Post Office Affairs.

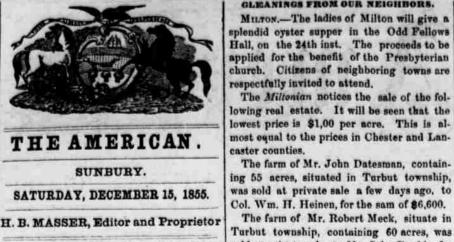
POSTAL REFORMS

Among the many subjects which come directly home to every one, and which are o very great importance to many, we may class a cheap and secure system of postage. Our readers may recall that we have frequently of late had occasion to direct their attention to Inte had occasion to direct their attention to the fact, that an almost incredible degree of carelessness, if not dishonesty, appears to prevail in many post-offices in this country, that advertisements for the loss of letters containing valuable enclosures, are of almost daily occurrence, and that it was but the day for the day for the loss of letters of the day daily occurrence, and that it was but the day before yesterday, December 4, that our edi-torial column contained a reference to a val-uable enclosure which, by "mistake," had been sent from New York to Chicago. In a recently published pamphlet entitled, Postal Reform, by Pliny Miles, we have all the abuses and defects existent in the present pactal extern heaveful together, with sur-

postal system brought together, with sug-gestions for their reform. Its author appears to have enjoyed great facilities for mastering his subject, and has as evidently expended much time, and unwearied industry on the matter. The result of his researches has been to prove that if its magnitude be taken into consideration, we have, beyond question, the worst established, worst regulated, and most extravagant postal system in the world. We have the most ridiculous lieense in franking granted to government officers. Millions, as our pamphlet observes, are spent annually in our pamphiet observes, are spent annually in printing books and reports of which not more than one-tenth are of anyutility, or even read, and heavy sums are also paid out to pass these through the mails, and while the people who get books and documents are flattering themselves that they come free, they actually pay nearly three millions a year for their transportation, in a direct tax on their correspondence. To such an extent is this absurd franking of what is to most of its recipients useless matter, carried that were its ex-penses deducted we should save one-third of the present postal reforms, or have our letters carried for one-third less. An extraordinary delusion seems to exist

in our country of regarding government as an authority independent of and superior to the people, instead of its being the result of the people's will, and subservient to it. The feeling would be natural enough for one who was born a foreigner, but the fact that a native can yield to it is a curious instance o the difficulty which most men find in master ing rudimentary facts. Nowhere is this more plainly manifested than in postal rates. Our letters are carried so much cheaper than they once were that we still feel most absurdly grateful to "government" for the reduction, never reflecting that it depends only on our own will to establish an uniform rate of postage at a cent a letter if we choose, and no one to thank for it but ourselves. Were the franked matter paid for-or only such a por-tion of it as is really required by recipientsthe remainder being suppressed, and were the present rate of postage diminished even two-thirds, there can be no doubt that, ere long, instead of a deficiency in the post office

revenue, we should have a surplus. It is almost painful to trace in the pamphlet before us the absurdities, the extravagance and the carelessness which prevails owing to a bad system in our American postal arrangements. Four millions of letters nunually, or about one in thirty, fail to reach their address, "and this independent of all that are lost through mail robberies, flood, fire, 'waste,' 'paper mills,' (!) and other acci-dents." It is true that we have a large floating population, and that many other causes may be alleged why many letters should be lost, but no reason exists which can excuse or extenuate such a fearful proportion of loss. One reason for this is, that unless a letter when opened in the Dead Letter Office is found to contain an enclosure, no attention is paid to it and it is burned. A number of workmen are busily engaged in



espectfully invited to attend.

The farm of Mr. John Datesman, contain-

The farm of Mr. Robert Meck, situate in

Furbut township, containing 60 acres, was

The farm of Mr. Joseph Deshler, situated

kle recently. It contained 70 acres, and

Dr. T. Piper, of M'Ewensville, Delaware

township, sold his farm to Mr. J. Wesley.

for \$10,000. It contained one hundred

Tangiers, and new no more, once informed

us, that the best days work he ever did was

DANVILLE .- The Demoerat recommends the

increase of pay to Jurors to \$1,50 per day.

A doubtful improvement The Northumber-

land stage leaves for Danville at 64 in the

New Years day. On Friday evening the 7th

inst., a daughter, 4 years old, of Mr. Over-

o'clock at night, and found it in bed at the

house of Mr. Stetler, one and a half miles out

The water was to have been let out of the

LEWISBURG-We learn from the Chronicle

caster counties.

brought \$7,000.

496 pounds.

States and the second

sold at private sale, to Mr. John Dunkle, for To ADVERTISERS ... The circulation of the Sunbury merican among the different towns on the Surquehanna \$5,000. is not exceeded if equalled by any paper published in North ern Pennsylvania. in Turbut township, was sold to Mr. K. Dun-

EDITOR'S TABLE.

Business Natices. GODEV'S LADY'S BOOK. Published by L. A ley, 112 Chesnut street, Phila.

The January number is received, and acres. est we have vet seen. It contains 3 splendid Steel En-Our friend of the Democrat, always in luck, gravings, one of them a magnificent Colored Fashion alluding to the accession of some new sub. Plate with four Figures ! One beautiful Lathograph, printed in blue and gold ; 100 Pages; 12 Full Page Plates; scribers by our neighbors, says that he has 13 Engravings ; and 66 Articles. The following are the also had a similar "streak of luck." These

things are, with us, such an every day affair, Terms, cash iff sdvance. One copy, one year, \$3. Two that we are, perhaps, not sufficiently grateful. optes one year \$5. Three copies one year \$6. Five opies one year, and an extra copy to the person sending in not announcing it to the public. Even the ctub, making six copies, \$10. Eight copies one years such "streaks" may not always be desired. and an extra copy to the person sending the club, making One of the most talented editors in the nine copies, \$15. Eleven copies. and one extra to getter valley of the Susquehanna, late consul at of club. \$20.

We will give the Lady's Bo5k and the "American" ore year for \$3,50 We call the attention of purchasers of real estate to the

erms :

to cut 400 subsicrbers from his list. advertusement of James Cameron, Esq., in this weeks pa-Edward Snyder, of Milton, slaughtered a per. Also to the sale of coal land by order of the Orphans hog raised by Judge Oaks, which weighed Court.

Snow to the depth of about six inches fell in this place on Wednesday night last.

EF TEACHERS INSTITUTE .- The teachers of the different schools in this county are to morning, and returns at 1 P. M. The Danmeet in the Court House, in this place, on ville Brass Band gives its annual Ball on Tuesday, the 18th inst., for the purpose of

organizing a Teachers Institute. The object seems to be a laudable one. peck was lost. The citizens turned out at 10 and if properly carried out, will, no doubt, prove beneficial to the cause of education.

of town. A fire occurred on Tuesday, in a The increase of business on our basin house of the Montour Company. The Engine nay be estimated from the following report was brought out by volunteers, and left standof the number of boats towed by the steamer ing in the street, for want of help to replace Susquehanna. Up to the 8th of December it in the Engine House. We are surprised she towed 4710 boats. Last year the whole to learn from the Democrat that there is no number was 1867 fire company in that place. We have two

companies, both prompt and efficient. 23" The price of grain still continues to lecline, and sales in the markets of all the North Branch canal on the 10th. cities, appear to be dull. Provisions are also coming down. These things, we think, have that the Union county building committee reached the culminating point, and are destined to come down to reasonable rates. It Mr. NoLL to prepare specifications for the is a singular fact that many articles of provicounty buildings, to be in readiness for use at sions are higher here than in Pottsville.

DEDICATION.

The New Lutheran Church at this place will be dedicated on Christmas, the 25th inst. About \$60,000 in money and \$2,000,000 in completing it in time for that purpose. The another, Court and Jury rooms, A consider- R. M. T. Hunter, of Virginia, a Southern And the first bills, kc., are annually taken from the church is a large and commodious brick buil-American dead letters. But as Mr. Miles the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which do not contain the interior finished in a style high-Merican dead letters which dead letters which dead letters whi ly creditable to the congregation and builders In the base, besides a large lecture room, there are several other comfortabble rooms, one of them, we believe, is designed for the no doubt a large assemblage will be gathered within the walls of the church on that interceremonies. esting occasion.

GLEANINGS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS. NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD.

The letting of the work on 26 miles of the Muron .--- The ladies of Milton will give a lendid oyster supper in the Odd Fellows Northern Central rail road from Millersburg Hall, on the 24th inst. The proceeds to be applied for the benefit of the Presbyterian to Bridgeport, took place on the 7th inst. The remaining portion of the road from this place to Harrisburg, will, no doubt, be let church. Citizens of neighboring towns are shortly, and the whole road completed without delay. The following is the allotment of The Miltonian notices the sale of the folwork at the letting of the 7th inst. lowing real estate. It will be seen that the lowest price is \$1,00 per acre. This is al-

NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD .- The lowing is the result of the allotment of the Northern Central Railroad, made yesterday, by Geo. M. Lauman & Co :--Section 1 and 2, Smith & Reihl.

3, A. L Roumfort. 4 and 5, D A Dougherty & Co. 6 and 7, John Bingham & Co. 3 and 9 Gowen & Brown. 10 and 11, C Sheesley. 12 and 13, John S. Daugherty & 14 15 16 and 17, R Bogle. 18 19 and 20, John Brown & Co. 24 25 and 26, T. S. Mackey & Son. 27, T E Shull. 28, McKissick & Brindle. Canton and Rockdale Division, Burks & Lauman.

THE COAL TRADE.

The shipments of coal from this place have nearly closed. The cold weather of the past week has put a stop to canal navigation, ex. cepting where boats were on their way home. The trade has been brisk, and we learn from a number of our operators that the demand, during the past season, has been much greater than they were able to supply. This circumstance, with the largely increased trade of the present year, over the past, is strong evidence of the superiority of our coal over all others, particularly for domestic purposes.

THE SHORTEST DAYS.

The shortest days of the year are nearly at hand. We say days, because the days commencing on the 18th of December, until the 27th vary but little, and increase only a fraction of a minute in nine days. The shortest day will be nine hours and four minutes in length. On the 27th the day will be nine hour and five minutes long. The long nights of winter are, in many respects, the happiest of the year-either at the social fireside or festive board, or in the quiet chamber of the student or recluse.

ET THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT .- It is stated, in advance of the Postmaster General's Report, that the deficit in the Post Office Department for the present year will be death-wound, as terrific, and calculated to about two millions and a half of dollars, or some three-quarters of a million more than he had no bullets-was far in the wilderness, last year. There has been added during the rear some 2700 miles of read service to the to kindle a fire—and, to add to his further year some 3700 miles of road service to the operations of the Department.

An article in another column, from the ceedingly dangerous. He continued to grope Philadelphia Bulletia, will go far to show his way through the laurel, hoping to find a why the Post Office department does not sustain itself. It is not only badly systemati. zed, but badly managed. But even if it were and found that he would have to remain there not so, there is no more reason why the Post for the night. Coming to an aged hemlock, have so far arranged their plan as to employ Office department should sustain itself, than the Navy or the Army.

the appointed time. The general plan is Gr CONGRESS .- The difficulty in uniting that of the Bradford county buildings at on some one for speaker of the House of Towanda, and those at Camden, N. J. The Representatives is nothing new. The same edifice will be 50 by 100 in size. One story thing occurred in 1839, occasioned by the edifice will be 50 by 100 in size. One story thing occurred in 1839, occasioned by the to contain the prison cells, and Sheriff's "Broad Seal" controversy growing out of the terribly frightened by the discharge of the apartments—another the various offices—and another Court and Jury rooms A consider B. V. B. Lie Virginia a Southern Finally, relief of Clark.

finns now decamped, but from traces of blood which were discovered the next day, and tracked for nearly a mile, it is believed that one or more of the number must have been badly wounded. He also informs me that the agents of the northern fanatics have in several instances attacked and fired the dwellings of settlers known or supposed to be friendly to the establishment of slavery in Kansas.

Lawrence city, the head quarters of the Abolitionists, is strongly entrenched. They have ten field pieces, at which they drill in-cessantly, guards are stationed out at night, and eight hundred men, armed to the teeth, swear that nigger slavery shall never exist in Kansas by authority of law. Governor Shannon sides with the Missourians, and ad-

vise them to come to Kansas with their slaves. It was reported that the Governor had de-clared that the President had authorized him to call on the commanding officers of Fo Riley and Fort Leavenworth to put down th No man stirs out without a rifle, an mob. riot and arson and murder occasion no su prise, and as little comment. Now, gent men, where is all this to end ? This state things should not any longer be allowed. T President should interpose and put it down, if necessary with the weight of the whole power of the Government. But what fate ought to be the portion of the demagogues who have raised all this trouble ? They alone are responsible for all the evils which may grow out of the present state of things. I forgot to add that my informant stated that Governor Shannon had called for aid from St. Joseph's and Ladependence, and that one hundred men had gone from St.

Joseph's on this call. Yours, respectfully,

E. F. R.

A LONG NIGHT WITH WILD BEASTS.

On the 4th of November, 1855, Arvine Clark, of Jersey Shore, was exploring the route for a new road to the settlement of the "Farming and Land Association," a new col-ony near the site of the famous Ole Bull settlement, in Potter county. When evening drew on, he commenced retracing his steps but lost his way, in a dense forest at least

eight miles from a settlement. An old man, tired with walking, he sat down on a log to rest a moment and contemplate his situation. His attention was suddenly arrested by a rastling in the bushes close by, and on look-ing around, he saw a huge bear coming towards him. To draw up his trusty rifle and shoot, was the work of a moment; Bruin gave a fearful roar, which awoke the echoes of the gloomy solitude, and then was still .-Fearing that he was only wounded, Clark hastily re-loaded his gun with two bans, into last in his pouch, and discharged them into the body of the bear, when he cautiously ap-the body of the bear, when he cautiously aphastily re-loaded his gun with two balls, the proached and found that he was dead. describes the bear's roar, as he received his make the stoutest heart quail with fear. A dark night was settling down on him-

discomfort, it commenced raining. What was to be done ? To remain there, was expath that might lead to a hunter's habitation but in vain. The howling of a pack of wolves greeted his ear He soon became exhausted. he seated himself at its root. Could he but obtain a fire, he would be comparatively safe The effort was made by collecting some dry materials, and, loading his gun with powde fired the charge into a dry cotton handker-chief. It was a failure ! As the gun was discharged, another bear, apparently within twenty feet of him, gave a hideous roar, that

The Markets. Philadelphia Market.

Dec. 12, 1855.

GRAIN.—There is a good supply of Wheat. but prices are still drooping. Millers only offer for Southern and Penna. red, \$1,95(@2,

offer for Southern and Fenna, red, \$1,95(@2, and 2,10(@2,12 for prime white. Rye is in steady demand at 125c per bu. Corn is also dull. Sales of old yellow at <math>67c(@98, and new yellow at from 75 to 81c. Oats are dull at 41(@42c per bushel, for Delaware, and 42c for personalized.for Pennsylvania.

CLOVERSEED comes in very slowly and is wanted at \$8,50 per 64 fbs. Flaxseed is very scarce and in demand at \$2,50.

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OATS						3
POTATOES,		3				3
BEESWAX -						21

STOVES-

FOR SALE an excellent second-hand Cooking Stove, also several Cylinder Coal ves .- Enquire at this office.

A FARMAT PRIVATE SALE. The subscriber offers at private sale, the well known Farm, late the estate of William l'aggert, dec'd., situate part in Northumber. land, and part in Montour counties, Pa., on the road leading from Milton to Danville. and within one-fourth of a mile of the C. W and E. R. R., containing in all 277 acres. about 105 or 10 acres are heavy timbered lands, principally eak and Hickory. There is a large quantity of oak suitable for Ship Timber, and any amount of Rail Road wood on the Farm.

The improvements are two good Dwelling Houses, and one large Bank Barn, handsome ly situated, the Chilisquaque Creek running through the centre of the same, on which there is a fall of 6 feet 6 inches, suitable for a Saw or Grist Mill. There is also a fine young Apple and Peach

Orchard of choice grafted fruit, and a large portion of Meadow-land, the soil of which is of a looming nature, one part of the Farm land has been limed, and limestone within one fourth of a mile. The whole will be sold together at a bar-

gain, or in part to suit purchasers. The above property has lately been very much improved : within the last year 6000 bushels of lime has been put on it and 2 tons

of Guano. The property will be sold entire, or as it will divide very conveniently, one half will be sold.

Terms will be made very accommodativly JAMES CAMERON.

Chilisoauque tp. Dec. 15, 1855 .- 3t. Lancaster Whig, Reading Eagle and Mil-tonian, will publish three times and send bills to subscriber.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.

IN pursance of an order of the Orphans' Court of Northumberland county, will be exposed to public sale on Saturday, the 5th day January next, at the house of William Weaver, in the town of Shamokin, county aforesaid, the following described real estate to wit:

A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND, situate in Coal township, county aforesaid. surveyed December 3d, 1785, in pursuance of a warrant granted to THOMAS HAMILTON, adjoining lands surveyed in the names, respectively, of Martin Gass, William P. Brady, John Boyd, William Wilson, John Cook and Richard Lake, containing, by re-survey, made Sept. 15th, 1855, 436 acres and 86 perches, strict measure, late the estate of Joseph T.

December, 10th, 1855.

susceptible of cultivation.

Mather, dec'd. Sale to commence at 10

At the same time and place, the undivided TRACT OF COAL LAND,

ALSO.

of which the said Calvin Blythe in his lifetime vas seized, situate in Coal and Zerby townships, Northumberland county, adjoining lands sur-veyed to John Boyd, William Wilson, Peter Maurer, Michael Kroll and Frederick Kramer, and surveyed on a warrant to Mathias Zimmerand surveyed on a warrant to Mathias Zimmer-man, containing 367 acres, 95 perches, more or less, on which is erected a small Log House, and which said Calvin Blythe held and sold, subsequent to the drawer of the Plffs., the widow of the said Mathias Zimmermon. Scized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Frederick Lazarus, adm'r. of Calvin Blythe, deceased.

HENRY WEISE, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Dec. 15, 1855.

LIST OF JURORS

For January, Sessions, 1856.

GRAND JURORS.

Sunbury-Wm Martin, Thos Robins, Mi. chael Wilvert, David Rockefeller, Baltzer Kiefer, D Druckemiller, Ed Gass. Northumberland-John Leisenring, Daniel

Brautigum. Lewis-Jacob Bruner.

Delaware-Andrew Nye, John Gray, G

W Armstrong. Chilisquaque-Dennis Buoy Jr.

Lower Augusta-Jno Shipman. Shamokin-Jesse Reed, Coal-David Thompson

Rush-Luther Bassett, Wm D Gearbart,

Upper Mahanoy-Samuel Ressler, Jordan-Benj Leitzel, Geo Stokes Jackson-Jer Longsdorf.

Mt. Carmrl-Jos Feger

TRAVERSE JURORS

Sunbury-Wm Hoover, Fred Lazarus (J P Buyers.

Northumberland-Wm Guiger. Milton-Thos Mardock, Jno F Caslow,

Matthias Strine jr. Lewis-Robt C Rockman, Jno Taggert, Jno Schuyler, Sam'l Shannon. Delaware-Tkos McKee, Dan'l Smith.

Turbut-Jno Hollocker, Abraham Kissin-

Chilisquaque—Jno S Troxel, Wm Reed. Lower Augusta—Wm Haas, Jno Everitt, Joel Yordy, Benj Kriegbaum Sam'l Kreiger

John Shipe. Shamokin-Isaah Morgan, Valentine Klaso Jacob Conrad, Jno Smith Sr. Jno Bohner, Jno L Ross.

Coal-David N Lake.

Rush-Peter Hanghawout, Jacob Heller, Henry Weaver, Bonham Gearhart, Jacob L. shuman.

Upper Mahanoy-Jonathan Smith, Jacob Fulp Abraham Geist Michael Paul, Andrew Geist.

Lower Mahanoy-Wm Shaffer, Franklin

Jackson-Wm Deppin. Jordan-Geo Shartel, Dan'l Bohner, Juo

Creasinger. Zerbe-Daniel Beckley. Mt. Carmel-Abraham Larick.

PETIT JURORS.

Sunbury-Geo Gass, Jacob Young, Elias Brosious Wm Kriegbaum, John B Lenker, 1 W Tener. Milton-Abraham Goodman, Moses Cham-

berlain Henry Strine, Thos S Mackey. Lewis-David Stahlnecker.

Turbut-Robt McCornick, Peter Dunkle, David Eshbach Daniel Beisel.

Chilisquaque - Charles Cox. Point - Wm L Cook.

Upper Augusta-Martin Gass, Geo Zim-merman Jacob Eckman, Reuben Gehringer. Chas Eckman.

Lower Augusta-Wm Weitzel, Chas Conrad, Wm Seigfried Jer Keime, Shamokin-Andrew Gousert Jno Moore.

Coal-Solomon Weaver.

Rush-Abraham Hoffman, Jos Fegg. pper Mahanoy-Juo Moyer

interaction these letters which do not contain loanres, if properly estimated, are probably of far more consequence than the money docway of returning dead letters, every one has 10 go through seventeen processes, supercriptions and entries. Thirty letters a day study of the pastor. As a number of popufor a dead letter clerk in Washington is lar clergymen will officiate on the occasion. considered a good day's work, while in England these matters are so simplified that each clerk sends off two hundred a day. Mr Miles shows that the expense of returning all the dead letters would not average a cent to a person in the United States, and no one would deny that if the question could be brought heme to the people they would willingly pay much more.

But it is needless to pursue our present system further through all its abuses, ab-surdities and mistakes. The matter is beginning to excite general attention, and will be fore long be more thoroughly reformed than it has ever before been. Meanwhile there is one element which underlies the whole matter, and which is of such importance that it cannot be kept too vividly before the people. It is the improved social and moral effect resulting from extended social correspondence. Everything which tends to make man acquainted with man-which renders knowledge common to all, tends to strengthen our social system, and to enlighten the community .- Correspondence by letter is an important part of the bringing and binding together as it may sound-the result would be beneficial beyond calculation, and well worth an indirect and general contribution from other sources. Letters, the press and the telegraph are to the mind and to the head work of practical business, what rail-roads and steambeats are to its material or physical portionthings of which it is impossible to have a superfluity, things which contribute to their own growth and to that of all prosperity, whether bodily or intellectual. In the words of Dr. Channing, as most appropriately quoted by Mr. Miles, "Such importance do we attach to the freest communication with all parts of the country-so much do we desire that the poor as well as the rich may enjoy the means of intercourse—that we would sooner have the Post Office a tax on the revenue, than offe of its sources."—Phila. Bulletin.

NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILWAY.

day last, the date of the financial year was fixed at the 1st of January. The meeting al-so approved of the action of the Board of Directors in reference to the contract for the completion of the road from Tide Water to Sunbury, and for holding sessions, when they may find the same necessary, in the State of Pennsylvania. One reason for this is that they may execute their contracts there, and thus avoid the legal disabilities which the Maryland law is said to present in the negotiation of their bonds at a rate under par, and which are to be given to the contractors to the amount of \$2,340,000 for the whole work -\$1,000.000 being for the work as far as Millersburg, at which point the company re-serve the right to stop at present, and con-nect there with the Lykens' Valley railroad. Mr. Kennedy made an informal statement of the present financial condition of the company, showing that its revenues, as compared with those of last year, exhibited an increase, such as to enable the company to pay all its interest and considerably augment its equip-ment, with the means at hand to liquidate its known floating debt by the first of January. Baltimore Sun.

SAW MILL BURNED .- On Saturday night, the steam saw mill of Foos & Bingaman, at Reading, Ps., was destroyed by fire. Loss \$5000 ; insurance \$2500. for refutation.

ET LITERARY SOCIETY .- We neglected last week to notice the first meeting of the new sel, and Sem Leitzel, Esq., Clerk, and they Literary association established in this place. also appointed Henry S. Boyer, Esq., Mer-The first meeting was Tuesday evening a cantile Appraiser.

week last, Judge Jordan presided. The The County Seat contest seems to have introductory lecture was delivered by Gen. subsided. The Location Committee met at J. K. Clement. The subject, labor. The Middleburg on Thursday, 22d ult., to select audience was large and respectable, and apa suitable place for the Court House and peared to be highly gratified with the enter-Jail for Snyder county. The piece of ground taiuments of the evening. On Tuesday evenbelonging to Mrs. Kremer, adjoining Judge ing last, at the second meeting of the society Wittenmoyer, was fixed upon for the Court there was a debate in which some half dozen House, and for the Jail a lot of Jacob Aupersons participated. The audience was rand, in the western part of town, was selecrespectable in numbers, and intelligent in ted. The 'Volksfreund' says that the locaappearance. We were pleased to see quite tion gives general satisfaction. a number of ladies present. Their approval

s a sure guaranty of success. Lectures are becoming popular, and literary associations are every where springing up. People must have some relaxation, some excitement and diversion from the ordinary every day duties of life, and if the popular taste should run into lectures and debates, all the better. Many may be thus attracted to the cultivation of the mind, who would other, wise waste their time and energies in places and pursuits much less profitable.

DIVISION OF THE COUNTY.

The editor of the Miltonian comes to the sage conclusion that we "appear to favor a division of Northumberland county," and that we "hint strongly that the upper end should be attached to Union county to benefit Lewisburg." The presumption is, that the At a meeting of the stockholders of the Northern Central Railroad, held on Wednes-man in the county, who had sufficient saraciman in the county, who had sufficient sagacity to make such a wonderful discovery !

He hath optics sharp, I ween, To see what is not to be seen. We looked in vain into the files of our pa

per to see if any paragraph could have crept in by stealth, which could possibly be torta- turnip measuring two feet three inches in red into such a construction. But there was circumference, and weighing 84 pounds. A nothing to convey the remotest idea of such landlord who raises such vegetables must be an absurdity. We have sometimes referred a good provider. Mr. Nicely keeps the printo the squibs fired off between the editor of cipal Hotel in Berwick. the Miltonian, and his belligerent neighbor of who may, probably, look upon it as a second A man was shot at Spencers Mines. edition of the celebrated contest between Hector and Achilles. If so, we trust some modern Homer will record their exploits, in

longer. To suppose that we should favor a

should be separate. The friends of the Lewadministration.

isburg and Spruce Creek road, are waking up, Again in 1849, the balloting for Speaker and say they have \$300.000 subscribed. The lasted from the 3d to the 22d of December. friends of the Lock Haven and Tyrone road, when Mr. Cobb of Georgia, was declared a rival route, are also pushing thier claims. elected or the 64th ballot, but by a plurality The first court will be held at Lewisburg on vote.

Born, H. B. Masser and Peale. Negative,

Messrs. Clement, Donnel, Youngman and

STATE OF AFFAIRS IN KANSAS.

BUBLINGTON, Des Moines co., Iowa, Dec. 5th, 1855.

S. R. FEALE, Sec'y.

Wolverton. Published by order of the chair,

Monday next. Many will be there to see the The Philadelphia Ledger of Monday SELINSGROVE --- We learn from the Star of the publishers and proprietorr of that pathat the Commissioners of Snyder county have appointed Geo. Hill, Esq., their Coun-

> Swain, Able and Simmons, and has now the largest circulation in the world. The proprietors have all become wealthy.

COL. FORNEY, late clerk of the House of Representatives in Washington, has, in connection with Mr. Nicholson, become joint owners and proprietors of the Washington Union, the Government organ. The Colonel is a good political writer, but not a safe and WILLIAMSPORT .- The Grand Jury recomprudent politician. mend the erection of a new County Prison,

on the plan of that at York, at an estimated STATE FINANCES .-- On the 30th ult., expense of \$13,000. Thomas M'Graw was there was an available balance in the State found guilty of violating the Jug Law, and Treasury of \$1,245,697 31. At the same sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment, \$25 fine, time last year, the balance was \$1,240,928 72. and costs. A German Dramatic Association The receipts from the canals and railroads of of Lock Haven have made a miserable show the Commonwealth, during the past year, at Williamsport. A house in Williamsport, amount to \$1,942,376 71. occupied by three families, was burned down Tuesday week, loss not great. The Muney Luminary is adopting the cash principle, and

will not send the paper to any stranger, or to any person at a distunce from the office, without pay in advance. John Fribley, for three years mud-boss between Muncy and Loyal. sock, (American,) has been removed, and Thomas Maxwell, of Muncy, substituted .---Muncy has been recommended by the Committee as the best site for the proposed Normal

School. The bank barn, crop, and farming implements of Maj. George Crane, near Jersey Shore, have been destroyed by fire. Loss \$4,000,

BERWICK .- We learn from the Gazette that Fred'k Nicely, Esq., of that place, raised a

Portsville,-The Miners' Journal urges the the Lewisburg Chronicle. But we always establishment of a Miners' Hospital at that looked upon it as a mere pop-gun fight, the place. Hon. F. W. Hughes a few years result of which, no one feared or cared about, since offered to give \$5,000 for that purpose except the two pugnacious editors themselves, if \$20,000 were made up by other parties .--

STATE OFFICERS .- Any quantity of persons have been named or recommended by an epic worthy of the theme. Seriously the newspapers, as candidates for nomination speaking, we think the editor of the Miltonian on the 4th of March next, for the different entirely too belligerent for a subaltern in the state offices at the next election. They may ranks. He should "tarry at Jericho" a while be classed from first rate to about tenth rate -some about as fit for the station as an undivision of the county is an idea too absurd tamed Pawnee chief, would be for a Profes-

sorship of Greek in one of our colleges.

ther was heard. The beast approachedcame nearer, every few minutes uttering a screech that froze the blood in his veins ! As

a last resort to defend himself from the attack of the savage animal, he re-loaded gun, putting in some three cent pieces and steel pens, (for he had nothing else.) which he hoped might do some execution. The animal came so near that the glare of his ast records the death of A. H. Simmons, one There Clark remained, without daring to move-with the fiery eyes of the panther fixper. Mr. Simmons died rather suddenly, of ed upon him. In this dreadful situation, excongestion of the lungs, on Sunday last. He pecting every moment to be torn in pieces, he remained till break of day, when he was was an intelligent and active business man, he remained the order by the animal disappear and was, in appearance, one of the most healthy and vigorous men in the city. The *Ledger* was started in 1836, by Messrs. proceeded to the place where the bear was shot, and brought in his carcass, which proved to be a very large one. It was dressed and forwarded to New York. It was several days before Clark fairly recovered from the fatigue, the fear, and excitement of that night which will never be removed from his mind.

> ARRIVAL OF THE ARIEL. LATER FROM EUROPE.

JOHN OF LANCASTER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 .- The steamship Ariel, from Havre, arrived this morning. She sail-ed from Havre on the 22d ult., and left Cowes on the morning of the 25th.

FROM THE SEAT OF WAR. A letter from Kamiesch, Oct. 22d, states that some trifling engagements had taken place at Kertsch, between the advanced posts of the Russian forces, under Gen. Wrangle and the Gaglo-Turkish contingent, and that the latter were hard pressed and had sent to Balaklava for reinforcements.

Kinburn is now protected by the squadron SUNBURY LITERARY SOCIETY .---- Order of exercises for Monday evening, 17th inst. 1st, A Lecture ; 2d, Reading an Essay ; 3d, Deof Allied frigaates, the floating batteries in bate on the following question: "Are the Allies justifiable in the present war with Russia." Affirmative, Messrs. Montgomery, an effort to retake it as soon as the river reezes over.

The Vienna Correspondent of the London Times states positively, that the preliminary steps towards the realization of the first and fourth guarantee points are about to be ta-ken. The first point relates to the Princi-palities, and the other to the future position of the Christian population in Turkey. Conferences relative to the re-organization of Moldavia and Wallachia would begin at

[Correspondence of the Public Ledger.]

Constantinople as soon as the Austrian En-voy, Baron Prokesch, reaches that city, The Berlin correspondent of the Times states that it is rumored that the reported Swedish alliance is doubted there. The same MESSES, EDITORS :-- I have just conversed with an intelligent and respectable gentleman from Kansas, with whom I became acquainted while living there, and as he has stated to me some facts which may not be known to you, I have thought it worth while to write you this letter. He gives a most melancholy ac-from Prussia.

The French squadron under Admiral Brn-at, with the Imperial Guards on board, had been spoken in the Greek Archigelago, on

ANN W. MATHER, Ad'rix. Hime By order of the Court, C. Boyd Pursel, Clk. O. C.

N. B. The above tract of land lies in the

valley between the "Little" and "Big" moun-

tains, upon tributaries of the Shamokin Creek, about equi-distant from the two flour-

ishing towns of Shamokin and Trevorton. I

is all exceedingly well timbered with white

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY virtue of a Ven. Exp. to me directed, will

D be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Sunbury, on Monday the 7th of Jan-uary next, the following described property, to

A Certain Tract or piece of Land,

situate in Rush township, Northumberland co., adjoining lands of John Rabuck, George Gon-

sert, Joseph Chamberlin and Mary Swenk, con

taining fifty acres more or less, about forty acres

of which are cleared, whereon are crected a one-

and-a-half story Log House, a small frame Barn

and out buildings. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as

ALSO,

Two certain lots of ground, situate in the town

of Trevorton, Zerbe township, and county of Northumberland, being lots No. 3 and 4, in block No. 77, containing 30 feet in front each, and 100 feet in depth, and fronting on Market

Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as

ALSO,

lots of ground situate in Turbutville, Northum-

By virtue of a Fi Fa, to me directed will be

the property of Peter Campbell.

the property of Charles Zeh.

street.

on the West.

he property of Horatia G. Werrel.

ALSO,

ALSO,

Lower Mahanoy-Isaac Shaffer Zeshe-Isaac Keiser. Mt Carmel-Wm Schall.

LIST OF JURORS

For a Special Court-Feb. 11, 1856 Sunhury-Jno G Bright, Jno W Frillag-Geo Rohrbach

Northumberland-Jno Durham, Jno Humand chestnut Oak, white and yellow Pine, mel, Theo Burr. Milton-Israel Kepner, A. H. Moody. Chestnut, Hickory and Poplar ; and a portion

large enough to make two good farms, is Lewis-Jno Remp, Wm Savidge. Delaware-John M Wagner, Wilson

Hutchinson Turbut-Jas Smith, Wm Waldron David Engle.

Chilisquaque-Wm Honsel, Isnac Freder-

ick. Joseph Irwin. Point-Jesse C Horton.

Upper Augusta-Peter Oberdarf Dennis Wolverton.

Lower Augusta -- Wm Miller. Shamokin-Wm Gass, Agustus Huoy. Coal-Geo B Sinton, Dan'l Everitt.

Rush-Abraham Eckman, O B Patton C Gearhart. Upper Mahanoy-Geo Enterline, Peter

Beissel

Lower Mahanoy-Peter Hepner. Little Mahanoy-Daniel Wagner, Jackson-Jacob B Hoffman, Michael Tre-

Cameron-Peter Weikle.

Northumberland County ss.

The commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Francis Bower, husband of Sarah Heller Bower GREETING :

Whereas Sarah Helen Bower, by her next friend Jacob Dundore, did on the third day of April, A. D. 1855, prefer her petition to the Honorable Alex. Jordan, President Judge of exposed to public Sale, at the house of Michael Reader, in Turbutville, on Saturday the 29th of December next, at 1 o'clock, P. M., three certain might be divorced from bonds of maturoony entered into with you the said Francis now berland county, and numbered in plot of addition to said town No. 24, 25, and 37, each container, we do therefore command you, as before we did, that you be and appear in your proper ing one fourth of an acre, more or less. Lot No. 37, bounded by Paradise street, on the West, Worrel street on the North, lot No. 36, East, and public school house lot, South; and lot No. 24, bounded by Paradise street, West, Worrel street. South, an alley East, and by lot persons before our Judges at Suubury, at a County Court of Common Pleas, therein 37, bounded by Paradise street, on the Worrel street, South, an alley East, and by lot No. 23, North; and lot No. 25, bounded by Washington street on the East, Worrel street on the North, an alley South, and by lot No. 26, from the bonde of matrimony agreeably to Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as provided. Hereof fail not.

Witness the Hon, Alex. Jordan, Presidentof our said court at Sunbury, Oct. 12th, 1855. JAMES BEARD, Proth'y.

Sunbury, Dec. 8, 1855.

GENTLEMEN'S CLOTHING! JOHN V. MARTIN MERCHANT TAILOR,

SUNBURY, PA.

Respectfelly informs the citizens of Sunbury and the public generally, that he has just received from Philadelphia, a choice and select assorments of Cloths, Cassimeres, &c., viz :

French black Cloth, plain and twilled.

Black Beaver do fer overceats. Fine blue cloth.

Claret cloth.

Cassimeres-french black corded. do Doeskin.

do do Doeskin. do grey mixed Doeskin. do

Vestings-plain black silk velvet.

Figured velvet. Plush velvet. Black satin figured. do do

Woolen Shirts and Drawers.

Gentlemen's Pocket Handkerchiefs

do. Neck-ties. All of which will be sold or made up to order its the latest and bast style. Sunbury, Dec. 1, 1855-tf

At the Court House in Sunbury, on Monday the 7th of Jauuary, at 1 o'c. all that certain two story Stone Building, situate in the town of Shamokin, county aforesaid, on the south side of Sunbury street, in said town, and on lot numbering as in the plot of said town, 33 of the Dewart addition The same correspondent states that the to said town of Shamokin, containing front on United States Govarnment had given large orders to a Rhenish house for the delivery soid Sunbury street, 16 feet, and in depth 18 feet, and the lot or piece of ground and curtilage appurtement to said building. Seized, taken into execution, and to be sold as the property of Catharine Noccker.

count of the existing state of affairs there,

and says that civil war is now raging in the territory. Two nights before he left them.

another party made another attack on a set-tler's home, but he had notice of their inten-tions, and had collected some of his friends,

Two nights before he left them, a gang of "border ruffians" crossed from the Missouri side of the river and attacked a settler, named Klinefelter, drove him and his family from his cabin after night, and then fired his house the setter in the settler is settler is settler in the settler in the settler is settler in the settler is set and hay stack. They then gave three cheers for "Drunken Davy," (David R. Atchinson) and retired. The next night the same or

At the same time and place, by virtue of sundry writs of Ven. Exp., all of Defendants in

erest in a CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND,