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POTTSVILLE. Saturday Morning, Feb. 23

PROSPECTUS

THE MINERS' JOURNAL. THIS formal was materially enlarged and otherwise improved at the commencement of the year, and vill now rank with any paper in the state, out of Philadeloffic. Its pages will be devoted to a

General Chronicle of the Coal Business; Improvements in the Manufactory of Iron; The progress of the Arts and Sciences A Summary of European Intelligence;

The Current News of the Day. And in addition, each number will be furnished, un a press of local matter should exclude it, with

ORIGINAL TALES, naking it equal in interest to many publicat whose subscription prices double it in amount.

To these interested in the Coal or Iron business as well as the general reader, its pages will it is hoped, afford valuable information and amusement, and no pains shall be spared to render it worthy the patronage of all classes of the community.

ANOTHER ENLARGEMENT. In the first week in January, 1840, the Miners' Jon In the first week in January, 1840, the Miners' Journal will again be enlarged by the addition of another column to each page, which will make it the largest paper published in the State, out of Philadelphia, provided each subscriber will, in the mean time, procure us an additional one. Those who do not, will be charged \$2.50 per annum after the margement takes place. The Coal Region will then have a representative abread that will add credit to the enterprise and liberality of its citizens.

B. BANNAN.

> POTTSVILLE LYCEUM Order of Lectures.

Lecture 3d. Tuesday February 26. "Aim ecope of Modern Goology," by Sameul Lewis, Esq. Lecture 4th, Tuesday March 12. "Athens and its Mythology," by Jimes S. Wallice.

Lecture 5th, Tuesday March 26. "Phrenology by Doct James S. Carpenter. Lecture 6th. Tuesday, April 9. "History of Eng-

land," by Edward Qiven Parry, Esq. As the room of the Institute will hold a large number than was at first anticipated, the Board of Directors have decided to issue a limited number of additional tickets, which may be obtained by apply-James S. Wallace, Secretary,

"Precentive to assurplus of Coal .- So we find by the Schuylkill Mining Company's Report, that instead of giving our cities cheap fuel, they are devising measures to prevent hereafter a surplus on About 200,000 tons being left on hand last winter. The true remedy is, send twice the quantity to market, at a fair moderate price, that all may purchase, and you need not fear a dead capital. So long as you persist in demanding here from \$7 to \$10 a ten, it will be a drug until foreign competition comes in and puts a stop to monopoly, and proves the necessity of counting on small gains if you wish to make a profit. The more brisk the trade, the greater the number of companies or individuals that are engaged, and the larger the quantity mined and sent to market, the better will it be in the end for all concerned. We are surprised the Miner's Journal does not see the soundness of this view of the subject, so conformable to experience, that wherever there is a monopoly of high prices, it is injurious to the public interests. Hence the colliers complain of the tolls of the navigation company, and propose to have a railroad direct from Pottsville to Philadelphia. and it must come to this; for the public must not fall to the groun! between two stools."

The above from Major Noah's Star in reference to our proposed convention, places against us an array of sing we never dreamed of! We are surprised at our monstrosity: like the unlucky fellow who in evil hour allowed his name to be used as a candulate for office—we never knew we were such deep dyed secondeels till informed at it by the press! But we do not intend quietly theple id guilty to all these charges and throw ourselves on the mercy of the public. It will do very well for our good friend the Major, while seated in that editorial chair of his. with high back and comfortable cushion, to talk of sending twice the quantity of Coal to market:-but. as Sir Harry says, " what becomes of the dignity, if the Commons refuse the supplies."-Where is the capital to come from Major! There's the rule we of Pottsville find it hard enough to keep all straight with a limited supply: but double the quantity—the very thou gut gives us a coul chill! Not we do not charge an exorbitant price; that is, we the Colliera-Every particle of coal sold here last year, v as sold at \$2 and \$2 25 per ton d hivered in the boats; and that price does not even afford a living profit, and it makes the trade rumous to all engaged in it.

It Major Noah will pay Pottsville a visit, we will guarantee to prove to him that the first price on the Coal charged here, cannot be cheaper than 52 50 per ton for Red Ash Coal, and from \$2 25 to \$2 50 for White Ash; and for a further inducement to him to honor our borough with his presence, we will whisper in his ear as a secret, how Coal from the Schuylkill Region can be obtained in the city of New York a great deal cheaper than it has ever been yet. Will you accept! We wish to prove that we are the firm foe of monopoly, that we deprecate high prices, and that we will take great pleasure in showing our respected co-laborer all the lions and bears of Pottsville.

The New York Mirror .- The last number of this valuable paper, is embellished with a fine specimen of engraving from the burin of Jordan, and a paint ing of Ward, it represents the "Soaking Mountain on the Upper Mississippi." The whole contents are original, and Cox, Pay, Irving, Jaman and others are contributors. A waltz composed expressly for the musical department, graces the appropriate page, and the whole number is worthy the high reputation, the publication has acquired.

Scott's Novels .- A new and revised edition of the Waverly Novels is in the course of publication, at the very low price of twenty-five cente per volume, making the whole series of 54 volumes, cost 5134 This is the cheapest form, we have yet seen given to the immortal works of the "Wizzard of the North." and falling within the means of every one desirous of owning his works, will doubtless obtain an extonsive circulation. Seperate volumes can be purchased, and the whole series subscribed for at our

American Silk Grower.-Among the very many excellent publications connected with the silk culture. there is none more pratically useful, than the American Silk Grower, edited by Ward Chency & Brothers, of Burlington, N. J. and published by Charles Alexander of Philadelphia. One of the Brothers Chency is in Europe, and as a correspondent will give all the information he can glean on subjects connected with the publication. The nursery and silk manufactury of the editors at Burlington is the most complete and extensive in the country, and that an imposition was practiced in substituting a every facility seems to be at their command, to ren der their publication at once interesting and useful.

Presty Fair.-The Norfolk Gazette saya-LAn ald lady in this neighborhood is collecting all the is preferable to Henry Clay's, on the actre of argu-Locd Poco papers she can lay her hands upon, to ment, eloquence and originality. How an undelin make goal of She says they are a despute sight even speech can be an eloquent one, we have yet to better than ashes - they are most as good as clear loan, and how Eli Modre can even write a december

es could find seants this pring, if capitalism who that Queen Victoria is about to marry her count Alova building took here, would erect next two story bouses. The time has passed, when doubts as to the permanent improvement of our Borough can be cate a fig. about this, this intermarriage of columns agitated, and we know of no investment more profe is a bad thing. Cousins are very good for consins, tants of Pottsville. Some of the owners are now ask. Master John Van Buren who has a prior claim. If the ing the enormous rent of \$200 for houses twenty feet square!

Washington's Birth Day .- Yesterday being the anniversary of the day which gave birth to the Father of his Country, it was celebrated with the usual parades, rejoicings, balls, &c.

The Boundary in Maine, -It is rumored, that Mr. McIntyre, the land agent of Maine, and several men have been taken prisoners and lodged in Frederickton Jail by the English authorities of New Brunswick. Gov. Fairfield had summoned his Council, and troops on both sides have marched to the debateable ground. We fear that these few acres will yet embroil our country in a war.

Legislative.-The only feature of importance in the late proceedings at Harrisburg, is a clause in the bill supplementary to the charter of the Wyoming Coal Company, making the stockholders personally responsible for its debts, which passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 47 to 45. Mr. Cox likewise gave notice that he should bring in a bill making the stockholders in all loan and coal companies liable in their individual capacity. Such a provision is not likely to pass the Senate, even should it be entertained by the House.

Reading Rail Road. Why do not the Director of this road advertize their change of hours at Pottsville? We were much disappointed, in company with several others a few days past, finding that no morning train started from Reading. This is wrong; although our friends consoled themselves in reflecting that they met with the best of accommodation. g good breakfast and dinner at Mr. Coleman's and Mr. Herr's, where they respectively put up.

"A writer in the New York Gazette announces his determination to quit the hotels of that city. where the "bill of fare" is made out in a language which neither he nor the attendants understand." That's perfectly right. We once pointed out, o a waiter at the Astor House, something on a bill of fare with a queer name, which we thought must e good, as it was a la something or other-it was

nanded us, and proved to be \_\_mush and malasses. Arc d. nt. - Mr. Robert Hunter, while blasting ock at the Lehigh Company's works last week, lost his life by a pre-nature explosion. The patent safety fuse now obtaining celebrity in this part of the Country, will prevent any accidents of this kind; and we recommend the advertizement of its merits to all who have any blasting to do.

Temperance.-The merchants of Bristol, in this state, have determined to sell no more ardeat spirit-The old stock on hand,-we presume will be kept for private use...

Outrage at Caldwell's Manor. - An infamons outrage has been effected, at this Canadian settlement, about half a mile from the American line, by a marauding party of Canadi in robels. They attacked the house of a Mr. Vosburg, occupied at the time by the father and son, four women, and three children. One of the party was reengaized as a former servant lad in the family. The Montreal Herald gives its opinion, that he leaders of the raffians was Mr. Bouchette, formerly editor of the Quebec Liberal, as the description agrees with his personal appearance. We do not however, for a moment suspect Mr. Bouchette of a part in any such disgraceful transaction. He is a brave man, a gentleman, and a scholar, and would scorn an action of the kind, more than would the Elitor of the Herald himself. We saw Bouchette, when call d by some term of reproach. just preyious to the first outbreak, jump from the box of the Quebec Theatre into the pit, where a gang of royalist rowdies and red-coats were vituperating him, and inflict personal chastisement on the fellow who was their spokesman. He thrashed him soundly with his cane, while his craven companions, never said a word or attempted to interfere. A man of such courage, we will never believe capable of attacking women and children.

The Investigation .- It is said that the documents connected with the report of the investigating committee were to have been laid before the House ves terday. Rumor says that extraordinary developements will be made-that the Clerks in the New York Custom House were aware of the defalcations from their very commencement; that the Government was also apprised of the fact but concealed it for fear of its influence on the New York elections that the cabinet at Washington urged Swart-vout's departure to Europe to prevent the premature explosion, and that the very clerks who have testified to their knowledge of the defalcations, re the same employed by the present collectors! The loca presis aware that a crisis is at hand, and are useing every art to create an impression, unfavorable to the justice of the committee; but all will not do, the people are the jury, and their verdict must be : righteous onc.

Mess Victoria.—The Queen visited Drury Lane Theatre, on the 24th January. At the conclusion of the performances, Her Majesty paid a high and unprecedented compliment, by going personally on the stage and witnessing the feeding of Van Amburg's hons. We are told on the occasion, that the lions behaved like perfect ladies and gentlemen, and seemed high monored by the presence of the distinguished visitor. We have not been informed whether the visit is to be returned or not.

Printers at Harrisburg .- The journeymen printers at Harrisburg, engaged on the public documents have struck for higher wages. They think, we supsose, that if the great game of grab now playing there, they have a right to their share. Give them nine or ten dollars, you can afford it well, and their composing sticks will be filled with more pleasure and promptitude.

Swartwout's Property. It is mentioned in the New York Journal of Commerce, that Mr. Swartvout's coal land near Cumberland, which is now under government attachment, is likely soon to prove very valuable. An agent has been sent over by English capitalists, who reports very favorably of the situation, of the lands, and expresses an opinon that they will command any advance of money in the London market.

Justice Cheated .- Every body remembers the son of Gov. Desha of Kentucky, who killed a Mr. Baker, and was reprieved and emigrated to Texas. There he committed another murder, was again convicted, but died in prison the day before he was to have been executed. It is now stated on the authority of the N. O. Sun, that Desha is still alive,

counterfeit body, which was buried instead of him Good 'un. The Globe says, that Eli Moore's A. Good 'un. The Lilobe says, that Eli Moore's last undelivered speech on the subject of abolition speech, will possie others besides us

Houses! Houses! Houses! - One Hundred house We forbid the blumas The London Sun, says table to the undertaker, or convenient to the inhali- but not for lovers or husbands, and besides there is Queen slights him, or even dates coquette with him, Martin shall declare war, Levi furnish the supplies, and Amos send her, express to Davy Jones! So scour np your muskets—take up the old cannon from the corners of your streets, and prepare for "grim visaged war."

Melancholy Occurrence .- On Tuesday last, says the Jefferson Democrat, an interesting little boy aged 19 months, belonging to Mr. Samuel Kutz. of Readng, having been left alone in a room by its mother for a few minutes, came, in some way unknown, in contact with the fire, and before the garments of the little sufferer could be torn off its back, was found to be burnt in a most shocking manner.-After lingermg in great agony for a day, death put a period to its sufferings. This we hope will serve as another warning to parents who are in the habit of leaving small children alone in places where there is danger.

A large load.—A train of burden cars left Read ing last Saturday, with one hundred tons of nails from the factory of Keim's, Whittaker & Co. They were carried by a single locomotive, the "Neversink" to Norristown in two hours and a half. The engine is the workmanship, we believe, of Mr. Baldwin of Philadelphia.

THE SWARTWOLT CONNITTEE.—The Comm. ten we understand, has discovered, that Mr. Swart wout has behaved just like a bank .- Globe. Just like some of the pet banks we agree, and you can ask Mr. Woodbury's brother-in-law in Boston

how they behave. Impeachment.-A select committee in Congress have reported as their opinion, that Judge Lawrence. of the U.S. District Court of Louisiana, should be

Lord Norbury .- This nobleman was recently shot on his estate in Ireland. He is not the celebrated Judge, but his second son, who succeded to the title at the death of his elder brother.

impeached for high misdemeanors.

Capt Marcuatt .- This officer has been appointed to the command of the Brazilian Navy.

Young Matthews .- Madama Vestris' man Charey, announces for publication, "How do you like our Country," or an autumn in America, with illustrations. We have no doubt the cuts will be numerous, and the most plausible reason assigned for Madame's failure here.

Betsy Baker .- Mr. Sloman, the original singer of this popular ballad, has returned to this country in the Great Western, accompanied by his wife and daughter.

THE MINERS' JOURNAL proposes a Convention of coal dealers to be held in Philadelphia, about the first of March.

For what purpose? Is not the combination to maintain the high prices of coal sufficiently organized already !- Phil. Ledger.

We feel a disposition to answer the above query of our good friend, the Ledger, but must first ask the favor of him to tell where the combination is 1 we should like to get on the scent of this horrid monor oly, which is becoming so tasmonable a topic amon our brother Editors. Do favor us with a reply.

Texas. - Congress adjourned on the 24th ult meet at the new seat of Government, to be located near Bastrop on the river Colorado.

The N. Y. correspondent of the Herald an Sentincl says: "The coalition in the Coal Trade in England is

likely to be broken up. Would the monopoly here could share a similar fate ' Will the Editor ask his friend to point us out the whereabouts of his alarming coalition? We have watched, with the cautious eye of a guardian, over that great man (Washington) will be dear to the the infant prospects, and maturer years of the coal trade, and should be pleased to know where such an

insidious monster is lurking. Rev. Dr. Bascom .-- An Indiana paper says, that this distinguished divine is dead, and the Baltimor papers say he is in fine robust health. In this dilem ma, we must appeal to the doctor himself for the true

story. University of N. Y .- The Hon. Theodore Freinghuysen of New Jersey, has been called to the Chancellorship of this University, in the place of the Rev. Dr. Mathews, resigned.

Guadaloupe .- There is a rumor in New York. which however wants confirmation, that the centre of this Island has sunk below the level of the sea. It may have been produced by some cause connected with the late earthquake at Martinique, but we trust the report is exaggerated. The centre of the Island is of volcanic formation, and contains many valuable plantations.

The Chinese Collection .- Any one who visits Philadelphia, and returns without seeing the Chinese Collection, misses the most gorgeous scene of magnificence it has ever been our good fortune to

Buenos Ayres.-The French are actually at war with this Government, having blocksded them so closely, that nothing could pass up and down the river. The French are acting in concert with a body of the partizons of Rivera, so that a war will probably ensue also with the Banda Ofientals.

Imprisonment for Debt .- If philanthropists thro' out the country would leave abolition alone, and think of abolishing this infamous stain of humanity, they would be doing a real benefit to society, and not endanger the permanency of our union.

A Giraffe, is exhibiting at New Orleans in a Church. What do they do with the critter during

Rewarded !- The indicted leader of the Harrisburg mob, Cil. McCahen, has been appointed aid de camp, to Gov. Porter. The reward of "regular ows is riz, but the common sprees is fell."

The Luceum. - Do not forget next Tuesday evening. We feel sanguine that Mr. Lewis' lecture on the "Aim and Scope of Modern Geology," will be a very interesting one.

Whistling.-A man he been committed to Torono Jail for whistling Yankee Doodle. That' right. hang him, any one who would whistle any tune. should be strong up. Next to a catterwarding concert, we detest this folly : it sets all our enervous agility in motion. If a man wants to be patriotic, let him sing Yankee Doodle to the words, time honored in our association of

Father and I went down to town Along with Captaing Goodin. And there we saw the gals and boys As thick as hasty pudding; Cornstalks twists your hair, &c.

New States -- lows, Wisconsin, and Florida are taking the necessary preliminary measures to be admitted into the Foderal Union.

Mississippi The Whig State Convention which recently convened at Jackson, was a very numerous and talented body. They have taken strong ground. Resides nominating an entire Whig ticket for State and National officers they have appointed delegates to the National Whiz Convention at Harrisburg and have instructed them to support Henry Clay of Kentholy, and John Tyler of Virginia, as candidate for the Presidency and Vice Presidency.

Alabama.—By a new census, the population of this state is 510, 840, being an increase in eight years of upwards of 200,000.

VIRGINIA SENATOR.

On Saturday last the Virginia Legislature ballot ed three times for Senator; the vote stood thus: lst. 2nd. 3rd. 66 67 67

J Y Mason, (A) J Tyler, (W) 62 65 67 W C Rives, (C) 29 28 32 On Monday, three more ballots resulted thus, Mason. 68 68 -Tyler, 47 47 . 43

43 Rives 45 51 It will be seen, that 83 votes were necessary to choice on the last ballot, and the joint vote of the Whigs and Conservatives was 94. Nineteen Whig votes have already turned for Rives, and we hope in our next Journal to announce his election.

"BEAUTIES" OF THE PRESENT ADMIN ISTRATION.

We last week published an account of the gorgeous equipage of our democratic President, Martin Van Buren, surpassing that of any crowned head in Europe. This week we give an extract from Mr. Stanley's speech, in which he shows the economy of the administration, in the ornaments of the Capitol, and the indignity offered to a picture of the illustrious Washington, by the "footstep follower," We from time to time will continue choice extracts on the referm of government:

ECONOMY.-The following extract from a recent speech of Mr. Stanley, of North Carolina, in the House of Representatives, exposed the spurious pretensions of the administration to the merit of

"Do you know, sir, that the ornaments over the Speaker's chair cost near two thousand dollars? Now, sir, here is a silk velvet chair, surrounded by ornaments of "bullion fringe, silk worsted, and India satin damask"-silk tassels, thirty-five dollars a pair, and all by democratic orders! There is nothing equal to it, sir, except the room of the Eastern monarchs, or the fashionable parlors of pet sub-treasur-

Then sir, go to the Senate-the democratic Senate -and look at the Vice President! Look at the disunguished man from Great Crossings! There he sits, sir, as happy as Governor Sancho, with a canopy over his head, and a golden eagle, who seems to be endeavoring to wing his flight out of such compa-

ny. This eagle and canopy, I learn, sir, cost more than two thousand dollars! Poor bird, fluttering like a chicken in apprehension of a hot gridiron! These tawdry ornaments are revotling, are disgusting, I might say, sir, to plain American taste. It is to be regretted, however, sir, that they did not bring their damask covering a little lower down, so as to screen the occupant of that chair entirely from observation. There seems to have been a desire, in the arrangement, to keep him back a little-to put hun out of the way.

I could make another melancholy observation, Mr. speaker, as my eyes rested on the flaring exhibition of Loco Foco taste. The picture of the Father of his country-of Washington-is removed from the place now occupied by the iron bars which hold the gilded bird; is taken away from its former position and placed back in the gallary, among the people, out of sight, sir, as his precepts are, of the majority of that body. Before, one who visited the Senate was involuntary forced to say, "Look on that picture and on this." Well might the friends of the present occupant of that seat shrink from such a com-

But, Mr. Speaker, I fervently hope and believe that the time is fast coming when the character of Representatives of the people, as it has been, and still is, to the people themselves. Then, sir, Loco Focoism will disappear, and our republican institutions will be renovated; then, sir, and not till then, will our Government be honestly administered."

FOR THE MINERS JOURNAL. COMMODORE PORTER AND LIEUT. C. P. HUNTER.

The tri-weekly National Gazette of Tuesday, February 19th, contains the documents submitted by the Secretary of the Navy, and read in the House of Representatives on the 25th ult. in relation to Com. Elliott and Lieut. Hunter. They occupy twelve columns of the paper-all the testimony given in evidence by upwards of twenty witnesses of all ranks of the Navy, British and American officers and civilians of Mahon, on the trial by Court Martial of the Lieutenant on charges preferred against him by the "Figure Head Commodore," upon every on of which charges and spec fications he was honorably acquitted. Such high-handed tyranny, despotism, and outrage of the feelings of a gentleman and an officer, stands unparalleled in our Navy, and s truly characteristic of the fawning sycophant, who s ever as remarkable for overbearing oppression to his inferiors in rank, as he is servile and flattering to his superiors. The gallant Commodore who disfigured the Bows of the "glorious Old Ironsides" by the odious head he placed there; but which was very properly behended before the ship left the waters which first had the honor of receiving her about 42 years ago—and nothing but party political servility of this captain to the "Old Roman," ever disgraced her quarter deck by his steps, or her masthead by his broad pendant. He stands pre-eminent as the first Naval Officer who stooped to party politics—until then all the navy were the sons of their whole country. They never looked to who was the President; regarding alone their next to their country, and obedience to the orders of their superior the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States; leaving it to their fellow countrymen on shore, to choose the man to fill that station Their "home was the deep, and their march the nountain wave." The fair flag, which floated in the breeze over their heads, bore the emblem of Union; the wings of the Eagle extended over ALL the States, and protected the humblest individual citizen who hailed by the glorious name of American without reference to his religious creed or his partic ular political party. These were considerations which never entered into the CALCULATION of the generous Sailor of whatever rank-ALL were embraced in the word, converge !

It was reserved for the Captain of Lake Eric BASHFULNESS, to break this independence, and introduce party servility and party favoritism in the Navy. In the glorious battle of Lake Erie, on the 10th September, 1814, this same individual comfleet. The gallant Perry had his broad Permit on board the Lawrence, which he threw into the midst of the enemy's fleet, receiving and returning the fire of them all, until his vessel was completely made minco-meat of; and of a crew of probably 160 men, whole beach at Hempstead L. I. was strewed with only 9 men and boys were left standing unkilled or dlams of all descriptions, for miles. The bisalves ided, midshipman Perry being one of the nind? The Hero of their Lake, seeing the brave ty, or a steam tug, should be put in operation for his Lawrence could do no more, left her in a bost, at ture protection.

midst a shower of balls simed to intercept him, and poisted his flag on board the Niagars, and, without a change in the wind, soon brought her bows to bear on the enemy's line, through which he cut, covering their decks, as he passed, with his fire and shotand placed the Lion under the claws of the Eagle ! After he " had met the enemy, and they were ours," some one of Perry's crew, as it is said, asked the British officers " why they directed all their fire at the Lawrence, and none at the Niagara!" BECAUSE THE LAWRENCE CAME TO RECEIVE IT; BUT THE NIAGARA KEPT OUT OF REACH OF OUR GUNS, AND IT WAS USELESS TO WASTE OUR SHOT PIRING AT HER !"

The " figure-head Commodore reminds me of another creature of the Court, who obtained his rank in the Spanish Navy, of Rear Admiral, not by any figure-head exploit; but by holding up the Queen's tail. When the Spanish fleet entered the harbour of Cadiz, previous to the battle of Trafalgar, the Rear Admiral's ship, a three decker, anchored in line near the mouth of the harbor, and of course in going out she would be one of the first to leave the Port. His name was Villella; and as the English fleet was daily looked for, and his epaulettes being more for the splendor of the drawing room than for quarter deck service, he made every excuse for deferring the departure of the fleet- THAT HIS SHIP WANTED REPAIRS. &c. &c."-and when the signal was given to weigh and stand out, the enemy's fleet being in sight, he bribed his pilot to ground his ship! As the I rave sea-dog commanderin chief, Admiral Gravino, who was no court favorite, but a thorough bred sailor every inch of him, came bombing by, his second in command took the trumpet and hailed him: "Dors your Excellen-CY WISH THAT I TAKE COMMAND OF ANOTHER SHIP! MINE IS AGROUND! The reply of Gravino Was-" HIS MAJESTY WANTS TOUR SHIP-COM-MANDERS LIKE YOURSELP, HE HAS MORE THAN HE HAS OCCASION FOR." Thus our Country wants · Old Ironsides;" but many believe her Commander may well be allowed a furlough for life, that he may retire to "the Deserts of Araby," to console the Prototype of her

FIGURE-HEAD. Pottsville, February 20, 1839.

FOR THE MINERS' JOURNAL. AIR. BANNAN .- I have just finished reading the ast Report of the Schuylkill Navigation Company; I was much surprised at one or two statements made therein, and particularly the assertion, that there was assufficient supply of water during the season. The promulgation of this fact may answer all the necessary purposes of fulling the apprehensions of the stockholders, but it will not make up the losses I suftered, in consequence of a deficient supply, nor can I in justice to myself, or the region permit such assertions to pass unnoticed.

It must be allowed, that the last season was characterized by an uncommon scarcity of rain, and that a great lethargy pervaded the coal trade at the comnencement of the navigable year, and I am free to confess that the Navigation Company deserves great praise for their continued improvements and enlargement of capacity, they have given the Canal, but we should guard against contingencies, in a business, involving so large an amount of capital as the Coal Trade.-We may have just such another dry season this year, or some subsequent year, when the trade is brisk, and it is in this point of view, that the Company is bound, to furnish a supply of water sufficient been invested in this region in sinking collieries below the water level. These, from the influx of water, cannot stop if the canal does. The engine must be at work from one year's end to another. In the summer season, when a full supply of hands are engaged, a daily loss of from 10 to \$12 is experienced in wages of hands alone, if Coal cannot be shipped. The writer of this article speaks from experience, as last season he was a loser from a short supply of watet from 800 to \$1200.

Notwithstanding the assertion contained in the Report, it is notorious to all engaged in the coal business, that there was a detention during the season of three or four weeks from the want of water alone. Two weeks or thereabouts were lost at Spring Mill: one at Hamburg and Reading, and about one week here at Pottsville. Now, my loss, and I speak "by the book," on my boats alone, was upwards of \$50 per day during the period of such detention. Not only this, the short supply of water prevented me from fulfilling a contract to deliver a certain quantity of coal, the deficiency of which I shall be compelled by agreement to supply this year at last year's prices.

My boatmen suffered too in common with me they lost about two trips during the season, in consequence of the deficiency of water, which at \$40 actual expenses per trip, while sticking fast. Now this alone, independent of the loss to boat owners, on the 500 boats engaged in the trade, in two trips would occasion a loss of \$40,000. This was actual ly experienced by a class of our operatives who can not afford it, and as the business was not brisk in the early part of the season, it came doubly hard on them, to lose the advantages of a better dernand.

Thus we see, that there was a deficiency of water last season, and the remedy against its recurrence must be speedily suggested .- I have thrown out these plain facts, in the hope, that others may follow them up, and press on the Navigation Company, the imperious necessity of early attention to this great

A COLLIER AND BOAT OWNER.

Florida.-It is rumored that Gen Taylor sorn expects to give the Indians battle, on the Suwannee: we have been expecting such an eyent or some

More Quack Murder.-Two Thompsonian practitioners in New York, are bound over to answer for the death of four children, who died under their care; the disease was small pox.

Senator Brown.-This gentleman made the modest request last week, to be added to the committee to inquire into the causes of the late disturbances. and the presence of a military force at Harrisburg. As might have been expected the motion was nega-

Yucatan - By a letter from Gen. Mehia from Tampico, it is learned that Mexico has ceeded Yucatan to the English Government in liquidation of claims for spoliations, loans &c. to the amount of eighty million dollars.

A libel suit .- Jame s F. Cooper has commenced a ibel suit against James Watson Webb, of the N. Y. Courier and Enquirer, for strictures on the novelist's last two works, "Homeward Bound" and Home as found." If he can make money out of Mr. Webb, his fortune is realized, for every paper in the Union has dealt as hardly by him.

State Senate. - One day last week a quorum could not be formed, as a majority of the Senators, were manded the Niagara, the heaviest vessel in our lat a fox chase. Mr. McElwee captured Reynard about sight or ten miles from Harrisburg. Did the per diem pay go en.

> Drowned Clams.—During the late vales the must have suffered intollerably. A hamane socie-

The Big Dam below Reading. A Targe number of workmen are busy repairing the damages occasioned by the late freshet, and we have no doubt, all will be ready for the regular opening of the navaration in the spring,

Is it so ?- "Every woman that loves her husband," says Dr. Hunter, "always lays on her right side." We think it all depends upon circumstances, and f we were to wake up, and find our wife on her left side, we should'nt think it right to apply for a di vorce on that account

Suspension.-The State Bank at Mobile has suapended specie payments again, for a short period.-There was but little use in resuming, if they can't stay resumed.

Clinton's Monument .- A bill has been passed in he New York Legislature, ordering the immediate rection of a monument to the memory of Dewitt Clinton, to be located at Albany.

FOR THE MINER'S JOURNAL

-"Tis midnight hour-All nature, silent as the grave, Save memory, with reflective power Reviewing actions of the day!

Sweet memory, principle of life, Heaven's best gift to erring man, Leads from this world of sin and strife; With purer Love thy works to scan.

Sweet memory ! monitor to me, To chide lest I should faithless prove, Regardless of thy love so free, . The antitype of joys above!

While memory lasts, may I be found. In all that's lovely, pure and grand, Nor try the world in folly round, Where pleasures solid never stand.

In death's sad hour, ah may I see, The sting of death is far away, The grave deprived of victory, My spirit safe in endless day!

ORLANDO. Port Carbon, Feb. 23d.

CALVARY.

From Buckingham's Lectures, reported in the New York Observer.

I had always supposed that Calvary was a high hill. I had always heard it called "Mount Calvary," and I had seen the picture of the ancient masters, where it is always delineated. So impressed was my mind with the notion, that nothing could remove it but an actual inspection of the place itself. I found no mountain, and felt some unegsiness, until I returned to review the Scriptures which describe the place, and then, for the first time, observed that there was no "Mount Calvary" in the Bilde. The supposition is altogether gratuitous; and it seems strange that it should have become so universal. The gospel speaks of the spot as "the place of Calvary," or "the place that was called Golgotha. ' Mathew was the most particular. He says "a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull." Mark uses nearly the same words-"The place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, the place of a skull." Luke simply says, "They came to a place called Calvary." John's words are. "And he, bearing his cross, went forth into a place called in the Hebrew, Golgotha." He adds, "The place were Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city." Here is no mention of any mouno meet all exigencies. They can do it, and it is tain or hill. It is simply called a place." The spot imperative on them to do it, for on the presumption is a naked rock, from four to five hundred feet broad that it would be done, a large amount of capital has at the base, and not over twenty-five feet in perpendicular elevation; but as it rises in an oblique direction, its height does not appear to be more than from fifteen to twenty feet.

> THE LIGHT OF NATURE. The celebrated Mr. Hume, wrote an essay on the sufficiency of Nature; and the no less celebrated Dr. Robertson wrete on the necessity of Revelation; and the insufficiency of visit Robinson, and the evening was spent on the subject. The friends of both were present, and it is said that Robertson reasoned with unaccustomed clearness and power. Whether Humes was convinced by his reasoning or not, we cannot tell; but, at any rate he did not acknowledge his conviction. Hume was very much of a gentleman, and, as he rose to depart, bowed politely to those in the room. while, as he retired through the door, Robertson took the light to show him the way : "O Sir," continued he, "I find the light of nature always sufficient," and continued, "pray den't trouble yourself," as he bowed on. The street door was open and pleasantly, as he bowed along the cutry, he stumbled over something concealed, and pitched down stairs into the street. Robertson raniafter him with a candle, and as he held him over him, whispered softly and cunningly. You had better have a little light from above, friend Hume, and sising him up, he bade him good night, and returned to his friends.

THE IMPUDENT BRIDE.—Not long since in Livrpool, as a couple were going to be married, and had proceeded as far as the church yard gate, the gentleman stopped his fair comrade with the fol-

lowing unexpected address: "Mary, during our courtship I told you most of my mind, but not all of my mind; when we are married I shall insist upon three things." "What are they ?" saked the astonised lady.

"In the first place," said he, "I shall lie alone, second, I shall eat alone; thirdly, I shall find fault with you when there is no occasion for it. Can you submit to these conditions!"

"Oh, yes sir, very easily," she replied: "for if you ic alone, I shall not; if you get alone, I shall est first; and as to your finding fault without occasion, that, I think, may be prevented, for I shall take care that you never want an occasion.

The Mechanic Senator. The Mr. Henderson lately elected by the Legislature of Mississippi to the Senate of the United States, is a native of New Jersey, a mechanic who left that State a few years since for his fortune. This is another illustration of the peculiar advantages which the talented roor enjoy under American institutions .- Phila. Evening Star.

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Meeting of the Coal Shippers and Owners

of Landings at Port Carbon. MEETING of the Shippers of Coal, and those interested in Landings at Port Carbon, will be held at the house of Mr. Simpson, in the town of Port Carbon, on Tuesday the 26th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of considering the necessity of petitioning the Navigation Company, to furnish of petitioning the Navigacian comments by feeder them with an increased autopy of water, by feeder MANY.

Notice.

Feb 16

PUBLIC Meeting of the Port Carbon Lyceum, will be held on Friday Evening, the first o. March ensuing, at 70 clock, in the Basement Room of the Church, which the inhabitants of Potts vi to and its vicinity are respectfully invited to at-Feb. 23, 1839. 8-1