# The Miners' Journal

POTTSVILLE, PA.

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## PROFESSOR JACOBUS' LETTERS.

The editions of the *Journal*, containing the first two of Rev. Prof. F. W. JACOBUS' letters in reply to Bishop O'CONNER's attack on the Public School System of the State, being entirely exhausted, and there being a continued demand for them; we propose publishing the series in pamphlet form, three in number (the two that have already appeared in our columns with a third, just out, more powerful and startling in its disclosures than its predecessors).

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## MINERS' HOUSES.

In connection with this subject, our attention has been called to what is now doing in New-York toward effecting a similar reform, with that we are contending for here, in the domestic condition of the laboring classes. Capitalists there are erecting comparatively large, roomy houses for Mechanics and others, and that, too, on wide, pleasant streets instead of the out-of-the-way, filthy alleys heretofore employed for that purpose. We are, moreover, assured by persons conversant with the matter that much attention is given to this same subject there—that there is a very general appreciation of the intimate connection between physical accommodations and man's moral nature, and that there prevails a correspondingly extensive inclination among property-owners and builders to test this practical code of ethics.

France, too, is beginning to appreciate her "bone and sinew," and to take better care of them. We observe by late news from Europe that the Emperor NAPOLEN has decided that out of the ten millions of francs appropriated to the improvements of the lodging houses of the laboring classes, three millions shall be immediately placed at the disposal of the Minister of the Interior, to proceed with the plans.

We have been told in answer to our suggestions on improving Miners' houses that many Miners would not live in decent dwellings—if they were put in such, they would not keep them so. True, previous habits of an uncouth, filthy style of living are too deeply seated in many cases ever to be corrected; but these persons oftentimes have large families of children around them, and if we cannot benefit the parents, let us at least remove the evil influences as far as possible from the children—let them grow up with correct notions of the domestic virtues.

In our zeal for one good cause, we must not neglect others equally meritorious. Such a reform as this we are now pleading for should go hand in hand with the laudable efforts to suppress the Liquor traffic in the Region. For no one, however temperate in his habits, could be subjected for twelve months to the style of living in log shanties at some of our collieries, without feeling sensible of humiliation and a consequent degradation at the year's end.

## LIQUOR AT COLLIERIES.

Our remark in a recent article, that there remained but eleven of the Collieries in the Region where liquor was sold, has elicited numerous inquiries for the names of the proprietors. We cannot yet gratify the curiosity of our friends in the way they desire; but we may state, as a result of calling attention to the subject, that one of the eleven has since declared his intention to discontinue the practice, being convinced that Liquor-selling at a Colliery is a losing business. We hope the others may speedily follow his good example.

Property-owners might materially aid this Reform, by imposing the condition in their leases, that no Liquor be allowed on the premises. They have the unquestionable right, and if so disposed might thus be instrumental in effecting a great moral work in the Region, as well as doing credit to their own personal principles.

## LIQUOR OR NO LIQUOR.

We annex a proposition, introduced by Mr. QUIGGLE before the lower House of the Pennsylvania Legislature, on the 8th, to submit the question of a Prohibitory Liquor Law for the State to a vote of the people. No exception certainly can be taken, even by the opponents of such a law, to this method of testing its popularity.

It is next to impossible that legal enactments for a whole State, especially so large a one as Pennsylvania, should please every citizen—some must necessarily be dissatisfied; but that "the majority shall rule," has always been recognized as a fundamental principle of our Republican government, and no one, deserving the name of a *Democrat*, in its national sense, can object to its practical application in this case. Let us then decide the question at the polls—liquor or no liquor. Come, Messrs. Senators and Representatives, give your constituents the opportunity to speak for themselves, if you hesitate to assume the responsibility.

The following are the preamble and resolutions alluded to:

*Resolutions, referring to a vote of the people of this Commonwealth, the subject of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.*

WHEREAS, In a free commonwealth all laws to be efficient, and to receive obedience to the same, should obtain the sanction of the people and command their approval, and no law should be passed which is repugnant to their wishes, and none constitutional in its power to be withheld which is the subject of their request

*And whereas*, The passage of a Prohibitory Liquor Law is a measure of magnitude, in a moral point of view, as well as one affecting to a great extent, the interests of citizens, and the rights of property

*As it appears*, It is represented that a large majority of the people and qualified voters of this Commonwealth are favorable to the passage of such a law, but by means of petitions and remonstrances it is impossible to obtain a proper indication of popular sentiment on the question, and that, if an opportunity were afforded the qualified citizens of the Commonwealth to vote upon the same at the ballot-box, it would appear a majority of the said citizens are in favor of the passage of such law, and that such a result would give to its enactment a force, power and efficiency, which it would not otherwise have therefore

*Be it Resolved*, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, That for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of the people of the Commonwealth in reference to the passage of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for sacramental, medicinal, mechanical and artistical purposes, it may be lawful for the qualified voters of the city of Philadelphia and of the several counties of this Commonwealth, on the second Tuesday of October next, at the places authorized by law for holding the general election, to express their approval or disapproval of such a law by voting written or printed tickets, containing on the outside the words "Liquor Law," and on the inside "For the Law," or the words, Against the Law," and the returns of the said ballots shall be made in the manner provided by law for the election of Governor; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall transmit said returns to the Speaker of the Senate on the second Thursday of January next, and on said day the two Houses shall meet in Convention, when said votes shall be counted, and a true record thereof be entered on the journal of each House, and, if on counting the votes so cast, it shall appear that a majority of the same are "For the Law," the same shall be recommended to the legislature at the then session thereof, to pass such a law. And the said ballots shall be received and counted, and the returns thereof made by the election officers authorized to hold the general election in October next, according to the election laws in other cases, and the County Commissioners shall furnish all necessary ballot boxes and blank forms for the purpose aforesaid

☞ N. Y. ALDERMEN IN PRISON.—On a hearing of the Board of Aldermen in New York, Judge DIER sentenced each to a fine of $250 and $101 50 counsel fees and costs, and be imprisoned till paid. Alderman STORTEVANT, being considered the "head and front" of the offenders was sent to the city prison for 15 days.

## EDITOR'S TABLE.

☞ WE HAVE RECEIVED the March number of the *Illustrated Magazine of Art*. It is handsomely embellished and contains a variety of interesting reading matter. This work promises fairly to rank foremost among the periodicals of the day. Price $3 a year—for sale at *Bannan's*.

☞ The *Edinburgh and London Quarterly Reviews*, for the first quarter of the year have been received. These numbers commence the thirty-eighth volume of each These periodicals have long held a prominent place in the estimation of Review readers. They seem to have lost nothing of their youthful vigor but, on the contrary, age improves them Price of Review $3, 2, $5; Blackwood and the 4 Reviews, $10. These works can be had at *Bannan's*.

☞ GRAHAM for April is already out. This number, the second of the new series, contains 144 pages, and is certainly, as the Editor remarks, the very best number furnished to its many readers.—It contains a great variety of excellent articles, together with numerous illustrations $2 00 are offered in different sized premiums, to be paid July 1, to the Postmasters of the places where the largest lists of subscribers are procured. Graham deserves success for his enterprise and liberality.—Price—$3 a year or 25 cents a number, to be had at *Bannan's*.

☞ PENNA. FARM *Journal*, Edited by J. L. Darlington, West Chester, published monthly at $1 a year. This is a valuable work to Farmers. It always roll of interesting matter, relating to agriculture, Horticulture, Raising of Stock, &c., &c.—The March number now before us, closes the second volume.

☞ VILLETTE, the new novel by Currer Bell, author of "Shirley," "Jane Eyre," &c., is a most interesting and well written work. It is highly commended, we observe, every where For sale at *Bannan's*.

# Local Affairs.

☞ *Court Proceedings.*—March Sessions, 1853.

*Com'vs. Thomas Murphy.*—Surety of the Peace, on oath of James Kennedy March 9th, 1853—Thomas Murphy fon costs

*Com. vs. John Hoffman*—Surety of the Peace, on oath of Catharine Fox Court ordered John Hoffman to pay the costs of prosecution, and stand committed until the sentence of the Court was complied with.

*Com vs. George DeCourcy*—Surety of the Peace on oath of Maria DeCourcy. Court sentenced George to pay the costs and give security in the sum of $100 to keep the Peace for one year, and stand committed, &c.

*Com. vs. Mary McCoy*—Surety of the Peace, on oath of George Hawlop Court sentenced Mary to pay the costs, and give bail in the sum of $100 to keep the Peace. &c.

*Com vs. Gabriel Fisher*—Surety of the Peace, on oath of Thomas Dorman. Court sentenced Fisher to pay the costs of prosecution, and give bail in the sum of $200 to keep the Peace and be of good behavior towards all good citizens, and especially Thomas Dorman, for one year

*Com vs. Jeremiah Bretz*—Assault and Battery, on oath of Emanuel Strause. Defendent pleaded guilty. Same day the Court sentenced the Defendent to pay a fine of $5.00 to the Commonwealth and give security in the sum of $200 to keep the Peace towards the Prosecutor, and all other citizens for the space of three years, and to pay the costs, and stand committed, &c.

*Com. vs. Hauffman, Hexter, A. Strouse, Wm. Blank and George Moyer*—Assault and Battery, on oath of William Thomie—Jury trial, verdict guilty, as to Kauffman, Hexter, A. Strouse and William Blank; and not guilty as to Geo. Moyer. The Court sentenced Hexter, the defendant to pay a fine of $5.00 and costs of Prosecution, and undergo an imprisonment of ten days; A. Strouse to pay $5.00 and costs of prosecution, and undergo an imprisonment of 20 days Wm. Blank to pay a fine of $5.00 and cost, and to undergo an imprisonment of 30 days.

*Com. vs* ——— —Assault and Battery, on oath of John Kennedy—Jury trial, verdict guilty.—Court sentenced Thomas to pay a fine of $5.00 and the costs of prosecution, and undergo an imprisonment of 60 days in the Schuylkill County Prison.

*Com. vs. Wm. Berlee*—Tippling House, on oath of Charles Viet. Defendant pleaded guilty, and the Court sentenced the Major to pay a fine of $20 and the costs of prosecution, &c.

*Com. vs. John Horlen*—Assault and Battery, on oath of Jeremiah O'Donnell. Ignoramus, and O'Donnell to pay the costs.

*Com. vs. Margaret Adams and James Adams*—Keeping a disorderly House, on oath of Piere Purser. Jury trial, verdict guilty, and defendants committed

*Com. vs. James Murphy*—For not repairing road, on oath of Hamilton Adams. Jury trial, the same day the Jury returned a verdict of not guilty and the county to pay the costs

*Com. vs. Michael Langan*—Assault and Battery, on oath of Philip Langen Ignoramus and the Court sentenced the prosecutor to pay the costs

*Com. vs. Washington Reifsnyder*—Assault and Battery, on oath of Robert Philips Ignoramus and prosecutor for costs, &c.

*Com. vs. David Jones, R. R. Williams, and Joseph Davis*—Libel, on oath of Charles W. Edwards. Ignoramus, and same day Court sentenced Edwards to pay the costs, &c

*Com. vs. Edward Fowler*—Assault and Battery, Jury Trial, on oath of Sarah Fowler Same day Jury returned a verdict of Guilty, and the Court sentenced Edward Fouler to undergo an imprisonment of ten days, pay the costs, &c.

*Com. vs. Hamilton Adams*—Assault and Battery, on oath of Jonathan Boardman. Same day Jury sworled and Defendant pleaded Guilty, and the Court sentenced Hamilton Adams to pay a fine of $25 and costs of prosecution, and stand committed —fine and costs paid

*Com. vs. Solomon Huff*—Larceny, on oath of Daniel Hill. Same day Jury Trial. Verdict, Guilty, and Court sentenced the Defendant to undergo an imprisonment of ten days, and to pay a fine of six cents

*Com. vs. Daniel Mott*—Larceny, on oath of George Hendricks. Jury Trial, and verdict not Guilty, and County to pay costs

*Com vs. John Wilson*—Assault and Battery, on oath of Samuel Kline Defendant pleaded Guilty, and was sentenced to pay one dollar fine and costs of prosecution.

*Com vs. Daniel McBride and Dennis Eddings*—Assault and Battery, on oath of B F Hughes, J S. Boyer and Wm. H. Keppner Verdict Guilty, and Court sentenced Defendant to pay a fine of $1 and costs of prosecution, and to undergo an imprisonment of 30 days in the Schuylkill County Prison

*Com. vs. Catharine Fox*—Assault and Battery, on oath of John Hoffman. Ignoramus and County to pay costs.

*Com. vs. James Schrade*—Fornication and Bastardy, on oath of Elizabeth Zerbe Defendant pleaded Guilty, and Court directed James to pay a fine of 6 cents, costs, and $53 for expenses incurred, &c.

*Com. vs. Emanuel Schopp*—Assault and Battery, on oath of Serenus Herry, a minor son of William Henry Jury Trial—verdict not Guilty, and prosecutor for costs.

*Com. vs. Thomas Wren*—Assault and Battery, on oath of Hannah Gough Ignoramus and Hannah to pay the costs.

*Com. vs. John Zimmerman*—Assault and Battery, on oath of Samuel Eisenhart Defendant guilty and sentenced to pay the costs, &c

*Com. vs. Wm. Morris*—For Fornication and Bastardy, on oath of Mary Ann Casey Jury trial, and verdict not guilty, and the county to pay the costs

*Com. vs. Henry Tobias*—For False Pretence, on oath of Wm. Steiner. Verdict not guilty, and the prosecutor to pay the costs

*Com. vs. Ann Rinn*—Keeping a Tippling House, on oath of William Donty Defendant pleaded guilty, and the Court sentenced Ann to pay a fine $20 and the costs.

*Com. vs. John Kennedy*—Keeping a Tippling House, on oath of William Donty Defendant pleaded guilty, and the Court sentenced defendant to pay a fine of $20 and the costs.

*Com. vs. Jonas Marks*—For cutting Timber trees, on oath of Charles S. Cox. Jury trial, and defendant pleaded guilty, and the Court sentenced Jonas to pay a fine of $100 and the costs.

*Com'vs. Frempt and Jennings*—Larceny, on oath of Thomas Lamb. In this case the District Attorney entered a *nolle prosequi* as to J. S. Frempt. Jennings pleaded not guilty, but the Jury found him guilty, and was sentenced to pay a fine of one dollar and the costs, and undergo an imprisonment six months in the County Prison

*Com. vs. Mary Sitler*—Disorderly House, on oath of George Roemer. Verdict Guilty. Same day March 11th, Court sentenced Mary to pay a fine of one Dollar, and the costs, and to undergo an imprisonment of three months, and stand committed.

*Com. vs. Patrick Gallaher*—Assault and Battery, on oath of James McCoy. Ignoramus and County for costs.

*Com. vs. George Huber, Wm. Wentzenud, Henry Reynold and Isaac Heinan*—Riot, on oath of Wm. Zimmerman. Jury Trial, Jury returned a verdict of not Guilty, and the prosecutor, Zimmerman, for costs. Same day sentenced to pay costs.

*Com. vs. Wm. Zimmerman*—Assault and Battery, on oath of George Huber. Verdict Guilty, and Zimmerman was sentenced to pay a fine of five dollars and the costs of prosecution.

*Com. vs. Edward Vaughn*—Indictment, a True Bill, for Murder—Friday, March 11th was fixed for the trial of this case, but when the prisoner was arraigned and had pleaded not guilty, the District Attorney found that he had neglected to sign the Indictment. The case was continued until two o'clock in the afternoon, to allow time for the Attorney to look up the law, &c When the Court again met, the Counsels for the prisoner, D. G. McGowan and Jos. W. PARKER, Esqs., insisted upon a trial, arguing as a reason the entire impotence of the defendant, and his poverty and inability to procure bail, even if the Court should by a writ of *Habeas Corpus* examine the matter and declare it a bailable offence.

The Court stated that Counsel could not waive any right which the prisoner had cast around him by law, and though the prisoner and his Counsel wished the trial to proceed, the Court were of the opinion that the District Attorney had better enter a *nolle prosequi* in the case, and that they would then remand the prisoner back to prison for trial at the June Sessions.

On motion of prisoner's Attorney, the Court granted a Rule to show cause why Edward Vaughn should not be admitted to bail, returnable instanter. Five or six witnesses were examined, and the following facts elicited:

Sarah Pierce, the deceased, lived in Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, at the Beer Shop of Jane Lacock. On the night of the 20th of December, Vaughn in company with five or six others visited the house and found Sarah Pierce very much intoxicated. They sent for more liquor, and Sarah and some of the other women continued drinking and dancing until about ten o'clock Mrs. Pierce then caught Vaugan by the coat, and he pushed her with his open hand slightly from him, and being intoxicated she fell upon her face, and when she arose her nose was bleeding. It stopped after a short time and she continued drinking and dancing till most of the party had gone home She was found the next morning bleeding at the nose, by the neighbors, but it ceased at 9 or 10 o'clock, and she went to sleep.

She died on Friday night, December 25th, and the Physician, Dr MAXE, on oath, stated that he could not tell the cause of her death; she had been sick, and had been drinking to excess for some time, either might have caused her death.

The Court after hearing this testimony, held the prisoner to bail in the sum of one thousand dollars for his appearance at the June Sessions.

*Com. vs Augustus Solander*—Assault and Battery, on oath of Sarah Solander Defendant being brought before the Court, the matter was settled by the Court ordering the Defendant to pay the costs of the prosecution, and to give bail in the sum of $100 to keep the Peace, &c.

[SECOND WEEK]—*Com. vs. Joseph Muckter, John Stitzer, Nicholas Shauer and John Mark*—Forcible entry and detainer, on oath of Abraham St. Clair. Jury Trial. Jury returned a verdict of not Guilty, and the prosecutor for costs.

*Com. vs. Wm. Ozenfort*—Tippling House, on oath of Joseph Sterner, March 14th. Jury Trial. Same day Guilty, and Court sentenced Defendant to pay a fine of $20 and the costs of prosecution.

*Com vs. Hugh Tuning*—Keeping a Beer House without license, on oath of Lewis Heintz. Verdict not Guilty, and County for costs.

*Com vs. Emanuel D. Boyer*—Keeping a Beer House without a license, on oath of Lewis Heintz. Verdict not Guilty and County for costs.

*Com vs. Samuel Miller*—Fornication and Bastardy, on oath of —— Kautner Jury Trial After hearing all the evidence in this case, and argument of the counsel, the Jury retired at four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, March the 15th, and remained out all night, and when Court met at 9 o'clock, A. M, next day, rendered their verdict of not Guilty as to the Bastardy, but Guilty of Fornication The Court sentenced him to pay a fine of $10 and the costs of prosecution Court adjourned

☞ *Report of Grand Jury—To the Honorable Court of Quarter Sessions, in and for the County of Schuylkill:*

The Grand Jurors for said County would respectfully report that they have acted upon all the bills presented for their consideration, and have returned fifty Bills, forty-two of which were found True Bills and eight Ignored; nearly all of which were of a very trifling character, and the majority of them were from the effects of the sale and the too free use of intoxicating liquors. It is the unanimous opinion of the Grand Inquest that vice and immorality are rapidly on the increase in all parts of the County, especially in the Coal Region, in consequence of the multiplicity of grog-shop licenses to sell liquor by the quart, nearly all of which break the law by selling in less quantities, and allowing it to be drunk on the premises, and, the cheapness of which, in consequence of its adulteration, and the neglect of the constables of the various townships to make report of the same to the Court, are the principal causes of the spread of intemperance in our County. The majority of the Grand Jury are clearly of the opinion that there should be some stringent law passed by our Legislature to prevent the manufacture and sale of Intoxicating Liquors in our midst The various reports of the Superintendents of the County Prison, and Almshouse, state very distinctly who are the inmates of those institutions In the report of the former to the 1st of January, 1852, out of 198 persons committed up to that date, only 4 were temperate, in the report of the latter for 1852, out of 558 inmates of that Institution 225 were persons of intemperate habits The Grand Inquest have visited the new County Prison, and found the Prisoners clean and comfortable, and the cells well ventilated, and notice with pleasure the employment of the Prisoners in manufacturing various articles of clothing, and think if the matter is properly managed, that goods manufactured by the inmates will soon pay most of the current expenses of said Institution. It is also the opinion of the Grand Inquest, that there are too many tools of various kinds left with the Prisoners, some of which could very easily be concealed from the vigilance of the Keeper, to be used by the inmates of the cells to effect their escape. They would also recommend that no Prisoners should be employed in manufacturing in the Upper Cells, that require the use of tools, particularly Looms

The Grand Inquest have also visited the County Court House and offices, and find them comfortable and suitable for the purpose used, except that in some of the safes, particularly those in the Register & Recorder's and County Commissioner's offices where there is a large number of valuable papers and books, should there, by any unforeseen cause, be fire communicated to any part of the contents of said safes, the whole would be consumed, and the loss would be irreparable to the citizens of the County. They would, therefore, recommend that the shelving and pigeon holes in the said safes be made of iron to prevent the spread of fire.

The part of Centre Turnpike, which lies between Mount Carbon and Morris Addition, is in a very dangerous condition, in consequence of the Road being very narrow and the overhanging rocks, and said rocks should be removed for fear of their falling on the passers by

The Grand Jury room needs window blinds, to exclude the rays of the sun, and the Jury, accordingly, would recommend the procuring of the same before the meeting of the next Grand Jury.

They would also present that most of the Township Roads in the various parts of the County are not kept in proper order for the convenience of the traveling community, all of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES W PEALE *Foreman.*

*Pottsville, March 9, 1853.*

☞ *Public Schools of Pottsville.*—The following persons were, on Thursday Evening last, elected Teachers of the Public Schools for the Borough of Pottsville, for the ensuing year, at the salaries annexed:

MALE SCHOOLS.

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| Elias Schneider, Superintendent and Teacher, | $700 |
| Elisha Gatchell, Principal No. 1 School, | 600 |
| Mr. Philips, Assistant in do do | 360 |
| James Marsden, Principal of No. 2, | 360 |
| Miss Tamborn M. Strauch, Assistant in No 2, | 192 |
| Mrs. Mary Ann Bosbyshell, do do | 192 |
| Miss Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Principal of No 3, | 192 |
| Miss Mary L. Hodgson Assistant in do | 192 |
| Miss Elizabeth F. Whitney, Principal in No. 4, | 192 |
| Miss Elizabeth C. German, Assistant in do | 144 |

FEMALE SCHOOLS.

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| Miss Mary McCamant, Principal No 1, | $264 |
| Miss Anna L. Lewis, Assistant do | 216 |
| Miss Kate McCamant, Principal No. 2, | 192 |
| Miss Theresa Martin, Assistant do | 192 |
| Miss Sarah A. McCool, in School No. 3, | 192 |
| Miss Emma H. Strauch, in School No 4, | 192 |
| Miss Sallie Leib, in School No. 5, | 192 |
| Miss Elizabeth Downing, in School No. 6, | 192 |

MIXED SCHOOL.

Mr. David E. German. 360

The Board adopted a resolution requiring sixty days' notice from Teachers, who intend resigning their situations. The resolution was deemed necessary, to give time to select competent Teachers to supply vacancies.

The Board also adopted a resolution to seat the High School Room, preparatory to opening the High School, as soon as possible Several classes in the High School Department have been taught for several months past.

There are now nearly *twelve hundred* children taught in the Public Schools of our Borough.

Mr GATCHELL and Mr. PHILLIPS are both classical scholars, and are superior Teachers. The latter was connected with the Agricultural School at Germantown for a number of years. The Board has been peculiarly fortunate in securing their services

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## METEOROLOGICAL TABLE.

For the week ending Thursday evening, March 17, 1853, at Pottsville, 610 feet above tide

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☞ *Our Court House and Jail.*—Messrs. of the Sunbury *American*, writes home from Philadelphia as follows:—"I remained over half a day at Pottsville, and embraced the occasion to visit the new public buildings—the Court House and Jail The Court House is a large and well constructed brick building of the modern style with every thing tastefully and conveniently arranged. The Jail is constructed of cut stone. It is a magnificent building with two stories of cells, some of them for solitary confinement. The building cost about $80,000 and is highly creditable to the County.

☞ *Whig County Meeting.*—Pursuant to public notice given, the Democratic Whigs of Schuylkill county assembled at the Court House, in the Borough of Pottsville, on Monday the 14th day of March, 1853, for the purpose of appointing Delegates to the State Convention, to be held on the 24th inst., to place in nomination candidates for Canal Commissioner, Auditor and Surveyor-General. The meeting was, on motion, organized by the appointment of the following officers, viz:

*President*—WILLIAM FOX;

*Vice-Presidents*—Capt. James Nagle, Peter Fulbert, Charles Molly, Daniel Hill, Daniel Bock, David D. Lewis, James B. Levan, Henry Hammer and James H. Graeff, Esq'rs.,

*Secretaries*—John P. Bertram, Henry Bowman and Levi C. Leib.

The following preamble and resolutions were submitted by D. G. McGOWAN, Esq., and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, We are again called upon to avow our fidelity and love to the "*Old Whig Party*," we feel proud when we say that as Whigs our affection remains unchanged; and we are ready—"aye, always ready," to rally around the Standard that was first unfurled by WASHINGTON, and supported by CLAY, who in death bequeathed it to its unstained and untarnished as when it first floated in the breeze more than half a century ago

*And Whereas*, The Whigs of Schuylkill county have been many times defeated in former years; at present they have the gratification of knowing that we as Whigs kept our position nobly—and a Senator, a Member of the Legislature, Sheriff and Commissioner elected, proves conclusively that by union and concert of action we can always succeed; therefore,

*Resolved*, That although defeated by a combination of circumstances in last November, "we are not extinct as a party." On the million and a half of freemen are not annihilated because of the defeat of one man Principles are immortal, freedom of action and thought can never be bartered away in perpetual bondage, and will live forever. At this moment, the great "*national issues*" which have governed the Whig Party since its organization, if submitted to the people for their sanction or condemnation would be triumphantly sustained.

*Resolved*, That as a portion of the Whig Party we feel proud of the high national position maintained by Ex-President MILLARD FILLMORE. We are willing to see others worship the rising sun and bow with eastern devotion at his shrine Our love and affection linger around the closing hours of his administration, believing that in future years his name will be remembered with WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, HARRISON and TAYLOR, and his actions, while officiating as President, serve as precedents for future Patriots, when the ship of State is surrounded by shoals and quicksands, and act as a guide to point the way to safety and repose.

*Resolved*, That we believe in this principle, *to wit*: submission to the will of the majority—nevertheless we are desposed to dispute the adage that "*the majority cannot err*," and would, therefore, as individuals and as a party, sooner be right when in the minority than to be successful and wrong with the majority.

"For sooner than triumph where wrong heads the fight
We would all die as men in the cause of the right"

*Resolved*, That the Whigs of Schuylkill county are determined to stand as heretofore, shoulder to shoulder and battle for the best interests of the whole country, it matters not in what shape those interests may be presented to them, and no sectional interest or issue ever has or ever will lead them away from the principles inculcated and sustained by the fathers of the Republic

*Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves as men, to use all honorable means to so organize each Ward, Borough and Township, during the ensuing summer, as to completely redeem the County from the influence of Locofocoism, so that at our next election in October, we may be able to present to our brother Whigs throughout the State our standard without a stain and exhibit our escutcheon without a blot

*Resolved*, That the Whigs of Schuylkill county tender to the Hon. JAMES COOPER their thanks for the able and efficient manner in his watched over and attended to their interests in the Senate of the United States, and are anxious for an opportunity to prove their devotion to him at the ballot-box

*Resolved*, That WILLIAM A. HAMMER be the Senatorial, and S. M. WILSON, and T. YARLEY be the Representative Delegates to represent Schuylkill county in the State Convention which will assemble at Lancaster upon the 24th day of March, A. D. 1853.

*Resolved*, That the Proceedings of this meeting be published in all the Whig papers of the County.—Adjourned.

[*Signed by the Officers.*]

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MINERS' JOURNAL.]

## LETTER FROM READING.

READING, *16th March*, 1853.

*Messrs. Editors*:—As we have been indebted to Pottsville for some of our best entertainments during the sessions of our Literary Society this past season, it has been suggested that a word of friendly acknowledgment might not be inappropriate. The current of affairs in our staid, substantial town, is generally even and somewhat monotonous. At present there is rather an unusual stir in public about the approaching election for Mayor. General KEIM, the present popular and efficient incumbent, has declined a renomination. Others, however, are not so unwilling. There are three candidates in the field, and their respective merits are freely discussed. But the grand interest of the week has been in connection with our Literary Society. A crowded house, (the seats being so occupied by ladies that the gentlemen were obliged to stand,) was in attendance last evening to hear the very able lecture of Rev. Mr. WASHBURN, of your place. At an early hour even the doorway and hall were thronged, and the marked attention of the audience testified their high appreciation of the learning, brilliancy, correct taste and philosophical acumen displayed by Mr. W. in discussing his subject—"The Progress of True Civilization."

I shall not attempt an analysis of his argument, so condensed were the facts, so compact the reasoning, so clear and forcible the conclusion, illustrating the elements of a perfect man, and the advantages combined under Providence in our day and especially in this land for producing a nation of symmetrical manhood. The subject for discussion before the Society, was "Uncle Tom's Cabin." On motion it was resolved to resume the same on next Tuesday evening.

READING.

☞ COMPLIMENTARY TO MR. FILLMORE.—The Charleston *Mercury*, commenting on President PIERCE'S Inaugural Address, says:

"We have little to say about that part of the address which treats of the great sectional question. General Pierce takes precisely the position which has been consistently maintained by Mr. Fillmore."

That is the extreme Southern Rights' estimate, and it tallies exactly with the view expressed by the central organ of the Abolitionists. We quote from the *National Era's* criticisms of the inaugural:

"No doctrine was uttered in regard to domestic affairs which Mr. Fillmore has not uttered in his annual messages; no sentiment was expressed in relation to foreign affairs which has not been fully expressed by Mr. Everett in his letter about Cuba."

☞ *Ahead of Ericsson.*—Andrew Jackson Davis, the Poughkeepsie Seer, has discovered that all sorts of machinery, locomotive engines, &c., &c., can be driven by the power of the human will. He prints his paper—the *Universal Hum*—by just looking into the office and nodding at the press. This is ahead of Hoe, and beats Ericsson all hollow.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MINERS' JOURNAL.]

PHILADELPHIA, *March 16th*, 1853.

DEAR SIR—As my communication of last week was published, I have again taken the liberty to write you, and if this communication is honored, you can put me down as an *occasional* correspondent of the *Miners' Journal*. Within a few days past there has been quite a change in the weather—for the better, as the coal venders say—as it has become quite cold, and the *weather-wise* are of opinion that the present spell of cold will continue for some time. It has already had quite an effect on the *movements* of the inhabitants of this goodly city. The medical profession have sustained a great loss in the death of Dr WM. E. HORNER, who occupied the chair of Prolessor of Anatomy in the medical department of the University of Pensylvania at the time of his death, and he has been connected with this department for *fifty odd years*. His works on Anatomy, which are text-books, have rendered his name familiar, not only to the medical profession in this country, but also in Europe. He was one of the *stars* of his profession, and his loss will be sincerely regretted by all who are directly or indirectly connected with the profession, of which he was so distinguished an ornament. He died on Sunday last, in the 60th year of his age. The citizens of Philadelphia held a meeting at the Chinese saloon, on last Saturday night, to express their views in regard to a subscription by the County Commissioners, of two millions of dollars to the Sunbury & Erie Railroad. The meeting was numerously attended, and several interesting speeches were made, and it was satisfactorily proven that the Commissioners had a right to subscribe; (the object of the meeting was to prove this.) Resolutions were adopted to that effect, and, I suppose, that the Commissioners will have no longer any hesitancy in subscribing. Gen. SAM HOUSTON, of Texas, delivered a lecture on Monday evening, at the Sansom Street Baptist Church. The subject was "The Indians—their condition, peculiarities, &c." I had not the pleasure of hearing him, but it is spoken of as having been exceedingly interesting. I should suppose it was a subject on which he ought to be well informed.—RALPH WALDO EMERSON delivered two lectures before the Bache Institute, of Philadelphia, on Monday and Tuesday evenings.—The subjects were, "The Anglo American and American Powers." It is hardly necessary to add that the lectures were original and highly instructive, as the lecturer is so well known to be a man of decided ability—(the *English* say that he is the only *original* writer we have in this country—but, of course, *Americans* differ with them on that subject, as on many others). The people of Philadelphia have been favored with a great many lectures during the past winter, and it is to be hoped that the lecture *mania* will not die away soon. "YOUNG AMERICA."

[FOR THE MINERS' JOURNAL.]

*Amounts Paid the Crews of Engines on the Mine Hill Rail Road, for the year 1852.*

| NAMES OF CREW. | No. of Days. | Paid for Labor. | Premiums. | Total Amount Received. |
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| ENGINEERS. | | | | |
| Wm. P. Bishop, | 282 | $872 55 | $25 | $897 55 |
| Boas Drehr, | 249 | 788 36 | 25 | 813 36 |
| Eli Sherrill, | 261 | 865 53 | 50 | 915 53 |
| William Kantner, | 288 | 797 20 | 25 | 822 20 |
| William Smith | 197 | 696 12 | 50 | 696 12 |
| Charles Geary, | 273 | 849 23 | 25 | 874 23 |
| D. H. Baker, | 216 | 668 04 | 50 | 718 04 |
| Joseph Rodenbach. | 235 | 791 01 | 50 | 841 01 |
| *Extra Men.* | | | | |
| William Styers, | 294 | 547 79 | | 547 79 |
| Lewis Kantner, | 307 | 513 62 | | 513 62 |
| Pat Wheelen, | 272 | 613 20 | | 613 20 |
| Michael Thomas, | 209 | 617 85 | | 613 85 |
| FIREMEN. | | | | |
| Jas. Zeechman, | 281 | | | 508 27 |
| Moses Kleckner, | 255 | | | 443 28 |
| Charles Dengler | 270 | | | 477 35 |
| Jac. Fry, | 278 | | | 495 10 |
| D Bressler. | 195 | | | 230 98 |
| Henry Harris, | 264 | | | 511 85 |
| CONDUCTORS. | | | | |
| Ed. Boyer, | 269 | | | 527 49 |
| Frank Kantner, | 289 | | | 539 93 |
| Wm Bankess, | 257 | | | 531 67 |
| George Hudson, | 262 | | | 510 32 |
| Richard Hudson, | 260 | | | 510 43 |
| Isaac Howey, | 271 | | | 496 89 |
| John Miller, | 263 | | | 473 82 |
| William Haggerty, | 160 | | | 404 69 |
| George Fry, | 237 | | | 549 30 |
| BRAKESMEN | | | | |
| William Hess, | 262 | | | 499 59 |
| Benjamin Baker, | 282 | | | 450 64 |
| Charles Fesler, | 189 | | | 349 00 |
| Israel Boyer, | 294 | | | 419 26 |
| James Taylor, | 274 | | | 455 74 |
| Reuben Neal, | 260 | | | 427 45 |
| Robert Wright, | 291 | | | 441 91 |
| William Koch, | 287 | | | 449 92 |
| Michael Fesler, | 214 | | | 345 53 |
| Elias Bartolet, | 262 | | | 422 90 |
| William Koch, | 259 | | | 422 06 |
| John Zechman, | 205 | | | 481 76 |
| Jacob Berger, | 237 | | | 416 42 |
| James Taylor, | 32 | | | 60 21 |
| Reuben Neal, | 262 | | | 411 56 |
| Lewis Bartolet, | 246 | | | 398 23 |
| John Fernsmuche, | 42 | | | 46 77 |
| Benjamin Minnich, | 216 | | | 367 93 |
| Benjamin Dillman | 79 | | | 145 85 |
| Stephen Thomas, | 44 | | | 94 62 |
| William Kercher, | 170 | | | 324 94 |
| Jacob Gewarz, | 124 | | | 205 03 |
| Lewis Bittleman, | 128 | | | 239 38 |
| George Fertig, | 39 | | | 63 40 |

We noticed the strike of these men last week—they paraded our streets on Saturday, accompanied by a large crowd, with music and carrying banners, &c. They demanded the wages of 1852, supposing, *erroneously*, as we have learned since the above table was in type, that they were now receiving less than last year.

It seems the Company lately proposed building several large Engines for the Road, and the officers suggested among themselves that the men would be able to make more money with the new Engines *without* the premiums, than with the old engines *with* the premiums. The men by some means got wind of it and supposed the premiums had been taken off this year: but the officers declare they never authorized it, and moreover assure the men, that if the clerk (now absent) proves on his return to have made such reduction by mistake, the extra amounts shall be paid them. They have had but one settlement this year. On a visit from Mr. CRESSON, President of the Road some days ago, and an explanation of the circumstances, the men quietly went to work again, and everything is now moving on as usual.

☞ *Pottsville Manufactures Ahead!*—We some days ago examined a specimen Express Wagon, manufactured by Mr Howard Jenkins, of this place, for Howard, Earl & Co.'s Express, to be used in Philadelphia. It was almost complete, while in every respect; every part of it well and finely made and finished in beautiful style. Every part of it, wood and iron work, including springs, &c