



POTTSVILLE. Saturday Morning, Jan. 6, 1844.

A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS.—Our subscribers will perceive that, with the exception of the advertisement...

We know that these business men in Pottsville, who have discontinued the papers of their own country...

We would now make the earnest request to our friends in different sections that they would use their influence to increase the circulation of the Journal in their respective districts.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.—As has been the custom in this neighborhood for a long time, the death of the old year and the birth of its successor, was celebrated by a tremendous firing, cracking, and bellying of small arms, &c.

ANOTHER CONTESTED ELECTION.—We are informed that the election of Brigadier General and Brigade Inspector of the 5th Brigade, 6th Division, P. M., (composing this county) has been contested...

POTTSVILLE'S GROWTH.—Notwithstanding the universal depression of trade for the two past years, and the many other causes which conspired to slow industry and hamper enterprise, still our Borough has gone on rapidly progressing in strength and increase.

GRATITUDE.—We are pleased to notice the organization of a Young Men's Club in the Borough of Orwigsburg, and hope to chronicle for the future many good results flowing from that portion of the District.

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The Philadelphia, Reading and Pottsville Rail Road.

In reflecting upon the history of this great work from its early commencement until the present day, we are compelled to pause and wonder at the determined energy which has impelled and urged forward its growth and perfection.

The question may be frequently asked by those who do not freely and liberally consider the whole effect of a work like this, "What has it done?" It has, in the first place, transported from this region over its rails at least 250,000 Tons of coal since its commencement.

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