

The general Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States conven in this city on Tuesday at the Academy in North Fourth street, and will probably continue in session for several weeks. We have been informed that there are in attendance between two and three hundred delegates, among whom are many of the most eloquent and distinguished preachers of the Methodist denomination. The meetings of the conference, we understand, are public; and every evening, during its continuance, there will be preaching in all their meeting houses in the city and liberties of Philadelphia.—*Sentinel*.

Important to farmers.—We perceive from a letter, addressed by professor Eaton of N. Y. to the editor of the Village Record, that carbonate of lime, (common limestone) ground in the same manner as gypsum or plaster of Paris, is found much superior to quick lime as manure, for improving land. It takes about three times the quantity to produce the same effect during the first three or four years, but then it will be found to last twenty or thirty years, whereas quick lime requires to be applied every five or six years.

The Farmer's Monitor.—The editor of the Lancaster Miscellany, in a letter to the editor of the American Farmer, says that farmers in that part of Pennsylvania who cultivate Indian corn, are governed in planting by the putting out of the leaves of the locust, (the common yellow locust, *Robinia pseudo-acacia*.) When they flower, it is summer, and clothing must be regulated, that is, you may then with comparative safety dismiss your flannel.

The Huntingdon (Penn.) Gazette of May 2d.—The rising crop of grain in this county, we learn with regret, presents rather an unfavorable appearance, owing to the severe winter, and unprecedented cold and dry weather this spring. But it is to be hoped that the recent rains will yet give vigor and life to the crops—and that the fearful anticipations of the farmer will not be realized.

Murder.—The Niagara U. C. Gleener says: "The London district is obtaining horrible celebrity for the crime of murder. We understand that a man of the name of Lester, who had made a will, and the disposition of his property by it having been ascertained by one of his two sons, with whom he went to the barn to fodder the cattle, and there was murdered by his son to obtain the property devised by the will. The paricide was found concealed under some straw, and doubtless in due time will reap his reward."

A fatal accident occurred in this county during the past week. Two persons were hunting, when one of them, a Mr. Stewart, received a mortal wound from the other.—The deceased, it is said, was imitating the call of a turkey, which the other hearing, and seeing something stir in the brush, immediately fired and shot his neighbor through the neck. He survived but a few days.—*Vincennes Gazette*.

The Cholera at Barbadoes.—A letter dated St. Thomas, April 7, and addressed to the editors of the Journal of Commerce, says:—All letters received here yesterday from St. Kitts, state that an English ship of war had arrived there from Barbadoes, with the cholera on board. Twenty-five cases had occurred in three days, but none of them had as yet proved fatal."

Spotted Fever in Maine.—The Medical Journal, of May 1st, says:—We learn from Hallowell, Maine, that some apprehensions are entertained by the faculty, that the spotted fever has broken out again in that flourishing town several cases had occurred. Whether these cases are merely sporadic, or the commencement of an epidemic, time only can determine.

Newspaper thief pined.—William F. Curtis was convicted yesterday at the Police office as a common pilferer. He was brought before the bench on a charge of stealing Newspapers. He was a barber at the South end, and contrived to entertain his customers with perfect files of all the daily papers, without any wasteful extravagance on his part; so adroitly did he manage his business, cut so close and shaved so smooth, that although he was never accused of subscribing to any newspaper, his shop was well supplied with copies of each that circulated in his neighborhood, and his patrons have frequently been indebted to him for the loan of their own.

Hanging Match.—At the supreme court held in East Greenwich, R. I., Thomas J. Pepper was convicted of bigamy, and the sentence of the court was, that on Friday, the 27th of April, between the hours of 10 and 1 o'clock, he be placed on the gallows, with a rope about his neck, that he be imprisoned three months, and pay a fine of five dollars. They had better sentenced him to live three years with his two wives, or all of them, if he had more.

Some profound arithmetician being at a loss for something to do, has calculated that every moderate snuff taker, who has continued this practice for forty years, has dedicated two entire years of his life to taking snuff—and two more in blowing his nose!



WEEKLY MESSENGER.

PRINTER'S RETREAT, INDIANA.

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1832.

ROBBERY.—Our informant was mistaken when he told us that Captain Goddard had recovered nearly all the stolen property. The Captain informs us that he has recovered but a small part, enough, however, we hope, to convict the guilty persons. The names of the persons in prison, on suspicion, are John L. Murray, John Hagley, and Vine Haynes.

Laws of Indiana.

The laws passed at the last session of the legislature of Indiana, were received in this county, on Sunday, the 13th inst.

Presidential Election.

The election for electors of President and Vice President, will take place, throughout this state, on the first Monday in November next.

Bridge at the falls of Ohio.

A joint act has been passed by the legislatures of Indiana and Kentucky to construct a permanent bridge across the Ohio river at the falls. The amount of stock is \$500,000—shares, \$50 each—each state may subscribe \$100,000—the company to have perpetual succession.

New Justice Act.

Justices, elected since the revision of the laws last year, are required to give bond and security immediately, and on refusing or failing to do so, may be fined not exceeding \$2,000.

Jurisdiction is given to justices, where executors, administrators and guardians are plaintiffs, and the defendants confess judgment.

In cases of trover and conversion their jurisdiction is increased to fifty dollars.

Persons confessing judgments for sums under five dollars, are not required to file affidavit.

Executions may issue and be served on Sundays, where defendants are about to abscond.

Persons hereafter, to be sued in the township where they reside.

We notice an allowance made by the legislature of one dollar, for one gallon of VINEGAR. I know not what use our legislature made of Vinegar, but should like to furnish a few barrels, at the same price.

Daniel Kelso, was elected Major of the 44th regiment of Indiana militia, on the 14th instant, at New York.

Common Schools.

All taxes remaining unpaid on the first day of December annually, on lands and lots of resident and non residents, (where no personal property can be found to pay said taxes,) are to be appropriated for the use of common schools. In addition to the state, county and road taxes due on each tract or lot, fifty per cent per annum, on the whole amount, is to be added as a penalty, and then to be charged with one hundred per centum per annum, on the amount of taxes.

The probable amount that may accrue, in this county, for common schools, may be estimated as follows:

State tax, say	\$300 00
County tax, say	150 00
Road tax, say	100 00
Add 50 per cent, penalty	
And say on 100 p. ct interest	\$25 00
Making	\$1,000 00

Ma. Editor—Without making any apologies, I shall proceed to answer Mr. Beal in your paper of the 8th inst. To use his own phrase, he appears to have labored hard, and brought forth nothing but law religion. In his caution, he came out under the law of Indiana, threatening with a fine those who did not observe the first day of the week as a Sabbath; and in his remarks, he brought the law of Moses to prove his legal Sabbath. But if I were to judge, these two laws can not agree: the one, punishes those who do not observe and keep holy, the first day of the week, with a fine; and the other punishes the seventh day, with death. I should like him to explain it. He says, "if the ten commandments are done away, all moral obligation ceases." Now I would ask him if Christ's gospel does not teach morality? and if it does, I think that is sufficient. As he bro't law commandments, I will bring gospel commandments. For this, "Thou shalt not commit adultery—Thou shalt not kill—Thou shalt not bear false witness—Thou shalt not covet,"—and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, viz: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Now, Mr. Beal says, if one is done away, all are? well, if his assertions are true, then the gospel is not, for it does not say, "observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy."

Mr. Beal says he is pointedly opposed to law religion. Why then does he contend for this religious law, and why not let every one have the liberty of conscience? As for myself, I am in favor of civil law, but will never bow to a religious law, for that takes away a man's rights and gives it to another. And I think this religious law is not agreeable to our Constitution.

Agreeably to his request, I give my real name. SILVENUS S. KINGSLEY. Jacksonville, May 16th, 1832.

The *Hibernia* and *Citizen* lately came in contact below Louisville, by which the latter was so much injured, as to render it necessary to tow her to the shore, to prevent her sinking.—*Post*.

Presidential Election,

To be holden on the first Monday in Nov. 1832.

FOR PRESIDENT.
ANDREW JACKSON, of Tennessee.

George Boon, of Sullivan county,
Arthur Patterson, of Putnam co.
Marks Cremer, of Union co.
Alex. S. Burnet, of Floyd co.
James Blake, of Marion co.
Nathan P. Palmer, of Jefferson co.
Thomas Givans, of Warrick co.
Walter Armstrong, of Dearborn co.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT.
HENRY CLAY, of Kentucky.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT.
JOHN SERGEANT, of Pennsylvania.

Jacob Kuykendall, of Knox county.
John Hawkins, of Fountain.
Samuel Henderson, of Marion.
Dennis Pennington, of Harrison.
Walter Wilson, of Cass.
Stephen Ludlow, of Dearborn.
Abel Lomax, of Wayne.
Sylvanus Everts, of Union.
John J. Sheely, of Gibson.

FOR PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM WIRT, of Maryland.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT.
AMOS ELLMAKER, of Pennsylvania.

GENERAL ELECTION.

Election to be holden on the first Monday in August.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.
WILLIAM BRADLEY, of Jefferson township.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER—First District.
LYMAN W. WOOD, of Manchesterling.

Two murders were committed in New Orleans on the 12th ult.

A man named Banker Rossiter, committed suicide, in Albany, N. Y. on the 28th ult. by taking laudanum.

A lad named Alfred Yeomans, aged 17 years, committed suicide, by hanging himself, at Constantia, Oswego county N. Y. on the 14th ult.

A Mr Reed recently brought an action against the inhabitants of Northfield, Mass. for damages sustained by him in a fall from his horse, occasioned by a defect in the highway. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff—damages, \$490.

Fifty-seven vessels, and 412 men were employed in the Cod and Mackerel fishery, from Marblehead, the past season. Six vessels were lost at sea. The number of fish taken, was 1,182,650—the whole valued at \$160,490.

Gambling.—It is said in a certain section of the country, the favorite gambling amusement is kicking shins for a pint of rum! "Rare sport! faith!"

Unfurnished Lodging consumed.—A dandy, so says the N. O. Emporium, fell into the fire, and being unable to rise, his head was entirely consumed—luckily there was nothing in of value.

A travelling gentleman, who had amused himself in passing counterfeit notes, was arrested in Easton, Pa.

Rev. Mr. Grestrake was recently married in the Western States. The *Charleston City Gazette* urges it as peculiarly improper for this gentleman, considering his cloth, to have made his wife a great rake too.

A young gentleman of Easton, Pa. lately walked a measured mile in 10 m. 12 sec. A gentleman of Boston, an estimable comedian, has walked a mile upon the mill dam, in 13 minutes, backward!

The Post master at Morristown, Pa. advertises among the list of letters remaining in his office, one directed to old Ben Peck, my daddy, from his loving son young Ben Peck."

An advertiser, in one of the Baltimore papers wants a young lady—to act as fore man of a mantle making establishment.

Lamentable.—A young lady of Knoxville, Tennessee, lately strolled one evening, unattended, to a distant part of the village, where, in a fit of despair, she committed—matrimony.

A heavy complaint has been made against modern romances, full of ghosts, spectres, and murder. The young ladies are so frightened, as to be afraid to sleep alone.

Some ladies of Sumpterville, S. C. sent a hoiling hot nullification toast to the late "Hamilton Dinner" in that state. This is the first time the ladies have ever come out openly in favor of disunion. Rather think they'll repent of it.

The Newburyport Herald states that at the late Town election, "twenty nine Hugreaves were selected from those persons recently married."

A human being has been lately discharged from prison in New Bedford, who had been confined ten months and eight days, for a debt of seven dollars.

Mrs. Hughes, of Jefferson county, N. York, became the mother of three healthy boys, at one birth, a few weeks since. Increase and multiply is an important branch of the American System.

The small pox is making dreadful ravage among the Indians along the western shore of Michigan. As many as sixty had died of this malady.

A proposition for abolishing the Christian Sabbath has been brought into the French Chamber of deputies!!

The poor rates during the last year in England amounted to 40 millions of dollars and upwards!

A child was born recently at Claridon, Ohio, with two complete heads—double sets of eyes, ears, &c.; one throat, four arms, one body, and four legs.

The mail stages between Maysville and Louisville now perform the distance between those points in two days. Lexington and Frankfort are on the route. The carriages and horses are elegant, and pass both ways every day.—*Louisville Post*.

A temperance society has been formed by the free blacks, and other person of color, in Frankfort, Ky. It consists of 94 members.

A letter from Havana, under date of April 10, received by a gentleman of Philadelphia, states that an English schooner had captured the day before a Spanish slaver, with 200 slaves on board, and had taken her into that port as a prize.

Mrs. Eliza Blond, was convicted, at the court of sessions, in Abbeville District, S. C. of keeping a Faro Bank, and playing at that game, and sentenced to six months imprisonment and a fine of five hundred dollars.

A desire to say things which no person ever said, makes some people say things which no one ought to say.

In the Circuit court of Oyer and Terminer, recently held in Utica, N. Y. a verdict of \$550 damages was recovered by Asa Clark against Andrew West, in an action for seducing the plaintiff's daughter.

The following epitaph is engraved on a stone in a country church yard: "Here lies the body of David Young, and all his posterities for fifty years backwards."

A person in New Albany, (Indiana,) who writes himself Abel Smith, Esq. has announced himself in the Western papers, as a candidate for the Presidency. He declares that if elected, he will redeem the old continental by appropriating the public lands to this purpose.

SUNDAY AMUSEMENTS.

Mr. Editor,—The following events are believed to have all occurred on Sunday. If there is any mistake in the date, I doubt not some of your correspondents will correct it.

June 21 1812. Battle of Salamanca.

Aug. 16, 1812. Hull surrenders with 800 effective men.

Oct. 18, 1812. United States captures the Macedonian.

Oct. 18, 1812. Wasp captures the Frolic.

Sept. 11, 1814 Battle of Plattsburg.

Jan. 8, 1815. Battle of New-Orleans.

Jan. 15, 1815. President captured by a British fleet.

June 16, 1815. Battle of Waterloo.

Oct. 21, 1826. Battle of Navarino.

March 22, 1829. Protocol agreed on fixing the government, boundaries, &c. of Greece.

Aug. 9, 1829. Entire change in the French ministry. The Liberals dismissed from office, and an Ultra royalist ministry appointed, with Prince de Polignac at its head.

June 20, 1830. The Algerines defeated by the French.

July 27, 1830. Charles X. dissolves the newly elected Chamber of Deputies, suppresses the liberty of the press, and alters the law of election.

March 13, 1831. A change in the French ministry.

June 24, 1831. Meeting of the French chamber of Deputies. The king delivers a speech in person.

The following is copied from the National Intelligencer. *Pugilism*.—O'Rourke, the Irish Champion, who lately fought and conquered the Black Diamond, for a bet of a thousand dollars, has arrived in this city. We understand that it is his intention to have a trial of skill with Kensett, the English Pugilist, who is now in training for that purpose. Many heavy bets depend upon the issue of his contest.

Cuffing is all the fashion at the seat of government, and we have no doubt that the Irish Champion will have plenty of pupils, if he opens an Academy for the tuition of public men.

A cask was shipped at New York for this port as containing hard ware. In reshipping it, in the steamboat for Fayetteville, it was discovered that the contents were ten kegs of gunpowder. This discovery was providential, as the cask was about to be placed in confinement with the boiler, and the passengers and crew, cargo and boat, would have been exposed to destruction for the paltry object of saving about two dollars!!! The fellow who did this would not scruple to introduce the cholera itself for a five dollar bill.

The humorous Editor of the Philadelphia U. S. Gazette, remarking on the spring weather, and the "spring dresses," says—The dresses which the National Gazette of yesterday afternoon, quoted as some what longer, had receded to former dimensions, and we are hence able to add, that flesh colored stockings, with large clocks, are much worn, at least we saw one pair very much worn."