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## POTTSVILLE. Saturday Morning, Jan. 20, 1844.

Our Coal Statistics have been crowded out this week.

CORRECTION .-- In our last report of the Lo gialdtive news, we said that Messrs. Hughes and Straub had both offered a resolution, asking for an increased duty on coal and iron, in case of any alteration in the present tariff." We committed here a partial error, and take pleasure in correcting it. Mr. Straub only asked for that increase, Mr. Hughes' resolution being merely in fathis, our emphatic opinion-ahem ! your of adherence to the present tariff, as it now is. Our reason for referring to and commenting upon the matter, was a fear that persons might suppose the operators here desired an increase; whilst we know that they are perfectly satisfied with the present duty, as being high enough, and have nevor sought for any change.

Fine-Our citizens were thrown into great confusion on Monday evening last, by an alarm of fire, which was discovered to proceed from the frame buildings in Market street, a few doors west of Centre st., at the corner of Adams st. When the engines arrived at the spot, the buildings were all on fire, and as it was found impossible to save them, they being composed of light materials, every attention was turned to preventing the adjoining dwellings from catching. The property dostroyed, consisted principally of a quantity of Carpenters' and Cabinet makers tools, belonging to the persons who occupied the burnt buildings. Great difficulty was experienced in procuring water from the plugs, in consequence of a rule, adoptel latety, of shutting off the supply at a certain hour every evening. In many instances, the delay would operate to the destruction of a large amount of property, but happily in the present case, it was not followed by any marked effect, as the buildings were all frame; not very valuable, and filled with such combustible materials that it would have been almost impossible to subdue the flames. We learn that none of the property destroyed was insured, although, strange to say, one of the occupants had his policy of insurance made out and was to have taken it up the morning subsequent to the conflagration.

Tr In last Saturday's Journal, we noticed that a Mr. Harris had commenced the business of weaving woollen goods in our Borough, and that he had received a medal in Wales for the ist specimen of his manufacture, from "Lord "st" We are requested to say that the presenation was by Lady Charlotte Guest, wife of Sir ohn Guest, of Dowlas, Wales. Mr. Harris has since exhibited to us soveral beautiful patterns of his manufacture, and we would advise all of our

to call upon Mr. H. and leave with him their or Honor desired him to be scated. Mr. Brown re-THE COTILLION PARTY, on Wednesday c-

citizens who desire to encourage home enterprise.

monstrated and insisted upon being, heard, but after some altercation yielded and left the Court vening last presented a joyous and britliant looking scene, and had we not parted with our roman- room. The frequency of such scenes will make freight cars and 17 passenger cars. e Parsons unpopular with the legal fraternity

FOREIGN ITEMS. THE WEATHER .- Aye here comes the old theme By the ship "Sen, " Capb Wm. Edwards, W the weather." It's a sort of unfailing refuge have European news to the 18th of December when news is rare and paragraphs scarce. It is There is nothing of very stirring interest to relate. a saily abused subject, hackneyed, fairly ridden to The first of February has been fixed upon for leath, but like many an old veteran of the livery he meeting of Parliament it's always ready for use. An admirable way of The actual revenue of the Post Office, a filling up a corner-or of making up a deficiency y the Treasury, is £ 600,000 a year, though a n editorial matter, is to note the sudden and difcturn to parliament made it much lower. ferent changes in the weather-to draw strange

IMPORTANT.

The Issue fuirly joined.

CLAY

Public Land proceeds,

Against

VAN BUREN

question him concerning some payments of Union

Bank notes, which had been found in his premi-

ses, they there discovered that he was dead, hav

no avail, as life was extinct.

ery and then a suicide.

to be distinctly this:

the Tariff.

The Duke de Palmella had returned to Portugal and comical similes, between other things in creawithout being able to effect any Tariff arrangetion and its variations, and to bemean the evil or ment with Lora Aberdeen. rejoice in the good it brings Sir Henry Pottinger has solicited his recall from Well "the weather, and what of it ?" we think

China, and his request has been complied with. we hear our readers say-Why, simply this-that His successor was to leave in a few weeks. it has made up for the last week the strangest va-The Chinese Government has severely punish ricty of cold and warm, dry and muddy, cloudy ed the authorities at Formora, under whom cerand sunshine, rainy, haily, and snowy, that we tain objectionable proceedings took place respecthave ever yet seen piled into that short space of ing the destruction of two British frigates. time, and if our readers will just exert their mem-It is rumored that Sir Robert Peel has ordered ory and reflect a little they will unite with us in the restoration of the Princes of Scinde, now held

in captivity by the British army. Incendiarism is greatly on the increase in England. The Globe, the mouth-piece of Van Buren, and The English papers are circulating a that the election in Maryland resulted in favor of the National Organ of the Party, states the issu

the repudiators, and thus excite still more prejudice against his country. And a Protective Tariff, and Distribution of the The death of the Rev. Mr. Tyrrell, the Irish Repealer, furnishes matter for extended comment, and for the strangest statements in the Irish papers. The Dublin Packet doubts that he is dead ;

and intimates that, if he really is dead, he proba-And no Protection, and no Distribution ! ! bly committed suicide. The Pilot denounces In this quarter all the people, with but few exeptions, are the advocates of a Protective Tariff, these fabrications. and consequently the fate of Van Buren is scaled.

Rail Road Report .- We have received the An No man can be a Protective Tariff man, and a aual Report of the Philadelphia, Reading and an Burchite at the same time. He must either Pottsville Rail Road Company, which, for want bandon one or the other, and any person who of sufficient room in our columns, we will be un\_ seeks office in this quarter, dare not abandon able to publish this week. In our next we shall ndcavor to give the most important portions of the document, and for the present are forced to SUICIDE .- The officers employed by the New York authorities in search of the stolen trunk be-

confine ourselves to the following condensed extract, for which we are indebited to the Philadellonging to Pomeroy's Express, finally traced it in the possession of a German, named Lechner, who nhia Ledger: " The whole cost of this work, with all its workwas immediately arrested and committed to answer ing machinery of engines, cars, &c. its wharves at Bickmond &c. is for the robbery. On Monday afternoon last, as the Mayor entered Lechner's room in prison, to

Richmond, &c. is \$2,000,000 Viz:-Capital stock, Loans, Morfgage on real estate, 126,000 Norfgage on real estate, 1819,400 145.400 loan is negotiated to lay a second

ing suspended himself by a handkerchief which he placed round his neck and placing it across a board track, furnish additional engines and cars, and to build five which was put on the upper end of his bunk or wharves at Richmond 1,000,000 bed, which had been set on end, elevated him The entire work will therefor sufficiently to produce strangulation. He was im ete, over eight millions The whole amount of coal trans-ported on this road in 1843, was mediately cut down and the Coroner sent for and 230.000 tons

all means used to resusitate him, but they were of 17,500 247,500 This ends the great Pomeroy affair-first a rob Whole tonnage, Number of passengers carried 56.000 But the average number over the whole length of the road, 26,000 ANOTHER COURT SCENE.-Judge" Parsons

coms to be particularly unfortunate with the men Receipts of the road from pasbers of the Philadelphia Bar, and has succeeded \$72.000 sengers, From Merchandise in having several strange disputes with them 38,000 278,800 already. On Saturday last he again had a diffi-From Coal. From U. S. Mail, 5,500 culty with David Paul Brown, Esq., who, in the The expenses of every kind have been case of the Commonwealth vs. several rioters, rose to speak in defence of one of the parties, when his

ton of coal from the mit

164,300 repairs, salaries, &c. &c. \$230,000 Clear profit

The Company has 39 locomotive engines, 1600 toal cars of three and a half tons burden, 200 The exact cost of transporting coal on this rail-

Mr. Rives, JOSEPH C. NEAC, Esq .- The February num The political world has been thrown into quit ber of Graham's Magazine contains a beautiful en state of excitement lately by the publication of a graved likeness of Joseph C. Neal, Esq. the presong letter from Hon. W. C. Rives, Senator from ent editor of the Pennsylvanian, and well known Virginia, to Col. Edmund Fontaine, Hanover. as the author of the celebrated " Charcoal Setches." Mr. Rives, for a long time past, has been recog-During the speculative manin which characterize nized as a strong and efficient leader of the Locothe early history of the Coal Region, Mr. Neal, re foco party, but in this letter, after calmly reviewing sided in this place, and it was here after meeting. the policy of Van Buren's past administration, he with losses and reverses he first made his debut as

firmly asserts that, should the contest be maintained between Clay and Van Buren, he will support Accompanying the engraving is a short sketch the former. In pursuance of this expressed deterf Mr. Neal's life by Morton McMichael, Esq., mination he has the following :

political warfare.

from which we make the following extract: "The host of vindictive passions, which follow "Entering upon active life with the "world before him," it is true, but about as little at liberty in the train of restored Governments—the crowds of hungry retainers, pleading the merits of past services, who press forward to claim the reward of their fidelity, or indemnity for sacrifices and losses where to choose" as generally falls to the lot of the poor and comparatively friendless, he went through the average amount of unsuccessful efforts incurred in the common cause the infatuated and at self-establishment, and, among other youthful pertinacious attachment to ancient abuses-the enterprises, was one of those who ventured their arbitrary and self-willed habits nurtured in the for individual "Cæsar and his fortunes" in the coal mer possession of power-the commitment to favorite but pernicious schemes of policy, have all region of Pennsylvania, at the time of the great speculative excitement, some twelve or fifteen years concurred to give a sort of proverbial qurrency ( the remark of a cclebrated English statesman an ago. To the larger portion of that "grand army," the expedition was a Moscow march and a Russian retreat. Like Roderigo at Cyprus, the majority historian, that the worst and most dangerous of all evolutions is a restoration. That all these evils would be realized to th retreat. Like Kodergo at Cyprus, ine majority of them found in the end that they had "so much experience for their pains as that comes to and no money at all," and, sooth to say, our friend could scarcely be pleaded as an exception to this rule, though he labored hard and in mapy varies Bay for good two years, to render it otherwise. But as we have often heard him remark, it was a curious cene in the drama of life, in which he never re-

gretted his participation, rude though his experi-ences were; and much of the merit of his humors productions may possibly be attributed to the ride field of observation thrown open to his view, vhen Schuylkill county was an El Dorado, for ng a centre of attraction to all sorts of people, who rushed thither to secure, fortunes

grasp, and become nabobs in an hour. This ex-citement was one common to our country, but probably exceeding in intensity any which has ccurred in the middle states, in what may be called modern times. It was an anticipation peculiarly national, striding with seven-league boots from the ed by the almost ananimous electoral ve present to the future, and endeavoring to dispose of half a century at a dash. All that it hoped we may now reasonably expect will in the end prove true; cities may rise where the surveyors located them, and lands will ultimately be worth the prices. at which for a time they passed current; but pros-perity is progressive, and markets are not to be created in a day; so that a steady but sober ad-vancement has succeeded to feverish impulses, and

the coal region now goes calmly forward to its substantial welfare. But at the period, of which

we speak, hundreds, we may say thousands, leap-ing years beyond the demand for their presence, lustered there, and every variety of character dislayed itself to the student of human nature, in the broadest possible light. In such a vast store house of peculiarities, the most ordinary collector have failed to gather some rich speci nens, while to a man gifte ed like Neal with a singularly acute perception, a keen sense of the ludi-crous, and a profound insight into the mysteries of the heart, every day's observation furnished lessons, the fruits of which have since been abundantly manifested. Surely "Anthracite" had reason to think itself neglected when b Charcoal" furnished a title to the "Sketches."

PENNSTLVANIA LEGISLATURE .--- In the House to be again thrown into confusion, and we are on Friday, Jannary 12, a message was received replunged into a chaos of wild and pernicious exfrom the Governor, in reply to a resolution from the Senate, stating that as the law of last session directs him to furnish the reports of the State Treasurer, the Auditor General and Canal Commissioners in a printed form, and as there was no person acknowledged as public printer, and no era of Mr. Van Buren's former adn \$394,300 person legally authorized to do the public print ng, he was unable to comply with the request made of him.

On Saturday, January 13 -The Committee appointed by the House, for the purpose of exFrom Our Washington Correspondents WASHINGTON, January 17, 1844. HENSHAW, of Massachusetts, was rejected by he Senate, as Secretary of the Navy, to which administrative office his nomination has been for ometime pending before that body. As the inunction of secresy has not yet been removed from the proceedings of the Senate thereto, it is not in my power to state the vote exactly. It will, no doubt, soon transpire.

About 7 o'clock, P. M., an alarm of fire was riven, and the atmosphere being damp and heavy, its reflection was seen at a great distance, every one supposing that there was an extensive conflagration in the vicinity of the Navy Yard, where the fire appeared to be raging. The engine com panies all turned out, and the citizens in great unbers, for the scene of the devouring element The public mind, however, was soon at case, by the speedy return of the firemen, who brought with them the intelligence of a celebration arrong the workmen employed at the Navy Yard, and those recently discharged, in honor of the rejuction of David Henshaw. By way of commemo\_

rating this event, they had got up an illumination, widest extent, and in their most unmitigated viru-lence, in the restoration of Mr. Van Buren, none and lit up their bonfires, an additional evidence of their supposed triumph over the late low wages, bt who have been attentive observers and retrenching Secretary. The illumination the selfish and vicious system of party policy ex-emplified in the creed and conduct of himself and reated by the burning tar barrels, and other comhis friends, or who have not forgotten that memo oustibles, was equally as great as that occasioned rably motto of party rapacity, so boldly emblazon-ed on the shields of his chosen followers, which in by the burning of Mr. Henshaw's chemical works a on the sheets of his victors belong the spoils of proclaiming "to the victors belong the spoils of victory," shamelessly pointed to the officers and t South Boston, and there was no insurance. A procession has just passed beneath my window, ublic trusts of the country as the rightful plunder omposed, unquestionably, of those Navy Yard But to return to the remark I have already made vorkmen who have thus been doing him honor, Could anything inflict a deeper, wound on the

doubtless intending to make the climar of this cause of the republican institutions than such a outbreak of feeling, a call upon the Secretary spectacle of levity and instability on the part of the onstituent body as would be exhibited in the re-toration of Mr. Van Buren, after the overwhelmhimself at his lodgings. The fate of Mr. POBTER's nomination to the ing condemnation of his administration pronound

War Department will, probably, be decided at an ice of the early day, which will be found, if I am not greatcountry but three short years ago h Would it not render the popular government itself a \* by-word and taunt" among the nations ? In 1840 ly mistaken, to follow in the trail of Mr. Henshaw's. Such seems to be the destiny await

the American people, upon the fullest and most deliberate hearing of both sides of the political ing it. The nomination of Jons C. Sprexcrn to the controversy — of the friends as well as of the pointer ponents of Mr: Van Buren — recorded their votes acant Judgeship on the Bench of the Supreme igainst him by such a majority as never before sig Court, was generally anticipated, and his rejecnalized the retreat of any minister from power, and was till then utterly unparalleled and even tion seems to be universally looked for, as a matter of course. He is a man of too strong and bitunapproached in the history of our Presidentia ter prejudices to administer equity, although he may feel satisfied that he can become the dispen-And what are the wise and benignant measur ser of justice. Fortunately, I think, for the Judiof administrative policy which are promised us as the fruits of Mr. Van Buren's restoration ? A reciary and the country, the Senate of the Unite.] turn to the glories and blessings of the Sub-Trea-

States has a word to say about that matter, howsury system—renewed war upon the currency commerce and business of the country! Just a ever well satisfied Mr. Spencer may be with his the moment when, by the mere fact of the with-drawal of the hostility of the Government, and own abilities, and peculiar qualifications for the that vis medicalriz natura which is inherent in

It is a subject of rumor, based upon generally he energies of a free, enterprising, and industriaus people, all the business pursuits of the nation, are rogaining their prosperity and activity, and the currency and exchanges of the country, are indcorrect inferences, that the Senate, in its Executive session, adopted a resolution, calling upon the President for information as to the Secretaryship ng their proper and natural level, every thing it of the Treasury, desiring to know whether it is now recard by the nomination of Mr. Spencer to another office. The effect of this may be, the eriments, simply to signalize a remorscless party riumph, in the consummation of a measure open withdrawal of the name of Mr. Spencer : a move ly at war with every great practical interest of the on the part of the President, such as the Secreta

And to this would be added, by a natural and ry of the Treasury's friends ought to consider cessary connexion, and that long train of conkind and politic for him. genial abuses which so ingloriously illustrated the With regard to the rejection of Mr. Henshaw vinistrationmultiplied schenics for extending Executive pow er and Presidential patronage; profuse and prof t should be understood that it was accomplished by no party vote, he having received, as it is said, ligate expenditures of public money; the impuni-ty and protection of faithless public officers, puronly eight roles out of forty-lwo.

Ma. ADAMS will make his report from the Selec chased by merit of their party services; a new brood of defaulters of the Hoyts and the Harrises Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions amining into the Governor's charges against the arace, the entire disappearance of which since of the Massachusetts Locofoco Legislature, in a State Printer, in his annual message, sent him a law is one of the product proofs of the justice. If the Massachusetts Locofoco Legislature, in a

" Where am I to go ?" was once asked by a tatesman, when high in power and milluence, should he then surrender his position, and adhesion to a corrupt faction, at the carnest solicitation of his best friends. He regarded not their strong appeals, but held on until, finally, office and power had to give way to the direct assisting and miscrable intrigues of the factionists he was supporting, by the aid of his gigantic intellect "Where am I to go ?" was still upon his lips,

and he wandered abroad unsatisfied. Like the mariner at sea, when the sky has long been overcast, is forced to appeal to his chart, and anxiously watch his compass, to learn his fire position, and direct his course over the trackless ocean ; so has the great New England statesman, DANIEL WEBSTER, been thus forced to resort to the great political chart, by which he was formerly wont to sail, and to those great and honest principles-the needle of his political compass-by which it was his pride to steer, in order that he might himself learn his thus position, and be able to respond to he interrogatory, " Where am I to go?'

Mr. Webster recently received the distinguished onor, as is well known, of a nomination, to the Presidency, by Ins friends in New Inmpshire, in Convention assembled. To the Committee adv ing him of this friendly regard for his public servi zes, and private worth, no answer has been yet male public; but there are strong indications that his manifest will soon make its appearance, a response to the action of the said convention, inwhich he will give his full free, hearly and carnest sup port of the whig cause, pledging himself not only to able with the nonfination of the Whig National Convention, but to take the field as an active supporter of the candidates it shall present to the party for the Chief Excentive offices.

of the nation. He has counted the costs to himself of his undecided position, and is now ready, I apprehend, to deino.astrate elearly . Where am F to go ?"-Into the bosom of the study party, if he can get there.

The doings of Congress, during the mat week. have been of no great moment, therefore I have not alluded to the subject, but hope to figure inthat line, for your next paper. Your readers; L. know, will not object to a liftle politicaligossip now and then.

A word to you, Mr. Printer, before I close-Please be careful, hereafter, that you do not make ne say or write things I never thought of, as voil lave done heretofore. Among several errors made etween us, in my letter of the 31 inst. you make me libel the fair sex, of whom I was certainly entr aptured at the time, by the omission of the simple word but, in consequence of which I am made to speak of them as living without God in the world, Do be careful in future, my dear Mr. Printer, and. try to make for me as good a reputation as possi-' ble, and not lend your aid towards undermining the tolerably fair one, of right belonging to me. You must not complain of my manuscript, for it is written as legibly as nine denths of the " copy " prepared for the printer, besiden which the writing naster always found me an incorrigible pupil.

RAILEUAN TU THE STERVEUASNA .-- The folowing letter from Mr. Cleaver, an experienced Engincer, confirms the general opinion that a Rail road can be made between this region and the Susquehanna at Sunbury, which can be traversed with Locomotives :

Run's TAVENA, Jan. 17, 1844. Mr. BANNAN :---Dear Sir-I have for some days, with

ti: and imaginative notions long ago, we migh say lots of things about flashing eyes, raven hair, of Philadelphia, who are less tolerant of oppression than any other bar in the State. pearly teeth, dear little feet, &c., &c., but a truce to all such modomontade, say we, and let us talk

scriquely. The music was good-room well dec. orated-refreshments handsomely arranged, and the dancing spirited. Nothing else could be wanted to add to the enjoyment, and the unavoidable consequence was that all parties were satisfied.

GRAHAN'S MAGAZINE .- The publisher ha sent us the February number of this excellent periodical. The embellishments attending this number are more beautiful than any yet published, and must" be seen to be appreciated. The first is an engraving of "Viola" from a painting by Rothermel, and is one of the most perfect and beautiful conceptions we have ever seen. The next, which is a group of dogs and monks of St. Bernard's, is a spirited picture, life-like and rugged .--Mr. Graham spares no expense to make his periodical acceptable and consequently deserves to "Dososina...

Our citizens have quite a musical feast pread out for them in the future. It will be observed by reference to another column that a Concert of vocal and instrumental music will be given on Thursday evening next, at the Town Hall, by the pupils of the Institution for the Blind. We have listened to them heretofore, and do not hesitate in saying to every lover of good music, attend !

PICTORIAE FAMILY BIBLE .- Owing to the very heavy demand which the publishers have had for this work, they have given notice that they will be anable to supply the demand until after the 25th of the present month. In the mean time a copy can be seen at this office.

SINGING .---- By an advertisement in another por tion of the paper, it will be seen that Bellini Smith will give three Concerts in this place, on Janu ary 30th; February 1st, and 3d. Mr. Smith this place, was generally patronized.

"I' We are requested by Mr. Jacob Leib, Constable, to say, that he has removed his residence to Centre street, next door to James Sillyman's store. South Ward, where he will hold himself in readiness to attend to all business pertaining to his office

John P. Rutherford, Doct. E. W. Roberts, ad Christian Erhman, have been selected conbes from Dauphin county, to meet the confers of Schuylkill and Lebanon, for the purpose of jecting a delogate to the National Conven-

USUATESATE ACCIDENT .-- We regret to learn & a man by the name of Jones, was cian, when he died. crushed death yesterday morning by a fall of nes & Haywood's mines, on Mill alato in Creck.

GODER'S Lor's BOOK .-- We have received the February Amber of the Lady's Book. The embellishments to superb and the contributions from the best pen This publication is rapidly progressing apward

BENOVAL-The by to anthorize the removal of the seat of Justice & Columbia county from Danville to Bloomsburghas passed the House of The Delaware Gazetto says the Stato of Dela-Representatives on the third rending by a vote of ware will cast its vote for Gen. Cass in the Nation-65 to 28. al Convention.

TARIFF OR NO TARIFF. The Albany Atlas thus candidly states the relative positions of the two candidates for the Presidency with respect to

the Tariff question : "To this Tariff, in its principle and its detail, Mr. Van Buren has declared himself hostile .tail? Mr. Clay on the other hand, may be considered

as pledged to its support, in principle and de tail.' Let the people choose between them." Here we have it then from the mouth of one of the organs of the party. Mr. Van Buren is against the Tariff-Clay is for it. The one is the advocate of the prostration and ruin of the manufacturing and other great interests of the country-the other supports measures which common sense, and the experience of all ages show to be ound policy.

POSTAGE .- The enormous rates of postage harged by Government on letters, &c., has been the means of creating a number of private express mails in several cities, and the other day we noticed the following paragraph in the Boston Post : "Do our citizens know that they can send their letters to New York city for six cents each, hy leaving them at No. 13 Court street ?- while 18 cents is charged by the Government mail. Private enterprise, this ! " Considering the above as a consequence of the present rates, we do think that it behooves our citizens to stir in the matter and make some exertions to prevent the increase of these private mails by securing a reduction from the proper

LEGAL RIGHTS OF WOMER-It is an honor to the Alabamians, that their State Legislature has taken this matter into serious consideration. A bill has been introduced, securing to married women, the property belonging to them at the time of marriage. By this bill, if passed into a law, they tons. are permitted to purchase property in their own names, but the husband is entitled to the use of the property, and exercises control over it. In case the husband is insolvent, then the property of the

wife is bound for the maintenance of the family, but no farther.

Nor TRUE .- A story has been circulated about for some time past, that Ephraim K, Avery, who was tried and acquitted for the murder of the wreck by ferry boats. Speaking of the affair Miss Cornell, had made a confession, acknowledging the crime. It has since been discovered to be false, as he is living in Massachusetts, quietly pur- the following:

suing the peaceful occupation of tilling the ground. SINGULAR.-Mr. Richard Mackey of Philadelphia, came to his death a few days since, from hemorrhage, caused by violent blowing of his nose The bleeding continued for seventcen hours, not, withstanding every effort on the part of his physi-

Forty .- The Cass men of New York are ma king desperate-almost frantic efforts to force their favourite into the field. Old Tammany has be a faithless, bootless sort of game. Van Buren's hull and cabin parted. The hull sunk and lodged the nag, so let them trot him out !

It is reported that the Navigation Company have reduced the toll to 30 cents from Pottsville, and 25 from Schuylkill Haven. We cannot

youch for the truth of the Report. body looked contented with the change and pleazed

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subpenato appear before them, and to testify on vay has been so variously estimat teresting to have all differences settled by the statement of the superintendent. Under the in-Monday afternoon.

cenvenience of a single track, the inexperience of Nothing of importance a new business, wood fires, &c,, the exact cost has roved to be 46 cents per ton, viz : for deliverin nes to Philadelphia, cturning the empty car. This includes all accilents, repairs, &c., &c., as particularly exempli fied by a statement of the items of expenses in d Inos RAILS .- As the durability of Iron Bails maker 1. A number of the Whigs voted for Mr.

has become a subject of discussion in the papers, Mann. among Engincers and others, we quote the folowing from the Report of Mr. Osborne, Engineer of the Philadelphia and Pottsville Rail Road, made to the Stockholders. Light on this subject s required at present : ubicct

" One fact is worthy of notice in reference t the wear and tear of our iron, about which some pretty wild calculations have been made. From the date of our commencement in 1838 up to the present time, less than two tons of rail-road iron have been used in replacing the bars which have been rejected from the track, owing to the imperfect quality of the iron; yet in this period 847,-030 miles have been run by the engines, 333,000

passengers and about 500,000 tons nett have been transported over the road, which, added to weight of cars, will equal 87,444,101 tons hauled one mile, Taking this as a data, and with the facilities o second track of 60 pounds per yard, I am of c pinion that the transportation of twenty millions of tons will not wear out the rails on the Reading Rail-moad, and render new iron necessary.

nust be borne in mind that, in renewing the rails the old iron, will always command about three fiftlis of the cost of the new," We copy also the following from the Report, which is not generally known : "The tonnage of the last eleven months on th

Reading rail road, with all the disadvantages of a want of sufficient machinery early in the season, already exceeds that of any double or single track rail-road in the country, and, it is believed, that of any single track rait-icad in the world. It amounts as per statement B. to 317,277

DREADFUL SPEAMBOAT AUCIDENT .- The steamboat Shepherdess, whilst on her passage from Cincinnatti to St. Louis a few days since, struck a snag in the river which stove in her planks to such a degree that in asshort space of time she sunk. A number of persons were saved by swimming, and a few got to shore with the yaul. The number drowned (including the Captain) is between 30 and 40; the ballance were taken off of

after she first struck, the St. Louis Republican has "The water rose so rapidly that it soon became necessary-for all to seek sifety upon the huricano deck. The bow was sunk so deep that the only access was by the stern. We believe that all the nmates of the cabin, reached the huricane, roof. After the boat struck the snag, it drifted down the stream, and a few hundred yards below struck mother snag which was far out of water. This threw the boat nearly . on her beam's end on the

larboard side. Drifting from this snag, she again furched to the starboard, and at each lurch several persons washed off. Some of them reached the shore, but many were drowned. A short distance below, the hull struck a bluff bank, which again on a bar above Carondelat, and the cabin floated own to the point of the bar below that place where

it lodged and remains. THURSDAY last was a fine day. The sun shone out clear and bright-the atmosphere was about the right temperature for the season, and every

with the contrast it presented to the former por- notes in that vicinity-of the de

and necessity of the chan was transacted in the

cnate, with the exception of a few private bills. good of the country, sees in it nothing but a job to be administered for the benefit of a party, of Monday, January 15-At 12 o'clock the two Houses met in convention, and re-elected Job which the President is the head and grand Mann, State Treasurer, for the ensuing year .--The vote stood, for Job Mann 105 votes, for Robnoner. Now, I would ask, what is there to be apprehe ert Smith 18, John Gilmore 2, and Edward Shoeded from Mr. Clay's election, which ought

the weight of a feather in the scale, when compaed with the fatal and destructive evils, poisonir the vital elements of republican freedom and vir-SENATE .- The Speaker laid before the Senate tue, as well as the essential sources of national prosperity and happiness, which we have every reason to believe would inevitably follow the recommunication from Sanjuel Patton, proposing o print three years for the Senate for \$11,000. storation of Mr. Van Buren? Referred to the Committee having charge of that

Mr. R. then goes on to say in relation to Tariff that he likes Mr. Clay's creed better than The Committee of Investigation on Printer's than Mr. Van Buren's practice; and with respect Frauds, &c., have had two or three meetings, and to the Bank question, he thinks that if the alterhave made considerable progress in their labors. native of the odious Sub Treasury or a properly The Governor, though subported declines meetguarded National Institution was offerred to the ing with the Committee, but sent in a list of witpeople, there ought to be no hesitation in the cesses whom he requested might be examined. It choice of the latter. As to the distinction of Feds rumored that to-morrow an application will be eralist or Democrat, he thinks Mr. Clay much betmade in Senate for an attachment to compel his ter entitled to the latter appellation than Mr. Van attendance, as he has refused to appear upon eve-Buren. In closing his letter he has the following:

ry request sent to him. EXECUTION OF HORN, THE MURDERER. Adm Horn, alias Hellman, convicted and sentenced for the murder of his wife, Malinda, was executed at Baltimore in pursuance of the sentence, on Sat. urday. Horn evinced a great deal of contrition and penitence, on the day of the execution and was carnestly engaged for a long time previous in prayer, with his spiritual advisers. The Baltimore

Patriot of Saturday has the following description of the execution which we give for the benefit of our readers:

"On reaching the platform, the prisoner kneeled for a few minutes and engaged in prayer. He then arose firmly to his feet, when the cord was placed around his neck, by the Sheriff, the prisonr asisting to adjust it. Being thus prepared, the white cap was drawn over his face, he shook hands

with the clergymen, the warden and Sheriff, when they all descended from the scaffold. The last exssions of the prisoner were that he was prepard and ready to die. A few minutes now clapsed, when the trap fell, ed and ready to die. and the prisoner was launched into eternity. The body fell about four feet before being suspended. After hanging about a minute, convulsion ons of the chest were perceivable; an attempt as if to raise the arms also ensued-three or four struggles with the legs and body followed; and at the expiration of six minutes, all struggling and appearance of suffering had ceased. The body was swung off at 26 minutes before 12 o'clock, and hung until

12 precisely, when it was cut down, and proved lifeless by Dr. Downs, the attending physician of the jail . 11 GEORGIA .- Laws have been passed by the Leg-

islature of Georgia at its recent session which proich a crisis." vide for dividing the State into Congressional dis tricts, and for laying off the State into new Sena-

torial districts. GIRARD BANK .- A meeting of the stockhold ers of this bank is to hold on the 3d of February. to consider the propriety of requiring the business of the bank.

William Hunter was found guilty of Manslaughter, at Sunbury, last week, for the murder of John Vandling. The trial of the others is in progress. 

The Pottstown Tanffits states that two young men have been arrested for passing counterfeit mination of \$5 on the Doylestown Bank.

voice of the people. But it were vain to attempt an enumeration of the teening pluses that must the two-third slave representation, as now authorised by the Constitution, and Mr. Garret Davis ever attend the fundamental heresy of Mr. Van will present the minority report from the same Buren's political system, which, instead of rega ding government as a high and holy trust for t committee, combatting that doctrine. When these

two reports come in, there will, undoubtedly, be a long, ardent, and exciting debate, as the subject opens for discussion a constitutional question, not eriously agitated in Congress of late years, viz ; to have

the Slave representation in Congress. The reports from the Committee on Elections s there will be one from the minority, will probably come in early next week. The majority will, of course, report favorably to the claims' of those demanding scats from the States electing by gen-

eral ticket, on the ground that the act itself, though manditory in its character, is a dead letter, as it is not fully carried out. They, i. c. the majority of the committee, will contend that, Congress, having directed the States to perform a certain act, it was incumbent on it, also, to see, by its own agents that it was complied with. It is an idle and fallacious argument, but the majority are ready to approve, and endorse any thing emanating from

its own ranks, however absurd and ridiculous. The important and valuable letter from the Hon. WILLIAM C. RIVES, United States Senator from "It is impossible for any reflecting man to con-Virginia, in which is forcibly and cloquently given template the actual and prospective condition of the country without sceing in it already the germ of new difficulties and troubles, which may, in their his opinions of certain eminent politicians now filling the eye, and whose names catch the ear of ipproaching development, agitate our glorious Union to its centre. The Oregon and the Texas the public, in connection with the Presidential office, will have some days since reached you, and question in our foreign relations; at home, a deficient revenue, with all its ordinary sources press ed up to their farthest productive limit, and som your readers. It is one among the many importem, there is reason to apprehend, beyond: the it, and significant signs of the times.

tariff controversy re-opened, with all the conflicting interests and passion which are awakened by it; & Mr. Rives has, for a long time, stood in a veryand, also, the rekindled fires of the abolition exciteincertain political position. His attitude towards ment-each of these are questions which carry in their bosom the fearful clements of civil discord the Whig and Locofoco parties, has been equally undefinable-neither claiming him, neither rejectand intestine strife. The worst and most dangering him. Standing thus, he has calmly surveyed ous aspect they present is, that all of them bring into immediate and opposing array, if not into an-gry and hostile collision, the sectional interests and feelings of the different geographical divithe field on which the great battle is to be foughthe principles for which each is to contend-the olitical characters of the two leaders, under sions of the confederacy. Whose, at such a moment, is the master spirit

which the forces are to be marshalled, and now that may have power to still the tising tempest bewithdraws all his support from the Locofoco infore it sweeps with destructive, fury over the face of our yet happy Union, or, should this prove hopeless and impossible, whose the commanding genius 'to' ride the whirlyind and direct the among the Wirlo hosts, that are now panting to do battle for HENNY CLAY. His opinions ought storm?' To preside over the destinies of a great to carry weight and influence with them, and they republic, in a crisis of such complicated difficulty will. The letter commends itself, by the sound, and peril, calls for something more than the arts of the mere party politician. It demands the highest moral and intellectual qualities of the logical deductions therein adduced from the premiscs laid down, as well, also, by its clevated tono statesman-courage, self-poss session, elevation character and elevation of views a nobleness and and character, the calm reasoning which pervades generosity of nature that attract confidence and it, and the singular purity of its style in which can inspire enthusiasm ; the spirit of persuasion the authors sentiments are advanced. It should and the spirit of command combined. Let the he in the hands of every voter in the land. annals of the country, in some of the darkest Tao-- It seems to be the general understanding here, that

ments which have ever lowered upon its fortunes a letter from Hon. Joux C. CALHOUX, will shortbe consulted, and they will answer whether Hen ry Clay or Murtin Van Buren is the man for ly be given to the public, through the South Carolia press, in which he will draw the line that is to divide him and his political friends, from the VAX

MR. VAN GEEZER, whose appointment Postmaster at Pottstown, we noticed last week BUREN branch of the, so called, democratic family. has since been removed from the office and a Loco It is said further, that Mr. Calhoun will be found to take strong grounds in the forthcoming named Sellers, appointed in his place. He was superceded just one week after his appointment, letter, against the Baltimore Loco Foco Convenas soon, it is supposed, as the news of his being a tion, denouncing it as based on the wrong princi-

with a gun-Rich. Star. BLUE WITH HIS HEAD ON, Corporal Streeter,

atant

was the other day in Richmond-cause, a jug!

and the store of Mrs. Farrell, in Millington, Kent county, Md., ware destroyed by fire on the 8th innaking a survey, of a contemplated Rail Road, rom Shamokin to Pottsville, or to Minersville. Owing to the unfavorable state of the weather. chave been greatly retarded in our progress, but have collected sufficient data to establish me in the opinion, that we can cross the Broad Mountain by means of a small tunnel, about one mile west of this place, at a level near 250 feet lower than

the Broad Mountain Sumpit of the Danville and Pottsville Rail Road; and, that the entire Road can be located without inclined planes and of grades traversable by locomotive steam engines. I have not as yet mail sufficient exploration of the South decent of Brand Mountain to determine where will be the most favorable point to connect with the Rail Roads of the Schuylkill region. I am with respect, &c.,

KIMBER CLEAVER.

The Locofocos Members of the Legislature celebrated the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans on the 8th instruct Harrisburg. Among the toasts we find the following from Senator Hughes: " The Hon. Henry A. Muhlenberg-One of the

Aids of Andrew Jackson in his victory over the late Bank of the United States. [Round after round of applause.]"

There were seven Shank, and only two Mullen, berg toasts given at this celebration.

Brother Masser of the Sunbury American, makes which, of course, you will not fail to present to anity a funny mistake in his last. Speaking of the new survey from Bhamokin to this place, he says "the engineer and his corpse" instead of his corps. A grave error that; brother ! and one that

set us coffin with laughter. THAT COMET has been seen again somewhere in the neighborhood of New Haven, Conn. Its neuclus is well defined and it has a tail about ten degrees in length. Those fellows down there are. great at discovering phenomena.

A Geological survey of the State of South Carolina is about to be undertaken by Mr. Toomey. surgents, in order, at once, to enroll himself of Petersburg, Va.

> A late decree of the government of Mexico levios a heavy monthly tax on distilleries of ardent spirits.

The number of new buildings crected in Boston during the past year was 1115, a larger num ber than was creeted in any previous year. We learn from the Columbia (Pa.) Spy that the Susquehanna River at that place has been frozen over since Tuesday last.

NEAR ORWIGSBURG, Jan. 16, 1844. BENJAMIN BANNAN,

Dear Sir :- A friend having called my atntion to the state of the Thermometer, as furaished for publication, under date of 4th inst. I indertook a re-examination, and the result was that I found the statement entirely correct, except the celebrated second day of June, which so completely cut up regitation. How I came to overlook that I cannot say, it should have been noted. lowest 30, instead of 46. It will not alter the av-

rage Very respectfully,

"What are the yays of Providence!" said a Sunday School Teacher in Albany, to a little boy in his class the other day. Railroad to Boston and steamboat to New York. enswered the urchin.

L.W.

While these demonstrations are taking place o mong the eminent individuals named, there is still another from whom a like committal to measures,

principles and men, may be shortly looked for.

-its members coming direct from the people, under the district system. The dwelling and store of Mt. Thomas Walken,

Whig could be carried to the Department.

ple of representation, and recommending the call of another Convention, organized on the pure dem-BLEW HIS HEAD OFF. A man did, in St. Louis, ocratic principle, for which the Whigs contend,