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Divorce.

The Committee on Divorce, in the Lower House of the Legislature, were unable to agree in the case of Dr. William Webber, and on motion, Mr. Reynolds of Columbia county, was added on Saturday last. We are rather surprised at this, as we had hardly supposed there could be a division of sentiment on a question so plain. We may estimate on a majority one way or the other. We have observed that a remonstrance against this application of Dr. Webber will have been gotten up in Philadelphia, signed by a number of the ablest divines, and most influential citizens—among whom were Bishop Potter, Rev. Dr. Chapman, Rev. Dr. Boardman, Rev. Dr. Dorr, and others, on the ground that it was setting a bad example and encouraging immorality. The case is exciting very general interest throughout the whole State. We should like to state in the case of the two railroads, that in favor of the Petition, for like Cain, he will have a mark set upon him.

Discoveries by Accident.

The chief discoveries in the arts have been made by accident, not from forethought or a deep knowledge in the principles of nature. We copy the above from an Exchange, commenting upon the accidental discovery of the manufacture of plate glass. To the casual observer, the remark seems correct; accident, after all, is but a name for labor and study, and research, in the author of our greatest artistic and scientific discoveries, and consequently of our greatest blessings. But the premises are fallacious, and hence the conclusion deduced is fairly incorrect. There is a deprecating of thought—of philosophical reasoning, that flows silently, but steadily beneath the bubbling surface of mere accidents, and cannot or will not fathom, but draw their conclusions from mere superficial observation. Newton had, for many years, been sounding the depth of his inventive genius, to conjure up some way of accounting for the phenomena of gravitation, before the accidental fall of an apple set his thoughts in the happy train, that resulted in his immortality. This phenomenon was nothing unusual. Why had not the same thing suggested the same result before, or why could not others, who witnessed similar phenomena every day, draw similar inferences?

Low Railroad Fares.

We believe that nothing will so much tend to the advantage of railroads as low paying fares. It is large numbers in the aggregate which will best benefit the public. When our present postage law was returned from 25 to 10 cents on letters for whatever distance, many predicted that the expense which will be borne by the sender has been tried and found to result in quite a different balance—being in favor of the low postage. There is a million points that are not descended to that point, although if they would, we have no doubt, but, as in the case of low postage, the result would be beneficial. We like to see cheap means of travel. It makes man more human to see the world run down in a railroad car. Railroads are grand means for facilitating travel, and the two distinct interests from drowsy swains, and nothing can tend more to this than cheap trains.—Scientific American.

Light on Reading.

Gas or no gas seems to be the question in Reading. The City Fathers are inclined to leave the people in darkness—they don't want to touch the subject. The question to us is a very plain one—especially since we can now get light from a candle or a lamp, and a much larger tax on the article that actually produces Coal, although the rest of his tract is comparatively useless. Thus, to remember, is for wild unimproved land, which, except for its Coal products, would not be valued at more than \$5, or \$10, an acre. It is therefore plain that the Coal lands, as such are taxed at a higher rate than any other land, and that the additional duties would necessarily tend to crush cauterly the interests of trade, already crippled and burdened by other influences. Such a recommendation comes with a very bad grace from us, of whom we naturally expect every encouragement, that would tend to develop the resources of the State, and extend their uses as possible. We fear the people may regard their unworthy choice. Instead of such a course, tending to check the increase of so valuable a product, every lawful means should be used to relieve its present embarrassed condition, and every inducement presented to extend and encourage the trade.

Mr. Hunter's Bill.

Many inquiries are made respecting the operation of this Bill upon the Coal and Iron interests. Several explanations have already been given—we published one last week from the Philadelphia Ledger. Hon. C. W. Pittman, our Representative, who has just returned from Washington, gives us the following still further explanation. The construction, that will be put upon the Bill by the Secretary of the Treasury, will embrace all costs and charges, including freight, except Insurance. If these costs amount to \$6 on iron, the additional protection at 30 per cent. will be \$1.80 per ton. On Coal, the cost and charges being about equal to the value of Coal abroad, the present duty will be nearly doubled. This duty on Coal is quite sufficient, so far as mere protection to that article is concerned, but the advantage of a very little practical benefit in the end, if the consumers are not also protected.

State Legislature.

Mr. Freiler read in place a bill on Friday of last week proposing to extend the limit of fifty Dollars contained in the 21st and 22nd sections of the Act of Assembly of February 19, 1849, entitled an Act for the protection of Miners, Mechanics and Laborers, to one Hundred Dollars, as far as refers to the County of Schuylkill.

People's Road.

Mr. Robbins has presented in the Lower House of the Legislature a Bill in relation to the new road, and we learn that the chances of its success are still highly favorable. We would recommend that a Mass meeting be called in the County as early as possible, and that a committee be appointed to visit Harrisburg, and other measures adopted to second the endeavors of our Representatives in favor of the project.

Justice to the Volunteers.

The members of the Second Regiment of the Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Mexican War, have submitted a lengthy report to the State Senate, concerning certain erroneous impressions, in regard to the 1st. and 2d. regiments having received gratuitously large sums of money from the General Government, to defray their expenses during the war. The false impression originated in misrepresentations, made in a report by the Finance Committee, to the Senate of the session of 1847. The memorialists endeavor to expose the injustice done these two regiments of Volunteers by that Committee. They handle the affair without gloves.

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Local Affairs.

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