

POTTSVILLE. Saturday Morning, Feb. 7, 1846.

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LEGISLATIVE.

The Senate has been principally occupied since our last in considering the bill giving the right of way through the southern part of the State, to the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company.

A provision has been inserted in case it should pass, having the company fifteen cents on each ton of merchandise, and twenty cents of every passenger taken over the road.

A large number of petitions for and against granting the right of way, have been presented.

On the 3rd a communication was received from the Board of Canal Commissioners, in relation to the propriety and expense of constructing an outlet lock, and increasing the size of the locks on the Delaware Division of the Pennsylvania Canal.

The Board incline to the opinion that Wells Falls would be the most favorable location for an outlet lock, if the Legislature should determine to construct one.

The following bills were reported by the appropriate Standing Committees.

The bill supplemental to the act incorporating the Farmers' Bank of Schuylkill county, was taken up and passed.

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THE TARIFF.

The Resolutions, requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to oppose all attempts to repeal or modify the Tariff act of 1842, which enabled the Senate unanimously to meet with considerable opposition in the House.

They have now been before that body for two weeks and have given rise to much discussion as to the effect that the Tariff has upon the different branches of industry.

The correspondent of the Philadelphia North American, shows the advantage derived by Pennsylvania from the present Tariff in the following letter:

The tariff resolutions are now under discussion in the House of Representatives, and although they will pass by a nearly unanimous vote to instruct our Senators and request our Representatives in Congress to oppose the modification of the Tariff of 1842, yet they are opposed by three members of the New York House, on the ground that the present tariff is injurious to agriculture!

It is singular that three poor barren counties, prolific in nothing but shingles, hoop poles and demagogues, should have made the discovery, and that the indignation arising from the rich agricultural districts have not been more loudly proclaimed!

All Pennsylvania, except the shingle district, feels interested in creating and maintaining a HOME MARKET, for the products of agriculture, from the fact that every man engaged in manufacturing is a farmer in the true sense of the word, and a supporter of agriculture.

For the purpose of exhibiting this truth in its proper light, the following is copied from the census tables of 1840, taken by the Marshals, for the year 1839:

Table with 2 columns: Persons, 207,333. Excess in Agriculture, 81,709.

The encouragement given by the Tariff of 1842 to our manufacturers, to the coal trade, and the commerce on the canals, made possible the increase of population, and by increasing the home market, has increased the value of lands as well as their products.

The iron manufacture, and the mining and shipping of coal, has more than doubled, and it is probable that the amount of iron and manufactures has proportionally increased.

The following is the amount of Anthracite and Bituminous Coal, carried upon the State Works, for six successive years:

Table with 2 columns: 1840, 196,480 tons; 1841, 266,000 tons; 1842, 275,993 tons; 1843, 313,993 tons; 1844, 379,791 tons; 1845, 429,791 tons.

About one fourth of the coal mined in the State, passed over the State Works, and yet the amount this year is nearly equal to the whole trade in 1836.

If the tariff remains undisturbed, the time is not distant when the toll upon coal and iron, will pay the interest upon the State debt.

I have not the means of ascertaining the amount of bituminous coal which has been mined from year to year, and sent to market, but the anthracite coal trade is well ascertained.

The value of the whole anthracite coal trade in 1841, was \$1,000,000. The following shows the increase every five years -

Table with 2 columns: 1821, 1,073 tons; 1825, 4,504 tons; 1830, 116,820 tons; 1835, 682,428 tons; 1841, 1,015,214 tons; 1845, 2,068,978 tons.

This trade, the increase of which is unparallelled in any other branch of our industry, has peopled our mountains with an industrious and thriving population; built up towns and villages; created a large coasting trade; and is annually bringing \$8,000,000 into our Commonwealth, to be expended in the purchase of foreign manufactures.

The iron manufacture is not less important. In 1835 Pennsylvania manufactured about one third of the amount of iron produced in the State. She now manufactures more than one half.

In 1839, the manufacture was 98,395 tons; in 1842, 113,237 tons; in 1845, not less than 230,000 tons.

As far as we can learn, the trade here, generally, is in favor of the privilege being granted.

We publish the following communication, comprising of the manner in which the public schools of our region are conducted, from a gentleman who recently visited several of them. We have no doubt that the means resorted to for the punishment of children are sometimes unreasonably severe.

We have in mind of one case where a teacher forced a child, who had behaved improperly, to lie upon the floor, while the other scholars walked up and wiped their feet upon him! It seems almost incredible that such a circumstance could have taken place, but it was related to us as a fact.

We hope that such occurrences are rare, and we publish the communication for the purpose of calling the attention of the directors of the schools of the county, being certain that it is only necessary for them to know that abuses exist, to ensure their speedy correction.

My dear Sir - On a late excursion through a portion of Schuylkill county, various circumstances, which induced me to draw my attention to the question whether, indeed there is not something very wrong in the government of some of our public schools, I have known and observed, which I have endeavored to well indicate, the kind and moral influence which the teachers exert, being so strong that, compared with but very seldom called for, but I know that it is not so in some other cases, and while I firmly believe that there is a class of children, who are very much influenced by the fact of their knowing that the teacher has the power of inflicting punishment, and fear of pain by no means contributes to the perversion of the child, I am equally persuaded that there are other cases where the rod is applied without proper discrimination, and, where consequently, much injury is done.

Allow me to add, that I make these remarks, not by any means because I believe that they contain anything very new, but because I am convinced that the attention of our people should be directed as much as possible to the question of education in its various bearings, in order to suggest improvements where they seem necessary.

While upon the subject of the Public Schools, we may state that at a recent meeting of the Directors, for the purpose of electing teachers for our township schools, there were not applications enough to enable the Directors to select the required number of male teachers, and the meeting was adjourned without an election. We make the statement hoping that it may induce competent persons to apply for situations, as teachers of the male schools. None but competent persons need apply.

To WASH COLLEGE. - Infuse three gills of salt in four quarts of boiling water; and put the calcined iron, white hot, and leave it till cold. And in this way, the color is rendered permanent, and will not fade by subsequent washing. So says an exchange, on the authority of a lady who has often tried the recipe.

NEW MODE OF GENERATING STEAM.

A French engineer, M. Leonard, now in London, has discovered an exceedingly simple means of generating steam, which he has patented in England, and which he has taken out a patent, in that of putting whole or other fish oil into the boiler unoxidized, or with more or less water.

When the oil is put into a boiler unoxidized, or with more or less water, the oil is heated, and the steam is produced as fast as required by the machine, without the oil passing off in vapor, or decomposing. Various experiments have been made and the saving in fuel is stated at from forty to fifty per cent.

A BLACK MAN'S RECIPE FOR COOKING RICE IN HIS OWN WORDS. - Wash him well - much washed in cold water - the rice flour make him stiff, wash all quite away. - Water should already be hot. - Throw rice in - can burn, water shake him so much. - Put quarter of an hour or more. - Rub one rice in thumb and finger; if all rub away, quit rice done. - Put rice in colander - hot water in colander - keep him covered near the fire till rice all ready. - Bat him up. - This mode of cooking rice is said to be excellent.

PLUNKETT LODGED. - A stated meeting of Philadelphia Lodge No. 216, will be held on Monday evening, Feb. 7, 1846, at 7 o'clock. The subject to be discussed is, "The Rights of the Poor." By order of the W. M.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES. - The 23rd of January, at 8 o'clock, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, in this borough, on Sabbath afternoon at 2 o'clock, and at 6 o'clock P. M.

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES OF THE COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL, FOR THE YEAR 1845.

Henry Shoemaker, Treasurer, in Account with Schuylkill County, from the sixth day of January, 1845, to the third day of January, 1846, both days inclusive.

January 1, 1845, to balance due on settlement of 1844, \$2,728 01.

To cash received for tax on Unincorporated Land, 997 27.

To do for land sold in 1844, 26 19.

To do for returning land sold to Commissioners, 2,981 62.

To do for collecting land sold to individuals, 21 56.

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Total amount due the County, \$33,574 91.

THE HONORABLE THE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

The undersigned, Auditors of the county of Schuylkill, respectfully report that we have audited, settled and adjusted the accounts of the Commissioners and the Treasurer of the county of Schuylkill, for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1845, and in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 5th day of January, 1846.

JOHN CLAYTON, MICHAEL BRETHERTON, CHARLES BRETHERTON, Auditors.

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