Miners' Journal.

Saturday Morning, Jan. 24.

☞ To-day's Journal:—We present our readers, this morning, with about as much reading matter as could conveniently be condensed into so small a space. We publish Gov. Bigler's Inaugural Address, in full; also, the Report of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, and a continuation of the Railroad Company's Report, besides our usual summary of news for the week.

NORMAL SCHOOLS.

PLAN OF ESTABLISHMENT.

We recently made some remarks on this subject, in connection with the proceedings of the Schuylkill County Teachers' Institute, which met in this place. It will be remembered a committee was appointed, at that Convention, to address *memorials* to the Legislature, in behalf of the establishment of Normal Institutes in different parts of the State. Other counties, we observe, are also moving in this matter, and, no doubt, a number of petitions, on the subject, will be presented at the present session—hence our reference to the matter again.

The necessity of such establishments is everywhere admitted, both by those in authority and among the people; the importance of good teachers to secure a thorough and substantial education for the pupils, and for the general elevation and prosperity of the Common School System, is a conceded point; and the applicability of Normal Schools to bring about this much desired state of things, is also admitted—the only remaining question, therefore, respects the *modus operandi* of their establishment.

In other States, where Normal Schools exist, they are planted and sustained, for the most part, by Governmental patronage. In the present financial condition of Pennsylvania, however, the tax-payers would necessarily and very justly object to this method, especially if many such schools were so established, as must necessarily be the case, in order to render them effective. Economy is the great object with us. The State could not bear the entire burden of the expense.—Some plan of co-operation, between the State benevolence and the people themselves, must therefore be devised. We can conceive of the people, in many parts of the State, being sufficiently interested in the welfare of their schools to concur in such an arrangement.—In this event, the object might be accomplished at a comparatively small drain upon the State Treasury, upon a plan somewhat after this manner:—

Let the State appropriate a small sum, say $600, to each Congressional District or any fixed combination of Counties, *on condition*, that that district raise a similar sum, to defray the expenses of a Normal Teacher, whose duty it should be to impart instruction to the different teachers, or applicants for such positions, at stated times and in different places of that district—a room for this purpose or several rooms, if necessary, to be rented out of the same fund. It is hardly possible, that all the districts of the State would take advantage of the proposition; but, supposing they should, the State appropriations for Twenty-one Districts (omitting Philadelphia City and County, where Normal Schools are already established) would amount to $12,600, estimating the salary of each District Teacher and the rent of room at $1200—a very liberal calculation.

Three very prominent advantages occur to us, in the adoption of this plan: First, economy, the primary consideration, on the part of the State; secondly, its immediate practicability. There would be no necessity for delay in the choice of sites and the erection of buildings—the system could go into operation at once; and thirdly, those, who are really anxious for the prosperity of the schools, could have a fair opportunity of practically manifesting their interest, and reaping their reward in the improved condition of the schools.

This plan differs from those of other States in this essential point: that, whereas, in other States—N. Y., for instance—the Primary Normal School is established first and afterwards, the subsidiary branches; we propose to begin with the branches and afterwards concentrate upon one great head. One or even two Normal Schools, unless conducted upon a mammoth scale, would be quite inadequate to supply the demand for good teachers throughout the State—we therefore prefer the suggested plan, as a safe beginning of the ultimate complete system that will thereby be gradually developed. If this plan or some similar one is not adopted, we can hardly hope that the State will take any action in reply to her petitioners. The subject is of such obvious importance that, we have no doubt, the State would immediately take it in hand and commence the immediate establishment of Normal Institutes, but for her present financial condition. If, therefore, the proposed plan remedies this objection, we have gained our point. We hope the members of our Legislature will give the matter their serious and careful consideration, when the contemplated memorials are presented.

☞ Ellwood Morris, Esq.—We are glad to observe that this gentleman's professional services seem to be fully appreciated in the West. He has recently made a Reconnoissance for the Cincinnati, Hillsboro' and Parkersburg Railroad, a copy of which we have been shown. In connection with many able opinions in relation to the proposed Road, he suggests the necessity and practicability of bridging the Ohio, which, he says, must be done, sooner or later, to complete the many railroads now making to her shores. He conceives that, with the present state of engineering science, a railway bridge can be constructed over the Ohio, at a moderate elevation and without impairing the navigation.

☞ Chevalier Hulsemann.—The difficulties said to be brewing over Chevalier Hulsemann's head at Washington of late, have all been settled. The Chevalier sent a note to the President, inquiring whether he, (the President) endorsed the sentiments of Mr. Webster's speech at the Kossuth Banquet. The President regarding this as a breach of official etiquitte, if not a direct insult to Mr. Webster, handed the note to the latter and the question, pending for some days, was whether the world-renowned Webster and Hulsemann correspondence should be renewed or the latter receive his walking papers.

☞ The Prometheus Affair.—Letters from London received by the Asia, say that the people of England know and care nothing about the so called Musquitos Kingdom, and have not the slightest interest in the matter. Then the English Captain ought to be made to "see stars."

☞ Andrew J. Ogle, of Pennsylvania, has been appointed Charge de Affaires to Copenhagen.

☞ An Agricultural Society has been organized in Berks County.

REPORT OF THE PHILADELPHIA AND READING R. R. CONTINUED.

From the Report of this Company in detail we extract the following items, which may prove of interest to our readers:

1,045 14 tons of new Rail Road Iron were used on the Road during the year, costing $50,546 25—value of Iron taken up, $24,691—net cost of Iron for tracks for the year, $25,855 25.

The cost of the Repairs of Engines, during the year, was $97,749 92.

The cost of Repairs of the Coal, Wood and Freight Cars, was $153,770 89; Passenger Cars $8,445 31.

The expense of repairs caused by the freshet of the former year, reached $50,390 05.

RUNNING ACCOUNT OF THE ROAD.

Wages of all Engineers, Conductors, Firemen, Brakemen, &c.,	$122,068 02	
Wood, 61,223 cords,	179,518 57	
Loading, unloading, and cutting wood,	45,682 80	
Oil, 44,063 gallons,	34,016 12	
Tallow, Lard, Grease & Cotton Waste,	10,992 75	
Hauling across Schuylkill Bridge, on State Road, and expenses at Broad street, Philadelphia,	2,185 79	
Tolls paid State, Norristown and City Railroads,	4,919 66	
Coal for locomotive engines,	34,021 30	
Rents paid Magnetic Telegraph Company,	2,500 00	
Sundries,	2,605 14	
		$446,131 15
Expenses of Work Shops,		372,856 99
do of Depots,		34,845 70
do of Superintendence account		
Salaries, &c.,	24,232 25	
Office Expenses,	4,350 51	
Lateral Rail Road Expenses,	3,077 10	
Total expenses of running department,		$787,483 76
The total outlay for transportation and maintaining the Road for the year, including raising Coal, contingent expenses at Philadelphia, &c	$1,033,253 46	
Total receipts,	2,314,330 40	
Surplus profits for the year,		$1,530,606 94

TONNAGE OF THE ROAD.

Coal transported, tons of 2,240 lbs.,	1,850,270
Merchandize transported, tons of 2,000 lbs	62,807
Materials for use of Road, including earth gravel, timber, rails, stills, cord wood, stone, brick, iron, &c., in tons of 2,000 lbs.,	219,731
Total tonnage of the Road for the year, including weight of passengers, in tons of 2,000 lbs.,	2,145,122
Total amount of Coal, transported to date, Tons of 2,240 lbs.,	9,359,293
Total tonnage of Road to date, tons of 2,000 lbs.,	12,363,344

Passenger Travel

Total number of passengers during year,	127,590
Total number of miles travelled by same,	5,298,373
Equal to, in through passengers, over whole length of Road,	57,593
Total number of passengers transported to date,	1,071,029

Receipts of Road

From freight and tolls on coal,	$2,018,870 79
do freight on merchandize,	123,672 24
do passenger travel,	152,431 64
do transportation of U. S. Mail, Express Car, and other sources,	19,355 63
Total Receipts,	$2,314,330 40

MACHINERY OF THE ROAD.

Locomotives.

59 First Class Engines.		
90 Second do	do	
7 Third do	do	
3 Fourth do	do	
89 Total		

Coal Cars.

1 Eight-wheeled Iron Coal Cars		
2,993 Four do	Iron Coal Cars.	
1,586 do do	Wooden Coal Cars.	
4,579 Total.		

Cars for Freight and General Use.

25 Eight-wheeled Covered House Cars.		
51 do do	Box Cars.	
56 do do	Open Platform Cars.	
164 Four do	Covered House Cars.	
260 do do	Open Platform and Box Cars	
557 Total		

Passenger Cars.

21 Eight-wheeled Passenger Cars		
5 do do	Baggage do	
2 do do	Mail and Express Cars.	
28 Total.		

In addition to the above the Company own —

2 Small Passenger Cars, for use of Road.
9 Stationary Engines, from 8 to 60 horse power, for Driving Machinery.
10 Steam and Water Power Engines, for pumping at water stations, sawing wood, &c.
3 Portable Wood Cutting Steam Engines, at Port Carbon, Port Clinton and Richmond.
2 Snow Ploughs.
27 Carts, Wagons and Drays, for Hauling Wood, Coal, and Merchandize.
53 Horses, for Hauling in Philadelphia and Richmond.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

DR.

Rail Road,	$13,674,705 33
Depots,	312,396 39
Locomotives, Engines and Cars,	2,278,576 36
Real Estate,	453,837 35
	$16,649,515 43

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Stock, Common and Preferred,	$6,105,332 00
Loans,	10,009,900 00
Bonds, Mortgages, Scrantity, &c	534,283 43
	$16,649,515 43

The Assets or running account of the Company are put down as follows:

Dr. Balance of Capital Account		$294,283 43
Cash,		145,828 25
Bills Receivable,		9,460 48
Freight and Tolls bills, receivable for week in December, 1851,	62,456 99	
Real Estate, purchased in 1851,	90,318 01	
Office on 4th Street,	40,054 65	
Debts due to the Company,	$427,310 08	
Less probable loss,	24,188 57	
	413,122 41	
Stock and Bonds held by the Company, chiefly Bonds of the Company, payable in 1860,		221,725 70
Materials on hand, current business of the Road,		207,963 44
Renewal Fund,		14,716 29
Sinking Fund, 1838-60,		3,953 66
Sinking Fund, 1849-70,		83 27
		$1,537,804 54

Liabilities, viz —

Bills payable,	$745,666 27
Debts due by the Company,	281,770 79
Coupons to January 1st 1852,	251,433 00
Interest due on R. R. Bonds,	4,921 15
Dividends due on Preferred stock,	56,540 00
State Tax on Dividends Preferred Stock, Nos. 5 and 6,	5,506 55
Dividend Fund, 1850,	211,660 10
Dividend Fund, 1851,	149,697 68
	$1,537,804 54

S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.
Philadelphia, December 1st, 1851.

SNOW STORMS.

The late fall of snow seems to have been a general visitor over the whole Northern country. The snow was very deep in St. Louis and throughout the West. In Baltimore it was the deepest snow, known in that city for 30 years. The travelling has been interrupted on many of the principal routes, mainly owing to the drift. The train which *left this* place on Monday *morning* at 7½ o'clock, did not reach Philadelphia till 6 in the afternoon. The up train came in at 3 in the afternoon. The afternoon trains were obliged to lay by, during the night. Since that, there has been but one train a day, each way, between this and the city. The Stage lines, over the mountains, to Danville, Northumberland, &c., have not been materially interfered with. Since the first snow, nearly three weeks ago, sleighs have been used. The worst portion of the road was beyond Bear Gap, Northumberland county.

There has not been so much snow on the ground, at any one time, in this Region, since 1838. The roads were worn smooth, and in complete order for sleighing before this week's accession to the snow, and, except in case of a very unexpected change in the weather, we can safely promise the beaux and belles several weeks' jolly sleighing yet.

☞ A Dangerous Trip.—The River was frozen over between Brooklyn and N. York, on Tuesday morning, so that no Ferry-boats could run. Many persons, a number of females included, undertook to cross on foot The ice breaking up, their position was rendered extremely critical—many narrowly escaped with their lives—some were reported to be drowned.

☞ Lola Montez has published, in the New York papers, several lengthy addresses, defending herself against the charges made against her reputation—she represents herself as "more sinned against than sinning."

☞ During the week, the weather in Washington city has been the coldest known in that place, since 1816. On Tuesday morning, the mercury stood 4 degrees below zero.

REPORT

Of the President and Managers of the Schuylkill Navigation Company to the Stockholders.

January 5th, 1852.

At the last annual meeting, it was stated that the repairs of the Canal and Works of the Company were rapidly progressing, and with a prospect of the completion of them to such an extent as would permit the passage of boats over the whole line by the 15th day of March.

For the attainment of this end, the most energetic efforts were made, and although the operations were occasionally interrupted by the unfavorable state of the weather, and by the ordinary freshets and frosts of the close of the winter, the line was made ready by that day, with the exception of the closing of the dam at the Blue Mountain, and the clearing out of the channel of the river at the same point.

The laden and empty boats were immediately permitted, and had accumulated to some extent in the vicinity of the Blue Mountain dam. On the first day of April, that dam having been closed, and the work in the channel completed, the boats were passed through, and the communication between Philadelphia and the coal region of Schuylkill County, by way of our navigation, fully established.

Thus the calculations of the most sanguine of the officers of the corporation were substantially realized; and it is a matter of sincere congratulation with them to be able to announce to you that this favorable termination of the tedious labor of such an extensive repair of the works, has not been overturned by any break or accident that would merit notice.

With the exception of some slight injury to two of the lock-gates, which caused the stoppage of the trade at the disabled points for about two days each, there has been no interruption of the navigation during the business year, and this has been realized, notwithstanding the summer and autumn have been marked by the most extraordinary drought that has been noticed for many years.

During the whole period of the lowest stage of the water, boats laden with 150 tons and upwards have been passed from Port Carbon to Philadelphia without detention, and only in a few cases of extreme overloading, beyond the limits fixed by the regulations of the engineer for such a state of the navigation, has it been necessary to aid the boatmen, either by lightening off a portion of the cargo, or by raising the water in the channels by more than the ordinary supply.

It is deemed proper to make a special record of our success in this particular, because it is an element of great significance in estimating the true capacity and power of our property.

The business of the year has been as follows:

Anthracite coal carried, tons,	579,156	
Miscellaneous articles descending,	174,399	
Miscellaneous articles ascending,	87,542	
Total tonnage,	842,097	

This is the greatest tonnage ever passed over the work, and exceeds that of any previous year by 104,580 tons; the quantity carried in 1841, being 737,517 tons, of which 584,692 tons were anthracite coal; the coal tonnage of 1851 being only 5,536 tons less than that year.

Of the coal carried in 1851, there were 112,097 tons delivered at points along the line short of the City of Philadelphia. The greatest tonnage of any week, was 27,796 tons, and the largest load of any boat 188 tons.

The toll on coal amounted to $218,660 17, and on other articles to $66,961 07, making a total of $285,021 24.

The amount received for rents of real estate and water power, was $23,480 38.

The tools and materials on hand at the close of the year 1850, in the car repair shops of the Company, were sold to the contractors for repairing the cars for the sum of $7,583 87. The sum of $15,202 95 has been credited on account of drawbacks allowed by the Delaware and Raritan Canal Company, on anthracite coal carried to the waters of New York bay, by way of the Schuylkill Navigation and their canal. These several items make an aggregate income for the year of $331,868 44

The charges against this aggregate income have been as follow:

Current expenses of Canal and Works, salaries of officers, lock-tenders' wages, and office expenses,	$90,941 90
Car and Landing expenses,	45,002 13
Drawbacks allowed on tolls,	9,771 46
Drawbacks paid to boatmen,	20,172 10
Interest paid,	21,953 29
Total,	$187,840 88

And leaving a balance of $144,027 56

Against this balance there are still some unsettled claims for drawbacks on tolls, and drawbacks to the boatmen, but there are some outstanding credits to the company for rents, and claims for boat drawbacks, which, it is estimated, will cover such liabilities.

The cost of the repairs of the works from the injuries caused by the floods of July and September, 1850, as returned in the accounts of the engineers, is $357,390 19. Of this sum it is estimated that the cost of the July flood was $80,000.

The estimate of the cost of repairing the works from the effects of the September flood was $225,000.

The difference between the estimate and cost of the repairs and the estimate, is accounted for in various expenditures for stop-gates, and extensive repairs of some of the dams, which appeared, on the original survey of the line after the September flood, to have escaped injury, but which, upon a more thorough and rigid inspection made towards the completion of the work, were found to require attention. The thoroughness with which the work was done, has already been referred to, and it is believed that the entire line is now in better order, and more safely constructed to bear the stress of the floods, and other casualities, than it has ever heretofore been. The materials have been collected, and other arrangements made for putting in several additional stop-gates for the better securing of some exposed points, and these will be completed by the usual period for the commencement of business in the spring.

Of the amount required to pay for these repairs $151,015 69 were raised by the subscriptions of the stockholders and loanholders, and the balance by obtaining materials, &c., on credit, and by borrowing money on the notes of the company, with a stipulation that such notes should be receivable for tolls.

Such a stipulation also applied to the cash loaned by the stockholders and loanholders, but the inadequacy of the amount subscribed by them, rendered it necessary that they should be requested to forego such an use of their notes, and they, with great unanimity, acquiesced in the arrangement, although at considerable pecuniary inconvenience to themselves.

Of the obligations of all kinds contracted for the repair of the works, the sum of $222,099 72 remains unpaid, showing that out of the restricted income of the year only the sum of $135,290 47 of the repair debt has been paid off.

This restricted income was mainly caused by the low rate of toll, that it was found necessary to adopt for the charge on anthracite coal, the average of which did not produce quite three cents per ton for each ton carried, and even this small toll was further reduced by the allowance of a considerable amount as drawbacks, to shippers and boatmen.

It is not necessary, nor would it be profitable, to refer particularly to the causes which produced so serious a competition as to make it necessary to resort to such reductions in our charges for the purpose of securing our reasonable share of the trade.

Had the toll on anthracite coal remained as it was fixed at the commencement of the season, the income of the company for the year, for the same tonnage, would have been about $105,000 more than it actually reached.

The company is, therefore, not in as favorable a financial position at the close of our official year, as we had reason to expect, but the extraordinary increase that has been witnessed in the coal trade, and which is probably due, in some measure, to the low charges of the season just closed, will justify the adoption of such reasonable rates by the carrying companies, as will make a fair return on the capital invested in the several works, and, at the same time, allow a remunerating profit to the miner and dealer, with an ability to enter the markets of competition at a price that will insure the use of anthracite coal in preference to any other kind of fuel.

The whole quantity of anthracite coal mined and sent to market this year, exceeds 4,200,000 tons, and the extensive preparations that are now making for its use in locomotive engines, and for marine purposes, will probably require a supply of at least 4,800,000 tons for the year 1852.

Compared with the other channels for supplying this quantity, the Schuylkill Navigation has the largest capacity for an increase of tonnage, and it is, therefore, not deemed an unreasonable anticipation, that to the extent to which we can furnish boats for the transit of coal, full business will be offered.

Since the close of the boating season, an examination of our weekly returns of the coal tonnage, and other data, has been made, from which it appears that the coal-boat capacity is 55,440 tons.—According to the course of trade, and the ordinary average of the trips, in time and distance, each ton of the boat capacity is competent to carry about fourteen tons.

This would accomodate a trade of 776,160 tons of coal, and there are other boats that, under ordinary circumstances, have their most profitable employment on our canal, but which have not been in use for a part of the past season. These boats would, by their return, supply a trade of 800,000 tons of coal.

The car capacity is estimated at about 900,000 tons, and the landings, by the adoption of such rules as will insure despatch, and which have already been partially in use, would furnish abundant room for the shipment of that quantity.

During the past year, the trustees of the boat loan of 1850 have purchased forty-seven boats, of the burden of 150 tons and upwards, and one of 135 tons. This last was an experimental one, and it has so far justified our expectations, as to warrant a contract for ten more, to be constructed on nearly the same plan, and to carry about 140 tons. Such boats will cost $800 each, and be adapted to the trade of the city and along the line of the canal.

Preliminary arrangements have also been made by the trustees with several boat-builders, for furnishing thirty of the regular decked canal barges, of about 160 tons burthen, adapted to the through and early part of the summer of the present year, and fortify us against any deficiency of boats for the trade seeking the canal. It may also be necessary to build a few cars with the same object, as something more than a theoretical margin should be allowed to cover the ordinary casualities of a large trade.

The Managers deem it proper to invite the attention of the stockholders and loanholders to the financial condition of the company.

Owing to the casualities of the year 1850, there has been a suspension of the payment of interest on the loans, and a considerable amount of the principal of the old mortgage loans is now redeemable and remains unpaid. If some plan could be devised for the liquidation and arrangement of the liabilities of the company, which would make a portion of them immediately active and yielding income, and gradually bring the remainder into the same position, it would be attended with such positive benefits as to justify almost any present sacrifice. That such a measure is practicable, there can be but little doubt, and it is accordingly recommended that a committee, to consist of stockholders and loanholders, be appointed, who shall take the subject into consideration, and report at a special meeting should they agree upon any plan, which, in their opinion, would meet with general approbation and acceptance.

A statement of the liabilities of the company, as they stood on the 23d ultimo, the cash account of the Treasurer for the year ending the same day, and a full statement of the tonnage carried on the works in 1851, are herewith presented.

By order of the Managers.

FREDERICK FRALEY, President.

State of the Company, December 23d, 1851.

DEBITS.

General Charges, being the cost of the work, the cost of the enlargement, damages, real estate, docks, landings, reservoirs, discount on loan 1845 and 1847, interest on loans, expenses and losses,		$9,357,704 58
Railroad Cars,		194,534 09
Boats held in Trust and other securities for the Secured Loan 1848, and Boat Loans 1845 and 1850,		377,088 52
Bills and Notes Receivable on hand	18,911 70	
Bonds Receivable,	667, 00	
Schuylkill Navigation Stock held by the Company,	500 00	
Doubtful Debts due the Company,	10,576 39	
Tolls in the hands of Collectors,	3,006 48	
Due by Sundry Persons,	19,598 69	
Cost of the Freshets of July and September, 1850,		357,290 19
Cash Balance on hand,	$4,345 36	
Balance in hands Ch'f Eng'r	16,692 40	
		20,975 74
		$10,950,813 63

CREDITS.

Capital Stock,	$1,786,550	
Certificates Stocks issued for Interest,	112,549	
		$1,899,099 00
Loans prior to 1845, being old Mortgage Loans,		1,777,408 03
Loan of 1845,		1,974,250 00
Contractors Improvement Debt,		130,800 00
Convertible Loan 1847,		2,450,800 00
Secured Loan of 1848,		87,376 00
Loan of 1845 for Boats and Cars,		46,343 80
Loan of 1850 for Boats,		80,576 00
Debt contracted for the repairs of the Damages by Freshets of 1850,		222,099 72
Interest due on Permanent Loans, including the Certificates issued for interest,		611,463 25
Interest due on Mortgage Loans,		154,719 69
Interest due on Secured Loan,		594 04
Interest due on Boat Loan,		925 23
Unpaid Dividends,		591 40
Notes and Bills Payable,		52,241 77
Bills Payable on account of Boats,		29,797 33
Bonds Payable,		128,887 33
Due to Sundry Persons,		3,042 90
		$10,950,813 63

Tonnage of Articles descending the River in 1851	TONS.	*Tonnage of Articles ascending the River in* 1851	TONS.
Coal,	579,156	Lumber,	18,068
Lime,	64,618	Stone,	9,428
Limestone,	43,891	Grain,	8,430
Pig Iron,	16,554	Limestone,	7,693
Iron Ore,	7,993	Lime,	2,259
Grain,	7,200	Iron Ore,	2,277
Iron,	6,851	Sand,	4,989
Flour,	5,292	Bituminous Coal,	4,408
Blooms and Castings,	3,661	Pig Iron,	4,259
Stone,	2,976	Merchandize,	4,019
Sand,	2,252	Iron,	4,004
Soap-stone,	2,123	Salt,	2,447
Wood,	1,901	Clay,	1,665
Marble,	1,557	Bricks,	1,135
Nails,	1,053	Flour,	1,018
Whiskey,	933	Wood	960
Copper Ore,	841	Marble,	827
Lumber,	734	Nails,	703
Bricks,	564	Hay and Straw,	503
Bark,	236	Soap-stone,	491
Bituminous Coal,	144	Fish,	401
Furniture,	110	Ice,	246
Butter and Eggs,	101	Nails,	232
Sundries,	1,463	Malt,	177
		Staves,	149
		Castings,	123
		Sundries,	541
Tons,	754,555	Tons,	87,543

Office Schuylkill Navigation Company, January 1, 1852.

At the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, held January 5th, 1852, agreeably to the charter, Isaiah Hacker in the Chair, and Henry C. Townsend, Secretary, The following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Financial state of the Company be referred to a Committee, to consist of Stockholders and Loanholders, for the purpose of considering whether it be practicable to adopt some plan for the adjustment, liquidation, and settlement of the liabilities of the Company, whereby the difficulties under which it is now labouring may be removed, and the payment of interest and dividends on the Loans and Capital Stock be resumed; and that in case said Committee shall agree upon and deem it expedient to present any such plan, the President be requested to convene a general meeting of the Stockholders and Loanholders of the Company, at such time and place as may be fixed by said Committee.

And at an election for officers to serve for the ensuing year, the following persons were appointed

President.—Frederick Fraley.

Managers.—John R. Worrel, Eli K. Price, Joshua Lippincott, Benjamin Gerhard, Thomas D. Lewis, Richard D. Wood, Charles M. Rogers, Samuel Sillyman, *Schuylkill County.*—Barnabas Hammett, Dr. George Thomas, *Chester County.*—Daniel McIntyre, Charles E. Smith.

Treasurer and Secretary.—Charles W. Bacon.

AID TO THE PHILADELPHIA POOR.

We received yesterday the following Circular from John Tucker Esq.:

Office of the Phila. and Reading R. R. Co. } *Philadelphia, January 17th, 1852.*

"Dear Sir:—The following Preamble and Resolutions have been unanimously adopted by the Board of Managers of this Company, viz:

"*The President stated that many deserving persons in indigent circumstances, were severely suffering from the unusual severity of the season, and that this Company might most readily contribute in some degree to their relief, by transporting coal for their use, without charge, whereupon, it was unanimously*

"*Resolved*, That the Company will convey to Philadelphia one thousand tons of Coal, without charge, the same to be distributed to the deserving poor, and particularly to the sick, under the direction of such charitable associations or individuals as the President may select; and that the President be requested to exercise his influence with those engaged in the trade, to induce them to co-operate with the Company, in furnishing the Coal for the purposes mentioned."

I have also the pleasure to state, that all the lateral Railroad Companies in Schuylkill County have promptly offered to transport such Coal over their roads without charge.

I know of no mode by which so much can be done to alleviate the distress of many who are actually suffering from the unusual inclemency of the season, at so little cost to those who unite in this charity, as the one proposed. I trust that it will meet with your approval and co-operation.

Any contribution which you may think proper to make, you will please consign to "*Joseph S. Kite, for the Poor,*" by whom it will be delivered to various Benevolent Institutions for distribution.

I am, dear sir, very respectfully,
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Has the higher bid of Mr Douglas had any connexion with the change?—*Washington Republic.*

Local Affairs.

☞ *The Cold.*—Every-body on Tuesday morning was running for the thermometer, to see how cold it really was, when the most ordinary experience showed it was cold enough, in all conscience, without troubling one's self about where the mercury stood. When found, it disclosed the fact, incontrovertible, however discordant with the natural feelings—16 *degrees below zero.* Then, "there was hurrying to and fro" and gulping steaming buckwheats, Mocha and sausages, and donning thick boots and overcoats "in hot haste"—caloric was in demand. Tuesday was, therefore, colder than Saturday, 28th December last, when the mercury in the same thermometers stood at *only* 14 below zero. The average temperature throughout the day was also very low. At 8 o'clock in the evening, the mercury was 6 *degrees below zero.* After that time, however, the weather moderated—the temperature at 10 o'clock being only 14 degrees below zero, and at 12 about the same. Early on Wednesday morning, snow began to fall and continued during the greater part of the day.

☞ *Temperance Convention.*—The friends of Temperance will remember that, according to adjournment, the next County Convention will assemble, in this place, on the first Tuesday in March. As there will be a number of applications for licences at the March term, it is a matter of interest to see whether the Court will grant them to those who have violated the decrees of the Court and set its authority at defiance, and whether the Court will so far disregard the uniformity of public justice, as to punish others for violations of the law, while those engaged in the Liquor traffic are suffered to do so with impunity.

☞ *Literary Society.*—Mr. Schneider's subject, on Wednesday evening, was the German Language. His lecture was comprehensive and eloquent—we regret it was not heard by a larger audience.

The debaters complained of our announcement, last week; that the audience might over-rate their oratorical abilities, in anticipation—not the least danger, gentlemen, your names were published.

The intervention question was continued for discussion next week—it is a subject of practical interest to everybody now-a-days; we shall expect to see a large audience present.

☞ *The Poor at Home.*—While blessed with the comforts and good things of this life ourselves, we should not forget those who are less favored. The Winter, so far, has been unusually severe—no doubt, many poor suffer for the want of what we could readily spare to make them comfortable. Our citizens have always manifested a commendable spirit of liberality, when there was cause for its exercise. If those in need will but make themselves known, we have no doubt their necessities will be promptly and cheerfully supplied.

☞ *The Schuylkill Convocation* (Episcopal) consisting of Carbon, Berks, Montgomery and Schuylkill counties, met in this place on Monday last. The object of the organization is to secure an interchange of sentiment among the different Rectors of the several parishes, as to the best method of advancing the interests of the Church. They meet once in eighteen months. The present session was continued three days, during which time religious services were held in Trinity Church.

☞ *We are requested* to say that Professor Gunz has been prevented, by illness, from attending to his pupils for some days past.

TAMAQUA AFFAIRS.

Thursday, *January* 22d, 1852.

☞ *The Tamaqua Senate* convened last Thursday evening, and, after disposing of some unimportant business, resumed the debate on the resolutions of Mr McGuigan, of Pa., declaring it inexpedient for the Government of the U. S. to abandon its cherished principle of non-intervention. Their adoption was urged by Messrs. McGuigan, of Pa., and J. Lauderbrun, of Le.; and opposed by Messrs Schwartz, of Maine, and Goodwin, of Conn. Hendricks, of Kentuky, obtained the floor for next meeting, after which the Senate adjourned.

☞ *The large Tannery of* Messrs. Wolf & Enterline, is now in successful operation, and will soon turn out large quantities of Leather. The manner in which it is conducted evinces much business-like tact and management, on the part of the proprietors.

This establishment, with the exception of our Foundry and Machine shops, and the minor branches of mechanical business, is the first producing establishment in our Borough and is therefore regarded with considerable interest by our citizens.

☞ *Philomathian.*—This Association continues to flourish with increased vigor. I attended its last meeting and was much pleased with the exercises, which embrace a considerable variety.—Col. R. J. B. Cummings, of Schuylkill Haven, was present by invitation, and favored the association with an address, which was a neat production, and was listened to with interest. Several original essays, written by the members, were read.

☞ *Sleighing* is excellent, and the people seem to be enjoying it to the full capacity of their purses,—sleighing parties are the order of the day, and night too.

☞ *The Weather* has been very cold during the past week. On Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock the Mercury was down to 12° below zero; at Summit Hill, at the same time, it was down to 24 degrees.

☞ *We learn* that the Little Schuylkill Company, have made a survey, preparatory to the erection of a Foundry and Machine shop, for the construction of their tracks and repairing of their Engines, &c.

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