



WEEKLY MESSENGER.

PRINTER'S RETREAT, INDIANA.

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 1832

Franklin Lyceum.

The Franklin Lyceum will meet on Saturday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, convened at Philadelphia, yesterday.

In Edinburgh, 2000 letters more than the usual daily distribution, were delivered on the 14th of February, St. Valentine's day.

Mr. Farwell has taken leave of the presidency of the Cambridge (Mass.) Bank.

John Adams has been elected president of the Fulton Bank New York.

Mr. Death is one of the white Chapel committee of Health.

MILITARY ELECTION,

FORTY FOURTH REGIMENT

An election will be held at the house of Charles F. Krutz, in New York (within the bounds of the 44th regiment, I. M.) on Friday, the 14th of May next, to elect a Major, in place of Maj. Daily, removed from the state. The following persons are candidates to fill said vacancy:

Captain Richard T. Goddard,
" John P. Lillard,
" James Scott,
Adjutant Daniel Kelso.

GENERAL ELECTION.

Election to be held on the 1st Monday in August.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE
WILLIAM BRADLEY, of Jefferson township,
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER—First District,
LEWIS N. W. MIX, of Mount Sterling.

MR. EDITOR:

Sir—It is generally conceded that little good results from a newspaper controversy; but as Lucius in your last week's paper, has been pleased to make a few caustic remarks on Sempronius' caution, published in your paper of the 17th of April last, perhaps it would not be a miss to give them a passing notice. He appears to labor to convey an idea, that he believes the Sabbath is done away—perhaps he means the law of Moses—and draws the sweeping conclusion that the Decalogue (or ten commandments, as they are called,) are all swept away together under the gospel dispensation. Can any reasonable person, for a moment, believe that the Decalogue is done away? That that law which says, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy?"—That law which says "Thou shalt not steal—Thou shalt not commit adultery—Thou shalt not kill—Thou shalt not bear false witness," &c.—Are these moral laws (or precepts) done away? If one is done away, all are; and if so, all moral obligation ceases, and you may violate the Sabbath day—you may steal—you may commit adultery—you may kill—you may bear false witness, &c. But I for bear. Lucius intimates that Sempronius believes in law religion. I can assure him that Sempronius is pointedly opposed to law religion; but Sempronius believes that laws are made for the benefit of society, and that every good member in society is willing to submit, and to support the laws of the state which he resides in. Lucius has something to say respecting the heart. I would merely observe, that unless Lucius has more heart religion than Sempronius has, he cannot have wherewithal to boast. And believing that Lucius has altogether missed his mark, and aims at a person wholly innocent, I consider it my duty to state, that I will not hereafter say more on this subject, unless necessity compels me to do so. And I feel it a duty I owe to the public to say, (for the benefit of the innocent,) that I avow myself the author of the piece signed Sempronius, and published as aforesaid.

Yours respectfully,

SAMUEL BEAL.

Mount Sterling, May 2d, 1832.

N. B. If Lucius answers the above, he is requested to give his real name, and let the public judge.

To vindicate the character of one of our old citizens, (John Dumont, of Vevay,) we insert the following correspondence. We have no doubt, but that it will have the desired effect.

PORT WILLIAM, Ky. April 21, 1831.

We whose names are underwritten, (being members of the bar,) feel it a duty we owe to John Dumont, a member of the bar, residing in Vevay, Indiana, to state that we were present in the Gallatin circuit court on the 12th day of April, 1832, when said Dumont was tried upon an indictment for perjury.

We heard all the evidence adduced against him upon that occasion—an witness was introduced by said Dumont. The jury without retiring from the box, at the instance of the attorney prosecuting the pleas of the commonwealth, rendered a verdict of acquittal, was there ap-

peared to be no ground for the said prosecution."

We were pleased at the result of said trial, and do not hesitate to declare that we believe him wholly innocent of said charge, and that we never did see a persecution in a court of justice so evidently groundless and malicious.

W. O. BUTLER,
R. S. WHEATLY,
J. M. PRESTON,
R. M. THOMAS,
L. SANDERS, Jr.,
J. O. HARA,
I. HENDERSON.

In the case of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, vs. John Dumont, I appeared as Attorney for the Commonwealth, and conducted the prosecution against said Dumont. When the whole testimony in favor of the Commonwealth had been heard, I felt it my duty to abandon the prosecution, without requiring the introduction of any testimony in favor of the accused. The jury accordingly found a verdict in his favor without leaving their box. During the whole trial there was no evidence tending in any degree to affect the reputation of Mr. Dumont, nor was there the slightest evidence conducing to show that he had been guilty of perjury or of any improper conduct whatever.

MASON BROWN,

Attorney for the Commonwealth.

Port William, Ky. April 21, 1832

The above statement of the Commonwealth's Attorney is true, and I give my sanction to the above as due to Mr. Dumont, who I think was unjustly and maliciously prosecuted. Given under my hand the date above written.

SAMUEL TODD, Circuit Judge.

Port William, Ky. April 21, 1832.

DEAR SIR—I enclose you the statements of all the members of our bar, who heard all the evidence in the case of the Commonwealth, vs. Dumont; also the separate statement of the judge, and the attorney for the Commonwealth. If names would serve you, I have no hesitation in saying that there was not a single individual present (save Everton, the prosecutor,) who did not think and would not say that the prosecution was malicious and wicked, and many who heard it do think and so express themselves, that Everton entrapped you in getting you to Ghent, for the sole purpose of compelling you to swear, before some tribunal authorized to administer an oath, with the predetermination to have you indicted, no matter how you swore. I am one of the number who think so. And I further state, that in all my acquaintance with mankind, I do not believe I have ever seen or known a more accomplished villain than he, the said Jacob R. Everton.

With respect, your ob't serv't,

L. SANDERS, Jr.

It is grating to the feelings of an honest man to be compelled thus publicly to vindicate his character.—But when it is recollected that I am known in every part of Indiana, and to some extent in the neighboring states of Ohio and Kentucky, and that the news of such a transaction will spread as with the wind, aided by calumny to impress the belief, that some legal technicality, and not justice, may have produced the result in my favor: I feel it due to my friends to make these matters public. To his honor Judge Todd, and to the gentlemen of the bar, who have thus kindly volunteered their friendship, and united in my absence to enable me to give to the world, not only the clearest but the highest grade of evidence, that I have been maliciously persecuted. I feel an obligation of gratitude which must remain with my life. For such an act of disinterested friendship, it is impossible for me to return, in language, any thing equivalent to my feelings.

Permit me, gentlemen, to express the wish, that through your whole lives, (which I hope may be long and happy,) you will have many opportunities of doing good, and that the recollection of benevolent acts may cheer the gloom attendant upon age.

JOHN DUMONT.

Hon. SAMUEL TODD, MASON BROWN, WM. O. BUTLER, JAMES O. HARA, ISHAM HENDERSON, R. S. WHEATLY, J. M. PRESTON, ROLAND M. THOMAS, LEWIS SANDERS, JR. ESQTS.

April 26, 1832.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE,

OF

Lots in Vevay.

BY virtue of an order of the Probate Court of the county of Vigo, in the state of Indiana, I will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION, at the court-house in Vevay, on

Saturday, May 26, 1832,

the property belonging to the estate of Salem Ponock, deceased, to wit—in lot of the town of Vevay, No. 97, adjoining Edward Patton's lot, on Walnut street—Also, the west half of lot No. 180, on Market, near the corner of Perry street. Sale between 10 A. M. and 4 P. M.

TERMS OF SALE—Six months credit, with 6 per cent interest, and the purchase money to be satisfactorily secured. The title will be made when the sale is approved by said court.

LEWIS JOHNSON, administrator.

By Daniel Ponock, his agent.

N. B. Should the said court disapprove of the sale, it will, of course, be null and void.

April 27—May 7

Hastings & Knight,

IMPORTERS OF GOODS, AND DEALERS IN
L. EASTMAN, CHINA AND GLASS
WARE, No. 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 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