

Miners Journal.

Saturday Morning, April 26.

TO THE WHIGS OF PENNSYLVANIA. A STATE CONVENTION will be held in the City of Philadelphia on Tuesday, June 15th, for the purpose of selecting candidates for the Governor and General Comptroller of the Treasury.

WHAT IS A NEWSPAPER FOR?

The press of America is charged, perhaps too justly, by the English with being wholly devoted to news. There is, however, one striking difference between the press of the two countries, which will account, in a measure at least, for this our national newspaper peculiarity.

Our press is not so much devoted to news as the English press. It is more devoted to the discussion of public affairs, and to the exposure of the faults and errors of the government.

It is not our purpose now to present this view of the subject. There is another and still higher object that should be the aim of a newspaper, and even those that are pecuniary news-carriers, should not be so exclusively devoted to the news.

We have before had occasion to allude to the reciprocal effect of the press, and the morals of the people. They are mutually dependent, the one upon the other.

By the arrival of the Prometheus we have news from California up to the 15th ult. A great excitement had originated from being several of the Fourth District Court judges.

An affray took place at Sonora 13th ult. in which five men were killed and four mortally wounded. It originated in the attempt of a crowd of men to place on the side of virtue and religion.

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STATE LEGISLATURE. We have received a copy of the Titles of the Acts and Resolutions passed by the Legislature during its recent session.

THE LEHIGH SCRIP BILL, providing for the payment of the Lehigh Coal Operators in current State funds, instead of by the present method of scrip, is said to have been defeated by Mr. Frailey.

THE PEOPLE'S RAILROAD BILL was also killed by Mr. Frailey. We learn from persons who were at Harrisburg at the time, that when it was called up in the Senate, Mr. Frailey moved for its postponement.

THE WETHERILL DEFENSE. The Wetherill defense, which was held at Harrisburg on the 21st inst., was a success. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendants.

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