

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER.

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SURGICAL OPERATION.—The Shippensburg News of the 1st inst., says that Mr. A. G. MILLER, of Dickinson township, who had been suffering severely from scrofula in one of his legs, had it amputated within four inches of his body—while under the influence of chloroform.

FROZEN TO DEATH.—Some ten days since a German doctor, named Augustus KRECKLER, was frozen to death, near Sterret's Gap tavern, on the mountain. It appears that he was laboring under delirium tremens, and left his home in the night in search of strong drink.

TO BE EXTENDED.—A supplement to the charter of the Cumberland Valley Rail Road, authorizing the Company to extend their road from Chambersburg to any point on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, in Virginia, or to any point in Maryland, and to purchase, relay and put in running order, the Franklin Railroad, from Chambersburg to Hagerstown, has passed the Legislature of this State.

PRINTED TO THE SENATE.—The election of Gen. Nicholson, the able editor of the Union, as printer to the U. S. Senate, will give wide satisfaction to the Democracy. He has proved himself a fearless champion of the principles and policy of the party, ever gallant, and reckless of consequences, so that his duty is fully performed. He richly merits this work of esteem and confidence from the Democracy of the Senate.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.—We learn that a serious disturbance has just taken place in this ancient Institution. From what we can learn the case stands as follows:—The Faculty on Saturday last dismissed some four members of the Sophomore Class, for being concerned in a series of outrages committed in the lecture room of the Professor of Mathematics.

The following is the valuation of all property assessed for the year 1856, taxable for County and State purposes, as returned by the Assessors of the respective townships and Boroughs in this county, subject to revision and appeal:

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Important from Washington.—BANKS (Abolitionist), of Massachusetts, has been elected Speaker of the House, under the plurality rule.

By Telegraph for the Volunteer.—GREAT DEMOCRATIC TRIUMPH IN LANCASTER. LANCASTER, Feb. 6, 1856.

The election held yesterday in this city for Mayor and city officers, resulted in the complete triumph of the Democratic ticket. Our city is hers again, and "Sam" is as dead as a door nail.

THE ENGLISH MISSION.—The nomination of the Hon. Geo. M. Dallas as Minister to England, was sent into the Senate on Thursday.

HEAVY TAX PAYERS.—In Cincinnati, Nicholas Longworth, the great Oatway, was the heaviest tax payer, his quota being \$21,000.

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What proof is furnished of the Governor's frequent exercise of the pardoning power? It is furnished in the fact of his exercising this power almost every week. Read over your exchange papers, neighbor, and if your eyes are not glazed with a pair of leather spectacles, you will find abundant proof.

THE HERALD DEFENDS THE GOVERNOR FOR PUTTING THE COURT AND JURY OF HUNTINGDON COUNTY AT DEFANCE, AND GRANTING PARDONS TO FIVE MEN, SOME OF WHOM HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO LIFE.

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New Railroad Act.

Mr. Price has introduced a bill in the Senate to provide for guards against accidents on railroads. Among other things it makes it a misdemeanor for any one to walk, ride, or drive a horse or any other animal along a railway track between the rails, except at farm and highway crossings, without the consent of the company or its agents.

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Barnum's Bad Luck.

The tide seems to have turned at last with Barnum, the showman. Formerly, everything he touched seemed to turn to gold. An old shrewd negro woman, called Joyce Meth, and reputed nurse of Washington, produced him some twenty thousand dollars.

BUT WHO EVER HAD MONEY ENOUGH? Barnum, like Oliver Twist, wanted "more." So he next tried to restore the New York Crystal Palace to prosperity. He failed.

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More about the Old Times.

Mr. Bryant—I have in my possession a little "The Hornet," a newspaper about ten inches square, four pages, printed in Fredericktown, in 1803-3. Its motto was "True Republicanism will sing."

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For the Volunteer.

FROM WASHINGTON, Jan. 29, 1856. This Congressional Session, the Speaker's Chair is not yet taken, and the Banks men are beginning to think seriously of raising the siege.

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