

**A touch of the sublime.**—Tom Hobbs was not less famous for his eloquence than his intemperance. Once when in his cups and somewhat of a raggy dress, Tom met a stranger and taking him by the coat-collar, thus addressed him: "Sir, I am a gentleman—father of nine living children and master of fourteen dead languages. You, I take it, are also a gentleman and a man of learning. You appear to be basking in the sunshine of fortune, I am shivering in the shade of adversity—you, who speak with the thunder of Demosthenes and the lightning of Cicero, how can you see a poor man go without a shirt or a sixpence to buy grog with?"

**The pension list.**—The Report from the pension Office states the number of revolutionary pensioners on the rolls of the department, on the 17th day of October, 1831, to be 11,876, and that of invalid pensioners to be 3,368. Total 14,744.

The amount of warrants issued during the year 1831 for the payment of revolutionary pensioners, is \$1,005,632.73, and for invalid pensioners, \$168,512.10. Total \$1,174,144.83.

The number added to the list during the year, is, of revolutionary pensioners 281, of invalid pensioners 67. Total 348.

The number dropped from the list by death, and the operation of the act of March 3d, 1819, is, of revolutionary pensioners, 375; of invalids 92. Total 467.

#### DOMESTIC SILK.

We have received a specimen of sewing silk, manufactured by Mrs. Hallowell of the society of friends near Salem, Washington county, Indiana, which, for fineness and softness of texture, and evenness and strength of fibre, is superior to ninety-nine hundredths of the imported sewing silk, and surpassed by none that we have ever yet seen. We know no reason why the culture and manufacture of silk may not be carried to such an extent and brought to such a degree of perfection in this country as to become an important staple. There is no part of the vast territory of the United States where the mulberry will thrive in which the culture of the silk worm and the manufacture of silk may not become a valuable, a profitable, nay, economical occupation. Indeed, in some parts of the country the production of cocoons is already a source of great profit.—*Focus.*

**Good fences are essential to good husbandry.** 1. They save time. The husbandman, who is obliged to leave his team or his labor, and travel to a distant field, to drive out intruding cattle, loses much valuable time, which he knows not how to spare.

2. Good fences protect and secure crops, the fruit and just reward of toil and care; and prevent the pain of seeing them carelessly wasted or destroyed; and in this way, lighten care, and sweeten the hours of rest.

3. Good fences prevent unkind feelings among neighbors; and not unfrequently, vexatious and expensive lawsuits—the evils of which are sometimes seen, and felt, by the next generation.

4. Good fences are an ornament to a farm.—An extended plane—an unbroken view of a lake or an ocean, produces painful sensations; while a landscape, interspersed with hills, and meadows, and forests, and cleared fields, excites lively emotions. Such is the pleasure arising from the view of a neatly and well fenced farm; as associated, as it always will be, with considerations of security and profit—and the certainty of finding every ox, and horse, and cow, in his own pasture.

Jamaica papers have been received to the 30th ult. inclusive. A debate took place in the house of assembly on the 22d, on a proposition to abolish the flogging of female slaves, which led to severe personal remarks between Mr. Berry and Mr. Beaumont, the latter of whom is editor of the Jamaica Courier. A duel ensued, on the challenge of the former; on which occasion Mr. Beaumont twice received the challenger's fire without returning it; upon which they separated. He resigned his seat in the legislature previous to the affair.

A smart shock of an earthquake was felt at Kingston on the morning of the 27th, which lasted for nearly a minute. The vibration appeared to be from west to east, but no damage was done. The shock was generally felt throughout the island at the same hour. [*Philadelphia Sat. Courier.*]

A Mr. Sandys, a gentleman of bold spirit and great wit, being examined before the house of commons, Lenthall, then speaker, put some ridiculous and impertinent questions to him, and at last asked what countryman he was. "Of Kent," said Sandys, adding, "and now, sir, may I demand the same of you?" "I am out of the West," says Lenthall. "By my troth," answered Sandys, "so I thought, for all the wise men come out of the East."

Malbone Briggs, who is now in the Massachusetts state prison, with two of his sons, is now in the Charleston Auburn, to have had seven sons provided for in that institution at one time or another; some of them are dead.

## WEEKLY MESSENGER.

PRINTER'S RETREAT, INDIANA.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 32

We are under the necessity of using small paper—the paper mill was frozen up. We shall have a supply of our usual size, in a few days.

**The Farmers and Mechanics Bank, of Madison.**—I have heard it said, that the stockholders of this bank have recently elected new directors, with a view of putting said bank into operation again—and that one or two hundred thousand dollars of their bills have been laid up ready to issue. This bank is still indebted to the United States, for deposits made some ten or twelve years ago, about \$40,000, which, with 20 or 25,000 dollars interest, is in a train for settlement—the cashier is about to visit Washington city, for that purpose.

**Pennsylvania.**—The premium of \$100, offered by the editors of the Philadelphia "Saturday Courier," has been awarded to Miss Maria S. Bacon, of the state of New York. *Lord's Magazine* (the title of the tale) it is said is strongly characterized by taste, genius and feeling.

May not our influenza be the dreaded cholera of Europe, in a modified form? What say the physicians?—Many hundreds have died in the eastern cities, with it.

**Horse Race.**—A race is to be run over the Charleston S. C. race course, on the 21st of February next, by John's more Bonnets of Blue and Singleton's Clara Fisher, for \$16,000.

**Office Hunters.**—Mr. Bugher, the recorder of Tippecanoe county, died a short time ago, the *Free Press* gives the names of TWENTY FIVE candidates for the office thus vacated.

The territory of Michigan now contains 47,600

Mahlon Dickerson, of New Jersey, has been nominated at Morristown for vice president.

We are told that Colonel John Spencer, of Lawrenceburg, has been appointed receiver of monies, at the office at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**DEATHS.**—Philadelphia 185—N. York 203—Baltimore 5.7

A convention of colored people, held at Philadelphia, several white gentlemen attended, and it was agreed to raise \$30,000 to aid the African colony in Canada.

John P. Bates, attorney at law, of Anson county, N. C. put an end to his existence, on the 5th inst. by taking laudanum.

**WARSAW.**—The name of the town of Fredericksburg, Ky. has been changed by the legislature of that state to "Warsaw."

The bill for a railroad from Mad river to lake Erie has passed in the legislature of Ohio.

There are in France, 38,338 catholic clergymen of different grades.

Baltimore was first laid out in 1729—Annapolis, in 1695.

**RUMOR.**—It is said that John Randolph has been killed, and that with a mortal wound.

#### NOTICE.

I hereby give, to all those indebted to the subscriber, either by Note, Book Account or for dues, due him, that no longer indulgence will be given, than until the first day of March next. All claims which shall remain unsatisfied, at that time, will, indiscriminately, be placed in a proper train for collection. ISRAEL R. WHITEHEAD Mount Sterling, January 4, 1832.

#### ESTATE OF JAMES HAMILTON.

All persons indebted to the estate of JAMES HAMILTON, late of Posey township, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber, and all persons having demands against said estate will present them for examination, according to law. The estate is solvent.

ARIBERT GAZL, V. adm'r D. B. N. Near Troy, Posey township, January 9.

#### Look at this !!!

ALL persons, whose notes and accounts are due, will please call and settle between this day and the 20th day of February next; about which time, we expect to go for goods. This and other engagements, makes it indispensable for us to call on all our customers to help us. Let each one do what he can. COTTON & MIX.

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WE feel thankful for past favors, and invite our friends and customers to call and examine our

#### STOCK OF GOODS.

We have on hand a general assortment of WINTER and SPRING

#### Goods and Groceries.

which we will sell low for cash, or the following articles of country produce, viz. Corn, Oats, Whiskey, Flour and Tow Lines, Feathers, Beans, Buckwheat Flour, Corn Meal, White Beans, Yellow Flaxseed, Potatoes, Lard, Butter and Eggs HOOP ROLLS, light and loose barrel STAVES

COTTON & MIX

Mount Sterling, January 12

#### Steam-wood Choppers

##### WANTED.

The subscriber will give constant employment to any number of STEAM-WOOD CHOPPERS at fifty cents per cord.

The WOOD will be measured and paid for in CASH every Saturday afternoon.

ROBERT FARLTON, Woodyard Sugar creek bend, Indiana, Posey township, Dec. 31.

N. B. Further information can be had by applying at this office.

#### VEVAY HAT FACTORY,

FERRY STREET



**NEW BRICK HOUSE,** opposite his old establishment. He will be ready, at all times, to supply them with

#### HATS,

OF THE BEST QUALITY, AND NEWEST FASHIONS.

For which he will take CASH or approved country produce.

IRA MENDENHALL.

N. B. All persons indebted to the subscriber by note or account, are requested to make immediate payment as he is much in want of the same.

IRA MENDENHALL.

#### AN APPRENTICE.

A FINE subscriber wants an APPRENTICE to the HATTING BUSINESS. A lad, of from 15 to 17 years of age, from the country, would be preferred.

IRA MENDENHALL.

Vevay, November 22.

**Crockett.**—The last anecdote told of the worthy colonel, runs thus: He happened once to be travelling in a steamboat, (where, the deponent saith not,) when, discovering the vessel went too slow for his calculation, he ordered the boat ashore, took it up under his arm, and tramped off through the woods at the rate of ten knots an hour. It is said, he was so well pleased with this performance, that he grinned the bark off three large trees in succession.

**Fearful fact!**—According to the last census in Philadelphia, there are 335,192 more males between the ages of 20 and 30, (than there are females between 15 and 20. Young bachelors, therefore, cannot be too active in supplying themselves with helpmates.

**Denial of Christ.**—A certain Italian having his enemy in his power, told him there was no possible way to save his life, unless he would immediately deny and renounce his Saviour. The timorous wretch in hopes of mercy did it, when the other forthwith stabbed him to the heart, saying, "That he now had a noble revenge, for he had at once killed both soul and body!"

Two gentlemen of high birth, the one a Spaniard and the other a German, having rendered Maximilian II. many services, they each for recompense demanded his natural daughter. HELENA SCHARSKWIK, in marriage. The prince, who entertained equal respect for them both, could not give either of them the preference; and, after much delay, he told them, that from the claim they both had to his attention and regard, he could not give his assent for either of them to marry his daughter, and they might decide it by their own power and address; but as he did not wish to risk the loss of either, or by suffering them to fight with offensive weapons, he had ordered a large bag to be brought, and he who was successful enough to put his rival in it, should obtain his daughter. This strange combat, between two gentlemen, was in the presence of the whole court, and lasted near an hour. At length the Spaniard yielded, and the German, Andre Eberhard, baron of Talbot, when he had him in the bag, took him on his back, and placed him at the emperor's feet, and on the following day married the beautiful Helena.

**Original and true anecdote.**—The master of a school in Orange county, New York, recently observing one of his pupils in tears, asked him what was the matter. The lad replied, "Robert, sir, keeps putting anti-masons on me, sir." The teacher, with no little trouble, restrained the inward momentary impulse of laughter, and inquired of the little urchin where Robert got his anti-masons; to which he replied, "out of his head, sir!"

**An enviable situation.**—A vessel was launched on Saturday afternoon at South Boston, and as is usual on such occasions, the deck of the vessel, notwithstanding the intense coldness of the weather, was thronged with anxious expectants of a glorious launch, and glorious so it was. Well, off the stocks she went, when ill luck, or something else much worse, sent an unwelcome ship across the tow line, as the rope or chain is called that is intended to break the velocity of the vessel launched, which cut the aforesaid line in twain, and to the consternation of all on board, still onward she kept her sailless course. Night closed in upon the adventurers, and without chart, rudder, sail, light, food, or 'grog', they stemmed the fury of the ice-topped wave—boats were put off to their relief, but the sea was so rough, and the new vessel so high out of water, that the approach was impossible, and not till the mercy of the waves the next afternoon left them high and dry did they receive assistance. They finally arrived at their place of departure in perfect health, saving some frozen ears, noses and fingers. Thermometer during the night, below Zero.—*Boston Patriot.*

**Stray wives.**—We have received, says the Allegheny Republican an advertisement advertisement, which, as it was not accompanied by the money, we shall not publish. And we take this opportunity to say, that we will advertise no man's wife, short of 'cash on the nail.' We never knew any woman to run from a good husband.

Boxes of cigars have lately been received at Pittsburgh, Pa. all but the upper tier being corn cobs! What are wooden nutmegs quoted at?

#### MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

From the annual report of work done to improve the navigation of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers; it appears that from the 1st of October 1830, to the 9th of March 1831, there has, by the Steamboat Theophilus, been removed from the channel of the Mississippi river 1334 snags of trees. The same boat has cut a channel through a neck of land near Red River, through which the whole channel of the Mississippi was turned, shortening the distance of navigation 18 miles. The superintendent, Henry M. Shreve, states that during last year, (1831) he had the timber cut off from the falling in banks of the Mississippi river, a distance of about 538 miles, the timber was at the same time taken from under the banks.

A channel has been cut through the bend of the river, at a point called Burches bend, through which the river now runs; this shortens the distance about 28 miles.

The Steamboat Helopolis, up to the 30th of September last, removed from the main channel of the Mississippi 727 snags. Making the number of 2,061 snags removed by this boat. There was 204 snags removed by the steamboat Archimedes, from the 10th of September to the 30th; which makes a grand total of 2265 snags removed by the two boats.

The Superintendent states, that there has been during the last year, five steam boats, one keel and three flat boats sunk by bad management on the Mississippi in time of low water. The river now, from the mouth of the Missouri to Orleans, is so completely cleared from timber and snags that flat boats pass down the stream at all time without apprehending the least danger.

"On the 5th of November last, the improvement of the Ohio river, at the grand chain, near its mouth, was completed agreeably to the act of congress providing for that particular object. The rocks formerly situated at that point have all been removed, so as to make an entire safe navigation at that place."

"The improvements of the Ohio river, under the act of congress of the 2d March last, has unavoidably been delayed on account of the high stage of water in that river during the whole summer and fall of this year.

From five to six hundred hands are employed and are engaged in cutting stone, &c. to recommence the work so soon as weather and water will permit

#### Loss of Steamboats.

On Saturday morning, 7th inst. about 5 o'clock, the ice in the Ohio river broke, and occasioned great damage to the steamboats lying at our wharf. For several days previous, the weather had been open, and considerable rain had fallen, which produced a rise in the river. We give below, as correct a statement of the damage done, as we have been able to obtain.

LADY WASHINGTON, sunk and destroyed—owned by Messrs. Graham, Close & Chatfield. No insurance; furniture and part of machinery saved. Damage estimated at from 3 to 4000 dollars.

NEW JERSEY, sunk and destroyed—owned by Aaron Hart of Pittsburgh. The crew and captain narrowly escaped with their lives; furniture and part of machinery saved. Insured for \$10,000, by the Cincinnati Insurance company for 5000, and by the Ohio insurance company for 5000.

CHESAPEAKE, sunk. She was full loaded for New Orleans; part of her cargo and furniture saved; fate of boat still uncertain—crew engaged in dismantling her. Owned by Messrs. Dobbin, Irwin and others, of Pittsburgh—insured for \$3000 in the Ohio insurance company, and at Louisville for 8000.

The ice continued to run at intervals from Saturday morning till Sunday about 2 o'clock, P. M. when it moved off with great force, leaving the river in some measure clear, and from 5 to 6 feet lower. The fall of the water has left the steamboats Champion, Senator, Robert Fulton, and Guyandot, dry upon the wharf. These boats have as yet sustained but little damage.

The steamboats lying above the steam mill and below Main street, are considered to be in safe harbours.

The CAROLINE, full loaded for N. Orleans, and lying 20 miles below, reported to be in imminent danger.

The number of flat boats, keels, &c. loaded and unladen, which have been stove and sunk, is estimated at about 20.

The different insurance offices of the city have declined taking ice risks in the present season. Cincinnati Gazette.