Miners' Journal.

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PENNSYLVANIA'S CHOICE,
FOR PRESIDENT IN 1852.
GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT,
Subject to the Whig National Convention.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER,
JACOB HOFFMAN,
(of Berks County.)

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS,
FOR THE STATE AT LARGE.
JAMES POLLOCK, SAMUEL E. PURVIANCE,
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DISTRICT ELECTORS,

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1. WM. F. HUGHES,	12. N. MIDDLESWARTH,
2. JAMES TRAQUAIR,	14. J. H. CAMPBELL,
3. JOHN W STOKES,	15. JAMES D. PAXTON,
4. JOHN P. VERREE,	15. J. E DAVIDSON,
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6. J. W. FULLER,	18. RALPH DRAKE,
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ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Hugh Stephenson, the Scotchman, whose name was mentioned some time since in the *Journal*, in connection with the shooting of an Irishman at Brockville, attempted to commit suicide in this place, about 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon last, by shooting himself with a double-barreled pistol. The circumstances are briefly these:—His trial was expected to take place at this session of the Court; he had secured the attendance of witnesses, some of them at considerable labor and expense, and made all other necessary preparations.

R. M. Palmer, Esq., the Prosecuting attorney, had been out of town for several days, leaving the case in the hands of F. W. Hughes, John C. Neville and John Williamson, Esqs., who had been engaged as assistant counsel for the Commonwealth. On the case being called on Thursday, and after the indictment had been read and the plea of not guilty entered by the Defendants, it was discovered, *for the first time*, that the assistant counsel were unwilling to proceed, on account of certain pecuniary conditions, entered into by the Prosecuting parties, not being complied with. Mr. P. himself being wholly unprepared, the case was continued, at the instance of the Commonwealth, notwithstanding the most urgent solicitation, to the contrary, on the part of the Defendants; and the two Stephensons, brothers, were bound over accordingly.

The sudden shock of such a disappointment was too great for the mind of Hugh, in its present excitement and suspense. Several of his witnesses are about to leave the country, we believe, for California, and others, whose attendance he had secured at great expense, it was doubtful, whether he could get together again. He left the Court House, very despondent, and returned to his house, in Market street. Making an excuse to send his wife out on some errand, he repaired to the head of the stairway and placing the muzzle of a pistol to his left breast, he discharged one barrel—the ball taking effect in the upper part of the breast and bringing him down. He fell to the foot of the stairs. Finding himself only wounded and the pistol still in his hand, it is supposed, he discharged the other barrel, the ball entering lower down, on the same side. Some of the neighbors immediately rushed in and found him lying on the floor, bleeding profusely.—Medical aid was immediately sent for and every possible restorative applied. He was easier yesterday morning, but he remains in a very critical condition—neither of the balls was extracted. Stephenson has a wife and seven children—he has always been a hard-working industrious man; for some time past, he has been engaged as boss-miner for Mr. Geo. H. Potts. His brother is, also, a miner.

Taking into consideration all the circumstances of this unfortunate case, we cannot help but regard its continuance as an outrage upon the rights of a private individual. There was no plea whatever offered for the postponement of the case, except the want of preparation on the part of the Prosecuting counsel, and that because they had not been fee'd. The Defendants' counsel were ready and anxious for the trial—all the witnesses, on both sides, were in attendance, and had been present every day of the session. The principal Defendant, a poor, laboring man, was, of course obliged to bear all the expenses of the trial out of his individual scanty purse. We understand that the attendance of one witness alone, from Luzerne county, had cost him upwards of $70. Nor is this all—his life, it is well known, has been in continual jeopardy since the occurrence at Brockville. It is doubtful whether he could have procured employment in this Region, for the fear of depredations upon the property of the employer; and in the event of an acquittal, he would, doubtless, have been obliged to leave the Region and seek a home and new avocations elsewhere. Several of his witnesses are about leaving the County, it is said, for fear of their lives, and perhaps will never return, so that unless a hearing of his case was had at this session of the Court, he could never have a fair trial again. Under these accumulated aggravations, it is no wonder the poor, heart-broken man sunk under his disappointment and attempted to rid himself of the heavy burden of his misfortunes.

There is no use disguising the fact that the public mind is highly excited at recent proceedings in this county—the lives of men are openly threatened—our operators are almost forced to discharge or employ men at the dictation of others for fear their property may be injured—confidence in the constituted guardians of the law is diminished; and it all arises from a base pandering to particular interests for votes, on the behalf of political aspirants, affecting the channels of justice, and even throwing suspicion upon, and diminishing confidence in, the action of our Courts. Whether true or not, the people believe it—and if true, it is high time that this state of affairs was changed in our county.

☞ SINCE the above was in type, we regret to learn that Mr. Stephenson is dead—he expired about 1½ o'clock yesterday afternoon.

☞ EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE.—We learn that Engine No. 11, belonging to the Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Rail Road Company, built by M. W. Baldwin, Esq., of Philadelphia, hauled over that Road on the 16th inst., in one train 192 cars of Coal, carrying 893 7-20 tons of Coal—weight of cars 460 15-100 tons—making the total weight of the train 1,354 2-20 tons. The name of this Engine is Eli Sherriff, and she burns Anthracite Coal as fuel. Considering the grades of the road, this is certainly an extraordinary performance.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

JUNE SESSIONS.

Commonwealth vs. James Cavanaugh, } Indictment for Murder.

☞ This case, it will be recollected by our readers, was the killing of a child, three or four years old, near Minersville, last February, by the father burning it to death, and at the same time stabbing his wife for interfering to save its life. The monstrous atrocity of the crime had greatly excited public interest in the case, and the Court House was crowded during the process of the trial. Its singularity has induced us to report it in full. Cavanaugh is an Irishman, about 35 or 40 years of age.

Jno. C. Neville and J. H. Adam, Esq.'s, counsel for the prosecution; John Hughes and F. W. Hughes, Esq.'s, for the defence. The following Jury was empannelled:

Peter Kline,	Jeremiah Nagle,
Michael M'Donough,	George Johnson,
George Lauer,	Benjamin Heilner,
Wistar A. Kirk,	James Gilfillan,
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After I had been in the vestry of the church, attending to some other business, I saw Cavanaugh and his wife kneeling in a pew in the church, I called them to me and asked if they wanted to speak to me, both seemed to have a difficulty in introducing the subject, and I introduced it myself; he commenced speaking pretty much as on the Saturday night previous—he accused her of the same conduct, he could not point out any thing particularly that I can recollect—I knew her object in coming to me was to clear herself of the charge—there was a Missal lying at one side—I pointed to this and she seemed much affected, knelt and laid her hand on the Book, to answer her husband's questions, and if he asked any that did not bear on the point, I would protect her. I then asked him if he was not satisfied, he did not seem to believe her, and I then told her not to swear again for him, that he was not worth swearing for—he then said that he would not believe her unless Patrick Brown would swear with her. I then told him that he behaved bad—he then looked wickedly at me, I then ordered him out of the church, as he seemed to be insolent, and showed symptoms of resistance. I then told her that she had better not take any notice of Philip Hoover, a troublesome person—he then said that if any thing happened to him it would rest on his wife and Patrick Brown. I recollect also that I asked his wife if he had abused her, she said no, that sometimes he loved her too well. She stated that she was innocent of the charges, and was a faithful wife. I interrupted him as soon as he said he would not believe her. Then some time about noon the same day, I was standing in the grave-yard speaking with a man arranging a grave, Cavanaugh and his wife came up the back way, and when they approached I said, "William, have you not gone home yet, and he immediately replied, "have you not gone home yet?" I think every thing I said he repeated after me; his wife said "shame, on you—don't speak so to the Priest" —this he repeated also, I then told him he should go home, and I told his wife not to go with him, but to go to her Brothers—I then told him he must go home again—and he continued to repeat all I said—I then seized and dragged him about two yards by the collar when he resisted—I had at that time assumed a commanding tone—I then relaxed my hold and asked him to come into the church and I would speak to him—he resisted again, and I think he took hold of my coat—he then got mad and would strike me, and he asked me if I would strike him. I then told him to begone, and I also told his wife not to go with him while he was in that state, he said he would follow her for 17 years and take her home; he spoke in a loud and excited manner, he said that I had been in the habit of "backing;" I then went into the church to cool, I was a little heated—then I went into the house I live in, where I was told the man was in the church smashing things—I said I would not go out, I was afraid of him or did not wish to go near him, he was so violent. I then saw some persons run into the church, who stated that he was killing his wife in the church—these men took him and carried him out—when they were letting him go, I told them not to let him go, that he would hurt some person—they let him down and he up and I began to talk to him—he screamed and ran after a woman going into a house opposite—he was brought out in a few minutes—he appeared then furious—he frothed at his mouth, and his eyes looked wild and rolled in his head. I told the men to hold him and then I went in—he struggled violently and kicked one of them. When he got loose he ran down Sunbury street with his hands extended in front—I saw him in the house he ran into about ten minutes afterwards, he was sitting down against a wall, and men appeared to be holding him—he appeared to be recovering from a swoon—I recommended that a Physician be called in to see him, I returned home, and I believe at the request of the Physician, I was wanted at the house again—I returned, he was then laying on a bed. Doctor Hale was the Physician. I thought some words to him, and he seemed calmer, I was under the impression that he was not sane with regard to his wife, that it was a kind of monomania—I judged more from his appearance, that he was not sane.

Cross Examined.—I do not recollect having had any other conversation with him on that subject except privately, which I cannot reveal here.

Doctor Hale sworn.—I visited Cavanaugh previous to the death of his child, a day or two before he was sent to prison. I found his mental disposition was curious, very erect—one person was sitting at each side of him, and one or two at the foot of the bed—I asked him if he knew me—he said yes, that I was Doctor Stewart, but afterwards recognized me—I requested the Rev. Mr. Malone to send for—he came and I did not prescribe for him, and requested them to send him home—he was calm, but seemed to have been greatly excited—his clothes were torn—he did not seem disposed to answer questions—I asked him to put out his arm and I felt his pulse, it was regular—I saw him after he was brought in to Ellis' Tavern after the child was burnt—I do not recollect speaking to him —I saw his hands were cut. He withdrew his arm after I felt his pulse—he appeared to be perfectly rational at the time, asked for his wife, called his brother by name, and when having turned round and seemed to apologize to the woman for tumbling the bed.

James Langton sworn—I saw Jas. Cavanaugh the Sunday before the death of his child—he thought there were people coming to shoot him—he wanted me to take him that night, that he thought it a safe place; he said if his life was taken that night he laid it on the two Wilsons; he would not allow any candle to be lit in my house that night, to show no light; he was in dread of being seen in the house. if there was light in the house; he put dark blinds before the windows so that no person could see in—he would not allow the door to open that night for fear that he would be seen—he wanted to get out of the fire. He took off his boots also for fear he would be heard walking across the floor; he went to the wall of the house and listened if he could hear any noise outside; there was a constable a distance from the house, there were two cows with bells on—in the night he heard the bells shaking; he said "the bells are ringing, and the party is coming to shoot me." I went to bed in order to encourage him to lie down with me; he would not; he was in dread. I laid awake, I did not sleep that night; and when the cock crew for day he says to my woman, she was a woman like his mother that night as my woman I see, but now there is murder in your countenance; then when the cock crew again, he wrung his hands and said Oh, Oh, Woman, Woman—I think he might before that he said he heard three cocks crow walking at Wilson's that night; that they went and wound the clock that night very often, that he had a sharp pocket knife and that he kept it half open, and he worked it back and forwards to work like the pendulum of a clock; there was a candle lit at Wilsons; that he had got his wife and his wife on his knee, out of the knee back on a chair; he said the lights were going backwards and forwards, and drew his wife off the knee back and forwards; he said also that he was restless in that house, night and morning, he could not pay attention to his devotions, or say their prayers, by the cursing they used to have in the next house—I encouraged him all night and told him nothing should happen *him there; in the morning* he said he should like to have his wife with him; I sent my wife for her —she returned with her, and Cavanaugh and his wife were left alone together in the church, as he said *to certify it*. Cavanaugh and Wilson live in one block of houses. When my wife took up a knife at the table, he shrunk back and said "*Oh don't*," as if he was afraid she would injure him; when I was going to work, he wanted me to stay with him and urged me to work, that he would pay me my wages if I would stay with him. He did not sleep any, but was talking and listening nearly all the night. He said there was a combination against him. *He told me that they wrote* on the wagons to look out for No. 1.—He told me that there was a person boarding with Brown, named Patrick Brown, and that when he went home *Brown had his wife setting on his knee*. I am not acquainted with Patrick Brown—do not know him.

Cross Examined.—I was acquainted with Cavanaugh about 12 months before the murder occurred—became acquainted in Minersville; I saw him after that in his own house to the best of my knowledge; *he was a steady man*—we were working for the same company, and I often saw him, I saw nothing bad about him; I visited him at his house after; I became acquainted. He said his wife was as good as he, and he as good as her—he said nothing about being jealous of her; he talked about his wife himself; he spoke on many subjects—he spoke about the boy that boarded with him; am no relation to Cavanagh, nor is my wife. He once spoke of going home, but I told him he had better stay, that he was safe here.

Mary Langton sworn—She corroborated the testimony of her husband in full, and added that when she took up the knife at supper, he seemed to shrink back, and exclaimed, "oh woman, put down that knife, I thought I was among friends"—he sat down at the table, drank a little tea, but would eat nothing.

Anthony Carroll sworn—The day before the murder of the child I met Cavanaugh and his wife in the street in Minersville—they were standing together. I heard him tell her to go home now, and if anything happened to him, that she and Patrick Brown would be hung for it—heard *her* ask him to go home for pity's sake—they then went up street together, and shortly after I saw a crowd at the Church. [The witness detailed what took place at the Church the same as the other witnesses.] I followed him down street and ran in the house after him—I took hold of him and tried to hold him;—a woman came in and he took hold of her by the shoulder, two other men then wrested his hands from her shoulder—we threw him down and he tried to creep out of the house—we then set him up against the wall and held him there—offered him water to drink, he seized the pitcher but would not drink any, and it was with difficulty that we got it from him—he then became more calm and we got him on the bed—he would not talk to us—he did not seem to recognize us; two young girls came in and stood at the foot of the bed looking at him, when he called to one of them, "mother, mother, come here." It was Patrick Brown's house that he ran into; it was Patrick Brown's wife that the caught hold of; I caught him by the arms; he caught hold of the woman in spite of me; after his brothers came to take him home I left.

George Jessup sworn—This witness corroborated the testimony of the others as to what took place at the house, and proceeded as follows:—When Dr. Hale came in he asked him if he knew him, he said yes, you are Dr. Stewart; after a short time he called him Dr. Hale. Then he asked him to put out his arm; he put it out, and as he was feeling his pulse he drew it back and said there was no use of feeling. Then he left with his brothers to go home, he shook hands with Mrs. Brown; asked if that was the child he stood for. I have known Cavanaugh a long time; knew him in Ireland; *his general character*, as far as I knew him, is that of an honest, quiet, industrious and sober man; he was always good-natured. I have been in his house frequently. I have always considered them very nice people; she always had her house in good order, and both were remarkably tidy in their dress and appearance in the streets for persons in their circumstances in life. I have never seen him in a tavern in my life; I saw him drink no shoes on; he appeared to be calling the chickens; my children were carrying some bushes and he saw them, and looked very sullen at me, when I told them to go back of the house, thinking he did not like them to pass the house; after that I heard the most pitiful screaching in Cavanaugh's house I ever heard. I and another man wanted to go in the house; his wife said for God's sake don't come in, he will only get worse; I asked her if he was drunk? She said "Oh, no, he is out of his mind, it is the will of God!" I then went into my own house; there is only a board thickness between the houses. Some time after this he appeared to be more calm; he wanted her to quench the fire; I heard through the board petition; she said, James I can't stay in the house without fire; it was getting very cold that evening. There were no words for a few minutes, then he said again, won't you quench the fire and light a candle. After some time she said she would, and she appeared to be quenching it as far as I could hear. I then went to work. I heard him several times teaching his children the alphabet after work; he played a flute or some other instrument, and tried to teach his boy to play also. He screamed like a man with the falling sickness—it is a kind of a fit they take in working.

Cross Examined.—I did not once anything peculiar about Cavanaugh; before the time spoken of he was very quiet. It was about 5 o'clock when he had the conversation with his wife about the fire; went to work after 5 o'clock; heard the conversation about quenching the fire about fifteen minutes before I left; I then eat my supper and afterwards went to my work.

Mrs. Mary Wilson sworn:—I lived next door to James Cavanaugh; at the time this occurrence happened, on Tuesday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, I was baking. I passed by his door, when I returned from the oven, I heard Cavanaugh screaming in a loud voice; I then went in my house, I heard him say, "Mary, Mary, can't you do any thing for me?" she answered, "what can I do for you, James,—I can do nothing for you." I went to the oven again, and after waiting a good while, I passed again; he hallooed then again and told her to get a clean towel and put on the floor, she asked him what he wanted with it on the floor; he said he was going to die; and then commenced to pray, but I did not understand his prayers; his wife was then exhorting him to lie on the bed, and when I passed the door again I looked in and saw him lying on the bed; I heard no more noise then until my old man went out to work; it was about dusk when he went out. I then heard him talking to his wife, and heard James ask her where she was going; she said she was going out to break some coal to put on the fire; she said he did not think she could break it; the first was in the coal. I heard after words the noise of throwing coal in the stove; there is only a board petition between; we took supper on one side, and they appeared to be eating on the other side also. I heard Cavanaugh asking his children to take some bread; he asked Mickey if he would not take another, and also asked Margaret to take another piece; then she said, Mickey, will you come and take some bread and cheese?" she said, "no," she did not feel for eating; then he began to scream again; so loud that if the door had been open could have heard him on the opposite side of the house. I then heard him talking; I then asked him if he was talking to my old man. He screamed out as loud as he could and said, "no mum, no mum, no mum." I went up stairs then to put my children to bed, I told them to be quiet, and when I came down stairs I heard him talking loud again, and he was talking to himself as usual as I heard something like a table fall; his wife talked but he talked fast, and asked, "are you going to kill me?" She cried, "Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson," then I took my baby up out of the cradle and went out. I went to Mrs. Brennan's and left that child, and came back in the morning in the German. after that he got back and heard him as if between crying and shouting, but did not hear her voice at all; then I came back the third time and took the other children to Mrs. Brennan's, when I came back this time there was a dead stillness; I stopped at Mrs. Brennan's about an hour. When I came over I listened some time when I could hear nothing; afterwards I heard him shouting and crowing like a rooster; then Mr Robinson's ducks began to hallow on the other side of street, and he commenced to hollow like the ducks, also. I went to the door at Brennan's with Brennan, and I saw him walking up and down in front of my house, and from what I could see he was naked; saying, "good morning Mr. Wilson," that is a pretty job you have done, r