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To ADVERTISERS.—The circulation of the Sunbury American among the different towns on the Susquehanna is not exceeded if equalled by any paper published in North or Pennsylvania.

FOR GOVERNOR: WILLIAM BIGLER.

Subject to the decision of the Convention.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTIONS.

AT READING.

For nominating candidates for Governor and Canal Commissioner, on the 4th of June, 1851, as fixed by the Williamsport Convention.

AT HARRISBURG.

For nominating candidates for the Supreme Bench, on the 11th of June, 1851, as fixed by the regular action of the State Central Committee.

SUSQUEHANNA RAIL ROAD.

The Commissioners of the Susquehanna Rail Road Company will meet at this place, on the 5th of June, for the purpose of opening the books for subscription to said Company. Our citizens generally are deeply impressed with the importance of this work, and we have reason to suppose that many will come forward to subscribe, according to their means and ability.

AGRICULTURAL CONVENTION.—Our readers will find the proceedings of this Convention in another column. It was not so well attended as we expected, but there were nevertheless, quite a number of intelligent farmers and others present, who seemed to take a deep interest in the matter. The Convention was duly organized by the election of the proper officers.

SUNBURY AND FERRIS RAIL ROAD.

An election was held a few days since at Philadelphia, for the purpose of electing a President and board of directors, for this Company, the proceedings of which will be found in another column. The President and other members of the board, passed through Northumberland, up the West Branch, to lease five miles of the road, in order to secure their charter, which will be forfeited if five miles of the road is not put under contract. The portion to be put under contract, is we believe, above Lock Haven.

THE CANAL COMMISSIONERS.—Painter, Gamble and Morrison, were in our place, on Tuesday last, making some examinations in relation to securing the river bank at this place, from further injury, by the action of the waves in high water. They also visited the Eastern abutment of the Shamokin Dam, which requires considerable repair. The Legislature at the last session appropriated \$3,000 for the bank, and \$3,000 for the chute and the repairs of the abutment.

THE RAIL ROAD CONVENTION.

Called by the Mahony and Wisconsin Rail Road Company, will be held at GEORGETOWN, 18 miles south of this place, on the Susquehanna, on TUESDAY next, the 3d of June. The road from the mouth of Mahony Creek to the head of the Wisconsin canal, has been located, and it is the object of the Company to gather together all the friends of the improvement of the Valley of the Susquehanna, to deliberate on the best means of securing a speedy completion of the great chain, of which this is a link, between Lake Erie and the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays. Every man who is interested in this great work should be there. Now is the time for action, and those who can not substantially aid the enterprise by their capital, should come forward and by their presence display their hearty desire to assist in opening an avenue to the riches of the farms, the mines, and the forests of Pennsylvania. Delegates from the great cities which this great work will flood with the trade of the West will be there, and will be delighted to meet with those whom this railway will make, as it were, near neighbors. Let not their enthusiasm be chilled by a want of co-operation on the part of those who till this fertile valley.

There need be no fear of inability to find accommodations for man and beast at Georgetown. The known hospitality of our friends in that section should at once dispel such fear; and the enterprising managers who called the Convention, have not forgotten that something else besides coal and iron are necessities of life.

AGRICULTURAL CONVENTION.

Pursuant to public notice a large number of farmers and others assembled at the Court House, in Sunbury, on Saturday the 21st inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of organizing an Agricultural Society, for the County of Northumberland. The meeting was organized by the appointment of the following officers:—

PRESIDENT. Capt. SAMUEL HUNTER.

VICE PRESIDENTS. Hon. G. C. WELKER, J. WEIMER LEIGHOW, PETER OBERDORF, Col. JACOB HILBISH, JACOB SEASHOLTZ, AMOS E. KAPP.

SECRETARIES. Wm. I. Greenough, Wm. B. Kipp, David Taggart.

The President on taking his seat returned his thanks for the honor conferred on him, briefly stated the object of the meeting. On motion of David Taggart, Esq., a Committee of five persons were appointed to prepare and report a Constitution, for an Agricultural Society, for Northumberland county. The President appointed the following:— David Taggart, Esq., Wm. B. Kipp, James Cameron, Samuel John, and Alexander Jordan, Esq.

The Committee after some delay reported the following Constitution, which was read and unanimously adopted.

CONSTITUTION. NAME.

ARTICLE I. The Society shall be styled, "The Northumberland County Agricultural Society."

OBJECT.

ARTICLE II. The object of the Society shall be the promotion of Agriculture, Horticulture, and the encouragement of Rural Economy, within the County of Northumberland.

MEMBERS.

ARTICLE III. All citizens of the County of Northumberland, who are actually engaged or may feel an interest in the business of Agriculture, who shall pay the contribution hereinafter specified, and sign this Constitution, shall thereupon become either life or annual members of the Society as the case may be.

Sec. II. Distinguished Agriculturists or persons promoting the objects of the Society by voluntary contributions or valuable information, residing in other Counties or States, may be elected honorary members at any regular meeting, by a vote of the majority, without payment of contribution or right of voting, but with the right to participate in debate.

Sec. III. The Secretary shall issue engraved certificates signed by the President and Secretary of the Society, to the following import:— The Northumberland County Agricultural Society have elected a member of the Society in testimony of their confidence in his capacity and inclination to promote the objects of their Institution, and to foster the Science and practice of Agriculture generally.

PAYMENTS.

ARTICLE IV. Annual members shall pay to the Treasurer at the time of signing the Constitution, the sum of fifty cents, and the same sum annually thereafter; but if any such member shall neglect to pay his annual contribution for one whole year, he shall thereupon cease to be a member, and shall only be reinstated by a vote of the Society, and payment of his omitted contribution.

Sec. II. Life members shall consist of Citizens of Northumberland county, who shall pay to the Treasurer the sum of ten dollars and subscribe to the Constitution, without any annual contributions.

OFFICERS.

ARTICLE V. The officers shall be one President, seven Vice Presidents, one Recording Secretary, one Corresponding Secretary, one Librarian, one Treasurer, and eighteen Managers.

Sec. II. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society when present, deliver the premiums when awarded by the proper Committees, and sign all orders on the Treasurer.

Sec. III. In the absence of the President, the eldest Vice President, and in the absence of all the Vice Presidents, the eldest Manager present, shall perform the duties of President.

Sec. IIII. It shall be the duty of the recording Secretary, to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting, attest all orders on the Treasury, and other acts of the President, and preserve the papers of the Society.

Sec. V. It shall be the duty of the corresponding Secretary, to manage all the correspondence; to read to the Society all reports and communications, and to prepare for the press all documents ordered to be published.

Sec. VI. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to take charge of the books of the Society, and loan them to the members under such regulations as shall be prescribed in the By-Laws.

Sec. VII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, to collect all the funds of the Society; pay all orders drawn in due form; keep a regular account of the pecuniary transactions of the Society, and when required, to produce his account at any stated meeting. He shall give bond in such amount, with securities, as the managers shall direct.

Sec. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Managers of whose board the President and Vice Presidents shall be ex-officio members, to hold the annual exhibitions, to make and carry into effect all the arrangements necessary therefore, to propose and by committees appointed by them, award all the premiums of the Society; to cause all analyses of soils and manures, and all necessary scientific investigations to be made; to audit over in each year the accounts of the Treasurer, and to cause to be published such of the Society's transactions as shall be deemed expedient.

QUORUM.

ARTICLE VI. Twenty regular annual or Life members shall form a quorum for the transaction of any business at any stated or special meeting.

Sec. II. Five members of the Board of Managers, including ex-officio members, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the Board.

ELECTIONS.

ARTICLE VII. All officers after the present year, shall be chosen by ballot, at the first stated meeting in each year, and shall continue in office for one year, or until successors are duly chosen.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEES.

ARTICLE VIII. The Board of Managers shall annually appoint a Committee of three members, in each Township, whose duty it shall be at the last meeting in each year, to make a brief written report to the Society, showing the state and improvement, if any, of the crops, seeds, manures, stock, implements and tillage, and of such other matters as may be deserving of note, in their respective townships during the year.

MEETINGS.

ARTICLE IX. There shall be two Stated Meetings of the Society in each year, at such places as the Board of Managers shall determine, one on the second Tuesday in January, and the other on the first Wednesday in October.

Sec. II. There shall be special meetings on such days and at such places as the Board of Managers shall determine, but not without at least two weeks notice, in not less than two newspapers of the County, one German and one English.

EXHIBITIONS.

ARTICLE X. There shall be a general exhibition, Cattle Show and ploughing Match, at such time and place, and under such regulations, consistent with this Constitution, as the board of Managers shall determine.

PREMIUMS.

ARTICLE XI. A list of all premiums offered shall be published, in at least three newspapers, or in hand bills, at least one month before the Exhibition.

Sec. II. All competitors for premiums must be members of the Society.

Sec. III. All articles offered for premiums must be owned by the persons offering them or by members of their families.

Sec. IIII. All products of the soil or manufactured articles offered for premiums, must be produced or manufactured in this county.

Sec. V. All animals offered for premiums must be owned by members of the Society.

Sec. VI. Each person to whom a premium shall be awarded, must by request of the corresponding Secretary, furnish a short written statement of the manner of culture of the crops, the mode of manufacturing the article, or of the history, pedigree, and treatment of the animal for which the premium is awarded.

Sec. VII. No premium on a grain or grass crop shall be awarded for less than one acre, or on root crops for less than one-fourth of an acre; grain to be measured or weighed according to the usual standards; roots clear of the tops to be weighed at 60 lbs. to the bushel, and grass and other crops to be ascertained in such a mode as the Board of Managers shall specify.

FLOWERS, FRUITS, AND GARDEN VEGETABLES.

ARTICLE XII. If they deem it expedient the Board of Managers may annually call a meeting at such time and place as shall be most suitable, of such members of this Society, as feel more immediately interested in the cultivation and improvement of flowers, fruits, and garden vegetables.

Sec. II. If such meeting be sufficiently large to promise success, the Board of Managers shall appoint and make suitable arrangements for one general annual exhibition of flowers, fruits, and garden vegetables, or for exhibition of each of them separately, at such time and place as the meeting shall determine.

Sec. III. At such exhibitions suitable premiums out of the funds of the Society shall be offered and awarded, subject to Article XI, relative to premiums.

ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE XIII. No alteration of this Constitution shall take place unless the same shall have been proposed at a stated meeting of the Society, entered on the minutes thereof, and adopted by the votes of the majority present, at the next stated meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE XIV. The standing by-laws of the Society shall be prepared by the Board of Managers, and laid before the next stated meeting, and on being adopted by a majority of the members present thereat, shall go into immediate effect.

Sec. II. Alterations in the By-Laws shall be effected in the same manner.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

ARTICLE XV. At the meetings of the Society the Order of Business shall be

- 1. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Election of new members.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Other Communications in writing.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Election of officers for next year, when necessary.
8. Discussion of general questions proposed by members.

The Constitution was then signed by the following members:—

M. Barnhart, David Taggart, Wm. B. Kipp, Wm. I. Greenough, James Cameron, Alexander Jordan, Jacob Seasholtz, Jesse C. Horton, Peter Oberdorf, Amos E. Kapp, Samuel Hunter, Samuel John, Geo. C. Welker, Col. Jacob Hilbish, J. B. Masser, J. Weimer Leighow, Wm. McCarty, Joseph Weitzel, Wm. I. Dewart, Hugh Bellas, Wm. D. Gearhart, Martin Gass, Philip Renn, George Conrad, Charles Weaver, Robert Campbell, Jos. R. Priestley, Eliza John, C. Bower, Thomas H. Watts, Elias Brosius, John B. Heller, Chas. Gobin, G. M. Yorks, James Covert, John P. Parsell, Francis Gibson, Wm. H. Leighton.

On motion it was resolved that all the editors of newspapers published in the County, be members of the Society.

The Society then proceeded to an election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following persons were elected:—

PRESIDENT. Capt. SAMUEL HUNTER, of Upper Augusta.

VICE PRESIDENTS. JAMES CAMERON, Chiliaquaque, Jos. R. PRIESTLEY, Northumberland, Geo. C. WELKER, Sunbury.

Upper Augusta.

JACOB SEASHOLTZ, Wm. B. KIPP, JACOB HILBISH, JOHN MONTGOMERY, Recording Secretary.—Wm. I. Greenough. Corresponding " —David Taggart. Treasurer.—Wm. L. Dewart. Librarian.—Wm. McCarty.

On motion Committees for each Township in the County were appointed to obtain members to the Society. The Chair appointed the several Committees as follows:—

RUSH.—Wm. D. Gearhart, Wm. H. Kase, Wm. G. Scott, James Eckman, Chas. Kase. COAL.—Wm. Fegely, Daniel Everi, Wm. N. Weaver.

UPPER AUGUSTA.—James Forrester, Col. Riisha Kiene, Jacob Eckman, Jacob Seasholtz. LOWER AUGUSTA.—Geo. Conrad, Samuel Lantz, John Yordy, Col. Thos. Snyder, Jos. Weitzel.

JACKSON.—Col. Jacob Hilbish, Wm. Deppen, Wm. Zartman, Daniel Hilbish, Esq., John Wert.

UPPER MAHONY.—Daniel Hine, Felix Mauner, Peter Beisel, Peter Brosius. SHAMOKIN.—Hans Leisenring, Wm. H. Muench, H. H. Teas, Samuel John, George Miller, David Martz.

LOWER MAHONY.—Geo. Brosius, Michael Lenker, Jacob Spatz, Adam Ringeman. SUNBURY.—Hon. Geo. Weiser, Wm. McCarty, A. Jordan, Maj. Wm. Dewart, Benj. Hendricks.

LITTLE MAHONY.—Geo. Pfeiffer, Jacob Baker, Daniel Dornseive, Peter Sholly. NORTHUMBERLAND.—Amos E. Kapp, Jos. R. Priestley, David Taggart, Chas. Kay.

POINT.—Joseph Vankirk, Jesse C. Horton, Anthony Watson, W. A. Leighow, Thos. H. Watts. CHILISQUAKE.—John H. Vincent, Wm. Nesbit, Reuben Troxel, John Vores, James Cameron.

DELAWARE.—Jacob Stitzel, John Kase, John McCormick, Hon. John F. Dentler, Elijah Crawford. CAMERON.—George Long, David Bilman, John Hine.

MILTON.—Hon. James Pollock, Samuel T. Brown, T. S. Mackey, Dr. Wm. McCleary, Samuel Hepburn.

TURBET.—Wm. Follmer, Charles Riddle, Anthony Armstrong, Philip Blumeyer. LEWER.—Hon. John Montgomery, Wm. Tweed, Kerr Russel, Michael Reader.

The Society then proceeded to an election of Managers for the ensuing year, and the following persons were duly elected:—

Rush.—James Eckman. Shamokin.—Samuel John. Upper Augusta.—Peter Oberdorf. Lower " —George Conrad. Coal.—Wm. Fegely. Jackson.—Wm. Deppen. Upper Mahony.—Beneville Holshoe. Lower " —Michael Lenker. Little " —Isaac Baker. Cameron.—Geo. Long. Sunbury.—Alexander Jordan. Northumberland.—A. E. Kapp. Point.—Jesse C. Horton. Chilisquaque.—John B. Heller. Delaware.—Henry J. Reader. Turbet.—Charles Riddle. Lewis.—Samuel Shannon. Milton.—Hgn. James Pollock.

On motion it was resolved that the proceedings be published in the several papers of the County.

On motion the Society adjourned to meet again at the Court House, on the first Monday of August next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

WM. I. GREENOUGH, Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE CANAL COMMISSIONERS.—Gen. Wm. Brindle, to be Superintendent of new work on the North Branch Canal.

Hon. Timothy Ives, to be Superintendent of new work on the Portage railroad and Western reservoir.

THE HARRISBURG SUGGERS.—For two Sundays after the Court had closed all the bars at Harrisburg, Pa., the thirty citizens of that place supplied themselves across the river in Cumberland county, but the Judge at Carlisle having also put the seal on the corks and bottles, they are now in a very sober quandary.

MARRIAGE A LOTTERY.—At an evening party recently it was proposed to dispose of the bells of the room by lottery. Twenty tickets were immediately sold at a fixed price. The joke ended not here. The fortunate adventurers have since married the lady.—Aberdeen Herald.

The riches of California are not confined to gold. The last accounts state that an oyster bed has been found between Cape St. Lucas and San Diego. A vessel recently brought to San Francisco 80,000 oysters, put up in jars, from this bed.

LEDER ROLLIN, in his works on the decline of England, after giving a distressing picture of the physical condition of the agricultural laborers of England, thus notices their moral one.—Their education is not a whit more advanced than that of their fathers in the days of William the Norman. Since the elevenh century it has not progressed. It is to day equally what it was then.

A young daughter of Mr. Hasting, of Jamaica, Vt., while on a visit at the house of a friend in Loudondury, was shot by a boy under very distressing circumstances.—The boy took up the gun and snapped it once or twice without effect. He then playfully pointed it at the girl, said "Pill shoot you, sis," and snapped it again, the whole charge lodged in her forehead.

BARNARD, the inventor of the long panoramas, is now in the Holy Land, after having travelled through Egypt and other eastern regions. He is filling great portfolios with sketches, and intends to construct many extensive panoramas of those old historic countries.

PHILADELPHIA AND THE LAKES.

Under this attractive caption a writer, who subscribes himself "Morning" in the Public Ledger, undertakes to enlighten the community on the subject of the best and shortest railway route between Philadelphia and the Lakes. He mentions two routes from Philadelphia to Williamsport, viz: one by way of Harrisburg and Sunbury, and the other by way of the Schuylkill valley and Cattawissa, and proceeds to compare these routes as regards their length and the number of miles of road yet to be completed. Their comparative cost does not enter into his calculation. The road from Tamaqua to Cattawissa is partially graded, not finished, as he represents it to be. This route passes over a section of country so disagreeably diversified with high mountains and deep ravines, that to avoid numerous inclined planes, the company have been obliged to construct bridges from the top of one mountain to the summit of the next. Part of this aerial railway is thus raised to a height of 120 feet above the level of the plain, over which it passes. The difficulty of building bridges of this height may be appreciated when it is recollected that one of them fell down before it had been completed.—To construct them of sufficient strength to bear the weight of an engine and train of cars would be almost impossible, and to induce any person to travel over them, under any circumstances would be like asking him to commit suicide. We will venture to say that a more impracticable and dangerous line of rail way has never been located. Although there is not an inclined plane on the whole line, these lofty bridges and a grade of 36 feet to the mile, for a distance of nearly twelve consecutive miles, present more serious obstacles in the way of transportation of freight, and place the safety of passengers in greater peril than half a dozen planes.

"Morning" has forgotten to mention a route not only shorter but more feasible and superior in every respect, the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road. Of this road 20 miles, from Sunbury to Shamokin, have been in use for years. On the Eastern end 12 miles of the road are also finished.—This leaves but 14 miles of road to be made to connect the Susquehanna and Schuylkill. By this route the distance from Philadelphia to Williamsport is 180 miles; 10 miles shorter, and infinitely more practicable and safe, and intersecting a country far richer, than the Cattawissa road.

In locating a rail road, regard is had to the grade as well as the distance. It is a well established fact that in ascending a grade of 21 feet to the mile, the power of a locomotive is diminished 50 per cent; that is, it can draw up that grade only half the weight it can move on the level, or can make double the speed on the level that it can up that grade. The grade between Williamsport and Harrisburg in no place exceeds 4 feet to the mile, and between Sunbury and Harrisburg the maximum grade is 2 feet! The maximum grade on the Cattawissa route is 66 feet! With these facts in view, there can be but one opinion in regard to the superiority of the route by way of Harrisburg and the Susquehanna Valley, over the mountainous range of the Cattawissa road.

We should like to see the Cattawissa road made, but we must protest against its comparison with either of the routes above referred to. The correspondent of the Ledger has so misrepresented the case that it becomes necessary to correct him.—If he had carefully read Mr. Walker's report, from which all his data are taken, he would have been better prepared to write on the subject.

DREADFUL RIOT AT HOBOKEN.

On Monday last the Germans of New York, with their wives and children, held their annual May festival at Hoboken.—During the afternoon, the depot of refreshments was plundered by a party of New York and Hoboken rowdies. This incensed the Germans, and a sanguinary fight ensued, in which the rowdies were forced to retreat, and took refuge in a tavern, which was assailed and completely demolished.—The fight raged through the streets of Hoboken, until near ten o'clock at night. A number of persons were killed, among whom was a justice of the peace. About sixty of the rioters were arrested and committed to gaol at Bergen.

The Germans were led by a party of men in short white coats and white hats, known as Short Boys. The police of New York refused their assistance. The military from Jersey City were sent for, but arrived too late to be of any service.

That renowned hero, statesman, Robert Barnwell Rhett, whom Henry Clay denounced as a traitor, last winter, in the U. S. Senate, delivered himself of the following in a recent speech:—

If we concede from the Union, we will concede during the sitting of the next Congress alone can declare war. Congress must vote the supplies, and authorize the use of the army and navy against us. One of two alternatives Congress must choose—let us go peaceably out of the Union, or fight us. I believe every body gives us the very common credit of not being very great fighters at fighting. If war is made upon us we will fight. On land or sea we will fight; and if any one supposes that war is any form can be made on South Carolina without fighting, he is not worth reasoning with. Where there is a will there is a way, in war as in all other things. We will fight—fight long; and, if necessary, I trust we will fight everlastingly in defence of the sovereignty of our State, and of our dearest rights, liberties, and institutions.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—The brilliant light which illumined the northern horizon during the storm on Wednesday night, was caused by the burning of a barn belonging to Mrs. Follmer, four miles east of Milton. A flock of sheep were in the barn at the time it was struck by the electric fluid, and all of them perished in the flames.

ARRIVAL OF THE CANADA.

The Canada arrived at Boston on Wednesday morning, at half-past five, with the mails from Europe.

It is stated that the honor of knighthood is to be conferred on Mr. Joseph Paxton the designer of the Crystal Palace.

FRANCE.

General Durree, the Government candidate is elected for the Department of the Landes.

A conspiracy of the 65th regiment of infantry, stationed at Salines, in the Department of Jura, had arisen. They marched in procession through the town, crying "Vive Ledra Rollin." The disturbance was put down and strict inquiry is being ordered by Government.

FRANKFORT DIET.—The correspondent of the Daily News says that Russia, Austria and Prussia will act in Union at the Frankfort Diet, and that this trial of the three great Northern powers, headed by Russia, will deliberate really on one subject, only, viz:—the resuscitation of absolutism.

DENMARK.—A disturbance took place in Copenhagen, on the evening of the 4th, between the Germans and Danes. The military were called out, and fired upon the crowd; five persons were wounded, and the riot was quelled.

PONTICAL.—Intrigue is rife among all parties at Lisbon, and even the abdication of the Queen, in favor of her son, has been spoken of.

SNOW DEER HUNT.—Two brothers named Rodgers, living in White county, Ia., recently went out to hunt deer. Seeing one at a distance, they separated, one taking one direction and the other another. When they arrived in the immediate vicinity of where they saw the deer, one of the brothers discovered something crawling in the grass and willows, and supposing it to be a deer, he fired a scream followed—he ran to the spot and found his brother a corpse. The ball had pierced him through the heart.

CORN STARCH.—Every week 40,000 pounds of starch, said to be of the best quality, are manufactured at Oswego, It is good both for the laundry and for food. The produce amounts to \$120,000 a year, and the weekly quantity of corn used is 2,000 bushels. This is a far better operation than to send it to the distillery.

A GREAT DEAL OF WHITTLING TO BE DONE.—In the advertisement of the Clerk of the Federal House of Representatives of the next Congress, there is set down, among the things needed, 250 dozen pen knives, about a dozen for each member—of which 100 dozen are required to be "four bladed, pearl handled, and of the highest finish and best quality, and 100 dozen of two bladed, pearl handled, and of the highest finish and best quality." Each member must have a large family of boys.

REAL AND IDEAL.—Dun, Jr., in one of his discourses, in which he describes the contrast between semblance and reality, hits off a ball scene:—

"A woman," says he "may not be an angel, though she glides through the mazes of the dance, like a spirit clothed with a rainbow. The young man may behold his admired object on the morrow in the true light of reality, perchance emptying a wash tub in the gutter, with a fuk pinned up behind—her cheeks pale for want of paint—her hair matted and mossy, except what lies in the bazaar; and her whole countenance wearing the appearance of an angel rammed through a brush fence into a world of wretchedness and woe!"

A CLERGYMAN, who had a farm, went out to see one of his laborers, who was ploughing in the field, and found him sitting upon the plough, resting his team. "John," said he, "would it not be a good plan for you to have a stub scythe here, and be hubbing a few bushels while the oxen are resting?"—John, with a countenance which might well have become the clergyman himself, instantly replied:—"Would it not be well, sir, for you to have a swingling board in the pulpit, and when they are singing, to swingle a little flax?"

A LITTLE girl, aged twelve years, daughter of Mr. H. John of Muscatine, Iowa, died in that city about two weeks ago, from the effect of jumping the rope. She had jumped the rope in the usual way two hundred and sixteen times without cessation.

TO DESTROY THE CATERPILLAR.—In answer to many inquiries for the best mode of destroying caterpillars on trees, which have caused such havoc of our hopes the present year, I would say that three drops of lamp oil poured into their nest will effectually destroy all that may be in the nest at the time when it is applied.—Albany Cultivator.

We think the firing of gunpowder into the nests is more successful than any other mode yet devised. Let the charges be light, without a wad, and you will soon discharge the vermin without injury to the tree; after one or more discharges.—Ed. Ges. Telegraph.

Ma. COKK, formerly a member of Congress from the Accomac district, Va., died a few days since.

The regular trains of the New York and Erie Railroad commenced running to and from Dunkirk on Monday morning. The train from Dunkirk reached N. Y., in the evening, in 17 hours.

ODD SMILE.—They that marry ancient people merely in expectation to bury them; hang themselves in hope that some one will cause and cut the halter.

THE MURDERERS OF THE CODDEN FAMILY.

Baltimore, May 28th, 1851.—The trial of Shelton, Taylor, Murphy, and Shaw, for the late murder of the Codden family, in Kent county, was to have been commenced to day. Shaw, who was arrested on Saturday last, will be used as a witness for the State. He having made a full confession, and pronounced Ford and Webster innocent they were discharged yesterday. He says also that Drummond is innocent. Drummond is detained as a witness.

DECIDEDLY PERSONAL.—A cotemporary says: If N. P. Willis is not now a "duck of a man," he would, if he should visit a certain editor's office in New York, probably be Webb-footed.

KIR CARSON, the famous mountain guide and trapper, is now in St. Louis.

BILLIOUS and remittant fevers ought always to trouble people who forget to pay the printer.

A Geographical Survey of the State of Illinois has been authorized, and \$3000 appropriated to the object.

SOMETIMES SO.—Young ladies educated to despise mankind, generally finish their studies by running away with the footman.