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The Country demands its restoration.

For President,
General ZACHARY TAYLOR;
Subject to the Decision of the Whig National Convention.

SPLENDID PREMIUMS!

ENLARGEMENT OF THE JOURNAL!

At the commencement of the New Year, the *Miners' Journal* will undergo a thorough improvement, and be enlarged to the size of the largest-class Journals,—making an addition of nearly *seven columns*, and will contain more matter than any paper in the State of Pennsylvania, the *North American* of Philadelphia only excepted. Ample arrangements have been entered into, to make it one of the most interesting and useful family and business Journals in the State, and no expense or pains shall be spared to attain the object in view. This will enable us to give more news-matter and additional facilities for the accommodation of our greatly increasing advertising-custom, a portion of which we have been compelled to refuse for several months past from the want of room; at the same time that it will enable us to pursue the plan adopted heretofore, of giving the same quantity of news and miscellaneous reading, each week, without regard to encroachments upon advertisements—a feature peculiar to this Journal only, and of much benefit to the reader and the advertiser; because the paper is thus sought after by the general-reader, its circulation extended, and, as a consequence, greater publicity given to the advertisements.

There is another feature in this Journal which is peculiar to it alone. The reading matter is arranged under different *heads*, on *all* the pages of the paper, which is of great advantage to advertisers. It induces the reader to glance over the *whole paper* weekly, and, consequently, none of the advertisements *are lost sight of*. They are therefore just as *new* on the outside pages as they would be on the inner ones.

Any person sending us four responsible names as subscribers to the *Miners' Journal* for 1848, at the rate of $2 per year, will receive a copy of Sears' celebrated book, the *Wonders of the World*, splendidly bound in cloth, and containing upwards of 200 fine engravings—retail price $2,50.

Any Post Master, or other person, who will procure us fifteen subscribers, shall receive a copy of the most elegant Annual published in the United States for 1848, or any other Book of equal value he may select.

This will be a fine opportunity for those who may want a handsome present for the holidays. It will require but little exertion for any person to procure the highest number named.

Any person procuring us one subscriber, accompanied with the cash, shall receive a copy of any of the popular novels, usually sold at twenty-five cts.

For any number of subscribers between four and fifteen, a book or annual of proportional value will be given as a Premium.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

This is the 25th day of December—the most important date of time between the world and its Creator. On this day was born the Saviour of mankind—the Mediator between fallen man and the Infinite God—the gate which divides Centuries from Eternity, and through which, as is promised, whosoever knocketh shall pass into life and glory everlasting! The day thus sanctified, is celebrated in Heaven as well as upon earth;—and if it is worthy to be commemorated by angels, how much more so is it to man. Standing at the close of the year it becomes, as it were, a bar where all mankind annually meet each other. And no time is so fitting for the weary traveller to halt, and like a ship-wrecked mariner cast upon a solitary rock in the ocean, against which the waves dash in harmless fury, and where naught but the troubled waters and the broad canopy of Heaven meet his eye—it is proper that he should halt from his labors, and previous to greeting the new destiny which awaits him, direct his thoughts to Him who sees all, knows all, and for every grievance has a balm, and for every sore has a healing-medicine! Let the wicked search their hearts, and feel that when 1848 arrives, a new career will arrive with it—that it will be the first step to eternal bliss, and every succeeding year will place him higher—higher—nearer to God.

This is advice that will hurt no one, and on a day which has received the devotion of millions of people, it is all that remains for us to say. Much however, remains yet to be *done*.

The poet's offering, *The Visit of St. Nicholas*, is as time-honored as custom can render it—it is, in fact a part of Christmas itself, and we therefore append it:

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all thro' the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced through their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just nestled our brains for a long winter nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter;
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters 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 wandering eyes should appear
But a minature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
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 by name,
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! now, Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blixen—
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!"
As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky,
So, up to the housetop, the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas too,
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof,
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof,
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound;
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.
His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow;
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face, and little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his fingers aside of his nose;
And giving a nod up the chimney he rose,
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 him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

☞ *Cassius M. Clay* reached his residence in Lexington, Ky. a few days ago, and was greeted with the most enthusiastic demonstration of respect by his neighbors. The bells were rung, the streets crowded, and speeches made—and in the course of Mr. C.'s remarks he stated that his political principles had undergone no change!

☞ *The ten hour System.*—Many meetings have been held recently, in and near Philadelphia, in favor of laws limiting the duration of daily labor. The operatives take a lively interest in the matter.

☞ *John Quincy Adams.*—The Editor of the Boston *Atlas*, writing from Washington, contradicts on "reliable authority" the statement that Mr. Adams is in favor of the acquisition of all Mexico. There is no foundation for the rumor.

☞ *During the last week* we have been visited with snow and cold weather.

☞ *Anthracite Coal for Locomotives.*—The use of Anthracite Coal for Locomotives on railroads instead of wood, has long been anxiously desired by persons interested: but every attempt to introduce it heretofore, if it did not result in positive failure, at least proved inexpedient in most cases. The principal difficulty has been the intense heat which is distributed along the sides of the fire-box, by the strong draft which the usual speed of the Locomotive gives to the fire,—the coal is thus soon melted, and gathering into a mass of clinker upon the grate, not only destroys the grate very frequently, but stops the draft and extinguishes the fire.

This difficulty is likely to be overcome by an improvement of Wm. G. Hennis of this Borough—for which he has secured letters patent, and received the sanction of Scientific persons, who have examined it. The invention consists of an endless-grate revolving upon rollers at each end of the fire-box, with racket-wheels upon the outside to enable the fireman to turn the grate whenever desirable. The coal may be thus shifted from time to time, and the grate kept comparatively cool;—and the trilateral position of the coal, which, by a lever at one of the sides of the grate-wheel, may also be elevated or lowered, so as to throw out accumulated cinders, will save the sides of the fire-box by *generalizing* the heat, instead of concentrating it by draft along the sides.

☞ *If the reader*, in his or her perambulations through our columns this morning, should say to him or herself: "*Pooh! there is nothing in it,*" let it be understood that we do not every week receive mammoth presses, nor leads, cuts, column rules, &c., wherewith to throw our usually quiet sanctim into Babylonian excitement and confusion. And let it be added, too, (confidentially, however,) that we have been marshalling our forces during all this confusion for a grand salute to the New Year, when the best distillations of the brain, (which *Iago's* fancy could not rule,) will be drummed out from their quarters by the *reveille* scratches of the pen; placed in phalanx and companies under suitable cap-*tions*; and elegantly equipped in all the regalia of rules, asterisks, and heads, to be thus paraded before the admiring gaze of the public, and by them reviewed. With this explanation, then, we consign the last number of the present volume with the year now going out. At the dawn of the new year we shall meet again, enlarged and improved, and perhaps wiser for the experience of the past. Till then, *addio.*

☞ *The Philadelphia Inquirer* calls attention to the necessity which exists of altering the usury laws in this state. In the present state of the money market, when funds are actively sought by the business community, large sums of money are attracted from us to N. York and other states where the legal rates of interest are higher than our own. There are some men, too, who entertain conscientious scruples against receiving higher rates of interest than those established by law, and who do not feel justifiable in discounting at home for six per cent., while a few miles distant *seven per cent.* could as readily be obtained. From this cause, a large amount of capital is kept in a state of "masterly inactivity," and when funds are actually *worth* seven or eight per cent. we see no reason why the law should not allow it.

☞ *A friend at Washington* writes us that there is little doubt of the postage-law being so modified at the present session of Congress as to meet the approbation of the country-press.

He adds: I have no doubt but that Congress will put some limit to the extent, character, and nature of the Mexican war, but that limit *may be* on the other side of the Mexican boundary! There is no telling, &c.

Taylor stock, he adds, is on the rise, which is vastly alarming to the Locos. It is thought by some that business will call the old War Horse to Washington.

Our friend takes exception to the term "dignified" which we applied to Mr. Polk's message. However untrue and ill-founded some of the positions assumed in the document, its tone nevertheless struck us as being dignified, in the sense of the *word*—for a man can be dignified, and a *dignitary*, too, and yet promulgate the most erroneous and false statements!

☞ *A Robber Arrested.*—A colored porter at the American Hotel in this Borough, named William Street, was arrested on Thursday last, on the charge of having stolen a pocket-book, containing money and valuable papers, from Mr. Geo. W. Pearson, of Pinegrove, who was lodging at the hotel. Fifteen dollars were identified and recovered, but the remainder of the money, whatever the amount, could not be found on his person, and a note for $50 in favor of Mr. P. together with some other papers, it is supposed have been destroyed. The robber was taken before a Justice of the Peace, and committed to the county-prison to await trial. During his examination a pistol, heavily charged with slugs, was found upon his person.

☞ *Port Richmond*, near Philadelphia, is increasing in business and population at an extraordinary rate. During the past year upwards of one hundred and thirty houses have been erected within its limits, most of them stands for business, and three and four stories in height. Port Richmond is the great depot for the coal of this region, and its past greatness has been mainly achieved through this great interest of our State. It will not be long before it will take a stand, as a commercial emporium, with the most important cities of the Union.

☞ *Judge Barton's Lecture.*—The Lecture of this gentleman on Thursday evening, for the benefit of the Second M. E. Church of this Borough, attracted a numerous auditory, of whom a large portion were ladies. The lecture itself was a remarkable production—a rich intellectual treat, teeming with brilliant flashes of imagery and genuine humor; terse with substantial Truth; powerful in profound and vigorous thought; learned in historical data,—and embracing, throughout, a diction at once peculiar and pleasing.

☞ *Gen. Pillow*, it appears, was recently arraigned before a Court of Inquiry, and found guilty of appropriating to his personal effects, as trophies, two Mexican canons, which rightfully should have been turned over to the government. The Court was of opinion that exposure of the facts was sufficient punishment, and a court-martial was therefore set aside.

☞ *Edwin W. Hutter, Esq.* late of the State Department at Washington, has taken charge of the *Intelligencer* at Lancaster, Mr. May retiring. Mr. H. is a vigorous writer, and will no doubt restore the *Journal* to the high position it occupied when Col. Forney left it. We wish him pleasant dreams, as 'tis said, &c.

☞ *The railroad track* in Market street in this Borough, has been taken up.

☞ *The Boston Forgery*, which was noticed in our columns a few weeks since, has excited additional interest within the last few days, by the return of Mr. Miller, the supposed forger, and the disappearance of Mr. Bellknap, the accuser. No one has molested the former, and it is believed by many that the whole affair has been brought about by some indirection in which the character of neither of the parties is involved, at all—especially as they are both in affluent circumstances, excellent credit, and well advanced in years. The mystery will no doubt be solved in a few days.

☞ *The Wilmot Proviso.*—A member of the Alabama Legislature has introduced into that body, resolutions declaring that under no circumstances will they recognize as binding any enactment of Congress, which has for its object the prohibition of Slavery in any territory to be acquired either by conquest or treaty, South of the Missouri compromise. They denounce the act passed by the Legislature of our State last winter, with regard to runaway slaves, as unconstitutional, &c. and as dangerous to the interests of slave-holding States, if it were adopted by the Federal government, as the Wilmot proviso itself.

☞ *Small Notes.*—A correspondent calls attention to the expediency of the next Legislature of our State adopting some measures, to relieve the wants of the business-public for notes of small denominations. The relief notes have been nearly all withdrawn from circulation, and our State is now surfeited with the paper of the Banks of adjoining States, of whose condition and resources holders are generally ignorant. It would be well, no doubt, for the Legislature to take some action on the subject, as the inconvenience is one of serious character, and universally felt.

☞ *Gen. Taylor and Mr. Clay.*—While at New Orleans, General Taylor expressed the warmest admiration and friendship for Mr. Clay, but observed that he dissented with some of the views expressed in his recent great speech. It is stated that *in the main* he agrees with him—but in regard to taking and holding a line in Mexico, his views are very similar to those held by Mr. Calhoun.

☞ *The Philadelphia News* says of Wheelock, of the Red Curtain in Market Street, that he is a genius, and no mistake. Besides doing a great business in the way of cheese and crackers, sweetmeats and ginger pop, he publishes a very interesting paper on very reasonable terms. The terms are: to Gentlemen, one cent,—to Ladies, *one smile*, payable on delivery! Success, say we, to Wheelock!

☞ *South Carolina Electoral Bill.*—On Monday of last week, the South Carolina House of Representatives decided upon giving the election of Electors of President and Vice President to the people, upon the general ticket system, by a vote of yeas 64, nays 54. The bill was sent to the Senate, and there rejected by a vote of 17 to 23. It is consequently lost.

☞ *Mons. Vattemare has*, it is said, discovered in the office of the Secretary of State of New York, a number of valuable documents and manuscripts, some of which Mr. Brodhead was recently sent to Europe for the purpose of obtaining, under the belief that they were there. The original charter of Trinity Church, New York, granted by Queen Anne, was among them.

☞ *J. Henry Adam, Esq.* we are pleased to learn, has accepted the invitation of the Pottsville Senatorial-Society, to deliver a Lecture before that body on Friday or Saturday evening next. We have not heard the subject of his Lecture mentioned, but have entire confidence in the ability of Mr. A. to handle, in an accomplished manner, any theme he may select.

PROCEEDINGS OF COURT.

In addition to the cases published last week, in this paper, the following cases were tried and disposed of:

Charles Miller and Elizabeth Miller, disorderly house. Verdict not guilty. County for costs.

Anthony Hohenher, charged with larceny. Ignoramus. County to pay costs.

Bridget Oliver, also charged with larceny. Ignoramus. County to pay costs.

Patrick Hannigan, also charged with larceny. Ignoramus. County to pay costs.

George Auber, also charged with larceny. Ignoramus. County to pay costs.

Abraham Whetstone, charged with the crime of rape. Ignoramus.

George Sechler, tippling and disorderly house. Verdict not guilty, and the prosecutor. Michael Carrigan, to pay the costs.

Patrick Hollahan, charged with murder. Bill Ignoramus.

Mary Enis, larceny. Verdict not guilty.—County for costs.

Peter Shantz, assault and battery. Plead guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of $1, the costs of prosecution, and 30 days imprisonment in the county goal.

Michael McGuire and William Welsh, larceny of two horses, the property of Thomas Dornan. Verdict not guilty. County to pay costs.

John Sorah, assault and battery. Verdict not guilty, but the defendant to pay costs. Sentenced to pay the costs.

Francis Sullivan, Larceny of rail road iron.—Verdict guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of 6 cts. the costs of prosecution and imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary for 1 year and 3 months.

John Gannon, indicted for receiving goods under false pretences. Verdict guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of $1, costs of prosecution, and imprisonment in county goal for 4 months.

Patrick Sullivan and Jeremiah Sullivan, assault and battery. Bill Ignoramus. Prosecutor, John R. Osborn, to pay the costs.

John Brennen, assault and battery. Ignoramus. Thomas Large, the prosecutor to pay the costs.

Charles Ellet and Ellwood Morris, officers of the Schuylkill Navigation Co. were presented by the Grand Jury, for creating a Nuisance in Schuylkill Haven, by enlarging the canal through that Borough, by means whereof, the water was *backed* into the cellars along canal street, and in some of the lots and streets of said Borough, and there stagnating, producing an offensive *miasma* prejudicial to the health of the inhabitants. After two days spent in hearing the evidence on both sides, the parties finally effected a settlement, the Navigation Co. agreeing to drain the water from the cellars, streets, &c.

Michael Brennan and Margaret Brennan, accessory before the fact of the murder of John Reese. Verdict not guilty. County to pay costs of prosecution.

George Nathans, who was tried last week for robbery, and convicted, was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and imprisoned in Eastern Penitentiary for 1 year and 11 months.

Thomas Kennedy, convicted of keeping a tippling house, was sentenced to pay a fine of $40 and costs of prosecution.

Elias Haldeman, convicted of the same offence, was sentenced to pay a fine of $30, and costs of prosecution.

John Santee, convicted of larceny. Sentenced to 30 days imprisonment in the county goal, and to pay the costs of prosecution.

I notice an error in last week's paper, relative to the case of the Com. *vs.* Adam Eiler. The Jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and Edward Spangler, the prosecutor, to pay the cost of prosecution. It would be an act of justice to Eiler to have the error rectified, as it must be inferred from the report of last week's proceeding, that the jury intended to punish him, by making him pay his own costs.

ANTI-REMOVAL MEETING.

At a meeting held in pursuance of a public call, at the Court House, in Orwigsburg, on Saturday the 18th inst. *Peter F. Ludwig, Esq.* was appointed chairman; Henry Fare and John Maurer, Vice Presidents; Henry Voute and Henry Hoy, Secretaries.

On motion of Charles Frailey, Esq. the following Preamble and Resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted by the meeting.

Whereas, a want of confidence in the constitutionality of the Removal Act, passed 13th March, 1847, recent suggestions that appeared in the Pottsville newspapers, and other movements of the friends of removal, leave no doubt upon our minds that it is the intention of the citizens of Pottsville, immediately upon the meeting of the next Legislature, to apply for the passage of a positive law, authorising the Removal of the Seat of Justice from Orwigsburg to Pottsville, containing provisions in reference to the payment of the costs of the erection of the Court House and Public Offices, in direct opposition to the provisions contained in the removal act, which was submitted to the people of this County at the last election.

And whereas, we firmly believe that the passage of any law of such a character would be highly improper and oppressive, and if proper representations be made to the representatives of the people, as to its effects upon the tax-payers of this county, no such law can or will receive the sanction of that body. And that for the purpose of making the necessary preparations of defence be it

Resolved, That Charles Frailey, Esq. Henry Hoy, and Frederick Beck, be a committee to prepare the necessary remonstrances against the passage of any further law on the subject of the question of removal of the Seat of Justice from Orwigsburg to Pottsville.

Resolved, That Christopher Loeser, William B. Potts; and John Bannan, Esqs., be a committee to prepare and bring before the Supreme Court of this State, at the earliest possible period, the question of the constitutionality of the removal act; passed March 13th, 1847.

Resolved, That Gen. John M. Bickel be the Treasurer of the voluntary fund, which may be collected for the purpose of defraying the expenses which may be incurred in bringing the subject of removal before the Supreme Court, for their adjudication; and for the purpose of attending to this subject before the legislature during the next session.

Resolved, That the following named persons be appointed to procure the signatures of the friends of this measure, in the several Townships and Boroughs in this County, and that all voluntary subscriptions paid to them, according to the third resolution, be paid over to the Treasurer appointed by this meeting. For

Union—Daniel Zimmerman, Benjamin Lentzer. *Rush*—Jacob Lindner, Wm. Kaup. *Tamaqua*—Wm. B. Lebo, Jas. Taggart. *Schuylkill*—S. Ringer, Esq., Daniel Madeport. *West Penn*—S. Zimmerman, J. Mantz. *East Brunswig*—H. Sassaman, Samuel Leininger, Daniel B. Kershner and S. Morborger. *West Brunswig*—C. Zoller, H. Fahl, Geo. Moser and Jos. Albright. *Port Clinton*—Samuel Boyer. *South Manheim*—Gabriel Miller, Esq. *Orwigsburg*—Geo. D. Boyer, Jos. Bensinger. *North Manheim*—Chas. Moser, George Deibert, F. Beck, and S. Martz. *Schuylkill Haven*—Daniel Saylor, Jacob Rahn and John Shoemaker. *Wayne*—Geo. Kutz, Jac. Hehn, Peter Kutz, Paul Lengle. *Pinegrove Township*—Jacob Snyder, H. Zimmerman. *Pinegrove*—John Strimpfler and L. Reeser, Esq. *Porter*—Wendel Hautz, David Heberling, Esq. *Lower Mahantango*—F. Swalm, J. Kaufman, P. Zerbe and Mr. Haurer. *Upper Mahantango*—Geo. Hartlein, H. Heintzleman, William Stitzer. *Barry*—J. Kimmel, F. Dengler, F. Yarnal.—*Llewellyn*—H. Bressler, N. Hoch. *Minersville*—Jacob Werner, Moses Weiser.

Resolved, That until the question of the constitutionality of the Removal Law be finally determined by the Supreme Court, or until further legislation be had, warranting the removal of the Seat of Justice from Orwigsburg to Pottsville, we most respectfully request our County Commissioners to do no act involving the payment of any of the county funds.

On motion of Mr. Potts, a committee of fourteen persons were appointed to use all honorable exertions in opposition to any further legislation on the subject of removal:—W. B. Potts, Esq., C. Frailey, Henry Voute, John M. Bickel, Henry Krebs, Jacob Huntzinger, Jr., John Strimpfler, Peter Kutz, Esq., Abraham Heebner, George Moser, Peter F. Ludwig, Benjamin Bensinger, D. Boyer, and George Rahn, Esq., with power to fill vacancies, should any occur.

Resolved, That these proceedings be signed by the officers, and published in all the papers in the county.

LATER FROM MEXICO.

The North American received by special express from New Orleans on Tuesday last, two days in advance of the mail, later intelligence from Mexico, from which we extract the following:

Gen. Anaya was elected President of Mexico on the 11th November. His present term extends only to the 8th of January next. He is known to be in favor of peace, as also the Cabinet officers whom he appointed. One of the first acts of the new administration was to send for Mr. Trist, to re-open negotiations for peace. Mr. Trist's powers had been revoked prior to the arrival of the committee appointed, and it is therefore presumed that the application has been referred to our government at Washington.

A report prevailed at Vera Cruz that Gen. Worth, Gen. Pillow, and Lieut. Col. Duncan had been arrested by General Scott, for letters purporting to have been written by them, reflecting on the Commander in Chief. The rumor was not generally credited.

Santa Anna has assumed the command of the army in Oajaca. He says that he was deprived of the command by Pena y Pena, in order that the latter might find no obstacles in making peace with the Americans. He avows his determination to oppose any negotiation for peace with the American forces occupying any portion of the Mexican territory.

Senor Otero brought forward his proposition in the Mexican Congress, for depriving the Executive of the power to alienate any part of the territory of the Republic by a treaty of peace. The proposition was rejected by a large majority, which is deemed a very favorable omen.

The trains of Gen. Patterson and Butler were on their way from Jalapa to Mexico, on the 2nd ultimo. Gen. Scott will soon have a force of from twenty to twenty-five thousand.

☞ *A Remarkable Aerolite.*—On the 14th July last, a remarkable aerolite fell at Brannan, in Bohemia. Two fragments were found, one weighing fifteen the other twenty-one kilogrammes. The aerolite appeared to proceed, as is very often the case, from a small black cloud. The smaller fragment fell upon a house, pierced the roof, struck a beam which caused it to deviate slightly from its course, passed through a ceiling composed of white clay and straw, and entered a room where several persons were assembled, but, fortunately, no one was hurt. A circumstance worthy of remark was, that the straw of the ceiling traversed by the meteor was not in the least carbonized; it only appeared of a brighter yellow, with semi-metalic lustre; pieces of straw even adhering to the stone presented no trace of carbonization. A fragment has been analyzed by M. Fishers, of Breslau, who found in it, besides sulphureted iron, carbon, phosphorus, and *Bromine*. In sawing the mass, globules were inflamed by the friction of the teeth of the saw, and a bright light produced.—*Literary Gazette.*

☞ *What next?*—It appears that a young lady hailing from Philadelphia, has made her appearance in one of the medical lecture rooms in Boston. The Medical *Journal* of that city says: "Miss Blackwell made her appearance in the lecture room about two weeks ago. She is a pretty little specimen of the feminine gender, registering her age at 26, her tutor, Professor Dickinson, of South Carolina, now Professor of Theory and Practice of Medicine in the New York University. She comes into the class with great composure, takes off her bonnet and puts it under the seat, (exposing a fine phrenology,) takes notes constantly, and maintains throughout an unchanged countenance. The effect on the class has been good, and great decorum is observed while she is present. She wrote a capital letter when she applied for admission, and brings recommendations from eminent physicians of Philadelphia." Miss Blackwell should confine her practice when admitted to diseases of the *heart*. Verily we are living in a progressive age.

☞ *Dedication at St. Clair.*—The new hall of the Sons of Temperance at St. Clair, will be dedicated to the purposes of the order this day, at 12 o'clock. A Bible will be presented to the Division by the ladies of St. Clair, through Rev. Mr. Williams, and received in behalf of the Division by Mr. Enoch Jones. J. C. Neville, Esq. of this Borough, will pronounce an address at the ceremony of dedication.

☞ *Catholics in this Country.*—The whole Catholic population of the United States is estimated at 1,190,700—of which there are three Archbishops, twenty-four Bishops, eight hundred and ninety Priests, and nine hundred and seven churches. During the year now closing, ninety-five additional churches have been erected, and seventy-six priests added to the church.

☞ *Edwin Forest, Esq.*, the tragedian, is building a magnificent edifice, in Gothic style, on the banks of the Hudson, New-York. The estimated cost of the building is $50,000, and $10,000 for furniture, beside an additional sum for a library. The intention of Mr. Forest is to make it, after his death, an asylum for superanuated members of his profession.

☞ *Henry Clay*, it is now said, will not visit Washington at the present term of the Supreme Court. There are several cases which will come before the Court, in which Mr. C. is retained as counsel; but these are among the last on the calendar, and it is presumed cannot be reached at the present sitting.

☞ *Death of James Ross.*—The death of this venerable and distinguished Pennsylvanian is announced in the Pittsburg papers. Many years ago he represented this State in the Senate of the United States; and subsequently ran for Governor on the Federal ticket, in opposition to Thomas McKean and Simon Snyder.

☞ *Thomas Buchanan Reid*, the artist and poet—the handsome man and the 'clever fellow'—is preparing a work for press that will *embrace* notices and portraits of all the female poets of America—the Grace Greenwoods, Grace Darlings, Grace Dashwoods, and the other Grace-ful incognitos of the Magazines. It will no doubt be a capital work.

☞ *Gen. Taylor and the Ladies.*—On his reception at Donaldsonville, La. Gen. Taylor offered the following toast: The ladies of Donaldsonville—unsurpassed in beauty and grace: health and prosperity to those who have husbands, and early marriages to those who have none.

☞ *The State Interest.*—The State Treasurer has addressed a circular to the Commissioners and Treasurers of the different counties, asking them to be prompt in the collection of taxes, to meet the interest falling due upon the State debt in February next.

☞ *Captain W. S. Small* is about returning from Mexico on leave of absence for three months, during which time he will take his seat in the State Senate, to which he was elected from Philadelphia county, previously to setting out for Mexico.

☞ *A Great Mass Meeting* was held in New-York city on Tuesday evening last, to sustain Mr. Clay's Lexington Speech, which was done in the most emphatic terms. About 5000 persons present—meeting very enthusiastic and spirited.

☞ *A New York letter* writer says that the funds of the American Bible Society have run so low, that they have been obliged to suspend operations at their great printing establishment, whereby hundreds of persons are, for the present, thrown out of employment.

☞ *Major A. de Iturbide*, Son of the ex-Emperor of Mexico, a prisoner of war in the United States, is now sojourning in Philadelphia among his former associates. He was educated in this country, and, with others of his family, usually spends the summer season in this place.

☞ *Monument to William Penn*—The enterprising citizens of Reading are discussing the expediency of erecting on the site of the old Court House, in that Borough, a monument in memory of William Penn. The *Gazette* believes that the project will be carried out.

☞ *Look out for Counterfeits.*—A gentleman informs us that he saw yesterday a $5 bill of the old plate of the Middletown bank, Pa., with the word "Pennsylvania" obliterated and the word "Connecticut" substituted. Our citizens must be on their guard.

☞ *Literary Curiosity.*—A Pittsburg editor mentions a book in that city, containing about two hundred pages, richly embellished, which is about half an inch square, and an eighth of an inch thick! It is an English Alamanac, published in London, 1837.

☞ *Chancellor Kent*, it is, said, addressed a letter to Mr. Webster a short time previously to his death, in which the war with Mexico and the course of the administration are dwelt upon in the severest terms.

☞ *William Van Eichthol*, a German nobleman, and editor of the *Schnellpost*, in New-York, departed this life in that city, last week.—He was much esteemed for his amiable qualities and intelligence.

☞ *The Philadelphia Papers* are very severe upon Cave Johnson's arrangement of the great Southern mail—having recently changed the route, by which Southern papers are kept one day or more behind the usual time in reaching Baltimore.

☞ *A large model* of the Chinese Junk, drawn on a cart, and preceded by a wagon, containing a band of musicians, passed through State street, Boston, on the 16th inst. and attracted much attention.

☞ *The poor man's home*—A bill has been introduced into the Legislature of Ohio, to exempt from seizure and sale for debt, in addition to property now exempted by law, so much of a homestead as will not exceed in value $500.

☞ *Removal Meeting.*—A meeting of the friends of Removal will be held at Fox & Mortimer's Hotel, in this Borough, on Monday evening next. See notice.

☞ *Alabama Senator.*—There was every probability, a few days ago, that Dixon H. Lewis would be returned to the Unted States Senate from that State. N. B.—He has since been elected.

☞ *To correspondents.*—We have been favored with two or three communications this week—all anonymous, and consequently not worthy our attention.

☞ *Russell Jarvis, Esq.*, is at Lancaster, delivering a course of lectures against the Mexican war, and the admission of new territory by purchase or conquest. He is a locofoco.

☞ *The citizens of Phœnixville* are much excited at present upon the subject of incorporating their flourishing village into a Borough.

ITEMS OF GOSSIP.

☞ *Interesting to Wine Drinkers.*—Galignani's Messenger states that 103 hogsheads of adulterated wine were brought out from the entrepot at Paris, and their contents spilt into the Seine. Immediately after this operation, the surface was covered, to the distance of two hundred yards with an immense quantity of fishes, poisoned by the deleterious liquor.

☞ *The Press in Italy.*—It is asserted that in all Italy, containing a population of 22,000,000 souls, there are not as many newspapers printed as would emanate from the single city of Boston or Philadelphia; and they are small "7 by 9 sheets," containing little else than advertisements and the decrees of government.

☞ *The Hindoos can* so personate death as to deceive the most skillful physicians, by a singular art. A Hindoo girl has been known to spin a pound of cotton into thread so fine, that when laid upon a leaf it could not be seen but with a *microscope.*

☞ *A New York editor* is such a stickler for the cash system that he will not volunteer for the war, because he says he never "charges"—not even a gun. He recently refused a judgeship, because he would not agree to "charge" a jury.

☞ *One-tenth of the body* only is solid matter. A dead body that weighed 129 pounds, was dried in an oven until its weight was reduced to 12 pounds. Egyptian mummies, being bodies perfectly dried, weigh about 7 or 8 pounds.

☞ *The Colored Republic.*—The constitution of the Republic of Liberia will not allow white men to become citizens. The colored freemen are determined to be equal to their colorless friends in America.

☞ *When we see a rat* keep in his hole, for fear of a dog which is watching him, we think, naturally enough, that the tarrier without makes the rat a tarrier within.

☞ *The National Intelligencer* has furnished a searching and masterly review of that portion of the President's message which treats of the Mexican war.

☞ *Dr. Johnson compares* a man who goes unmarried on account of the cares of wedded life, to one who would amputate a leg to save the toes from corns. The Doctor knew a thing or two.

☞ *Mr. Alexander Campbell* says of Queen Victoria that "the youthful face of England's Queen is as careworn as that of any mother in America who can show five such lusty children."

☞ *Moustaches*, ready made, are announced as being kept for sale at the Astor Opera House, N. Y. It is fashionable for those who visit the Opera to have the upper lip clothed with hair.

☞ *The Newspaper* is a law book for the indolent, a sermon for the thoughtless, a library for the poor; it may stimulate the most indifferent, it may instruct the most profound.

☞ *The Doylestown Intelligencer* shall be particularly attended to hereafter. Poor old Uncle Sam has much to account for in these degenerate times.

☞ *Geo. W. Kendall, Esq.* of the New Orleans *Picayune*, late from Mexico, is now sojourning at Philadelphia.

☞ *What it will Cost.*—It is estimated that the expenses for holding the Fremont Court Martial will exceed $70,000.

☞ *Delaware County Republican.*—We are happy to welcome this neat, Quaker-looking Journal to our exchange-list.

☞ *A Spanish American* paper is to be established in New-York, under very favorable auspices.

☞ *Thomas F. Adams, Esq.* has been appointed General Agent for the Philadelphia Arts-Union.

☞ *Ole Bull Found.*—He has been playing in France and Spain since his departure from the United States.

☞ *Hard times!* and we must make the most of what little we have—as the grocer said when he watered the vinegar.

☞ *Official documents* state that there are at least 3300 women attached to the American army, cooking, washing, and tending the sick.

☞ *The Esquimaux* seldom attain to the height of five feet.

BEWARE OF COUNTERFEITS,—*Taylor's Counterfeit Detector, and United States Money Reporter*, the best in the United States, containing fac-simile engravings of all the Gold, Silver, and Copper coins in circulation with their value attached: corrected monthly. No merchant or dealer ought to be without it.

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