

William Wirt, of Virginia, has received from the President the appointment of Attorney General of the United States. *Nat. Intel*

INDIAN FIGHT.

Information of a Shawnee Chief.
The Cherokees and their allies, with the loss of one man killed and a few wounded, have killed 83 and taken upwards of 100 of the confederacy formerly mentioned, with much plunder, and have destroyed the crops and burnt the town of the Osages of Arkansas. It is also said that a number of scalps taken from the whites were found with the baggage of the Osages. — *Emigrant.*

Destructive Fire.

A fire broke out at Albany on Saturday evening last, at 7 o'clock, which consumed 21 buildings with the greatest part of their contents — A part of the buildings were occupied as shops and groceries, and one of them was tenanted by five families. The sufferers are most of them in indigent circumstances.

Washington, Nov. 15.

John C. Calhoun, of South Carolina, (for many years a distinguished representative in congress) has received from the president the appointment of secretary for the department of war.

The Minister of Portugal, (the Chevalier Correa de Serra) has taken up his winter residence in the city.

The British Envoy (Mr. Bagot) is the only Foreign Minister who has for some time past been a regular resident here.

He has lately returned to the city from a friendly visit to Mr. Madison, at his seat in Virginia.

IMPORTANT.

It is circulated among the knowing ones of Washington that the Spanish minister has been authorised by his master, Ferdinand VII to make an offer of Florida to the U. States, upon terms that our government will find it advantageous to accept. It is also conjectured the purchase will speedily be effected. *Georgetown Mes.*

It is said that living Mammoths have lately been seen near the Rocky Mountains. — *Emigrant.*

QUEBEC, OCT. 21.

Arrived in this city on the 19th inst. via the Temiscouata portage, Col. Bouchette, surveyor general of lower Canada accompanied by Captain Cairnes, late of the 60th regt. & Mr. Joseph Bouchette, junior. We have only been able to learn, respecting the progress of the new boundary line, that the exploring survey has been prolonged from the source of the St. Croix to the river Ristigouche, a distance of about 100 miles, in the course of which the parties of both nations experienced difficulties and sufferings of the most arduous nature.

The Americans employed in the exploring survey may be expected here in a few days by the same route, on their way to the state of Vermont; the British party having returned to Saint Andrews, New Brunswick, by the river St. John.

DREADFUL MORTALITY.

The deaths at New-Orleans, from the 1st June, to the 6th Sept. last are stated to amount to twenty seven hundred.

RUMOUR—It has been rumoured, (says the Washington City Gazette) that the state of Georgia has threatened to take possession of East Florida herself if the general government will not immediately adopt measures to restore tranquility to that province. The collection of the negroes is so great that serious apprehensions are entertained for the security of that state; and it is with a view to provide against this danger that Georgia is said to be determined on the measure suggested.

The Plague.

Eighty persons per day were dying of the plague at Algiers. Nothing was attempted to arrest the progress of the malady. It rages dreadfully at Constantinople.

The governor of Gibraltar has announced that he has received official information that the plague was increasing in Algiers, the number of deaths in the city alone, amounting to 150 per day.

CINCINNATI, NOV. 21.

The valuable Saw-Mill on the bank of the river called the Ox Saw-Mill, owned by Mr. J. Palmer, was consumed by fire on Friday evening last. The loss is estimated at about seven thousand dollars.

Just as our paper was going to press, we were informed of the loss of the Steam Boat LEXINGTON, near Natchez; — four persons drowned; none of the cargo

saved. This accident happened during the night when the passengers were in bed, and was caused by the vessel running on a snag. — *Reporter.*

THE WESTERN SUN.

Vincennes...DECEMBER 13.

State Legislature.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

CORYDON, MONDAY, December 1.
The following members appeared, produced their credentials, were sworn in the usual form, and took their seats: to wit:—*From the County of*

Posey—Dann Lynn.
Perry—Samuel Conner.
Warrick—Ratcliff Boon.
Gibson—Rich. Daniel & Jas. Campbell
Knox—George R. C. Sullivan, Robert Bunton, and John McClure.
Orange—Samuel Chambers.
Harrison—James B. Slaughter, Jacob Zenor and William D. Littell.
Washington—Samuel Milroy and Alexander Little.
Jackson—William Graham.
Clark—Benjamin Ferguson, Thomas Carr and Charles Beggs.
Jefferson—Williamson Dunn & Nathaniel Hunt.
Switzerland—Ralph Cotton.
Dearborn—Amos Lane.
Franklin—Stephen C. Stephens, Jas. Snowden and John Bryson.
Wayne—Joseph Holman, John Scott and Robert Hill.

The House proceeded to the choice of a Speaker; whereupon the ballots being counted it appeared that Amos Lane was duly elected.

John F. Ross was chosen Clerk, and Robert Biggs door keeper.

The speaker laid before the house the resignation of Moses Wiley, a member elect from the county of Dearborn.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, a committee of elections was appointed, and the house adjourned. *Ind. Gaz.*

Senate.

MONDAY, December 1.

The following members of the Senate appeared and took their seats; viz.

From the counties of
Knox, Sullivan & Davis—Wm. Polke.
Warrick, Perry & Posey—Danl. Grass.
Harrison—Dennis Pennington.
Jefferson & Switzerland—John Paul.
Dearborn—Ezra Ferris.
Franklin—John Conner.
Gibson & Pike—Isaac Montgomery.
Washington, Orange & Jackson—John Depauw.

Wayne—Patrick Baird.
James Dill was elected Secretary—
And Henry Batman Door Keeper.

On motion of Mr. Ferris, the following

Committees were appointed: viz.—

Committee of Elections—Messrs. Polke

Pennington and Paul.

Committee of enrolled bills—Messrs.

Montgomery and Ferris.

A Committee of arrangement—Messrs.

Grass and Conner. *Id.*

It is suggested by a writer in the Baltimore Patriot, and the suggestion is probably correct, that it is the intention of Mr. Clay to endeavor to procure at the next session, the passage of a law authorizing a commutation of soldier's bounty lands for money, at the rate of one dollar per acre. This measure it appears to us would be equally advantageous to both parties; to the nation and to the soldier. The one would save at least fifty per cent. of the actual amount of the bounty; computing the land at its lowest value of two dollars per acre; and the latter would gain at least one hundred per cent. on the amount of his sale, if now made. There is such an emulation among the soldiers to sell their patents the moment they obtain them that sales are frequently made it is said, at 50 dollars for the 160 acres. It is desirable, for the interests of the soldiers, that the intention to introduce such a proposition should be generally known. The effect of a diffusion of this information will be if not to prevent the soldier from selling, to secure to him a price nearer the value of his land than he can now obtain. — *Nat. Int.*

DOWN LOTS FOR SALE

I WISH to dispose of a number of BUILDING LOTS in the town of BUESSON—also three lots with two good buildings thereon, now occupied as a store & tavern—also 40 or 50 acres of first rate land, adjoining the same. A great bargain will be given in the above property for a part paid in hand, and a reasonable credit for the balance.

JAMES DUNKIN.

April 17

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NEW & CHEAP GOODS

WE have just received from Baltimore, and are now opening a

large and general assortment of
**EUROPEAN & AMERICAN
GOODS,**

particularly suited to this Market, and selected by a partner residing in Baltimore,

CONSISTING OF

WOOLEN, COTTON, and SILK	} Dry-Goods.	HARD QUEENS CHINA TIN, GLASS, and IRON	} Wares.
4th Proof Cogniac Brandy. MADEIRA TENERIFFE, and MALAGA		Wines.	
OLD JAMAICA SPIRITS.			

HATS & SHOES Assorted.

SHAD
MACKEREL and
HERRINGS.

HAVANA CIGARS

COFFEE, By the BARREL.

Together with a general Assortment of

GROCERIES.

Which we will sell low for CASH, or for Country produce suitable for Shipping.

Our country friends are particularly invited to give us a call.

SAMUEL HILL & Co.

Nearly Opposite C. Graeter's Tavern.

Vincennes, December 13th, 1817.

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TAXES

IN pursuance to an act of the general assembly in such case made and provided—I will proceed to expose to sale at the Court House door in Petersburg, on Monday the 12th of January next, the following tracts of land & lots of ground in Petersburg or so much thereof as will bring the Tax and costs due thereon for the present year, viz.

Owners Names.	Ac's.	Rate.	Tax.
Lemuel Baldwin,	160	2d	\$2.10
Geo. Ewing & co.	320	2d	4.20
Geo. Teverbaugh	160	3d	1.20
Jas. Fransley	350	2d	4.59 3-8
Geo. Wallace	160	2d	2.10

LOTS IN THE TOWN OF PORTERSVILLE,

Owners Names.

Josephs Hays 2.	Elisha Hammons 2
W. Hammons 2.	Arthur Hutchins, 2
Edward Hunt 2.	Samuel Kelso, 4.
Wm. Curry, 3	Henry Foster, 1.
Robt. Foster. 1.	

ADAM HOPE,

Sheriff of Pike County.

December 10th, 1817 2—tf

Notice.

To the citizens of the counties of Knox, Sullivan, and Davis is hereby given.

BY authority vested in me by the 4th section of the act laying duties on the sales at auction, passed July 24th 1813, and as amended March 24th 1814—I have appointed B. V. Beckes, of Vincennes, auctioneer for the above mentioned counties. "Sec. 2d, and it further enacted—That no person shall exercise the trade or business of an auctioneer, by the selling of any goods wares and merchandise whatsoever, by auction, or any other mode of sales whereby the best or highest bidder is deemed to be the purchaser, unless such person shall have a licence or other special authority continuing in force pursuant to the directions of this act, on pain of forfeiting for every such sale at auction, the sum of four hundred dollars, together with the sums or duties payable by this act upon the goods wares and merchandise so sold: Provided however, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to require a licence for the sale at auction of any estate goods, chattels, or other thing, which by this act are not made liable to duty or exempted from duty."

DAVID M. HALE,

Collector of the Revenue for the Collection District of Indiana.
December 10, 1817. 2—tf

RUNAWAY,



FROM the subscriber an indentured boy named,

Benjamin Prior,

all persons are hereby forewarned from harboring him under the penalty of the law.—Any person taking up said runaway and returning him to the subscriber shall be paid all reasonable expenses.

CHAS. SMITH.

Dec. 12th, 1817

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NEW GOODS.

THE subscriber has received from Philadelphia,

A LARGE & GENERAL

ASSORTMENT OF

MERCHANDISE

And

GROCERIES.

which he will sell Wholesale or Retail, at reduced prices.—Persons having cash to give for Merchandise will find it to their interest to give him a call,

J. B. McCALL.

Vincennes, Dec. 12, 1817 2—16w

Masonic.

THE members of Vincennes Lodge, No. 15, of A. Y. M. are requested to be punctual in their attendance at the Lodge Room, on Saturday the 27th inst. at 8 o'clock A. M. to celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist.—A sermon will be preached at the Court-House, to commence at 12 o'clock precisely.—Transient Brethren are invited to attend.

By Order of the W. M.

V. J. BRADLEY, Sect'y.

Dec, 12th, 1817.

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LAW NOTICE.

JAMES B. BENNETT,

Attorney and Councillor at Law

WILL practice, in the first Circuit, the Supreme Court, and occasionally in other parts of the state.—He keeps his office in the room adjoining the Centinel office.

44—tf Vincennes, Sept. 26, 1817