

Robbery of the Columbia mail.—It will be recollected by our readers that an account of the robbery of the mail between Charleston and Columbia was published in the Columbia papers very recently, by which large sums of money had been purloined from it. We learn that the Post Master General had, in consequence, directed the post master in this city to institute an investigation into the facts of the case by an examination of the drivers on the route, and such others as may be possibly implicated in the transaction. The result of the inquiry has been the apprehension of two of the clerks employed in the Columbia office, and their examination before the Hon. David Johnson, in Columbia, who has ordered them to find recognizances in the sum of 15,000 each, to appear in answer to the charge of having purloined money from the mails made up at Columbia and passing through that office for Charleston, at the Federal circuit court to be held in that place in November next.

WEEKLY MESSENGER.

Printer's Retreat, Indiana.
Saturday, May 14, 1836.

PUBLIC MEETING.

At a public meeting held at Allensville, according to previous notice, on Saturday the 8th day of May, for the purpose of nominating a suitable person to represent the county of Switzerland, in the next legislature. James Downey was called to the chair, and J. K. Walker was appointed secretary, and the object of the meeting being stated from the chair, the following resolutions were adopted with but two dissenting voices.

Resolved, That we consider Joseph C. Eggleston of Vevay, a suitable person to represent the county of Switzerland, in the next legislature of this state, and pledge ourselves to support him for that office at the next annual election.

Resolved, That the secretary, forward a copy of the proceedings of this meeting to the editor of the Weekly Messenger, for publication in said paper.

JAMES DOWNEY, pres't.
J. K. WALKER, sec'y.

We presume the above meeting is null and void, and without the consent or approbation of Mr. Eggleston, for he has repeatedly said, before he went to Indianapolis, and since his return from thence, that he would not be a candidate again. We mention this that the citizens may look about for such a candidate as will best meet their wishes.

A letter appeared in the New York Herald of Friday, "purporting to be written by some unknown person, who is made to confess that he, and not Robinson, was the murderer of Ellen Jewett, the unfortunate courtizan." The New York Sun pronounces the letter a diabolical forgery, and affirms that its author received a bribe of \$50 from the friends of Robinson, to create by this means a public rumor of his innocence. Surely this charge is altogether unfounded!

Extensive Bank Robbery.—The vault of the Merchants' Bank at Providence was burglariously entered between Saturday night and Monday morning last and robbed of bills on the several banks of Rhode Island and elsewhere, and checks of the amount of \$138,208.48, besides \$10,737.63 in gold sovereigns. A reward of 10,000 is offered for the recovery of all the money, and a proportionate sum for any part thereof. No trace of the bold burglars had at last advices been obtained.

At the late session of the legislature, an act was passed authorizing the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of Lancaster, to introduce in their city a sufficient supply of fresh and pure water, and by the late papers of that place we notice that the Mayor has advertised for proposals for a loan of \$70,000, to carry into effect the object of said act.

Melancholy Circumstance.—A young female in Trafalgar got up during a fit of somnambulism, and taking a child about two years old, a relative of her own, she deliberately placed it behind some burning logs of wood in the fire place! The child was immediately rescued from the flames by its distracted parents, but so dreadfully burned that it soon after died. It appears that the unfortunate girl was fast asleep, and when awoke labored under a state of mental imbecility. The verdict of the coroners jury was in accordance with the foregoing facts.

U. Canada paper.

A young man named Charles W. Zeiss was recently tried in New York for an assault upon his wife. She proved that he had, on one occasion, dragged her out of bed and endeavored to compel her to take a dose of arsenic. He was found guilty, and was immediately sentenced to six months imprisonment in the Penitentiary—"and when you come out," said the Recorder, "you will be heir to sixty or seventy thousand dollars."

A Clergyman in a Dilemma.—It is stated that the rev. Mr. Storey, an agent of one of the abolition societies of Massachusetts, was a few days since arrested at Pittsfield, in that state, by the sheriff of the county, on a warrant charging him with being a common brawler. He made no defence against the charge, and was sentenced to a fine of sixteen dollars, and three months imprisonment in the house of Correction. He entered an appeal, how-

ever, and thus escaped the penalty for a season at least.

Ship in a storm.—The New York Star gives the following description of a "make believe" ship and storm at sea, which reminds us of the somewhat similar affair in this city, of which we published an account recently. That in New York is "an ornamental French clock, and attracts much attention. Beneath the dial plate is represented a ship in a storm at sea—mounting upon and plunging down the frightful waves with a motion so exactly similar to the reality, that some ladies, who have witnessed it, forgetting the illusion, declared that they felt qualms, of sea-sickness come over them. The ship is a superb model, bearing the American flag. The ornaments of the frame work in gold, are in fine keeping—shells and corals surmounted by a figure of Neptune.

Sat. Cour.

On Monday night last the western stage came into Cooperstown without driver, passengers, or any thing else, save the mail and the baggage of three or four passengers, and fears were entertained that some sad accident had befallen them. It turned out, however, better than was anticipated. The driver stopped at Babcock's tavern to water his team, and the passengers went in; after watering the driver left his team to call them, and on his return found that his horses had concluded not to wait for him, but were pursuing their journey unmolested by any one—they stopped at the door of the public house at Oakville, and at the post office—waited the usual time for changing the mail then came to this village, stopped at the stage house a moment, went to the post office, and were returning to the stage house, when for the first time it was observed there was no driver. Had it not been discovered they might perhaps unharnessed themselves.

Republican.

MARRIED.—On the 5th inst., by justice Beal, Mr. JAMES VANHICE, to Miss ELIZABETH VANOSDOL.

Also, by the same, on the same day, Mr. GEORGE W. VANOSDOL, to Miss ANN SMOCK, all of said county.

NOTICE.

THE co-partnership heretofore existing under the firm of KING & DUFOUR, is this day by mutual consent of the parties dissolved. J. M. King will remain at the old stand at the corner of Main and Ferry streets, Vevay—and is authorized to collect and receipt for all debts due to the establishment, as well as to pay all debts contracted by and for the same.

JOHN M. KING,
JAMES H. DUFOUR.

Vevay, May 9

Wanted.

1000 lbs. clean picked and washed wool wanted, for which the highest market price will be paid on delivery at our store. CLARKSON & DUFOUR.
Vevay, May 5.

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE.

In the matter of John Gullion and George W. Heady administrators of the estate of Stilwell Heady deceased.

IN obedience to an order of the Switzerland Probate court, the undersigned will sell to the highest and best bidder, on the premises, on Indian Creek, two miles north of Vevay.

On Saturday, 9th July next, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M. on said day, the farm formerly occupied by said Stilwell Heady, containing 130 acres, and being a part of the north east quarter of section number 2, town 2, range 3 west. The above is a very desirable farm, having been cleared many years, with a large thrifty

APPLE ORCHARD.

TERMS OF SALE.—One third of the purchase money down—one third in twelve months, and the balance in eighteen months, bearing six per centum interest per annum from day of sale, and ten per centum damages if not punctually paid when due, from the day of sale until paid.

JOHN GULLION,
GEORGE W. HEADY, Adm'rs.

May 10.

The widow's Right of Dower will be sold at the same place after the above sale, on the following terms—one half cash, the balance in twelve months, with six per centum interest till paid.

REBECCA HEADY,
widow of S. Heady, dec.

May 10.

Valuable Land for Sale.
THE undersigned wishes to dispose of about three hundred acres of

LAND;

being a part of the Woodpark farm, or section 10 town 3, range 3 west. This land will be sold in parcels to suit purchasers, who may take the whole in woodland or include a field of fifty acres, which is well set with grass, and under a good fence. This land is well located, being in a good healthy neighborhood, with saw and grist-mills convenient, and adjoining Wiley's chapel—two miles from Jacksonville, two and a half from Centre Square, about five miles from Mount Sterling, and eight from Vevay. Indian creek runs through said land.

For further particulars, enquire of the subscriber at Woodpark, on the Ross township road.
ROBERT N. COCHRAN.
Woodpark, May 9.

Land for Sale.

In the matter of John C. Montfort guardian of Nancy and John Blunk, minor heirs of William L. Blunk dec.

On petition of said guardian, the undersigned commissioner appointed by said court, will offer for sale, to the highest and best bidder, on the premises in Pleasant township,

Sixty acres of Valuable LAND,

to be taken off of the north end of the south west quarter of section number 4, town 5 north, range 12 east,

On Saturday the 25th day of June next, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M. Terms of Sale.—One third of the purchase money in hand—one third in twelve months from the day of sale, and the balance in two years; to bear six per centum interest from said day of sale, and if not punctually paid to pay ten per centum in damages from sale until paid.

Due attendance given by
HENRY BANTA,
commissioner.

May 10.

SPRING GOODS; LATEST ARRIVAL,

FRANCIS G. SHEETS, & Co.

RESPECTFULLY announce to their friends and the public generally, that they are now receiving from the EASTERN CITIES, their supply of

SUMMER GOODS.

Comprising, perhaps, as large an assortment and as great a variety as has ever been offered in this market—to which they ask the attention of the citizens of Switzerland county, generally.

Black, blue, delia, brown, green and drab cloths, and Cassimers. Blue steel-mixt, lavender brown, plain, striped and diagonal Satinets. Silk and tawny Velvets, English Marines, Bombazines and Bombazines Marines, French, English, and American prints. Blue calicoes, Gingham, a great variety. Fancy twisted Silk, Crapes, Dress handkerchiefs, Gaze, Poul-de-soi, Malcond and Gros de Naples, Black and blue-black silk, Gros de Nap light figured and Queens' striped Silks, Challuts and challeys. A beautiful assortment of plain and figured book and Swiss jacket muslins, Irish linoes, corded skirts, merino, and the best dress handkerchiefs, poncee, banana and flag pocket do. Linen cambric and imitation do. linen cambric and lawn, Silk and cotton vestings, "marseilles" and Valencia, do bleached and brown, sheetings, and shirtings, bed tickings, Green red yellow and white flannels damask and cotton table diaper, cotton towel do, sewing silks assorted, cotton thread, rich silk parasols, tuscany straw and leghorn bonnets, a great variety ribbands, checks and plaids, looking glasses, tortoise shell quill, back and mock tortoise combs, side do, head rheticules, silk cotton and worsted hose and half hose, Bath and Pittsburgh corsets, Mexican mixtures, York do, brown bleached drillings, brown French linoes, green brown and black summer cloths, valencia crape, a new article for gentlemen's wear, a light and substantial fabric, rose and saddle blankets, boots and shoes, and an

EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT OF Hardware and Cutlery,

COLLINS' AXES,
Trace & Halter Chains, &c. &c.
GROCERIES,
DYE STUFFS, &c. &c.

All of which they are disposed to sell as low as any regular dealers in the western country. The above goods have been selected with great care, by one of the firm expressly for this market, and they flatter themselves, as regards QUANTITY, QUALITY, AND PRICE, they will not be surpassed in this place; they simply ask their former customers, and all who are in the habit of buying goods in Vevay, to call and examine their stock, and they will engage that the prices shall be so low as to induce them to purchase without looking elsewhere.

F. G. S. & Co.
Vevay, May 6, 1836.

PHINEAS M. KENT,

Attorney and Counselor at Law.

WILL be found at the Clerk's Office in Vevay.
May 9.

One Cent Reward.

AN AWAY on the second day of April last, an apprentice bound to me by the overseers of Jefferson township, named LEBEUS DAY.

The above reward will be paid for his apprehension and return to me, without thanks &c. I will not be accountable for him or his acts from the day he so absconded.

WILLIAM FANCHER.

May 6, 1836.

Shoes & Boots.

200 pairs SHOES, of different qualities, consisting of prunella shoes and slippers, kip and calf skin shoes, and brogans, just received and for sale by
CLARKSON & DUFOUR.
Vevay, April 23.

Notice.

WANTED immediately an apprentice to the wagon making, and carpentering business. A young man, of good morals, from the country, aged from 15 to 17 years would be preferred.
BENJAMIN DETRAZ.
Near Vevay, May 2.

BLANK DEEDS

for sale at this office,

The Sketch Book of Character; Or, Curious and Authentic Narratives and Anecdotes respecting Extraordinary Individuals.

IN preparing the following work from ample materials, care has been exercised to avoid, in the main, the beaten track of former compilers; to present the reader what was inaccessible, than to copy well known biographies and events.

It will readily be admitted, that scarcely any but the professedly literary have ready access to original sources of knowledge, and what is more to the purpose, when cursory readers enjoy such access, they are commonly destitute of leisure and inclination to avail themselves of that advantage. It moreover happens in the perusal of weighty productions, the mind retains more of general impressions than of particular fact; and hence the great utility of presenting the latter, disengaged from the matter with which it is necessarily connected.

Literary pride, indeed, may be averse to acknowledge obligations to the lightsome volumes of the parlor window or drawing-room, but to the great mass of the community the benefit of their multiplication is undeniable. If called upon to task their recollection, and to speak frankly, there are few well informed persons who would not acknowledge their obligations to collections resembling the present undertaking. Dr. Johnson justly observed, that a material part of every person's knowledge is acquired at the intervals of regular occupation; and rather by a promiscuous attention to subjects as they arise, than by a severe application to them in order. A similar remark occurs in the letters of Lord Chesterfield—and a little kindred discrimination will convince us, that we owe much of our information in matters of fact, to books which present them with ease and familiarity, and may be taken up and laid down again at pleasure, without any material injury to the connection of our ideas.

The principal object of the present collection, is to supply a pleasing variety of that kind of incident, which by exhibiting the marvellous in circumstance, and the extraordinary in character, displays the occasional waywardness of event, and its frequent curious operation on the human mind.

It would be easy to prove that, independent of mere entertainment, a knowledge of remarkable facts is necessary to correct the judgment, even upon every day transactions; and that in the science of life, as well as in every other, it is necessary to become acquainted with the exception of the general rule. To estimate properly what is, we must possess some knowledge of what may be—and the information is only to be acquired by an attention to the memorable and peculiar, which have been.

With respect to the heads under which our subject matter is arranged, little need be observed. The first of them, *Extraordinary Individuals*, allowed of amusing variety, which is essential to this order of compilation.

Under the head of *Credulity and Fanaticism* are arranged some details which exhibit the tendency of the human mind to create for itself chimeras, and of the contagious nature of the insanity which is the consequence. In the class of cases denominated *Voluntary Human Suffering*, are displayed a few examples of a species of misery arising out of the perversity of human nature. It would be difficult to invent greater torments than mankind inflict upon themselves when impelled by baneful and superstitious ideas of the benevolent Creator of all things.

On the succeeding division, *Interesting Occurrences*, the title is sufficiently indicative—it is distinguished from the first, by exhibiting singular and impressive incident, rather than character, although necessarily descriptive of both.

In conclusion, the present work is presented to the public, with a perfect conviction that it cannot offend and, also, with a hope that it will be received with complacency.

SOME OF THE CONTENTS.

Extraordinary Individuals—Arnaud du Tilh, the Demetriuses of Russia, Madam Tiquet, France, the Lunatic, Renee Corbeau, Madam Rovere, the Diary of Luc Antonio Viterbi, who starved himself to death, the Italian Sleep-walker, William Lithgow, the Traveller, Richard Peeke, James Crichton, Mother Damnable, Valentine Greatraks, James Naylor, Henry Jenkins, John Kelsey, Ludwick Muggleton, Mrs. Aphra Behn, Aspidia, Madme du Barre, Phebe Brown, the Mysterious Stranger, George Bruce, Mul'd Sack, a notorious Robber, Sir Jervas Yelvis, Archibald Armstrong, the Jesier, the Two Brothers Anne George Bellamy, Susanna Maria Cibber, Joseph Clark, Titus Oates, alias Bob Ferguson, Thomas Venner, Colly Mally Puff, Eugene Aram, Matthew Hopkins, the Witch-finder, Jeffrey Huisson, Blasi de Manfre, Catharina, Countess Dowager of Schwartzburg Richard Savage, Lewis de Bois-si, Reverend Arthur O'Leary, &c.

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WILLIAM R. WILEY, J. P.

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A fine selection of Ladies Bonnets, just received and for sale by
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Vevay, April 23.

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MARY PALMER.

February 13, 1836.

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Vevay, May 2, 1836.