attempt a coup de main against them whilst they are imploring you as suppliants, they swear in their despair to face every danger with arms in their hands, rather than submit to be the slaves and victims of your frightful despotism. In the fatal position in which you have placed them, the whole world will be convinced that you refuse to listen to the prayers of faithful subjects, who ask only for just laws. May God protect the people!"

### THE AMERICAN FLAG.

When Freedom, from her mountain height,
Unfurl'd her standard to the air,
She tore the azure robe of night,
And set the stars of glory there;
She mingled with its georgeous dyes
The milky baldric of the skies,
And striped its pure celestial white
With streakings of the morning light;
Then, from his mansion in the sun,
She call'd her eagle bearer down,
And gave into his mighty hand
The symbol of her chosen land!

Majestic monarch of the cloud!
Who rear'st aloft thy legal form,
To hear the tempest trumping loud,
And see the lightning-lances driven,
When stride the warriors of the storm,
And roll the thunder-drum of heaven!
Child of the Sun! to thee 'tis given,
To guard the banner of the free,
To hover in the sulphur smoke,
To ward away the battle stroke,
And bid its blendings shine afar,
Like rainbows on the cloud of war,
The harbinger of victory!

Flag of the brave! thy folds shall fly,
The sign of hope and triumph high?
When speaks the signal trumpet tone,
And the long lines comes gleaming on,
(Ere yet the life-blood, warm and wet,
Has dimm'd the glist'ning bayonet)
Each soldier's eye shall brightly turn
To where thy meteor glories burn;
And as his springing steps advace,
Catch war and vengeance from the glance!
And when the cannon mouthings loud
Heave in wild wreaths the battle's shoud,
And gory sabres rise and fall,
Like shoots of flame on midnight's pall!
There shall thy victor-glances glow,
And cowering foes shall sink beneath
Each gallant arm that strikes below
That lovely messenger of death.

Flag of they seas! on ocean's wave
Thy stars shall glitter o'er the brave,
When death, careering on the gale,
Sweeps darkly, round bellied sail,
And frightful waves rush wildly back
Before the broad side's reeling rack,
The dying wanderer of the sea
Shall look, at once, to heaven and the,
And smile, to see thy splendours fly
In triump, o'er his closing eye.

Flag of the free heart's only home,
By angel hands to valour given?
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,
And all thy hues were born in heaven!
For ever float that standard sheet!
Where breathes the foe, but falls before us,
With Freedom's soil beneath our feet,
And freedom's banner streaming o'er us!


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# WEEKLY MESSENGER.

PRINTER'S RETREAT, INDIANA.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1832


*Indiana State House*—The commissioners appointed to contract for the building of a state house, at Indianapolis, have made a contract with mr. Brown. He is to complete it in one year, less time, than is named in the law.

A salute of one hundred guns wan fired from the several military posts in the United States, on the 22d of Feb. the centennial annivvrsary of Washington's birth day.

By an official report, received at the department of state, it appears that the whole number of persons attacked with the Cholera, at St Petersburg, from the commencement up to the 19th of Nov. last, was 9,245, of whom 4,758 had died. But two cases then existed.

The bill apportioning the congressional representation, has passed the house of representatives—the ratio fixed on is 47,700. Indiana will be entitled to seven members, and have a fraction of 9,129.

Several sudden disappearances have lately occurred in New York we hope that the *Barking* system is not to be introduced in this country.

New York city contains 202,957 souls. She will be entitled to four members in congress, under the new apportionment.

Frederick Rapp no longer heads the people of Economy, Pa. late Harmonies, of Indiana.

The sheriff of Lancaster county, Pa. has received the death warrant of Daniel Shaeffer—he is to be hung on the 13th April next.

*DEATHS*—since our last, in Philadelphia, 101—in New York, 163—in Baltimore.

The boards of health of New-York and Philadelphia, have prohibited ships from entering without quarantine, which have left any place in Europe, where the cholera exists.

*Patents*—One hundred and fifty patents, for new inventions, were issued during the last year

A mail driver between Georgetown and Fayetteville, N. C; was frozen to death on the 27th of January.

Guy Clark was hung at Ithica, N. Y. on the 2d Feb. for the murder of his wife. He acted with much levity under the gallows.

The rev. Dr. Wilson, on the 28th ult. was expelled from the right of officialing as one of the clergy, in the legislature of New York, for publishing a pamphlet, in which he assailed the good name of Washington, and reflected on the character of members of the legislature—recommending an union of church and state—and for other misdemeanors.

*Horse Racing*—The citizens of Alleghery co. Pa. have petitioned for the repeal of the laws against horse racing.

*Grasshoppers*—A very considerable number of grasshoppers, were seen at Dennis, Mass. on the 15th and 16th of Jaunary last—they hopped about, apparently, with as much activity as they usually do in the summer months.

*Bachelors Ball*—The bachelors of the city of New York, had a splendid ball, on the 14th of February, in that city.

A runaway negro, who was arrested by his pretended master, in Ohio, committed suicide in Cincinnati, on the 22d ult. rather than return to slavery.

*Steam Boats*—The steam boat Oregon, bound down, struck a snag at Plumb point, and sunk immediately. The New York struck a snag at Riddle's point, she had both bows stove in, and sunk instantly.

*Mississippi*—A convention is to take place at town of Jackson, Miss. on the second Monday, in September next, "for the puspose of revising, amending, or changing the constitution of the state"

*Scarlet Fever*—Gen St. Clair, who was once a physician, cured the Scarlet Fever, by causing the patient to drink, several times each day, of buttermilk, moderately acid, and as much buttermilk whey as the patient could take. This, rarely, if ever, failed of curing.

*Cholera*—The best preventative, it is said, is the eating of onions raw before breakfast with pepper and salt.

Archibald Graham, of Cincinnati, lost his life on the 21ult at Columbus, O. by the upsetting of a mail stage.

*Lightning*—On the night of the 21st of Nov. last, four presbyterian meeting houses were struck with lightning—one at Plymouth, Mass. one Marshfiele; one at Scituate, R. I. and one at Somers, N. Y.

*Olden times in Connecticut*—After the settlement of New Haven, a number of persons went over to, what is now, Milford, where, finding the soil very good, but in the peaceable possession of the indians, were destrous to effect a settlement, according a *church meeting* was called, and the subject fully debated it was then unanimously

"Voted, that the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof

"Voted, that the earth was given to the saints,

"Voted, that WE, are the sainte."

Whereupon, the title was considered indisputable; the indians were compelled to evacuate the place, and relinquish their possessions to the *rightful* owners

### THE PUZZLER.

MR KEEN—Be pleased, if correct, to receive the following, as an answer to the "PUZZLE" in the 22d number of your *Messenger*. The word of seven letters, is 'BLANKET,' consequently the several letters, composing that word, may form the following words: viz. 1. Table—2 Thomas H. Blake—3 Blank—4 Bleat—5 Bank—6. Lane—7. Bake—8. Beat—9. Ale—10. Bet—11. Eat—12, Net. LUCINDA.

Posey township, Feb. 28.

### MARRIED

On Sunday, the 26th of February, by the rev John Pavey, mr. SAMUEL BUTLER, to mrs. ANN MYERS.

On the 1st of March, by Samuel Beal, esq. mr. GEORGE SHADEY, to miss LOUISA GREEN.

On the same day, by the same, SILAS S. COLE to miss SARAH ANN LENTZ.

### SADDLE BAGS.

Last July, I [illegible] my [illegible] bags to a FRIEND, when convenien, he will please [illegible] them [illegible] me. I also, loaned to another Friend, a GEOGRAPHY, printed at Glasgow, in Scotland, which I wish returned.

JOSEPH DOW.

February [illegible]


# NEW STORE.

THE subscribers inform the citizens of Switzerland county, Indiana, that they will commence the *MERCANTILE BUSINESS* in said county, in the town of PATRIOT, (late Troy,) at the stand formerly occupied by William Williams, on the first of March next, where they will keep on hand a general assortment of

## DRY GOODS, Groceries, Hardware,

&c. &c. &c

All kinds of *COUNTRY PRODUCE* will be taken.

PETER ROGERS,
HUGH BOYLE.

Patriot, Feb 15—March 6.

LAWRENCEBURG AND INDIANAPOLIS

## RAIL ROAD.

BOOKS, for subscription to the stock of the Lawrenceburg and Indianapolis *RAIL ROAD* company, will be opened at the office of the subscriber, in Lawrenceburg, on Monday the 17th of March inst.

Shares, $50 each, five dollars per share to be paid down.

GEORGE R. DUNN, clerk

March 1.


## Regimental Orders.

### FOURTEENTH REG. IN. MILITIA,

*Vevay, February 29, 1832.*

The First Battalion of said regiment, composed of the companies commanded by captains Kirtley, Peters, Mix, Lewallen and Bettens, will be mustered at Vevay, on Saturday, the 5th of May next

The second Battalion of said regiment, composed of the companies commanded by captains Montfort, Mitchell, Gray and Tague, will be mustered at Slaughter's, on Friday, the 4th of May next

The Regimental Drill muster will be held at Mount-sterling, on Friday, the 3d of August next, and continue two days.

The **REGIMENTAL MUSTER** will be at VEVAY, on Saturday, October 13

The court for the assessment of fines will meet at the court-house in the town of Vevay, on Monday, 5th day of November next—and the court of appeals, at the same place, on the 3d of December next

☞ Commandants of companies will make their returns according to law

JOHN F SIEGENTHAL colonel.

## THE FLOOD.

*Pittsburg, Penn. February 15.*

We have had a tremendous flood—and Pittsburg and the towns in the vicinity have sustained great injury and lost of property. The river rose considerably higher than they have ever been known to rise before; being from one to two feet higher than they were at the "pumpkin flood," in 1810. The water rose to so great a height shat many of the families on this side of the river, and all on the first bottom of Bayardstown and Alleghenhy town, were obliged to abandon their dwellings. Several small houses were entirely carried away—and several islands down the river have been completely swept; their fences, stock, horses, cows, sheep, hogs, fodder, &c. &c. having all been cleared off together. We will not attempt to estimate the loss and damage sustained, for it is incalculable. Those acquainted with the localities of this city will be able to form some idea of the height and force of the torrent, when we inform them that we had to pass to and from our office in a boat. That it rose as high as Liberty street on Saint Clair street Nearly up to Ferry on Fourth, and quite up to Second street on Wood, being *two, three* and *four* squares from the bank of the rivers. Besides the loss of property, this inundation has caused a great deal of individual distress, and we are gratified to see a notice from the mayor of the city, calling a public meeting of the citizens this evening, to "adopt measures for the relief of the sufferers."

Since writing the above, we have been told that all the bridges on the stage route between Pittsburg and Beaver, are carried away or rendered impassable; and it is most probable that the communication between this city and the interior of Kentucky and Ohio will interrupted and irregular for several days.

PITTSBURGH, *February* 18.

The water being more than two feet higher than it has ever been known, has destroyed a vast amount of property, in and around the city which we have heard valued at $20,000. The whole scene was truly appalling.

Some information has reached us concerning towns belows us; but that which will come relative to such as are low down on the Ohio and Mississippi, we are afraid will be very distressing.

Well-burg, 7 miles below Steubenville, was it is said entirely inundated: the inhabitants left their houses from the upper windows, in boats. More than half the houses in Warren, a small village below Wellsburg, are said to have been carried away.

West Wheeling was also covered with water as also the inhabtied island, opposite to town, likewise Bridgepoet, a small village opposite the island. A paper states that mills, dwellings, and barns, were seen floating by Wheeling.—Time will only give a more correct account of the loss sustained by the inhabitants on the river.

At Brownsville, about 50 miles above Pittsburg, two men were drowned. They are the only persons that we have heard of, who perished by this dreadful flood.

*Beaver, February* 17

Such a scene has never before occurred in our neighborhood, as that produced by the rise of the Ohio river and Big Beaver creek on Friday and Saturday last. The water at the junction of those streams was seven or eight feet higher than ever was known before. Bridgewater, Sharon, and Fallstown were all inundated, as well as the buildings up and down the river In some of the houses the water was up in the second story, and most of them near the ceiling in the first. A great many light buildings were carried away, together with hay and grain stacks and fences. The loss in the range where the water flowed is incalculable.

Among the sufferers in this vicinity Stephen Stone, Esq is the greatest. He estimates his loss at near ten thousand dollars. His old dwelling house and stable were carried away; and a large new brick house, lately finished, and which cost about $4,000, is so much injured that it is believed it will fall—a brick kitchen attached to it was torn away. Messrs. D. Minis and H. J. Wasson suffered considerable loss, the dwelling house of the latter being swept off. The water up to the ceiling in Gen. Lacock's house and his stable and other out houses, fences and hay-stacks were all carried away, and his valuable Library destroyed. At Sharon the Foundry of Messrs. Darrah and Stow was torn away, and at Fallstown the Scythe Factory of Mr. D. S. Stone was destroyed, and Messrs Pughs, Wilson & Co. have sustained considerable loss The Island above and below have been stripped fo every thing, their occupants barely escaping with thnir lives.

The public works on Beaver creek have sustained little or no injury.

*Wheeling, Va. February* 15.

It falls to our lot to-day, to record the most extensive and destructive flood which has occurred in the history of this country. The Ohio river commenced rising, at this place, on Thursday last. On Friday, soon after 12 o'clock, it began to overflow its banks The water rose at the rate of 12 in. an hour, till Saturday morning, when it began to rise less and less rapidly till 8 at night, when it came to a stand and soon after began to fall. The precise height of the river above low water mark has not yet been ascertained. It is known to have risen higher than it has been since the memory of the oldest person now living; it being from five to six feet higher than it was in the memorable floods of 84 and '13. The destruction of property occasioned by the calamity is beyond calculation. The whole valley of the Ohio, from its source to its mouth, within the reach of this tremendous freshet, presents one uninterrupted scene of waste, desolation and distress. The farms on the rich bottoms have been swept of the fences and dwellings, barns, corn and meat houses, with their contents and stock

All the towns and villages along the river, have been wholly or in part inundated, and many of the buildings, with all they contained, have been carried away.

All the low part of our town, has suffered severely—it is impossible at this time to estimate the loss of property; 42 houses, we are informed, most small frames, have been swept away from South Wheeling. The bridge over Wheeling creek is gone. 35 houses were counted passing by on the river, from Saturday morning till noon. A large warehouse, filled with flour, lodged on the upper point of the island. The river is now even with the banks.

*New Albany, Feb* 24.

Since our last, the water has risen very little—perhaps not more than one foot. It has been about four feet higher than ever known before. We counted about 30 houses passing on Friday. Several have lodged opposite this place, which, we learn, are preserved, with other property, for the benefit of the rightful owner Some of our citizens below town, have been reduced from comfortable livers to poor men J. Bence, has been the most considerable sufferer within our own knowledge His farm has been literally swept, and even his provisions with a quantity of produce intended for the lower market, have gone off in the flood. This town has received little or no damage.

The Columbia [Lancaster Co.] Spy, of Thursday, gives a detailed account of the recent freshet at that place, and the destruction of the Columbia Bridge. The whole length of the bridge was 5690 feet, of which one third is gone, and the remainder more or less injured It was commenced in 1812, and never before, received any serious injury from ice. The cost was abou $232,000. much injury was done to private property near the river. The Spy says, there is reason to believe that the injury sustained by the public works is very light—one side of the east end of the bridge at the head of the canal basin, was undermined and the wood work is in a reclining situation; the small bridge over Shawnee run was raised from its foundation, but otherwise is not much damaged. The outer wall of the canal between this and Marietta, withstood the pressure to a manner which speaks volumes in its favor.—*Penn. Reporter*