

Miners' Journal. Saturday Morning, Dec. 23.

CLOSE OF VOLUME XXVIII. The present number closes the current volume (XXVIII) of the Journal. Through out the year, and indeed during the entire time of our occupancy of the Chair editorial, it has been our constant aim to provide the reading public with a newspaper, worthy of the place and our people.

CHRISTMAS. "Methinks I've cast fifty years aside, And am a boy again." According to the Almanac, "Christmas comes but once a year," and sure enough, in the due course of human events, here it is, welcomed by scores of happy hearts, young and old, and overflowing with good cheer and merriment.

A VALUABLE SUGGESTION. In the late Grand Jury report, which we published last week, it is recommended, as the most feasible means of diminishing the great amount of groceries, now multiplied to alarmingly in this region, that the price of Licenses be increased and that Petitions be forwarded to the next Legislature for an enactment for this purpose.

MR. KING'S RESIGNATION. Hon. WILLIAM R. KING, (Vice-President elect) tendered his resignation, as President of the Senate on Tuesday last, on account of his continued ill-health. Mr. Archison, of Missouri, was chosen to supply the vacancy. Mr. King has been an efficient and popular officer; his resignation, especially under the circumstances, seems to be received with general regret among the members.

THE GREAT PACIFIC RAILWAY. This is one of the first, as well as most important, propositions, it is thought, that will occupy the attention of the present Congress. It was again recommended in the late Report of the Secretary of the Interior, A. Washington, correspondent of the New York Central, that a number of gentlemen from New York are now in Washington, as representatives of a company formed there for taking a contract with the government for building the proposed railroad from the Mississippi to the Pacific. They offer to build the road in four years, taking their pay in money and partly in land, as they proceed with the work.

Editor's Office. A western editor reports that his subscribers who live more than six miles from the office, send a look of their hair, which he says, they are still living. To which the Lawrenceburg (Indiana) Register, says: "If all our subscribers of that kind would do the same, we should be carrying on the wig business."

Who is Franklin Pierce?—The Cleveland Plaindealer, having been thus interrogated by the table of contents to which his wig inquirer thus rejoins: "For the sake of information we made the simple inquiry, 'who is Franklin Pierce?' That you have responded to the question with the most promptness, I admit; but is it polite to answer a civil question so laudably?"

Count Munchausen's adventures. A Frenchman, named M. de Munchausen, of Heiligenschein in Wurtemberg, has just published a book containing a list of his adventures in the last century. The numerous adventures of this world-renowned raconteur will be pleasing to all who succeed in making a great noise.

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All Sorts and Sizes. One of the Tunnels of the Allegheny Mountain in the Pennsylvania Railroad now constructed, is to be 5,750 feet in length. It is at the widest space within the lines of the spring of the arch will be 24 feet, and the crown of the arch will be 16 feet from the crown of the arch. The arch itself of the Tunnel will be rather of an oval form, one of the most beautiful curves which can be carried on the great arch.

At the late Census Report, we find the following significant facts respecting the depopulation of Ireland: "With respect to Ireland and the returns of 1821 the population of that island at that period was 6,801,827. In 1831, 7,777,401—increased 955,574; rate per cent. 14.19. In 1841, 8,175,134, increased 497,732; rate per cent. 6.06. In 1851, 8,515,794; decrease 1,659,330; rate per cent. 20. By this statement we perceive that the population of Ireland increased from 1821 to 1841 at the average rate of 14.19 per cent. per annum, and a decrease of 1,659,330 from 1841 to 1851, indicates a most appalling diminution of population amounting to two per cent. per annum, or 20 per cent. per decade.

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