

Genius and Misfortune.

What tragedies can be read, in the history of literature, deeper than Marbeth, more moving than Lear: Milton, old, poor and blind, selling Paradise Lost for five pounds; Dryden beaten by ruffians at the promoting of a worthless peer, who, in Plato's commonwealth, would have been changing the poet's plate; Tasso, a creature as delicately moulded as if, like Paris, he had fed upon nothing grosser than the breath of flowers, wearing out the best years of his life in the gloom of a dungeon; Racine hurried to his grave by the rebuke of a heartless king; Chatterton, at midnight, homeless and hungry, bathing the unquenching stones of London with the hot tears of anguish and despair; Johnson at the age of thirty-six dining behind a screen at the house of Cave, because he was too shabbily dressed to appear at the table; Burns took from the plough which he had followed in glory and in joy upon the mountain side, to gauge ale firkins and watch for contraband tobacco.

The false position in which men of genius so often find themselves placed, in relation to their age, and the painful and protracted efforts they must make in order to gain a true one, have given to modern literature some of its prominent characteristics. Hence that half-conscious sympathy which poets feel with characters like Robin Hood, Rob Roy and Charles de Moor, who embody a protest against their times; who mean like Jack Cade, "to dress the commonwealth and turn it and set a new nap upon it;" who presume to borrow a daring expression of Schiller's to grind down the gaps in the sword of Almighty justice. Hence much of that dreary melancholy, which overshadows the mind of the stout-hearted and pious Johnson, whose sombre brow darkens the pages of his Rambler, and Rasselas, and is concentrated in that celebrated couplet, in which the words seem to fall like drops of blood from a lacerated heart:

But ah! what fills the scholar's life assail, Toil, envy, want, the patron and the jail.

To this element we may trace, in part, that personal element which glows so intensely in the lyric poetry of Schiller, and even sickness over his otherwise admirable dramas. This, too, gave something of their depth and sternness to the powerful pictures of Crabbe. Hence that numerous tribe of poets and poetasters, who, of late years, have so filled the groves of Parnassus with their melancholy notes, as sad if not as sweet, as those of the nightingale, whose young affections are ever running to waste, upon whose withered hearts the dew of hope can never fall, and who are ever longing to be a breeze, a cloud, a wave, or a sound; something that shall not have nerves to feel and a heart to ache.

COURTS OF HONOR.—The King of Prussia has directed courts of honor to be established in all the garrisons, which shall have jurisdiction over offences and disputes coming within the rules of honor and usually settled by duels. These courts are authorized to inflict punishments according to the nature of the offence. In case parties will not submit to the decision of the court of honor, they are authorized to fight in presence of the court, and be subject to punishment in proportion to the injury inflicted upon each other.

St. PATRICK A SCOT.—The Irish it appears, are to be robbed of their patron saint, for Lord Campbell in a recent debate in the British House of Lords, asserted that St. Patrick was a Scot.

A QUEER CHADLE.—The editor of the Charleston Mercury states that a gentleman of that city had recently sent him, from a friend in Mississippi a cradle—the body of which was made from a shell of a snapping turtle that weighed 135 pounds. The railing is made of buck horns and the rockers of walnut tree.

NEAR RELATIONSHIP.—Sir George Mackenzie once stated that an old woman claimed relationship with him on the ground that her mother's aunt had suckled a sister of the baronet's grandmother.

FIRST SIGHT OF A STEAMBOAT.—A woodman from the interior of Arkansas, who had never been on board of a steamboat, had occasion to go to St. Louis a short time since. From the bank of the river he hailed the "Harpy of the West" with—

"Captain, what's the fair to St. Louis?"

"What part of the boat do you wish to go on?"

"The Captain—'cabin or deck?"

"Live in a cabin at home," said the hoosier— "give me the best you've got!"

"THREE BOTTLES LEFT.—Well, Mrs. Moody, how are you this evening?"

"Oh! Mrs. H.—I am very unwell; I am quite out of spirits."

"Bless you, ma'am don't take on so, there's three bottles left yet."

"Go down stairs directly, Betty."

The following specimen of poetry and orthology is mentioned on a tombstone in a churchyard at Bedford, in this State:—

"Her languishing head is at Rest; Is thinking and a king is Oie, Her quiet amovale breast, Is heaved by fiction no more."

A KNIFE MAN.—A fool and knave, with different views, For Jui's hand apply; The knave to mend his fortune sees, The fool to please his eyes.

Ask you how Jui will behave? Depend on't for a rule, If she's a fool she'll mend the knave, If she's a knave, the fool.



Saturday, Oct. 14, 1843.

FOR SALE.—A fresh supply of printing paper, viz: 100 reams similar in size and quality to the sheet on which this is printed. Also 60 reams of super royal, 21 by 28 inches, all of which will be sold at the mill price.

V. B. PALMER, Esq., at his Real Estate and Coal office, No. 59 Pine Street, Philadelphia, is authorized to act as Agent, and to receive and receipt for all monies due this office, for subscription or advertising.

In another column our readers will find the official returns of this county. With the exception of Congress, the Democratic ticket has been elected throughout. By the split in the ranks of the Democratic party, Frick, the whig candidate, has succeeded in getting a small majority.

"DEN DEUTSCHER AMERICANER."—Several of our exchange papers, in their notice of our German paper, speak of it as being published by our neighbors in the Gazette. This is a mistake. The "Americener" is printed in the office of the Sunbury American, and we are pleased to state, from the number of subscribers steadily received, that we have every prospect of increasing our list to seven or eight hundred names. We received over a hundred new subscribers on Tuesday last. Our German friends feel a great interest in having a paper established, and will very generally give it their support. It was this impression that induced us to go into the measure without any previous preparation, and before we had obtained a single subscriber.

THE ELECTRIC AND MUSEUM, for Oct. 1843. E. Little, 272 Chestnut st., Philadelphia.—This valuable periodical is again before us, with its 144 closely printed pages, containing a choice collection of articles from the best European periodicals. Not having had time to examine it, we give our readers the following list of articles contained in the present number, from which they may form some idea of the value of the Museum, viz: BLAZE'S HISTORY OF THE DOG; DIALOGUES OF PLATO; MAGIC AND MEMORISM; LADY HESTER STANHOPE; COL. TORRENS ON FREE TRADE; STELLA AND WRITINGS OF ADDISON; NAUGHTON REMINISCENCES; A FIGHT IN THE DARK; TALES OF THE COGNIES; SANDWICH ISLANDS; ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCHES IN GERMANY AND DISCOVERIES ON THE NORTH COAST OF AMERICA, WITH POETRY, Miscellaneous notices of Science and Art, and Obituary notices of distinguished individuals. The escape of CARIBANA, which embelishes this number, is a beautiful engraving. We cannot too highly commend this work, which we should like to see in the hands of readers, instead of the trashy, flip-pant tales and romances, which make up the magazines of the present day.

The split in the party has given the whigs a fine opportunity, this fall, to elect their men, in many places, in the face of large Democratic majorities. In this county, Gen. Frick has succeeded by a small majority. Such a result was not expected by the friends of either of the candidates. Mr. Snyder's defeat in this county, may be attributed to three different causes, viz: A combination between the whigs and Democrats, occasioned by the split in the party—the impression that he was opposed to the tariff, and, lastly, the very small vote polled by the Democratic townships on the east side of the river, which alone made a difference of 300 or 400.

Old Augusta Forever.

This truly sterling and steadfast Democratic town-ship, has again, as she always does, done her duty. Her immense majorities never fail to throw the disorganizers into terror and dismay. Had the turn out been as good as usual, the majority in Sunbury and Augusta, instead of 341, would have reached 400. One thing is certain—they can't be gulled with false stories. The embankment story would not go down, especially when endorsed by honest John Porter's assertions that it would cost \$200,000. Menckhausen himself, would have choked at that. Coal township also, nobly came to the rescue. As for Upper Mahanoy, that can't well be lost.

Election News.

In Union county, Frick's majority is 465. Incoming we are informed will give Snyder 400. Clinton we hear will give a small majority for Frick. According to this, Frick's majority in the district will be between 100 and 200.

UNION COUNTY.—This county has given Benfer, the volunteer candidate for Sheriff, a majority of 1900 votes over Kleckner, the regularly nominated whig candidate. Gross is elected Treasurer by a majority of 150 over Boger, the whig candidate. Clemens is elected Commissioner by 150 majority. Charles S. Ehold is elected Coroner by a majority of 1000. Robert and Wilson, the "Times" tickets, are defeated by the whig candidates, Hall and Adams.

In Philadelphia the whigs have carried McMichael, their Sheriff, and two members of Congress—J. R. Ingersoll and E. Joy Morris. In the county, the Democratic ticket is elect-d. In the city, the whigs, as usual, have succeeded. In Dauphin, Benjamin Jordan, whig, and Solomon Shindel, Democrat, have been elected. In Cumberland, the Democratic ticket has succeeded. The Canal Commissioners, as far as has been generally received, the party vote.

LOS OF THE U.S. STEAMER, FRIGATE MISSOURI.—The last arrival from Europe, bringing us the distressing intelligence of the loss of the Steam Ship Missouri. The Missouri was on her outward bound passage, conveying the Hon. Caleb Cushing, the Minister of the U. S. to China.

This splendid vessel was totally consumed by fire on the night of the 26th of August, while taking in coal at Gibraltar. Notwithstanding the crew were finally driven overboard by the fury of the flames, yet no loss of life was sustained.

The Missouri had arrived in Gibraltar the day before, and was making all despatch for the continuance of her voyage up the Mediterranean, when the fire broke out. The ship continued to burn throughout the night, presenting one of the grandest spectacles, occasionally relieved by explosion of heavy shells, and the scattering of fragments. About 2 o'clock, some of the tanks in the forward magazine blew up, with a terrific concussion, breaking in many windows in the town, and creating other damages around.

Election Returns of Northumberland County.

Table with columns for CANAL COMMISSIONERS, CONGRESS, ASSEMBLY, COM'N, TREASURER, AUDITOR, and various townships/boroughs. Includes names like James Clarke, John Miller, W. B. Palmer, etc.

Whig candidates in Italics. *Voter candidates.

From the Philadelphia Ledger. THE ELECTION. THE ELECTION YESTERDAY.—We have delayed our paper beyond the usual time of going to press, in order to give some account of the result of yesterday's election.

Petty general defection existed in the First Congressional District among the Democrats. The regular ticket, (McCully) was opposed by a portion of the Democrats, who took Crossinlat as their candidate. Towards the middle of the day the Crossinlat men dropped their candidate, and voted for Morris, the Whig candidate, and in consequence the First District, the staunch Democratic district in the State, has elected a Whig as their representative in Congress. We give the following majority, as reported at the windows last evening:

Table with columns for McCully and Morris, and rows for First Ward, Second Ward, Third Ward, etc.

In Southward, the Reform Commissioners' ticket, supported by the Crossinlat men, is also elected by several hundred majority. In the Fifth, 125. The Congressional ticket in these two wards was not counted at 1 o'clock, last night.

GEORGIA ELECTION.—The Augusta Chronicle, of Saturday last, contains returns which show pretty conclusively that the Whigs have elected the Governor and members of Congress by large majorities, and these will be from 40 to 60 Whig majority on joint ballot. This is the first election under the amended Constitution, and the terms of the members of the Legislature will not expire till October, 1845. The returns are not in from fifty-five counties. The Whig gain on the Governor's vote, since 1841, in these counties, is nearly 4,500. The Van Buren and Calhoun difference hurt the Democratic ticket in this State.

MR. ROBERT WICKLIFF.—The Lexington (Ky.) Observer of the 14th inst. says that Mr. Robert Wickliff, of that city, has been tendered by President Tyler the appointment of Charge d'Affaires to Sardinia.

THE POTATOE CROP IN CHESTER CO.—The Village Record says, "The Potatoe crop is not full; and we are informed, in many fields the crop is rotted, and the small is so found that the farmers have been obliged to desist from gathering from sickness. The excessive moisture of the season is assigned as the cause. In some fields we have heard, one half or three fourths of the crop is lost."

EXTENSIVE ROBBERY.—An extensive robbery was committed at Maratow township, Berks county Pa. Mrs. Maria S. S. S. an aged widow lady, whose personal property chiefly consisted in gold and silver, had it locked up in a chest, and a few days ago having occasion to look after something in the chest, found that all was stolen with the exception of one or two gold pieces. It is supposed the robbery was committed on a Sunday, while the family was attending divine service. The amount taken was from eleven to twelve hundred dollars.

ARRESTOR.—This singular substance, which has yet defied all the efforts of chemists to analyze it, inasmuch as it will neither melt with fire nor dissolve in water, and is entirely free from taste or smell, is found in considerable abundance in Pennsylvania, at no great distance from the borough of York.

COPING CONSUMPTION AND DIFFICULTY OF BREATHING CURED.—Mrs. Levy a very highly respectable lady of Philadelphia, residing in Locust st., between Fourth and Fifth, had been laboring for upwards of six months under a very bad cough, attended with difficulty of breathing, pains in her breast and side, and a sickness at the stomach, having lost all appetite; she became so very much reduced in strength as to be unable to work; she was considered in a consumptive state, and given up by the physicians that attended her. In this situation she had recourse to Brandreth's Vegetable Universal Pills, and to her astonishment before she had taken one box, (25 pills) found herself very much relieved; she expectorated a great quantity of phlegm, which has cured her of one of the most violent coughs that ever was experienced by mortal man. She has taken the Pills regularly ever since, and now finds herself completely recovered, and will certainly for the benefit received, recommend them to far as she can, believing them to be a most effectual medicine in the above complaint.

Young Saunders and Mr. and Mrs. Ragge, have all been fully committed for trial for the forgery, with which they stand charged.—Bick Rep.

BALTIMORE MARKET. Office of the Baltimore American, Oct. 9. GRAIN.—The supplies of Wheat on Saturday and today were light. The few parcels received of Md. and Va. reals sold at 86 a 90 cts. for good to prime and at 75 a 86 cts. for ordinary to good. A lot of 1800 bushels Pennsylvania, quality very good, sold at 90 cts. Sales of white Corn at 46 cts. and yellow at 46 a 48 cts. Several parcels of Md. Rye were sold at 50. Sales of Oats at 22 a 23 cts.

On Thursday last, ANDREW L., infant son of Mr. Samuel Harrison, of this place, aged 7 months and 2 weeks. In Tutlet township on the 5th inst. Mr. ANDREW K. RUSSEL, formerly of this place, aged about 30 years. In this place, on the 5th inst. Mr. PETER HOWER, aged about 17 years.

SHERIFF'S Sales. BY virtue of a writ of Venditioni Exponas and Levari Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Northumberland county, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Sunbury, on Monday the 6th day of November next, at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following described property, to wit:

Two certain contiguous lots of ground situate in the town of McEwensville, formerly in Turbot, now Delaware township, Northumberland county, containing each 50 feet in front, and 150 feet in depth, bounded by a lot of Jacob Mosler on the north, by an alley on the south, an alley on the west and by main street on the east, whereon are erected a brick Foundry, to which is attached a blacksmith's shop, the main building being 55 feet in front, and a part of said building extending back 105 feet. There is also attached to the same, a frame building 20 feet by 15, where the horse power is kept for the use of said Foundry; there is also an office in front part of said brick building, and also a frame stable on said lot. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of William Stetzel and Isaac Howell.

Also: All the defendant's interest in three certain contiguous lots of ground, situate in the borough of Northumberland, Northumberland county, being double lot, and extending from the Danville road to West street, and marked in the general plan of said town Nos. 21, 20 and 19, containing in the whole two acres more or less. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Josiah Chapman.

Also: All the defendant's interest (supposed to be the undivided third part) of a certain tract of land situate in Augusta township, Northumberland county, adjoining lands late of William Shipman, dec'd, lands of Nicholas Shipman, dec'd, Conrad Reaker, Leonard Reed and others, containing two hundred and one acres more or less, about 30 acres of which are cleared, whereon are erected a small log house and a frame barn. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Gustavus Ruse.

Also: Two certain lots of ground situate in the borough of Northumberland, Northumberland county, bounded north by Queen street, south by Dock street, west by fifth street, and east by a lot of — Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Frederick Buckebinder.

Also: A certain lot of ground situate in the borough of Northumberland at-aford, containing five acres more or less, bounded north by Westway, south by the west branch of the river Susquehanna, west by a lot of James Kay and on the east by a road leading to the river, whereon are erected a large two story brick mill and dwelling house, known by the name of the College. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Josiah Chapman.

Also: All that certain house situate in Rush township, Northumberland county, on the road leading from the Liberty Pole, in said township to river at Boyd's Mills; the size of the front building is 28 feet by 16, and a kitchen annexed to it, the size of which is 16 feet square, both of which are two stories high. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of David Faug.

Also: All that certain two story brick building situate on the east side of m in street in the borough of Milton, Northumberland county, said building being about 30 feet in front, and about 40 or 50 feet in depth, adjoining the three story brick tavern in the occupancy of Michael Kremer on the north, and a two story brick building the property of Gen. Robert H. Hammond on the south. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Henry Frick.

Also: A certain tract or piece of land situate in Coal township, Northumberland county, adjoining lands of George Long, Henry Kluck and others, containing 37 acres more or less, about 25 acres of which are cleared, whereon are erected a log house and a log barn, and an orchard. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Samuel Weikle.

Also: A certain lot or piece of land situate in Rush township, Northumberland county, adjoining lands of Jacob Niece, Godfrey Rockefeller and others, containing 31 acres more or less, about 20 acres of which are cleared, whereon are erected a small log house, a log barn and a small orchard. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of George A. Dixon.

Also: A certain lot of ground situate in the borough of Milton, Northumberland county, in that part of said town called Upper Milton, and marked in the general plan of said town No. 77, fronting on the main or front street, also bounded on the north by a street, on the east by an alley, whereon are erected a large two story brick dwelling house, to which is attached a large frame kitchen, a frame stable, wagon shed, &c.

Also: Two certain contiguous lots of ground situate in Upper Milton aforesaid, and marked in the general plan thereof, No. 60 and 61, bounded on the east by the canal, on the south by an alley, on the north by a street and on the west by a street, whereon are erected a large stone and brick steam mill, engine house, store house, &c. also a two story frame dwelling house, and a frame stable.

Also: A certain lot of ground situate in the borough of Milton aforesaid, in that part of said town called Lower Milton, fronting on Masoning street and bounded on the west by a lot of John F. Wolfinger, Esq., on the east by an Alley and on the south by an alley, containing in width 38 feet and in length 200 feet, whereon are erected a two story frame dwelling house and a frame stable.

Also: A certain tract or piece of land situate formerly in Turbot, now Delaware township, Northumberland county, adjoining lands of Robert McKee, Abraham Sturzer, Jacob Hoffman and others, containing 50 acres more or less, about 45 acres of which are cleared, whereon are erected a two story log dwelling house, and a log barn, a large orchard, a good spring of water, &c. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of William H. Miller.

Also: A certain tract or piece of land situate in Augusta township, Northumberland county, adjoining lands of Aaron Rohrer, a lot of Daniel Keller, land of John Myers, Mrs. Clark and Peter Overhof, jr., containing 30 acres more or less, about 20 acres of which are cleared, whereon are erected two log dwelling houses; there are also two wells of water and some fruit trees on said premises. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Duncan Myers.

Also: A certain tract or piece of land situate in Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, adjoining lands of Daniel Herb, Daniel Dornis and others, containing 14 acres more or less, about 28 acres of which are cleared, whereon are erected a small log house and a log barn, &c. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Henry S. Sinehart.

Also: A certain tract or piece of land, situate in Chiquaque township, Northumberland county, adjoining lands of James Cameron, Philip Faust, Philip Fallmer and Ph. L. Long, containing fifty acres more or less, nearly all of which is cleared, whereon are erected a two story frame house, a frame bank barn, a wagon house, an orchard, a well of water, &c. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Daniel Haatz.

Also: On Tuesday the 2nd day of November next, at the house of Charles D. Wharton, in Sunbury, at 10 o'clock A. M., a certain tract of unimproved land situate on the waters of Shamokin creek, in Coal township, Northumberland county, bounded by Frank Lee of David F. Gordon on the west, Thomas Galvader on the east, and William Boyd, David Patterson & Co. on the north, containing 1788 acres more or less.

Also: A certain tract of unimproved land situate in Coal township aforesaid, bounded by lands of Thomas Galvader on the west, David F. Gordon on the east, and on the north by land surveyed in the name of William Tomlinson and George Calderon and others, containing 1788 acres more or less.

Also: A certain tract of unimproved land situate in Coal township aforesaid, bounded by land of Thomas Galvader on the east, land surveyed in the name of William Green on the north, containing 400 acres more or less. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of William Shilts.

Also: By virtue of a writ of Fieri Fa is to me directed will be sold at the House of C. D. Wharton on Saturday the 4th day of November next at 2 o'clock, P. M., a certain tract of land situate in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, adjoining lands of John Everhart, Valentine Klack and William Martz, containing 30 acres more or less, about 12 acres of which are cleared. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of William R. Jones.

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PRICE CURRENT. Corrected weekly by Henry Youdelman. Table with columns for WHEAT, RYE, CORN, OATS, PORK, etc.

NOTICE. I have purchased the following articles, sold at Smith's sale on the 4th inst., as the property of Jonathan and Andrew Hoover, which articles I have bonded to said Jonathan and Andrew until I see proper to remove them, viz: Two black cows, 1 bay do, 1 milky cow, 1 white calf 7 months, 2 sets of harness, 1 two horse wagon, two loads of 8 acres of corn in the ground, two thirds of 3 acres buckwheat, half of 4 acres wheat, half of 4 acres of rye, 1 bureau, 15 yards carpet, 1 mantle clock, 1 plough. JACOB HOOVER. Augusta, Oct. 14, 1843.—3t.

NOTICE. I have purchased the following articles, sold by Thos. A. Billington as constable on the 11th inst., as the property of John B. Shipman, which we have bonded to the said John B. Shipman until we think proper to remove them, viz: One sorrel horse, 1 bay mare, 1 black cow, 1 brindle cow, 6 he-cows and hees, 1 bureau, 1 clock, 2 sets wagon harness, 2 sets plough do, 1 coal stove, 2 ploughs, 1 harrow, 1 wind mill. JOHN S. SNYDER. PETER H. SNYDER. Augusta, Oct. 14, 1843.—3t. STONE WARE for sale. 225 Stone Jugs, from 1 quart to 3 gallons, 50 Stone Jars, from 2 to 6 gallons. For sale, cheap, by Oct. 14 H. B. MASSER.