The Miners' Journal

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DEMOCRATIC WHIG NOMINATIONS.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,
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FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL,
CHRISTIAN MYERS, OF CLARION COUNTY.
FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER,
MOSES POWNALL, OF LANCASTER COUNTY.

WHAT IS WANTED IN PENNA.

First and foremost, a Prohibitory Liquor Law. Besides the moral improvement of the people to be thereby effected, there is another strong reason in favor of such an enactment, more especially urgent in Pennsylvania than in other States. Her citizens are enormously taxed, for various purposes, to keep the government machinery in operation, and it is a well known fact that a large proportion of the money thus raised by hard labor, goes to defray the Court and Pauper expenses incurred by the traffic in spirituous liquors. Moral suasion has been tried in the Temperance reform till even its warmest advocates despair of its efficacy—lecturers have been procured, able and eloquent men, and commissioned to set forth the evils of intemperance and advocate total abstinence in every part of this land Commonwealth; Temperance pamphlets have been written and liberally circulated; and the press has kept up an incessant fire upon the manufacturers and venders of alcohol; societies have been formed, both public and secret, for the suppression of the traffic and to reform and save the fallen; and the law has time and again been invoked to interpose its strong arm between this insatiable monster and its victims—but, alas! all this hitherto has been in vain. Each plan has had its peculiar advantages, and has, for a time, worked well—many were convinced of the evils of the traffic, and threw their influence, more or less, against it; but this lasted only while the excitement was up, and the relapse, it has generally been found, was worse than the original disease. The Temperance men all over the country are now preparing themselves for a united and powerful effort in favor of the Maine Law, and we hope the old Keystone State will sustain her position in the moral as well as the political structure of our mighty Union. Just let it be understood fairly and once for all, by the manufacturers and dealers in ardent spirits, by politicians and all others interested, that we now want nothing short of the Maine Law in Pennsylvania, and *that* we are determined to have.

Next we want the sale of all the public works, to remove the temptation of theft from the State Agents, and thereby save them from becoming outright rascals. Habit is wonderfully powerful, and if they are encouraged in dishonest practices while in the State's employ, there is no telling to what excesses they may run when they return to private life, or where such bad habits may lead them. The Canal Board of Pennsylvania has been notorious (there is no use in mincing matters) for its moral corruption and roguery, ever since the State has had works to manage; and instead of matters mending, they are, if possible, growing worse every year. The late swindle of the poor laborers on the Portage Road has raised a storm that, perhaps, makes deeper revelations respecting the financial operations of the State Agents, principals and subordinates, than ever came to light before. As the works are almost exclusively under the control of the Democratic party—from the famous trio in the Canal Board, down to their lowest appointee and his employee, we will quote authority for our complaint, which they cannot, consistently, question. We copy the following bit of testimony from the *Crusade*, a Roman Catholic journal, printed at Summitville, in Cambria county, and edited, we believe, by a Priest. He says:

"The excitement caused by the strike is nearly at an end, but not so the impression it has wrought in the public mind, which must now be convinced that if there be any class of men divested of honor and honesty, lost to all sense of shame and debt to the tune of millions, it is that body to which has been entrusted the management of the old Portage. We do not mean merely those whose actual tangible pilferings on the road is a matter of public notoriety. From top to bottom, from the powers that be at Harrisburg to the tenpers along the solid road, who fatten on the wages of the poor laborer, there seems to have been a damnable spirit of corruption for the highest place to the root of iniquity and infamy. Commissioners were engaged last week in an investigation into the conduct of their subordinates who, we think, if not to any grade in the iniquities perpetrated on the old Portage, are more criminal perhaps than the commissioners themselves, who, besides, personal pickings, allowed one of the Superintendents to leave the road after a term of three years with $40,000

This poor old road is apparently such a source of corruption that it is almost impossible for any man to hold a higher situation than that of engineer without becoming dishonest, and impossible to manage things in such a way as to render detection impossible. Their operations are conducted with such tact and secrecy as to bid defiance to investigation, and their influence is so wide-spread that no one will venture to expose them save those who are the victims of their dishonesty. The entire management of the road must be changed."

We allude to this instance of mismanagement on the Portage Road simply from the fact of its being fresh in the public mind; and not because of its singularity, or because it is more enormous in character than scores of former peculations and frauds committed by this same class of official bloodsuckers. In the hands of private individuals, or under the management of chartered companies, the State Works could not fail to be profitable; but so long as they are under the control and management of State Agents, they will serve as a corruption fund, to influence and control elections, and enrich the cormorants who are about them. They could now probably be disposed of at a fair price. Let the attempt be made. What say ye, tax-payers of Pennsylvania?

And next we want the present school laws of the State thoroughly revised, from beginning to end, so as to prohibit the introduction and use of all sectarian books in the Public Schools of the State, and to forbid the appropriation of any portion of the taxes raised for general school purposes, to the support of any particular religious denomination. Within the last twelve months a concerted and determined movement has been at work among the Romanists in this country, in obedience, no doubt, to instructions from higher powers at Rome, to overturn this chief corner stone of our Republicanism—the Common School System—and to build up in its stead a disjointed fragment, having for its chief object the maintenance and spread of the peculiar doctrines of that church. The founders, and for the most part advocates, of this most excellent plan of education were content to aim at the general instruction and improvement of the masses of the people, without regard to any distinctions, social, civil or religious.—The preservation of our liberties, and the prosperity of the country, depend mainly upon the virtue and intelligence of the people, and it is in accordance with the spirit of our liberal institutions thus to elevate them, morally and mentally. But the disciples of Loyola are not satisfied to allow their children to enter these schools on the common platform with other religious denominations, but seek to withdraw them from Protestant contamination and to establish separate places of education at the public (mostly Protestant) expense.

Such attempts should be signally rebuked. There is no good reason why Pennsylvania, or any other State, should support a separate School organization for the benefit of the Romish religion any more than for the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian or any other religious denomination, and we hope our next Legislature will take up the matter and settle it once for all—that the Common Schools are intended to educate all the children of the Commonwealth alike, without distinction of caste or religion.

These are subjects that more politicians manifest a careful disposition to avoid, for fear, perhaps, of endangering partizan success. But it is time, and high time, they were looked after—the people demand it, and no efforts should be spared in the coming campaign, in Pennsylvania, to secure Representatives who will faithfully and fearlessly discharge their duty, and who, since the good of the Commonwealth requires it, will give us 1st, a Prohibitory Liquor Law, 2d, authorize the sale of the Public Works, and 3d, establish the Public Schools on a common, national platform.

OPPOSITION
TO THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

In the Temperance Convention's proceedings, in another column, will be found the main ground of R. M. Palmer, Esq.'s opposition to the plan adopted by the Convention, for the advancement of the Temperance cause in Pennsylvania. We have no desire to find fault with Mr. Palmer for the expression of what may be his honest convictions. Every one has a right to his own opinion, and the Convention seemed anxious to elicit a general expression from all present, in order to ascertain the true state of public feeling on the subject, that nothing might be done in advance of, or in opposition to, that great test of the efficacy and essential value of all public measures or Legislative enactments, viz: popular sentiment. But we *do* want to combat Mr. P's *opinions* and to convince him, if possible, and his friends of their fallacy and that they are practically untenable.

Mr. P. admits the urgent necessity of a Temperance reform and gives one of the very strongest reasons in its favor—that 90 per cent. of all the criminal business of the County, for the last three years, has resulted from the traffic in Rum; but he objects to the plan of nominating a separate Legislative ticket, suggesting rather that the Temperance men as *individual citizens*, seek to control the existing political parties.

Now, the truth is, this is the very thing the Temperance men are aiming at—to influence the political parties, so far as the Legislative ticket is concerned, in their favor; but they want to do it in a different way from that Mr. P. suggests; because, as Mr P. well knows, his plan has been already tried here and in many other places, and has invariably failed. Heretofore, whenever the Temperance men entered the political arena, *as individuals*, they were carried along with the popular current of partizan feeling and have lost sight of the great object they had most at heart when starting out.

In Maine, it will be recollected, the friends of the cause tried to operate on the politicians in this way, for upwards of *ten years*, and at last had to shift their tactics and take other ground. The promises of mere partizan politicians before elections have always and everywhere been found very deceptive.

The Schuylkill County Temperance men are now about to change *their* plan of attack—they have proved, to their sorrow, that "union" *only* "there is strength." They have heretofore allowed the politicians to take the lead, and then they came straggling after, as best they could. They have now advanced to the van. Being composed of men of both parties, they will nominate a mixed Legislative ticket, one Whig and one Democrat, two of the best men the County affords—who may be politicians, pledged to the support of any and every measure their respective party principles require of them—*only they must be firmly pledged and reliable advocates of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.* If either or both the political parties nominate equally well-qualified men in this respect, the Temperance candidate or candidates will be withdrawn, and thereby the object of the present movement (and the end Mr. P. suggest) will be attained—but otherwise, the friends of the cause are determined to hold on to their own ticket and fight it up to the last. So gentlemen, Whigs and Democrats, prepare to toe the mark.

Another bugbear in Mr. Palmer's eyes, resulting from the present movement, we recollect, was the choice of "one-ideaed" Representatives, who would not be able to attend to anything else but the particular crotchet on which they were elected.

We would simply ask,—does Mr. Palmer think a man's advocacy of a Prohibitory Liquor Law unfits him for transacting miscellaneous business, or that a Representative, chosen on this ground, would be thereby disqualified from attending to other public measures for the common good of the Commonwealth? Our opinion is that one elected in this way would be far more likely to become a faithful Representative of the interests of the people, the *whole* people, than those chosen merely for their political prejudices—at any rate, we can see no possible reason why a Temperance man may not be *as good* a member of the Legislature, and *equally* capable of discharging his duties, as a Rum advocate, any day. Mr. P's opposition on this score, will not "hold water."

Editor's Cable.

THE CHILD'S PAPER, which is a perfect gem, published by the American Tract Society, and which ought to be in every family, is issued monthly, at 12 cents per year, can be subscribed for at B. BANNAN'S Bookstore, where these numbers can be obtained and a sample seen. All the publications of the American Tract Society can be obtained at his Store, German, English and Welsh—Children, save your Pennies and subscribe to this Paper—it only costs 12 cents a year.

REPEALED.—New York is now publishing Shakspeare in numbers, to be complete in sixteen parts—price per part 25 cents, thus making a very cheap volume, considering the superior style in which it is got up. The type is large and clear and the paper good. We can safely recommend this work as one which will fully satisfy every subscriber. The numbers can be had at *Bannan's*, as they are issued, weekly.

GRAHAM for August contains 224 pages. The reading matter comprising stories, historical and biographical sketches, poetry, humorous pieces, book notices, &c., &c., is unusually interesting, besides being interspersed with numerous handsome illustrations. Graham is the "trump" of monthlies. Price $3 a year, or 25 cents a number—to be had at *Bannan's*.

THE CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN, published weekly at Harrisburg, is an able Temperance advocate—it is battling manfully in the good cause. Such a paper deserves encouragement—give it a full subscription only $1 a year.

"AN OBSERVING MINER" shall be heard next week—his communication comes too late for this week's issue. We like the spirit manifested in the defence of his countrymen and fellow laborers.

THE "Song of the Lenape Maiden" is rather long, but we will try to make room for it next week, or as early thereafter as possible.

Local Affairs.

☞ *County Temperance Convention.*—Pursuant to a call of the Temperance Committee of Schuylkill County, the friends of a law prohibiting the sale of spirituous or malt liquors, except for Medicinal, Mechanical and Sacramental purposes, without distinction of party, met at the Court House in the Borough of Pottsville, on the 20th inst.

Dr. E. CHICHESTER was unanimously called to the presiding chair. The object of the meeting was stated to be the securing of a Legislative Ticket at the coming election, which should be pledged to support the Prohibitory Liquor Law in the Halls of our Representatives next winter.

AARON POTTS, DANIEL SHIVELY and Ross BIRD were then elected Vice Presidents, and S. D. BARD and C. L. PINKERTON, Secretaries.

On motion, it was resolved that a committee of seven be appointed to draught resolutions expressive of the views of the meeting. The Chair appointed Eli Thompson, John Brandt, George Mantz, Benjamin Nathan, C. L. Pinkerton, Henry Beidler, Sen., and Rev. Mr. Heisinger, said committee.

During the absence of the Committee upon resolutions, Edward Owen Parry, Esq., addressed the meeting in a pertinent manner, upon the necessity of such legislation as would strictly prohibit the use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, in our midst.

The Committee to draught resolutions, reported the following which, being read, were adopted, with the accompanying preamble:

WHEREAS, It is a fundamental principle in all free governments, and more especially that of the United States, that all power is derived from the people, and that in them is vested the full power of making such laws as they shall deem necessary for the common welfare of the governed; they these are responsible for any and all the evils under which the people of that nation may labor; and

WHEREAS, Experience has proven to us that the manufacturing and vending of intoxicating liquors as a beverage for the people, has a most demoralizing tendency, and is the fountain-head from which spring the most of the evils and enormities which afflict society in all its different organizations and relations; and—

WHEREAS, We are satisfied from observation and from the statistics of our county, that the consumption of liquor that is calculated to intoxicate and madden the brain of her people, is alarmingly upon the increase, and daily destroying the happiness of our citizens and swelling its ranks with the increase of our population, over our territory; and

WHEREAS, Petitions after petitions have been presented by the people to the members of our Legislature, asking for an opportunity to express their opinion on the propriety of further continuing the traffic in intoxicating liquors, all of which have been contemned and their requests refused, from the failure of the present political organizations, it therefore becomes the duty of citizens, as Freemen who love their country, who desire her welfare and happiness, to arouse and come to the rescue, and act with a spirit and determination that will insure success to the enactment of such laws as shall wipe off this plague spot from the escutcheon of our beloved Commonwealth; therefore

Resolved, That we, as citizens of Schuylkill County, hold it to be our duty to vote for no person as a candidate for the next Legislature, at the ensuing election, but such as are known to be firm and consistent advocates of such a law as will totally prohibit the manufacture or sale of any species of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Resolved, That we are the friends and advocates of a fair and equal system of taxation, and that we will resist unjust taxation from whatever source imposed and will, therefore, unite in a movement for the total suppression of intoxicating liquor as a beverage which fills our streets with drunkards, our alms-houses with paupers, and our prisons with criminals, for the support of which sobriety and the honest industry of our people are taxed.

Resolved, That the effectual prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and its destruction when sold in violation of the law, infringes on no man's rights any more than any other law prohibiting the sale of any other article that is calculated to destroy life or otherwise injure the community.

Resolved, That this Convention deem it expedient, from the lateness of the time fixed by the several parties of this county for the holding of their nominations, previous to the election, to place in nomination an Assembly ticket, favorable to a Prohibitory Liquor Law, irrespective of any and every partizan feeling—which tickets they pledge themselves to support, unless the Democrats or Whigs (or both,) nominate men pledged to sustain those principles; in which case only will this ticket be drawn from the field.

Resolved, That the friends of the Maine or Total Prohibitory Law, be requested to meet in their respective election districts throughout the county, on Saturday, September 3d, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing two delegates to represent each Borough, Ward, and Election district in the County, in County Convention in the Borough of Pottsville, on Monday, September 5th, 1853, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Legislature, irrespective of party.

Resolved, That these proceedings be signed by the Officers, and the Secretaries be requested to forward the papers in the County copies for publication.

A communication was read from Prof JAMES BRYAN, of Philadelphia, (who was announced as one of the speakers,) expressive of his regret that he was unable to attend the meeting; which embodied this sentiment.

The temperance reform in the United States—its progress is steady and sure, and it is one of the most beautiful and striking evidences of the power of a free and enlightened people, not only to govern themselves politically, but to reform themselves morally, intellectually and physically. God speed the good cause!

Rev. Mr. STECK addressed the meeting in an eloquent and touching manner, in support of the resolutions just adopted.

B. BARTHOLOMEW, Esq., one of the speakers announced, then addressed the meeting in a most forcible, impressive and feeling manner, calculated to stimulate to strong exertion to carry out the views of the meeting.

R. M. Palmer, Esq., being called upon, proceeded to address the meeting in opposition to the propriety of a nomination for the Assembly by the temperance men of the County, according to the above resolutions, but acknowledged the urgent necessity of doing something to prevent the vast injury intemperance is constantly causing in our midst, affirming that, as the Prosecuting Attorney of the County, he knew that ninety per cent. of all the business of our criminal courts originates in the use of Rum, and suggesting that the Temperance men were strong enough, and ought, instead of pursuing the plan in reform, as suggested in the above resolutions, rather to seek to control the nominations of the present great political parties, by attending their primary meetings, and to thus secure the praise-worthy object now in view.

Edward Owen Parry, Esq., Bannan and Rev. Mr. Steck replied to Mr. Palmer, in further explanation and vindication of the position the temperance men were about taking in the reform.

The CHAIR appointed a committee of five who's duty it should be to appoint a Vigilance Committee, to be composed of persons residing in the different parts of the county; the former committee to have the power of substitution in case of absence at their meeting for the purpose aforesaid.

Said Committee consisted of the follow persons: E. O. Parry, John T. Wien, George Jennings, Joe Morgan and Aaron Potts.

On motion of B. Bannan,

Resolved, That Thompson A. Godfrey, S. D. Ball, John Brandt, A. Russel and Dr. E. Chichester be a Committee to draught an address to the people of Schuylkill County, setting forth the objects of this Convention, and laying before the people the statistics of the Rum Traffic in the County.

On motion the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

(Signed by the officers.)

☞ *Police Arrests.*—The Police—the Citizens' Police (they deserve the distinction preserved) have been actively engaged during the week, carrying into execution the notices previously served on the Proprietors of the Tippling and Sabbath breaking drinking houses in the Borough.

George Lauer, D. G. Yhengling the two Brewery Proprietors, and J. Hoffman were arrested and bound over for trial at the next Court, for keeping their establishments open on Sunday. J. Reisinger, who keeps the cellar under Judge Foster's shoe store, and William Eller were bound over for keeping Tippling houses. Several other persons, whose names we did not get, were also arrested, during the week, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Able counsel, we understand, has been retained by some of the above named defendants—so that we may expect their defence as strong as possible and if the Court decides against them, we hope that will settle the Sunday Liquor traffic and Tippling house question with us forever.

☞ *Heavy Rains have been* the order of the day with us during the week. They were very acceptable, however, the ground having become very dry, and the roads dusty and unpleasant for travelers. The weather has been remarkably cool for the last few days, especially the mornings and evenings.

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.]

One day, last week, a party of Irishmen refused to pay their fare "on demand," in the Mine Hill Cars, when the Conductor told them that if they did not "fork over the dimes," he'd have the whole party "locked on arriving at Schuylkill Haven. But they still persisted in their stubbornness; consequently, they were served with a complete drubbing at the feet of the *Schuylkill Haven Guards*, in accordance with previous stipulations. I have been credibly informed that the *Guards* succeeded in making lasting *impressions* upon their *honorable bodies*. That's true, will probably last them to the end of their natural lives—at least so far as Railroad fare may be concerned!

James Sutton was arrested and brought before Justice Weston, yesterday, charged with stealing a patent lever watch, from Alexander Fister at Tamaqua. The gentleman who arrested him, described said watch, after which he politely requested the gentleman under the white "Kosshoot" to show up, which sea-nanbe request was immediately complied with, without much circumlocution Sutton plead guilty to the charge and was duly committed and taken to the Schuylkill County *sitting house*. He is a man of about twenty-two years of age, and is in possession of uncommon good bottom, as was amply shown by the tracks he made when his partners gave him chase—About one dozen of "legal voters" belonging to our vigilance committee assisted in arresting him! Did you ever see a school of porpoise blow off after a long chase? If so you have a making of the idea I wish to convey of the laborious breathing with which the whole party were seized.

George Kerkeslager and his wife were consigned to one grave, to-day, in the "Schuylkill Haven Cemetery." Mr. Kerkeslager was formerly from this place. But a few years ago he left for Philadelphia. Mrs. Kerkeslager died about twenty-four hours after her husband. Their disease, I understand, was a virulent form of Bilious (not Yellow) fever. It seems the Quarantine Physician at South street Wharf, permitted vessels to come up to the city, having said disease on board. Mr. Kerkeslager kept the "Red Bank Hotel," and it is supposed they contracted the fever from those that stopped at their house. They leave one child and many friends to mourn their loss.

[We observe the Philadelphia papers are complaining much of the neglect, here referred to, in the city Quarantine regulations.—*Eds. Journal.*]

Dysentery prevails to a considerable extent in our midst, at present, assuming a rather malignant type. It attacks equally children and grown persons; but the former suffer most.

Yours truly, SENTINEL.

Schuylkill Haven, July 27, 1853.

PORT CARBON AFFAIRS.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MINERS' JOURNAL.]

MR. BANNAN:—It appears that our correspondent has forsaken us,—what can be the cause? Probably he is pumped dry; but surely our Town is not void of interest.

Pt. Carbon is still improving, so far as regards the streets. Pike street is finished at last, with the exception of the water courses, and a superb job it is. The property holders are busy putting their curbs in and filling up their lots. Some of them will have to go into their houses through the windows, or else go down into the cellar. I understand our *Circuitists Patrie* intend to erect a Town Hall. They have a second lot for that purpose—we hope they will not make the second forfeit. We admire the locality as well as the change; the first purchase did not take very well with the mass, it was a little too much *catawampus*. Our enterprising citizen, Mr. H. Guiterman, is erecting a Soap Factory on the corner of Spruce and Pine Alley. We have two Boat builders in our place; both are doing a very heavy business. Mr. S. Gray has launched two very large Boats this season, and the third will be finished in at few weeks. Both our Machine Shops, carried on by T. H. Winterstein and Messrs. Fisler & Brother, it appears, are overrun with work. More in future.

Yours truly, VOX.

Port Carbon, July 28, 1853.

TAMAQUA AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.]

TAMAQUA, July 28th, 1853.

Another week almost barren of interest has transpired since my last. The occasional visit of some political aspirant causes a sensation amongst the gentlemen of leisure who abound almost every where, but fortunately are not very numerous in Tamaqua. These visits to them are like a gleam of sun-shine after a long continued rain, and their countenances beam with joy as they hail with pleasure these indications of the approach of "better times."

Business continues brisk in every department—the shipments of coal are increasing, caused by the proposed advance in freights on the Reading Railroad.

An Irishman named King was killed last Monday, at Beaver Meadow, by being run over by a train of Coal cars, on which he was employed as brakesman. He had *engaged* one of the wheels and was attempting to get on the cars, which were moving rapidly; he fell while in the act, one of the wheels passed over him, when he was caught by the next wheel which was engaged, and shoved him along about fifty yards before the train could be stopped, mangling him horribly. He leaves a wife and family for whose passage to this country he had lately made a remittance to Ireland, and who are expected soon to arrive to hear the melancholy fate of their support and protector.

Last Saturday a man whose name I have forgotten was crushed beneath an immense mass of coal, at the Nesquehoning mines; up to last Tuesday his body had not been recovered, and it was supposed that from five to ten thousand tons of coal would have to be removed before it could be obtained.

CONGLOMERATE.

NEW YORK LETTER.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Progress of the Exhibition—National Monuments—Steamer Empire—Explosion in a Foundry—Accident on Empire stage—Niagara Falls Hotel—Metropolitan Hotel—Prescott House—Disappointment of the White House—Monument to Washington—Copper "Sovereign of the Sea"—Yacht—North Star—Arrival of the Arctic, &c. &c.

NEW YORK, July 25th, 1853.

DEAR JOURNAL.—Your readers last week received a full account of the opening ceremonies of the Great Exhibition. The palace was opened on the following morning to the public, and though rough and unfinished, has been well filled since, the daily attendance averaging from four to six thousand, exclusive of exhibitors, all in best of humor. A very ingenious arrangement is in operation at the door, by which every visitor passes through a turnstile to enter, a mere impression of which at night tells the number who have passed through during the day. The various departments are fast assuming a tangible form, and out of the chaos of specifics, boxes and bales, round and square, three cornered and four cornered and no cornered at all, shapes of symmetry and pictures of breathing beauty are springing to the light of the sun of Industry. In various parts of the Exhibition palaces have been placed, as receptacles of contributions to the National Washington Monument, the amount total of which up to Saturday last, amounted to some $2000.

By the way, what a living shame it is, that so long a period should have elapsed ere any worthy testimonial to the Father of his Country, has graced the soil of his native land. In England or any other state, Peel, was scarcely in his tomb, before a penny subscription had been started to commemorate him in a splendid manner, and the sum realized was more than ample—a subscription of two pence would have been gratefully received from the grandest monument. Truly, "Republics are ungrateful!"

In the case of the Empire, lost on the Hudson, a week since, the Jury returned a verdict as usual, of accident and not a verdict in which subsequent they found that the Empire met with an accident and numbers were killed. The ill-fated vessel has been towed to the city, and will be cut in two for a couple of months, so you may yet have her in your black diamond region.

While on the subject of calamities, let us finish the chapter and then turn over a new leaf. Last week a terrific explosion of a steam boiler took place at the extensive Foundry occupied, killing and wounding numbers of the employees. Fortunately the accident took place just before the expiration of the dinner hour, when but few of the unfortunate men employed were in the building. The upper part of the house was blown high into the air, large fragments of iron were thrown several hundred feet, while bricks and timbers were scattered over several blocks. The noise was heard over a large part of the east side of the city. One man sitting on the stoop of his residence, some distance from the scene, was struck and killed by a flying brick; on the same day, a horse running away in the streets of the Messrs. Barbeck, fell, while being hoisted, and crushed two of their workmen, who were taken to the Hospital and have since expired.

Our readers leave of course heard of the fatal accident at Niagara, where three men were swept over the hideous abyss. Awful it is to be hurried over at once, but to hang on the brink for a night and day, must be terrible indeed. Two have passed the dreary hours of that weary night! How must the hoarse surges of the cataract have sung his requiem, and the misty spray of the Fall have baptized his inclining head, for the resurrection of the morrow. And then the dim grey light of the coming dawn, as it illuminated with increasing splendor the surrounding scene, made more attractive every home of busy life. And still again when with every nerve in his body quivering and beat with raging heat his bare and burning brow, and when even the rotting sun kept not from the labor of love anxious watchers, we see his strained eye-balls, bursting from their sockets, and behold their deathlike hold and watch the victim, swept from the very grasp of safety, to instant death, we can realize the horrors of the scene.