

run our ore into pigs we have \$1,000,000 per annum to add to the \$1,000,000 now produced by our coal.

Mr. Bidell's Speech.—On our first page will be found the entire remarks of this gentleman, as delivered on the occasion of the dinner given by William Lyman, Esq., in commemoration of the triumph of the Anthracite Experiment for smelting Iron Ore.

The statistical information given in the remarks of these gentlemen, are well worthy the strictest attention, as showing the immense importance of our coal and iron trades, as the source of national employment and wealth.

For the information of our friends abroad, we will state that a \$5 bill in advance, postage paid, will pay for three years subscription to the Miners' Journal.

Need I expatiate further, sir, upon the immense advantage, which must accrue to the coal region by prosecuting this new and most productive enterprise.

When, sir, I reflect upon the widely-spread blessings that are diffused among the community, I cannot but envy those whose fortunate position has placed them in more intimate connection with this most interesting experiment.

Most of those around you are men of the coal region, dependent upon its welfare for their individual prosperity. They cannot, therefore, be indifferent to any influence which must operate beneficially upon our district.

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The population of our State is probably now about 1,750,000 souls, and the State debt \$3,000,000, or more than \$18 for every man, woman and child in the Commonwealth!

Without doubt every good citizen would comply with the urgent necessity of the times, and willingly pay this tax, were it not, that the present in power, the Federal, as well as our State Executive, are blindly obstinate to the proposed operations of the Land Bill of 1835 as prepared by Henry Clay.

But it is to late to repine at this: whatever may have been the motives, whoever may have been the originators of the suppression of this Bill—they are no longer amenable to the people.

Our Flag was half mast yesterday, under the direction of flag master Sizer, in sympathy for the loss of this ornament of our navy.

The Weather.—Since our last, we have had every variety of weather: warm, cold, snow and rain. At times the fog has been beautiful, with its pendant tresses: as the poet says: "We had a rain of jewelry from the frozen north."

Demerit.—We are delighted to hear of, and hope in the spring to see, the various improvements of this flourishing place. The Intelligence states that the town possesses two Iron Foundries, both very extensively worked by Moore & Stuart and Katz & Burgstreet.

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General William Henry Harrison, for the sake of being President, has within a few short years changed his political opinions as often as a camelion its colors.—Union Times.

The Times is a sort of Gen. Harrison has ever been a democratic republican. His opinions, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe; and while he was supporting the administration of Madison, and giving his sanction to the war of 1812, at the head of the North Western Army, Martin Van Buren was opposing the re-election of Mr. Madison, and denouncing the war as unwholly and unrighteous!

The Union Times is most unfortunate in charging change of political sentiment to Gen. Harrison, when we find the name of Van Buren for President at the head of his columns, who is the very impersonation of a weathercock!

Our friend Neal of Pennsylvania is making very "small potatoes" of the habit of feasting our great men, of the Whig party. He seems to think we give them all we can, when we give them a dinner.

They doubtless prefer the "feet" to any thing which can be served up by the Kitchen Cabinet, who before the year 1840 in fact, will be so effectually dressed off, that they will find themselves dished.

Hon. James M. Porter.—The nomination of this gentleman has been confirmed by the Senate. His party friends were so chary of his reputation, that they cut off all debate on his official conduct by springing the previous question.

Florida.—A bill for the armed occupation of this Territory has passed the Senate.

The Great Harrison Meeting of "Old Ross County," (Ohio) on the 6th inst., at Chillicothe, was a splendid affair. The mounted yeomanry came into town with flags and banners, and mustered a thousand men.

The People's Candidate.—Old Montgomery Co. Ohio, comes up to the rescue. Speaking of the great Harrison meeting there, the Dayton Journal says: "It would hardly be doing justice to those who assembled, to speak of the meeting by any party name."

The Keystone compares the re-election of Mr. Tallmadge, to Judas, receiving the thirty pieces of silver. This, apart from its profanity, is but a sorry remark.

Maine Boundary.—The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations in the U. S. Senate, Mr. Buchanan, has intimated that he was apprehensive of serious difficulties with Great Britain before the Maine Boundary question was settled.

Flour, has been offered in our Borough for Four Dollars per barrel, paid in specie.

Michigan U. S. Senator.—The Whig members of the Legislature have in Caucus nominated Augustus S. Porter, of Detroit, in the office of U. S. Senator.

Col. McElere.—This gentleman of gunpowder fame, in his efforts to destroy the U. S. Bank of Pa., is certainly most untiring. Finding that he cannot exactly sell upon its columns, he has gone another way to work, and with a preference truly astonishing, labors and thumps away at his unfortunate enemy.

The Democratic Press says, "the Miners' Journal is displeased with every thing we say." Upon our word, we are not; we are pleased at the admirable docility with which you, one week, denounce Charles Fraley, Esq., as another traitor in the camp.

If there are any joys on earth which harmonize with those of Heaven, they are the joys of a Christian family. When the snow flakes fast in a winter's evening, and the morning winds struggle at the windows, what is so delightful as to see the happy little ones sporting around a blazing fire.

Stephen Price, for many years lessee of the Park Theatre, New York, all died recently in that city.

Winnington, N. C., has again been devastated by fire.

A fire occurred in the Canal Commissioners room in the Capitol at Harrisburg, on the night of the 22nd inst., which threatened the destruction of the whole building.

New County.—A bill has been reported by Mr. Wilcox, from a select committee, for the erection of a new county out of parts of Jefferson, Clearfield, and McKean, to be called Madison.

The State of New Hampshire has made a liberal subscription towards erecting an insane Hospital.