

Public health.—There has not been for several years so severe and unhealthy a December." The annexed anecdote is a literal verification of the fact. An ex-officer lost his last in a gaming house on Thursday. He rushed out of the den in despair, hastened to his lodgings, and prepared to load his pistol for the purpose of self-destruction, when, in searching his pockets for wadding, he drew out a lottery ticket. "O heaven," cried he, "and must this paper, which may, perhaps, restore my fortune, be the instrument of my death? No, I will wait the result of the tirage." Three days elapsed, the number was not drawn, but the ticket turned up a prize for the officer, as by giving him time for reflection, it saved his life.

Frightful execution in France.—A convicted murderer, named Peter Hebard, after lying in his dungeon at abbey for upwards of five months, was at length ordered for execution. He was not unprepared for this, and came to the scaffold with extraordinary firmness. The concourse of spectators was very great. Every thing seemed ready. The executioner and two assistants took their place close to the unfortunate criminal. Upon the usual signal the convict's head was placed between the lunette.—The knife fell, but with a trembling motion, and did not touch the criminal. A cry of horror arose from the crowd. The knife was again lifted; it fell a second time, but without reaching the criminal's neck; he then uttered piercing cries. A volley of stones was discharged at the executioner and his men; they attempted for the 3d time to execute the sentence of the law, but without effect; the knife inflicted only a slight wound, and the reiterated shrieks of the ill-fated man excited a thrill of horror in the spectators. The executioner and his assistants, wounded by the missiles, were obliged to quit the scaffold and take to flight. Hebard remained all this time with his head fastened to the frightful lunette. In this cruel situation he remained for several minutes. The chief executioner once more mounted the scaffold, but without his attendants; he made another attempt to separate the criminal's head from his body; he twice lifted the knife, but it fell wavering as before, and missed the criminal's neck. It should be stated that, the last time (the fifth) the knife on being elevated, dangled. The crowd now became furious, and the executioner was forced to seek safety in flight. Hebard, getting his head disengaged, lifted it as from the tomb. Some of the populace cried out with astonishment at seeing a human being stand up after escaping the instrument of death no less than five times. The wretched man now begged for assistance. After the lapse of a few minutes the youngest of the executioners, defying the threats and miseries of the crowd mounted the scaffold, and had a short conversation with Hebard. It would appear that the latter said to him, free me from these cords! for he was still fastened to the plank. The assistant told him to turn his head, and at the same time seized him by the neck, and gave him several wounds with a knife. Hebard's head, nearly half off, hung on his left shoulder, and the executioner was obliged to leap from the scaffold, and make his escape among the gendarmes. Hebard, in all probability, still breathed, remained in this situation for two hours, exposed to the gaze of the spectators. Some persons declared that they could perceive him move for more than half an hour, during which time he frequently opened his mouth. The question is, was not this man murdered? he was not guillotined, he was stabbed standing up, and with a shoemaker's knife. The interests of humanity require the settlement of this point.—*Gazette de Tribunaleux.*

Advice from the American missionaries at Ceylon state, that March 30 there was a dreadful fire at Manepy, which destroyed the house, church, study and large bungalow, together with the furniture, clothing, library and stores of Mr. and Mrs. Woodward, who resided at that station; the amount of property destroyed is estimated at between 3 and \$4000.

Ladies wanted.—A paper printed in the state of Alabama, speaks of a most deplorable and alarming scarcity of young ladies. Every respectable female, native or stranger, found there, is as soon as possible, married to the hymenial altar. The young men are as one hundred to one of the young ladies. Whether the cotton- or the broadcloths are frowned upon or not, the ladies are always welcomed with smiles. They shall have protection forever.

Five pecks to the bushel.—It is stated that a bill has passed in the house of representatives in Connecticut, providing that, in the measure of fruit, clams &c. five pecks shall make a bushel! The probability is, that the members buy more apples and clams than they sell. Would it not be an object worthy the attention of that legislative body, to decide how many ounces shall make a pound of wooden nutmegs; and how many dozen shall make a gross of horn combs?

It is estimated that the annual manufacture of hats in this country, amounts to 10,500,000 dollars; that the business employs 18,000 persons, viz: 15,000 men and boys, and 3000 females, whose total wages are computed at \$4,000,000 a year, which is about \$240 to each person; and that the whole number of persons substituted by the business is from 50 to 60,000, while in consequence of the rough establishment of the manufacture by the first, the business is not furnished with a better article at a reduced price.

It has been frequently said that life is a lottery. The annexed anecdote is a literal verification of the fact. An ex-officer lost his last in a gaming house on Thursday. He rushed out of the den in despair, hastened to his lodgings, and prepared to load his pistol for the purpose of self-destruction, when, in searching his pockets for wadding, he drew out a lottery ticket. "O heaven," cried he, "and must this paper, which may, perhaps, restore my fortune, be the instrument of my death? No, I will wait the result of the tirage." Three days elapsed, the number was not drawn, but the ticket turned up a prize for the officer, as by giving him time for reflection, it saved his life.

Salt in Europe is a monopoly of Government. In France a law exists, that if any person manufactures it for his own use, even if he draws a bucket of water from the ocean and converts it into salt, he shall be sent to the gallies. According to Hassel, there are about one hundred and twenty millions of pounds of salt annually manufactured in Prussia.

Gambling.—Most of our readers have heard of the officer, who having lost all his money at play, received assistance from a friend on condition that he would never afterwards touch a card, or dice; but a few weeks afterwards he was found in an out house drawing straws with a brother gambler, for hundreds of pounds.



WEEKLY MESSENGER.

PRINTER'S RETREAT, INDIANA.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1832

In answer to Caro, whose communication is on file, we are only able to say that the item in the receipts and expenditures of our county: "To clerk, for extra services, &c." was an allowance made to the old, not the present clerk.

La Porte.—A new county, called La Porte, has been organized in the northern part of our state.

State House.—Twenty-one plans were presented to the legislature for a state house. The one presented by Messrs. Town & Davis, of the city of New York, has been adopted.

Richard A. Buckner and Isaac T. Hopper. have been nominated for governor and lieutenant-governor of Kentucky, by the national republican convention.

Petitions have been presented to the legislature of New Jersey, now in session, praying for the passage of a law to allow horse racing, and to establish race courses.

On the 8th instant, the citizens of Norwalk, Ohio, in two parties, commanded by Col. Hamilton and Major Jenny, turned out on a squirrel hunt, and killed thirty two hundred and seventy five.

The steamboat Liberty struck a snag, on Wednesday week, a few miles above the mouth of the Missouri river, and sunk immediately in 8 feet water.

Dexter.—Philadelphia 175—N. York 156—Baltimore 49.

Montfort Stokes is re-elected governor of N. Carolina. Mr. Clayton has not resigned his seat in the senate.

A bill has been reported in the Ohio legislature, to incorporate a company for the purpose of making a railway from Cincinnati to St. Louis.

Stephen Gerrard, the great Banker, died in Philadelphia, the 25th ult. of Typhus Fever.

John Breckinridge and Benjamin Taylor have been nominated for Gov. and Lieut. Gov. of Ky. by a Jackson convention at Frankfort.

Charles Waller has been elected Mayor of the city of Boston.

The two missionaries confined in the Georgia Penitentiary, have cited that state to appear before the Supreme Court of the United States, to answer for their imprisonment.

The following was among the toasts at a cat's show, in Massachusetts:

"The good old beanporridge days of our country—when temperance starved the doctor, fair dealing the lawyer, and moral honesty killed the persons devil."

In the south Carolina legislature the committee of ways and means have proposed \$2000 as the tax on lottery offices, which has received the approbation of the house.

Two steamboats were launched at Nashville, Tennessee, on the 3d ult. One of them is called the Memphis, and is about 400 tons burden—the other, of less size, is intended for shallow water.

The special deposits made in the Baltimore savings bank between the 1st Nov. and 21st December, amounts to \$1,28,860.69.

Mr. Jobard, of Brussels is said to have invented a machine for boring the earth with the greatest facility, in any soil, and to any depth. If such be really the case, Mr. Jobard will be come the greatest man in Christendom.

ENGAGED

In Pooy township on the 29th December last, ^{cases} A. Gazeley, esq. Mr. WILLIAM NEAL to Miss MARY ANN PORTER.

On the 5th inst. by the same, Mr. FRANCIS C. TRAPP to Miss MARY ANN BUTLER.

On the 7th inst. by the same, Mr. WILSON PIERSON to Mrs. EVA TENTER.

DECEASED

At her residence in this vicinity, on Friday evening December 30th, 1831, Mrs. MARY ANN MASTEE, wife of Mr. Isaac Shaff. It is said she died a Christian, testifying to all around her that, although she was about to leave the stage of action below, she had an inheritance above that was incorruptible.

SURGEON & PHYSICIAN

Dr. AND. C. FORBES,

THOUGH this medium wishes to inform the citizens of VEVAY, the public generally, that he still practices

PHYSIC AND SURGERY, in the town of VEVAY and its vicinity. He returns his grateful thanks to his friends for the patronage hitherto extended to him. He hopes by attention to business to merit a share of public patronage, having resided here about seven years, and also trusts that the public are sufficiently acquainted with him to extend their patronage. He may be found, at all times, unless absent on professional or official business, at his office, three doors east of the corner of Main and Ferry streets, on Main street.

VEVAY, January 7.

A word, to the Wise.

I WANT every person that is indebted to me, by note or otherwise, to call and pay the same, positively, cannot wait longer.

RICHARD T. GOODRICH

Township January 7.

FERRIES.

THOSE persons using FERRIES, within the county of Switzerland are requested to call on the clerk of the Switzerland circuit court, for their Licenses. Their attention to this notice may save them much trouble, and a neglect, on their part to do, will be considered as a relinquishment of their right, and no license will be granted to others.

By order of the county commissioners.

EDWARD PATTON, clerk

Clerk's office, Vevay, January 7.

Trustee Elections.

THE QUALIFIED VOTER, of the several incorporated townships within the county of Switzerland will meet, in their respective townships

On Saturday, February 4, 1832,

to elect, by the THREE TRUSTEES for each congressional township, who shall be freeholders or inholders of the same. The election to be held at the following places:

At the school house, on Sec. 16, T. 3 R. 12, At the house of Jas. M. Taylor, near sec. 16, T. 4 R. 12 Bakes' mill, near sec. 16 T. 2 R. 2 The house occupied by John Clark, on 16 T. 3 R. 3 The house occupied by Jas. Mercer, on 16 T. 2 R. 2 The house once occupied by G. Cripps, on 16 T. 2 R. 1.

In those townships, in which the school sections remain unorganized, the electors thereof, at the above election who favor a sale, shall write upon their ballots for trustees, ("S. S.") and those opposed to such a sale shall write upon their ballots, ("No Sale").

By order of the county commissioners.

HENRY BANTA, sheriff

Sheriff's office, Vevay, Jan. 5, 1832.

Brigade Order,

Fourth Brigade of Indiana Militia,

Printer's Retreat, Jan. 7, 1832.

THE several regiments composing said brigade shall be mustered at such place as the respective commanders may direct, as follows:

The 3d regiment on Thursday, Oct. 4

" 14th regt. on Saturday, Oct. 13

" 15th regt. on Wednesday, Oct. 3.

" 44th regt. on Saturday, Oct. 20.

" 55th regt. on Saturday, Oct. 6

" 60th regt. on Friday, Oct. 5.

By order of the brigadier general.

ISAAC CHAS. BERLIN, Adj.

COUNSELLOR M—, after he retired from practice, being one day in company where the uncertainty of the law became the topic of conversation, was applied to for his opinion, upon which he laconically observed, "if any man were to claim the coat upon my back, & threaten on my refusal with a lawsuit, he should certainly have it, lost in defending my coat. I should too late find that I was deprived of my waist coat also."

The Norfolk Herald says, the leak which caused the U. S. schr. Shark to put back on Sunday, proved upon examination to proceed from some unstoped boat-holes in her bow, above the copper. They were soon stopped and she will probably put to sea again this morning.—*Philadelphia Courier*, 24th ult.

Letters from London mention that a disorder there, called Influenza, was very prevalent in that city about the 1st of October. From the accounts, it was very similar to the pervading malady, with the same name, of which we on this side of the water have recently had such general experience.

The Albany Daily Advertiser states that the revenue from the Erie and Champlain canals this year, will be about \$160,000 more than during the last. Last year it was \$1,056,622 dollars.

The Baltimore American of Wednesday says, the influenza prevails in this city to an extent which has never before been equalled. From what we see and hear, we are certain that a large majority of the population has

been or now is affected by the disease. The cases which partake of a difficult and dangerous character, we learn are generally those arising from relapses. We regret to state that Mr. Wirt's illness has assumed a serious character.

The New Orleans Courier of the 2d ult. mentions a report prevalent in that city, that the steamboat Courier which had left the Mississippi for Mobile a few days previous, had sunk, and that only three persons out of sixty on board, were saved. The editor states that he had not been able to trace the report to any authentic source, and therefore hopes it may be unfounded.

The s.s. Virginia was, with her cargo, entirely lost last month, between N. Orleans and Mobile.

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