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COOKS FOUNDRY. We have here respectfully informed the public that we have leased the above well known Foundry, situated on Main street, in the borough of Lewistown.

Selling Off at Cost! AS times are hard and money scarce the subscribers wish to reduce their stock, and will sell their present assortment of eastern work, consisting of

BOOTS AND SHOES, Gents, Ladies, Boys and Youth's Gaiters, Children's Shoes, &c. AT COST.

Pennsylvania Railroad. On and after Monday, June 22d, 1857, trains leave Lewistown Station as follows:

FISK'S PATENT METALLIC BURIAL CASES. AIR-TIGHT AND INDESTRUCTIBLE.

New Arrangements. AFTER returning our sincere thanks to our numerous friends and customers for their continued patronage, I would inform them that I am still to be found at

GROCERIES. Buy Cheese at Hoffman's Buy Sugar at Hoffman's Buy Molasses at Hoffman's Buy Tea, &c., at Hoffman's

THE MINSTREL. For the Lewistown Gazette. BE SILENT, MY MUSE. BY REV. J. J. SMITH.

MISCELLANEOUS. A Snake Removed from a Woman's Stomach. The Logansport (Ind.) Phoenix states that Dr. A. Myers of that city, who has acquired some celebrity as the inventor of a trap for the removal of tape worms, has performed a cure that is worthy of more than ordinary mention.

Iron Fence, Hollow Ware, Water Pipes, &c., and will make to order all kinds of CASTINGS. All orders sent to us will be filled with care and despatch, and on as reasonable terms as at any other establishment in the State.

Shocking Double Suicide in Erie County. We learn from the Waterford, Erie county, (Pa.) Museum, that two Germans, bearing the names of Ferdinand and Mina Shultz, residing about six miles from Waterford, and about eight or nine from Erie, above Capt. Strong's, were found July 10th, dead, hanging to a tree twenty rods back of their dwelling.

The Museum states that the parties were of quarrelsome and violent dispositions, and fought with each other and their neighbors until the man was arrested on a charge of threatening a neighbor's life. He found bail and was released. Several other cases were pending against him, growing out of alleged slanders, horsestrades, &c., and (as he stated several times) his neighbors had induced him to believe he could not escape the penitentiary. This idea had made him desperate, and joined with a depraved estimate of life, led to the horrible event we have to record.

New and Destructive Rifle Ball. Everybody has read of Jules Gerard, the lion killer, and his wonderful encounters in the jungles of Africa. When Gerard came back to Paris the last time from his favorite amusement in Africa, he suggested to Devisme, the well known gunmaker of the Boulevard des Italiens, the idea of inventing a ball that would explode when it arrived in the animal's body.

THE GAZETTE. We have no room, nor do we know that "the game is worth the candle," to answer such side-door eavilars as the editor of the Selingsrove Democrat, who, so far as our recollection of him goes back into the good old days of whigsman, was invariably found among the growlers at every election, but the following extract from Mr. Wilmot's acceptance, together with the endorsement of John C. Kunkel and other prominent Americans, ought to satisfy all opponents of Packer & Co. that Mr. W. is certainly preferable in every point of view to one who has denounced Americans as everything base, mean, and contemptible.

Which are the most industrious letters? The B's. Which are the most fond of comfort? The E's. Which are the most egotistical letters? The P's. Which are the longest letters? The E's.

The Bold Lady.—The model lady puts her children out to nurse and tends lap-dogs; lies in bed till noon; wears paper-doll shoes; pinches her waist; gives the piano fits; forgets to pay her milliner; cuts her poor relations; goes to church when she has a new bonnet; turns the cold shoulder to her husband; and flirts with his "friend"; never saw a thimble; don't know a darned needle from a crow bar; wonders where puddings grow; eats ham and eggs in private; and dines on a peacock's leg in public; runs mad at the last new fashion; dotes on Byron; and adores any man who grins behind a moustache; and, when asked the age of her youngest child, replies: "don't know indeed—ask Betty!"

StEBORN CHILDREN.—Be sure to give no commands of which you can not enforce obedience. The powers of resistance possessed by some little children are truly extraordinary; be careful not to arouse them. A spirit of antagonism is most dangerous, and once awakened, may never again become dormant through life; once let a child conquer you, and it will never forget the lesson. Let your commands, then, be few; and insist on obedience to them.

"Does you gab it up, my 'spected friend?" "In course I does. Why?" "Because it's de las rose ob summer." "Look here, nigger, if you preambulate any more such nonsense about this child, he'll carve your head in. I've had enough ob dat highfolornin' talk, I is."

A young lady at a ball was asked by a lover of serious poetry whether she had seen "Crabbe's Tales?" "Why, no," she answered "I didn't know that crabs had tails." "I beg your pardon Miss," said he; "I mean have you read Crabbe's Tales?" "And I assure you, Sir, I did not know that crab crabs, or any other, had tails."

PACKER AS CANAL COMMISSIONER. We do not propose, further remarks the Democrat, to comment ourselves upon the "various positions of responsibility and trust" which he has occupied; but we do propose to submit an exposition of the manner in which he has filled one of those positions, that of Canal Commissioner. Gen. Packer was Canal Commissioner, by appointment under David R. Porter, from 1839 to 1842.

"The contrast between these two candidates is striking: Wilmot has always been an ultraist and disorganizer, and has no experience in the necessities or development of our State, while General Packer has for many years been identified with her administration, and served in various positions of responsibility and trust, which give him more personal knowledge of the wants and resources of the Commonwealth than any other man enjoys."

Col. Sutter, in the race-way of whose mill the California gold was first discovered, has been reduced to poverty. By the last arrival from California we learn that Hoek Farm, his residence, has been sold under the sheriff's hammer. This is the last of the magnificent domain which was at one time his property, and the old man whose name is so closely associated with the history of California, whose unbounded hospitality has welcomed and cheered so many travelers to that country, and by whose means so many have been enriched, is now left in his declining years without a home of his own.

A committee of investigation was appointed in 1841, to inquire into the expenditures upon the canals and railroads of the State. It reported upon the 16th of April in that year. In that portion of their report which relates to the western division of the Main Line, in speaking of a reservoir which is called the Western, near Johnstown, it says:—"These facts, in connection with the proof that McComb & Bingham's and O'Fried & Co's bid, at rates nearly corresponding in our minds to the opinion that the Western reservoir was allotted to Moorhead & Packer at prices so far beyond the real value of the work that the transaction can neither be explained or excused."

"The circumstance of H. B. Packer, one of the contractors for this job, being a brother of one of the Canal Commissioners, should not deprive him of an equal chance with any other citizen in the Commonwealth for public work, for which he might be the lowest and best bidder, but, certainly, this circumstance should give him no preference. The committee will not say that, because Mr. Packer is a brother of the Canal Commissioner, he was therefore favored in allotment of a job. They will, however, assert the belief that the contract is one, the granting of which they cannot reconcile with propriety or justice to the people of the Commonwealth. Besides the allowance of most extravagant prices for the job, the circumstances attending its allotment we think deserving of censure, and go so far to show it was previously determined upon, not to give out the public work to the lowest good bidder, but, by arrangement, to throw certain jobs into the hands of certain persons, and at the same time, to satisfy all prominent competitors for the job." (Vide 2 vol. J. H. R. 1841, page 575.)

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WHY ARE THE COUNTRY GIRLS' CHECKS like well-printed cotton? Because they are warranted to wash and keep the color.

Commissioners, \$169,200, in the canal and railroad contracts in 1840—that is, that they awarded the contracts at prices so far above what reliable contractors offered to do them for, that the sum over and above what was a proper expenditure, was paid. (Vide same, page 588.) Does this favoritism to his brother, this squandering in a single year of \$169,200, of the public money, evince fitness for "positions of responsibility and trust?" If they do then Gen. Packer ought to be elected, otherwise he ought not. No such shameless family partiality, or such reckless profligacy and waste of the public money, stains or mars the record of David Wilmot. His private and public character are alike unimpeached and unimpeachable.

THE FOURTH IN SOUTH CAROLINA.—The "Fleabite Company," a military corps in St. Matthews Parish, S. C., celebrated the Fourth of July by a parade, after which they had an oration and a public dinner. At the latter the "Fleabites" illustrated their love for the Union by applauding the following toast:—"The only Union that we want, is the Union of the South to dissolve her connection with the North."

Bloody affair.—On the 9th inst., as two men, named Peace and Skoggs, were quarrelling in Summersville, Ky., a Mr. Beauchamp interfered to prevent mischief, when Peace threatened to kill him. Mr. B. then fired a revolver at Peace without injury, when the latter, placing his rifle at the breast of Beauchamp, "literally tore his heart out." The affair was witnessed by the deceased's wife and children.

A New Feature.—The Troy (N. Y.) ladies have introduced a new feature at their fairs, which makes them draw like steam engines. All the most bewitching girls wear placards labeled "kisses one shilling each," and in some cases where dealers possess extraordinary beauty, as high as twenty-five cents is obtained. One gentleman actually purchased \$14 worth of this honey. What next?

Doys Doomed.—A Paris correspondent of the New York Courier says, "lank as the Reamer of 1800, the substitute for the full blown rose, the belle of 1858 will come upon us in appalling, unmitigated deformity, sans crinoline, sans basque, sans bustle, sans wad, sans wool, sans cane, sans steel, sans everything."

A lady, named Mary Ann Eldridge, had occasion to send a note to a gentleman, and put two r's in her first name in the signature, thus—"Mary Ann Eldridge." The man was a bachelor, and consequently took the hint—married Ann Eldridge.

A Charming Country.—A large portion of the swamps of Florida is said to be capable of producing 500 bushels to the acre, with alligators enough for fencing. An emigrant wandering there in search of neighbors, would soon meet a settler.

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A Bear Killed.—A bear weighing 400 lbs. and measuring 6 ft. 6 1/2 inches in length, was killed in Green's valley, Walker township, on Thursday night, the 7th inst., by our young friends Jas. Fulton and Jas. R. Bathurst. This bear had been razing the mountains in that vicinity, for a number of years, and had committed numerous depredations in that region, but had always escaped the pursuit of his enemies, notwithstanding he had been wounded several times. At the time he was killed two old bullets were taken from under the skin of his neck. One of the hind claws of the bear was sent to the editor of this paper and is now preserved in the museum of Mr. A. C. Tonner of this borough.—Belleville Democrat.

Taking Out an Eye to mend It.—The Leipzig Journal of Literature, Science and Art publishes an account of the wonderful discoveries of Dr. Graef in diseases of the eye, and the wonderful cures he performs. He has found the ball of the eye to be transparent, and by a curious instrument examines minutely the interior, takes it out, and performs any necessary surgical operation, and then replaces it without injury to its appearance and vision.