



REPUBLICAN COMPILER
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MONDAY MORNING, DEC. 17, 1855.

Congress.
The House of Representatives was still without a Speaker at last accounts. The votes varied but little during the past week. On the last ballot on Thursday (the 55th) the vote stood: Richardson, Democrat, 72; Banks, Free-soil, 104; Fuller, mixed, 38. Necessary to a choice 113. There is no telling when or how the contest will end. Even the knowing ones appear to be at their wits' ends. The Democrats adhere manfully to their platform, and we feel confident that they will continue to do so.

Our Opponents.
The last Valley Spirit says:—With an overwhelming majority in Congress, procured by incendiary appeals to the passions of fanatics in all sections of the Union, but more particularly in the North-east—our opponents have thus far been unable to effect an organization of the House. When the Congressional elections were pending, the opposition leaders professed to have but one object in view—the repeal of the "iniquitous" measures adopted by the Democratic Congress and sanctioned by the Democratic President. Their clamor was successful in obtaining for them a majority in Congress, and what is the spectacle that is now presented to our view? Instead of organizing in all haste and proceeding to undo the "iniquities" of the last Congress, they are fighting for the spoils! They consider the offices of greater value than the Missouri Compromise, else why do they squabble over the spoils instead of proceeding to restore that Compromise?—Tens of thousands of dollars have already been squandered in this fight of the opposition factions, and the probability is that the public treasury will be made to bleed for some time to come.

Gov. JOHN BIGLER OF CALIFORNIA.—We learn that although Gov. JOHN BIGLER, at the recent election in California, was declared to have been beaten, he actually polled eight thousand more votes than any Democrat had ever before received. There is no doubt as to his election; but fraud accomplished the purpose of the Secret Lodges. Every intelligent man in California is satisfied of this fact, and the honest Know Nothings do not hesitate to make this admission. The consequence has been, that the Governor's fraudulent defeat has greatly increased his popularity with the Democracy and all right-minded men. He certainly deserves this high position in the confidence of the people of California.

Hon. JOEL B. DANXER.—This gentleman's name has been mentioned by several papers in connection with the office of Auditor General. Mr. Danxer is just the kind of man that should receive the nomination by the Democratic Convention. He has been tried in the balance and never found wanting, and has withal the ability to discharge the duties of the office faithfully and creditably. There is no man whom we would rather give a "lift" than "Squire Danxer."—Carlisle Democrat.

The Lady's Book.
Godex's, for January, is a superb number. The steel engravings, "These are my Jewels," and "Our Father, who art in Heaven," equal anything in their line we have ever seen. The fashions, too, are tastefully gotten up, and the "bundled and one" other embellishments add considerably to the attractiveness of the number. The letter press is mainly from the pens of leading authors; and, altogether, this issue is one which even Godex himself may be proud of.

Peterson's Magazine.
PETERSON'S, for January, is on our table, presenting an unusually brilliant appearance. The steel engravings, "The Morning Bath," and "The Departure of Rebecca," are indeed beautiful; the fashions are not surpassed, and there are numerous other excellent embellishments. In the list of contributors we observe the names of many distinguished writers. PETERSON is bound not to be behind the times.

Wisconsin Election.—The Waukesha Plaindealer of November 27, gives figures reflecting Mr. Barstow governor of Wisconsin by 433 majority, and showing a democratic gain of ELEVEN THOUSAND on the vote for Congressmen one year ago, when the republicans had 8398 majority.

K. N. CONVENTION AT LOUISVILLE.—There was a Mass meeting of Know Nothings at Louisville on Tuesday week. The Times speaks thus of it:

Another, the Convention has been a failure. The number in attendance was small, and the speaking insufferable. It has been a dull, heavy, stupid affair throughout; and the only thing accomplished by it has been the consumption of an intolerable quantity of bad whiskey, and the expansion of a large amount of foul breath. It is the last kick of "Sam" in Kentucky. Peace to his ashes.

The New York Herald says that Mr. BUCHANAN, as the Presidential candidate in 1856, will unite the two Democratic factions in that State, and thus carry the State for the Democratic party.

Novel Subject of Taxation.—A Bill has been presented to the Legislature of Tennessee levying a tax of five dollars on every gentleman who wears a moustache, and a fine of five dollars upon bachelors over thirty years of age, for the purpose of raising money to increase the school fund.

Like Bigler is the name of a picturesque best of water on the confines of California, in the Western part of Utah Territory.

Reception of the New Cannon by the Democracy.

A WORTHY SUCCESSOR TO "OLD PENELOPE."

A public reception of the beautiful brass cannon recently purchased in Philadelphia for the Democracy of this Borough and County, to take the place of "old Penelope," came off on Monday afternoon last, and a very imposing and appropriate display it was.
The procession was formed by the Marshals, H. J. STABLE, WM. WYSOTZKEY and JACOB CULP, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the east end of York street—martial music in front, then the cannon, placed upon a substantial, but tastefully gotten-up gun-carriage, draped with the "stars and stripes," and drawn by four grey horses, in proper trim, the whole presenting one of the handsomest "turn-outs" ever seen in our streets. After the gun came the gunners, and then followed a large number of Democrats, old and young. Although the day was quite unfavorable, the procession passed through nearly all the streets of the town—Halting in front of Wattle's hotel, the gun was handed over, in a few remarks, to the Democracy, by the Chief Marshal, who purchased it at their order, at Philadelphia, and was received in their behalf by WM. McCLEAN, Esq., in a neat speech, which was received with cheers. The compliment paid by him to the editor of the Compiler, was more than we deserved. We feel a glowing pride in the thought that the Democracy of sterling little Adams possess so beautiful a gun, but whatever we may have done toward securing it was in the performance of what we conceived to be a simple duty toward a party which we love, and love to serve.

After Mr. McCLEAN's speech the new cannon was christened, with three loud and long cheers,—"PENLOPE ANN."

The procession then proceeded to the railroad, beyond the Foundry, for the purpose of firing, there being considerable anxiety to know whether "Penelope Ann" could "talk a few" or not. It only needed one fire, however, to convince all—at least ALL sang out, almost simultaneously,—"SHE'll DO!"

After firing twelve rounds, fairly shaking the earth for miles around, the party returned to town, as gratified, may be delighted, a body of Democrats as it has ever been our good fortune to meet.
The gun being provided with a percussion lock, the firing is rendered much more safe than under the old match system. The priming is ignited by the explosion of a percussion cap upon the vent, by means of a hammer, upon which the cap is fixed, and this hammer "brought down" by a quick pull of the cord attached to it. In this part two of our Democratic ladies, Miss ANN RUNKLE, daughter of Dr. John Runkle, and Miss ANN DANXER, daughter of Hon. J. B. Danxer, participated, which was received with deafening cheers by the large crowd present. It was one of the most agreeable features of the day's doings.

One and a half pounds of powder constituted each charge on the occasion, but when 2 1/2 pounds are used, (and she will easily burn that much) look out for thunder something after earthquake fashion.

The gun has been visited by scores who were not present on Monday, and all pronounce her some. Indeed, the opposition cannot but admit her beauty. For size, model, and polish, no one could wish anything else. The Democrats may well feel proud of her—AND THEY DO.
To those through whose activity and industry the handsome gun-carriage was so soon put up, much credit is due. They deserve all praise.

The Know Nothings were skulking about the alleys and dark corners of the town on Wednesday night last. It was done very slyly—unusually so. But it is surmised that they feared the explosion of the "open organization" dodge prematurely, and hence their extraordinary precautions against detection.—All will not do, however—and simply because all "birds cannot be caught with chaff."

SENDAY WORK.—In Millin county, Pa., recently, a justice of the peace summarily convicted a number of persons for an infraction of the Sunday law, in doing the work necessary to keep in blast the anthracite furnace of Eiting, Graff & Co. The case was remanded to the court of common pleas of the county by writ of certiorari, which tribunal, after a careful review of the facts, reversed the decision of the justice of the peace. Judge Wilson, in delivering the opinion of the Court, said that he was satisfied that the injuries consequent on the stoppage of the blast of such furnaces for twenty-four hours out of every seven days would be so great and general as essentially to be fatal to the manufacture of iron in this country, and that the act of Assembly prohibiting worldly employment on the Sabbath does not impose a fine for the work necessary to keep a furnace in blast.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—As the express train from Harrisburg to Baltimore upon the Northern Central Railway was on its downward trip on Saturday morning week, it ran over and caused the instantaneous death of an aged lady, named Rebecca Foreman, deaf and dumb, a resident of that city. The particulars of this horrible affair are as follows: As the train was rounding a short curve in the neighborhood of Freeland, some thirty-three miles from the city, the engineer discovered the lady about one hundred yards ahead, walking upon the track, when he immediately whistled down the breaks upon the train and reversed his engine, but all to no purpose, as she was caught up by the cow catcher and so mangled as to cause immediate death.

The Council Bluffs Bugle, of the 20th of November, states that at that place the snow was six feet deep.

Snow fell in Erie county, N. Y., Tuesday week, to the depth of eight or ten inches, making good sleighing.

Albert Crane has disposed of the National Hotel, at Chicago, Ill., to Wm. Hale, Esq., for \$100,000, to be paid for in lands.

Worse and Worse for "Sam!"

MASSACHUSETTS, WHERE HE IS THOROUGHLY KNOWN, WILL HARBOR HIM NO LONGER.—Read the following telegraphic despatches, and you will see that dark-lanternism is still rapidly on the downward road in what was, but a year ago, its greatest stronghold:

Boston, Dec. 10.—Mr. Rice, the citizens' candidate for Mayor of Boston, has been elected by 1,800 majority over Thurluff, the Know Nothing candidate. A large majority of the Aldermen and Councilmen are of the same stripe.

At Lowell and Huntington the citizens' candidates for Mayor have also been elected by 800 plurality. At Worcester the citizens' ticket is also elected.

LOWELL, Dec. 10.—Dr. Elisha Hatington, the citizens' candidate for mayor, is elected by 800 plurality. The entire citizens' ticket for aldermen, councilmen and school commissioners is elected.

WORCESTER, Dec. 10.—The citizens' ticket for mayor and aldermen is elected by 170 plurality. Hon. Isaac Davis is the mayor elect.

NEWBURYPOR, Dec. 10.—The anti-Know Nothings have elected Cushing for mayor by about 85 plurality, together with four of the six aldermen and two-thirds of the common council. About 4,800 votes were polled.

E. W. Mudge, the citizens' candidate, has been elected Mayor of Lynn, over Foster, k. n.

Fighting the Issms on his own Hook.
T. B. Stevenson, of Kentucky, an influential Whig, has written a forcible letter, in which he declares that he shall fight, "on his own hook," "the amalgamated fanaticism and treason of Abolitionism and Know-Nothingism."

He thus writes of Know-Nothingism: "I cannot subscribe to such doctrine or policy, and until I forget God, renounce the laws of Moses and Jesus, ignore Republicanism, repudiate the Constitution, and despise the polity, peace, prosperity and glory of the country, I shall not cease to resist them by whatever appropriate means a good and loyal citizen may lawfully oppose, so such outlandish heathenism; for certain it is that such doctrines could not originate in this land of civil and religious liberty, but were excoverted by the arch enemy of mankind, and first promulgated in the dark ages of the uncivilized and unchristianized people of some distant lands. It is a burlesque to attempt to dignify such doctrines with the name of 'American.'"

Know-Nothingism in Louisiana.
In commenting on the result of the late election in Louisiana, the N. O. Courier proudly says:

"Know-Nothingism in Louisiana is no dead; without the hope of resurrection; dead without having caused one tear of sympathy from the good, the patriotic, and the reflecting among the growing millions throughout this happy land. There are none found so poor as to do it reverence; and its obsequies are going on without pomp or evidence of public concern. It has no mourners. Its memory is as despised among good men as its existence was baneful and demoralizing in its effects upon its victims. Its mission was to advance the interest and fortunes of the reckless and unprincipled leaders, by making dupes of the mass of its adherents. Let it, therefore, now that it is conquered, glide away into oblivion and utter nothingness forever.

In proud contrast with this wreck, the Democratic party stands out before the world, strengthened by its trials, purified and emboldened by its fiery struggles. It is like winnowed wheat—the chaff is gone, the good and sound grain remains unimpaired—it is relieved of many men who very often endangered its success or compromised it in the eyes of patriots, by their folly, their ambition, or their unworthiness. In return, its ranks have been strengthened by the accession of thousands of those who were its sturdy opponents before the advent of Know-Nothingism, with its machinery of oaths, and its policy of intolerance, terrorism and bloodshed. It has lost its own bad material, but at the same time, has gained the best belonging to its opponents."

The Speaker of the British House of Commons is an office of considerable emolument, according to the Washington Globe, in comparison with the office of Speaker of our House of Representatives. The salary of the former is £6,000 a year, exclusive of a furnished residence. At the end of his official labors he is generally rewarded with a peerage, and a pension of £4,000 for two lives. He is a member of the Privy Council, and entitled to rank after barons. Our Speaker receives nothing but double pay of a member.

The Democracy of Cass county, Texas, held a meeting on the 24th ult., and appointed delegates to the State Convention. The following resolution was adopted:
Resolved, That Gen. Sam Houston, in his capacity as United States Senator, has violated the confidence reposed in him by his constituents, and that in view of the almost unanimous wishes of the people, he ought to resign his seat, so that they might elect a man who would become the exponent of their principles and the defender of their rights.

HEAVY DAMAGES.—The Delaware County Republican states that the trial of Judge Kane for false imprisonment will probably take place in February next. Passmore Williamson claims \$50,000 damages. This is at the rate of \$13,333 per month, or \$3,000 a week.

New counterfeiters are multiplying as fast as the new Banks go into operation. Already a counterfeit \$5 bill has made its appearance in Philadelphia on the Consolidation Bank, one of the new Banks which has just commenced business.

The Grand Jury of Northampton county, whilst in session week before last, ignored the indictments against the tavern-keepers for violation of the "Jug Law" passed by the last Legislature.

A bill has been introduced into the Tennessee Legislature to purchase the Hermitage in the name of the State, and to establish there an Agricultural and Military school. Pass it.

Gold has been discovered near the Rocky Mount, Franklin county, Va. A company is preparing to work the mine.

Horace Rathvon, Esq., has been elected Cashier of the Lancaster Bank, in place of John G. Feiter, Esq., deceased.

The Montrose Democrat recommends the impeachment of Judge Wilcox by the next Legislature.

Another Falsehood Nailed!

To the Editor of the Compiler:
I learned a few days ago that an anonymous communication appeared in the Star of the 20th ult. in which it was asserted that I "voted for the American (or Know Nothing) ticket at the October election." The assertion is simply false. I did no such thing. I have always been, and am still, a Democrat, and expect to hold connexion with no other political party. With Know Nothingism I have no sympathy.

WM. BITTINGER.
Derwick tp., Nov. 14, 1855.

For the Republican Compiler.
Mr. STABLE: I observe in the Star of Friday a characteristic notice of the reception of the new brass gun by the Democracy. It seems impossible for the editor of that paper to treat with the least fairness anything that may relate to the Democratic party, so entirely has bigotry and disappointment warped him. The loss of this county is the very "horror of horrors" to him and his faction.—In the notice referred to, he walked very far into his imagination to rake up something as an offset to the handsome demonstration of Monday last, which knocked the wind completely out of "Sam's" tribe, but his allusion to the Poor House is farther than I supposed even he could go. The Know Nothing leaders always manage somehow to get nearly all the votes at that "institution," and yet they pretend to operate in all sincerity against "pauperism." Out upon such political dishonesty!

There was, I believe, an old gentleman in the procession, long a voter in this county, who has his home at the Poor House, and who went there some years ago, because of the infirmities of his aged palsied partner; but upon going there with her, he placed all his means, I do not know how much, in the hands of the Directors, and has since worked at his trade there, which is shoemaking. I am under the impression that these facts are known to the editor of the Star—and yet he has the heart, or rather the heartlessness, to use the unimpaired sneer to be found in his last paper. Poverty should not be made a disqualification or a crime; but it would seem that the fanaticism of Know Nothingism will lead desperate political aspirants to do anything, even to the adding of greater weight to poverty.

For the Republican Compiler.
The editor of the "Star," compelled to admit that the new Democratic cannon is handsome, cannot, in his mortification, do it without putting in all the drawbacks he can think of.—But the best one I conceive to be his comparison between the reports of the two guns—the Democratic and the Know Nothing. I reside a few miles from town, and my means of judging are as good as could be wished; and I say in all candor, that the firing in the afternoon by the Democrats, with one and a half pounds of powder, was much louder than that in the evening, by the K. N.'s, with two and half lbs. You might as well talk of an iron kettle, (though a twelve pounder) ringing as clearly as the "church-going bell," as talk of "Sam" in the same breath with "Penelope Ann." And as for beauty, "Sam" would be just about as pretty beside "Penelope Ann," as a mud-turtle would be along side of a bird of Paradise.

The Democrats, I am told, have been in the "gun business" for forty years, and seem to like it. Do the K. N.'s also fancy it, or would they rather that "the d— had all the guns?"
ROCK CREEK.

Senate Committees.
The U. S. Senate, on Wednesday last, selected its Standing Committees. The following are the most important:

- Committee on Foreign Relations.—Messrs. Mason, Douglas, Sidel, Clayton, Weller and Fish.
- Finance Committee.—Messrs. Hunter, Toucy, Pearce, Stuart, Brodhead and Crittenden.
- Committee on Commerce.—Messrs. Harlin, Dodge, Stuart, Seward, Clay and Benjamin.
- Committee on Manufactures.—Messrs. Wright, Allen, Harlin, Wilson and Turnbull.
- Committee on Agriculture.—Messrs. Allen, Hunter, Thompson, of N. J., Harlan and Wade.
- Committee on Military Affairs.—Messrs. Weller, Fitzpatrick, Johnson, Jones of Tenn., Pratt and Iverson.
- Committee on Naval Affairs.—Messrs. Mallory, Fish, Thompson, of N. J., Bell, of Tenn., James and Sidel.
- Committee on Public Lands.—Messrs. Stuart, Johnson, Foot, Clayton, Pugh, and Mallory.
- Committee on Indian Affairs.—Messrs. Sebastian, Rusk, Toombs, Brown, Reid, and Bell, of Tenn.
- Committee on Claims.—Messrs. Brodhead, Fessenden, Geyer, Iverson, Yulee and Wade.
- Committee on the Judiciary.—Messrs. Butler, Toucy, Bayard, Geyer, Toombs and Pugh.
- Committee on Post-offices and Post-Roads.—Messrs. Rusk, Collamer, Adams, Hamlin, Jones, of Iowa, and Yulee.
- Committee on Pensions.—Messrs. Jones, of Iowa, Clay, Thompson, of New Jersey, Seward and Sumner.
- Committee on the District of Columbia.—Messrs. Brown, Allen, Mason, Pratt and Reid.
- Committee on Patents.—Messrs. James, Evans, Stuart, Brown, Thompson, of Ky., and Fessenden.
- Committee on Territories.—Messrs. Douglas, Jones, of Iowa, Collamer, Bell, Sebastian and Briggs.

A MAMMOTH TURNIP.—An English turnip, weighing 20 1/2 pounds, without the top, (which of itself weighed about 10 pounds), was raised this year by Mr. Paul H. Whitcomb, of Ashby, Mass.

In Cincinnati those who pack hogs are called common people; the aristocracy are those whose fathers packed hogs.

Horace Greeley, Esq., is to deliver a lecture in York, Pa., in January.

It is now said that many of the startling reports from Kansas are humbug. The latest rumor is, that both parties are mustering in force, well armed.

The Clarion Democrat says the next battle cry of the opposition will no doubt be "Abolitionists to rule America," "put none but niggers on guard to-night." Shouldn't wonder.

TOWN & COUNTY.

THE SPECIAL COURT.

The Special Court held last week, was in session until a late hour on Saturday night. Although it sat early and late, all the cases on the list could not be reached, and it is probable that another Special Court will be called in February. The cases disposed of involved many difficult points, and were more than ordinarily important. We give a brief record of them:

John Snyder vs. John Scott and Samuel Orndorff.—Summons in trespass—to recover damages for the sale of certain horses by Sheriff Scott, on execution of Samuel Orndorff against Wm. Orndorff—said horses being claimed as the property of John Snyder. The Sheriff was indemnified. A large number of witnesses were examined, and the trial occupied several days. Verdict for Plaintiff, \$313 33 damages, with costs.

Jacob Baker vs. Wm. Bittinger.—Summons in trespass on the case for Trover and Conversion of 10,000 sheaves of wheat, in the straw and 500 bushels of wheat. Plaintiff purchased land at Sheriff's sale of Isaac Trimmer's property, and claimed the grain growing upon it, on the ground that it passed with the land. Defendant levied on and sold the wheat as the property of Abraham Trimmer, the tenant, claiming that it was the property of the latter, under a special contract between Isaac Trimmer and Abraham Trimmer prior to the Sheriff's sale. Verdict for Plaintiff for \$308 16 damages and the costs.

Elizabeth Trimmer vs. Jacob S. Hollinger.—Summons in trespass—to recover the value of certain property claimed to have been purchased by Plaintiff from David Trimmer, of whom Defendant was Assignee, and, as such, sold it for the benefit of creditors. Verdict for Plaintiff, \$373 00 damages, and six cents costs.

John Lilly vs. Wm. Hafer.—Suit for damages—to recover for expenses, trouble, &c., in appearing to a suit of Hafer against Lilly, brought, as is alleged in Plaintiff's declaration, with malice, and without probable cause. The trial was concluded at 11 o'clock on Saturday night, when the jury retired, and yesterday morning returned a verdict for Defendant.

The case of Sneads, Warren and others, vs. Samuel Fahnestock, was continued on application of Plaintiffs on the ground of absence of material witnesses.

Wm. King, Administrator of Robert King, deceased, vs. Caroline M. King—Summons in Trover and Conversion—continued by consent of parties.

JURORS FOR JANUARY.

The following persons have been drawn to serve as Jurors for January Court:
GRAND JURY.
Montpleasant—Abraham Reever, John MeMaster, Straban—James L. Neely, Theodore Taughinbaugh, Huntington—John Mateer, Jacob Schaeffer, Thomas Stephens, Isaac Trostle, Daniel Gardner.
Franklin—George Throne, Albert Vandyeke, Hamilton—George Binder, Ephraim Henry, Hamiltonban—John Knox, Joseph Mickle, Jesse P. Tepper, Andrew Low, Liberty—Gregory P. Topper, Gettysburg—Benjamin Schriver, Butler—John Houghtelin, Cumberland—William Ross, Latimore—Samuel Fiekle, of H. Gettysburg—William Staub, Tyrone—Jacob Wolf.

GENERAL JURY.
Freedom—John McClary, Samuel Moritz, Jacob Myers, Hamilton—George Schwartz, Straban—John G. Brinkerhoff, Nicholas Schriver, Henry Hoffman, Peter Mackley, Butler—Martin Thomas, Jacob Shank, Jacob Ralfensperger, Reading—Joseph Spangler, Lewis Chronister, Gettysburg—Samuel McCreary, George Heck, Huntington—Isaac E. Wierman, Peter Miller, David Howe, Jr., Wm. Leas, Michael Lear, Franklin—Charles Stierer, Menallen—Wm. Bender, Wm. Morrison, Elijah Wright, Joel Wright, Conowago—Jacob M. Wertz, John G. Morningsstar, Joseph Clunk, Latimore—John Wolford, Jesse Leas, Cumberland—John Butt, Sr., Joseph Sherry, Henry Clutz, Mountpleasant—Joseph Wolf, Charles C. Smith, Liberty—Auner Mills.

THE LADIES' FAIR.
The preparations for the Fair progress finely. The ladies are determined to spare no efforts to make it attractive, and they will succeed—they always do.

Already a number of articles—butter, eggs, apples, potatoes, &c.—have been contributed to the Housekeeper's Department, and much more is promised, particularly in the way of turkeys, geese, chickens, &c. "The more the better."

McConaghy's Hall will be open for the reception of articles on Thursday and Friday next; but should an earlier day better suit the convenience of farmers to bring in such articles as they may wish to contribute, they will be received at Miss MARY SHOWERS', in Baltimore street, or at either of the printing offices, and properly deposited.

A complete list of contributions to this department will be published next week.

"Butchering" season is here. On every side long exhausted "lard-ers" are being replenished, and the prospect for early "saus-nachts" is unusually fair. May there be plenty of them!

We hear of a few large hogs, although nearly all are what is generally termed "good." Our friend MICHAEL FISSEL, residing in Mountjoy township, has a "pig" which is estimated to weigh something like six hundred pounds; GEORGE TATE, in Hamiltonban, has another of five hundred pounds, to be shot for on New Year's day; and NICHOLAS COBURN, of this place, slaughtered one last week, which weighed about five hundred. It was fed by J. O. WIBLE, we believe. There are no doubt many other large porkers about. What say Hampton and Berlin?

The Railroad Managers are about taking releases of lands. The work may depend on the liberality of property-holders.

DISTRESSING DEATHS.

We record with regret a most distressing casualty, which occurred near Frankla Grove, Lee county, Illinois, on Sunday, the 2d instant. A letter from a gentleman residing there informs us, that the family of Mr. LEVI TROSTLE, (son of Mr. MICHAEL TROSTLE, of Mountjoy township, this county,) on returning from church in a buggy, there being in it Mrs. Trostle, their two children, and Margaret Diehl, (formerly of Frederick county, Md.) when the horse took fright at a flock of prairie chickens, and dashing off at full speed, was brought to a stand against a fence, but so suddenly as to pitch them all violently to the ground, instantly killing John, the oldest of the children, and so severely injuring Miss Diehl, as to result in her death in twenty-eight hours. Mrs. Trostle and the other child were also injured, but not fatally. John was asleep at the time—the physician pronounced his neck broken, and also one of his arms. Miss Diehl's skull was very much fractured.

Mr. Trostle was on foot to church with them, but when they got near home, he walked across the fields to avoid the distance by the road. His affliction is indeed a severe one.

Margaret Diehl was aged about 24 years, and the boy 2 years 4 months and 24 days.

S. R. TIFTON sold at public sale, on Saturday last, the house and half lot of ground adjoining M. Newman, on Middle street, for \$275—E. H. BENTLEY purchaser.

The Methodist Parsonage was also sold on Saturday, it bringing \$1400; CHRISTIAN BEXNER purchaser. The Congregation intend, we believe, to erect a new Church and Parsonage together.

Hon. F. WATTS, of Carlisle, has addressed a note to Hon. JNO. MCGINLEY, President of the Agricultural Society, stating that should he be at Gettysburg whilst a meeting of the Society was being held, his interest on the subject would induce him to attend it; but his engagements are too numerous to allow him to undertake more.

Within the last few weeks, quite a number of rare and beautiful Evergreen and Shade trees have been added to the already large collection in the Cemetery. They are well worth a visit. Public admiration of that sacred ground is being heightened every day.

The Rev. HENRY SEWERT, late of this place, has taken charge of a Lutheran Congregation in Bedford county, Pa., called the "Martinsburg charge."

We are indebted to Mr. JACOB BOCKREX, of Straban township, for a mess of very fine Turnips, one of which measured 19 1/2 inches in circumference, and weighed 3 1/2 pounds.

There will be an election on Friday evening next, at the Armory of the "Independent Blues," for Captain and First Lieutenant, in place of Captain REED and Lieutenant HILL, resigned.

The County Valuation and Assessment for 1856 will be found in subsequent columns.

There will be a Railroad meeting in Heidlersburg to-morrow evening.

Soon time—for the boys to hunt up their shates.

Seasonable advice—shut the door.

The Holidays are near at hand.

ONE WEEK LATER FROM EUROPE.

Rumors of Russia in Favor of Peace.
The steamer Baltic, with advices from Liverpool to the 1st inst., arrived at New York on Thursday.

There is no war news. The only features of importance in the news of the week is a variety of rumors, all stating that there is at least a prospect of peace. One rumor says that Russia had formally requested Prussia to make conciliatory offers to the Western Powers, and Prussia is reported to have accepted the mission, to which Austria assents. But the most definite form of the rumor is that propositions have been submitted to Napoleon on behalf of Russia which can be honorably accepted—namely, that Russia will conclude peace with the Western Powers without the intervention of either Austria or Prussia, Russia acceding to the guaranteed independence of the Danubian Principalities, and the freedom of the Black Sea—both parties to continue their preparations for war, but no active hostilities to be entered upon up to an agreed date. All this is possibly premature, but hopes are strong that peace may arise.

The excitement in England respecting the difficulty with the United States had almost passed away.

Flour has declined 6d and Wheat 1/2d.

DEATH OF DR. MCKINLEY.—The Rev. Daniel McKinley, D. D., departed this life at the Mansion House in this place on Friday morning, the 7th inst., after a lingering illness. He was well known in this community as the highly esteemed pastor of the Presbyterian Church, for the period of nine years, extending from 1841 until 1850; and his death is universally lamented by all classes of our citizens.—Chambersburg Spirit of Wednesday.

CHARGE OF PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY.—The Sheriff yesterday arrested a man calling himself John Smith alias Clark, charged with passing a \$20 counterfeit Harrisburg, Pa., note, on John Armiger, a clerk in Mr. Samuel Hines' hat store, North Gay street. He was fully committed for his appearance to answer at court.—Ball, Sun of Wednesday.

A LONG WAY TO MILL.—The ship Adelaide arrived here on the 14th of October from San Francisco, bringing a cargo of California wheat, barley, &c., which paid a profit to the shipper of nearly 50 per cent. clear of expenses, the wheat selling at an average of about \$2 per bushel. The same vessel is now up for California with 1,500 bbls. of flour on board, to go back to the same port from which she brought the wheat. Some would think that 19,000 miles was a long way to come to mill.—N. Y. Journal Com.

AMUSEMENTS AT SEBASTOPOL.—The Journal de Constantinople says that M. Manadier will open a theatre at Sebastopol in the spring. At Constantinople also the same director is about to establish a French theatre, where farce, drama, opera and even the ballet will be produced.