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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.

The New Water Tax Law.

This law, of which so much has been said recently, will be found in to-day's paper, in the proceedings of the Common Council. It is worthy of a careful perusal.

☞ There is but one paper in Pittsburgh besides the *Post* that now receives full and expensive telegraphic despatches from all parts of the world. The "enterprising (?) paper had not a line of the Canada's news in its issue of yesterday. If our Whig friends wish to read *late news*, let them subscribe for the *Post* and they will never be disappointed.

Another Flare Up!

We learn from good authority that the Whig Head Quarters have been removed from the office of the *Daily American* to the Law Office of a certain gentleman who aspires to be one of the leaders of the party! This change has created a terrible excitement in the party, and is understood to be the work of DEACON WHITE, who now claims the old *Gazette* to be the exclusive organ of Anti-Masonic Whiggery in Pittsburgh. We are assured that RIDDLE had nothing to do with the matter one way or the other; indeed, there appears to be a disposition to treat him unfairly, since he entirely failed to receive even a crumb of the Government patronage.

We are in possession of some startling facts in relation to this change of the Head Quarters of Anti-Masonic Whiggery, which we may publish hereafter in detail. Suffice it to say for the present, that one of the principal arguments used why the *American* office should be abandoned as the place of meeting, was, that no *gentleman* would consent to be seen within the walls of that den of iniquity.

A Little of Every Thing!

The great Forrest divorce case is still progressing in New York.——Welsh and Willis continue their interesting "seduction" warfare.——Those greenest of humbugs, the BURNS, are catching gas from the press wherever they have exhibited their tom-foolories.——The Cooper and Johnston whigs of Philadelphia are fighting like Kilkenny cats.——Queen Victoria has seven small children; Mrs. Rodgers has ten.——The editor of the Chronicle is trying to make it appear that he is a disbeliever in *spirit rappings*. His eyes are none too well another tale.——Allison of the Steubenville Herald is in town, looking as handsome and dignified as usual.——Work of the Beaver Star wants Mrs. Swisshelm to "jump into" the Turkish dresses.——Mons. E. Cabet of the Icarian Community, Nauvoo, has gone to Europe.——The Journal's telegraphic column is becoming "small by degrees and beautifully less," every day.——The *colored* ladies of New York are holding a *fair* to sustain Fred. Douglass' paper.——Horace Greely's old white coat is said to be one of the greatest curiosities at the World's Fair.——John Bull—the great Sarsaparilla Doctor John Bull, of Louisville,—was in the city the other day. Of course he paid us a visit.——Every body admires our new editorial chair. It is from Woodwell's great warehouse, 3d street.——Mrs. Davenport is performing in Cincinnati, at the Olympic.——The merchants say that the Post is now the best commercial paper in the city.——Pittsburgh is going to furnish a block for the Washington Monument; see proceedings of Council.——It has been ascertained to a certainty that all the merchants who do a large and prosperous business advertise in the Post.——Gov Wood of Ohio is now on a visit to Gov. Wright of Ind.——Father Mathew is visiting Henry Clay at Ashland.——Prof. Agassiz left Cincinnati on Friday for his home in the East.

New Publications.

THE INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY MAGAZINE.—We have received from W. C. WALL, agent, 85, Fourth street, the June number of the above popular and well conducted Magazine, published by Stringer & Townsend, New York. It contains a biographical sketch of HENRY W. HERBERT, "Frank Forrester," beautifully illustrated; Trenton Falls, illustrated; New Proof of the Earth's Rotation, illustrated; Authors and Books, and over 30 other excellent articles. Price per copy, 25 cents.

THE EDINBURGH REVIEW.—From Mr. WALL we have also received the April number of LEONARD SCOTT & Co.'s reprint of the Edinburgh Review. Its contents are: England as it is; the Salmon Fisheries; Southey's Life and Correspondence; Lamanism in Thibet and Tartary; Cousin; Spain and Spanish Politics; Shall we retain our Colonies? the Defeat in Italy; Ultramontane Doubts.

BUCHANAN'S JOURNAL OF MAN.—The publisher has sent us the April and May numbers of this well known medical monthly, issued in Cincinnati, and edited by the celebrated Dr. BUCHANAN. This is a very cheap and very useful publication, especially to the medical fraternity. Price $1,00 per annum. By the way we may here state that Dr. Buchanan is expected in this city in the course of a few days, and will probably give a series of lectures on his favorite topics.

☞ The *Gazette* of yesterday contained another Government advertisement, and we observe that the Deacon still continues his sycophantic puffery of the President and his Cabinet!

☞ The Democrats of the city of Reading, says the Lebanon *Advertiser*, (Dem.,) are busily engaged in making arrangements for the reception of the Delegates to the State convention to be held in that city on the 4th of June. They purpose giving them the right kind of a welcome.

STEAMER ECHO BLOWN UP!—THREE LIVES LOST.—The Cincinnati *Commercial* of Saturday publishes the following despatch:

NEW ORLEANS, May 22, 1851.

Ed. Com. Commercial.—Steamer Echo blew up. Three hands dead. Officers and passengers all safe.

W. W. WHITENBERG.

THE EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN RAILROAD.—The Hon. Caleb Cushing has introduced into the Massachusetts Legislature a bill to aid in the construction of the European and North American Railway, authorizing an issue of state scrip, to the amount of 500,000, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and the principal redeemable in 20 years, for the use and benefit of the said road whenever it shall be organized, with $1,000,000 stock subscribed for, and $500,000 paid in. The state of Maine has made a similar grant of $500,000 in money scrip, or an equivalent form satisfactory to the Governor and Council. It is thought in Boston the bill will pass.

JO. LANE.—Gen. LANE has been nominated for President by his friends in Indiana, and for Congressional delegate by his friends in Oregon. Of the former he has not heard at last accounts from him. Of the latter he says:

As to the delegateship, I will leave the matter entirely to my friends. Oregon is, and shall be my home. Should I be elected, I will try to be useful in the territory. I am not ambitious for office. If it is agreed that I am to run, I will perform my part promptly.

Scribblings and Clippings.

— A party of Mexican traders reached St. Louis last week from Santa Fe, having passed large numbers of Indians on the plains. There were very few emigrants on their way over to California, excepting the Mormons.

— The Buffalo Republic, speaking of BURR, a lecturer on the spirit rappings, says their "trashy, nonsensical exhibition is about the most miserable 12½ cents' worth of humbug ever offered to a gullible public."

— The Steubenville Messenger says: The managers of the Gas company are pushing forward the erection of the works with commendable zeal. The enterprise is being carried out with a degree of energy and promptitude which does honor to those concerned. The works will reflect credit on the city, and be of great advantage to the public. We shall have light early in the fall.

— The Portsmouth (O.) Daily Dispatch understands that a barrel of pork was found, a few days since, several feet under ground in the old bed of the Scioto river. The meat was perfectly good, and the barrel but little damaged. It must have been lost some time before the river's course was changed, probably from one of the many flatboats that twenty or thirty years since came down the Scioto.

— The advantages of our railway communications with the West are strikingly illustrated by the exhibit of the number of passengers passing over the Allegheny Portage Railroad in the months of March and April, 1850-1851. In 1850, the number was 1,425; in 1851 it was 5765, showing a difference in favor of this year of 4,339.

— Rev. Mr. WOLFORD, of South Carolina, lately bequeathed 100,000 dollars to the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Cornelius Van Houston, Esq., late of Holmes county, Miss., has devised his whole (very large) estate, after his wife's death, to the same church, to be equally divided between the Missionary Society and the Book Concern.

— Master Tommy Carrin, a boy of 14, residing in Kildare, Ireland, has eloped with Miss Eliza J——, a girl aged 13, the servant girl who managed the affair as *confidants* being between fifteen and sixteen years old.—The juvenile fugitive took with her £14 belonging to her mother, and the boy and girl have proceeded to America together.

— The Reading Convention will number among its delegates quite a number of editors. Already we have FORNEY of the *Pennsylvanian*, BOWMAN of the Bedford Gazette, WILSON of the Allentown *Republican*, TOLAN of the Easton *Democrat*, and likely some others. They always make good delegates.

— The new Constitution of the State of Maryland abolishes the lottery system: any party engaged in a duel, as principal or second, is disqualified from holding office: no clergyman is eligible to a seat in the State Legislature, and the Governor is to be elected every four years.

— The New Yorker says: "MISS LIND, we learn, has taken a house in Brooklyn, where she will spend the summer months, in company and secretary, and Benedict, Salvi and Belletti, residing with her."

— The interior of Bunker Hill Monument is to be used to demonstrate the rotation of the earth on its axis, by repeating Foucault's experiment with a pendulum 216 feet long. Mr. Bond and Mr. Horsford, of Cambridge, will superintend it, and the public will be admitted by paying a small fee.

— During the heavy thunder storm on Tuesday afternoon, the 13th instant, JOHN BRENNER, of Columbia, and a former named MALLER, of Little Britain township, Lancaster county, were struck by lightning and instantly killed.

— The Presbyterian Herald learns that the persons lately murdered on the Isthmus were the Rev. E. R. Geary and wife and three children, who were sent out by the Presbyterian Board of Missions to Oregon from Ohio.

— A painter, while at work upon a steeple in Bridgeton, N. J., last week, received from a lightning rod a charge of galvanic electricity, which paralized his shoulder and arm for some time. It came from a thunder cloud which was passing over at the time.

— The Democrats of Vermont held their State Convention at Montpelier on the 22d instant, and nominated for Governor, Hon. John S. Robinson, of Bennington; for Lieut. Governor, Hon. Giles Harrington, of Alburgh: for Treasurer, F. C. Reddington, of St. Johnsbury.

— The London Illustrated News has an engraving of Mrs. Mary Banton, who is called the oldest woman in the world. She was born on the 12th of Feb., 1731, and is of course more than one hundred and twenty yrs. of age. She lives in the rural village of Elkton, in the possession of all her faculties.

— Prof. AGASSIZ received five hundred dollars for the five lectures he delivered before the Young Men's Library Association of Cincinnati.

— Senator Douglas had his pocket picked at the Erie railway celebration at Dunkirk, of $60. He wishes it understood, however, that he does not look upon the robbery as an Administration measure.

— A year ago Congress made a donation to the Mobile and Chicago Railroad, of lands sufficient for the construction of the work. In Alabama the lands have already been selected by a commissioner appointed by the Governor of that State; they amount to 223,660 acres, and are valued at 700,000.

— The Board of Directors of the Pacific Railroad Company completed their organization at St. Louis, last week. The officers of the Company are THOMAS ALLEN, President; A. S. MITCHELL, Secretary; Dr. R. SIMPSON, Treasurer.

Exhibition of Jealousy in Boston.

About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the promenaders of Washington street—and the lovely quality, of the atmosphere, a glorious specimen of bright, beautiful and bewitching May, had tempted forth an unusual number of charming ladies and gay and gallant men—were astonished out of their propriety by the appearance of a spirited horse, and handsome buggy driven by a gentleman, seated alone, and hanging behind, with a nervous grasp upon the body of the carriage a beautiful and elegantly dressed female. The gentleman drove along with the utmost nonchalance, holding the ribbons and guiding the horse like a "blood," as he is, at a fine or eight mile gait. The lady behind stuck to her perilous and uncomfortable position, with the courage and desperation of a feminine Spartan, as we have no doubt she is. Some few philanthrophic and daring gentlemen attempted to stop the horse; but the mass of beholders of this novel exhibition seemed rooted to the sidewalk. The driver occasionally touched up his animal with the whip, and looked to the right and left with evident surprise at the sensation his elegant "turn out" was creating. On reaching Dock square, the lady exhausted with the effort of clinging to the vehicle, her dress torn and disarranged, lost her hold and fell upon the pavement. She was immediately, raised by policeman Philbrick, assisted by several gentlemen who witnessed the affair, and, the crowd becoming exceedingly large and noisy, was conveyed to the Marshal's office. In the confusion, the gentleman drove off, or rather as we understand, took a roundabout cot to the stable and put up his team. The lady was the wife of the gentleman in the buggy, and seems to have been actuated by jealousy, supposing that he was going to take an outing with another woman. He, on his part, declares that he did not know that any one was behind his carriage more especially his wife. This statement we are inclined to think is true. The lady we think, would make a good pioneer in introducing the Bloomer costume in this city. After a brief stop at the Marshal's office, a carriage was called, and she was conveyed home.—*Boston Mail, May 22.*

Illinois Central Railroad.

Mr. Schuyler, President of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, has issued a circular to the Directors, in which he estimates the quantity of land which the company possesses by virtue of the grant from Congress at 2,572,800 acres. Of this land two millions of acres are to be placed in trust as collateral security for the construction bonds of the company. The remainder is to be appropriated to the interest fund and to meet contingencies. Mr. Schuyler classifies and values the land to be held in trust as follows:

400,000 acres of inferior agricultural land at $6 per acre	$2,400,000
1,200,000 acres as good agricultural lands at $10 per acre	12,000,000
300,000 acres superior agricultural lands at $15 per acre	4,500,000
100,000 acres especially valuable lands, such as town sites, mineral and other lands, at $25 per acre	2,500,000
	$21,400,000

THE TELEGRAPH.—Rev. John Pierpont, writing upon the Telegraph, concludes thus:

A hero chieftain laying down his pen,
Closes his eyes in Washington at ten;
The lightning courier leaps along the line,
And at St. Louis tells the tale at nine,
Hailing a thousand miles when he departed,
And getting there an hour before he started.

CITY AFFAIRS.

[OFFICIAL REPORT.]

Proceedings in Select Council.

MONDAY, May 26, 1851.

Council met. Present—Messrs. Bruce, Cassel, Day, Edgar, Edwards, Gallagher, Hill, Kelley, Kennedy, Kier, Kincaid, Lorenz, Morrow, Rinehart, Wilson, and President Murray.

The minutes of the proceeding meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Edwards presented a petition of Charles Rayner for permission to retain the store room in the old court house until the same is required to be torn down. Read, and referred to com. on city property, with power to act. Action concurred in by C. C.

The following resolution, laid over on 3d reading at the last meeting, was then taken up:

Resolved, That the sum of $725 be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of counsel and other contingent expenses growing out of the recent difficulties between the Mayor and the city authorities, and that the com. on police be and they are authorized to draw their warrants on the City Treasurer for the same, and charge the same to the contingent fund.

Mr. Gallagher moved the 3d reading and final passage of the resolution.

Mr. Bruce called the yeas and nays, and the call was sustained; and the yeas and nays were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Cassel, Day, Edgar, Edwards, Gallagher, Hill, Kelly, Rinehart, and President Murray—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Bruce, Kennedy, Kincaid, Lorenz, Morrow, and Wilson—6.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Lorenz presented an ordinance entitled "An ordinance concerning water rents," and a certified copy of an Act of Assembly relative (inter *alia*) thereto.

The ordinance was read a first time, and the act was, on motion, read for information.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, the ordinance was read a second time; and

Mr. Bruce, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, moved to lay the same on the table.

Mr. Morrow moved to lay it over for the present, —on which motion the question was put without objection; and the same was negatived, on division, ayes 5, nays 9.

The ordinance was read a third time and passed. Action concurred in by C. C.

The following business, communicated by the clerk of the C. C., was then taken up:

Report of the com. on markets, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance regulating the markets." In C. C. report read and accepted, and ordinance read three times and passed. The report in S. C. was read and accepted, and the ordinance read a first and second time.

Mr. Lorenz, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, moved to amend so as to make it take effect after the present year, which motion was negatived.

Mr. Edgar moved to postpone the further consideration thereof until after the erection of the new Market House in the Diamond, which motion prevailed.

Petition for rebuilding the Adams Market House in Fifth Ward. In C. C. read and referred to com. on markets.

Report of com. on claims and accounts, with the following resolution. In C. C. read and accepted, and resolution read three times and adopted:

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants in favor of the following persons, viz: in favor of

J. Shidle, for the sum of		$10,45
D. Youngson,	"	16,00
A. Shaw,	"	4,22
J. Kidd & Co.,	"	4,22
A. Wilson & Co.,	"	8,10
H. Nixon [illegible]	"	35,07
Wm. M. Edgar,	"	21,03

And in favor of the Pittsburgh Gas Co., 6591,69 in full of their claims; and charge the gas account to appropriation No. 9, and the balance to contingent fund.

Report of the com. on gas lighting. In C. C. read and accepted.

In all of which action the S. C. concurred.

Report of the water com. on the ordinance committed to them, entitled "An ordinance for the better collection of water rents on new buildings, supplementary to an ordinance passed the 27th day of December, A.D. 1847, relating to the water works," approving the passage thereof as amended by them; also, upon petitions for water pipes on sundry streets, &c., with the following resolution. In C. C. report read and accepted, and the ordinance and resolution read three times and passed:

Resolved, That the sum of $2000 be added to appropriation No. 6, in order that water pipe may be extended on such streets as have been reported on and recommended to be laid by the water com. this year.

In S. C. the report was read and accepted, and the ordinance read three times and passed.

The resolution was read a first and second time, and Mr. Kincaid moved its third reading; but there being votes in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Whereupon Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Bruce, moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of having the resolution read a third time; which motion prevailed, on division—ayes 9, noes 4.

So the resolution was read a third time; and the question being upon its final passage, Mr. Morrow called the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bruce, Edgar, Edwards, Gallagher, Hill, Kelly, Kennedy, Kincaid, Wilson and President Murray—10.

Nays—Messrs. Day, Kier, Lorenz, Morrow and Rinehart—5.

So the resolution was adopted.

Report of police committee in case of John Jones watchman, with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer, in favor of John Jones, for the sum of $56, and charge the same to appropriation No. 5.

Report of same on claims of David Fenwick and others, late city Constables, adverse as to H. Murray, and with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer in favor of Jacob Rapp, for $2; in favor of H. H. Shepler for $18,99; also, for Philip Vierheller for $18,99; also, as David Fenwick for $20,56, in full for their services as high and city Constables, and charge contingent fund.

Reports read and accepted, and resolutions read three times and adopted. Action concurred in by S. C.

Mr. POLLOCK—A report from the com. on claims and accounts, together with the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer in favor of the following persons, viz: In favor of J. Shidle for the sum of $10,45; D. Youngson for $17; J. Kidd & Co. for $4,22; A. Wilson & Co. for $8,10; H. Nixon for $35,07; Wm. M. Edgar for $21,3; and in favor of the Pittsburgh Gas Company for the sum of $6591,69, in full of their claims, and charge the gas account to appropriation No. 9, and the balance to contingent fund.

Report read and accepted, and resolution read three times and adopted. Action concurred in by S. C.

The minutes of the proceeding meeting were read and approved.

Mr. KAYE—A report of the com. on gas lighting, which was read and accepted.

Mr. MELLON—"An ordinance for the establishment of an uniform standard for the measurement of bituminous coal in the city of Pittsburgh."—Read three times and adopted.

Mr. FRIED—The following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the 2d district Street Commissioner is hereby directed to open that part of Colwell street between Vine and Diawiddie street.

After being read, he moved to amend by adding —provided the cost does not exceed $100.

Mr. Drum moved to amend by saying $60. Both of which amendments were lost, and the resolution was then laid over.

Mr. MELLON—The following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a com. of five, to consist of two from the Select and three from the Common Council, be appointed to procure and have prepared, a stone to be presented by the City of Pittsburgh to the Washington Monument at Washington City.

Resolution read three times and adopted, and Messrs. Mellon, Riddle and Bissel appointed on part of C. C. Action concurred in by S. C., and Messrs. Bruce and Edgar appointed.

On motion of Mr. Cordell, the rules were suspended for the purpose of reading a third time the resolution appropriating $2000 for laying water pipes.—And the resolution was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Bissel, Cordell, Cunningham, Drum, Friend, Harper, Kaye, Lowry, Lytle, McCartney, McFarland, Mellon, Pollock, Reis, Riddle, And. Scott, Shrom, Tindle, Willock, Wilson, Young, and President.

The minutes of the two proceding meetings were read and approved.

Mr. Kaye presented a petition of citizens of the 5th ward, for an addition to their market house. Read and referred to market com., and action concurred in by S. C.

Mr. CORDELL—A report from the water com., with the accompanying resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the sum of $2000 be added to appropriation No. 6, in order that water pipe may be extended on such streets as have been reported on and recommended to be laid by the water com. this year. Report read and accepted, and resolution read twice and laid over.

Also, "An ordinance for the better collection of water rents." Read a third time and passed.

Mr. WILLOCK—Two reports from the police com. with the accompanying resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer in favor of John Jones, for the sum of $56, and charge the same to appropriation No. 5.

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of Jacob Rapp for $2; in favor of H. H. Shepler for $18,99; also for Philip Vierheller for $18,99; also for David Fenwick for $20,56, in full for their services as high and city constables, and charge contingent fund.

Reports read and accepted, and resolutions read three times and adopted. Action concurred in by S. C.

Also, "An ordinance concerning water rents." In S. C. read three times and passed. Action concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Cordell, the following sections of an Act of Assembly, approved the 12th day of April, 1851, entitled "An Act to incorporate the trustees of the Methodist Church, etc.," were authorized to be published with the proceedings, viz:

SECTION 4. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That in all cases where any tax or taxes of any kind have been or shall be, assessed on any ground rent issuing out of, or charged on, any lot or lots of ground situate in the City of Pittsburgh, or the owner or occupier of such lot or lots; as well as the owner of such ground rent charged thereon, shall be liable to pay all taxes assessed on such ground rent during his or her ownership, possession or occupancy of the land, or lot or lots; and in case of non-payment of such tax or taxes, the same shall and may be collected by distresses and sale of the goods and chattels of the person or persons in the occupancy or possession of the premises whereon such ground rent is charged in the manner authorized by law; and such tax or taxes, or any part thereof having been so paid by or collected from the person or persons in the occupancy or possession of the premises, and not being the owner or owners of the ground rent it shall and may be lawful for him, her or them to recover said tax or taxes so paid by or collected from him her or them, from the owner of the ground rent on which the said tax or taxes may be assessed, by him, her or their election, to deduct the same in the payment of the rent due to his, her or their lessor, who, if he or she be not the owner of the ground rent shall or may defalk in like manner, until such tax or taxes shall be defalked in the payment of the rent due to the owner of the ground rent on which such tax or taxes shall have been assessed, unless such recovery or defalcation would impair or violate some contract or agreement previously made by and between such ground landlord or lessor and lessee or sub lessee in regard to the payment of taxes assessed on said ground rent. And in case any such lot or lots of ground be vacant and unimproved and unoccupied, so that no sufficient distress can be found therein, it shall be the duty of the collector to return the tax or taxes assessed on the ground rent charged on such vacant or unimproved lot or lots, if the same remain unpaid, to the Commissioners of Allegheny County, in the same manner as taxes on unseated lands; and the said Commissioners shall cause such ground rents to be sold for the payment of the taxes assessed thereon, and so returned and remaining unpaid, in the manner provided by law in like cases for the sale of unseated lands for taxes.

SEC. 5. That from and after the passage of this act, no person who shall hereafter reside within said City for one year immediately preceding any election for Mayor, Aldermen, or other officers of said City, and who shall not, within the said year, have paid all city taxes assessed to him, shall be entitled to vote at any such election for officers of said City.

SEC. 6. That the goods and chattels of any owner or occupier of any messuage or lot of ground within said City, may be distrained for the taxes of the then current year assessed on such premises, although said taxes may have been assessed on said premises before such owner or occupier took possession, or became the owner thereof.

SEC. 7. That the goods and chattels of any owner or occupant of any messuage or lot of ground within said City, may be distrained for taxes assessed on such messuage or lot of ground, although the same be not upon the premises; and such goods and chattels shall and may be seized and taken as other distrees for such taxes in other parts or ward of said City, although the premises whereon said taxes shall have been assessed may be situate in another and different ward.

SEC. 8. That from and after the passage of this act, all water rents shall be assessed to the owner of owners of the premises for the use of the water, in which the said water rents are assessed, in the same manner as City taxes and assessments for water rents so assessed shall be collected and be a lien on the real estate on which the same shall have been assessed in the same manner as City taxes are or may be, by law, a lien and collectable; and the provisions of the Act of the 9th of April, 1849, entitled "An act to exempt property to the value of three hundred dollars from levary and sale on execution and distress for rent," shall not be taken or construed to apply to said water rents.

SEC. 9. That so much of any act or acts as is hereby altered, and no more, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

On motion, Council adjourned.

A Singular Nuisance.

Among the law reports in our English files, we notice one of a case, on the Home Circuit, of a very singular and amusing character. The action was for nuisance, brought by a merchant, just retired from business, against a neighbor who caused a number of scaffolds to be erected on his land, contiguous to the plaintiff's premises, from which were suspended a string of tea kettles, tea boards, watering pots, horse collars, horses' and bullocks' heads, and a figure representing Maria Manning, the murderess. This trumpery was not only hideous to the sight, but its clatter in the wind was so unearthly that the simple people of the country were afraid to pass the spot in the night without the protection of a policeman. To give the Lord Chief Justice a better idea of the merits of the case, a large box containing a model of the nuisance, was brought in, and the contents were no sooner exhibited than the whole court was convulsed with laughter. The venerable Lord Chief Justice joined in the chorus, and observed that the model ought to go to the exhibition. The counsel for the defendant "caved in" at once, and only pleaded for a little mercy, if in such case any mercy were possible. The jury, after deliberating about half an hour, gave £500 damages to the plaintiff.—*N. Y. Courier.*

☞ There is generally some fun going on where ex-Senator Dickinson is. The correspondent of the *Journal of Commerce*, relates the following colloquy between Gov. D. and Senator Douglass, on the cars as they were passing over the Erie railroad last week. The Governor was anxious to know if Judge Douglass was any relation to another gentleman bearing his cognomen somewhat prominent in public life.—"His name," says the Governor, "is Frederick; believe he's not a cousin of yours?" "No," replied the Judge, "there are two families of Douglasses —the Black and the Red Douglas—I represent the Red."

"I was once," added the Judge, "on the stump in Illinois, surrounded by a party of Canalers, one of whom regarded somewhat insignificantly with his eye my diminutive and then attenuated person.—Presently he addressed me—Mr. Douglass are you a descendant of the great Black Douglass?' Yes, I am'—my health had been bad for some time, and I was reduced to about 110 pounds. The Irishman scanned again my puny limbs. 'Faith and be jabers,' said he 'a h—l of a *Descent* it is.'"

— The New York marble polishers and rubbers are on a strike for higher wages. On Tuesday night week a gang of the strikers were arrested for creating a riot about the premises of Mr. Levy, stone-cutter, in Eighteenth street.

He's None the Worse for That.

What though the homespun suit he wears—
Best suited to the sons of toil,
What though on coarsest food he fares,
And tends the loom or tills the soil;
What though no gold-leaf gilds the tongue,
Devoted to congenial chat?——
If right prevails, and not the wrong,
The man is none the worst for that.

What though within the humble cot
No costly ornament is seen;
What though the wife possesses not
Her satin gowns of black and green;
What though the merry household band
Half-naked fly to hall and hut?
If conscience guides the heart and hand
The man is none the worse for that.

True worth is not a thing of dress—
Of splendor, wealth, or classic lore!
Would that these trappings we loved less,
And clung to honest worth the more!
Though pride may spurn the toiling crowd,
The tattered garb, the crownless hat,
Yet God and Nature cry aloud——
The man is none the worst for that!

Lord Byron and the Monk.

A writer in a late number of Eliza Cook's Journal, in giving a description of Newstead Abbey, Lord Byron's former residence, relates the following:—

At the end of a gallery, a huge stone coffin met our gaze, with several other relics of the dead, such as bones, skulls, &c., which were dug up, during Lord Byron's residence at the Abbey, from under the flagging in the cloisters. It appears that at one time his lordship had a strange fancy for this species of resurrectionizing and digging up of dead men's bones. But whether it was that he fancied the thrifty friars had filled their coffins with gold before taking their departure from this nether world, in order to pay their passage money and secure a rapid transition into the next, or whether he expected to find some more brazen eagles, or what would be still better, the great iron chest, filled with gold and jewels, that was reported to be buried or sunk somewhere either in the ground or lake; or whether it was a mere curiosity for seeking up antiquarian relics, I cannot pretend to tell, though report hints at the two former motives. However, amongst other things, this coffin was brought to light, and with it the skeleton of a monk. Another of the noble lord's strange fancies was to have the skull of this said skeleton cleaned, mounted with silver and made into a drinking cup. He then wrote the half a dozen stanzas, which are probably well known to the public, beginning:

"Start not, nor deem my spirit fled,"

and which were afterwards engraved upon the silver. The cup was shown to us by the housekeeper, and with it the following somewhat strange and new story. Mind, I don't say that we believed it, neither do I ask you, gentle reader, to believe it—I merely tell you the tale as it was told us by the worthy woman's own lips. She assured us it was universally credited by the whole household. The story is this:

When Byron first drank out of this cup, it was at a party in the large drawing-room. Some ladies were seated beside him, laughing, talking, and enjoying with him the festivity of the evening. Scarce, however, had he raised the fatal goblet to his lips, when lo! at the doorway appeared—black, terrific, and in dusky garb" arrayed—the headless trunk of a human being, apparently a monk. The ladies shrieked, fainted, and as many as could hurried out of the room. Byron, however, boldly faced the spectre, and demanded of him his errand. The monk approached, and accused him with bitter words of his sin and guilt in thus removing from their resting place the bones of the pious dead, and appropriating to such vile uses the skull of a fellow mortal, who once thought, spoke, and quaffed the wine like himself. He concluded by telling him the place, day, hour, and all the particulars of his death, which—as the good lady assured us—all came to pass exactly as predicted.

Thus ends this short, but strange story. But this is but one in a hundred of the hobgoblin tales of which an old of this ancient place. Byron himself believed, or pretended to believe in a great many of them, and to one fabled visitant especially he has given the most perfect sanction by his credence, and caused him to be recognized as a familiar inmate of the Abbey. This is the famous goblin friar, who is said to walk nightly through the halls and cloisters, and to have been seen by Byron himself on several important occasions, always portending evil. One of these occasions was a short time previous to his unfortunate marriage with Miss Milbank. How far this report is true I am not prepared to say. His lordship, however, embodied the tradition in a ballad, in which he thus speaks of him:

"Whose form you may trace, but not his face—
'Tis shadowed by his cowl;
And when aught is to befall
That ancient line, in the pale moonshine
He walks from hall to hall.

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That ancient line, in the pale moonshine
And they seem of a parted soul."

DRESS.—We don't know who is the writer of this, but he talks exactly like a man of sense:

Elegance in dress is cheap and simple. What it costs a man for tobacco who uses it, is sufficient, if added to the present cost of his clothing, to dress him with elegance. A few more shillings a yard for cloth, the work of a tasteful tailor, a decent regard to the prevailing mode, and a certain neatness and simplicity, is all. Elegance is never gaudy, never *outre*, never out of fashion, nor in the extreme of fashion. It allows of a few ornaments, and no studied display. The difference, of a single dollar in an article of dress may make the whole distinction between elegance and vulgarity. A single needless ornament may spoil the effect of the best tailor's workmanship. The slightest eccentricity of cut betrays the inborn rowdy.

DIED!

On Tuesday morning, at half past seven, ANNA MARIA WILSON, aged 7 years—eldest child and only daughter of JOHN A. and SARAH B. WILSON.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her parents, corner of ROSS and DIAMOND sts., at 10 o'clock A. M., TO-DAY. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

In Allegheny City, on Sunday morning, May 25th, of Scarlet Fever, GEORGE REITER, aged 1 year and 10 months; and on Monday morning, May 26th, CHRISTIANA AMELIA, aged 3 years and 6 months—youngest children of JACOB and SUSAN M. SEYBOLD.

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Notice to Contractors.

OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PROPOSALS will be received for the Grading and Bridging of the Western portion of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad, extending from Wooster, by Londonville and Mansfield, to the Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati Railroad, at Crestline, near Galion, a distance of fifty-three miles.

They will be received at Wooster until the evening of Tuesday, the 10th of June, and at Mansfield until the evening of Wednesday, the 11th of June next, and will be addressed to the undersigned President of the Company. Plans and profiles of the work east of Londonville will be exhibited at Wooster, and of the work west of Londonville, at Mansfield, for one week before the letting.

Further information and forms of proposals may be obtained on application to Solomon W. Roberts, Chief Engineer; or Jesse H. Straughan, resident Engineer of the Western Division. A preference will be given to bidders who will agree to take a per centage of their pay in the stock of the Company.

my23td WM. ROBINSON, JR., *Pres't.*

EGGS—10 bbls. fresh just rec'd and for sale by
my23 WM. DYER.
No. 207 Liberty st.

RAGS—8 bags good quality for sale by
my23 WM. DYER.

STARCH—13 bxs. Bonbright's extra for sale by
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ALLEGHENY PROPERTY FOR SALE.—A valuable property, situated near the Railroad Depot, having a front of 75 feet on Bank Lane, First Ward, by 150 deep; containing a two story dwelling house, well arranged for a small family, or could be conveniently occupied by two families, and is in a central location for a boarding house with a garden, shade trees, &c.

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A FRESH SUPPLY just received of Burger & Co.'s Bonoh; Rat and Mouse Exterminator, prepared by a skillful and practical chemist, and warranted the cheapest and most effectual remedy in the world for exterminating from dwellings, warehouses, granaries, &c., Roaches, Rats, Mice and Ants. This article has now been before the public for the last eight years, during which time not a single instance has come to the knowledge of the proprietors, where (the directions followed) it has failed to give entire satisfaction.

Be sure you get the genuine, as there are imitations in the market. The genuine can be had of

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A PROFITABLE INVESTMENT.—*For Sale*—A valuable Property, situate about 150 yards from the Seventh Ward, containing one acre of land, in a desirable location. Prospect street, when continued, will pass through this property, thus giving it two fronts, and making it very desirable either for Building Lots or a family residence. The adjoining lot, also, of one acre, can be had with the above, if desired.

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Having determined to furnish our extensive Job Office with entirely new materials, we shall sell about 100 founts of type now in use, *very low*, for cash or approved paper. We have type enough to fit out 8 or 10 country offices complete. The sizes and varieties of type are such as are to be found in all large city job offices, from Nonpareil up to 20 line Pica, plain and ornamental. Also, for sale, several varieties of borders, in good order. Persons wishing to purchase will please make immediate application.

Petroleum!

Shirleysburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa., March 4, '51.
S. M. KIER: Dear Sir—Your Petroleum is working wonders in this vicinity; therefore, we would thank you to send us two dozen by the Pennsylvania Railroad. We are entirely out, and it is being inquired for almost every day. Yours, respectfully,
JOHN LONG & CO.

Hayesville, Ashland Co., Ohio, March 10, '51.
S. M. KIER: Dear Sir—Your Agent, a few weeks since, left with us four dozen Rock Oil, which we have sold. Please forward to us six dozen immediately.
Your medicine is working wonders in this region.—We can obtain several excellent certificates, if you desire them. Yours, &c.,
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