

ITEMS.

BUSINESS AT ST. LOUIS.—The St. Louis Gazette states that six merchants of that city, within three weeks, sold about \$100,000 worth of goods—most, ly for cash—the credit on the residue being very short.

Father Matthew lately administered the Temperance pledge to 100,000 persons in two days.

The Boston Journal states that the Pacha of Egypt has issued a firman, directing the release of the persecuted Jews at Damascus, and forbidding any person to molest them in future.

The steam ship Acadia left Boston September 1st, at 12 o'clock, M. and arrived at Liverpool September 13, at 12 o'clock, midnight, making the passage in 12 days and 12 hours; left Liverpool Oct 4th, at 4 o'clock, P. M. and arrived again October 17th, at 8 o'clock, A. M., making the passage in 13 days and 14 hours. Thus the two passages were made in 25 days and 4 hours, notwithstanding the detention at Halifax on both trips. This is truly an astonishing performance.

The grand total capital represented by all property in Great Britain and Ireland is estimated at £3,620,000,000. The value of all sorts of public property is £103,000,000. The value of lands, ships, canals, railroads, mines, horses, timber, crops, &c., is estimated at £2,945,000,000. The value of all sorts of furniture, apparel, plate, specie, money in chancery, savings banks, &c., estimated at £580,000,000. The national debt is about £764,000,000.

DEATH OF RACERAS.—The sixteen mile race on the Louisville course, on the 9th inst., was too severe for the horses engaged in it. Sambo, who won the first heat, and Darnley who won the third, died on Friday night. The other two were too much injured, it is thought, ever to run again. Mary Morris, it is feared, will die. In the words of a certain jury, "saved the owners' right."

The Baltimore Patriot expresses the opinion, that the Bunker Hill Monument will now advance with out delay, and that preparations will be immediately made for raising this imposing structure to its designed elevation.

Several of the New York papers are endeavoring to induce the proprietors of the Atlantic steamers to make such arrangements as will prevent the arrival of those vessels on Sunday.

The Baltimore papers mention a rumor that Benj. C. Howard of that city has been appointed Minister to Austria.

A fellow named Shaffer was convicted at Orwigsburg on Tuesday last, on two separate indictments, for stealing a cow and a calf. He was sentenced to three years solitary confinement in the Eastern penitentiary for each offence. The fellow's hair had not yet grown long since his release from two years boarding in the same magnificent mansion.

Oliver Ames, of West Bridgewater, Mass., commenced life by making a dozen shovels, which he took to market in a wagon. He now owns three extensive factories at Easton, Braintree and West Bridgewater—employs sixty workmen, and has four teams to carry his shovels to market. His profits are twenty thousand dollars annually.

TRADES UNION.—The trial of certain journeymen shoemakers in Boston, charged with conspiracy, a Trades Union "Concern," has resulted in a verdict of "guilty." The gist of the matter lay in the proof that the society attempted to fix prices for others than themselves, and attempted to coerce journeymen into membership with them.

New Foundry.

The extensive new Machine Shop of Messrs. HAYWOOD & SYDNER, lately erected at this place, is now in successful operation. They have already done some castings, and every thing about the establishment is full of activity and enterprise. We shall take occasion to refer to it again, as soon as the political excitement is over.

Danville Democrat.

New Furnaces.

We understand that the two new furnaces belonging to Messrs. BINKLE, CHAMBERS & Co. are now nearly completed as to be set in place by the middle of next month. Their small supply of coal occasioned by the repairs of the North Branch Canal, and the scarcity of boats to procure them, are the reasons for not commencing sooner. The stacks and outbuildings present a grand spectacle to the beholder; the engine for the works is of ninety horse power. Note anon.

Danville Democrat.

ADVENTURE WITH A BEAR.—Last week while Mr. Isaac Foshay, of Studholm, L. C. and his servant Mark, accompanied by a lad (a son of Mr. Stark) of fourteen years of age, were on an excursion shooting partridge, they fell in with a bear. Mr. F., who is noted for his tenacity in such cases, without hesitation fired his lead in the bear's face, his man at the same time firing into his side. Mr. Bruin was only enraged but not seriously wounded, and proceeded forthwith to avenge the insult, by seizing the man and giving him an affectionate hug. Mr. F. ran and seizing the bear by the beard, endeavored, not like David of old, to smite him, but to disengage the man—he, however, got himself into the same tangle, as Bruin found room enough in his capacious arms for both. The lad seeing his father in jeopardy did not hesitate to place himself in the same situation, for as Mr. Foshay's suggestion, he took his knife from his pocket, and severed the bear's jugular vein, and so put an end to the contest.

St. John N. B. Morning News

INTERFERENCE IN RUSSIA.—Nearly a fourth part of the revenue of Russia is derived from the sale of spirits. This sale is kept entirely in the hands of the imperial government. The outspread wings of the Russian Eagle are over the door of every gin shop in every village throughout that vast empire. Brandy is the only spirits of which travellers make mention. Mr. Pinkerton calculates that "the enormous quantity of eighty-two millions of gallons of brandy alone are drunk every year by the peasantry of that empire." The pop-

ulation being over sixty millions, it amounts to one gallon and third for each person. In Scotland however, it must be remembered, that parliamentary returns give three gallons of spirits as the average quota of every man, woman and child throughout that part of the realm.

[Boston Recorder.

CREAP AND VALUABLE MANURE.—Raised a platform of earth, eight feet wide, one foot high, and of any length, according to the quantity wanted, on the headland of a field. On the first stratum of earth lay a thin stratum of lime fresh from the kiln, dissolve or slake this with salt brine or sea water, from the nose of a watering pot; add immediately another layer of earth, then lime and trine as before carrying it to any convenient height. In a week it should be turned over, carefully broken and mixed, so that the mass may be thoroughly incorporated. This compost doubles the crop of potatoes and cabbages, and is actually better than stable dung.

Table of Elections.

The following table will be found handy and useful as a matter of reference. It has been compiled with great care, and is believed to be accurate:

Table with columns: State, Presidential Election, No. of Electors. Lists states from New Hampshire to Delaware.

The electors meet at the capitals of the respective States in which they are chosen, on the second day of December, and give in their ballots for President and Vice President.

Popular Vote at the Presidential Election in 1836.

Table with columns: Van Buren, White & Harrison, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, etc.

Notes of the Electoral Colleges, 1836.

Table with columns: Name, Votes, Martin Van Buren had of electors, Wm. H. Harrison, Daniel Webster, H. L. White, etc.

THE CAUSE OF DISEASE.

Nearly all classes of disease, are caused by some obstruction in the system, which prevent the regular and wholesome operation of the animal functions. This state of the system, is disease, which is manifested in a variety of forms, more or less malignant in their character. To restore the system to a state of health, then, it is only necessary to remove the cause of disease, and the end is accomplished. The cause is obstruction somewhere. This can be removed by purgation, which is the only means that should be resorted to, because, suggested by reason, and by nature. Dr. Harlich's Strengthening and German Aperient Pills, are allowed by the thousands who have used them, to be the best purgative medicine in existence. Because, they not only remove all obstructions, and purge the system of its impurities, but, because, and which is extremely important, strengthen and give proper tone to the stomach, and produce a healthy action of all the parts. Besides, they are so mild and gentle in their operation, as to render them at all times a perfectly safe and desirable remedy. The afflicted would do well, then, to purchase a box or two of this invaluable medicine, and give it a fair trial, instead of destroying their systems with off-putting doses of calomel, and other drugs, so injurious to human life and happiness.

[Danville Democrat.

COAL TRADE.—The amount of coal carried on the Danville and Potsville Rail Road to Sunbury for shipping, during the week ending on Oct. 30, is 526 Tons. Per last report, 8,834

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Jacob Shaffer's Estate.

ALL persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate of Jacob Shaffer, late of Augusta township Northumberland county, dec'd., are hereby requested to make payment on or before the 31st day of October, inst., and those having accounts against said estate, will make them known, properly authenticated for settlement.

JOHN BLOOM, Administrator.

Oct. 3, 1840.—if.

Married.

In Harrisburg, on Tuesday morning the 27th inst., by the Rev. Charles V. Kelly, CHAMBERS J. SCHULTZ, Esq. Principal Engineer in the service of the state of Pennsylvania, to FANNY G. young daughter of James Peacock, Esq.

Died.

Suddenly, in this borough, on Sunday morning last, of inflammation of the brain, Miss CATHERINE DUNSON, aged 45 years.

Few have passed through life with a more pure and spotless character than this estimable lady. She was distinguished by the uniform probity and uprightness of her conduct, by a meek and generous spirit, and a mildness of temper which made her alike respected and beloved by all who knew her. The short and painful illness which terminated her life, revealed in her moreover, what rarely accompanies the active pursuits of the world, the utmost firmness and patience under acute personal suffering, and a deep religious faith, which after sustaining her through all her earthly trials, shed its meek and gentle consolation over her dying hour.

In Harrisburg, on Sunday last, Dr. GEORGE STORON, formerly of Lancaster, in the 83d year of his age.

Dr. Slough was for many years a resident of this place.—Ed. Sunbury Am.

TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE success which has attended the use of Dr. Harlich's German Aperient and Compound Strengthening Tonic Pills, is truly astonishing. It is no vain boast to say this medicine has proved by its happy effects in the cure of a variety of diseases to which the human frame is liable, to be vastly superior to the many preparations before the public. Many of these preparations are compounded by individuals who are positively ignorant of the mysteries of the human system, and mere pretenders to medical knowledge. Dr. Harlich, however, is celebrated among the German faculty as a man of the highest scientific attainments, and equally distinguished throughout Europe, as a successful medical practitioner, spent most of the years of a useful life in the acquisition of such knowledge as might prove beneficial to his fellow creatures. In the pills which he invented, and which bear his name, the public are assured of an article that possesses more than ordinary virtues. From the acknowledged talents of this inventor, nothing less than a good article could be expected; and the experience of many years has afforded demonstration of the virtues of his medicine. In Germany and other parts of Europe, its reputation is established. In this country into which it has but recently introduced, it is rapidly gaining the most substantial reputation. The numerous certificates of cures of the most obstinate diseases effected by the use of Harlich's Pills, which the proprietor is constantly receiving, is proof of the fact. Day after day he receives new testimonials of their efficacy, and week after week increases the demand for them. This is not mere assertion; innumerable certificates are open for the inspection of the public, and the doubts of any who are skeptical, can be removed by examining them at the office of the proprietor.

We take the liberty, then, of suggesting to every family, that they make use of Dr. Harlich's Pills. Let them keep a supply constantly on hand, to be used when occasion demands and they will receive the most unequivocal proofs of utility.—Medical Defender.

Principal office for the United States, No. 19 North Eighth street, Philadelphia. Western Depot, No. 41, St. Clair street, Pittsburgh. HENRY YOXTHIMER, Agent.

October 31, 1840.

S. M. MASON, SURGEON DENTIST.

RESPECTFULLY offers his services to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Sunbury and its vicinity, in all the various operations of Dentistry: such as Filing, Plugging, Cleaning and Extracting teeth and stumps, and Setting incurable Teeth on stumps or plate, from a single one to a whole set, in a neat and elegant manner, at the Hotel of Mr. Hiram Price.

Ladies waited on at their residence if they prefer it. All operations warranted. October 31, 1840.

ALBERT LEHMAN.



OPTICIAN, (FROM PHILADELPHIA)

RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Sunbury and its vicinity, that he has opened a room in the frame building joining the residence of Edward Gobin, Esq. (nearly opposite the Court House) where he will offer for sale for a few days, SPECTACLES.

With Gold, Silver, and Tortoise-shell Frames. With a new and improved assortment of Glasses of his own manufacture. These Glasses are of the best kind for preserving and improving the sight in continued reading or writing, wherein they do not tire the eye, but strengthen and improve the vision. They are recommended by the most celebrated Doctors and Professors.

Also, Spy Glasses, of every size and quality; Magnifying Glasses, of every description, Microscopes with different magnifying powers, together with a variety of articles in the Optical line, not mentioned.

Optical, and other Instruments, and Glasses, promptly and carefully repaired at the shortest notice.

He can always select Glasses to suit the sight of persons, as soon as they see them, upon the first trial.

He will remain in Sunbury but for a short time. October 31, 1840.—2t.

NEW GOODS.

JUST RECEIVED a new and splendid assortment of Calicoes, Muslins, &c. For sale at the store of HENRY YOXTHIMER, October 31, 1840.—if.

WOOLEN GOODS.

OF the latest manufacture, consisting in part of a great variety of Cloths, Cassimeres, Sattinets, Merinos, Flannels, Mouselin de Laines, &c. Just received and for sale at the store of HENRY YOXTHIMER, October 31, 1840.—if.

Groceries.

JUST RECEIVED a large and general assortment of Groceries, liquors &c. For sale at the store of HENRY YOXTHIMER, October 31, 1840.—if.

DRUGS,

PAINTS, and Dye Stuffs, a fresh supply just received and for sale at the store of HENRY YOXTHIMER, October 31, 1840.—if.

SHAMOKIN COAL.

OF a very superior quality, can be had at any time, by application to the subscribers, in lots to suit purchasers. They keep large, egg, broken, and fine coal, fit for burning lime. J. H. PURDY & Co. Sunbury, Sept. 20.—if.

GROCERIES.—A fresh supply of Groceries just received and for sale by HENRY YOXTHIMER. Spt. 12, 1840.—if.

LIQUORS.—A fresh supply of Brandy, Gin, Port, Li-bon, Teu striff, Madeira and Sherry Wines, just received and for sale by HENRY YOXTHIMER. Spt. 12, 1840.—if.

MUSLINS.—A new assortment of 7-4, 7-8 and 3-4 yard wide Muslin, just received and for sale by HENRY YOXTHIMER. Spt. 12, 1840.—if.

CALICOES.—A new assortment of Calicoes just received and for sale by HENRY YOXTHIMER. Spt. 12, 1840.—if.

IRON.—A good assortment of Bar Iron, just received and for sale by HENRY YOXTHIMER. Spt. 12, 1840.—if.

SALT.—250 barrels and sacks of Salt, just received and for sale by HENRY YOXTHIMER. Spt. 12, 1840.—if.

CLOTHS.—A general assortment of Cloths and Cassimeres, constantly on hand at the store of HENRY YOXTHIMER. Spt. 12, 1840.—if.

WHEAT, RYE, CORN and all other kinds of Grain and Seeds will be taken at the highest prices in exchange for goods at the store of HENRY YOXTHIMER. Spt. 12, 1840.—if.

MACKEREL.—A few barrels of Mackerel for sale at a low price by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

IRISH SALMON.—Of the best quality, constantly on hand and for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

MADEIRA WINE.—First quality Madeira Wine, for sale low by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

FOURTH PROOF BRANDY.—A genuine article always on hand and for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

HOLLAND GIN.—Of the best quality always on hand and for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

LOAF AND LUMP SUGAR.—Always on hand and for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

BOSTON SYRUP MOLASSES.—Of a superior quality, for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

NEW ORLEANS SUGAR HOUSE MOLASSES.—Of the best quality always on hand and for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

BROWN SUGAR.—Of a good quality, for sale low by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

LIQUORS.—Of all kinds and of the best quality, always on hand and for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

GREEN AND BLACK TEAS.—Of the best quality always on hand and for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

COFFEE.—Java, Rio and Laguna Coffee, constantly on hand and for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

SPEERM OIL.—Winter and Summer strained Sperm Oil, of the best quality, always on hand and for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

STEEL.—Cast and Blister Steel, for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

SPRING STEEL.—Of various sizes for Elliptic Springs, for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

LARGE QUARTO BIBLES.—For sale at very reduced prices by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

BLANK BOOKS.—Of all kinds, for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

BLANK DEEDS.—Bonds, Mortgages, &c. for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

JUSTICES' BLANKS.—for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

CLOTHS.—Blue, Black, Invisible Green, &c. for sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

CASSIMERES AND SATTINETTS.—For sale very low by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

CARPETING.—For sale cheaply by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

BLANKETS.—For sale cheap by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

UNBLEACHED MUSLINS.—For sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

COTTON YARN AND COTTON LAPS.—For sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

HEMP AND COTTON TWINE.—For sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

TOWING LINES, CORDS AND ROPES.—For sale by H. B. MASSER, Spt. 12, 1840.

A MILLER & FARMER

MAY be of a good situation, fifty miles from Sunbury, in a new settlement, where he would obtain a full lease of a small Grist Mill, and have a Farm adjoining, by inquiring of THE PRINTER. October 10th, 1840.—6t

LOST.

A WHEEL-BARROW was taken from the door of the subscriber. Any person who has it in possession, will please to return it, or inform the subscriber where he can get it. Fifty cents reward will be given for any information in relation to the same. JOHN DERING October 3, 1840.—if.

PAMPHLET LAWS. The Pamphlet Laws, for the session 1839-40, have been received at this office, and are now ready for distribution to those entitled to receive them. SAMUEL D. JORDAN, Proth'y. Sunbury, Sept. 22, 1840.

LAST NOTICE.

ALL those indebted to the late firm of Thatcher and Thompson, are hereby notified to call and settle their accounts, as they will be left in the hands of a Justice for collection, without respect to persons. SAMUEL THATCHER, SAMUEL THOMPSON, Proth'y. Sunbury, Sept. 22, 1840.

NOTICE.

CREDITORS TAKE NOTICE that we have applied to the Court of Common Pleas of Northumberland county for the benefit of the laws made for the relief of insolvent debtors; and that the Judges of said Court have appointed the first Monday of November next, to hear us and our creditors at the Court House in Sunbury, when and where you may attend if you think proper. THOMAS POYER, JOHN JONES, JOSEPH W. POYERS, mark.

HERMAN YEIGH, ROBERT SMITH, JOHN BARTFORD, DANIEL BALDY, ANDREW CAROTHERS Sunbury, September 12, 1840.

Notice.

ALL ACCOUNTS remaining in my books previous to the first of April 1840, will be left in the hands of a Justice of the Peace for collection. HENRY YOXTHIMER, N. B. Grain of all kinds will be taken on old accounts. Sept. 12, 1840.—if.

LIST OF CAUSES

FOR trial in the Court of Common Pleas of Northumberland County, to be held at Sunbury, on the first Monday of November next, being the 2d.

1 Joseph Trego vs Maria A. Stock, 2 George Washburn vs Thomas Allen, 3 Christ & Nesbit vs Jackson Nesbit, 4 George Lawrence vs R. H. Hammond, 5 Henry W. Snyder vs William McCarty, 6 Adam Shuler vs Solomon Dunkleberger, 7 Hamer for Roush vs Solomon Mengas, 8 Kirkpatrick & Son vs G. Leisenring, 9 Dr. Wm. Henderson vs Henry Brown, 10 Same vs Shipman & Greenough, 11 Wm. P. Brady vs Thomas Grant's adm'r, 12 Christian Heckert vs Frederick Heckert, 13 E. Y. Bright vs J. C. B. Nourse, 14 Hugh Beilas vs Wm. McCarty et al., 15 Joseph Goss vs Dr. Robert Phillips, 16 James Hillburne vs Dennis Waters, 17 Peter McCulloch vs Henry Bardsher, 18 Michael McCulloch vs J. J. Gault et al., 19 Wm. A. Lloyd vs Wm. Forsythe, 20 John A. Lloyd vs Jm. A. Lee, 21 Filbert's adm'r. vs John Filbert, 22 Wm. A. Lloyd for John A. Lloyd, jr. vs Wm. Wilson, jr., 23 Henry Fick vs H. L. Dieffenbach, 24 Con'th of Penn'a vs Weaver, Lloyd and Robinsons, 25 John Dunkle vs Robert Mack, 26 Milton Borough vs Jacob Wheeland, 27 Groves for Hart & Co vs John Leisenring, 28 Joseph Marple's ex'r vs John Kifer et al., 29 Porter for Yoxthimer vs Thomas Cowan, 30 Peter Wary vs John H. Purdy & Co. SAMUEL D. JORDAN, Proth'y. Prothonotary's Office, Sunbury, Sept. 17, 1840.

Transportation Line TO BALTIMORE.

(VIA TIDE WATER CANAL.) Warehouse foot of Chestnut Street on the Pennsylvania Canal.

A BOAT leaves the wharf of the subscriber every morning at 8 o'clock, running through to Baltimore in three days. Consignments of produce, iron, &c., will receive a despatch by this line, which has not hitherto been equalled by any other. Rate of freight as low as by any other regular line. References: JOHN W. BROWN, BUCK & HERR, KERNAN & STILLINGER } Baltimore. J. A. H. BERR.

Goods intended for Pittsburg, or any point on the Pennsylvania Canal, will be shipped without delay on their arrival at Harrisburg, as this connects with the North American line of Portable Boats to Pittsburg, daily, and with the Susquehanna Packet Line to Northumberland, Williamsport, Wilkesbarre, and all intermediate places. GEORGE W. LAYNG. Harrisburg, Sept. 9, 1840.

Removal.

THE undersigned, having the gratification of informing the public, that notwithstanding they were so unfortunate as to have their bindery burnt down, in March last, they have opened a very extensive one, in Locust street, in the new building directly opposite Gleim's Hotel, and are prepared to execute all work in their line with despatch, and in a superior style. Their RULING APPARATUS and other Machinery are new, and of the first order and latest improvements; and they feel a confidence in their facilities for giving perfect satisfaction to all who may favor them with their orders. Banks, County offices, Merchants, Mechanics and others, can be supplied with BLANK BOOKS of every description, which for neatness and durability, will be equal to any made by the United States. HICKOK & CANTINE. HARRISBURG, Sept. 9.

TRUTH WILL PREVAIL.

Dr. Harlich's medicines are daily increasing in public favor, and want from any but a fair trial to establish their worth. We have a communication in our columns to-day from a person long afflicted, which is but one of many vouchers for this medicine.—Spirit of the Times.

TO THE PUBLIC.

In submitting to the public the first numbers of the "American," it may be deemed incumbent on us as necessary and proper to make a few observations in relation to the establishment of this press, and the course which its conductors intend to pursue in its publication. The age in which we live has been truly styled the age of improvement, which no power on earth can arrest in its progress. The application of steam to the various purposes of art, and the more recent discovery of smelting iron with anthracite coal, promise to Pennsylvania results that cannot be too highly estimated.

The great valley of the Susquehanna is soon destined to become the theatre of a new scene of enterprise and industry, which may well excite the astonishment of those who are unacquainted with her inexhaustible deposits of coal and iron.

Her rugged hills and solitary wastes, heretofore deemed worthless, are now eagerly sought after for the coal and iron which they contain, the most valuable minerals in nature. It has been said that England owes her present power and wealth more to her coal and iron than to all other causes combined.—If so, then Pennsylvania has within her own borders internal resources and powers of wealth unsurpassed by the whole Union.

The Shamokin coal region, connected with this place by a rail road 30 miles in length, which a few years since was a solitary wild, untrodden by the foot of man save the solitary hunter in pursuit of game, is now teeming with a busy and industrious population. The town of Shamokin located in the coal region, a new village consisting about one hundred houses, has sprung up as if by magic, since that period.

These improvements which are but a commencement of a series of works upon a large scale now in progress, recent as they are, have already given a new life and impetus to this section of our country.

With these views and under these considerations, we in common with many of our most esteemed fellow citizens, conceived that a well conducted journal, if properly encouraged, could be rendered highly serviceable to the progress of improvement and the rapid increase of population, indeed require that the press should not only keep pace with the spirit of enterprise and industry, but as a pioneer lead the way and stimulate to exertion the enterprising and wealthy capitalist.

The establishment of a new press in this place has frequently been spoken of, and was long since in contemplation whenever a favorable opportunity should occur. We believe that period has now arrived. Our design is to make the American a permanent and useful journal, conveying useful and interesting information to all classes of readers—Conducted with the utmost decorum, its tone and sentiments shall at all times be such, that the most scrupulous parent may place it in the hands of any member of his family with perfect impunity. Low scurrility and violent personal abuse shall be carefully excluded from its columns. And while we shall always be ready and prompt in the expression of our opinions upon public matters, we shall always endeavor to preserve that decorum and extend that courtesy towards our contemporaries and others, that our gentlemen have a right to expect from another.

To the interests of the farmers and cultivators of the soil, the bone and sinew of our country, who, in an agricultural point of view, form the basis of all trade, commerce and manufactures, we shall devote a portion of our columns, and spread before them such matter as shall be both useful and entertaining.

To the mechanic and all others, we trust we shall be able to make the American an interesting and instructive journal.

In politics we shall, as we have already announced, support the general and state administrations. In advocating the re-election of MARTIN VAN BUREN and RICHARD M. JOHNSON to the high stations which they now occupy, and which they have filled with such distinguished abilities, we shall confine ourselves to measured and temperate principles upon which they are grounded. Recrimination and low personal abuse which the ransom of political warfare never fails to produce, and which we regret to say is indulged in to an almost unlimited extent, by the partisan press of either side, we shall carefully avoid, deeming it not only demoralizing to the community and derogatory to the high character of the press, but unwise, impolitic and unjust.

To our fearless and patriotic Governor David R. Porter, who has thus far identified himself with the true interests of the state, and whose wise and judicious measures have received the approbation of every honest and liberal mind, we shall extend our most cordial support. We have therefore placed his name at the head of our columns, fully confident that the honest yeomanry of Pennsylvania will always be found sustaining honesty of purpose and integrity of conduct in a justly