

THE MINERS' JOURNAL,

AND POTTSVILLE GENERAL ADVERTISER.

I WILL TEACH YOU TO FIERCE THE BOWELS OF THE EARTH AND BRING OUT FROM THE CAVERNS OF THE MOUNTAINS METALS WHICH WILL GIVE STRENGTH TO OUR HANDS AND SUBJECT ALL NATURE TO OUR USE AND PLEASURE.—DR. JOHNSON.

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ENGLAND.

Commercial Meeting at Leeds.—On Friday, one of the most numerous and respectable meetings of mercantile men ever assembled in Leeds was held in the Court House, on the invitation of Mr. Baines, M. P. to take into consideration the propriety of petitioning Parliament for the repeal of the duty on the exportation of foreign wool, and the repeal of the duty on the exportation of woolen cloths, and for the further purpose of petitioning for the repeal of the duties on olive oils. Considerable discussion took place, and it was finally determined that a petition should be generally signed, and presented to the House of Commons, praying for the repeal of the duties on question, and that a memorial should be presented to the Board of Trade to the same effect. It was also determined that a memorial should be presented to the Board of Trade, praying that they would exercise the powers vested in them by Parliament for the equalization of the duty on olive oils. A discussion arose in the meeting as to the propriety of petitioning for a reduction of the duty on malleable iron, and common iron, &c. The meeting was adjourned to another meeting on Saturday, at 10 o'clock.

Leeds Mercury.—The Marriages hiring at Keswick on Saturday, was rather thinly attended by the country people, but there was no lack of servants, and the hiring was generally considered rather dull. Old faithful servants were chiefly engaged before they got to the market, but amongst the great bulk of persons it was not surprising to see many who were inquired after, even when wages they expected for the half year. Dancing, as usual, was kept up with spirit at the different inns.

Commercial Distress—Birmingham.—A crowd of meeting was held at Birmingham last week to receive the report of the deputation which at a previous meeting had been appointed to confer with Lord Melbourne on the deep distress prevalent amongst the working classes in that town. His Lordship's reply ran to this effect:—"The distress is a national one, and the extent and pressure of the existing distress—that he evinced much sympathy and earnest desire to be able to apply a remedy; if the same time he forcibly but feelingly explained, with great candour, that it was not consistent with his duty as Prime Minister to give any decided answer to the questions put to him in the memorial."

Compensation.—Messrs. Horsley and Whittaker demanded of the Hull and Selby Railway Company the sum of £3000, for six hundred yards of land wanted to complete the railway. The Company offered £135, which was refused. On Wednesday, a Jury awarded £102 a compensation.—*Hull paper.*

The Reformed Corporation of Hull have adopted a petition to Parliament, praying for household rate, triennial parliaments, and vote by ballot. The Earl of Durham is to present the petition to the Lords, and Lord Worsley to the Commons.

Gravel Hiring.—Four took place on Tuesday, and was attended by a large number of country gentlemen, and many servants were engaged, but home without situations, although in numerous instances very low wages were asked.

The petitions for the ballot have met with a reception in Lincoln. Nearly a thousand signatures are already appended to them.

The consequence of the whole of the vacancies on the Council returned in the boroughs of the remaining councillors, who were nominated, have sent in their resignations, and accepted that the remaining two, including the one who will follow the example of his friends, state of things is reported to have caused a sensation in the town.

Carriage Marriages.—The hiring took place on Friday last, and was attended by a great number of country gentlemen, and many servants were engaged, but home without situations, although in numerous instances very low wages were asked.

Loss of Sheep.—The closing of the sheep of town at eight o'clock took place on Monday morning, and was very agreeable to find the sale so much more general than was expected. We understand that on the same day a meeting of many respectable shopkeepers took place at Newall's Buildings, Market Street, when a committee was appointed to further very desirable objects, and to endeavor to put the practice universal.—*Manchester Guardian.*

Committee.—The committee appointed at a public meeting, notified a few weeks ago, to collect signatures in favor of the Commissioners to inquire into the state of the hand-loom weavers, and their inquiries, and drawn up a

report, from which it appears that the actual receipts for weaving, after deducting the necessary charges, such as winding, sizing, iron, &c. have not left more than 5d. per week for each individual; for the last six months, this, of course, includes every member of their families, many of whom may have earned something besides. The evidence collected is sufficient to prove that the weavers are in great distress by the want of work, and low wages for work obtained.

IRELAND.

A company of the English Westland Society have purchased the extensive farm of Tullygeline, which surveys 1,500 acres, and which was the property of the late Wm. Rowan, Esq. of Glin, in this county, and was in the possession of the Earl of Devon. The extensive lot of mountain land will afford a great field for English capital, and give employment to a great many laborers, while on the other hand, over one hundred families will be dispossessed and thrown on their own resources. Tullygeline is within three miles of Abbeyfeale.

New Roman Catholic Cathedral in Belfast.—We understand that it is intended to erect a new Roman Catholic Church on a splendid scale in Belfast. The situation which it is contemplated in the neighbourhood of Lindeed Hall; and the edifice is to be on the same scale of magnificence with those of the metropolitan chapel in Dublin, and the grand cathedral recently built under the auspices of Dr. M'Hale, at Tuam.—*[Times]*

The Head rent in the property of Clonina County Clare, was sold on Wednesday last in Dublin, to Counselor Hardy for £15,000. It sold last year for £13,000, but the sale was opened.

The Irish and Scotch Distillers.—The London correspondent of the *Lancet* Chronicle, states that the Irish and Scotch distillers, in common cause, will make a bold effort this year to abolish the oppressive restrictions of the English Excise.

The Grand Jury having fully investigated the several claims of the Messrs. Guinness to compensation, for the malicious destruction of their property since the late Dublin election, have passed and allowed the several presentments, awarding the full amounts respectively claimed by the Messrs. Guinness.

Drogheda.—The meeting to commence and arrange the collection of the O'Connell Compensation Fund took place in this leading town, in the Linen Hall, on the 12th inst at two o'clock. Patrick Byrne, Esq. J. P. was called to the chair, and Michael Levine, Esq. was appointed secretary. The secretary, Mr. Levine, made a practical and appropriate speech, enforcing the claim upon the meeting and the community at large, and giving it as his confident opinion that the produce would be found to exceed the former contributions from Drogheda. He impressed it upon the collectors that success depended principally upon their activity. The people required only to be called upon, and they would cheerfully subscribe. Mr. Levine concluded by saying that he was satisfied the meeting of Drogheda would at the present moment, as they had on every preceding occasion, do their duty well and liberally.

SCOTLAND.

Cotton Manufacturers of Greenock.—On Saturday, a meeting of gentlemen of the town, called by circular, was held in the Tontine Hotel, to consider of the best means of introducing Cotton Manufactures into Greenock. The Provost, who was unanimously called to the chair, briefly stated the subject of the meeting. It had been considered advisable that they should avail themselves of the facilities afforded by the Shaws Water to erect one cotton mill on a large scale; and he felt assured that the project, if carried into effect, would be of vast advantage to the town. Patrick Maxwell Stewart, Esq. (at whose suggestion the meeting was called) stated his views at some length, and read the names of several gentlemen, who he proposed, should constitute a committee to carry out the objects of the meeting. A short conversation then took place, as to the price of shares, and it was finally agreed that they should not be lower than £200 each. From the spirit that seemed to animate the gentlemen present, there is not the least room to doubt that the money necessary to establish a cotton manufactory on the largest scale, and of the most perfect construction, will be forthcoming without delay, as already various sums of £2000 and £1000 have been subscribed. We have been informed that there is a prospect of a site on the Shaws Water, being likewise appropriated for the manufacture of by a private company; so that there are good grounds for anticipating that, ere long, at least two such works will be in operation.—*[Greenock Advertiser.]*

Martinnas' Day.—Wednesday, being Martinnas' Wednesday, the town was greatly thronged with country people.—From the Cross to Graham Square, the street was pretty much crowded. About twelve o'clock the hiring market commenced. The attendance of male and female servants was large—the latter were hired readily; those acquainted with dairymen got £4 to £4 19s., others £3 to £4.—Men servants were not so successful in their efforts for engagement. Those hired fit to manage the plough obtained £7 to £9, younger lads £4 to £5.—*[Glasgow Herald.]*

Edinburgh All-Hallow Fair.—This annual fair, the last of any importance for

this season, commenced yesterday the 14th inst. There was a deal of business done, the general run of prices was as follows:—Small Highland cattle, one-year-old 35s. to 60s. (some inferior lots of Caithness beasts at 25s. to 30s.) two-year-old £3 to £4 10s.; three-year-old 6s. to 7l. 10s.; Five and Angushire cattle four-year old 10l. to 14l.; three-year-old 6l. 10s. to 8l.; two-year-old 5l. 6s. to 6l. 10s.; Teas Water Steers, of which there was a considerable number in the market, brought from 5l. to 6l. 10s. The prices realized according to quality were considered higher than obtained at Doone market.

WALES.

Elopement.—A young lady residing with her mother, not one hundred miles from Llandilo, was carried away by a young man brought up to the law. The young couple set off about three o'clock in the morning, in a chaise and four, having arrived at Lampeter, they partook of a cup of coffee at the Lion Hotel, and in a few minutes they were again on their route to Aberystwyth, when within two miles of the latter place, they alighted from the chaise, and after paying the driver his fare, the chaise returned. The lover, as it afterwards appeared, procured some clothes at a farm house in order to travel in disguise; they again proceeded on their way, but were thunder-struck at a post-chaise stopping suddenly opposite them and a man from within demanded of the strangers, (as he thought) if they had seen persons answering to the description of the fugitives, the young man answered in the negative. The well known voice made the enquirer to look at the strangers, and they were immediately recognized, the young woman was taken into the chaise and conveyed home, and the young man was left to bewail his unfortunate situation.

Bangor October Fair. was held on Saturday, and was a poor affair, scant of stock and equally so of buyers.

Aberystwyth.—Such is the vast improvement in the value of property in the neighbourhood of rising and much admired watering place, Aberystwyth, that the estate called Pwllglas and Dole, distance five miles from the town, lately advertised in our columns by Mr. Edward Williams, auctioneer, for sale, was sold to Pryse Pryse, Esq. M. P., of Gogerddan, for the sum of £4,700, which was purchased only 32 years ago for £1,600.

Dreadful and Fatal Accident.—On Tuesday, a man named John Evans, who had contracted for some portion of the works now carrying on by the canal company, at the Upper Pond, between Pontypool and Crumlin, was assisting in raising stone from a quarry which had been opened on the spot. He was standing on a shelf of the rock, at the height of about thirty feet, prizing up another portion with a crowbar, when that part under his feet gave way, and he was precipitated to the bottom, and an immense fragment of that which had been detached falling upon his head, he was of course killed upon the spot. He was an industrious man, highly respected by those who knew him, and we regret to say has left a widow and family to deplore his loss.—*[Merlin.]*

Llanelli Railway.—The works towards the completion of the main line and branches are, we find, proceeding rapidly, contracts for the whole having been entered into, and most of the land purchased on very favorable terms. The excess of coal brought down only two miles of road first made, on comparing the first six months of the present with a like period of the last year, amounts to nearly 30,000 tons; and there cannot be a doubt but the completion of the railway up to the anthracite, or stone coal district, that an immense traffic will be created, inasmuch as the successful experiments recently made, indicate the use of the coal for purposes to which it has until lately been thought inapplicable.—*[Railway Magazine.]*

REPORT to the Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Rail Road Company, January 8th, 1838.

To the Stockholders of the Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Rail Road Company, the Board of Managers respectfully submit the following, as their Annual Report:

During the past year there has been transported on the road a vast miscellaneous tonnage amounting to one hundred and seventy thousand two hundred and thirty-seven tons.—

The tolls received on which were 37,762 41

From other sources there was received the sum of 390 38

Making the total income derived by the company amount to 38,152 79

The expenditures during the same period are as follow:—

For permanent improvements,	5,386 07
For repairs and maintenance of the road,	4,462 85
For salaries, and expenses of the board,	1,221 47
For interest on mortgage,	2,400 00
	\$13,450 39

In reviewing the business of the season, it will be found that there has been an increase of transportation, amounting to sixty-two thousand three hundred and eighty-five tons—constituting in net tonnage almost one third part of the whole quantity of coal transported by canal on the Schuylkill during the past year, and being nearly three fourths of the increase of such transportation for the same period. This circumstance will be the more appreciated, if the difficulties attendant upon the coal trade, in the earlier part of the season, are duly considered. It will be recollected that, in consequence of embarrassments so generally prevalent, the mining operations and shipments were, for a time, almost suspended. Results, therefore, so favourable, under circumstances of such discouragement, place beyond question the certainty, hereafter, of permanent revenue to the company, amid all the contingencies of trade.

In this review, the importance of the company's work to that portion of the coal region in which it is located, as well as to the navigation with which it is connected, will be readily perceived. The managers, however, have always regarded the interests of the company and of the operators, as identical. Of this sentiment, the sums that have from time to time been expended in the repairs, extension, and general improvement of the road, are sufficiently demonstrative—while the charter, conferring no trading or mining privileges whatever, enables the managers to carry out such policy into complete effect.

In regard to the expenditures of the past year, the sum of \$5,386 7-100, has been applied to permanent improvements, consisting principally of the Muddy Branch extension, of which it may be remarked, that it is finished—the distance being two and a quarter miles and the cost of its construction \$7,439. The transportation was begun in June last, and has yielded tolls amounting to \$909 61-100, on a net tonnage of 3,636 4-100 tons.

Other improvements, it is expected, will be completed in the course of the ensuing season. The descending track of the Main Branch will be renewed for a distance of about four miles with the heavy iron-edge rails. The remaining portion already recontracted on this plan, has been fully tested for its efficiency in transportation, while its permanency may be estimated from the fact, that during the past year, the repairs of the superstructure have not exceeded eight dollars per mile.

In regard to the repairs and maintenance of the road generally, it was stated in a previous report, that an increased expenditure on this account had been incurred; and, notwithstanding rigid economy, such would continue to be the case, until the entire reconstruction of the road had been effected. The increase of transportation, however, is uniformly correspondent with these expenditures, the amount of which, during the past year, has already been stated. In connexion with this subject, it must be observed, that the inadequate capital with which the company's work was originally commenced, has occasioned other expenditures annually, but which have been properly charged as permanent improvements. In the construction of drains, embankments, &c. sums for these objects were taken temporarily from the income and restored on the sale of the capital stock, the whole number of shares of which, issued on the first day of January, 1838,

Amounted to	180,450 00
To which must be added the mortgage due bank United States,	40,000 00
	\$220,450 00

From the income of the company, as before stated, two semi-annual dividends have been declared, equal to thirteen per cent., and leaving a sufficient residuary fund.

From the statement submitted, it will be seen, that the scale on which the transportation is now conducted, while it excludes the necessity of future estimates for the satisfaction or confidence of the stockholders, calls for additional facilities, proportionate to the development of the mining operations. The extension of laterals, or branches, and increase of capital, authorized by legislative enactments, will enable the board to meet such calls, the reconstruction of the remaining portions of the route being among the principal at present, and which it is the design of the board, at the earliest possible period, to put into the most substantial condition.

For the convenience of the operators and preservation of the road, rules for the

due maintenance of the travelling and transportation were adopted in the commencement of business, and have since been enforced, as often as occasion demanded.

The infliction of fines and penalties for the violation or neglect of these rules, though productive of advantage and indispensably necessary, has always been attended with feelings of repugnance and never regarded or desired as a source of revenue. Under these impressions, therefore, and influenced by motives of humanity, the board, by a late resolution, have appropriated the funds on hand from these sources, for the relief of persons who may be injured or disabled in the service of the company, or engaged in the mining or transportation connected with the road.

On behalf of the Board of Managers,
TIMY CALDWELL, President.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8th, 1838.

BEAUTIES OF THE SYSTEM.

We take from the New York Star the following simple and happy illustration of the "better currency" of our hickory and "glory enough" rulers.

A DIALOGUE.

Scene before the Custom House.

Merchant—Come here you Loco Foco. How do you stand now—any change in your politics?

Loco—None in the least—I am for gold and silver—dead against all Banks, all rags and monopolies—go with Jackson and Van Buren, and the Sub Treasury scheme.

Merchant—But have you examined the principles and looked into the doctrines of the treasury project?

Loco—Not I; it is sufficient that it is a party measure, I go with my party.

Merchant—I have a small bond to pay in the Custom House—come in with me and I will show you the operation of this "better currency" project, and you yourself shall be the judge of its good sense and utility. [They enter.] Good morning, Mr. Cashier, you look as smiling now as when you were collecting some fifty millions annually.

Cashier—To be sure. We go on smoothly, and smile at receiving a large revenue, and even smile at the prospect hereafter. What can I do for you?

Merchant—I have a small bond to pay. Cashier—Here it is.

Merchant—And here is a \$100 bill of the Phenix Bank.

Cashier—cannot take it sir—our orders are peremptory—gold or silver, or a Treasury Note; nothing else.

Merchant—Well, if it must be so I must. Come along my Loco Foco friend, you are my only witness, as Mr. Coddle says; let us go to the Phenix Bank. [They enter the Bank.] Please to give me a hundred dollars in silver for this note.

Teller—Here it is, Sir.

Merchant—Ah, very well. Let us go next door to the Broker. [They enter.] Good morning, Mr. Beebe, always busy; our rulers will have made your fortune by the time the people get into power. How much premium will you give on half dollar.

Broker—Four per cent.

Merchant—Very well. Give me one hundred and four dollars in notes for this specie.

Broker—Here they are.

Merchant—What will you sell me a Treasury Note of \$100 for?

Broker—One per cent discount.

Merchant—Give me a note and take these bills.—So, my Loco Foco friend, have you watched the whole of this *modus operandi*? Now to the Custom House again. Here, Mr. Cashier, is a Treasury Note for \$100.

Cashier—And here sir, is your Bond.

Merchant—Now do you perceive that I have just made five dollars by this operation—four premium on my silver, and one discount on my Treasury Note!—What becomes, therefore, of your "better currency"? Do you not perceive, my friend that a Bank note is worth five per cent more than a treasury note?

Loco Foco—Well to be sure, it does look very curious. You certainly did offer for the Bank note, which was refused, and as certain made five dollars in changing it between the Bank, the Broker and the Custom House.

Merchant—My friend, this arises from Government tinkering, from deranging the currency of the country? Be wise; trust not the destinies of our country in the hands of knaves and fools. You now have a practical demonstration of the "better currency." Think for yourself hereafter, and do not allow leaders of party to lead you by the nose.

For Sale.

A valuable Tract of Coal Land, LYING and being in the township of Norwiche, on the West Branch near the West Branch Hall Road about four miles from Schuylkill Haven—there is one or more Coal Veins passing through this and. For information apply to
JACOB REED,
Agent at Pottsville,
or Mr. HOFFMAN, Esq.
at Reading.

NOTICE

IS hereby given, that letters of Administration have been granted to the subscribers, by the Register of Schuylkill county, of the estate of John Bowen, deceased, late of Manheim township, Schuylkill county. All persons indebted to said estate are therefore requested to make payment to the subscribers, between now and the 5th day of January next, and such who may have claims on said estate, are likewise requested to present them well authenticated, until said date.

JOHN BOWEN, Administrator.
SAM'L. BOWEN, Adm'r.
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Estate of George Reber, deceased.
NOTICE is hereby given, that letters testamentary have been granted by the Register of Schuylkill County to the subscribers, executors of the last will and testament of George Reber, Esq. late of Turcorora, in Schuylkill County, deceased, therefore all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said decedent, are requested to make known the same to their order or to them without delay, and all persons indebted to the estate of the said decedent are requested to pay the same to either of the subscribers.

LEVI REBER, Executor.
WILLIAM AUDEBRIED, Executor.
McKeasburg.

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50,000 Joint Shingles, &c.

25,000 Lap do.

20,000 Lathes, suitable for peeling or shingle-plug, for sale by

A. A. GLENN, Jr.
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Benjamin W. Cumming,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

HAS removed his office to Centre Street, opposite the Brick Building of George M. Jennings, where he will attend to all business entrusted to him in the line of his profession.

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English and Welsh Books.

English and Welsh books, at the shortest notice.

Those persons wishing to obtain foreign publications will please leave a list at the office of the

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George T. Chambers, Foreign Attachments

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Chambers, &c.

Henry Frederickson.

Schuylkill County, ss.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

To the Sheriff of said county—Greeting.

We command you that you attach Henry Frederickson late of your county, by all and singular his goods and chattels, lands and tenements, in whose hands or possession or control the same may be, so that he be and appear before our Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Orwigburg, in and for said county, on the Monday preceding the last Monday of March next, there to answer John McCauley and George T. Chambers, copartners under the firm of McCauley & Chambers, a plea of trespass on the Case, &c. And also, that you summon "the Manufacturers and Mechanics Bank of the Northern Liberties," in the county of Philadelphia, and all persons in whose hands or possession the said goods and chattels, lands and tenements, or any of them, may be attached, so that they and every of them do and appear before the said Court at the day and place above mentioned, to answer what shall be objected against them, and abide the judgement of the Court therein. And the honorable Calvin Blythe, President of our said Court at Orwigburg, the twenty third day of November, A. D. One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

PETER F. LUDWIG, Sheriff.

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NOTICE is hereby given, that in Obedience to the above writ, I did, on the 5th day of December, 1837, attach all those contiguous lots of ground in the Borough of Pottsville, situated on the North Easterly side of Centre street in the said county of Schuylkill, marked in Benjamin Pott's additional plan of said Borough, numbers 13 and 14, containing in front on Centre street 120 feet, and in depth 230 feet, (conveyed to Defendant by Thos. Ewing, by Deed recorded in Deed Book No. 8, p. 498 &c.) Also all the notes, party of Defendant in a certain tract of land situated in Leaswange township in Northampton county, and partly in Rush township in Schuylkill county aforesaid, as bounded and described in the conveyance thereof from Jacob Alter, and wife, and Cornelius Stephenson and wife, dated March 23, 1830, and recorded in Northampton county, in Deed Book F vol. 5, Page 345 &c. to defendant, and one Charles Eger in fee.

PETER F. LUDWIG, Sheriff.

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