

\$200, and his men to one month's imprisonment and a fine of \$50. President Madison pardoned them in the course of a few days, upon the ground that they had acted under a mistaken sense of duty. When they came out of prison they were received by the Mayor and Democratic citizens, and honored by a public dinner.

Governor Snyder sent a letter declaring his sense of the fidelity and patriotism of Bright and his companions. At the next session of the Legislature it was proposed to offer a pecuniary compensation to the General and his men, but the proposition was not carried out.

FROM M. AUGÉ'S "BIOGRAPHY OF GREAT MEN OF MONTGOMERY CO., PA."

"Modern Philosophy anon,
Will, at the rate she's rushing on,
Yoke lightning to her railroad car,
And, posting like a shooting star,
Swift as a solar radiation,
Ride the wide circuit of creation.*

"The name of David Rittenhouse is a household word in Pennsylvania—a synonym for mathematics, mechanics, and philosophy. No name in American annals furnishes a more exemplary instance of climbing the hill of science almost unaided, and by the mere force of native genius, industry, and perseverance; and there is no name in history that affords more encouragement to the young to pry into the arcana of nature in search of her yet unrevealed truths.

"David Rittenhouse was the son of Matthias Rittenhouse a grandson † of William, who emigrated to "ye Germantown" or vicinity soon after Penn founded Philadelphia. He was born on the 8th of April, 1732, almost contemporaneous

* The sentiment of this verse was prophetic, for it was written twenty years before the invention of the telegraph.

† Great-grandson.