

The Army.—The returns accompanying the report of the Secretary of War, make the whole strength of the U. S. Army, including officers and privates, 75,977. According to the organization for 1834, it should have comprised an aggregate of 77,988. The whole number of men enlisted into the service from 1st January to 30th September, 1834 is 2111.

The fortifications, &c., which have been undertaken since the termination of the last war, will when completed, have more than quadrupled the defensive military of the country.

MESSENGER.

Private's Retreat, Indiana

SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 31.

PROBATE COURT.

The Probate Court of Switzerland county will sit at the Court house in Vevay, on the second Monday in February next.

At this term Guardians are required, by an order of court, to render an account of the last year's proceedings, relative to their respective wards.

CONSTABLES.

The following persons are candidates for the office of constable in Jefferson township:

James B. Lewis,

Nathaniel Max.

Extracts from the Louisville Price Current of January 21.

Bacon.—The receipts continue light though sufficient for demand.

Cheese.—The market has a very limited supply and the demand is quite fair at the former price, 8 and 9.

Coffee.—The market has experienced no change, there being a moderate demand at former rates—Havana 14 to 15, Rio 14 to 15, Porto Rico 13½ to 14, St. Domingo 12½ to 13, Java 15 to 17.

Flour.—continues to meet with very little inquiry, and a dull sale at \$3.75 per barrel.

Lard.—continues without change in price, being plenty, and dull at 5 cents.

Molasses.—There is a fair supply on hand, and small sales continue to be made at 31 and 37 cents per gallon.

Sugar.—We reduce our quotations for the hind, price 7½ for prime, 6½ for fair, and 6½ for inferior. The bbl. price remains as formerly, 8 cents for prime, 7½ for fair, and 7 for inferior. There is a fair but not extensive inquiry for the article.

Whiskey.—is not arriving freely, and the wagon price in consequence, has advanced to 21 cents, with a brisk demand.

Tobacco.—Sales continue brisk at former prices. The arrivals are increasing.

Incendiary Rum.—While the owner of a soap factory on Monday night was washing his hands, he observed a lighted candle placed by one of the workmen, carried off by a rat, who dived into a hole. On darkening the premises, the light was discovered through a crevice of the board, and on raising the floor the candle was found burning near some shavings, and in a few minutes more the building would have been on fire. Great caution should be used not to leave candles lighted where rats can carry them off. *New York Star.*

Gaining Knowledge.—Again and again, I say, cultivate in your children, a taste for the acquisition of knowledge; thirst after information as the miser does after wealth, treasure up ideas with the eagerness that he does gold. Let it not be said that for you the greatest of human beings have lived, and the most splendid of human minds have written in vain. You live in a world of books, and they contain worlds of thought. Devote all the time that can be lawfully spared from business to reading. Lose not an hour. Ever have some favorite author at hand, to the perusal of whose productions the hours and half hours, which would be otherwise wasted, might be devoted. Time is precious; its fragments like those of diamonds, are too valuable to be lost. Let no day pass without your attempting to gain some new idea. Your first object of existence, as I have already stated, should be the salvation of your soul; the next the benefit of your fellow creatures; and then comes the improvement of your mind.

MARRIED.—On Sunday the 25th of January, by John K. Walker, Esq. Mr. SAMUEL Edwards, to Mrs. ALICE WALKER, both of this county.

Sheriff's Sale,

BY virtue of a writ of *rendition expas.* is said out of the clerk's office of Switzerland county, Indiana, I shall

On Saturday, February 11, between the hours of ten o'clock, A. M. and two o'clock, P. M. at the house of Pract Harvey, in Craig township, expose to sale, to the highest bidder, for even, the rents and profits, for seven years, the following property, viz.

FORTY ACRES OF LAND,

in sec. 21, T. 2, R. 4,

and if the rents and profits aforesaid, do not sell for a sum sufficient to satisfy said writ, I shall then and there proceed to dispose of the *fee simple* of said land, for cash.

RALPH B. COITON, sheriff,
Sheriff's office, Vevay, January 2.

REAL ESTATE

BY order of the Probate court, of Switzerland county, and state of Indiana, there will be, in the month of FEBRUARY next, offered FOR SALE, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder the following REAL ESTATE, on the days and at the places following—

IN SWITZERLAND COUNTY,
At the town of New York, in said county, on

Tuesday, February 10, 1835.

The west half of the south west quarter of section, No. 35, township 2, and range 2, west of the first meridian—also

Fifty acres, a part of the south east quarter of section No. 24, same township and range—also the following to, in the

TOWN OF VEVAY, YORK,

Nos. 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

14, 15, 22, 25, 26, 27,

28, 29, 30 and 31.

IN EARTHQUAKE COUNTY.

At the house of Zack Hawkins, on the premises, on Monday, the 23d day of February,

The south east quarter of section, No.

17, township 10 and range 5 east—also

The east half of the north east quarter of the same section

IN THE COUNTY OF SHELBY.

At the house of James Campbell, on Wednesday, the 25th of February, 1835,

The north west quarter of section, No.

23, township 14, and range 6 east—

also the north east quarter of section,

No. 27, same township and range.

Also belonging to the heirs of William Campbell, deceased.

100 ACRES OF LAND.—The said lands, will be sold by half quarter section \$—one third of the price can only be paid in hand, and the other two-thirds in two equal annual instalments, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, from sale, if not punctually paid when due. The purchaser must give promissory notes, and the land will be held as security for the payment of the purchase money, but the buyer will receive a certificate of purchase, entitling him to a legal title on making final payment. Immediate possession of the unoccupied lands will be given, but that which is under cultivation, will be occupied by the tenants until the 1st of March, next, and in one case until the 1st of March, 1833.

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WALDIE'S LIBRARY,

Prospectus of two new volumes,

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New and enlarged type. Volume 5, to be

commenced early in January 1835, will be printed with enlarged type rendering the work free from any objection that may have been made by persons of weak eyes.

The *Journal of Belles Lettres*, printed on the cover, will be continued without any charge. It contains every week, reviews and extracts from the newest and best books as they come from the press; literary intelligence from all parts of the world, and a register of the new publications of England and America, being the earliest vehicle to disseminate such information, and by the perusal of which, a person, however remote from the marts of books, may keep pace with the times.

As it is usual to wish in behalf of a son, that he may prove a better man than his father, so we, without meaning any particular reflection on our former volumes, received with such distinguished favor, hope and trust that our future may surpass them; for experience ought always to produce improvement, more especially when in our case, it lessens the number of difficulties we had to encounter in the outset.

The objects the Library had in view, were fully detailed in the prospectus; the following extracts from that introductory paper, will prove the spirit of that liberality in which the work was undertaken, and also that we have had no occasion to deviate from the original plan.

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In presenting to the public a periodical entirely new in its character, it will be expected that the publisher should describe his plan, and the objects he hopes to accomplish.

There is growing up in the United States a

numerous population, with literary tastes, who are scattered over a large space, and who, distant from the localities whence books and literary information emanate, feel themselves at a great loss for that mental food which education has fitted them to enjoy. Books are cheap in our principal cities, but in the interior they cannot be procured as soon as published, nor without considerable expense. To supply this desideratum is the design of the present undertaking, the chief of which to speak emphatically is, to make good reading cheaper, and to put it in a form that will bring it to every man's door.

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ADAM WALDIE.

No. 207, Chestnut street, basement story of Mr. Sword's Philadelphia House.

Philadelphia, December, 1834.

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