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"I may yet be saved." With the energy of hope battling with despair, he collected all the stones around him, and heaped them rapidly upon the highest ledge of rocks-It was indeed wonderful how he could have gethered so many is so short a time: but the Almighty gave strength to his stm, and he was labouring not for life merely, but. for beings still dearer to him. The tide came on on-and soon obliged him to quit his work. He then mounted the pile he had heaped, planted his boat hook firmly in one of the crevices of the cliff, and prepared to struggle for existence: but his heart failed him, when he considered how slight was the possibility that the waters would not fise above his head. Still, he determined to do all he could to preserve life. The waves were not rough, and the boat hook supported him. The awful moment rapidly approached; the water had reached his knews; but he stood firmly and prayed that he might be preserved. On, on, on, it came, slowly and gently but more fearfully than it is had reged around its destined prey; soon it reached his waist, and he prayed that it might go no higher. On, on, on, it came, and his shoulwere covered-hope died within him, and he Brught of himself no longer, but of those who ere so dear to him-bis wife, his children, and his father,--- it was for blessings on them that he then implored Heaven. Sull, on, on, on, it came, and he was forced to raise his head to keep as long as possible from death; his reason was almost gone, his breath grew feeble, his limbs chilled; he panted, and his prayer became almost gurgling mur murs. The blood rashed to his head; his eye-balls glared as if they would start from their sockets He closed them with an effort, and thought for the last time on the home that would soon be wretch ed! Horrible images were before him-each swell of the waves seemed as if the fiends were forcing him duwnward, and the cry of the sea bird was like their yells over their viction. He was grasping, choaking, for he had no strength to keep his head above the waves; every moment it was splashing upon him, and each convulsive start that followed only aroused him to the consciousness, if carsciousness it could be called, that the

next plunge would be his last. Merciful powers!---at the very moment, when the strength and spirit of man had left him, and the cold shudders of death had come on, he felt that the tide rose no higher. His eyes opened, closed, and a fearful laugh troubled the waters! They eddied in his throat and the bubbles floated around his lips-but they rose no higher-that he know-again and again his bosom heaved with a deep sob. and he drew in his breath, and gave it forth in agony. A minute, had passed since the sait sea touched his lips; this was impossible if the tide still flowed-he could reason so much .-- He opened his eves, and family murmured forth----O God be merciful.' The flow of the ocean had indeed ceased; there he stood motionless; but praying and weeping, thinking of his beloved home and hoping his place there might not be forever vacant. The waters in a short time subsided, and he was enabled to stretch his chilled limbs, and then to warm them by exercise. Soon the rock was left dry as before, and the fisherman knelt down upon that desolate spot among the billowshid his face in his hands, and praised and blessed his Creator-his Preserver. Oh! it was the well known bark of his faith-

ful dog that he heard above the waves; in another moment the creature was licking his pale cheek. He was saved-he was saved : for his own boat had touched the shure, and his own how was in his erms ! He had been drifted to the land. and had easily found those who had rowed hard for the chance of saving his father's life. "Now homeward, homeward!" he exclaimed-

Homeward, homeward!' echoed the child, and Neptune jumped and barked at the welcome sound.

The fisherman's family was still supplicating



## POTTSVILLE.

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ATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 24, 1842.

Job Printing office. The subscriber has processed the necessary type, presses. &c and has statched a complete Job Print-ing Office to his Establisement, where all kinds of Carde, Pamphlets, Handbills, Checks, Bills of Lading: and, pamphilis, italiantis, checks, bins of and a c., will be printed at the very lowest rates, and at he aburtest notice. Being determined to accommo-late the public at the very lowest rates, at home, he Protectfully solicits the patronage of the public. Printing in different colors executed at a short notice

Card Press. A Card Press has been added to the establishment which will enable us to execute Cards, of almost ev ery description, at very low rates. B. BANNAN.

Important.

Important. Let every citizen bear in mind, that it is not only his interest, but his duty, to purchase every thing that he can at home. By pursuing such a course, he encour-ages the mechanical industry of his own neighbor-bood, on which the prosperity of every town and city mainly depends—and besides, every dollar paid out at home forms a circulating medium, of which every citizen derives more or less benefit, in the course of trade. Every dollar paid for foreign manufactures pur-chased abroad, is entirely lost to the region, goes to enrich those who do not contribute one cent to our mestic institutions, and oppresses our own citizens.

Insurance.

The subscriber, Agent for one of the best Insur-ance offices in Philadelphia, is prepared to make in-surances on all descriptions of property such as Houses, Mills, Stables, Goods, Furnitare: &c., &c., B BANNAN. at the very lowest rates. 35 V. B. Palmer, Esq., No 104, South Third Strees, Philadelphia, is authorised to act as Agent to receive subscriptious and advertisements for this paper.

Wanted, at this office, an active boy, about fifteen years of age, Who can come well recommended, as to espacity and qualifications, as an apprentice to the printing business. None other eed apply. '

We must apologize to our readers for the roon

devoted to the exposure of the lean Philanthro pists of the coal region. The enormity of the traud attempted to be practised on the working nin of this region demands a prompt and full exnosure.

This number closes the Eightienth volume f the Mineus' Journal, and the Thurtcenth since it passed into the hands of the present proprietor To those of our numerous patrons who have promptly complied with their engagements, we return our sincere thanks-and those who have een backward in withholding from us our hardearned and just dues, we hope will merit our thanks by promptly discharging their subscriptions before the commencement of the next volume. It is our intention to issue the Journal exclu-

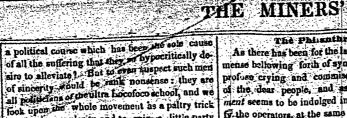
sively on the cash system, as soon as the necessa ry arrangements can be made, of which due notice will be given.

The Lobore -- his Remedies. The consequences which always follow the general depression of trade fall always first upon

he laborer of the country, and common humanity as well as justice demands that every provision, in accordance with equity, should be made for his security and safeguard.

We noticed in last week's paper that a meeting was to be held on Saturday, the 17th, the speakers and prime movers of which we have more particularly adverted to in another column. The

avowed object of this me-ting was to take measures for procuring the passage of a law making the claims of the laborer a lien upon the land worked. Now we can hardly believe that any



for private popularity and to gain a little party As for the Miners' Journal, we hope it will al-

ways be found battling on the side of truth and ustice. We have always endeavoured to support nd sustain the true interests of the mass, and shall always continue to do so. Of one thing, owever, the public may rest assured, that no natter how public opinion may swerve or change, share in the huzzas !

Christmas. To-morrow is Christmas! What a host of nerry associations lie in the thought ! the very pention of the day makes us almost feel as we vere wont, years ago when we were not quite cy to assist in abusing those who have also be knce high to a grasshopper. We have often questioned whether the day hefore Christmas was him a different lesson. not superior in point of enjoyment to the day itself; and although not intending to be metaphysical upon the subject, we feel half inclined to think so. For instance, only consider, in the

first place, the care and loving pride with which the parent starts out on a toy hunting expedition; and as he fingers over the various little implements for the amusement of some red checked

irchin at home, how delighted he feels when he discovers the appropriate one-his countenance brightens and his whole face is lighted up with an inward chuckle; he is happy in anticipation. Then, gentle reader, just take a peep into the heart of the merry fittle dog at home-is he not brim full of expectation ? does not his tiny heart which his cunning sagacity assures him as certain ? and is not this anxiety, which has no dread in it, equal to the full fruition itself? Take a walk out with us this morning and

let's see how the community, generally, treat this all important coming event. Dyo see that crowd of giggling shurers gathered together there, and do ly ? That store is a confectionary, and two of the oldest youngsters are very energetically discussing the respective merit of a wooden gun and a miniature trooper, which each hope to become

the future proprietors of, through the considerate management of that jolly old gentleman, Santa Claus. Leaving these young senators to the settlement of this serious question, let's move up the street. How desced pleasant every body looks ust as if they did not owe the printer a farthing ! l'errible destruction among feathers lately ! every uan we meet seems to have armed himself with a turkey or goose instead of a walking stick. Ah ! here comes an old subscriber who is a little in costs us with Good morning Mr. B! let me see, I believe I

we you a little back subscription, don't I?' . Well, I guess you do-but no matter now Sir! we are in a great hurry to find a large turkey-good morning ! and may you have a merry

Christmas! And off we started, leaving our friend with a miling countenance, and his pocket not a whit the lighter.

The Philanthroph As there has been for the last fer mense bellowing forth of symparily along with profuse crying and commiscrat for the woo of the dear people, and an the great mont ment seems to be indulged in by a few who villify the operators, at the same time artolling their own bedevolence; the question i adurally recurs

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who are these Philanthropist and are they disinterested in their sympathy lief us see : The first of these doughty champions for hon-esty and prompt payment, is a metless lawyer

who for invective and abuse is atmost a secon John Randolph. The sympathy which he feels for the working man is astonishing, and the way we will never descend to that mean refuge of he raps the operators over the knewles is perfectly demagogueism-humbugging the people for a lawlul. This gentleman prys to own debts according to law, having twice, we learn, taken the benefit of the Insolvent Law, once since he has

been in this region. We do na mean, however, to east reports upon him for this because it may have been caused by necessity ; but we tell, him aside, that it is very bad taste and miserable pol infortunate. Experience ought to have laugh

The second is also a lawyer, just starting in business, and whose necessities make it impe tive that he shall soon get a case. To secure th it is necessary, in the first place to become pop lar, and to become popular it is necessary to affe great regard for the interest of the mass; this has done, and as he is struggling for a live lihood, we hope he may succeed in procuring client.

The third is a pompous and well known c acter, whose limited brains have never controlid his swelling ambition. He has always had strange sort of mania for seing his Honorable name at the head of all public meetings, and although no one ever suspected him of thinking, beat high with the anticipation of an enjoyment, wet he is a perfect Hyperin in point of hirste beauty. No one would ever accuse this worthy of the folly of paying his debts. It is a thing which in his most sanguind movements he never dreamt of, and if rumor istrue, he was beset with cordingly hun; at the yard arm. Four of the a very peculiar kind of ibsence of mind whilst en, who were nost deeply implicated, were imgeneral agent and collector here. This gentle- ediately put in itons, and the rest were allowed man, we understand, intends "killing two birds so to their word Upon arriving at New York, you know what they are debuting upon so grave- with one stone." Thus he has a son who is an weive of them rate ironed, and sent on board the aspirant for the office of Notary Public, and to forth Carolina, to swait the action of the Navy procure this appointment it is necessary, for the Jepartment. This same Philip Spencer, is nine. father to go to Harrisburg. If they can wheedle eep years of age and has been but one year in

the working men into the payment of their ex-be service, he was cent home from the Brazilian penses, they secure a duple advantage, and this inadron, by Cin. Morriss, for misbehavior, unthey are bent upon doing. It will be remember-les the promise that he would resign, or otherwise ed by those who were present, that the some bmit to a Court Martial, and without any exhimself nominated the father as one of the lanation was flaced back into the service. committee, an act which for downright indecen . Having no afficial information in relation to cy has rarely been paralleled.

this offence, it would be almost impossible to ex-The next, we sicked as we speak of him, is press an opinion as to the propriety of Capt. Mac-Physician, who is one of those who have donkienzie's conduct in the matter. If we were to more to injure and oppess the poor of this regio julge from the circumstances as they have been than all the colliers part together. He is notor related, we shall say he did his duty as a good ous as the sneaking athor of all the public aland efficient officer. We notice, however, that dresses and villainous landers which have emigranty all the Tyler papers units in condemning nated from this faction; and his want of courtine occurrence; this may arise in consequence of sy, and barrenness of gentlemanly feeling, bathe close connection which exists between the made him odious to the whole profession of whice resident and his Secretary.

he is a member. If any reliance can be place. Can any person tell us why it is, that almost upon rumour, he treat his countrymen as slave. Can any person tell us why it is, that almost and it is said that he will not even attend a powery Bank, exclusively under Locofoco rule, is man's family, no matter how urgent the necess? Enquire at the Marble Palace, the Parthenon,

Enquire at the Marble Palace, the Parthenon ty, until his own fee is first secured. So mut of Chesnut street, for the particulars of the great. for his benevolence!

the lighter. Now the above, dear reader! is a sketch of what we are going to do this a ternoon; and if any of our delinquents doubt our magnanimity, just let them try us with the money if they dare! · Christmas comes but once a year, ' as the old song goes, and it should always be merry. Throw want a sovereign cure for the blues, read the fol-lowing to as many little chips as you can gather ly regret that any necessity has occurred for I - The Pennsylvanian ing as much as we have said. That necesi The Pennsylvanian forgets that the "Marble however, could not be wided! The whalk Palace " furnished the best currency in the world, gion has been slanderelland abrepresented until it formed an unfortunate league with Locothese persons-men, whe have always met is focoism to procure a re-charter from the Legislaengagements, and who have town grey '4 ture of Pennsylvania-then it was, after the leadthe tranhles and toils of jusin is, have been ers of that party had obtained a foothold in its opjustly villified by creatures we are so for erations that its fate was scaled. It was not the neath them as to almost severae connection It "Coons," but the "rats" of Lucofocoism, who therefore behooves us, as conditions of the flic always burrow in the dark, and who destroyed Press, to hold up the slanders to the couste the foundation, that caused its downfall. We well scorn and contempt of all no love justiand remember the arguments, made use of, when a ondemn vice. We sre wellware that chare portion of the leaders of that party made applicain existence in the Coal tradand we a can tion for the location of a Branch of that Institubelieve that in some instant imposition we tion at this place, to convince those unsuspecting been practiced upon the portaborer : I that persons when they had arrayed against this mona community of high mindeand honorstnen ster in 1832, of the necessity of the plan proposed. should be abused and caluatated for evil They were these : They declared that the whole acts of a few, is too mabiles unjust toermit Administration had failed in crushing this Instiof silence. The world alws feels a sinathy tution, and the only plan left to conquer it, was to for the bold highwayman vi braving con- establish Branches throughout the State-draw equences, threatens your list the sist time out all the funds, and the victory for which they lemanding your purse; but in nevered any- had so long contended, would be a achieved. Un fortunately for the poor devils in this quarterthing but unmitigated content for 1989, who under the garb of friendship solicitie; to ac- Gov. Porter, and his crew had already commence complish their own selfish ase prical pured drawing out of the Parent Institution on so poses, deludes the poor later intia course large a scale, that the "blow up." took place be-

The Late Mutiny Masks Off. o commit Marde We love to combat with an honest open ent The papers are teems with long and extended my, who avows boldly, principles, which he as ants of this implient affair. Not having fearlessly practices ; but we know of no undertace to poblish the miss occurrence in detail, king so profiless, as that of maintaining a congive the facts belogas concisely as we are | test with a sect which professes one thing for the ch is one of the fastest The Loco P co party in this region, have for some purpose of covering their real and true intentions. The Brig Somers, iled from New Yurk'a. | length of time pretended to the people that they esels in our service at three months sig with a crew of eighty were the friends of a tariff of pretection. Al rentices, eighteen minary seamen, and a mas- shough this profession was received by some per at arms ; with desphes for the commanding sons as sincere, yet we always doubted it, because cer on the coast offrica. Having performed the course of policy they have always pursued

duty, Capt. Macinzie sailed for New York, bas been directly inimical to the measure. That r having avoved a intention of stopping at doubt has been confirmed by the proceedings of Thomas for provides, previous to coming on the late meeting, held at Orwigsburg, which we coast. A day or two before, the 1st of De- publish below. They have at last throws and publish below. They have at last thrown aside the mask, and stand before the people in all the other, when the ver was about five hundred the mask, and stand before the people in likes from St. Thong the particulars of a con- naked deformity of their evil intentiona. lincy to metiny, widisclosed to the Purser's It will be seen by reference to the proceedings

eward by midshippin Philip Spencer, son of Secretary of Wi who first administered to that they passed a resolution, approving and recommending the Van Buren Sub Treasury scheme, an oath of secret. The mutineers who were a measure which has received the seal of condem majority of the Buy crew, were to murder all nation from the citizens of the United States officers except to surgeon, after which they through the largest majority by which a presiden to make for tellate of Pines, where they has ever yet been defeated. The practical effect e to meet a conderate. The Steward made of this measure, is too well known to nerd arguthis informatio known to the Purser, who ment. Every man can see in the present state o municated it insidiately to Capt. Mackenzie, the country, the disastrous results which would a measures weisimmediately taken to ascerfollow the passage of such a law. We are already the truth. Spicer's papers were examined, experiencing the ovils which always must attend n the whole siry was confirmed. Spencer, a reduction of the currency, and all agree, that mwell and Sml were then secured, and all such, if necessity, is the practical effect of this inds being mustiful on deck, Capt. Mackenzie measure. Its main object is to defeat this very them of the disovery and frustration of the tariff of protection. that they have ,so insidiously ans of the mutinus, as well as the consequencknowledged as beneficial to the country. The pf any future dempt. Capt. Mackenzie then s effected by reducing the currency to a specie dressed a circult fetter to every officer on board oasis—and consequently the wages of labour down eship, except to acting Midshipman, requestto European rates, which, as they say, will enable giheir opinion a to the course of conduct which us to compete with other countries, without the should pursuetowards Spencer and his two necessity of a tariff. Thus do these men, in the niederates. Ech one returned an answer that same breath, that thus avow sympathy and regard deserved imiguate death, and this coincidfor the working man, profess themselves the with the Capton's own opinion, all hands were friends of a course which will reduce his hard earfled to witness he punishment, and they were ned wages to one third of the present rates. It will be seen by referring to the names of those who officiated at this meeting, that some of them

are the very men who were most conspiciou at the great-up town-sympathy for-the-workingman-meeting, held at the National Hotel, on Saturday last. Let the working man look well to this fact, and see if lie can discover any consistency in three professions:

## Democratic County Meeting.

Pursuant to notice given by the Standing Com mittee, the Democracy of Schuylkill County as-sembled at the Court House, in Orwigsburg, on Munduy, December 12, 1842, for the purpose of onsidering the propriety of sending Delegates the proposed 8th of January Convention at Harrisburg ; when Col. JACOB KREBS was apointed President; THOMAS MOREIS, Esq., Geo KUTZ, HON. STRANGE N. PALMER, and JOHN KIMMERLING, Vice Presidents; and D. W. Hyde

and M. A. Dooley, Secretaries. The meeting having been thus organized, a Committee of ten persons was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of this meet ing, viz: Peter F. Ludwig, N J. Mills, Peter Kuz, A. Dohiman, Benjamin Lantzer, Benja min Snyder, Jacob Seitzinger, Samuel Hunizing-er, John Stees, and Willium Stitzer, who, atter retiring a short time, reported a Preamble and Resolutions, which were discussed separately, and the Resolutions adopted; but the Preamble ing in favor of the Hon. James Buchanan, as

Pennsylvania candidate for the Presidency vas not agreed to; on motion of R. M. Palmer the following substitute was adopted: Whereas, since the existence of the oldest of

as, we never experienced a derangement like the present in our monetary affairs; and whereas, at the advent of "Tippecanoe and Tyler too," were promised better times, and a reform in the government that was to fill the land with milk and honey, and these promises have proved as lusive as the optical illusions of a scene shifter in jugglery, it is time to set about correcting the evils that have befallen us, and to restore the as-

Chilstmas Morning Hymn. 1 I. Hark! what celestial notes,-What melody we hear i Soft on the morn it floats, And fills the ravished ear; The tuneful shell, The golden lyre, And vocal choir The concert swell, 11. Th' angelic hest descend The angelice press descended With harmony divine: See how, from heaven they bend, And in full chorus join 1 "Fear not," say they, "GREAT JOY we bring," "GREAT JOY we bring," JESUS your KING." Is born to day ! III. He comes, from error's night-Your wandering feet to save; To realms of bliss and light-He lifts you from the grave; This glorious morn, Let all attend : Your matchless friend, "Your Saviour's born!" IV. Glory to God on high ! Let mortals spread the sound : And let your raptures fly To earth's remotest bound. For peace on earth, From God in heaven, . 2 To man is given; At Jesus' birth! [COMMUNICATED ] THE BURGESS, asks our citizens to remember/

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hat he considers his obligation to enforce the Ordinances of the Borough, as obligatory at present, as when he took upon himself the duties of the office-agreeable to said Ordinances.

This intimation seems proper and necessary at this time; because, our streets are presenting numerous heaps of oyster shells, thrown there for the convenience of the numerous oyster establishnents.

Our carters are unloading cost on the sidewulks and footways; and in some cases heaps of coal is suffered to he in the street, when it should be in a more proper place.

The article of coal ashes, has returned its visits to our streets, and may be seen in different quarters of the town : all laws to the contrary notwith. standing.

The boys, have taken possession of the sidewalks, for their sledding grounds, and render the lives and limbs of our citizens unsafe, in the very provision made for their safety and convenience. Fighting in the streets and elleys, has of late become the most fashionable exhibition of Blackguardism; and will be likely to bring their propr reward, if continued. Whether this state of hings is the result of my absence, or not, does not sufficiently appear; but, those concerned, will please take notice, that enough can be made out of our contradictory Ordinances, to meet these cases, and all such offences will be subject to the

consequences, after this date.

L M. C.

THE POST OFFICE AFFAIRS .- The report of he Postmaster General is able and interesting .-We notice some of the principal-statements :

There are 13,733 Postmasters and Clerks; 2313 Contractors and Agents; and the transportation during the year covers a distance of 34, 835.991 miles.

The whole amount of mail transportation for the year ending June 30th, 1841, was 34,996,-525 miles, at a contract cost of \$3,159,375; the whole amount of transportation for the year ending June 30th, 1842, was 34,835,931 miles, at a contract cost of \$3,087,796.

The amount of expenditure of the Department, for the year ending June, 1842, was estimated in the Report of December last, at \$4,490,000. The revenue to be derived from postage, &c. in the endancy of the good old Democratic Republi. | same report, was estimated at \$1,380,000 ; the s-

Providence upon the billock that overlooked the deep, when the old man started from his knees, and exclaimed, .We are heard ! there is a speck upon the distant waters.' "Where, where!' was echoed by the group, and

he pointed out what he hoped to be the absen boat. They eagerly strained their eyes, but could see nothing, in a few moments, however, all per coised a sail : still it was impossible to tell the direction in which its course law-

Then was the sgony of suspense ; it continued, however but for a short time; a bost was evident ly edvancing towards the shore, in a few min them differently. utes, they could clearly perceive a man at the

bow, waving his hat above his head, soon after the well known back of Neptune was borne to them by the breize. The family rushed to the extremity of the rude pier, and the loud huzza of the fisherman was answered by the welcome, welcome, of his father, and the almost inatucu late thank God' of his wife.

And now was all joy and happiness in the cottage, where there had been so much wretchedness; of his wages. We waw then the necessity of the the fisherman, his boy, and his dog, were safe from the perils of the great deep : but he would man and his family the fruits of his labor. The return no answer to questions, as to what had detained him so long beyond his usital Deriod of re-

turn. . Weit, my wife,' said be, until we have dressed and refreshed ourselves, and you shall know all but before we do either, let us bless God for his mercy, for out of great danger bath he preserved me." Never was there a more sincere or to the support of every citizen in the community, more carnest prayer offered up to the Giver of all The laborer toils from day to day-he has neith. goodness, than ascended from that humble dwelling. And when the fisherman had told his tale. how fervently did they all repeat the words that had given them so much consolution in the mor . ning:

Fearless let him he whose trust is in his God!

NEW YORK, Dec. 10th, 1842.

My Dear Sir :- I have received your letter-of this day, and have no difficulty in giving you a prompt and unequivocal answer to the questions you present to me.

I am a member of the Democratic party, and have been so from my youth. I was first call-d into public life by Mr. J. fferson, thirty-six years ago, and am a firm believer in the principles laid down by him. From the faith as taught and received in this day, I have never swerved, a single instant.

So much for my general sentiments. With respect to a National Bank, I think the feelings and experience of the country have decided against it, and that no such institution should be chartered by the General Government. -

I will add that my residence in France, and a careful observation of the state of that nation, have satisfied me that, while a due degree of credit is highly useful in the business concerns of a country, a sound specie basis is essential to its paramount prosperity. With great regard, I am LEWIS CASS. dem sir, truly yours, Hon. MARLON DICKERSON.

Tan WESTERN Grains,-Mr. Marshall, infa recent speech in Kentucky, after alluding to the causes that induced him to challenge Col. Webb. quires into the cause of the disease, and after readds : " If, under all these circumstances of wan ton aggression on the part of Col. Welih, I had | second : this is the only proper and efficient methnot called him out, there is not a Presbyterian lady in my district, who would not have whipped to death with the nostrums which reckless quacks me with her garters, in scorn and contemp, from | are continually and forever administering ; and her presence."

Slephens' new work on Central America and Taratan, is now in press and will soon be pub-

lishad. A Funt CAPTURED .-- Some time last month, Mr. John Shannon was matried to Miss Nanry Port, in Van Buren.

sane man thinks the passage of such a law either equitable or possible. It is a plan, which if car "Twas the night before Christmas, when all thro' the ried into operation, would effectually shut up the whole trade of the region. The land in this region is in nine cases out of ten owned by persons abroad, and who could be induced to lease anroad, and who could be induced to tense property at the same time knowing it to be liable. for the det ts of the lessor? To think of such a thing is the height of absurdity, and did we bething is the height of absurdity, and did we believe that the originators of this scheme were se-

rious in their recommendation, we would consider them downright fools, although some of them are members of a profession which should teach

A law, however, which would subject itself to no such objection as this, and which would materially improve the condition of the laborer, might be passed with propriety. Such a law we suggested in the early part of the present year, soon after the explosion of two or three concerns in which the whole property was swept away by attachments, and the laborer consequently deprived

Lemslature doing something to secure the poor following was the proposition : PROTECTION OF LABORERS .- A Bill was infro

ced into the Legislature of this State, by Mr. Eyre, of Delaware, last winter, for the purpose of securing to laborers their wages out of the first proceeds of Insolvent estates. This is a wise and salutary measure which ought to commend itself er time, and in numerous cases, not even the means of making himself acquainted with the

circumstances of his employer-and generally ignorant of the necessary measures to be adopted secure his daily plitance-he is cut out of his just and hard earned dues, and his family subjected to want and misery. Recent events have convinced us more than ever of the necessity of such a law; we hope therefore it may be speedily passed by our Legislature.

Such a law would be right and just, and it cems that the framers of the Bankrupt law thought so when when they attached to it the enevolent exception that sany person who shall have performed any labor as an operative in the ervice of any bankrupt shall be entitled to receive the full amount of the wages due to him for such labor, not exceeding twenty-five dollars," with a provision that such labor must have been furnished within six months of the time of the bankruptcy. Now as the Locofocos in Congress have already shown their determination to repeal the.

Bankrupt Law, it is necessary that some measure should be taken for procuring the action of State legislation upon the subject.

This law would remedy one evil to which the laborer is subjected, but the relief for his other difficulties must come from another source. The present suffering and distress among the poor of he country has been the result of general causes originating with the General - Government at Washington. There lies the true disease, and there must the remeily be applied if an effectual cure is needed. It is with the body politic as i is with the human body-when a good Physician is called upon to treat a malady, he first en-

moving that, the patient grows well of his own od. But the body politic has been dosed nearly if this course is pursued much longer, every thing like healthy action, in the whole system, will be destroyed.

If those persons who express such great sympathy for the operatives, really wish to benefit them, why do they advocate measures which always have been and always will be subversive of the 19th inst, of the present season, was 47,668 his interests ? Why do they continue to sustain

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In the hope that St. Nicholas<sup>4</sup> soon would be there, The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plume danced in their heads. I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutter, and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow, Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below, When what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny rein-deer, With a little old driver so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came

And he whistled and shouted and called them b name: 'Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! no

Vixen ! On, Comet! on, Cupid! 200, Punder and Blizen! To the top of the porch !-- to the top of the walk Now dash away ! dash away ! dash away all !" As ary leaves before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky, So up to the house-top the coursers they flew; Whit the sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas too. And then, in a twinkling. I heard on the roof,

The pracing and pawing of each little hoof: As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chunney St. Nicholas came with a bound Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound, the was dressed all in far, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with aches and

soot; bandle of toys was flung on his back,

And he looked like a pediar just opening his pack: His eyes-how they twinkled! bis dimples ho merry, His cheeks were like roces his noso like a cherry ; His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow And the heard of his chin was as white as the snow

And the beard of his chin was as white as the show; The stump of a pipe, he held tight in his tech, And the sm ske it encircled his head like a wreath, He had a broad face and a little round belly, That showk when he laughed hak a bowt thil of jelly. He was chabby and plump, a right jolly old elf. And I laughed when 1 saw him is spite of myself. A write the severand a twist of he head. A wink of his eve and a twist of his head. on gave me to know I had nothing to dread; le spoke not a word but west straight to his work, and filled all the stockings: then turned with a jerk,

And laving his linger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimiey he ross, He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle; But I heard hun exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, " Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night." \*Santa Claus. St. 34

NATIONAL FORUM. We are pleased to learn that this excellent Penny Paper will be placed under the editorial management of James S. Wallace, Esq., formorly of this Borough, after the 1st of January next. Mr. W. is one of the ablest and most pleasing newspaper writers of the day, -and his connection with that Journal will give additional claims upon the public for support.

It will as heretofore, be a staunch supporter of the claims of Henry Clay for the Presidency. The Madisonian contains an article on the sub-

ject of the Mutiny, evidently written by the father of Spencer, who was executed. This communication takes strong ground against the course of Lieut. Mackenzie, and is written to convey the impression that the whole affair was a mere joke, or idle freak on the part of Spencer. This will give the cue to every Tyler press throughout the whole country, to take ground against Mackenzie. if they have not already done so.

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THE RAIL ROAD .- The quantity of Coal transported to Philadelphia over the the Rail Road to tons.

which would impoverish hamily, and wring from his possession the landt fr.d his hard earned pittance.

MUSIFICENCE .--- The country of printers to fellow craftsman in district wwell known as o be proverbial. An inest this kind we heard of the other day, whentirely too good

to remain in oblivion. o remain in oblivion. A journeyman printernabroad, who wa he had called up town at the printing office, self to a rather severe cosh questioning, the proprietor thrust his han his pocket and pre. ented him with three ce

Now for the sake of the , we have no one will tell this story to any size ; for this selfsame munificent young guin, has lately been very profuse in his profectl benevolence, and has set himself up as a grieud of the working man, and it might in the prospects.

The Texian Schooner Antonia, which has been missing for some tighpposed to be the confederate of the mune board the Somers. It is generally supposed out the whole plan was concocted before them sailed from New

York, and a letter was rocky one of the Phil-adelphia papers, menitoring probable loss of witten by one the versel, which was, n of the mutineers with a explain its nonappearance.

Henry Clay arrived a burg on the 5th inst., amidst the roar of g and the shouts of the multitude, and the the ing day repaired to Natchez, where he wated with similar honors. After remaining short time with Judge Porter, at Attakate will proceed to New Orleans, where arrients are making to

New Orleans, where arrants are making to give him such a receptio man ever received in that quarter before

The New York Sunda iry is one of the most interesting and am apers on our ex-

change list. We could ment to part with it on any consideration. Sermons stone are worth treble the ann Decription to the John B. Montgymery, Post Master of Philadel-Mercury. One of these won a very ezci-phis, indicted for a libel against W. Parson, a ting subject, will be four un first page former carrier, has been acquitted,

fore the plans of the operators here were matured for fingering the spoils. So you must see that even this Institution was pure until the Locoloco politicians, or "skunks," as major Downing termed them, were permitted to enter without being " snubbed."

A RAY OF LIGHT .- Charles J. Ingersoll, the Locofoco member of Congress for the county of Philadelphia, recently declared, on the floor of out of employment, cime our office, and in Congress, that he for one was tired of the Executhe course of conversationed his situa- tive Schemes of finance and currency, and that it tion. He was out of might hal no means was time for Congress to assert its unquestionable of paying for his lodging that fast. We gave right to regulate this question. This is the true him what we could eparem he observed that doctrine. It was executive dictation and usurpation, which commenced in 1832, and which and that he had never betterienced such gen-erosity as he had receiver. He said, that after having told his situated submitted him-under which it is now suffering—and nothing but a strong rebuke on the part of Congress and the

prosperity.

Petitions are in circulation in Philadelphia a gainst the repeal of the Bankrupt Law. There are very few persons in this section in favor of the repeal of so humane a law, except a few leading locofoco Philanthropists, whose opposition to the measure, evidently grows out of the fact, that the Bill protects the laborers by securing to them their wages out of the first pioceeds of the Bank-

rupt's estate. The friends of Col. Johnson have called

neeting at Harrisburg on the 8th of January next, The friends of James Buchanan have called a State Convention to assemble at Harrisburg at

the same time. FATAL-Seven boys fell through the ice while ska

ting, at Providence. Fi drowneu.-Ruh. Star. Five got out, but two weie Finish the quotation Corporal 1 ... and the rest they ran away."

Milton J. Alexander's sentence .was postpon ed until to-day, no doubt with the intention of obtaining the Governor's pardon, to exhibit to the

Court immediately after the sentence. Coverss.-We have nothing of importance

from Washington. The preliminary business of the session seems to engige nearly the whole attention of both houses, so far.

John B. Montgymery, Post Master of Philadel-

can narty, under whose influences we have been prosperous and happy, from the palmy days of Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and Jackson, down to the gloom of the recent Federal triumph : And whereas, such times and such a crisis demand Démocracy of the whole country " a union for the sake of the Union."—a secrifice of men on the altar of principle-Therefore

Resolved, That the Democracy of Schuylkill county pledges its faith to the nominec of a Dem cratic National Convention, let him be Buchan an, Johnson, Van Buren, Cass, or any other of he brilliant array of Democratic aspirants upon shom the choice may fail.

Resolved, That Charles Frailey, Esq., be our Representative Delegate, to represent Schuylkill county in the 8th of January Convention at Harrisburg, with instructions not to compromit the Democracy of this county in favor of any indiidual for the Presidency, but to abide the choice f a National Convention.

Resolved, That we will concur in the nominaion of a Senatorial Delegate which the Democ racy of Columbia county may make to represent Sountorial district in said Conventior

Resolved, That our Senator and Representave in the State Legislature be, and they are hereby instructed to support and vote for the reof the Hon. James Buchanan to the Se nate of the United States.

On motion of Mr. A. Dohrman,

Resolved, That we are opposed to President Tyler's " Exchequer " scheme, believing it to be a National Bank, by another name, and that experience has renewed the assurance we have ng entertained of the wisdom and efficacy of Mr. Von Buren's Sob-Treasury plan, for the safe-keeping and disbursement of the public mo-

## On motion of R. M. Palmer,

Resolved. That we have undiminished confi-ence in the integrity and patriotism of David R. Porter, our talented and excellent Chief Mag. istrate; and that the Democracy of Schuylkill ounty are ready to award him higher honors hould an occasion offer. Resolved, That the proceedings of this meet.

ng be signed by the Officers, and published in he Democratic papers of the county. On motion, adjourned.

(Signed by the Officers. )

The Lowell Courier, speaking of the useless size of ladies' muffs, says-" They look very pretpeople, to the exercise of the one man power, and ty, but, as we are a practical man, it seems a the assertion of their right to legislate for the great waste of fur that a nuff as large as a flour country, will ever restore it again to a state of barrel, lined and stuffed and quilted, we suppose, should be deemed necessary to keep warm the pretty little belles, and our more stately matrons

> Yet we do not find fault. We go for the largest liberty for the ladies. .. If it takes the fur of five dead foxes to warm the fingers of our ladies, it takes the cunning of ten live foxes to get money to pay for them, sometimes."

Further reduction of wages in the factorics in the East is taking place. If the people will support the Locofoco measures for bringing the currency of the country to a hard money currency, wages must go down with it. This is the natu ral consequence. 🕠 🗧

> Eight attempts' have been maile to elect a U Senator in South Carolina without success The vote on the last ballot stood, Graham, Whig 65; Brown, Van Buren, 56; Saunders, Calhoun

CAPT. MACKENZIE .- We observe by the pa pers that the Secretary of the Navy has ordered a Court of Enquiry, to examine into the conduct of this officer.

Z" DEAD.-Woodworth, the author of the sweet old song, 'The Old Open Backet.' "-Rich, Star, " The Old Open Bucket !" Oh seissors ! carry ui out!!

Thomas W: Dorr addressed the Lievislature of on the politics of Rhode Island,

mount estimated for the expenditure did not in clude the sums due by the Department prior to the 31st March, 1841: thus exhibiting a probable liability of \$110.000 beyond its estimated current receipts of that year. The gross expenditures of the Department for

the year ending 30th June, 1842, so far as they have been sudited and paid, are \$4,627,716 62exceeding the amount derived from postage, during the same year, \$81,470 49.

The amount of expenditure for the current fiscal year, for the services of this Department, may be stated by way of estimate, in round numbers at \$4.390,000. 4

This estimate does not include the probable cxpense of the new routes established by Congress at the last session, none of which have yet been put in operation. The probable cost of these routes per year will be \$130,000, making the whole estim ited expense of \$4,520,000.

The cost of railroad transportation, for the last year, stands at \$432,568; the whole length of mail road in the United States is 149,732 miles, costing \$3,087,796. Of this length of mail road, only 3091 miles is railroad transportation, at a cost of \$432,568. Only one forty-eighth part of the whole number of miles costing one seventh part of the gross sum.

THE MUTINY AND THE REPEAL OF THE BANK-BUFT LAW .- Oliver Oldschool writes from Washington, to the editor of the U. S. Gazette, as follows :- The chief topic of conversation to-day, has been, the mutiny on heard the Somers, and the execution of Midshipman Spencer. It seems to be admitted that the punishment was summary and awful, but it is also conceded that the case was one that justified almost any extremity. Sympathy is expressed for the parents, and especially for the unhappy mother; but no censure is, as yet, as far as I can learn, cast upon Captain McKenzic. Some think Mr. Spencer, the father, will now retire from public life; others come to a

different conclusion. Time will tell. I would advise the friends of the Bankrupt Law to loose no time in taking such steps as they design to take, to prevent its repeal, though I do not believe they can save it. There is nothing stable in legislation in this country, nor can there ba until the people show more willingness to sustain. delicate little soft white fingers of our delicate those who advocate their interests, and until they show more stability themselves.

> THE CINCINNATI OUTRAGE .- The Committee appointed by the Pastor of the Wesley Chapel in Cincinnati, to investigate the charge against several members of the Church of treating with unnatural cruelty an aged mother, have made a report, which is officially published in the Chronicle. The horrors of the transaction, at first narrated in the papers, seem to be increased tenfold. We have never before read any statement of such ? unnatural and cold bloody cruelty ; and for the honor of human nature we trust such another affair may never occur. Robert Richardson, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Walker, and Samuel Stibbs are the names of the black hearted creatures-who seem to have evinced an inhumanity and cruelty without a parallel. They have of course been expelled from the church, and willwithout doubt find in the infamy which will forever attach to their names, some punishment for their guilty conduct,

George W. Ogle was hung at Vandalia, Ill., on the 18th ult., for the murder of Ellender Sevick, a woman with whom he had long illicit intercourse.

On Thursday last, James McDowell, Esq., was chosen by the Legislature of Virginia, as Governor New Hampshire, a fow days since, for three hours of that State-The vote atood, McDowell 110, scattering 50. .