to the course; one was at the last day chosen to have the honor of contending with him, who was deemed first in the world—and nobly did he contend. The first heat was run in the unprecedented time of seven minutes and 37 seconds. But in three heats all the continent, by virtue of the failure of Henry, so selected, yielded to the immitable Eclipse.—Baltimore Repub.

Gratitude.—I once saved a man's life, who had been hanged for robbery, and had been handed over to me for dissection. I gave him good advice, furnished him with clothes and money, and set him free.

Many years afterwards I entered a large city alone and on foot, friendless and penniless.—Who should I meet but my half-hanged protégé! He was delighted to see me; I was equally glad for he had become rich. He was a master shoe maker. "Take all I have in the world," said he, when I explained my destitute situation.—What do you think he gave me, after this magnificent peroration? A pair of half worn shoes! I frequently called to see him afterwards, but he was never at home.

Suicide by fire.—There have only been 3 instances of self destruction by fire—that of the philosopher Empedocles, who threw himself into the crater of Mount Atna; that of a Frenchman, who, in imitation of the former, precipitated himself, in 1820, into the crater of Vesuvius; and that of an Englishman, who, about 20 years back, jumped into the furnace of a forge.

#### SLAVE TRAFFIC.

According to the New-Orleans papers, there were imported into that port during the week commencing on the 16th ult. from various parts of the United States, 371 slaves, principally from Virginia, as follows:

By the Tribune, from Alexandria,	141
By the Sarah, from Baltimore,	4
By the United States, from Norfolk,	150
By the James Ramsay, from Baltimore,	2
By the Susan, from Charleston,	14
By the Atlas, from Charleston,	60

Total—371

Steamboat explosion.—The steamboat Cygnets, capt. Guy, employed in carrying the mail between this district and Potomac creek, when about 16 miles below this town on Friday evening last, met with an unfortunate accident. The boat had stopped, either to land or take passengers, when one of her boilers burst, by which explosion one of the firemen, a black man, was killed. We do not believe that any other person was at all injured. Accidents of this nature are extremely rare with the steamboats employed on this river.—Alexandria Gazette.

Christian Charity.—"I have killed your husband, Madam," said the late Mr. A. not less celebrated for his eccentricities than his medical skill, I must confess that my mode of treatment has been the death of him; I certainly did mistake his case." The new made widow shed a profusion of tears, but the Doctor received next morning a pleasing testimony of her not bearing malice, in the shape of a fine haunch of venison.

Suicide by two brothers.—The Rev. C. Semple, of Goldington, Bedfordshire, last week blew out his brains, and was found in his bed room in the agonies of death. His brother, Capt Semple, of the third regiment of guards, on hearing the melancholy intelligence, became gloomy and abstracted, and on the morning of his brother's funeral, cut his throat with a razor, and immediately expired. He was 35 years of age, and fought at the battle of Waterloo.

New Orleans, Oct. 20.

An ordinance was passed by the city council at their meeting yesterday, obliging every person who shall introduce slaves into the city to report the same to the mayor, accompanied by a statement upon oath of the ages, sexes and places from whence they came; and this within a delay of 24 hours, under the penalty of one hundred dollars for each slave, one half of the fine to go to the informer.—Mer. Adm.

Saddles for Horses.—An English saddler, named Tade (says Le Petit Courier des Dames,) has invented a saddle for horses. It is fastened with strings of leather instead of nails and is so managed that it can be put on or removed as the rider wishes or wants in less than a minute. The object of this invention is to enable the rider to replace at once, during a journey, without fear of exposing the animal to accident which might result from the loss of a shoe.

Lion of the West.—A comedy bearing this title, written by Paulding, and revised by Stone has recently been performed at New York and Boston with decided success. The principal character in this production, Nimrod Wildfire, is to use his own elegant language, Scrammer. Some idea of his peculiarities may be formed from the following sketch, which he gives of an affair between himself and a craftsman:—

"I was ridin' Mississippi in my wagon, when I come across a feller floatin' down stream, settin' in the stern of his boat, fast asleep. Well, I hadn't had a night for ten days—felt as tho' I should have to kiver myself up in a salt barrel to keep—so wofly about the head and shoulders.—So, says I stranger! if you don't take heed, your boat will run away with you! So he looked me slantinduler, and I looked down on him slantinduler—he took out a chor of tobacco, and says 'I don't valse yon tantamount to that!'—and then the varment flapped his wings and crowed like a cock. I ris up, shook my mane, crooked my neck and neighed like a horse. He run his boat plump ahead foremost against a shore. I stopped my wagon and sot my triggers. 'Mister,' says he, 'I can whip my weight in wild-cats, and ride straight through a crab-apple orchard on a flash of lightning. Clear me axe disposition—the best man—if I ain't I wish I may be tetotaneously extinguished!'

The two belligerents joined issue, and the colonel goes on to say—

"He was a pretty severe colt, but no part of a priming to such a feller as me. I put it to him mighty droll!—in ten minutes he yelled enough! and swore I was a rip staver! Says I, ain't I the yaller flower of the forest? and I'm all brimstone but the head, and that's aquafortis!—Says he 'Stranger you're a beauty, and if I only know'd your name, I'd vote for you at the next election.' Says I, 'My name is Nimrod Wildfire—half horse, half alligator, and a touch of the earthquake—that's got the prettiest sister, fastest horse and ugliest dog in the district; and can out-run, out-jump, throw down, drag out and whip any man in all Kentucky!'

Samuel Rockafeller, esq. of New Trenton, Indiana, dug up a raddish in his garden lately, measuring 23 inches round the middle, 14 inches long, and weighing 9 lbs. 3 oz. A whopper this!—Philadelphia Courier.

The new legislature of Brazil have exempted periodical and all national publications from the charge of postage—an example worthy to be followed in all free nations.

We learn says the Raleigh Register, that the family of J. W. Bynum, esq. of Chatham, North Carolina, during the last session, raised silk worms sufficient to produce 600 lbs. of cocoons, which it is expected from the progress already made in winding them, will make 20,000 skeins sewing silk, equal if not superior to any Italian silk imported.

It was 40 years on Friday Nov. 4th, since gen. Arthur St. Clair was defeated by the Indians and British in the Western territory, then a wilderness, but which now is a populous and flourishing part of our country. In less than half that time hence, the state of Ohio will be second to none in the Union.

At an annual shooting match at St. Stephen, N. B. 30th ult. two parties of seven men each, returned 100 partridges, 6 black ducks, 6 robins, 17 woodcocks, 70 squirrels, 2 yellow hammers, 2 snipes, 2 blackbirds, 1 pigeon, 2 jays, 1 rabbit, 1 bear: total 214.

Singular advertisement.—In a New York paper of last week, a man advertises for 100 live rats per week, for which he offers to pay 6 cents apiece. When we first saw it we were rather alarmed, fearing lest the presence of so many strangers at the tariff convention was creating a famine among the good people of New York. But the tear of sympathetic grief which we were about to drop over the hard fate of our tariff friends, was arrested by reading a little farther, when we observed that the rats were not intended for them, but for the snakes in Scudder's museum.

An English vessel having approached too near to the volcanic islands in the Mediterranean, is said by the French papers to have been drawn into and swallowed up in the vortex.

Equivocal testimony.—A witness was called upon last week to testify before the county court concerning the reputation of another witness for veracity. "Why," said he, "I hardly know what to tell you, Mr. — sometimes jests

and jokes, and then I don't believe him; but when he undertakes to tell any thing for a fact, I believe him about as much as I do the rest of my neighbors."—Connecticut paper.

[Query.—Are they all liars there?]

A fire happening at a public house, one of the crowd requested the engineer to play against the wainscot, but being told it was in no danger, "I am sorry for that," said he, "because I have a long score open it, which I shall never be able to pay."

A tanner near Swaffham, in Norfolk, (Eng.) invited the supervisor to dine with him, and after pushing the bottle about briskly, the supervisor took his leave; but, in passing through a tunnel, he unfortunately fell into a vat and called lustily for the tanner's assistance to get out, but to no purpose. "For," said the tanner, "if I draw any hides without giving twelve hours' notice, I shall be excommunicated and ruined; but I'll go and inform the exciseman."



## Weekly Messenger.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1831.

Our subscribers, residing in the neighborhood of Indianapolis, will please call for their papers at Justice REAGAN's office: who has kindly offered to attend to their delivery.

Congress of the United States, and the legislature of this state, will meet on Monday next, 24th December.

#### RECENT ELECTIONS.

William Steele, was elected to represent the second congressional district in Vermont—Gen. Wm. Ashley, elected to congress, in Wisconsin.

#### CANDIDATES.

Richard M. Johnson, of Kentucky, and James Harrison, of Virginia, have been named in their respective states, for Vice President.

#### TRANSIT OF MERCURY.

There will be a transit of Mercury, (the planet nearest the sun) on the 5th of Dec. next, partly visible. Mercury will have come sensibly advanced, on the sun's eastern border, before sunrise.

Conjunction of ☿ and ☿	6h 59m
Nearest approach of centres,	7 21
Transit ends,	10 47

SALARIES.—The governor of Indiana, annually \$12,000—of Massachusetts, 3,666 67—of Rhode Island, 400—of Maine, 1,300—of South Carolina, 5,000—of New Hampshire, 1,200—of Connecticut, 1,100—of Vermont, 750.

DEATHS.—In Philadelphia, since our last, 101—in New York, 112—in Baltimore, 37.

REVENUE.—Within fifteen days, previous to the 11th inst. says the Com. & Eng. the duties paid, in New York alone, amounted to \$1,191,925.

MARRIED.—On Thursday, the 24th inst. by Samuel Best, esq. Mr. James THURSTON to Miss Jane McCARRY—all of this county.

#### J. D. WESTON, M. D.

**SURGEON & PHYSICIAN.**  
FREDERICKSBURG, KENTUCKY.



A few of the many of the citizens of Switzerland county, are desirous to offer a professional service to the public. From the known influence of the citizens of Indiana and Kentucky, who have professed him their friendship, and by assenting to his part, he is determined to merit public patronage, and private confidence.

Having received the advantages of two of the best colleges in New England and New York, he will not hesitate to perform any operation in SURGERY, dictated by prudence and the welfare of the patient.

His office is at FREDERICKSBURG, Kentucky. He will be at the house of AUGUST GAZETT, Esq. Troy village, on THURSDAYS, of each week, where his friends can leave their names and business, which shall receive his prompt attention.

A SKETCH, will be kept at square Brown's, for his friends to cross the Ohio river, free of expense. Fredericksburg, Gallatin co. N. Nov. 25.

#### SHULL'S

#### WASHING MACHINE.

THE subscriber has purchased the patent right, for Jefferson township, of

#### SHULL'S WASHING MACHINE.

He wishes to dispose of single rights at \$2.50 each, but will make a liberal reduction to Mechanics. By this labor saving machine, these dirty quilts, be them ever so dirty, can be completely washed in ten minutes, and six sheets can be washed in fifteen minutes, and all other articles accordingly, without the least injury to the texture of the cloth.

JEREMIAH THOMAS.

N. B. One of the above machines may be seen in operation at Jacksonville, where purchasers are invited to call, and judge for themselves. J. T. Nov. 15, 1831.

#### PINE BOX.

The person who took away the PINE BOX that I purchased at COCHRAN'S sale, on the 12th inst. is entitled to bring the box within ten days, to my house, and avoid a prosecution.

WILLIAM C. KEEN

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#### BADGER'S

#### Weekly Messenger.

PUBLISHED in the city of New-York, by the former editor of Zou's Herald and Christian Advocate and Journal. Price \$2.50 a year. Subscriptions received at this office, where the specimen number may be examined.

#### PROBATE NOTICES.

At a court of Probate, held at Veray, within and for the county of Switzerland, on the third Monday, in November 1831, by WILLIAM C. KEEN, judge of said court.

JOSEPH MCHEENY and JOHN DICKINSON, administrators of the estate of JOHN CRUGHER, late of Canton township, deceased, having presented their account of administration of said estate for allowance.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to all persons interested, that they may appear at a Probate court, to be held at Veray, in said county, on the first Monday in March next, at noon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same shall not be allowed.

EDWARD PATTON, clerk.

Veray, Nov. 25

#### Dr. JAMES WELSH'S ESTATE.

The undersigned, hereby gives notice, that he was, at the November term of the Switzerland Probate court, appointed administrator de bonis non, of the estate of Doctor JAMES WELSH; late of Veray, deceased.

ANDREW C. FORBES.

Veray, Nov. 25.

At a court of Probate, held at Veray, within and for the county of Switzerland, on the third Monday, in November 1831, by WILLIAM C. KEEN, judge of said court.

EDWARD PATTON and ISA MENDEHALL, administrators of the estate of WILLIAM B. PATTON, late of Veray, deceased, having suggested that the personal estate of said deceased, is not sufficient to pay the joint debts, which he owed at the time of his death, for an order to sell and convey so much of the real estate of said deceased, which consists of in lot of town of Veray, number 139, as may be necessary for the payment of said debts and incidental charges.

ORDERED—that notice thereof, be given to the heirs and devisees of said decedent and all other interested in said estate, by three successive publications in the Weekly Messenger, a newspaper, printed and published at Printer's Retreat, in said county, that they may appear at a Probate court to be held at Veray, on Monday, the 5th day of March next, at noon to show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted.

EDWARD PATTON, clerk.

Veray, Nov. 25.

#### SMITH TURNER'S ESTATE.

All persons indebted to the estate of SMITH TURNER, late of Jefferson township, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment; and all persons having demands against said estate, will present their claims for examination, according to law.

The estate is solvent.

ABAGAIL TURNER, exx.

November 25.

#### FOREIGN NEWS.

#### Late from Poland.

By the packet ship New York, at New-York from Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 1.—Poland.—In laying before our readers last week the Russian account of the fall of Warsaw, we cautioned them against placing too implicit reliance on their veracity in matters of detail. The present work has brought us, through the Hamburg mail, intelligence from Poland as late as the 17th ult. and we are happy to state, that the affairs of the unhappy Poles are not quite so desperate, nor were the success of the Russians so complete as they themselves represented them to be. The army which retired to Modlin, on the capitulation of Warsaw, were not prisoners of war, as affirmed by the Russian State Gazette, but fell back upon that strong and almost impregnable fortress, carrying with them their artillery, ammunition and materials of defence, upon finding their position in the capital to be no longer tenable.

Russian account of the taking of Warsaw.

Despatches and papers have been received at the department of state from St. Petersburg, containing later information directly from Russia, than any which had arrived by the latest dates either in London or Paris. The Journal of St. Petersburg of Sept. 21, announces the fall of Warsaw, in the following lines from the commander-in-chief.

"Sire—Warsaw is at your feet. According to the dispositions which I have made, the Polish army is retiring from Plock."

PASKEWITCH.

#### Report of count Paskevitch.

The preparations for attack all being made, I wished to make another attempt to effect a reconciliation, before coming to the last extremity, and sent gen. Dannerberg with the last proclamation of his imperial majesty, to demand the submission of the rebels.

"I am equally desirous to prevent the effusion of blood, but though president of the Polish government, my powers are limited by the decrees of the diet, representing the nation which are entirely opposed to the spirit of the proposition made by your excellency."

KRUCKOWIECKI.

#### POLISH NEWS.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—Private letters from Warsaw, from which city the mails now arrive regularly twice a week, but without newspapers, by no means give up the cause of the Poles as lost, but affirm, that to keep and guard Warsaw will be an immense burden to the Russian army; nay, the Polish generals go so far as to assert, that the surrender of Warsaw will be an immense strategic gain to entice Paskevitch into a snare, from which he will not extricate himself without loss. It is said that the grand duke Michael will reside at Warsaw, in the same capacity