ST. LOUIS CORRESPONDENCE.

Cold Weather—Christmas—More Murders, Robberies, &c.—An Interesting Incident—Mrs. John Smith—Resignation of Judge Bates—John B. Gough—Political—Termination of the Kansas War, &c., &c.

ST. LOUIS, December 24, 1855.

The weather remained clear and pleasant up to Friday night, when it began raining and froze as fast as it fell. On Saturday night another wind storm passed over the city, doing very little damage, however, save to window shutters, awnings, &c. Yesterday and to-day is very cold, and we may safely say dreary winter has at last arrived. In the Mississippi, opposite our city, a great deal of ice is floating—coming from the various streams emptying into it above—and the probability is, navigation will be suspended in a few days. Business has become very dull, and many of our merchants have gone to the eastern cities to purchase their spring supplies. The produce market is extremely dull, and almost every article has met a material decline. The whole number of Hogs packed at this point up to the present time is about 25,000 head. Packers are now offering $5a5,25, and very few have been purchased at higher figures during the week.

To-morrow will be Christmas. Great preparations are being made to celebrate the day in a becoming manner. The "little ones" are lengthening out their stockings, to their utmost capacity, by way of making ample room for the many "good things" in store for them. Turkies and Venison are being dressed, and mince pies prepared for a grand family diner; everything indicates a pleasant and happy time. The "Old Guard" has having received six invitations to lend his mite in the annihilation of as many "gobblers," has, strange as it may seem, accepted of but four!

The picture which I drew last week of crime in St. Louis, I thought to suffice for some time, but the hand of the murderer has again been at work, and one crime after another has followed in rapid succession.

A German cigar-maker, by the name of Dickshoide, was shot a few days since by his room mate, Tennehis. No cause is assigned for the act. The murderer is at large.

Mr. R. G. Watson, of New Madrid county, was murdered at his residence by two men, named Philips and Dr. Ross. The origin of the difficulty appears to have been in a suit at law, relative to a road running through Watson's land. The parties are said to be among the most prominent citizens of that section—Watson being estimated to be worth over $100,000, and the other two men in good and comfortable circumstances. A reward of $3,000 is offered for the apprehension of Philips and Ross, and much excitement prevails in that locality.

McKewan and Robinson charged with the murder of Casey, the steward of the New York Dining Saloon, were, after an examination, discharged, there not being evidence sufficient to convict them of the crime. The testimony elicited in the case went to show that the accused acted in self defence.

I mentioned in my last that a man calling himself Davis, was arrested, having in his possession a large amount of jewelry. This property since which has been claimed by Mr. Speers, of Chicago, and upon his arrival here, at once recognized the man Davis, as a Mr. Hickox, a brother to a young man in his employ. It appears that at different times goods were missing to the amount of $15,000, but he never thought of suspicioning Hickox. The young man in his employ stole the jewelry from him, and then decamped, leaving the articles in the hands of his brother to be disposed of, and in whose possession they were recovered. The prisoner was taken to Chicago, and committed for trial.

Quite an interesting incident occurred at the Recorder's Court, a few mornings since. A young girl dressed in men's apparel was arrested on the levee, and in the course of her examination, revealed quite a chapter of interesting incidents. It seems that about four years ago she lived at Madison, Ind., and was pledged to a young man in marriage, and one day the two proceeded to Cincinnati for that purpose; when there, the young man changed his notion, and deserted her in a strange city. She again returned to her home at Madison, but her parents would not receive her in their house, giving as a reason that she had disgraced them and herself—that she was ruined, &c., and all that the poor girl could do or say to prove her innocence would not alter their predetermination; she was driven from the house and forbid ever entering it again. She was now without money and without friends, and her only alternative was to assume the male attire and seek employment as such. She procured the suit and in a short time obtained a situation as cabin-boy on a steamboat. In this capacity she continued undiscovered for about a year, when she was made steward and finally second-clerk, in all of which positions she acquited herself to the satisfaction of her employers. Four years has elapsed since she *became a man*, and was never discovered until a few days ago in our city.

She says she has frequently paid the gallant to the ladies; escorted them to theatres, concerts and balls, and upon one or two occasions made love to them, and was at present in correspondence with a Southern belle. The Court ordered her immediately to adopt her proper dress, but she emphatically informed the Court that she would do no such thing, and they might threaten and do with her as they saw fit, but she was fixed in her determination never again to lay aside the "breeches" and take to petticoats. She was then, finding her firmly resolved, ordered to leave the city, which she agreed to. That night there was an alarm of fire, and as the engines rushed by she grasped the rope and ran to the scene of conflagration, and when there, seized the pipe and rushed into the very midst of the confusion, and when in the act of uncoiling the hose from the reel, the wheel of the engine passed over her foot, crushing it severely. So serious was the hurt that she had to be sent to the City Hospital, where she now remains. She could not be induced to reveal her own name, but said she had assumed that of John Smith. She is a beautiful girl, fine figure, and with all very intelligent, and has the appearance of a boy eighteen years of age, and if left unmolested, will, without doubt, make her way among the best of men.

Judge Edward Bates, of the Land Court, has signified his intention to resign the Judgeship in February next, giving as a reason ill health. Judge Bates is spoken of in this section as the Whig candidate for President in '56.

Mr. John B. Gough is at present delivering a series of lectures in this city on the subject of temperance. His lectures are numerously attended, and delivered in a masterly style. He is a most polished orator and I think has but few equals, certainly no superiors.

It is currently rumored here that the *Evening Mirror* (Independent) is shortly to become a National Democratic paper.

It seems to me that the Democratic party of Missouri is destined to be divided; so far as State policy is concerned. There has already been symptoms of this kind exhibited. The so-called Benton party, have called a meeting to organize for the approaching State Convention; and the so-called Anti-Benton faction have issued their proclamation for the same purpose. There is trouble ahead, but enough has not yet come to light to form a correct opinion.

Along last we have the official vote of Wisconsin; which gives Barstow, the Democratic candidate for Governor, 159 majority. We presume the abolitionists are now satisfied that they cannot count upon Wisconsin with any degree of certainty!

Col Cuming, U. S. Superintendent of Indian Affairs, has returned, after concluding treaties of peace with the Black Foot, Nez Perces, and one or two other nations of Indians.

Mr. Otero was in this city a few days ago *en route* to Washington, with the purpose of contesting the seat of Don Jose Gallegos, both claiming to have been elected delegate to Congress from the Territory of New Mexico.

A fire recently occurred in Memphis, Tenn., destroying the printing establishments of the *Eagle and Appeal*, besides much other property.

Mr. Wm. Rumbold, Architect, of this city, has the contract for the design and superintendence of the reconstruction of the Kansas capitol at Lecompton.—$50,000 has been appropriated by the General Government for this purpose.

The latest accounts from Kansas report the war at an end—that is, if any war existed. Everything is quiet and everybody is attending to his own affairs. Gov. Reeder is expected to be returned as the legally chosen Delegate to Congress, at least 99 out of every 100 of the actual settlers so wish it.

The contract for the support and maintenance of the New Orleans Fire Department, was sold at auction on the 5th inst., for five years, to John Youenes Esq., at the rate of $100,000 per annum—he to furnish 18 engine companies of 20 men and officers each, 4 hook and ladder companies of 15 men and officers each, making in all 17 companies, composed of 320 officers and members—the cost of which to the city for the whole term of contract will be $500,000.

The brothers Hirst, from your county arrived in this city a few days since.

Wishing you and your readers a "Merry Christmas and a happy New Year," I remain"

Yours truly, OLD GUARD.

Foreign and Domestic News.

The steamship Pacific has arrived at New York with Liverpool dates to the 15th inst.—The Russians have taken Kars; the Turks, under General Williams, having been forced to surrender, owing to their provisions falling short. In the Crimea, three thousand Russians had attacked the French lines, but after an hour's hard fighting had retired. There are still rumors of peace, but they are of a very contradictory nature. Russia has opened a new loan of fifty million roubles, at 5 per cent in Berlin, Hamburg and Holland. The Queen of England, by an order in Council, has authorized the Bank of England to issue £475,000, in notes beyond the amount specified in the Bank charter.

The steamship George Law has reached New York, with San Francisco dates to the 5th inst. She brings $1,400,000 in treasure. The festivities in San Francisco in celebration of the fall of Sebastopol were attended by 10,000 persons. A quarrel arose among them towards its termination. Several Americans marched to the Russian Consul's, where speeches were made, and loud cheers given for Russia.

The Indian war in Oregon continues with great violence. Numbers have been killed, both on the side of the whites and the Indians: In some towns business was suspended, and the men find all departed, to take part in the contest.

KNOW NOTHINGS.—The editor of a Kentucky paper, who was present at the recent know nothing gathering at Louisville, and heard all the addresses, remarks thereupon as follows:

"The speeches were all about the Pope.—If the leaders of this order were half so much afraid of the devil as they pretend to be of the Pope, they would be better men than they are, and would never meet again to rejoice over the ashes and bones of women and children that they had murdered."

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THE GROANS OF THE BRITONS.—The Ohio State Journal, the State organ of Seward Republicanism, is becoming indignant at his friends. Hear it talk:

"We cheerfully agree that the administration members are not in any respect responsible for this delay. The majority of the House is largely against them. They have selected their man, and, and on every ballot, they give him their entire strength—seventy-five votes. It belongs to the opposition to organize that body. The country expects and has a right to expect it from them. They will be held to a strict accountability for the delay.

FOREIGN ITEMS.—The New York Post's Paris correspondent writes:

"Marshal Pelissier demands permission to evacuate the Crimea forthwith. He declares that it is impossible to continue operations there on account of the want of water for the horses of the army. The Russians have poisoned the wells, and he asks, what is the use of keeping an army of 160,000 men shut up in their entrenchments? It will be sufficient to leave garrisons at four or five points, but there is much fear here in regard to the moral effect of an evacuation of the Crimea.

"The matter is still undecided. It is probable, however, that the advice of Marshal Pelissier will be adopted. It is also said that England wishes next spring to undertake alone the maritime expedition against Cronstadt, reserving to herself, however, the right of demanding the aid of an army for disembarkation in caseof necessity.

Peace reigns in Kansas. The "Yankee Squatters" and "Border Ruffians" have fraternized, both parties concluding that war was an unprofitable business.

The Indianapolis (Ia.) Sentinel estimates that 1,000,000 hogs will be packed in that city this season.

The Human Hair.—To minister to a penchant for "auburn waves" and "raven tresses," the brains of inventors have heretofore been called in requisition to little purpose; for although many oils, balms, dyes, and "specifics" have been the result of the incubation, they have not only proved to be valueless, but many of them positively injurious to the hair and scalp—being the incident of scald-head and various other painful and dangerous cutaneous disorders.

Upon Prof. O. J. Wood, of St. Louis, fortune has conferred the honor of having discovered a balsamic preparation, which not only promotes the growth and beautifies the Hair in a high degree, but restores it when it is gone, or turns it back to its original color after it has become gray, fastens it to the scalp, and effectually destroys such cutaneous organics as may have been engendered by the use of dyes, essential oils, and other injurious applications.—The many respectable testimonials which are offered in its favor, from every part of the country in which it has been introduced, leaves no loop for the sceptic to hang a doubt on. The great demand for this article in the eastern States, has induced the proprietors to establish a depot for its manufacture and sale in the city of New York. It is fast supplanting all other specifics for the Hair, and already enjoys a popularity which no other has ever attained. Buy it—test it—and you will rejoice that your attention has been directed to it.

Yours, &c. R. V. KENNEDY.

BROOKFIELD, Mass., January 12, 1855.

PROF. WOOD.—Dear Sir:—Having made a fair trial of your Hair Restorative, it gives me great pleasure to say that its effect has been excellent in removing inflammation, dandruff, and a constant tendency to itching with which I have been troubled from childhood, and has also restored my hair, which was becoming gray, to its original color. I have used other articles, with any thing like pleasure and profit. Yours, &c.

J. K. BRAGG.

Pastor of the Orthodox Church, Brookfield.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R. OFFICE, Vandalia, June 21, '54.

PROF. WOOD,—Dear Sir:—I take pleasure in bearing voluntary testimony to the excellence of your Hair Restorative. Three months ago my hair was very gray, it is now a dark brown, (the original color,) smooth and glossy. The only application I have made to it has been the Hair Restorative, prepared by you and which, from the result of my own case, I can most cordially recommend to others.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD WOLCOTT.

From the Editor of the Real Estate Advertiser, School-street.

BOSTON, March 20, 1854.

PROF. WOOD,—Dear Sir:—Having become previously quite gray, I was induced, some six weeks since, to make trial of your Hair Restorative. I have used less than two bottles, but the gray hairs have all disappeared: and although my hair has not fully attained its original color, yet the process of change is gradually going on, and I have great hopes that, in a short time, my hair will be as dark as formerly. I have also been much gratified at the healthy moisture and vigor of the hair, which, before, was harsh and dry, and it has ceased to come out as formerly. Respectfully yours,

D. C. M. RUPP.

PROF. WOOD:—My hair commenced falling off some three or fours years since, and, continued to do so until I became quite bald. I tried all the popular remedies of the day, but to no effect; at last I was induced to use your celebrated Hair Restorative, and am very happy to say it is doing wonders. I have now a fine growth of young hair, and cheerfully recommend its use to all similarly afflicted.

A. C. WILLIAMSON, 133 Second street.

St. Louis, March 7, 1854.

O. J. Wood & Co., 356 Broadway, New York, and 114 Market, St. Louis, Mo., Proprietors.

J. W. Dyott & Sons, 132 North 2d st., Philada., Wholesale Agents.

For sale by H. A. ROCKAFIELD & Co., Medicine Depot, Lancaster, Pa., and by H. A. Shireman, Columbia, and by Druggists generally. aug 14 1y—30

KOSSUTH, according to reports, is preparing for revolutionary attempt in Europe as soon as the proper time may arrive. We may then look for a revival of the Kossuth hats and revolutionary fashions. But we have no doubt the Philadelphia public, no matter what may be the changes in dress, will still continue to provide themselves with clothing from ROCKHILL & WILSON'S cheap and elegant clothing store, No. 111 Chesnut street, corner o Franklin Place. dec 27 1y-49

ANOTHER CURE.—Dr. S. S. WIEST, Jr., of Schoeneck, Lancaster county, Pa., recently extirpated a tumor weighing four pounds, from the uppermost part of the side of the abdomen of his patient. It healed by union of the first intention. The patient, a female, was put in a state of anaesthesia during the operation, and was therefore rendered perfectly unconscious of any pain whatsoever.

The Markets.

PHILADELPHIA, December 29.

There is a moderate inquiry for Flour to-day, and prices are firm. Sales of 1100 barrels standard brands for shipment, at $8,50 per barrel; 250 barrels extra at $9; 250 barrels fancy at 9,50, and half barrels at $8,75 ₩ pair. Small sales for home consumption from $8,50 to 9,50, according to quality. Rye Flour is dull at $6,12½. Corn Meal is very quiet—a sale of 1500 barrels Brandywine at $4,12½ ₩ barrel; Pennsylvania is dull at $4.

Grain.—There is very little Wheat offering, and the only sale reported 2700 bundred bushels fair white at $1,90 ₩ bushel; good red is worth the same. Rye steady—sales of 3500 bushels Western at $1,20. Corn is arriving slowly, but the demand for it is limited—sales of 2500 bushels new yellow at 75@78 cents, according to dryness. Oats are worth 40@42 cents ₩ bushel—a sale of 2500 bushels Delaware at the latter figure.

Provisions continue very dull, and the tendency, of prices is downward.

Cloverseed is scarce and wanted—sales of 100 bushels at $5,25@5,75 ₩ 64lbs, the latter figure from second hands.

Whiskey—The demand continues limited. Sales of barrels at 38@39 cents, and hhds. at 37 cts.

Lancaster County, SS.—At an Orphans' Court held at Lancaster for the County of Lancaster, on the 17th day of November, A. D., 1855. And now December 17th, 1855, Inquisition having been filed and returned Nisi. On motion of Francis Keenan, attorney for Catharine Cobey, one of the heirs of James Galligan, dec'd, the Court grant a Rule on the heirs of said dec'd, to come forward and take said estate at the amount for which the same has been appraised, or show cause why said Estate should not be sold in the manner provided for by law.

By the Court.

Attest, J. D. CLINTON,

Jan 1 4t 50 for Clerk O. C.

New York Freeman's Journal copy, and send bill to this office.

MARRIAGES.

On the 23d inst., by Rev. J. S. Crumbaugh, Albert Staley, of Lancaster, formerly of Montgomery county, to Mary Ann Hamilton, daughter of Jno. Hamilton, Esq., of this city.

On the 27th ult., by the Rev. J. J. String, Samuel S. Baer of East Earl, to Elizabeth A. Grabill of Earl twp.

By the same, Amos Horst of East Earl twp., to Amelia Wingenroth of Voganville, Earl twp.

On the 17th ult., by the same, Jacob Shaub of Eden, and Emeline E. Young of Strasburg.

On the 18th ult., by the Rev. G. F. Krotel, John Selzinger, of West Cocalico, and Eliza Weber, of West Earl.

On the 25th ult., by the same, Philip Reitzel, and Catharine Miller, both of Lancaster.

On the 27th ult., at Lechler's Hotel, by the same, Benjamin G. Landis, of Manheim twp., and Mary Dandis, of East Lampeter.

On the 25th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Wallace, of Pequea, James Gosler, of Reading, and Ada E., daughter of David Clemson, Esq., of Salisbury twp., Lancaster county.

On the 22d ult., by the Rev. Henry Sutton, Joseph Fleming and Ann E. Quigley, all of Lancaster co.

On the 24th ult., by the Rev. J. S. Crumbaugh, Henry F. Kraner, of Harrisburg, to Sarah A. Albright of this city.

DEATHS.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 26th inst., Mary Long, aged 92 years, widow of Jacob Long, late of this city, dec'd.

In Manor township, on the 27th of December, Mrs. Elizabeth Wahl, aged 76 years, 8 months and 7 days.

STOUCH'S DANCING ACADEMY, AT FULTON HALL, LANC'R.—F. Stouch has the honor to announce to his friends and the public generally, that his Third Quarter for the season will commence, under unusually favorable auspices, in Fulton Hall, on Wednesday, January 16, 1856, when he will continue as formerly to devote all his attention to the instruction of pupils confided to his care.

In addition to all the old and favorite Quadrilles, he will introduce a number of NEW DANCES, recently brought out in the fashionable Courts of Europe, and now in vogue in our large commercial cities.

CLASS DAYS AND HOURS.—On Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 3 to 5 P. M., for ladies and youths, and Wednesday and Friday evenings, from 8 to 10 P. M., for gentlemen.

TERMS:—Five dollars for thirteen lessons.

Mr. Stouch tenders his heart-felt thanks to his friends and pupils for their kind patronage and approval extended to his efforts during the time he has had the pleasure of residing in their midst, and will spare no pains to deserve a continuance of their support.

For further particulars apply at the National House.

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The Lancaster and Ephrata Turnpike & PLANK ROAD COMPANY.—The Board of Managers of said Company, did on the 3rd day of December, 1855, declare a dividend of 75 cents on each share of stock, payable at the office of Jno. K. Reed & Co., in Lancaster, on and after the 14th day of January, 1856.

By order of the Board. HENRY SHREINER,

jan 1 2t 50 Treasurer.

Lancaster Locomotive Works.—DECEMBER 27, 1855.—STATEMENT of the Lancaster Locomotive Engine and Machine Manufacturing Company, made pursuant to the 11th section of an act of Assembly, entitled "an act to encourage Manufacturing Operations in this Commonwealth," passed 7th April, 1849.

The Capital of the Company is ninety-six thousand dollars, of which amount the sum of ninety-three thousand dollars has been paid into the hands of the Treasurer.

The Liabilities of the Company on the 1st day of December, 1855, as "they severally existed," were forty-eight thousand nine hundred and ten dollars and sixty-four cents.

JAMES BLACK, President.

M. O. KLINE, Treas'r.

Affirmed and subscribed this 27th day of December, A. D., 1855.

J. C. VAN CUNE, Ald.

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LITIZ TURNPIKE STOCK FOR SALE.—On Monday, January 7th, will be sold by public vendue at the public house of John Michael in the city of Lancaster.

23 Shares of Stock of the Lancaster & Litiz Turnpike Company.

Sale to commence at 2 o'clock P. M.

By order of the Board of Managers.

J. B. TSHUDY,

jan. 1 1t 50 Treasurer.

ELECTION NOTICE OF THE LANCASTER County Mutual Insurance Company.—The annual meeting of the members of the Lancaster County Mutual Insurance Company, will be held at the office of the company, in Williamstown, on the second Tuesday (the 8th) of January, 1856, on which day an election will be held between the hours of 10 A. M., and 4 P. M., for the purpose of electing nine Directors for the ensuing year.

NATH. E. SLAYMAKER, Sec'y.

jan 1 1t 50

ESTATE OF ISAAC FREEMAN, dec'd.—The undersigned, appointed auditor to distribute the balance in the hands of Christian Kieffer, administrator of Isaac Freeman, dec'd, to and among those legally entitled thereto, will meet for the purpose of his appointment, on Thursday, January 17, 1856, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the Library room of the court house.

A. SLAYMAKER,

jan 1 4t 50 Auditor.

ESTATE OF SARAH HOAK, dec'd.—The undersigned, appointed auditor to distribute the balance in the hands of Christian Kieffer, administrator of Sarah Hoak, dec'd, to and among those legally entitled thereto, will meet for the purpose of his appointment, on Thursday, January 17, 1856, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the Library room of the Court House.

A. SLAYMAKER,

jan 1 4t 50 Auditor.

Estate of Beneville Fisher and Wife.—In the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Lancaster. Whereas, John Lutz, assignee of Beneville Fisher and Wife, did on the 28th day of December, 1855, file in the office of the Prothonotary of the said Court, his Account of the said Estate:

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the said Estate, that the said Court have appointed the 4th day of Feb. next, 1856, for the confirmation thereof, unless exceptions be filed. Attest, J. BOWMAN, Prothy

Lancaster, Proth'ys. Office, dec 28 jan 1 4t-50

Valuable Farm For Sale.—The undersigned offers at private sale, a valuable **FARM**, containing **126 Acres of Land**, in Adams county, Penna., on the road leading from Gettysburg to Frederick, five miles from the former place, and within two miles of Littlestown: 25 Acres thereof are Woodland, the residue is under good fences and good cultivation, and Limestone on part of the land. The improvements are a large two story BRICK HOUSE, with a well of water near it; a Brick TENANT HOUSE, with a spring of water in the basement; a large BANK BARN, Wagon Shed, Corn Crib and other outbuildings. Two good ORCHARDS of selected Apple trees. Nearly every field is supplied with running water.

This Farm will be sold low and on easy terms, and is well worth the attention of purchasers.

Any person wishing to view the premises will please call on Mr. Jacob Stonesifer, living on the premises, for the farm. For price and terms apply to said Jacob Stonesifer, or to the undersigned, in Lancaster city.

W. CALDESTER.

jan 1 tf 50 Agent.

The National Police Gazette.—ROBERT A. SEYMOUR, Editor and Proprietor. The National Police Gazette, the finest paper of the kind ever published in the United States, is distinctive in its character, being the complete chronicle of Crime and Criminals, Justice and its Administration, wherein both are laid with fidelity before the public, in all their varied lights and shades. The following are some of the particular features:

Full Reports of all Criminal Trials, by the most reporters, and given at the earliest periods. Items of Domestic and Translations of Foreign Criminal News: the one collected and prepared with care, the other translated expressly for the Police Gazette.

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LETTER IN REFERENCE TO THE Lands of the Ridgway Farm and Coal Company.—From George Taylor, Esq., Deputy Postmaster of Kersey P. O., Elk county, Pennsylvania:

OCTOBER 24, 1855.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Being Deputy Postmaster at this place, frequent inquiries are made at this office of the quality and mineral worth of the Ridgway Farm and Agricultural Company's lands.

These lands lay scattered around this place. To give a description of it, such as any person can rely on, I must give a description of the lands adjoining, which have been sold and are cultivated. By making your valuable columns allow me to answer all former inquiries, and I hope to be troubled by no more letters.

The soil here is a good limestone soil, well adapted to winter grain, such as wheat and rye; and for summer grain, such as oats, early buckwheat and potatoes, it cannot be beat. Grass grows well, and it is, literally speaking, a grazing country; our forests abound in the best of pasture. It is the best county for stock I know of in this State. I think, in time, it will become the second butcher's county to New York.

In regard to coal—in fact it is a perfect body of coal—I know in this neighborhood several good coal mines, averaging 4 to 6 feet veins, of the best Bituminous Coal. I scarcely know of a single farm but what has more or less coal. On a farm owned by Jacob Taylor, Esq., about a half mile from here, a bank was opened last fall which measured 5 feet one way, and is now worked 5 feet deep. How much deeper it may be I cannot tell, as the bottom has not been reached. This is the case in many places in this section of the county.

It also abounds in the best of Limestone. There is plenty of Iron Ore found here. I have frequently found the best of Iron Ore on the top of the ground. But there never has been any thorough search made about here. In St. Mary's, six miles from here, there have been some veins opened of from 6 to 9 feet of the best rock ore.

The timber in this county cannot be beat any place. It consists of the best of pine, hemlock, cherry, oak, sugar maple and beech, all of first growth and healthy. The pine is probably the best in the five counties, and a very certain fortune can be made by making shingles during the winter and sending them in the spring to Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Louisville, &c. One merchant in this village took in eight hundred thousand shingles in one season. The county, in fact, has every facility, and when once the railroads are finished, you may depend this will become the garden of Western Pennsylvania. As regards the Company, I know nothing: but judging from their selection of land, and from the excitement among the knowing ones, I should judge it will be of great advantage to the Stockholders.—Land in this county is raising fast, and has advanced from 50 to 100 per cent. since the Sunbury and Erie Railroad has been reduced to a certainty. This road once finished and I pledge you no county in this State will be able to excel it.

GEORGE TAYLOR,

Jan 1 tf 50 Deputy P. M.

New Store.

THE subscribers have opened a store in New Danville, Pequea township, for the sale of

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Dec 25 6m* 49 CONRAD & YORDY.

Lancaster Locomotive Works, December 18, 1855.

NOTICE.—The Stockholders of the Lancaster Locomotive Engine and Machine Manufacturing Company, are requested to meet at the office of the Company, on Thursday, January 10, 1856, for the purpose of electing eleven Directors, a Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year. M. O. KLINE,

dec 25 3t 49 Secretary and Treasurer.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—An adjourned meeting of the Stockholders of the Lancaster, Lebanon and Pine Grove Railroad Company, will be held on Monday, January 14, 1856, at 3 o'clock, P. M., at No. 70 Walnut street, Philadelphia, at which time an election will be held for Directors for the ensuing year.

THOS. J. FIRTH,

dec 25 3t 49 Secretary.

THE BOSTON POST, THE PRESS AND Post, and the Boston Statesman and Weekly Post, for 1855.—The terms of our Journals for the ensuing year are: For the Daily Post, $8; for the Press and Post, semi-weekly, (Mondays and Thursdays) $4; and for the Statesman and Weekly Post, (Fridays) $2.

These journals are edited by CHARLES G. GREENE and RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, Jr.: employ a large corps of assistant editors, reporters and correspondents; and neither labor nor expense is spared to make their columns valuable. They have been published nearly thirty years; have a range of subscription exceeded in extent and aggregate by no paper in New England; and, so largely is their circulation, that a new press has been ordered to enable the demand to be promptly supplied.

The reading matter consists of a great variety of useful and entertaining matter. Its editorials: domestic and foreign correspondence; reports of lectures: marine department; daily monetary article and weekly financial review literary notices; poetic contributions and humorous matter make variety designed to meet every taste.

The advertising columns embrace an almost entire synopsis of the business of New England; and from that department of the paper alone can be obtained a correct impression of the character of trade, its facilities and its operations, while the financial editorials give an accurate view of passing events in the commercial world.

The Press and Post is made from the Daily's contents, and published every Monday and Thursday morning. It is clearly and handsomely printed on fine paper, in clear type, and the subscription is four dollars a year.

The Boston Statesman and Weekly Post, forms a racy and complete record of the times, and contains the news of every description: is brief and comprehensive history of passing events; foreign news in detail, domestic information, agricultural items, commercial and monetary articles, statements of trade, of the weather, of crops, &c.: accounts of meetings, political records, news of every description, poetry, pleasant reading matter, humorous items epigrams: in fact, a complete family newspaper—a vehicle for every species of useful and entertaining information.—The Statesman is printed on the largest sized paper and on new and beautiful type. It has a very large circulation, and its rapidly increasing list is the best evidences of its popularity. It is supplied at the rate of two dollars a year for single subscriptions. Clubs, taking ten or more copies in one package, will be supplied at one dollar and a half a year.

The commercial department of these journals involves a large expenditure: contains varied and accurate reports as to all branches of trade and is second to that of no paper published in New England.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION to John D. Wilson, Executor of John Wilson, late of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, deceased, and the answer of Executor filed.

And now, Dec. 17th, 1855, on motion of B. & E. Champneys, Counsel for Executor, Rule on Margaret Whitehill, Petitioner, to show cause why Citation should not be dismissed and Executor discharged. Returnable on the 3d Monday of January next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

By the Court. Attest,

dec 25 3t 49 J. D. CLINTON, for C. O. C.

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Court Proclamation.—Whereas, the Hon. HENRY G. LONG, Pres't., Hon. A. L. HAYS and J. BROWN, Esqs., Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Lancaster, and Assistant Justices of the Courts of Over and Terminer and General Jail Delivery and Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for said county of Lancaster, have issued their Precept to me directed, requiring me, among other things, to make public Proclamation throughout my Bailiwick, that a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, also, a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, will commence in the city of Lancaster, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the 3d Monday in JANUARY, 1856: in pursuance of which precept, PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to the Mayor, and Aldermen of the city of Lancaster, in the said county, and all the Justices of the Peace, the Coroner, and Constables of the said city and county of Lancaster, that they be then and there in their own proper persons, with their rolls, records and examinations, and inquisitions, and their other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices appertain, in their behalf to be done, and those that are bound in recognizances for the appearance of the prisoners who are, or then shall be in the Jail of the said county of Lancaster, are to be then and there to prosecute against