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☞ *"No American citizen can ever cease to esteem the Union as the first of all blessings. Disunion! God forbid—Nations yet unborn would rue the rashness of the dead."*—BUCHANAN.

**Democratic State Conventions.**

AT READING,

For nominating candidates for GOVERNOR and CANAL COMMISSIONER, on the 4th of June, 1851, as fixed by the Williamsport Convention.

AT HARRISBURG,

For nominating candidates for SUPREME BENCH, on the 11th of June, 1851, as fixed by the regular action of the State Central Committee.

**To Advertisers.**

THE MORNING POST has a larger circulation than any subscription paper published in Pittsburgh. To business men it affords an excellent medium for Advertising and being the only Democratic paper issued in Allegheny county, it goes into the hands of a class of readers reached by no other paper. Advertisers will be good enough to bear this in mind.

☞ We present to the readers of the *Post* two highly interesting letters from California, received by the last arrival. They contain a vast amount of useful information concerning that remote portion of the American Republic.

☞ We received by yesterday's mails full files of California papers, which our friends may examine by calling at the Editor's room.

**A Voice from the Star of the West.**

At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Democracy of old Westmoreland, assembled at Greensburg, on the evening of the 25th February, 1851, the following resolution was passed without a dissenting voice. We shall endeavor to give the proceedings at length on to-morrow:

*Resolved*, That the gallant Col. SAMUEL W. BLACK, eminent in council and in conflict; admired as a citizen, a soldier and a Democrat, is the choice of the Democracy of Westmoreland county for our next Governor; and that our delegates to the Reading Convention, on the 4th of June next, be and they are hereby instructed to support him for that office from FIRST TO LAST.

**Jefferson County.**

The Democracy of Jefferson county met at Brookville, on the 11th inst., and appointed Geo. W. Zeigler, Esq., Representative delegate and David Barclay, Esq., Senatorial delegate to the Judicial Convention, and concurred with Clearfield in the selection of G. R. Barrett, Esq., as Senatorial delegate to the Reading Convention.

The meeting declared that LEWIS CASS is the first choice of the Democracy of Jefferson county for President; and that Col. BIGLER is their choice for Governor, and Gen. SETH CLOVER their choice for Canal Commissioner.

**Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland.**

These three cities in Ohio are now united by a continuous Railroad. On Friday the members of the Legislature, together with the Editors and Reporters of the Columbus newspapers, and a large number of invited guests, made the first trip over the new road from Columbus to Cleveland. There was a grand celebration at the latter place upon the arrival of the cars, and speeches were made by the Governor of Ohio, the Speaker of the Senate, the Mayor of Cleveland, Hon. Samuel Starkweather, Hon. Alfred Kelly, Hon. H. B. Payne, and others.

When shall we have a Railroad celebration in Pittsburgh? Don't all speak at once!

**Col. Collier.**

The citizens of Steubenville, without distinction of party, held a meeting on the 22d inst., for the purpose of making arrangements to give a public reception to Col. JAMES COLLIER, late Collector of the Port of San Francisco, upon his return home.—JOHN K. SUTHERLAND, Esq., (Democrat,) acted as Chairman. A committee of twenty was appointed to tender to Col. COLLIER, upon his arrival, the civility of a public supper, &c. It pleases us very much to find such good feeling existing amongst men of both parties in Steubenville towards their old fellow-citizen.

☞ The "NATIONAL ARGUS" is the title of a new Penny Democratic paper, just started in Philadelphia, by Messrs. JOS. STEVENS and ROBT. F. CRESWELL. It presents a very neat appearance, and is ably Edited. Judging from the character of the articles in the number before us, we think it is an honest and independent paper, and as such will co-operate with the *Pennsylvanian* in battling for Democratic Principles.

THE JEFFERSONIAN.—Several friends, who have been desirous of seeing copies of this paper, published at Brookville, are informed that they can be gratified by calling at the Editor's room.

FATAL MISUSE OF FIREARMS.—Maurice O'Connell (son, we presume, of the late Daniel O'Connell,) while dining with some friends at a hotel near Cork, took up a pair of pistols that had been lying unused for seven months, and placing one in the hands of a friend, Mr. Twiss, reserved the other for himself, in order to show how a duel was fought. The two parties took their position, and pulled triggers. Unhappily, O'Connell's pistol was loaded, and Mr. Twiss fell with a wound which is pronounced mortal. It is surprising that such accidents happen, after all the warnings of experience.

☞ The new number of the *Quarterly Review* tells a story about George the Fourth, very little to the credit of the king. The noble library of George the Third, which has hitherto been looked on as a gift to the British nation from his successor, turns out, after all, to be a purchase by the nation itself. George the Fourth, it is said, actually negotiated its sale to the Emperor of Russia, to meet his necessities; and was induced not to complete the contract only by government, on the remonstrance of Mr. Haber, giving him out of the droits of the Admiralty the amount in sterling of the Russian rubles! There is an inscription in the library announcing the gift of the books as from King George the Fourth.

A CRISIS IN CALIFORNIA.—It is hinted that matters of business in California are tending to a crisis; great losses are sustained on importations, and cargo after cargo must inevitably be forced into auction, and sold for what they will bring. There is an enormous amount of goods in the harbor; on January 1st, the Chili Flour Company alone had in *bond* about $300,000 worth of flour at *cost price* in Valparaiso, and that has doubtless been *doubled* by subsequent arrivals, one-half of which must sour in consequence of the humidity of the atmosphere. Buildings that in November rented for $1,800, and in December for $1,200 a month, now only fetch $700.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN SPAIN.—*El Clamor*, the progressita paper published in Madrid, has lately been arguing in favor of perfect freedom of religious worship, urging, among others, the following reasons:

"Without the freedom of worship," says *El Clamor*, "capitalists who are not Catholics fly from us; and this is one of the most influential causes of our lamentable decay, the effect of religious intolerance and persecution. Even opulent Americans have, on this account, gone to establish themselves in France and England."

ENCOURAGING.—The Steubenville (O.) *Herald* has the following encouraging notice of the prospects of its collecting agent:

"Our agent for the city, Mr. Joseph S. Keith, has been "about town for some days past presenting bills for amounts due this office—has collected but a small amount of money, but received a number of flattering promises of a *sound thrashing if he called again.*"

## FROM CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MORNING POST.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 15th, 1851.

Pittsburghers in California—Business and Prices Current—Politics—Col. John Bigler—Gov. McDougal—U. S. Senator—A "Flare Up"—A "Third" House—"Salary Bill"—Parthquakes—Gen. Lane—Eighth of January—Pulgars—Union Meeting—Weather—Mines—The "Bluffs," or new Eldorado—Democratic Victory—"Old Joe."

DEAR SIR: I embrace the opportunity offered by a few leisure moments, to send you a line.

We have quite a number of Pittsburghers in San Francisco, among whom are Shidle, Kane, Meredith, Smith, Brown, McCabe, Brickle, Coles, Burnside, Woods, Bears, McKibben, Petrowski, Thornburg, McClelland, Robinson, Oliver, Murdock, Fulton, Graham, Kinkaid, Morgan, McBride, Barcley, Crinian, Clark, Algeo, Harrington, Dr. S. Herring, Cochran, Frisby, C. Lee and Matthew Wilkinson.

*Greenwood Valley*—Jon'n. Aitkins, Call, Little, Minis, Blakely, Quigly, R. Jacobs, Burk and Richardson.

*Stoney Bar.*—Cooper, McKee, J. Dorington, Cowen and Hughey.

*Dead.*—I have been informed that Robert Phillips died in November, and that James Cannon is not dead, as reported.

*Homeward Bound.*—John Flood, Algeo and young Thornburg. I have been told that they have quite a pile of dust.

A. D. Patterson wrote to me a few days since. He has a *rancho* ten miles above Sacramento city, and is making his "pile" fast.

John Hughes, J. M. Meredith and J. C. Anderson are still on their *rancho* on the Sacramento river.

*In Benicia*—O. Skelton and F. McClure.

*In Sanoma*—Butler and Wilkins.

I have heard of a number of others, but cannot now recollect their whereabouts. Flood, Thornburg and Algeo go to-day on the steamer Antelope. May they have a safe passage, and meet with a warm welcome by their friends.

BUSINESS is now tolerably brisk, and a good prospect of an improvement.

MARKETS.—Our markets are well supplied.—As you are in the habit of getting the *wholesale* prices *only*, I will, for the benefit of your numerous readers, give you the retail prices, as far as my knowledge extends:

*Meats.*—Beef 25c. ℔ lb; Pork 50; Veal 25; Mutton 75.

*Fish.*—Mountain Trout, white do., Perch and Salmon Trout, 25c. ℔ lb; Salmon 50@60.

*Vegetables*—Potatoes and Pumpkins, 9c. ℔ lb; Carrots and Beets 12@20, (and *such* beets;) Cabbages, ℔ head, 50@$1,00; Cauliflower do; Celery 75; Lettuce 25; Garlic 75c. ℔ lb; Onions 25; Salad and Turnips 25.

*Poultry.*—Ducks $2@3,00 each; Chickens $2@3,00.

*Game.*—Woodcocks, ℔ doz., $9,00; Curlew and Quail $9,00; Snipe and Plover from $4 to 8,00; small birds $2,00; sand hill Crane, each $2@4,00; Bear, ℔ lb, 50c.; Elk, Antelope and Deer, 25c.; Hare, ℔ pair, $8,00; Rabbit, do., $1,50; Geese, do., $3,00; Ducks and Teal, do., $2,00.

*Eggs*—Fresh $4,00 ℔ doz; preserved $2,00. The California hens have had a strike, and refuse any longer to lay for less than $5,00 per day. I would like to give you the retail price of everything, but cannot possibly find time to do so.

POLITICS.—Our Legislature has met and again chosen our old Pittsburgh friend, Col. Bigler, for Speaker of the House. The Col. appears to be the most popular man in the Legislature. Out of 29 votes he received 26. Several of the Whigs voted for him.

Gov. Burnett resigned on the 5th, and Lieut. Gov. McDougal was sworn in as Governor, and Mr. Broaderick, of the Senate, to fill McDougal's vacancy.

On the night of the 7th, a *third* House was organized at the City Hotel. *Thirty-one* committees were appointed by the Chair; among the number I find those on Distressed Cattle, Bricks, Medals, Wool, Cripples, Soft Soap, Liquorators, Means and Ways, Disappointed Candidates, High-ways and By-ways, Widows and Orphans, Fogs, Steamboats and Low Water, Long Boots and Water Lots, San Jose Races, Wh at I Saw (Bryant), What I did not See, What I hope to See, Quartz Rock and Cinnebar, Wind Mills and Water Falls, Headwaters of Salt River (candidates generally), Rats, Ground Squirrels and Fleas, &c. The House then went into a committee of the whole on *the* state of the Union. The "Fugitive Slave bill" was deemed a matter of so little importance that the "*third* House" would not notice it. *Two* houses are generally found sufficient for other States, but California is believed to be entitled to *three*.

The Board of Aldermen of this city (during Mayor Geary's absence from the city,) passed another "Salary bill;" the Mayor hearing of it, returned to the city just in time to *veto* it. The bill provided a salary of $4000 per annum. The *people*-are with the Mayor. Rich times ahead!

EARTH QUAKES.—Some of the press of this city have been trying to get up an earthquake, but as yet there has been nothing of the kind felt.

General LANE is said to be hard at work in the mines at Redding's diggings.

The 8th of January was celebrated in Benicia the new port of entry.

The PULGARS are not now so troublesome as they were a short time since. A man can now sit down to write without having to stop every half minute to scratch.

UNION MEETING.—An effort has been made to get up a "Union meeting," which thus far has proved a failure. We are *all* for the Union, *and nothing else*.

The WEATHER is delightful. "*Los Yankees*" have entirely changed the climate.

The MINERS have not been doing much of late, in consequence of the high water. Numbers are now leaving the city for the mines, and as usual *all* expect to make their pile. The snow has been very deep upon the mountains, and many miners have perished in it.

The NEW ELDORADO has been discovered, and as your readers have not lately been stirred up on this subject, you will allow me to give them a few facts that will make them stare.

The steamer Chesapeake left this place on the 21st ult., with about thirty adventurers, bound up the coast, but none knew where. There was much talk about the expedition for a few days, when all died away. On the 8th the Chesapeake came into port, bringing back several of the "prospectors," among whom was Gen. John Wilson. A company was immediately formed under the title of "The Pacific Mining Company," to whom a report was made, which disclosed some of the most marvellous and startling discoveries of gold which have ever been heard or dreamed of. The facts are as follows: About thirty miles above Trinity there is a beach several miles in length, which is bounded by a very high bluff. The sands on this beach are very deep, and mixed with gold to an extent beyond the belief of any man who has not been in California;—the black sand is mixed with fine gold in proportions of from ten cents to ten dollars the pound. The Pacific Mining Company found twenty or thirty men upon the ground, who did not appear at all anxious to dig—for when they wanted their pile it lay there before them, and they had nothing to do but pick it up.

The Secretary of the Company, Mr. Collins, has declared that he saw a man who had accumulated fifty thousand pounds (of rich sand) or fifty thousand tons, he could not recollect which. The party who are now there intend remaining until spring, when they will load a ship and leave for some other country. Gen. John Wilson says that *thousands of men* could not exhaust this gold in *thousands of years*.

Affidavits have been published in this city which confirm all I have written. I have no doubt but that you will soon find vessels coming "round the Horn" with full cargoes of the precious stuff.

I have no desire to induce any of you to come to California, for Heaven knows I have suffered no little during my trip to and sojourn in this land of Ophir. I have no doubt but that all I have written is true, yet I would advise you to hold on a short time—and when I am perfectly convinced of the riches of "Gold Bluff," I am off, *sure*; and before I start I will let you know. As yet I have not been "bluffed off," notwithstanding the favorable reports. *Santos Padres!* how folks are leaving; no less than ten vessels are now up for the Bluffs. But keep cool, and don't get excited; I will keep you all advised.

Three steamers leave to-day for Panama.

DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.—At the recent election in Monterey the Democrats elected their Mayor, Recorder, Marshal, and the entire Board of Aldermen, nine in number. Can't you do the same thing in the Iron City, or have you let Barker beat you again.

I received a number of papers by the last mail, but found so many columns taken up with a discussion of the Barker Case that they proved of little interest.

But I must close, for the steamer is about taking her departure. *Adios.* AMIGO.

*Stockton Correspondence of the Morning Post.*

STOCKTON, Alta California, January 11, 1851.

The Weather—Mining Business—The Soil and Climate—Society—The effect produced by the admission of California—The Union Spirit—Politics—The Legislature—Indian Troubles.

MR. EDITOR: Hailing from Allegheny county to California some two years since, deprived, like all others in this country, of mail facilities, you can judge my gratification at seeing a copy of your Daily Post in this city, the first Pittsburgh paper I have seen in this country. I paid for it 25 cents, and glad to get it at any price; it came as an old familiar friend, and brought pleasing recollections of your smoky city along with it.

I presume that ere this fires and furs prove comfortable to you, but here it is otherwise; the weather is warm and comfortable, similar to the autumn months in Pennsylvania, and although we are in what is called the rainy season, but little rain has yet fallen, compared to that of last year; business is very dull in consequence, the mines not having water to wash the immense amount of dust they have thrown up in the ravines and arroyas during the summer; money is consequently scarce, as the trade of this country at present depends on its mining operations. The prospects of the miners this winter are generally good, if they had plenty of water to operate. Numerous quartz veins, rich with the yellow ore, are being discovered every day in the southern mines, and when the earth ceases to yield profusely to the shovel and pick, mining with machinery will be profitable, and afford an immense amount of labor at good prices, while the rich valleys here will afford food in abundance for their consumption, and a climate surpassing that of romantic Italy.—To a close observer here it must be evident that this State, grown up so suddenly on the Pacific, in a few years will be second to none of her older sister States on the Atlantic.

The morals and society here are not so polished as they might be. Robbing and assassination are common occurrences, while gaming is the ruling passion of the mass. All this results from the indifference of the better part of the population to what passes around them; their desire being to make their pile as quick and easily as possible, and return to enjoy it in the Atlantic States, as if enjoyment is not to be found on the shores of the Pacific. They feel as if they had no time to sacrifice and no interest but that of self to protect while here, and hence the state of society that prevails. But a better state of feeling begins to pervade the community. The laws are becoming more restrictive, and their execution more demanded, especially since we have become a State. In fact the tardiness of Congress to recognise her as a State was a great drawback to her prosperity. As the mass here, patriotic to the Union as the home of their fathers, looked to the establishment of a State government with a jealous eye, viewing it as a matter of speculation, and a usurpation not warranted by the United States, the consequence was, they could not execute the laws, and they became a dead letter. But since her admission the tone of public sentiment has become more healthy, and a cheerful submission given to the laws.

There is a call for a Union meeting at San Francisco, signed by some of its most influential men. California was the last admitted and will be the last to strike her flag to disunion. Her citizens are from the North and from the South, but meet here as Americans, and know no sectional divisions, no North, no South, but the Union as it is.

In politics California is Democratic to the core, and her vote on the first national issue will show it. In the recent elections held there was no political issues, with the exception of Sacramento city, and these sectional differences weakened the Democratic party; but mark it, California goes Democratic for President.

The Legislature is now in session. The governor has sent in his resignation and it has been accepted. Lt. Gov. McDougal takes his place.—The most important business will be the election of a U. S. Senator. It is hard to say who will be elected, but I think Col. Geary stands a very good chance. Your friend Bigler has been elected President of the Lower House almost unanimously.

The Indians are becoming troublesome all thro' the mines, both North and South. It will take an energetic movement of government to prevent further bloodshed. But I must close.

*Yours, Respectfully.* J. B. F.

NEW BANKING ESTABLISHMENT.—The New York *Journal of Commerce* says:

"We have learned this morning the particulars of one of the most important associations for banking purposes ever organized in this country, independent of our general banking institutions. The association which will be established in this city, will include Watt Sherman, esq., the present cashier of the City bank of Albany, Alexander Duncan, esq., and his son, William Duncan, esq., who it will be remembered, were heirs of Silas Butler, the celebrated millionaire of Providence. The business will be conducted on the plan of the London bankers, and will include the buying and selling of domestic and foreign exchanges."

## HOUSE OF REFUGE.

MOVEMENTS IN WASHINGTON, PA.

*From the Commonwealth.*

At a meeting of the citizens of Washington co., held at the Court House, in Washington, on Monday the 19th of Feb., 1851, agreeably to public notice given in the county papers, the Hon. Samuel A. Gilmore was called to the Chair, and John Birch and Joseph Henderson appointed Secretaries.

The object of the meeting having been explained by the chairman and the Rev. Mr. Black, and Rev. Dr. Campbell of Pittsburgh, the following preamble and resolutions were offered by Thomas M. T. McKennan, and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Legislature of this State at its last session passed an act incorporating an association for the construction of a House of Refuge for Western Pennsylvania, to which the citizens of Allegheny county have individually subscribed a sum exceeding twenty thousand dollars, and thereby fulfilled those conditions of the act referred to, upon compliance of which the State engaged to contribute the further sum of twenty thousand dollars to aid the completion thereof, which amount will, however, not be sufficient to accomplish the designed object, upon such a scale as the growing population of the western counties of the State will speedily require.

And Whereas, A bill has passed the House of Representatives and is now before the Senate, with every prospect of its adoption, by which the Commissioners of the counties are authorized to subscribe to the said House of Refuge, and issue bonds for the payment of such subscription, and moreover to appoint one additional manager for every two thousand five hundred dollars subscribed; therefore

*Resolved*, 1st, That the establishment of a House of Refuge in this region of our State, is one of the most efficacious means both of preserving the peace and good order of society, and promoting the reformation of such portions of our youth as may unfortunately have been seduced into vicious courses by the absence of proper instructions, or by the influence of evil companions, and that its speedy completion is more especially desirable, as the heavy expense attendant upon the conveyance of juvenile offenders to the Institution in Philadelphia has in a great measure prevented the citizens of this county from deriving any benefit therefrom, although they have hitherto borne a considerable share of the expenses attendant upon the original construction and subsequent support.

2d, That the County Commissioners be respectfully invited to subscribe two thousand five hundred dollars to the House of Refuge for Western Pennsylvania, and to issue bonds for the same in proportion as the work progresses, the said bonds not to be redeemable in less than five years from the date thereof, and to bear an interest of six per cent., payable semi-annually.

3d, That Col. James Brice, Colin M. Reed, John H. Ewing, Richard Donaldson, (of Robison) and Wm. M'Daniels, (of Canonsburg,) be appointed a committee to solicit subscribers for the House of Refuge, from the benevolent citizens of this county, and to adopt such measures as to them may seem most expedient to induce the County Commissioners to make a subscription to the same upon a scale not now before the Legislature upon the subject shall become a law.

4th, That the proceedings be signed by the officers of this meeting and published in the papers of this county.

SAMUEL A. GILMORE, Pres't.

JOHN BIRCH, JOSEPH HENDERSON, } Secretaries.

**Last of the Autocrat.—A Terrific Scene.**

A passenger who was on board the *Autocrat* at the time of the collision with the *Magnolia*, one hundred miles above New Orleans, has given the *Louisville Courier* a brief description of the scene. The collision was at daybreak—weather clear and the whole wide Mississippi for a channel. All the deck passengers, thirty in number, one engineer and three cabin passengers, were lost. No names given.—There were eight ladies, all of whom were saved. The *Autocrat* sank in five minutes in deep water:

"A Mr. Ferguson—we do not know his place of residence, but understand his father is landlord of the Gayoso House, Memphis—snatched his child from the arms of his wife and ran to the forecastle, leaving his wife, in the wildness of his alarm, in the ladies' cabin. He stood by us a moment, and made such appeals to save himself and child, I trust in God I never may have occasion to hear again. We got him somewhat calm and quiet, and the child he stopped to thank us; but the same moment the cry of *"we are lost"* was heard, and indeed it was cruelly true with them, for he attempted to leap on the *Magnolia*, and fell with his child into the pitiless element to rise no more. His wife was standing and saw the wildest eagerness for the husband and child, she saw a man struggling in the water whom she supposed to be him. Her shrieks and distracted appeals, she induced attention to the drowning man, and by power almost superhuman, he was rescued, and when he reached the boat, the lady fell round him with her arms, and prayed God for the safety of her husband. Poor, hapless, widowed woman; she awoke from a sad and cruel dream, clinging with frenzied tenacity to the neck of him who was another's.

"You may partially imagine surrounding scenes, when the gentleman in those saved remarked that he almost wished indeed it had been her protector instead of himself."

FUGITIVE LAW IN RHODE ISLAND.—A Special Committee have had charge of this subject in Rhode Island and have reported that there is not time to consider it at the present session of Congress; They, however, recommend the passage of the following act:

"An act in relation to persons claimed in this State as fugitives from service or labor." It shall be the duty of the Attorney General whenever he is informed that any inhabitant of this State is arrested or claimed as a fugitive from service or labor, diligently and faithfully, at the expense of the State, to use all lawful means to protect, defend and procure to be legally discharged, every such person so arrested or claimed."

Friday was set apart for the consideration of his Bill.

A MERMAID.—A Glasgow paper relates that in the hyperborean village of Shieldaig, on the western shores of Scotland, a lady appeared the other morning, whose visit is likely to throw the sea serpent into the shade. A number of women had risen pretty early, as their custom is, to go for fuel to the Gaeon, when the attention of one was attracted by a number of scamows which were hovering and screaming near the church. On a further inspection, she discovered a lady sitting on the rock, with a comb and glass in her hand, singing one of her mad rigals in a plaintive voice, and duly pointed her out to the others, who all maintain that they saw the strange apparition. The probability is that this mermaid was one of the Hamaxy white sects, which are known to sit frequently on rocks during night, uttering plaintive sounds; but so superstitious are the fishers that not a single boat has put to sea since.

DON'T MARRY COUSINS.—The Superintendent of the Insane Hospital at Indianapolis, in a long and interesting report of its condition, very justly says:

The intermarrying of relatives is a cause of degeneracy of both mind and body, and tends directly to insanity. In several instances that have come to our notice during the past year, more than one member of the same family have become insane. There are in the Hospital, at this time, two sisters from one family, a brother and sister from another. We have also, as is rarely the case, a husband and his wife as patients in the institution; but neither of the last mentioned cases, so far as I can learn, suffer from hereditary taint. The husband became insane from ——, and the wife from anxiety and loss of sleep, in the care of her afflicted family during the early period of the husband's insanity.

NEWSPAPER PUFFING is carried to great perfection in Paris. Well known writers, when they receive a commission for the *feuilleton* of the newspapers, draw up a detailed account of the plot, with descriptions of the principal scenes and incidents, then charge an advertisement agent to carry this document round to the principal tradesmen, and propose to them (of course for a consideration) to introduce their names and addresses, with puffs on their wares, in particular places. If the heroine gets married, the author introduces the name and address of the milliner who furnishes the wedding dress; if the hero blows out his brains, the name and address of the gunsmith where he got the pistol is introduced; or if he only wounds himself, it affords a fine opportunity for giving the name of the doctor. Some writers seem to be practicing on this novel plan in this country.—*Phil. Ledger.*

☞ Mr. Mowatt, at the last accounts, was playing to crowded houses at the Theatre Royal, Dublin, with the greatest success. She was received with shouts of applause, and whenever any of her efforts struck the fancy of the audience, there were loud cries of "bravo, America!" On the 13th ultimo, she was to appear for her benefit, in her own play of Arnaud, or the Peer and the Peasant.—*New York Post.*

**Population of the Union.**

Sufficient has been ascertained of the recent census to determine the relative position each State will bear to its sisters in respect to population. The annexed table shows the position each State has occupied under the different enumerations that have been made of the population of the Union. The position each State occupies under the recent census is shown by the names of the several States placed in the rank their population entitles them to hold. The position they held under the previous enumerations is shown by the figures under the year when those enumerations were made.

New York, it will be seen, holds the position she has occupied since 1830, and which, for want of a few thousands, she would have occupied in 1810.

Pennsylvania has maintained her position more uniformly than any other State.

Ohio, without any place in the Union in 1790, in 1800 ranked in respect to her population as the 19th State. She now ranks the 3d.

Virginia, which up to 1810 ranked the 1st State in the Union, now occupies the 4th rank, and in 1860 will probably be out-ranked by Indiana.

Indiana follows close upon the heels of her neighbor Ohio; in 1800 the 20th State as to population, in 1850 she is the 5th.—*Albany Argus.*


**Dancing School.**

HENRY MEYER, of New York, respectfully informs the citizens of Pittsburgh that he will open his DANCING SCHOOL about the 1st of April, when he will introduce the latest style of Cotillions, &c., late from Paris. [feb28:1t

**Miss Sarah Coates**

DESIGNS giving a COURSE OF LECTURE on PHYSIOLOGY to the Ladies of Allegheny City. The introductory Lecture of the course will be given in Quincy Hall, on Monday evening, March 3d. This Lecture will be public—Gentlemen as well as Ladies being invited. Admittance, 10 cents—received at the door. Doors open at 6 o'clock. Lecture at 7. Tickets for the Course following, (five lectures), $1,00. A single lecture 25 cents. [feb28:3t

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*Madeira*—Blandy, Old Reserve, Lisbon, Sicily.

*Sherry*—Gaston Pale Sherry, Rudolph Pale Sherry.

*Cherry Brandy*—Wild Cherry Juice, Old Danish Cherry.

*Sparkling Hock*—Very Superior Wine.

*Champagne*—Grape, Perrier, Apollo, P. D., La Marquetterie, 1846.

*Claret*—Lafour, Medoc, Chateaux Lafitte, St. Estephe, St. Julien.

*Sauternes*—Celie, Grave, Barsac, Haut Sauterne.

*Hock Wine*—Wachenheimer, Deidesheimer, Ruppersberger, Forster Traminer, Neinsteiner, Marcobrunner, Hochheimer, Leibfraumilch, Rudesheimer, Mosel Musbateller.

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**Allegheny County ss.**

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT of said County.

In the matter of the petition of Robert Ashworth, acting Administrator of Jno. S. Strickland, dec'd., at —— No. —— praying the Court that he may be discharged from the further duties of said trust.

And now, to wit: February 22d, 1851, presented in open Court, and the Court ordered the same to be filed, and that notice of said application be given by publication three times in the Morning Post newspaper, that the prayer of the petitioner will be granted on the first Saturday of March next, unless cause be shown to the contrary. By the Court.

DANIEL McCURDY, Clk.

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TO THE MATTER OF the} In the Orphans' Court
partition of the Real Es-} of Allegheny County.
tate of Arthur Meegan, dec'd.} No. —, Dec. T. 1850.

*Writ of Partition.*

And now, to wit: January 18th, 1851, the Court order the Sheriff to give notice of the writ of partition and of the inquisition to be held thereunder to all the parties and their heirs, residing beyond the limits of Allegheny County and of the State of Pennsylvania, by publication in the papers specifying the time and place for holding the inquest. Copies of newspapers to be forwarded to those out of the County.—By the Court.

DANIEL M'CURDY, Clerk.

To Charles Meegan, California; Adelia Meegan, Arthur P. Meegan and Margaret Meegan, minor children and heirs of Michael Meegan, dec'd., Alabama; Hugh Meegan, New Castle, Pa.; Catharine Meegan and her husband, Isaac Buchanan, Lowell, Ohio; Isabella Meegan and her husband, George Newland, New Castle, Pa.—You and each of you are hereby notified that an inquest of partition to divide the Pine Creek Farm, belonging to the said decedent, will be held on the premises, near Sarver's Mill, Pine township, Allegheny Co., on Friday, the 21st day of March, A. D. 1851, when and where you may attend if you see proper.

CARTER CURTIS, Sheriff.

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**AN ACT**

*For the better regulating the collection of Water Rents, Taxes on Rents, and other Taxes on Real Estate in the city of Pittsburgh—and for other purposes.*

SECTION FIRST.—Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and is hereby enacted by the authority of the same.

That, from and after the passage of this act, all assessments for Water Rents, on any House or Houses, Manufactory or Manufactories, or other Tenement or Tenements, whatever—every porter-house thereof, separately occupied, in the said city, shall be made on the same, in the name or names of the person or persons occupying the premises at the time of said assessment—and also in the name or names of the owner or owners thereof, (if such occupant or occupants be not the owner or owners,) and the name of such occupant or owners shall be entered on the assessment book, in separate columns, opposite to the description of the premises assessed.

And if such Water Rent, so assessed, shall not be paid to the collector thereof, by the person or persons occupying the premises on which the same is charged, within two weeks after payment of the same shall have been demanded of the persons or persons occupying such premises, by the collector, it shall and may be lawful for the said collector to collect the amount of said Water Rent, assessed on said premises for the then current year, by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of any person or persons occupying such premises whereon the said Water Rent, so remaining unpaid, shall have been charged and assessed—in the same manner as City Taxes are collectable.

And the provisions of the act of the ninth of April, A. D. 1840, entitled "An act to exempt property to the value of three hundred dollars from levy and sale on execution and distress for rent," shall not be construed to apply to such water rents.

And if, such collector cannot find on the premises sufficient goods and chattels, liable to distress, to pay said water rent assessed thereon, he shall (at least thirty days before the expiration of the year for which such water rent shall have been assessed,) give a written or printed notice to the owner or owners of such premises, of the amount of said water rent assessed thereon and then remaining due and unpaid, and "that he, the said collector, has demanded payment thereof from the person or persons occupying the premises charged therewith, and has not received the same, and that he has not been able to find on said premises sufficient property to pay said water rent, and that if said water rent be not paid within ten days after the service of said notice, suit will be brought against such owner or owners, for the recovery of said water rent, or remaining unpaid." And the facts set forth in said notice shall be verified by the affidavit of such collector, annexed thereto; and if the said owner or owners shall not, within ten days after the service of said notice, as verified as aforesaid, pay to the said collector, the amount of the unpaid water rent specified and mentioned therein, or shall not point out and show to the said collector sufficient property on said premises, liable to distress to pay the same, then the said owner or owners, in whose name or names the said water rent so remaining unpaid shall have been assessed, shall be personally liable to pay the amount thereof so remaining unpaid, and of which notice shall have been given as aforesaid, and the same may be recovered from such owner or owners by suit, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and citizens of Pittsburgh, as other debts of like amount are or shall be by law recoverable.

*Provided*: That in all cases, when different parts of the same tenement, building, &c., are separately occupied, by two or more tenants or occupants, the water rent shall be separately assessed, on the part or parts occupied by each of them, and the property of every such tenant or occupant shall be liable to distress and sale only for the rent assessed for the then current year on such part of said tenement or building as is occupied by him, her, or them—and no more.

*And Provided*, also: That nothing herein contained shall be construed to take away, or in anywise impair, the right of the said City of Pittsburgh, to enforce the payment of said water rent, by distraining the same in case of non-payment, or by any other legal mode, which now is or hereafter may be prescribed and provided by the ordinances of said city.

*And Provided*, also: That if any such collector of water rents shall have good reason to believe that any person or persons, occupying premises, charged with water rent, is about to leave said premises without paying the rent assessed on the premises occupied by him, her, or them, such collector may proceed immediately to levy and collect the same, by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of such person or persons, about to leave, as hereinbefore provided.

In S. C., Feb. 4, 1851, read and ordered to be published one time in the papers authorized to do the City Printing.

Attest: R. MORROW, Cl'k S. C.

In C. C., Feb. 24, 1851, action of S. C. concurred in.

M. W. LEWIS, Cl'k C. C.

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TO the Honorable the Judges of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Allegheny:

The petition of William Lungston, of Birmingham borough, in the County aforesaid, humbly sheweth:—That your petitioner hath provided himself with materials for the accommodation of travelers and others, at his dwelling house, in the aforesaid borough, and prays that your Honors will be pleased to grant him a license to keep a public house of entertainment. And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will pray. WILLIAM LUNGSTON.

We, the subscribers, citizens of aforesaid borough, do certify, that the above petitioner is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and is well provided with house room and conveniences for the accommodation and lodging of strangers and travelers, and that said tavern is necessary.

Matthew Pate, John L. Moore, George Wheeler, S. Cumins, C Storke, Wm Sands, F Neuland, J E Appleton, Samuel Miller, John Irwin, Thos Slocum, Thomas Richards. [feb28:3t

TO the Honorable the Judges of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Allegheny:

The petition of R. Willison & J. N. Norris, of Pine township, in the County aforesaid, humbly sheweth, That your petitioners have provided themselves with materials for the accommodation of travelers and others, at their dwelling house in the township aforesaid, and prays that your Honors will be pleased to grant them a license to keep a public house of entertainment. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will pray.

ROBERT WILLISON