

Miss "Windy Woodbine" will receive our kindest regards for her remembrance. We congratulate her upon her "merits," and assure her that her favors are thankfully accepted.

THANKS.—We tender our thanks to Mr. Haldeman, of the firm of Miller & Haldeman, for a large bottle of superior ink of his own manufacture.

To Hon. A. E. Roberts, of H. R., Washington, for valuable public documents. To Col. C. S. Kaufman, our townsman who with the commencement of the present session of our Legislature, took his seat as a member of the House, we are under obligations for numerous favors.

The Republican Court, or American Society in the days of Washington, is on our table again, owing to the kindness of the Messrs. Freeman, so well known as enterprising book agents, in Lancaster.

We have also received from the same publishers additional copies of The Pictorial Cyclopaedia of Biography—one of the best works published. Each number contains a handsome steel plate of those distinguished in the world, both in the past and present.

FATHER MATHEW.—This bold apostle of temperance, died at Cork, Ireland, on the 9th of December. He was a gentleman against whom not a word could be said—a divine fearless and as far as human ken could view, faultless.

The State Legislature met on Monday last, and organized by the election of David Taggart, of Northumberland, as Speaker of the Senate, and J. L. Getz, of Berks, as Speaker of the House.

Horrible Death.—We learn from the Pottstown Ledger, that a man named Peter Crow, of Douglas township, Berks county, met with a horrible death, on Tuesday night of last week.

The Harrisburg papers contain a formidable list of applications for bank charters, from which we learn that there are eleven applications for banking privileges for Philadelphia, on an aggregate capital of \$14,300,000.

The alarm-bell belonging to the Laurel Fire Company has been recast, and will be placed in the cupola now being erected as soon as it is finished.

Two gentlemen of Charleston went out on Sunday last for the purpose of fighting a duel. The Mayor having got information of their intention, sent the police to the field of battle, and prevented the meeting.

THE SEASON.

For the last few days we have had an allotment of weather which has occasioned a number of persons to say that they never felt it colder. It has been cold enough, dear knows, and we dread the reflection that it may get "more so"—as it was last winter.

There is a Power above who regulates and controls the affairs of His subjects, and who will hold accountable all who depart from the way he has drawn out.

The sermon on the mount (commencing Matthew, Chap. V.) we think one of the most beautiful compositions ever written.

But we have wandered from our subject—have not, however, forgotten the poor. We ask assistance for them. We crave from him who dwells in lofty tenement and has vessels and serfs at his side, a liberal gift.

We have been led to these very hasty remarks by the tale of a little girl we met a few weeks since in the street. She was, apparently, about ten years old—of a prepossessing appearance, but wretchedly clad, scarcely having raiment to cover her person.

The little girl wept bitterly as she told her story, and we are not ashamed to say that a tear and heartfelt prayer was united with her petition as we saw an honest and hard working man, who had been listening to our talk, come boldly up and give a sum that caused the smile to take the place in the sweet blue eye, and to make her heart feel merry.

A Sad Spectacle.—The editor of the Philadelphia Daily News says that "as he was riding home the other evening in an omnibus, he encountered a young and beautiful girl, dressed in the last extra of fashion.

A Mysterious Disappearance.—Samuel Sayer, of Pequea, a laborer, left home on Monday evening, the 5th instant, saying that he was going to Lancaster to see a sick friend, since which time he has not been seen or heard of.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.—The following statement exhibits the charges brought before the grand jury of Lancaster county during the year 1856. It includes all the bills acted on, whether ignored or returned true bills.

ARRIVAL OF MORMONS.—The ship Columbia arrived at New York on the last inst., from Liverpool, bringing about 300 passengers, including 221 Mormons under the conduct of Elder John Williams.

Town and County Matters.

Borough Election.—The following is the vote given at the election for borough officers, on Monday last:

- Chief Burgess. R. Williams, 151 Wm. F. Given, 132 Samuel Read, 151 J. S. List, 101 John Hippey, 12

COLEMBIA LITERARY ASSOCIATION.—This society met on Wednesday evening last, and finished debating the question—"Is a government justifiable in depriving a wilful murderer of life?"

TRACTED MEETING.—A series of services are now being held in the M. E. Church under the direction of the pastor—Rev. Mr. Measkey. We learn that already much good has been done and that there is a warm interest manifested in the cause of religion.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.—We are requested to announce that Bishop Potter will preach in St. Paul's (Episcopal) Church, this place, to-morrow morning—Divine service to commence at 10 o'clock.

THE POLYGAMY OF UTAH.—It is asserted that polygamy is legally proscribed in Utah, but it is kept up by the priestly government in spite of the Territorial law.

W. H. McConkey, Esq., of Wrightsville, had a coat stolen from Cooper's Hotel, in Lancaster, on Tuesday night last. The coat was nearly new and its pockets contained \$20.

At a stated meeting of the Vigilant Engine and Hose Company, held on Friday evening, January 24, 1857, the following officers were elected to serve three months:

FIRE AT THE LANCASTER CO. BANK.—A little before 12 o'clock, last night, an alarm of fire was given, which proved to proceed from the cellar of the Lancaster Co. Bank, where it had caught from the furnace.

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Table with 2 columns: Crime and Count. Assault and battery, 71; do. to commit rape, 6; Arson, 2; Bawdy house, 1; Concealing death of bastard child, 1; Disorderly house, 1; Fraudulent voting, 1; Embezzlement, 1; False pretences, 1; Fornication and bastardy, 16; Gambling, 1; Keeping gambling house, 1; Kidnapping, 9; Larceny, 1; Manslaughter, 1; Misdemeanor, 95; Malicious mischief, 4; Nuisance, 2; Passing counterfeit money, 1; Robbery, 1; Receiving stolen goods, 1; Rape, 1; Sundry of peace, 24; Selling liquor on Sunday, 3; do. to minors, 2.

The charges under the head of "Misdemeanor" were mostly for selling liquor without license. In many cases several bills were laid against the same person. Such bills are counted but as one in this table.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

The annual message of Governor Pollock, is an able and interesting document. It commences with the financial statement of the Commonwealth. The total debt of the State, funded and unfunded, is \$40,701,835-25, being a deduction of \$366,158 97 from the previous year.

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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.—Interesting Statistics.—The last fiscal year of the Order, in the United States, ended on the 30th of June last.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. No. of Subordinate Lodges, 3,397; members, 193,614; initiations during year, 20,200; deaths, 1,971; brothers relieved, 21,743; Am't paid for relief of same, \$335,834 23; No. widowed families, 2,491; Am't paid for relief of same, 71,715 99; for education of orphans, 10,663 33; for burying dead, 74,572 66; Total relief for the year, \$492,786 21; Total receipts of lodges during the year, 1,180,325 22.

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MINES ON FIRE.

The Miners' Journal says, a fortnight since, the Peach Mountain vein, on the Norwegian worked by Rogers, Sinnickson & Co., and the property of the Delaware Coal Company, was fired at the air shaft, below water level. The vein from the start burned so fiercely, that all attempts to check the flames proved fruitless.

IT IS contemplated to turn a portion of the Norwegian Creek into the mine, and thus if possible, extinguish the fire. The lessees have another operation on the Diamond vein and are opening two other veins on this same property.

THE PROGRESS OF THE COUNTRY.—It is stated that the population of the eleven infant colonies in 1701 was 362,000. Georgia and Delaware were added to the number about 1749, and the census reports give us 1,046,000.

ECONOMY OF THE ARTS.—The horse-shoan limes dropped in the streets, carefully collected, reappear in the form of swords and guns. The clippings of tinker's shops, mixed with the parings of horses' hoofs, or cast-off woollen garments, appear afterwards in the form of dyes of the brightest blue, in the dress of courtly dames.

Table with 4 columns: Lake, Length, Breadth, Area. Superior, 355, 100,088, 627, 32,000; Michigan, 430, 168,900, 687, 20,000; Huron, 200, 160,300, 574, 20,000; Erie, 250, 80,200, 555, 6,000; Ontario, 180, 65,500, 262, 6,000; Total, 1,315, 575,888, 2,705, 84,006.

SHEEP IN OHIO.—The Ohio Farmer estimates the profit on sheep in that State the last year, at \$6,000,000, and the whole capital invested at \$60,000,000. The number of sheep is probably 5,000,000, and the wool clip last year reached 10,196,000 lbs., one-fifth of the entire wool clip of the Union.

EDITORIAL GLEANINGS.

GREEN TEAS.—The Missionary Advocate for January contains a long letter from the Rev. Dr. Wentworth, at Few Chau, China, from which we make the following extract: "Several American ships are now lying in port awaiting the arrival of green teas."

HEAVY FALSE PREFERENCE OPERATIONS.—The New York Mirror of Saturday says:—"Augustus Silvey, a dry goods dealer at Bangor, Me., was brought to this city yesterday by officer Campbell, on a requisition granted by the Governor of Maine."

NECESSITY FOR ALLOWING METALS.—Many persons entertain the wrong idea that pure metals, for every purpose, are superior to alloys, and a mixture of any two or more metals depreciates the quality of them all.

RATHER TOO FAST.—It appears the announcement that the Hon. C. P. Villiers had been appointed British Minister to Washington, was rather premature.

VOTE OF CITIES.—The following list shows the number of votes cast at the late Presidential election in nineteen of the principal cities in the United States. They are not all official, but are substantially correct.

THE GAROTE.—This new method of robbery has been introduced into New York, it having been successfully practiced upon a printer one night last week.

SALE OF SLAVES.—Messrs. Goddin & Apperson sold, Wednesday, by auction, for Mr. W. W. Harris, commissioner, twenty-four slaves, consisting of men, women and children.

NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD.—On Friday a locomotive was run over the Northern Central Railroad from Harrisburg as far as Millersburg and the track was found in good order.

THE Erie City Bank was obliged to close doors on Wednesday last, at 11 o'clock, A. M., on account of the run made upon it. Its assets are believed to be sufficient for all its liabilities.

NO FAMILY can afford to be without Mustang Limentin in their house. The many accidents we are liable to, may be prevented by necessary means, and nothing is so valuable as performing such a certain cure.

TO NERVOUS SUFFERERS.—A retired clergyman, retired in health in a few days, after years of great nervous suffering, is anxious to make known the means of cure. Will send the prescription used. Direct the Rev. John M. Duggan, No. 39 Fulton street, Brooklyn, N. Y.