I answer frankly, that if our legislature grant the right of way, I know of no power to prevent such a connection.

While this is a categorical answer to the question, I may perhaps be permitted to ad !

a few remarks on this point. There is no part of the Catawissa Road that is not at least 40 miles nearer to Philadelphia than to New York, and the grades to our city are infinitely superior to the roads leading to New York. The Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company need not allow their cars to proceed to New York. Hence at the point of diver- induce every effort to attract the trade to gence, if any; the cars would have to be unloaded and reloaded. With this heavy item of expense, equal to some fifty miles of transportation, together with 40 miles of actual distance in our favor, I feel that no apprehen sion need exist about the connection leading to New York. The Sunbury and Erie route is the best one from Eris to the Atlantic; and if it is also the best to New York, I cannot re, of the subscription of the city of two millions gard it as an unfavorable feature, as it mussurely remove all apprehension relative to the | Company was acted upon. possibility of any necessity for increased taxation, should Councils make the proposed

phscription. It must never be forgotten, however, that the Sunbury and Eric Road will hot be dependent on the Catawies: Read.

The Philadelphia and Sunbury Road soon be extended to connect roads uniting Common Councils assembled, That the May-The Susquehanna Railroad Company are also prosecuting their work from Sunbury to Harwith the Harrisburg and Lancaster, the Pine Greve and Phonixville, and the Lebanon Vallev Roads.

the road from Williamsport to Erie? If made: Mayor, Aldermen and citizens of Philadelby whom, and upon what terms?"

Last Spring propositions were made by re-New York and New Haven Railroad. The subscription shall be expended east of Wilequipment to consist of 50 first class locomo- liamsport. tives, 25 passenger and baggage cars, 300 and 20 hand cars. The work to be finished stead :in two years, and we (they) will take in payment for the work equal proportions in Stock, Bonds and Cash, that is to say, three millions of dollars each."

14th. "What would be the probable cost single track to its full capacity ?"

I can only answer by an estimate; I should complete, with the double track, is \$1,500,-

rangements could be made with other Com panies by which the expenses of equipment could be avoided?"

I should suppose it probable that such an arrangement could be made.

incur a very heavy expense in the purchase without the consent of Councils." of sites and erections of depots in this city ?" It is evident that proper depot facilities in arrangements could be made with the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company to furnish at least the depots for passengers, as their accommodations for such business will be very ample and perfect.

. 17th. "Can you give any estimate of the probable amount required for these purposes ? I should estimate that proper depots, &c., for such an immense traffic would cost not less than \$350,000.

18th. "What have been the expenses of the Company for the past year for surveys, salaries, &c. ?"

The expenses paid from January 1st, 1853 to this date, for surveys and engineering expenses generally, have been \$45,151 11-100. For saleries, office rent, contingent expenses, &c., &c., \$14,882 15 100.

19. "What has been the amount of interest paid during the same period, and upon what ?"

The amount of interest paid during that period has been \$10,713 49 100, and has been disbursed for interest on the subscription to stock, and for temporary loans. 20th. "Are there any claims upon the

Company, or can any be made on account of the Company not having been in a position to prosecute the work during the past year?"

There are none, or I am not aware of any. 21st. Have any lands upon the proposed route of the Road been purchased for account of the company? when? and at what prices?

There have been no lands purchased for the use of the company, except some small properties at Milton and Williamsport, which the Commissioner of damages (Mr. Jacob Haines) believed it for the interest of the company to purchase miher than acquire the lands, that Commissioner believes, and I have no doubt such is the fact, have been acquired in most instances be sold for nearly the amount of the purchase money.

cident in said control ?"

I believe that the road extending from Erie to the Ohio line, was constructed by

Philadelphia be obtained and secured for the of Columbia, \$18,000,000; Oregon, \$8,000, benefit of Philadelphia !"

12th. "Should the City make the Subscrip- | The control of such reads could only be had, I presume, by the purchase of a majori-

> In consequence of apprehensions which have existed with some, that the Catawissa road might be used in part as a portion of a route to New York, I have recently had some correspondence with some of the leading Proprietors, and am able to state that this work, or a very large propertion of the stock, can be purchased on perfectly fair and equitable terms. A lease can undoubtedly be obtained on equally favorable terms. can see no object or possible necessity for obtaining the control of the other roads, as their own interests, the best guarantee, will

I am, Sir, very respectfully, Your obedient seavant, JOHN TUCKER, Pres't pro. tem.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COUNCIL An adjourned meeting of City Councils

was held on Saturday evening. The matter of dollars to the Sunbury and Eric Railroad

In Select Council, Mr. Snowden moved to take us the ordinance providing for the sobscription. Amendments were offered by Messrs. Hinman, Perkins and Smith. The first section, as amended, reads as follows :-Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and

with the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad or of the city be, and he is hereby authorized to subscribe, at such times and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon risburg, where connections will be formed by the Committee on Railroads, by and with the approval of the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, and the President and managers of the Sunbury and 13th. "Have offers been made to construct | Erie Railroad Company, in the name of the phia, for ten thousand shares in the capital stock of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Comsponsible parties residing in the State of New pany, whenever a like number of shares; York, "to furnish right of way, build and excepting all subscriptions now already equip the road from Sunbury to the city of made, shall have been subscribed by respon-Erie, for the sum of \$9,000,000. The road sible pasties, no portion of which shall be to be made well and substantially built with obtained from any of the cities, towns, counsingle track necessary sidings, &c , and laid ties or boroughs which may now already have with the best T rails of not less than 57 lbs made subscriptions; and for an additional to the lineal yard. The Bridges to be of the ten thousand shares when the same number first class, Depot Buildings equal in extent, of shares have been subscribed by others as aforesaid, provided no portion of the above

The second section was mostly stricken house and platform freight cars, 150 gravel out, and the following was adopted in it

That, in order to provide for the payment of the respective instalments on the said shares of capital stock as the same may become due and payable, the Committee of Finance of the Select and Common Councils of of the rolling stock upon the road, to work a the city of Philadelphia, upon receiving notice from the Committee of Railroads that the conditions of the first section of the ordisuppose that \$1, 500,000 would fully cover nance have been complied with, are hereby such an expenditure. I notice by the last authorized to raise by loan, at a rate of inter-Report of the Pennsylvania Railroad Compa. est not exceeding six per cent. per annum, ny that their estimate for the tetal equipment the sum or sums required to pay the instalments as they become due on the stock subscribed to the Sunbury and Eric Railroad, not | Monday evening, at the residence of Sena-15th. 'Is it or is it not probable that ar- exceeding \$2,090,000, and the Mayor is tor Brodhead. His death was announced lenders for the amount thus borrowed by the Committee on Finance.

The third section was amended by the addition of the following words : -"Provided 16th. "Would not the Company have to that no instalments shall be anticipated

The question having been taken on the amendments separately they were adopted. this city would be a large item of expendi. The bill was then passed finally, by the folture. I think it quite possible, however, that lowing vote :-Yeas, Messrs. Duffee, Hinman, Lennig, Perkins, Smith, Snowden, Thomas, Waterman and Watt, 9. Nays, Messrs. Poulson and Hagert, President, 2.

## CALIFORNIA NEWS.

New Orleans, Jan. 7 .- The steamer Dan-Juan, with 150 passengers, and San Francisco dates to the 16th ult. She reports that the steamer Star of the West sailed on the 1st inst., for New York, with 300 passengers and

\$2,000,000 in gold duet. The general news by this arrival is of some importance. The principal item is in regard court of Vienna; and after discharging, to Walker's Fillibustering expedition. On the 2d of December the expedition made an excursion from San Diego, where they arrived a few days previous, to capture the Governor or to forage. They were attacked by the Mexicans and defeated, with a loss of 12 or 14 men, and were obliged to fly for their lives They were pursued by the Mexicans into a house at Ensenada, where, at the latest accounts, they were besieged by several hundred Mexicans, who cut them off from their boats and prevented their reaching the bark Caroline which was anchored near the shore. Several parties had gone to their as- zens of Erie are of course vilified and abu-

sistance. The bark Oneto sailed on the 13th, from Buffaloe and Cleaveland, and those opposed San Francisco, with 250 fillibusters and to Pennsylvania interests. There is about plenty of amunition, to assist Walker's expedition, the authorities making no attempt to stop her. It is reported that other vessels were preparing ta follow.

WEALTH OF THE STATES .- The population of the United States is set down at 20,746,-000, and the aggregate of personal and real property is estimated at \$8,294,560,000 right of way in any other manner. These New York is the richest State, her property being \$1,112,000,000; Pennsylvania, \$850,. 000,000; then Ohio, \$740,000,000; then Virat fair prices, and the portions remaining can ginia, \$508,000,000. The remainder of the are compelled to ride seven miles in vulgar States rank as follows :- Indiana, \$384,000," 000 ; Tennessee, \$280,000.000 ; Kentucky, 22.1. "Has not the right of control over \$342,000,000; Massachusetts, \$340,000,000 the Railroad extended along the Luke shore Georgia, \$320,000,000 ; North Carolina, \$306, west of the city of Erie, to the Ohio State | 000.000 : Illinois, \$294,000,000 ; Alabama, line, been obtained by Ohio interests, and the \$276,000,000; Mississippi, \$256,000,000 road cast thereof, owned in New York, coin- South Carolina, \$242,000,000; Missouri, \$240 000,000; Maine, \$240,000,000; Maryland, \$193,000,000 ; Louisiana, \$188,000,000 New Jersey, \$166,000,000 ; Michigan, \$3148,-Ohio interests, and that the road east from 000,000; Connecticut, 132,000,000; Vermont Eric is practically identical in interest with \$120,000,000; New Hampshire, \$126,000, 000 ; A.kansas, \$60,000,000 ; Texas, \$56,000, 23d. "In what manner can the control 000; lowa, \$52,000 000; Rhode Island, \$52,. of the Railroad or Railroads, from the Eastern 000,000 ; Wisconsin, \$36,000,000 ; Delaware, terminus of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad to \$32,000,000 | Florida, \$30,000,000 | District

It is with unfeigned pleasure that we are Councils of Philadelphia have made a sub- Railroad. scription of two millions of dollars to the unbury and Erie Railroad, the full proceedings of which will be found on our first page. This subscription ensures the early and rapid completion of the whole THE AMERICAN. line to Erie. The ordinance requires that an equal amount must be subscribed independent of subscriptions already made .--SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1854. There will be no difficulty on this score; as H. R. MASSER, Editor and President there are a number of responsible individ-To Appendigues - The executation of the Sunt uals who are willing to contract for the merican among the different towns on the Susqueh work, and agree to take one-third cash. a not exceeded if equatied by any paper published in North one-third stock, and the remainder in bonds the road is about eight millions of dollars, and as the cash subscriptions now will In a T. CLEMENT advertises some very value

SUNBURY.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

Business Notices.

ble town property for sale in another column

Ournays' Count Sales,-Peter Persing ad

ertises for sale a tract of land, situate in Shamo

kin township. Messrs. Bird and Reader, Ex'tors.

also advertise in to-days paper, some valuable

Service will be held, by Divine Permission

them for cash, by applying at this office.

present at Friling & Grant's store.

a break up on Friday.

to his memory.

with him through his illness.

THE TROUBLES AT ERIE.

The Erie papers come to us filled with

accounts of the troubles at that place, occa-

sioned by the Railroad Company altering

the track through that county. The citi-

sed in no measured terms, by the papers of

seven miles of the road from Erie to Har-

bor Creek that is torn up, which distance

travellers are conveyed in carriages, sleighs,

&c. All kind of stories are told of the

hardships encountered, and of infants that

have perished, or nearly perished on ac-

count of these vandal acts of the citizens of

Erie. Terrible indeed! What will the

thousands who have never even seen a rail

read, think of the sufferings of those who

unfashionable carriages. Their sympathies

The fact is undeniable that our Eri-

friends have right and justice on their side,

and are determined to maintain it. The

Governor, in his message, refers to these

difficulties in a becoming manner, and the

legislatore should at once pass a law re-en-

acting the guage law that was repealed last

session through foreign influence. This

would settle the matter and protect not on-

ly the people of Erie but the interests of

the whole State from the lawless acts of

those who are determined to wrest from

will, no doubt, be terribly excited.

have ice houses, embraced the opportunity

lands in Point and Rush townships.

legislative favors.

ern Pennsylvania

without delay. The proviso that none of the two millions should be expended east of Williamsport, 18th inst. may not, perhaps, be properly understood. The object was to ensure the early completion of the road through the wilderness in St. Matthew's Church, to morrow (Sunday) at 10\(\frac{1}{2}\) o'clock A. M., and in St. Marks Church, Northumberland, at 3, P. M. portion of the route, and does not interfere with the other three millions that will be

amount to over three millions, there will

be no difficulty in pushing the work through

LAND WARRANTS .- Persons having The Councils, we have reason to know, Land Warrants for sale, can dispose o are fully impressed with the importance of that portion of the route between Sunbury Mercer street. See fourth page for useful and interand Milton, and which one of the members justly designated as the key to the whole route, as will be seen by the following ex-We are indebted to Hon. Ephraim tract from the debates on the subject :

Banks and to D. B. Montgomery, Esq., for Mr. Smith said that there was a portion of the road lying between Sanbury and Milton, 14 miles in extent, and it occurred to him that the gentleman's (Mr P's) proviso might be Our Court adjourned last week on the means of committing the evil which it Thursday evening, and this week on Saturhas been their care to avoid-to drive all the day. Judge Jordan works his hands late Sunbury and Eric trade on the Catawissa road-that the portion between Sunbury and Milton might be the key to the whole

The line of the Philadelphia and Mr. Perkins remarked, that the Catawissa Sunbury Telegraph, as far as Shamokin, will and Elmira roads have endorsed the Sunbury bonds to the amount of \$700,000, and tha be put into operation to-day. The wires one of the conditions is, that the road shall between Shamokin and Pottsville are being be finished by next July. The individual put up and will be completed in a few subscription is entirely lost sight of. The city is merely giving her two millions with The office in this place is located for the Milton route is only 37 miles, for which they have two millions, and we, with two hundred

miles, bave only the same amount. The question on the first section as amend-Ice .-- Most of the citizens, who ed was taken and adopted.

CONVENTION OF SOLDIERS OF THE WAR

during the last and present week, to fill them with the beautiful ice on the Susque-Monday last being the day for the as hanna, which was perfectly solid, and clear sembling of the Soldiers of the War of 1812, as crystal. The late rain and thaw caused in National Convention at Philadelphia, a very large number met at 12 o'clock in the DEATH OF HON. HENRY A. MUHLENBERG. Hall of Independence. The venerated It is with deep regret that we announce room was filled to overflowing, and among those present were not a few who had the death of the Hon. Henry A. Muhlen. borne a prominent part in the Second berg, member of Congress from Berks coun-War of Independence. ty, which took place at Washington, on

The Convention was called to order by Gen. Adam Diller, upon whose motion Judge Joel B. Sutherland was called to the n the House by Mr. Drum. Messrs. Dawson and Straub also paid a tribute of respect

The Rev. Dr. P. F. Mayer offered a fervent prayer, in the course of which he al-Mr. Muhlenberg was but 33 years old. luded feelingly to the remnant of the actors with fair prospects of lame and future use. in the war, who had met together once fulness before him. Mr. Muhlenberg had served three years in the Senate of Penn-

sylvania. Like his revered father he was Judge Sutherland submitted a series of cut down while on high road to fame and made. The following are among the resolutions adopted :

The brother of his grandfather, Frederick Resolved, That as many of the officers and Augustus Muhlenberg, was the first Speaksoldiers of the War of 1812, and their wier chosen to preside over the House of dows, are old and in destitute circumstances, Representatives of the United States under that Congress be requested, at its present the present constitution. Joseph Heister, session, to extend the benefits of the same el Webster arrived here to-day, from San his maternal grandfather, was among the of the War of the of the War of the Revolution have so long early Governors of Pennsylvania. His fa- enjoyed, to the soldiers and widows of the ther, Henry A. Muhlenberg, was long a thanks of this Convention be tendered to the distinguished member of Congress, and was Hon. John Wentworth, of Illinois, for his earafterwards chosen by General Jackson the ly movement at the present session of Congress, to effect this desirable and pratriotic representative of this Government to the

Resolved, That Congress ought to place the soldiers of the war of 1812 upon the same footing with those who served in Mexico, by with high credit to his reputation, the duties of that responsible position, he was, considering them in the service until paid off, as was the case with the volunteers who reshortly after his return to Pennsylvania, turned from Mexico, who were not deemed nominated for Governor of Pennsylvania, out of service till they received their pay from He leaves a wife and boy, who were the general government.

A resolution was also adopted, offered by

a member of the Baltimore delegation, providing for the assembling of the members in their several Congressional Districts, and memorialize Congress on the same subject.

SUSQUEHANNA RAIL ROAD. At the recent meeting of the stockholders of this Company at Harrisburg, the following board of officers were elected. President :

GEN. SIMON CAMERON. Directors : Gen. Wm. F. Packer, Jacob S. Haldeman, Joseph Casey, John B. Packer, Hon. Charles W. Hegins, Eli Slifer, Esq., George F. Miller, Esq., Hon. John P. Kennedy,

F. Murdock and Wm. F. Mayhew. The last four are from Maryland. Gen. Packer, we understand declined being a candidate for re-election of President, and received a vote of thanks from the Board for his past services. General Cameron, the new President, is so well known here, that we shall say nothing in commendation of his election, excepting that the Company have been exceedingly

The Miltonian has changed hands, and comes to us improved in appearance. Mr. J. Robins is the successor of Mr. Frick the late proprietor.

The ice of both branches of the Sus quehanna broke up on Friday morning .us, by fraud a force, what they cannot get The steamboat below the wharves escaped without any damage.

SUNBURY AND ERIE RAILROAD. At an election held at Philadelphia, or

Tuesday last, the following gentlemen were able to announce this week, that the City chosen Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Henry White, Charles Lennig, Charles S

Boker, J. B. Myers, Daniel Deal, Franklin Platt, Robert Ewing, J. W. Stokes, James Armstrong, D. K. Jackman, Jas. Thompson and Gideon J. Ball.

The new board is composed of good and reliable men and meets with the approbation of the Council.

Another Terrible Conflagration in N. York
—Metropolitan Hail and the Lafarge House
in Ruine.

New York, January 8 - About one o'clock this morning a fire commenced in the immense block of buildings on Broadway, containing the Metropolitan Hall and Lafarge of the Company. The estimated cost of Hotel, and in about two hours their destruction was complete. Nothing remained standing except the marble front of the hotel, which, however, being in a dangerous condition, was demolished by the firemen this morning. The fire commenced in the Hall, in which Julian was making preparations for a splendid dress ball and supper fixed for the

The hotel had been leased by Charles Wright, was furnished in the mest magnificent style, and would have been opened in a few days. Nearly all the forniture was either burned or seriously damaged in the hasty removal. The hotel was undoubtedly the largest and most expensive building of the kind in this city. It had a most extensive front on Breadway, and ran back to

Several other buildings on Broadway and Mercer street were more or less scorched. and the roof of a frame dwelling on Mercer street was crushed by the falling of the rear wall of the hotel.

The total loss by this conflagration exceeds half a million. The La Farge Hotel was insured for \$195,000. The furniture, which, it is said, excelled anything ever before manufactured, was only covered by \$20,000 insurance, not one-sixth of its actual cost .-It was partly owned by a gentleman formerly the proprietor of the La Farge Hotel at Macon Georgia, who was interested, with oth-

THE ERIE RAILROAD CONTENTION. Ente, January 7 -The following despatch

Harrisburg, January 7 .- To A. King, Mayor of Erie :- The Railroad men propose that if the people will let them lay down the track for the time being, they will disconpatrick and others, for comtempt of Court. We think you had better accept. Call the 11 o'clock. Councils and have their action immediately. "Signed-E. Babbitt, J. C. Marshall, C. A. Kelso, G. J. Ball, James Skinner and H. A. Hills."

The Erie authorities telegraphed a reply, that it is unsatisfactory to the people of Erie and Harbor Creek, and that they will not consent to the laying of any gauge whatever on the old track.

The two Kirkpatricks, Dr. Sherman and John Jack were arrested here to-day, and taken to Pittsburg, to be imprisoned for contempt of Court. The affair caused consider. able uneasiness among those that have been engaged is resisting the railroad, and some persons left the city in consequence.

[SECOND DESPATCH.] patricks and the other prominent actors in most of his friends. the recent occurrences, has alarmed others concerned, who are absenting themselves from the scene of action. The United States resolutions and a number of speeches were Marshal is here, fully determined to enforce the law, and protect the Railroad Company in their rights. The present condition of affairs proves that determination and spirit alone are required to quell any new disturbances.

The following despatch from Governor Bigler has been received. Harrisburg, Jan. 6th .- To Alfred King, Mayor, and T. B Vincent, Sheriff of Erie :-I, William Bigles, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of enjoining obedience to the laws, and in order to see them faithfully executed, hereby authorize and require the said Alfred King and T. B. Vincent to call upon all good citizens, and, if necessary, the military, to aid you in suppressing riots, if any should occur, and to preserve the public peace; and also to secure obedience to the laws and orders and desires of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, against the destruction of the property of the Franklin Canal Company. And further, that you advise obedience to the orders and decrees of the United States Court. You will also give publicity to this communication.

Signed, WILLIAM BIGLER.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT READING Burning of the Railroad Machine and Boil. er Shops .- READING, Jan 9. About 84 e'clock, last night, a fire broke out in the machine shop of the Railroad Company at this place, which proved very destructive, and for a time threatened to involve all the adjacent buildings, including the Depot .-The machine shop was entirely destroyed, as was also the boiler shop, the depot fortu-Andrew Kennedy, Henry Tiffany, Wm. nately escaped. The machinery in the machine shop was greatly damaged, though a portion of the stationary machinery, and the boilers were saved uninjured, and it is expected that a few days will be sufficient to restore them to running order. Twelve locomotives which were in the building, were greatly injured, and will require considerable repair, before they can be placed upon the

The fire, though quite destructive in its efoperations of the company. Until the shops fortunate in securing his influence and serare rebuilt, the repairs, &c., will be carried on at the company's shops at Port Carbon, Pottstown and Richmond.

The extensive car shops, brass and copper shops, tilt handmers, and the offices of the impany, were not damaged by the fire.

A writer of a love tale, in describing his heroine says, Innocence dwells in the rich ourls of her dark hair.' We should thing it for two large States. In time she will doubt. would stand a pretty smart chance of being less be one of the richest agricultural States | Lambskin

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 7, 1854. SENATE .- Mr. Slifer .- Supplement to an act incorporating the Lewisburg, Centre and pruce Creek Railroad Company.

Mr. Kunkel .- Supplement to an act incor porating the Susquehanna Railroad Company also, a supplement to the Wisconisco Railrond Canal.

The following Standing Committees were innounced. Finance .-- Messrs. Buckalew, Darsie

Hamlin, Crabb and McFarland. Judiciary .- Messrs. Heister, Kunkle, Quigde, Price and Piatt.

Accounts .- Mesers. Evans, Sager, Barnes, Wherry and Frick Estates and Escheats .- Mesers. Hamlin

lendricks, Cresswell, Price and Foulkrod. Pensions.-Messra. Barnes, Fry, Hamilton, loge and Ferguson. Corporations .- Messrs. Gavin, Darlington

Haldeman, McClintock and Mellinger. Library .- Messrs. Jamison, Cresswell and

Public Buildings. - Mesers. Piatt, Skinner and McFarland. Banks .- Messrs. Haldeman, Crabb, Back-

alew and Handricks Railroads and Canals,-Messrs. Quiggle, Slifer, Goodwin and McClintock. Retrenchment and Reform .- Messrs, Cress

Public Printing .- Mesers. Darlington, Evans, B. D. Bamlin, Mellinger and Foulk-

well, Mellinger, E W. Hamlin, Kinser and

Mr. Buckalew moved that when the Senate adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Tuesday next, which was agreed to.

House,-Mr. Bigham offered a joint resoution providing that the voters of this Commonwealth shall vote on the third Friday in March next, on the question of the sale of the internal improvements of the State.

Mr. Horn moved that when the House adourn, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next, which was agreed to.

Mr. Ziegler, a bill for a vote of the people on the Prohibitory Liquor Law.

THE DUEL OF MR. SOULE.

A letter from Madrid gives the following account of the duel of the elder Soule.

The principals are M. de Turgot, French ambassador, and Mr. Soule, United States the premises, a CERTAIN OTHER TRACT OF LAND, envoy at this court. The seconds of the former were Lord Howard and General Calier, French commissioner on the boundary question. Mr. Soule was attended by General Valdez and Senor B. A. de Gamindo. The duel took place this morning, with pistols, at tinue the present proceedings against Kirk- twenty paces, the parties meeting at Chamartin, a league from Madrid, at half-past

The first fire took place without effect. On the second fire, M. de Turgot was shot through the leg, near the knee; he was immediately removed home in his carriage, and bore his journey pretty well. The leg is now a good deal swollen; but as it appears that the knee-cap was not touched, and no principal artery wounded, it is trusted that his state is not one of danger. Mr Soule was not wounded.

## Correspondence.

The following letter from our member, the Hon. C. M. Straub, explains itself. Mr. Straub informs us that he hopes to be Zimmerman, and on the west by lands of said Enre, January 7 .- The arrest of the Kirk- able at the next session to accommodate

> [Correspondence of the American.] Washington, January 9th 1854.

ED. AMERICAN-Dear Sir :- There are inumerable applications sent to me for Patent Office and other reports and documents, nearly all of which it is not in my power to furnish at this time. I take this method through your very useful and interesting paper to state the reason why I cannot comply with the request. Mr. Bibighouse, the member who preceded me, died since the adjournment of last Session, and he being entitled to the reports and books voted and twelve Managers of the Company, to serve to the 32d Congress. The Clerk forwarded for one year, will be held. all that were printed and ready for distribution to his administrators or executors. This comprised the Patent Office and abstract of the census reports, besides many other documents: it is true that not long since the low. er House carried a motion that the books, &c., that were not already distributed to the hast Congress should be furnished to the pre-

> [Correspondence of the American.] WASHINGTON. January 10th 1854.

C. M. STROUB.

sent members, but this dont comprise the re.

ports refered to.

MR. EDITOR-In all that passes here, except rumor and Matters in prospect, you are kept, I perceive, well posted by the papers and your correspondents. I will therefore give you a little of Madam Rumors work, and a word or two on the latter. It is said that Mr. Gadsden, our Minister to Mexico has in conjunction with Santa Anna negotiated a treaty with that unfortunate nation, the purport of which is that the right of way to boild the Pacific Rail Road is secured to the United States and a large share of the Mexican Territory ceded to Uncle Sam, for which he has agreed to pay some fifty millions of dollars. There s also a report that our Government is likely to have some trouble on the Cuba question. L A D Bradway
There seems to have been a serious error T G Brown

committed by our Government, or rather by Mr. Clayton, Secretary of State, under Gen-Tay'o, in his negotiations with Great Britian, which appears in the Clayton and Bolwer Treaty of 1850. Last March this matter was brought before the Senate through a resolufeets, will not materially interfere with the tion offerred by Gen. Cass, who with Donglass, then construed it as her Majesty's George Davis Government does. This construction repudiates that put upon it by Mr. Clayton and Dr Saml B Soster if sustained will, in time, prove exceedingly detrimental to the interests of the United S tes. Gen. Cass will make a great speech on it in a few days and then we will know m re about it. Nebraska in all probabili y will be admitted into the sisterhood of States this Session, the Territory is large enough

The innumerable routes and diversified interests in all probability will defeat the passage of any bill which has for its object the construction of a Rail Road to the Pa-

New Advertisements.

## Valuable Property for Sale In the Borough of Sunbury!

THE subscriber offers for sale the following property in the Borough of Sunbury, viz: THE HOUSE

And two contigious Lots of Ground. on the south west corner of Market Square, now occupied by the subscriber as a store and dwelling. Also:

THE STEAM SAW MILL on the river bank, together with one and a half acres of ground. Also: a double two story

Dwelling House and Lot of Ground in Elderberry street. Also: six acres of ground at the Point, adjoining the Susquehanns, n which are erected two frame houses wagon house, &c. Also:

A House and Lot of Ground Cranberry street, near the river, on which lot are also erected three lime kilns. Also:

A House and half Lot of Ground. on the north east corner of River and Dewberry street, occupied by Augustus Clement. Also: Twenty-Three Vacant Lots

n Elderborry street. IRA T. CLEMENT. Sunbury, Jan. 14, 1854 .- tf.

ORPHANS COURT SALE. N pursuance of an order of the Orphans Court of Northumberland county, will be expessed

to public sale, on THURSDAY, the 9th of FEBRUARY next. on the premises, the following described real estate, to wit : two certain pieces or

## Tracts of Land,

adjoining each other, situate in Point township, Northumberland county, the first whereof is bounded by the North Branch of the river Susquehanna, lands late of Thomas Lemon, Wm. Lemon and others, containing one hundred and twenty three acres and three quarters, more or less, with the allowance; the second is bounded by the above tract, land of John Nixon and the North Branch of the river Susquehanna, containing forty one and one fourth acres more or less, strict measure. About one half of said tracts is cleared, and a two story frame dwelling house erected upon them.

On Friday, the 10th day of February next, or

or a lot, situate partly in Franklin townships rmerly Columbia, now Montour county, and partly in Rush township, Northumberland county, measuring on the northern line one hundred nd thirty-three feet, on the eastern side 159 feet, on the south side 120 feet, and on the west side 124 feet, which is all cleared, and on which are erected a two story frame dwelling house and shops. Late the estate of Ziba Bird, dec'd. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M. of said

lay, when the terms will be made known by JOSEPH BIRD. SAMUEL READER, Ex'tors. By order of the Court, P. PURSEL, Cik. O. C. Sunbury, Jan. 14, 1854 .- ts

ORPHANS' COURT SALE. N pursuance of an order of the Orphans Court of Northumberland county, will be exposed to public sale on the premises on SATURDAY, the 11th of FEBRUARY next,

Thirty acres off of the north east corner of the following described tract of land, to wit:

A Certain tract of Land, bounded on the north by lands of Daniel Miller, on the east by lands of Nancy Wolverton, on the south by lands of said Nancy and Michael Michael and Philip Persing, containing two hundred and forty acres. Late the estate of William Persing, dec'd.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M. of said day, when the terms of sale will be made known. PETER PERSING. One of the Executors of said dec'd. By order of the Court.

P. PURSEL, Clk. O. C. Sunbury, Jan. 14, 1854 .--SUNBURY AND ERIE RAIL ROAD COMPANY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their Office, No. 50, South Third Street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, the 13th of February, 1854, at 10 o'clock A. M. At this Meeting an Election for a President

The Polls will close at 3 o'clock, P. M.

PHILIP M. PRICE, Sec'y Jan. 14, 1854 .- tc. NOTICE. Office of the Coal Run Improvement and

Railroad Company. Philadelphia Jan. 10, 1854.

THE Stockholders of the Coal Run Improvement and Railroad Company are hereby notified that an election for Five Directors to serve one year, will be held at the Company's office, No. 86 south 4th st., on Monday, the 6th

day of February, 1854, between the hours of 10

and 12 A. M. SAMUEL T. ALTEMUS, January 14, 1854 .- 4t.

NOTICE A N adjourned meeting of the Stockholders of the Treverton, Mahanoy and Susquehanna Railroad Company, will be held at the office of

the Company, Trinity Building, New York, on Thursday, February 2d, for the election of officers

> F. I. JOHNSON, Sec'y. List of Letters REMAINING IN THE POST OFFICE

Northumberland, December 31, 1853. Jehial McKean 3 Isaac Miller, (miller) H W Patrick Robert Brown John Pierson Emanuel Peters Levre Barrett

Edward Carney Henry Colman Bernard Fostock

for the ensuing year.

Mrs Thos Shoemaker D L Smith G P Swartz Emery Stickels Elias Hawlew

L D Taylor Ward Warren Geo B Wilcox John Winkelman

B J Williams John M Wagner Williams & Waldre

Miron Stevens

Henry Paul

Robert Pinn

James Riddle

Rrs Rovinia Simmone