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AUCTIONEERING IN SCH'L. COUNTY.

Last week, we noticed the arrest of several individuals, in this place, on the charge of selling goods, contrary to the Peddling Laws of this county. John M. Crosland, the Borough Auctioneer, was, also, arrested subsequently, on the ground of his having exceeded the regulations of his Commission. He was bound over, before Justice Wilson, for his appearance at Court and on a hearing there, on Tuesday last, the case was deferred till next week, when it will be brought up before a Jury. The case of the persons first referred to was likewise continued—they pleading that their sales were effected under the authority of the Auctioneer. Their guilt or innocence, therefore, turns upon the question, as to whether the Auctioneer has the right to delegate such privileges to others.

The Law, authorizing the appointment of the Auctioneer is as follows, passed at the Session of 1852—Act No. 155:

Section 17. That from and after the passage of this Act, the Governor is hereby authorized and required to Commission some suitable person in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, as an "Auctioneer," who is hereby authorized to sell at Public Auction all kinds of goods, Wares, Merchandize, Lands, Tenements and property of all kinds, yielding and paying to the Treasury of this Commonwealth one per cent. on all the property sold; after he shall have sold annually, property to the amount of ten thousand dollars, before he shall be compelled to pay anything to the State; and said Auctioneer shall be authorized to make sales in such place, in said Borough, at all times as he may select.

Provided, That the person appointed Auctioneer as aforesaid, shall pay into the Treasury of the Commonwealth the sum of twenty-five dollars for his Commission.

The main point at issue is as to how far this Law, under which the Auctioneer received his Commission, is subject to the previous enactments, regulating Peddling, &c., in this county, or whether his authority is derived solely from this Act.

We have only to add that, if there are no further restrictions upon the subject than those imposed by this statute alone, the law, it must be admitted, is a very imperfect one, and obviously leaves our merchants and business-men subject to the grossest imposition.

The meeting of the citizens previously announced, was held at Foster's Hall, on Monday evening, to take measures to prevent persons selling goods in the community in future, contrary to the laws regulating this matter. A permanent association was accordingly organized, to carry out the views of the meeting. It comprises most of our prominent merchants and business-men, and, from their known energy of character, the business interests of the community will, no doubt, be properly protected against the imposition of itinerant sales-men hereafter.

WHAT COL. BENTON SAYS.

At a recent meeting at Jackson, Mo., Col. BENTON pitched into politics, right and left. His favorite hobby seems to be "Reform," and in urging its necessity, he spares neither friend nor foe. He avows himself opposed to all abuses, and ready to act with any administration, Whig or Democratic, in the great work of their total extirpation. He says the expenses of the Government must be reduced from 60 to 20,000,000 of dollars under Mr. Pierce, and shows up where the responsibility belongs, for the loose change disposed of, at our national head-quarters.—He says:

"Party warfare, we are told, throws the blame of these sixty millions on the present Whig administration. But we are assured that inexorable history will have to qualify that reproach! and to tell that Democratic majorities were in both houses of Congress when that appalling sum was voted!—And further, that it would have been seventy, instead of sixty, if the "lower" house (as it is called) had sanctioned all the appropriations voted for in the "upper."

He then introduces President-making, and talks right out in meeting about the Loco Baltimore Convention. He makes a total *expose* of the manœuvres of his great Democratic compeers, Cass, Buchanan, &c., in their political aspirations, and seems to chuckle over the "accident" that thwarted their hopes. Hear him:

"I have only spoken of Legislative abuses at Washington, and the usurpation of national legislation by a band of intrusive and high trading agents. There is another branch of abuse which requires attention—that of the usurpations of elections by caucusses and conventions, which has also grown up a NEW POWER, and now nearly controls all [elections from President of the United States down to the most inconsiderable county officer, and generally without regard to the popular will, and with an eye to their own advantage. I cannot explore the abuse which strikes at the foundation of all elective governments, nor trace it through all the States and the counties. I can only speak of the Presidential conventions, and what I heard at Washington, that sixty thousand dollars were expended in the last one at Baltimore, in three houses in the entertainment of delegates! of course to get at their understanding through the medium of their stomachs. Fasting and praying would have been a better preparation for the discharge of their duties. Fortunately neither of these three horses carried their man. The lot fell upon one for whom no money had been expended to procure a nomination. But that was an accident, and we have no right to expect such good fortune again.—President-making has become a regular art; or trade followed by old politicians, at the expense, and without the consent, or even knowledge of the people. Who knows, except the initiated, that the last Democratic convention elongated itself by appointing a committee to sit until 1856? Yet they did it! made a committee of their own body—thirty-one in number—one for each State—to sit four years—their duties slight upon the record—great in the performance. And with what design? Very comprehensive from the complexion of the gentlemen appointed, and of whom you may judge from the specimen in this State. If things go on at this rate, the people of the United States will have no more hand in the selection of their Presidents than the subjects of the European monarchies have in begetting the child who is to become their king."

PRESIDENT POLK AFTER CUBA.

An important diplomatic correspondence between President Polk and Spain has just turned up among the Government printing, at Washington. It seems he made an offer to that Government of the purchase of Cuba, without consulting either house of Congress, but Spain promptly, courteously but absolutely declined the overture. The price of the purchase is summed up thus, through Secretary Buchanan:

"It will occur to you that if Spain should cede Cuba to the United States, she would at once relieve herself from a great part, if not the whole, of this civil, military, and naval expenditure. In this view of the subject, it would seem that the sum of $50,000,000 would be an ample pecuniary indemnity to Spain for the loss of the Island."

POST OFFICE OPERATIONS.

There is said to be a falling off of nearly a million dollars revenue to the Post-Office Department, under the present reduced system, as compared with the receipts last year. This is much less, however, than followed the reduction of the rates in 1845. In 1850, the income was nearly 26 per cent. greater than in 1845, and 24½ per cent. greater than the average receipts for the nine years preceding 1845. The effect of the last reduction, so far, favors the impression that a still more beneficial result will follow.

☞ THE LATE difficulties, pending between this country and Peru, in relation to our obtaining Guano from the Lobos Islands, have been amicably adjusted by our Government acknowledging the right of Peru to the Islands; and that country in return has guaranteed the freighting of our ships upon the most reasonable terms.

Editor's Cable.

GOOD THINGS IN TO-DAY'S JOURNAL.—Those of our readers, who are fond of well-written sketches—something that will almost make one's hair stand on end—will find the proper material in "The Moonlight Ride," on our first page.

Ladies, request a parody on the "Address to a Bachelor," on the Fourth page, of some of your gentlemen friends—if that don't "fetch" them, you may set their case down as hopeless.

GRAHAM for December is filled with good things—as usual. This closes the volume for 1852.—Persons wishing to subscribe, should hand in their names immediately, so as to commence with the next volume. This Magazine contains 112 pages of Reading matter, *regularly* every month, besides several splendid engravings and a number of other excellent illustrations. Price $3, a year, or both Graham's Magazine and Godey's Lady's Book for $4! this is Graham's own offer. Subscriptions received at BANNAN'S. Single copies 25 cents.

"THE CABIN AND THE PARLOR," by J. T. Randolph has been sent us by the Publishers for examination. Its object is to correct the false impressions insidiously, though ably, put forth in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Several answers have appeared to this last work, but none so complete and effective, in our opinion, as this. It represents, very fairly, the condition of the Southern Slaves and the relation between them and their Masters; and, moreover, draws a striking parallel picture of the abject serfdom, practised upon their employees by the "Merchant Princes" of the North. We recommend this work to the reading public, as amply worthy their attention—it will do much toward allaying the unjust and often ignorant prejudice manifested towards the "horrors of slavery," and place the evil, for evil it unquestionably is, in its true light.

DICKENS' HOUSEHOLD WORDS is a capital weekly periodical. Price $2,50 a year—subscriptions received at BANNAN'S.

Local Affairs.

☞ *Testimonial of Respect.*—At a special meeting of the School Board of the Borough of Pottsville, held Tuesday evening, Nov. 23, 1852, the following Resolutions were adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this Board has heard with deep regret and sorrow of the death of JOSEPH WEAVER, one of its members.

Resolved, That the several Schools under this Board be closed to-morrow, (Wednesday, November 24, 1852,) in token of respect to the memory of the deceased.

Resolved, That this Board deeply sympathises with the family of the deceased in their bereavement.

Resolved, That we now adjourn, and that the members of this Board and the Teachers of the several Schools attend the funeral of said JOSEPH WEAVER, deceased on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 24, 1852, at 2 o'clock.

Resolved, That the foregoing proceedings be published in the papers of the Borough, and the Secretary furnish a copy thereof to the family of our deceased member.

Extract from the minutes.

JOHN C. MARTIN,
Sec't. B. of School D. P. B Dist.

☞ *Literary Society.*—The meeting on Wednesday evening was still more largely attended, if possible, than either of the previous ones of this season. No lecture was delivered, but the spirit and ability with which the Debate was conducted, amply compensated for the disappointment—it was one of the best ever made before the Society. The members had evidently taken pains to prepare themselves and the historical information elicited in the discussion was highly interesting, as well as instructive.

At a subsequent Business Meeting, according to the regular usages of the Society as to the time for holding elections, the following Officers were chosen for the ensuing term:

President—T. J. Sheaner;
Vice-President—C. Little;
Secretary—T. H. Walker;
Treasurer—Dr. A. Heger, (re-elected);
Librarian—G. D. Haughawout, (re-elected).

☞ *The series of Balls*, known as the "Bachelors' Sociables," will commence on the 7th of December, next Tuesday evening a-week, to be followed by the others at three weeks' interval, each—28th of December, 18th of January, and 8th of February. They will be given at the Town Hall—the room is to be papered and new gas fixtures put up. These entertainments were well attended last winter, and, we believe, gave general satisfaction. The Subscription price for the series of four Balls is $5. The Managers request all those who wish to attend to hand in their names as early as possible. The price of a ticket for a single evening is $2. The invitations, we are informed, will be distributed to-day.

☞ *The Schuylkill County Clay Monument.*—The Basement of this structure is now completed and ready for the Column and Statue, as soon as they shall be finished. This portion of the work has been under the charge of Mr. JNO. MADARA.—It measures 15 feet in height, and is finished in a most substantial and workman-like manner The castings of the Iron column, and the Statue, will be ready, it is expected, by the 1st of April and May next, respectively. The height of the whole will be 78 feet, thus: Basement 15 feet, Column 48 feet, and Statue 15 feet.

☞ *First Sleighing.*—Snow commenced falling in this vicinity on Monday afternoon last, and continued during the night. On Tuesday morning, it measured 4 to 6 inches in depth. Several sleighs were out for the first time this season, on Monday night and also next morning, but the fun was short-lived—the snow having almost entirely disappeared in the streets, by noon.

☞ *The Festival*, or "substantial supper," given at the First Methodist Church, on Thursday evening, we understand, was most liberally patronised. The tables, it is said, fairly groaned under the weight of good things prepared for the occasion, and the appetites of the crowd of visitors bespoke a most thankfully beautiful condition of our community.

☞ *Thanksgiving.*—Thursday was very generally observed, as a day of Public Thanksgiving, in our Borough. All the places of business were closed, service held in several of the churches, and everything wore the aspect of a Sabbath, in accordance with the design of the appointment.

☞ *Rev. Daniel Washburn*, of Philadelphia, delivered an appropriate and able sermon, on Thursday, in Trinity Church, in this place, of which he has lately been chosen Rector. He enters immediately upon his official duties.

☞ EX-GOVERNOR SHULZE died at Lancaster, Friday, 19th inst. He was educated for the Ministry and filled the pulpits of several Lutheran churches, for some years.—In 1822, he was selected as the Democratic candidate for the Senate, and was triumphantly elected. During the first session of the term for which he was elected to the Senate, he was nominated by the Democratic State Convention for Governor, and was elected the following October by a large majority, and again re-elected in 1826 by almost a unanimous vote.

☞ THE DEMOCRATS, or, according to the *Emporium*, a "portion" of them only, held a Jubilee here on Monday. Hope they had a "good time"—no doubt they had, for we have always observed that the most direct route to a Democrat's conscience is through his stomach; that's an infallible remedy for a Locofoco "mind diseased." We should think after their late assuduous labors in this County, they needed some of the best "creature comforts" to restore the equilibrium of both soul and body.

☞ TOO MODEST.—Our left-hand neighbor, at the ——— dinner table, last Thursday, wanting some stuffing from a roast duck, which a gentleman was carving, requested him to transfer from the deceased fowl to his plate some of its *artificial intestines*.

☞ HON. JNO. SERJEANT, an active and universally respected citizen of Philadelphia, died at his residence in that city, on Tuesday evening. He was in the seventy-third year of his age.

☞ PIERCE'S majority in New-York, officially reported, is 27,245.

THE SCHYL. NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Below we continue from last week the comments of the Philadelphia *North American*, on the affairs of the Schuylkill Navigation Company:

In the preceding article we spoke of the capacity of the canal as depending upon its supply of boats, upon the speed with which trips can be made, the number of boats that can pass its locks in a given time, the certainty of a supply of water, and security from floods. We proceed to consider briefly these several points.

The canal has no carrying privileges. The Company are not themselves carriers. In consequence of this, they have experienced heretofore a difficulty, from the fact that there was not always an adequate supply of boats of the right kind to do the business for which there was really a demand. Coal oftentimes did not come through the canal, but sought some other route, simply because there were no boats in readiness to bring it. The canal, therefore, often failed, especially after active competition commenced, in getting all the custom to which its facilities fairly entitled it. A plan has been adopted, under the new settlement, by which the Company are able to secure, at all times, a full supply of boats of the size wanted, and confined to their own business.

The plan is this. They find a boat captain who is without a boat, or the means of building one. On his advancing a small sum, just sufficient to be a guaranty for his performance of his engagements, the Company build him a boat, or procure it to be built, holding it as their own property until the captain, by monthly instalments of $50, (which the business itself enables him to pay) reimburses the Company for their outlay, and receives from them full ownership of the property. By the recent law of April, 1852, the Company are especially authorized to hold and pledge this species of property, without its becoming liable for their general business. They can thus increase their freighting facilities indefinitely, without embarrassment or risk. The facilities thus created, appealing directly to the personal enterprise and care of the individual boatmen, cause the business to be done in the most economical matter. The captain, feeling that the boat is his own, takes a degree of care in the use of it heretofore unknown. The expense of repairs is reduced to the minimum point. Running also on his own account, he makes the most diligent use of his time, and in every other way is careful to reduce expenses. The more the expense of bringing coal by the canal can be reduced, the more coal will seek that avenue to market. That the attractiveness of the canal to operators has, in fact, been greatly increased by this means, is apparent from the experience of the present season, when the Schuylkill has increased upon its last year's business beyond any of the other coal companies. The company will be prepared, the next year, with boats and landings to do a business of 950,000 tons, and there is a prospect, amounting almost to a certainty, that that amount will be called for at their hands.

The company, during the present year, have awakened a spirit of emulation among the boatmen, in regard to the rapidity of their trips, which has materially modified the opinions and the practice of this important class of workmen. Under the influence of the impetus thus given, the whole old fashioned routine has been broken up. Instead of the former rate of canal navigation, by which trips of from Pottsville to Philadelphia and back, and twenty-one days from Pottsville to New York and back, the trip is now made regularly, and without extra exertion, to Philadelphia and back in eight days, and to New York and back in fifteen days. The same number of boats, therefore, are employed now for about twenty-five per cent. more business than formerly. The business becomes proportionably more profitable to the boatmen, and consequently more of it is attracted to the canal.

Among the facilities for expediting and cheapening the business of the canal, may be mentioned in this connection, the recent application of steam-power to the unloading of boats, and the improved arrangements for shipping coal and distributing it for the retail trade, as shown on the wharf of Messrs. F. Bacon & Co., on the Schuylkill. These gentlemen are able now to unload from a boat, and to weigh, a cargo of 150 tons in one hour, and on several occasions, during the present season, a similar amount was placed in a boat from the landings of the Company in Schuylkill county, in less than one hour. By such processes as this, not only is there a saving in the substitution of steam-power for human power, but the time of the boatmen is saved by the despatch with which the business is done. And whatever lessens the expense, necessarily draws business and increases tolls.

The next question for consideration is the number of boats that can be passed through the locks in a given time. On this point the engineer of the company furnishes no adequate data, as the canal has never yet been pushed to its full ability. The only canal in the country which is in this condition, is the New York and Erie canal, at some of whose locks, at particular seasons, boats present themselves as fast as they can be passed through. From the annual reports of the New York Canal Board, we have collected some statistics in regard to the actual number of lockages at several points, where the largest amount of business seems to have accumulated. It should be observed in regard to the Erie canal, that its business has not that uniformity which marks the coal-carrying lines of Pennsylvania. Instead of being almost equally diffused through the season, it is crowded into a particular months, and even particular days. There have been, on some of the locks, as many as 340 lockages in a single day, and as high as 6,681 lockages in a month.

Statement showing the Annual number of Lockages at certain Locks on the Erie Canal during a series of years:

Year	Lock No. 1 at Albany,	Lock 8 miles West of Schenectady,	Lock 19 miles, at Syracuse	Lock 35 miles, at Geddes
1844	20,845	28,219	25,198	20,044
1845	19,963	30,452	28,283	23,052
1846	18,169	33,431	32,912	25,253
1847	23,743	43,957	39,149	31,450
1848	19,519	34,911	34,760	29,066
1849	19,355	36,918	35,634	28,740
1850	18,382	38,444	41,170	27,799
1851	19,907	40,306	not given	29,535

In view of the facts here presented, and especially considering the longer period of the navigation season in this latitude, and the more equable distribution of the business through the season, there cannot be the least doubt, that, so far as the lockage is concerned, at least 40,000 boats can be passed through the locks of the Schuylkill canal, during a season. Supposing the number, however, to be only 30,000, and supposing them to carry only 150 tons each, (instead of 180, and supposing them all to return empty, (which is far from the truth), it would even then give an annual tonnage of 2,250,000.

In still further confirmation of the view here presented, it may be remarked, that the boats running on the Erie Canal average only 70 tons burden, instead of 180 and 200 tons, to which those of the Schuylkill Canal are now all being brought, and yet the down freight alone, which passed through its locks in 1851, was 1,508,677 tons.

(See Annual Report of the Canal Department, April, 1852, p. 14.)

We think, therefore, we are entirely safe in the assertion, that a sufficient number of boats can pass the locks of the canal to enable it to do an annual tonnage of 2,000,000.

As to the supply of water, we believe there is a very general misapprehension in the minds of the community on this subject. The company have had large experience on this head, and they believe themselves perfectly secure against any contingency of this kind. Besides the water of the river itself, they have constructed three capacious reservoirs among the mountains, where water is dammed up during the wet season to supply any deficiency of water during the drought of summer. The combined capacity of these reservoirs is 110,000,000 cub'c feet. During the great drought of 1851, the largest of these reservoirs remained unused, and even the second was not entirely exhausted. The company have, besides, the sides of several other reservoirs, one of which alone will give a power of 103 acres. There are, moreover, many other ways of increasing the water in the canal, which might be resorted to, but which have not been heretofore, because the need has never arisen. Every dam along the line may, to a limited extent, and with a trifling expense, be made to serve as a reservoir. The ordinary flow of the current over these dams is from eight to ten inches. When the water begins to fail, a temporary and moveable strip may be placed across the edge of the dam, raising the sheet to its ordinary level, and making the pool, to that extent, a reservoir. Further, many of the streams, deeper into the bowels of the earth, the mines have to be kept dry by enormous pumps worked by steam. In this way a large amount of water is thrown out upon the surface, which is now allowed to evaporate, or run to waste in various directions. Nearly all of this, amounting to a very considerable and constantly increasing item, may be gathered into the canal. The lockage itself can be so managed as, not only not materially to waste the water, but so as in some combinations of circumstances actually to pump it up. This has been fully demonstrated both in this country and in France. The company, therefore, feel perfectly secure on the subject of a supply of water.

But, on no point is there a more general misapprehension than in regard to the danger from floods. We do not mean to say that the company have not experienced disasters from this source, and that they are not liable to disasters in future, but the amount of damage from this source has been greatly over-estimated. It has so happened that by far the worst injury which their works have ever experienced from this source, occurred just when they were struggling with multiplied and overwhelming disasters from other sources, and with the accumulated debt growing out of the enlargement, and with the receipts dwindled to comparative insignificance by a fierce and hostile competition, only two months after one freshet, (that of July, 1850,) from the effects of which they had but just recovered, and just at the moment when their treasury was in a state of collapse from the efforts to pay the quarterly interest, came the great flood of September, 1850. This, therefore, was not so much the avalanche itself as the last, in a series of influences, that set the avalanche in motion. That which caused it to be so distinctly remembered in the history of the company, was its appalling moral effect upon the minds of the proprietors, and this effect was produced, not so much by the actual amount of the disaster as by the peculiar combination of events at the time of its occurrence.—The whole amount of the actual cost of repairs of the flood, was *only* $277,000. Part of this, even, was expended, not in repairs, but in improvements, making the work more secure for the future than it had been. Greater water-way was given to the dams at all the contracted points, and the work strengthened generally, wherever there was any special exposure, so that after the repairs from the great flood, the work was left, and it now is, in a much better and more secure position than it ever was before.

Besides this, in point of fact, the canal has actually suffered less from casualty by flood, than almost any other canal of equal length in the country. The experience of twenty-seven years shows that an annual appropriation of $25,000 (less than ½ of 1 per cent on the whole investments of the company,) would cover all the cost of the injuries from this source, including the two great floods of 1850. The Contingent Fund of $100,000, (presently to be explained,) gives the Company hereafter the means of repairing immediately any ordinary disaster, without going into the market to borrow money under the influence of panic, and at extravagant rates of interest.

To return. We think we have shown that there is nothing in the supply of boats or of water, in the amount of lockage, or in the general expedition of business, to show that the Canal cannot pass annually 2,000,000 tons of coal to market; nor do we think any well-informed person will say, that the wants of the coal trade will not, in a very few years, place that amount of custom at the disposal of the company. Supposing such an amount of business practicable, how would its realization affect the character of the company's investments?

By the terms of the settlement under the law of April, 1852, no dividend is to be made, even on the preferred stock, until a Contingent Fund of $100,000 has been accumulated, and safely invested in some other securities than those of the Company. The object of this fund is to provide for temporary disasters, by flood or otherwise. It is to be held ever ready to meet the expenses of extraordinary repairs; and whenever, on this account, the fund has been reduced, the net profits of the Company, after paying interest and expenses, are appropriated to the restoration of the fund to the full sum of $100,000, before making any dividends on the stock.

Another version of the settlement is, that the earnings of the year 1852 shall be appropriated, first, to the current expenses of the work to the opening of navigation, in April, 1853; secondly, to the payment of the interest on the New loan for six months, viz: to March, 1853; thirdly, to the payment of the interest on the Old Mortgage loan for nine months, viz; to March, 1853; thirdly, to the creation of the Contingent Fund of $100,000; and if the net earnings of the present year do not equal that sum, the deficiency is to be made up out of the net earnings of 1853, before declaring any dividend. No dividend, of course, was contemplated in 1852.

The business of the present year is already so far advanced that we can form a sufficiently accurate conjecture as to the general result. The business has been thus far more than twenty-five per cent. beyond that of any previous year, and at prices greatly more remunerative than for several years past. Present appearances are, that the coal tonnage of 1852 will reach 750,000 tons at the least, perhaps 800,000 tons. It has already reached about 735,000 tons. We may therefore make some reasonable conjectures as to the results of this year, and the prospects for the year to come.

We speak not unadvisedly when we sum up the probable business of the year as follows:

Tolls on (say) 750,000 tons of coal at 55 cents a ton,		$412,500
Miscellaneous tolls,		70,000
Water rents and rents of real estate,		25,000
Total,		$507,500
Current expenses of canal and office,	$80,000	
Car and landing expenses, at 10 cents a ton,	78,000	
Interest on old Mortgage for nine months,	81,000	
Interest on New Loan for 6 mos.,	120,000	$359,000
Balance,		$148,500

There is, therefore, little doubt that the Contingent Fund will be entirely made up the present year, besides settling up all the small outstanding matters connected with the late settlement. What are the prospects for the year 1853, and for the succeeding years?

The arrangements which are now in progress, and which will be completed before the opening of the next spring navigation, will increase the boat, car, and landing capacity of the canal, so as to be fully equal to a freightage of 950,000 tons—a tonnage which the steady growth of the coal trade seems fairly to justify the company in expecting for the year 1853. Supposing prices to be adjusted on the present basis, the business of the company for 1853 may be estimated as follows:

Tolls on 950,000 tons of coal,		$517,500
Miscellaneous tolls,		80,000
Water Rents, and rents on Real Estate,		27,000
Total,		$624,500
Current expenses of canal and office;	$80,000	
Car and landing expenses,	95,000	
Interest on the whole loan, $5,800,000,	348,000	523,000
Balance,		$101,500

This would give a dividend of 4 per cent. on the preferred stock at the close of the year 1853.

There seems no good reason for supposing that the Schuylkill Navigation will not continue to share, as it always has heretofore shared, in the steady increase in the anthracite coal trade. Nor, in the present attitude of the trade, is there a probability that any of the companies will soon again renew the suicidal policy of former years. Supposing the trade to continue on the present basis, and with a rate of increase of only 10 per cent, the share of coal business which would naturally fall to the canal in 1854, would be 1,200,000 tons, and its receipts would be as follows:

Coal tolls,		$660,000
Other tolls,		90,000
Rents,		30,000
		$780,000
Current expenses,	$90,000	
Car and landing expenses,	120,000	
Interest on loans,	348,000	
Six per cent dividend on the Preferred Stock,	150,000	
	708,000	
Balance,		$72,000

This would be equivalent to a dividend of a little more than 3½ per cent. on the Common Stock.

A similar calculation would show, in 1855, a dividend of not less than 6 per cent. on both Common and Preferred Stock; and in 1856 a considerable surplus, which, according to the recent settlement, would be shared equally between the two stocks.

Beyond this point, it would be, perhaps, unwise to speculate. Those who wish to carry the calculation farther, have all the means of doing so, in the facts already presented. The miscellaneous tolls of the company just equal the miscellaneous expenses of canal and office. The water and other rents, if not entirely stationary, probably will not, in any stage of the business, exceed $30,000 or $35,000. As to the toll on coal, the average expense to the company, for cars and landings, is ten cents a ton, leaving on this business, as at present established, a net profit of 45 cents a ton. A coal business of 1,500,000 tons, therefore, would show a handsome surplus, after paying six per cent. on the whole investment of $10,300,000. Whether such a business will accrue to the company, and how soon, are questions which every reader can answer as well as we. The conjectures which we have given, though put forth purely as conjectures, and to be received as such, are yet based upon substantial and significant facts, and they are not, so far as we can see, in any of their features, a whit more improbable than the whole of the present condition of the coal trade would have appeared ten years ago.

THE FRUITS OF INTEMPERANCE.

We submit the following melancholy case reported by a Boston paper, as having recently taken place in that city—the facts speak for themselves and need no comment, to apply the lesson they so forcibly teach:

"We have already mentioned the case of Mrs. Ellen Stafford, who resided in the rear of No. 3 Lancaster street, and who was found dead in her bed room on Monday morning, the 5th inst., about 2 o'clock. The history of the case is as follows: Her husband, John Stafford, a carpenter by trade, commenced striking and abusing her, while in a state of intoxication on Friday, September 24, which he continued through Saturday and Sunday, during the night as well as the day, kicking her in various parts of the body and striking her with great violence. On one of these days she received a blow from his foot in the abdomen, which was probably the cause of her death.

Her right arm was covered with bruises, received in defending her head from his cruel blows. He would drive her from one room to another, suffering her neither to sit or to lie upon the bed, or have a moment's respite from his brutal assaults, while her circumstances were such as to require from him the tenderest care and sympathy. He would not allow her to eat anything or cook anything for the children.

He continued this course till Sunday evening, the 26th, when the neighbors becoming alarmed lest he should murder her, called on a watchman at 10 or 11 o'clock, who took him to the watch-house, and the next day he was sent to the house of correction. He remained there three or four days, when his employer, needing his services, paid the fine, and he was released. He immediately commenced his brutal assaults upon her, and continued so till the night she died.

The neighbors represented her to be a good wife and mother, and a quiet, temperate and inoffensive woman, giving him no provocation for his brutal cruelties.

There are six children, the eldest 14 years and the youngest 14 months. Mrs. Egan, a poor widow woman, residing in the same building, has taken them into her room, till some provision can be made for them. The infant is sick, has wasted away, and needs careful nursing.

Hannah, the eldest child, is an intelligent girl. She has been kept at school, and is quite intelligent. Her testimony yesterday at the Coroner's Inquest, was given with a readiness, fluency, and apparent correctness, rarely to be witnessed in intelligent adult persons. She was the eye-witness of most of her father's cruelties, and suffered in her own person from violent blows of her father. She is very delicate in her appearance, and must have endured much from nervous excitement and fright for two or three weeks past. She needs sympathizing friends, and deserves to be removed from her present associations, and placed under those congenial to her disposition and deserts.

The Jury returned a verdict, that her death was caused by blows, kicks and injuries, wilfully and maliciously inflicted upon her head and body, by her husband, John Stafford, on the 25th and 26th days of September, last past, and at divers other times, from which injuries, she suffered and languished until the 4th day of October, when she died."

All Sorts and Sizes.

☞ *Rum Bottles Outlawed.*—The following case tried in the Quarter Session of Berks County, is thus reported by the Reading *Gazette*:

"A wife indicted her husband for assault and battery, committed under the following circumstances:—They were returning home together in a wagon, from market—the husband provided with a "pocket pistol," well loaded, from which he took sundry "swigs," until he became "shot." The wife remonstrated earnestly against such conduct, which aroused the anger of her lord, and he commenced abusing her; whereupon she seized the rum bottle, and threw it out into the road. For this her brute of a husband beat her. Judge Jones charged the jury that the wife's act of breaking the bottle did not justify the husband in striking her; that although a wife had no right to destroy the goods and chattles of a husband, a rum-bottle was an exception; that a wife was perfectly justifiable in seizing her husband's rum-bottle wherever she could lay hands on it and destroying it; and that in this instance the defendant did no more than what a sensible woman ought to have done. The jury rendered a verdict in accordance with this sound opinion. Rum-bottles may, therefore, from this date, be considered without the pale of the law's protection."

☞ *North Carolina.*—The Raleigh *Standard* publishes the official result of the late election in that State. The vote of General Pierce is 89,744, and that of General Scott 39,058—majority for Pierce, 686. The vote is 12,675 less than that polled for Reid and Kerr in August, and about the same as that polled for Cass and Taylor in 1848. Pierce runs 8,740 votes behind Reid, and Scott 3,935 behind Kerr. There were some 50 or 60 votes cast for Hale and Julian. At one precinct in Hyde people voted directly for Pierce and King and Scott and Graham, and of course their votes were not counted; and in Cleaveland one of the Whig Electors ran 20 votes behind his ticket.

☞ *How we lost the Election.*—Pierce had carried Georgia by a majority of at least 6,000. The Savannah *Georgian*—a Pierce paper—says of the result:

"*We by no means claim this as a democratic victory.* The success of Pierce and King in Savannah—in its extent at least—is due too much to the noble and party-sacrificing patriotism of *Whigs* to permit us to exult over it as a democratic triumph."

Every doubtful State in the Union was lost to Scott by the same means, and a number of undoubted Whig States were suffered to cast their votes for Pierce from similar criminal defection.

☞ *Relics of Napoleon.*—The Prince President has asked of England the Emperor Napoleon's will, left at St Helena. There are several relics of his son in the possession of the imperial family of his Austrian mother, the return of which probably may be requested also. Among these is the silver gilt cradle in which he was placed when saluted as King of Rome. It is literally covered with French eagles. The regalia belonging to Napoleon as King of Italy, which decended in heirlooms to his son, is also in the possession of the Hapsburg family. This regalia consists of a crown, sceptre and silver mace, and a superb coronation mantle lined with ermine.

☞ *Three Cent Pieces.*—The Philadelphia *Ledger* says of the operations of the mint during the last month:

"The manufacture of three cent pieces has been immense, 2,686,800 pieces were coined, representing in value $80,000. Last month the coinage of this very convenient little piece was over a million and a half, and the amount then was thought to be immense. Large as this supply is, it does not exceed the demand. The treasurer has now but few on hand."

☞ *Omnibus Accommodations at San Francisco.*—A line of omnibuses has commenced running from the Oriental Hotel, corner of Market and Mission streets, San Francisco, to the Kremlin Hotel, on Stockton street, for "the simple charge of *twenty-five cents* only." For a *single dollar* the omnibus will take passengers, with their baggage, to and from any of the principal hotels; and thus protect the public from "extortionate prices of hackdrivers!"

☞ *The Largest Tunnel* in the world is in Hungary. It extends from the shore of the river, Gran, near Zarnewitz, to the Schemnitzer Hill mines, and is ten English miles in length. It is destined to serve the double purpose of a drain for the water accumulating in the mines, and of a railway to transport the mineral ore from the works to the river Gran.

☞ *Editorial Life.*—It is difficult to convince the public that the life of an editor is not passed upon a bed of roses. "Editorial life is the worst of slavery!" exclaim the editors. "It's an editorial lie if you say so!" retorts the public. We say nothing—but somebody has pronounced "public opinion an ass."—*Literary Museum.*

☞ *The Lake Shore Railroad.*—We have already mentioned the completion of the railroad around the Pennsylvania shore of Lake Erie, and the arrival at Erie of trains of cars from Cleaveland. There is now an uninterrupted railroad chain from New York city to Cleaveland, which will be before many days, extended to Chicago.

☞ *Franklin Pierce* is the youngest man who has ever been elected President of the United States. He is 48 years of age. Washington, John Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, John Quincy Adams and Van Buren, were each 58; Jackson, 62; Harrison, 68; Taylor, 66; Polk, 50.

☞ *An Apple Speculation.*—Twenty-five hundred barrels of Newton Pippins went as freight in the last European steamer. They cost five dollars per barrel: the freight charged is one dollar and twenty-five cents; and they are sold in Liverpool for twenty-five shillings or $17 per barrel.

☞ *Strong Enough for all Responsibility.*—Upon the inauguration of Gen. Pierce, on the 4th of March next, the United States Senate will consist of 42 Democrats, 2 Free-soilers, and 18 Whigs. The Democrats will have more than two-thirds of that body.

☞ *St. Mary's Township*, in Elk county, settled exclusively by foreign Catholics, is "one of the townships we read of." At the late election, where were polled in that township 173 votes, every one of which was cast for Pierce and King.

☞ *Potter County* is the banner county of the Free Soilers in Pennsylvania. At the last election the vote stood, for Pierce 661; Hale 335; Scott 263—the Whigs being the "third party."

☞ *The Abolitionists* having given the Lemmon a Paine-ful squeeze, citizens are determined to treat the country with a little Lemmon-aid, says the New York *Mirror*.

☞ *Park Benjaman*, it is said, expects a large fortune soon, from certain decisions lately made in settling the estates of his old Jewish ancestors in England.

☞ *Miss Charlotte* Cushman and Miss Clarke (Grace Greenwod) left Paris in company, on the 28th ultimo, for Rome, where they will pass the winter.

☞ *Parents*, find all the fault you can with the public schools—it has such a good effect upon the minds of your children. Don't forget to abuse Directors!

☞ *It is* supposed that North Carolina will send Wm. A. Graham to the United States Senate. The Whigs have 1 majority on joint ballot in the Legislature.

☞ *The fifty* thousand dollars for the endowment of Delaware College has all been subscribed, and mainly in Delaware itself.

☞ *The* Council of New York city have decided to have a railway along Broadway. The kind of road is not yet determined.

☞ *Intemperance.*—Addison, Sheridan, Chas. Lamb, Theodore Hook, and Steele, all suffered from intemperance,

☞ *Gen. Pierce's* majority on the popular vote is estimated at about 180,000. Gen. Harrison's was 140,000.

☞ *The trial list* in Berks county is now two years behind hand. Alas for the law's delay!

☞ *The faults* of parents can generally be seen in the *conduct* of children. Recollect that.

☞ *Let every* subscriber "fork up"—then what a happy Christmas we will have!

☞ *A new* opera house is about to be erected on Broad street, Philadelphia.

☞ *The number* of votes cast at the recent election exceeds three millions.

☞ *Pope Pius IX.* refuses to go to France and crown Louis Napoleon.

☞ *Send your* children to school regularly while you send at all.

CONSUMPTION IS THE great curse of our Northern latitudes. It is the blight of domestic felicity and the despoiler of beauty. It robs the cheek of its healthful bloom, the mind of its serenity, and the eye of its brilliancy. It wastes the form, dims the intellect, and plunges its victim into an early grave. The young and the old, the serious and the gay, the city belle, the country lass, are alike its prey and its victims. Blessings on the man, then, whose genius and research furnished us with weapons to bid defiance to this "Dweller of the Threshold!" He merits the applause and gratitude of ages.

The following certificate was handed us for publication. In giving it place in our columns, we do no more than justice to Mr. Fowle, in saying that this is but one of many similar testimonials of the good qualities and healing power of his Balsam.

N. E. Washingtonian, Boston, Feb. 29, 1839.

Mr. Fowle—Dear Sir:—My mother, (aged about 80,) has been afflicted for several years past with an obstinate cough, which at times has nearly proven fatal. On a visit to this city last fall, I procured for her a bottle of your "Wild Cherry Balsam."—A short time after her return home, (Bristol,