

## WEEKLY MESSENGER.

**A Murderer.**—A reward of \$50 is offered by the sheriff of Stark county for the apprehension of Christopher Bachtle, who on the night of the first inst. murdered his wife in a most shocking manner, and made his escape. Bachtle is a common laborer, about 30 years of age, 6 feet high, fair complexion, light beard and lame in one of his feet. His voice is fine, and as murderers are, *he is a Drunkard*. He had a brown great coat and blue under coat, besides other clothing when he escaped.—*Ohio Lou. Gazette.*

**A Mail Lost.**—The Post-master at Northampton states in a letter, that the stage coach containing the great southern mail, was driven in the night—stage, horses, mail, passengers and all, over the bank of the Connecticut into the river, at the great bend Passaic-mack, three miles below that town.—The passengers and horses were safe; mail lost. The ice in the river was just breaking—water rising rapidly.



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PRINTER'S RETREAT, INDIANA.

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1833.

### CO. COMMISSIONERS.

The board of county commissioners will sit in Vevay, on the first Monday in May inst. at the court-house.

### PROBATE COURT.

The Switzerland Probate court will sit at the court house in Vevay, on the second Monday in May inst.

The shoe-makers of Steubenville, Ohio, have entered into a combination to nullify as far as they can, the brothers of the craft in New England. They have pledged their honor that they will not foot, bottom or repair any eastern or sole made work whatever, nor countenance nor encourage the same to be done.

The Edinburg Scotchman announces that the corporation of that city is £700,000 in debt, and on the verge of bankruptcy.

In Philadelphia, a meeting has been held to take into consideration the present unhappy state of Ireland.

On the 20th ult. an extensive fire took place at Portsmouth, Ohio. Damage estimated at from ten to fifteen thousand dollars.

In Georgia, a great flood almost inundated Savanna, a few days ago.

Bohea Tea is selling in Philadelphia, by wholesale, at twelve and a half cents a pound.

Twenty-four bills of Divorce passed the legislature of Maryland, during the last session thereof.

### To the candidates for Congress, in the 4th District.

Gentlemen.—The United States Bank has afforded a theme for discussion of politicians of all parties; we, in this Hoosier state, feel a deep interest with our eastern brethren, in having a sound, general circulating medium. The several candidates for the next congress, are requested to inform the voters, whether they are in favor of or opposed to that bank. If in favor of it, what amendments (if any) they propose to make to the present charter—if opposed to it, what they propose to substitute for it.

#### BALLOT BOX.

Posey township, April 23.

That there may be no misunderstanding on the subject, we wish your answers to this request in black and white.

The corner stone of the monument to be erected to the memory of Washington's Mother, near Fredericksburg, Va. will be laid on the 7th instant.

**CHOLERA.**—From 600 to 800 persons fell victims of this scourge daily, at Havana. Four-fifths of the cases reported being negroes.

At the special instance of a respectable citizen and the urgent solicitation of others, we insert the following grave charge against Solomon Washer, who is a candidate for the legislature—we have been told that Mr. W. had notice that such a publication would be made, if he continued a candidate.

For the Weekly Messenger.

Messrs. Editors—When a man, whose crimes are sufficient to entitle him to the abhorrence of all mankind, thinks fit to offer himself to the public as a candidate for any office of honor, trust or profit, it becomes the duty of those who know his unworthiness to inform their fellow citizens of such facts as can be proved, by good and lawful testimony. It is of great importance to society to have officers and law makers

who have some regard to virtue, honor and happiness of their fellow creatures.—Then the wicked rule—the land mourns. It is a palpable honor upon a man of vice & detestable principles and odious practices, must always have the tendency to corrupt public morals, and bring vice into repute. No man deserves, in my opinion, to be called a friend to his country, who will support a villain for office in preference to an honest man. One of our candidates for the legislature, I believe to be a man totally unworthy of our confidence and support, although he has had the address to keep his crimes concealed from the public—I mean **Solomon Washer.** This man's real character is so different from his outward appearance, that it is necessary to strip off his mask and hold him up to public view in his real deformity. Of all the irregularities of his life that have come to my knowledge, there is one which I esteem more shocking than the rest, because the unhappy sufferer was an infant orphan, without friends, knowledge, or power to bring him to justice. The circumstances of the case are too disgusting to be detailed anywhere but in a court of justice. I shall therefore only prefer the charges against him as briefly as possible. He has been guilty of a cool, deliberate resolution, persevered in day and night for about the space of a year, to corrupt a child, at the age of eleven or twelve years, commencing his abominable outrage by solicitation, flattery, and those arts of seduction which practice had proved most successful—which was succeeded by attempting to hire her to comply with his demand by promising to get her a new dress, which she needed very much. But the poor, helpless, friendless orphan could not consent, nor even look up for shame; which convinced him that he must change the mode of attack. Accordingly the first opportunity he attempted to commit a rape in the day time, but could not resist the cries and screams of his little victim, and was obliged to postpone his purpose a little longer; two other similar attempts were made afterwards, when to the unspeakable joy of the suffering innocent, God in his providence interposed to save from destruction worse than death, an innocent child, who otherwise would doubtless have fallen a sacrifice to the brutal lust of a monster.

**JUNIUS BRUTUS.**  
Cotton township, May 1.

John Forsythe, senator from Georgia, has been presented by the grand jury in one of the counties in Georgia, for a political misdemeanor (alluding to his vote on the Force bill and his conduct and objections to the Fugitive bill.)

**GENERAL ELECTION,**  
To be held on the first Monday in August next.

**Congress—Amos Lane.**  
George Craig

**LEGISLATURE.**  
Daniel Kelso  
William Bradley.  
Samuel Fallis,  
Solomon Washer,

**Sheriff of Switzerland co.**  
Ralph B. Cotton,  
George E. Pleasants,  
Morton Craig,  
Pruett Harvey  
Bela Hearick,  
William Keith,  
Israel R. Whitehead.

**CORONER,**  
George Brown.  
Stephen G. Peabody,  
John Stepleton.

## One Cent Reward.

**RUNAWAY** on the 6th of January last, my son, my boy, named **William Evett**, aged about six years. He was bound to me by the overseers of the poor of Jefferson township. All persons are forbidden to harbor, employ or trust said runaway.

The above reward will be reluctantly paid when he is returned to me.

**JAMES FROMAN.**

April 27.

**TAKEN UP**  
By JOHN COLE, of Pleasant township,  
A BRIGHT SORREL  
**MARE,**

six years old this spring, hind feet white, 14 hands high, shod behind, no brands perceptible. Appraised to \$14 00 by Joseph Mitchell and Hugh Cole. Before me, this 25th day of April, 1833.

**GABRIEL JOHNSON, J. P.**

**ATTENTION.**

ALL those who are indebted to **Wm. P. Stevens**, late of Vevay, by note or book account, will please to take notice, that all now due and which will remain unpaid on the **FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT**, will then be placed in an officer's hands for collection; as his business must be settled up as fast as possible. I hope all interested, will save costs and trouble.

**GEORGE McCULLOUGH.**  
Vevay, April 24.

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### BURYING GROUND.

**T**HE trustees of the JONESVILLE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION have, this day, laid out the Burying Ground, belonging to said association, as directed by the bye-laws previous to breaking ground, hereafter, for the purpose of digging a grave therein, application must be made to some one of the trustees, who will point out the spot and take a minute of the name, age, &c. of the deceased person, which are to be recorded in the books of the association.

**LAWRENCE NIHELL,**  
**WILLIAM C. KEEN.**

April 8. Trustees.

**THE INDIANS.**—Within a few days the

movements of the Indians on our frontier, have caused considerable alarm.

A letter dated Galena, 31st ult. says:—“The best informed upon such matters have very recently (within a few days) become a little uneasy concerning the movements of the Indians. Their ways are not as ours ‘any how,’ but there is no reason why they should exhibit their gregarious propensities at this unusual season of the year.”

We have also received a letter from Peoria, dated 3d inst. which says:—“I

delay closing this letter to state, that

from intelligence entitled to credit, just received in town, it appears the Indians are again assuming a hostile attitude on the frontiers: that they are, to the number of five hundred, making demonstrations on Rock river, near their old camp, a few miles above Dixon's ferry. The people on the Galena road, alarmed for the safety of their families, are sending them into the settlements for greater security.” The same letter adds, under date of—“6 o'clock, P. M. Since writing the above, Mr. Crane, the mail carrier, has arrived from Galena, and confirms the statement with some important particulars. There can now be no doubt of the facts.”

We cannot yet believe that we shall have another Indian war, yet the letters containing the above information are from such responsible sources that we should be capable were we to withhold it from the public.

From the Hagerstown (Md.) Torch Light.

### AWFUL CALAMITY.

Extract of a letter to the editor of the Torch Light, dated.

CUMBERLAND, April 15. 1833.

We are in the most distressing situation—about 75 houses, comprising the heart of our town, now lie in ruins. The fire originated in a cabinet maker's shop, three doors north of the Civilian printing office. Many citizens are left without more than their clothing or books. The Civilian printing office burnt, all except the account books. All the stores but one are burnt down; the one remaining is Bruce & Beall's. Mr. Shriver's large 3 story tavern, Mr. Black's tavern, Mr. Fechtig's tavern, are also burnt; also the banking house. The fire commenced about 10 o'clock yesterday, and the wind being high at the time, the flames soon spread, leaving very little time sufficient to save any moveable effects. Nothing now remains but parts of walls and chimneys, where once the principal part of the town stood. The Advocate office is also burnt, saving only the cast iron press (which is much injured) and a very few type; no perfect count.

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George Hoblitzel, three or four houses  
Jos. Everstine, 3 do.  
George Wineow, 1 do.  
Dr. Lawrence, 1 do.  
B. S. Pigman, 2 do.  
Lownds, 1 store.  
George Hebb, 2 houses.  
John T. Singer, 1 do.  
S. P. Smith & R. Worthington, 3 do.  
Bank property, 3 or 4 do.  
Thomas Dowen, 2 do.  
Henry Wineow, 1 do, and \$1500 cash  
Adam Fisher, 1 or 2 houses.  
Capt. Lynn, 1 do.  
George Deitz, 1 do.  
Martin Rizer, 1 do.  
S. Bowden, 1 do.  
J. M. Buchanan, 1 do.  
Mrs. Frethy, 1 do.  
J. G. Hoffman, 2 do.  
George Hoffman, 2 do.  
Butler's store, 2 do.  
Shriver, 3 do.  
Robert McCleary, 3 or 4 do.  
Mrs. Gephart, 1 do.  
Robert Swan, 2 do.  
Dr. J. M. Smith, 2 do.  
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