The Miners' Journal

POTTSVILLE, PA.

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O. LITTLE, Associate Editor.

CO. EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

The Schuylkill County Teachers' Institute will hold its next semi-annual session at Schuylkill Haven next Friday and Saturday. Arrangements have been made by those having the matter in charge to render this Convention unusually interesting as well as profitable, both to the members themselves and to the public generally. A number of essays on popular topics, prepared by ladies and gentlemen, will be read, and addresses delivered before the Society. We hope—earnestly, heartily hope the people of the County, male and female—parents in particular—will liberally attend the sessions of the Association, and encourage by their presence the members in the great enterprise they have undertaken, viz: to effect the co-operative agency of Teachers for the improvement of the Educational system of this County and of the country at large.

The education of the masses is a subject of universal interest, and is daily growing in importance. Statesmen, though long perpaded of the incomparable advantages of general intelligence among the subjects of any government, now begin, more than ever before, to estimate and appreciate its peculiar effects under a free and liberal Administrative policy like our own. The *people* of this country are literally and emphatically its sovereigns—to them is entrusted more than in any other nation under the sun the illimitable power that makes and unmakes their rulers, that approves or rejects the laws under which they chose to serve, and that directs and controls the whole machinery of government, in all its complicated parts, Judicial, Legislative and Executive. Intelligence, then, must be the prime qualification of such a people. Education and its handmaid, morality, constitute the front pillars of such a government, and if they are not properly cared for—repaired and polished both for use and ornament—the whole structure will decay and finally tumble into ruin.

School-teaching is not a business that any one may turn his hand to. Like any other profession—as it really is—there is an art in its successful practice for which only a comparative few, even with the opportunities of a liberal education, are naturally endowed; besides the physical hardihood necessary for such a body-and-soul wearing occupation.—This art or tact of teaching is susceptible of being taught, and all teachers may profit greatly by its study. Hence the primary object of the Association, which is to assemble next week. Parents and the people at large, who rightly understand the true interests of the youth of the County, and are anxious to have them grow up good, respectable and useful citizens, a credit alike to their parents and teachers and a blessing to the County and the whole country, should encourage this Society—attend its meetings, manifest a sympathy and interest in its proceedings, and speak a good word and do a good deed on behalf of its permanency and prosperity, whenever the opportunity occurs. Such service will be returned to you with tenfold interest in after years.

A BASE FRAUD EXPOSED.

It will be recollected that previous to the late Election, handbills were distributed thro' the outer districts of the County with the forged signature of Jacob Kline Esq., of this Borough, announcing his withdrawal as a candidate on the Whig ticket for the office of County Commissioner. And, by the way, when the Squire detected this base outrage and declared the bill a forgery, the *Register* pretended to discredit the report and pronounced it a mere electioneering scheme.—But, thanks to the discriminating good sense of the people of the County, the Squire was elected, in spite of this mean trick of his competitors and its backers of the *Register*. Well, it seems the Squire has been on the look-out for the perpetrators of this piece of rascality ever since, and finally succeeded in tracing its direct or indirect paternity to one A. Dobmann, an employee in the office of the Reading *Eagle*? He was accordingly arrested in that city on Saturday last on a charge of libel, and subsequently brought to this place, when after a hearing before Esq. Reed, he was bound over in the sum of $300 for trial at the next Court.

Esq. Kline deserves great credit for his perseverance in ferreting out the author of this affair, if so be he has the right man.—Certain parties here are also supposed to be more or less implicated. We hope the whole batch of them may be brought to justice and receive the rich reward their guilty merits entitle them to. We can hardly conceive a more despicable—baser and meaner—way of injuring a political opponent than this.

Last Fall the same cowardly trick was practiced in Northumberland County by forging the names of the Schylkill county Whig Standing Committee to a circular, to aid in the election of Col. Straub for Congress.—Two persons not a thousand miles off are suspected of having had a hand in it, and there is a possibility of their being brought up with a round turn before long. All such scamps ought to be held up to public disgrace, and their punishment made a warning not likely to be lost on future offenders.

JUST AS EXPECTED.

After a long consultation among the members of the Cabinet at Washington, on Saturday, it was decided, with the full approval of the President, that Collector Bronson's official head must come off. H. J. Redfield, Soft, has accordingly been promoted since from the post of Naval officer to that of Collector. Other promotions and appointments, also from the Soft ranks, have likewise been made, to fill vacancies &c., among which we may particularize John L. O'Sullivan, a Free Soiler and a thorough Filibuster, appointed Charge to Portugal.

Judge Bronson's removal has not surprised the public much, for it was no more than was expected under the circumstances; but it will be apt to raise such a storm about the Administration's ears as has not been heard of since the days of old Noah—some of the heavy drops have already fallen.

This is, we believe, the first time, and Heaven send it may be the last!—in the history of our Government, that the President or any member of his Cabinet has descended from his high and honorable position, to meddle with the local affairs of any of the states, or asserted his official authority on behalf of any political clique. *O tempora! O mores!* Truly, these *are* degenerate days, when our great and growing Republic, second as a nation to no power on earth, can afford no better men for its chief rulers than these.

☞ STRIKES.—Employers and employees are not all settled in their respective relations toward one another yet. The men and women in the several Cotton Mills of Harrisburg and Lancaster turned out lately, and last week the employees of the Factory in Reading, to the number of several hundred, followed suit. They demand a reduction of time from 13 hours to 10 a day, without any decrease of their pay.

The mechanics of Reading espoused the cause of the Factory girls, and held a meeting (the largest popular assemblage ever held in Reading, the *Gazette* says), to sustain them in all their reasonable demands.—They afterwards marched through the city in a formidable procession, with colors flying and accompanied by two bands of music.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

BLACKWOOD, for this month, comes late, but it is always welcome. The scholar never fails to find protracted entertainment in its learned pages—it is one of the oldest, as it has always ranked among the best, of periodicals the world over.—"Lady Lee's Widowhood" is completed in the present number—a very interesting story. SCOTT & Co., New York, Publishers; $3a year, or Blackwood and one Review, $5; or Blackwood and four Reviews, $10—Sold at Bannan's.

THE EDITORIAL and business firm of the Germantown *Telegraph* is now P. R. FREAS & Co. We are always glad of some extra occasion to "notice" the *Telegraph*; for there is no paper in the long list of our exchanges that we can so conscientiously put and so heartily commend to subscribers. We consider it the *ne plus ultra* of Family newspapers.

We learn from the last number that the *Telegraph* will be enlarged on the 1st of next January, and that it will thereafter be printed by steam on one of Hoe's Power Presses. We congratulate its proprietors on these evidences of prosperity.

PUTNAM, for October, among a variety of reading matter—all instructive as well as interesting—contains, as usual, several excellent *practical* articles on subjects suited to popular taste. It is for this peculiarity, especially, we like *Putnam* more and more, as our acquaintance grows, with each succeeding number; and it is this same *practical* literature, too, that is bringing this work into general notoriety and creating for it a general demand among the reading and thinking public. It is, moreover, purely and truly American—another highly important and most commendable feature. There is an alarming superfluity of wishy-washy periodical matter afloat now-a-days, and it is a relief, and even a feast, to get hold of a substantial, hard-baked crust occasionally. G. P. PUTNAM & Co., New York, Publishers, and for sale at *Bannan's*; $3 a year.

Local Affairs.

☞ *Schylkill County Agricultural Society*—Reports of the Judges on the different Animals, Implements, articles of Machinery and Productions of Industry, exhibited at the Second Annual Fair of the Schuylkill County Agricultural Society.

HORSES.

The Committee on horses award the following premiums:

To J. S. Keller for best stallion between 2 and 3 years old, $3 00
" D. F. Berger, " brood mare, 4 00
" Geo. Deibert " draught horse, 3 00
" B. W. Hughes, 2nd best, 3 00
" Jos. Albrecht for best mare colt between 2 and 3 years old, 3 00
" J. W. Shoemaker, best family horse, 3 00
" Daniel Deibert, 2nd best, 2 00
" Dr. S. H. Shannon, best horse for all purposes, 3 00
" John Jones of Pottsville, exhibited a fine pair of carriage horses, for which a premium is recommended.
" B. W. Hughes exhibited a fine pair of horses for all purposes, for which a premium is recommended.
" D. F. Berger exhibited a very fine colt, 10 months old, for which a reward of merit is recommended.
" Dr. Thomas Davis exhibited two most excellent full blooded mares for which a reward of merit is recommended.

The Schuylkill County Almshouse exhibited a very fine colt, four months old, for which a reward of merit is recommended.

A number of fine stallions were brought on the ground, but too late to be registered for premiums

HENRY HESSER,
F. SHANNON,
LEWIS ROYER,
Committee.

CATTLE.

The Committee on cattle award the following premiums:

To J. J. Paxson for best milch cow, $4 00
" John Wamstall, 2d best " 2 00
" Mrs. S. Mayer, 3d " " 1 00
" James Lessig, for best bull, 2 00
" J. J. Paxson, 2d " " 1 00
" Schuylkill Co. Almshouse, 3d best bull, 1 00
" B. W. Hughes for best heifer, over 2 yrs. old, 2 00
" John Raush, 2nd " " 2 00
" John Wamstall, 3d " " 1 00
" Daniel Deibert, for best heifer, between 1 and 2 years old, 2 00
" J. J. Paxson, 2nd " " 1 00
" J. J. Paxson, best calf under 1 year, 2 00
" Wm Bittle, 2d " " 1 00
" George Rickert for best yoke of working cattle, 3 00

JOHN WAMSTALL,
ISAAC STRAUCH,
JOS. ALBRECHT,
Committee.

SHEEP.

The Committee on sheep award the following premiums:

To George Deibert for the best buck, $2 00
" J. J. Paxson, " 2d " 1 00
" " " " for best ewe, 2 00
" James Lessig, 2d " 1 00
" Wm. Bittle, best pair of lambs, 2 00

James exhibited six, what he called, South down sheep, for which a reward of merit is recommended.

B. W. HUGHES,
WM. BITTLE,
WM. KREMER,
Committee.

SWINE.

The Committee on swine award the following premiums:

To Jos. Lessig for best sow over 1 year, $2 00
" " " " boar, 2 00
" " " " sow under 1 year, 1 00
" Geo. Shoener, for best lot of pigs, 2 00
" Geo. Deibert, for 2d b. " " 1 00
" J. S. Keller, for the best sow under 1 yr. 2 00
" " " " boar under 1 yr. 1 00

The committee recommend Mr. Keller's Suffolk pigs worthy of notice to all breeders of swine, as a choice breed of pigs, they having combined the desirable qualities of early maturity, early fattening at any age, with less feed than may be desired known, and are of a beautiful form.

J. J. PAXSON,
E. J. THOMAS,
A. YEICH,
Committee.

POULTRY.

The Committee on poultry award the following premiums:

To B. W. Hughes for the best pair of turkeys, $2 00
" J. S. Keller, for the 2nd best, 1 00
" J. J. Paxson, for the best ducks, 2 00
" William Bittle, for the 2d best, 1 00
" G. C. Wynkoop, for the best shanghas, 2 00
" F. L. Foster, for the 2nd best, 1 00
" J. S. Keller, for best Jersey blues, 2 00
" G. C. Wynkoop, for the best cochin china 2 00
" Geo. Deibert, for the 2nd best, 1 00
" B. W. Hughes, for the best mixed chickens, 2 00
" E. J. Thomas, for 2nd best mixed chickens, 1 00

The display of fowls was highly interesting, and we regret exceedingly that the report of the committee is so very meagre. Some excellent breeds were exhibited by J. L. Cohe, Esq., Messrs. William Sigfried, Henry Orwig, Hesser, F. S. Hubley and Mr. W. B. Payne.

Committee of Arrangements.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OF FIELD CROPS, &c.

The Committee on Agricultural productions of field crops, &c., award the following premiums:

To John Raush, for the best acre of yellow corn, 75 bushels per acre, $6 00
" William Sigfried, for the best bushel of red corn, 1 00
" J. S. Keller, for the best bushel of gound seed corn, 1 00
" R. Peale, for the best bushel of white corn, 1 00
" William Sigfried, for the best bushel of yellow wheat, 2 00
" J. S. Keller, for 2d best bushel of yellow wheat, 1 00
" Jos. Albrecht, for the best bushel of white Rye, 2 00
" William Sigfried, for the best bushel of Oats, 1 00
" John Raush, for best bushel white mercer potatoes, 2 00
" Jos. Albrecht, for 2nd best bushel white mercer potatoes, 1 00
" Geo. Deibert, for best bushel of red mercer potatoes, 2 00
" Jos. Albrecht, for 2d best bushel of red mercer potatoes, 1 00
" John Rudy, for best bushel Pinkeye potatoes, 2 00
" Jonathan Heisler, for 2d best bushel of Pinkeye potatoes, 1 00
" J. J. Paxson, for best dozen cabbages, 2 00
" John Raush, for 2d best dozen " 1 00
" Geo. Deibert, for best bushel of turnips, 2 00
" J. J. Paxson, for 2d best bushel of turnips, 1 00
" John Raush, for best bushel of sweet potatoes, 2 00
" J. J. Paxson, for 2d best bushel of sweet potatoes, 1 00
" J. J. Paxson, for best display of vegetables, 3 00
" Chas. Rader, last cwt. wheat flower, 2 00
" " " " " buckwheat flour, 1 00
" " " " " corn flour, 1 00
" F. S. Hubley, best 5 lb. of honey, 1 00

A number of articles not named in the premium list, were exhibited, which are entitled to a favorable notice.

Joseph Albrecht, exhibited fine blue potatoes; Moses Reed, fine and large quince, and celery; Edward Peale had monstrous corn on the ground, measuring 14 feet 6 inches, and 5 inches in circumference; John Raush and J. J. Paxson had some very large pumpkins; R. Peale displayed fine carrots; John Raush displayed beautiful grapes and fine endive; H. J. Dreher exhibited a large pumpkin and large red beet, weighing 10 lb. and measuring 26 inches in circumference; George Deibert displayed African soup corn.

REUBEN PEALE,
JOHN RAUSH,
PETER ALBRECHT,
Committee.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND MACHINERY.

The Committee of this department award the following premiums:

To J. J. Paxson, for the best cultivator, $2 00
" Daniel Deibert, for best rotary horse power and thresher, 4 00
" B. W. Hughes, for best fanning mill, 3 00
" J. S. Keller, for best corn stalk cutter and crusher, 2 00
" Frank Pott, best hay and straw cutter, 2 00
" James Lessig, for best seed drill, 4 00
" Frank Pott, " " corn sheller, 2 00
" James Lessig, 2d best " " 1 00
" J. S. Keller, best revolving hay rake, 2 00
" Daniel Gessley, for best cart, 4 00
" Jos. Albrecht, for clover topper, Diploma, 1 00
" Frank Pott, for best apple peeler, 1 00
" R. Peale, " " cutter, 1 00

J. F. TREICHLER,
F. SHANNON,
F. S. HUBLEY,
Committee.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

The Committee on the Ladies' Department, award the following premiums:

To Mrs. George Deibert, for best butter, $2 00
" " E. J. Thomas 2nd " " 1 00
" " E. M. Keller, 3d " " 1 00
" " Lessig, a lady 81 years of age, for best pair of home-made stockings, 2 00
" " Lessig, for 2nd best stockings, 1 00
" " Lessig, for best mitten, 2 00
" " Lessig, 2nd " " 1 00
" " Miss Elizabeth Williams, that 13 years of age, best raised worsted work, 2 00
" " Rachel Mullin, for 2nd best needle work, 1 00
" " Susan Mayer, for best fancy knitting, 2 00
" " Rachel Mullin, 2nd best " " 1 00
" " Mary Eckstens, for best loaf of wheat bread, 1 00
" " Mrs. Lessig, for best rye bread, 1 00

Mrs. Paxson exhibited a very fine specimen of fancy needle-work; Mrs. W. A. Hammer, a handsome purse; Mrs. Paxson contributed a handsome prince's feather boquet; Miss E. Williams, a beautiful boquet of artificial flowers; Miss Mary J. Hunt, a specimen of Peruvian work; Miss Mary J. Huntzinger, a very beautiful, but were too late for a premium; the same lady also contributed four large turkey eggs, which are worthy of notice.

The Committee found some difficulty in classing some few articles in the ladies' department.

P. R. PALM,
M. F. MEDLAR,
G. C. WYNKOOP,
Committee.

MECHANICAL PRODUCTIONS.

The Committee on mechanical productions award the following premiums:

To John Rupp, for the best lot of horse shoes, $2 00
" Wm. Bock, for best pair of iron traces, 2 00
" W. McKay Thornton, for the best single harness, it being a superior article, 1 00
" George Jeidings for best two horse carriage, 3 00

Mr. Thornton also exhibited a fine saddle and double harness, of fine finish, but too late for a premium.

Mr. Jennings exhibited a fine two horse carriage with two seats.

Mr. Bock exhibited a pair of half traces and a pair of breast chains worthy of notice.

John R. Diehm exhibited a butter churn, which attracted notice.

The Schuylkill County Prison exhibited fine goods manufactured in Prison by convicts, consisting of checks, ginghams, carpets, lagging and shoes.

SAMUEL HUNTZINGER,
CHARLES FRAILEY,
N. A. HAMMER,
Committee.

PLOWING MATCH.

The Committee on plowing award the following premiums:

To George Deibert, for best plowman, $3 00
" W. Sigfried, for 2d best, 2 00

W. BITTLE,
JOS. ALBRIGHT,
PHILIP ROYER,
Committee.

J. J. PAXSON,
GEO. DEIBERT,
Dr. B. BECKER,
Committee of Arrangements.
JACOB HAMMER, *Pres't.*
J. S. KELLER, *Sec'y.*

☞ *A Card.*—At a Special Meeting of the National Light Infantry of Pottsville, held Friday, October 21, 1853, the following Card of thanks was unanimously agreed upon for publication:

We cannot but feel that our late visit to Philadelphia, and our mingling with the volunteer soldiers of a distant part of the State, has been productive of much good, binding closer and linking stronger the social and military feelings that are so necessary as well to the soldier as the citizen, for the preservation of those institutions which cause us to love our country and our homesteads, making the few pleasant days spent among them, so bright and beautiful a spot as to become a part of the Chronological table of the National Light Infantry, never to be forgotten, and which will ever be referred to with emotions of sincere pleasure.

To Capt. James Page, Lieut. Hesser, Quartermaster Smith, and Company of State Fencibles, we are under many obligations for their great attention, military and civil; and as language often fails to express the good feelings of the heart, we ask but an opportunity to return a part of the obligations under which they have so kindly placed us.

To Manager Quinlan, of the Chesnut St., Theatre, who so generously extended to us an invitation to visit the Theatre, we owe many thanks.

To Mayor Gilpin, who welcomed us to Independence Hall, that sacred spot and Mecca of Liberty, we are much indebted.

To Col. Snowden, of the Mint, for a view of the very interesting premises he so ably manages, we we cannot but feel a great amount of gratitude.

To Col. Othniel DeForest, formerly of Pottsville for the entertainment given us, renewing thereby his former connexion with the military of Schuylkill County, we are thankful.

The Officers of the Navy Yard, who so kindly explained to us the working of the yard and the use of the machinery, have our well wishes.

Capt. Hinkle, of the Boat from Amboy to New York, by his kindness and attention has made a deep and lasting impression, and will never be forgotten by the National Light Infantry.

John Greenwood, Esq., Manager of Barnum's Museum, New York, whose kind invitation to visit the Museum, has placed us under many obligations.

John A. Bunting, Esq., Chairman of Board of Managers of the American Institute Fair, at Castle Garden, for the kind invitation to visit the exhibition, and for personal attention while there, we owe many thanks.

To Messrs. John B. Chichester, George Grant and Capt. Seibing of the 9th Ward Police, who were with us from the time of our arrival until our departure from New York, we are also under many obligations.

To the Managers of the Crystal Palace, for attention; to Mr. Garret Vernance, of the Latting Observatory, for refreshments and attentions he so liberally bestowed upon the Company, we tender our kindly regards.

To Mr. Brown, of the Arcade Hotel, Philadelphia, we are indebted for his care and attentions, and would recommend our friends, when they visit Philadelphia, to place themselves under his charge.

To Mr. Jacob Geesse, of Pottstown, for refreshments furnished the Company on their return, showing his respect for the Company of which he formerly was a useful member, we are much indebted.

To the Reading Railroad Company, who, with their usual liberality, helped to make our excursion as pleasant as possible, many thanks are due.

To the Pottsville Brass Band, whose sweet music charmed the wearied Soldier's ear; and to Major Bevan, who so kindly entertained us at his Refectory upon our arrival home, we are under many obligations.

LEVI BLAND, Secretary.

☞ *Pottsville Literary Society.*—This institution opens its session for the coming season next Wednesday evening. The President, Mr. Wells, will deliver the introductory lecture, to be followed by the usual exercises.

The Society is now entering on the fifth year of its existence—having already the longest-lived literary association of any kind known in the annals of our Borough. The devoted zeal of its few individual members for the maintenance and prosperity of the organization, has luckily touched the right chord in the public breast. Much sympathy—and that, too, of a practical character, seldom needed—has been manifested by our citizens on behalf of the Society; and its meetings, week after week, during the public sessions of the four years past, have been crowded with the most encouraging audiences of ladies and gentlemen.

We hope the now opening season may be the most pleasant, as well as profitable, of all the Society's sessions. There is the station, we are sure, among the members to make it so, if the public will but continue their favorable interest.

☞ *Pottsville Town Meeting.*—The meeting of citizens held at the Town Hall, on Saturday evening, Oct. 22d, 1853, for the purpose of taking into consideration the most feasible means of introducing water into the Borough of Pottsville, was organized by appointing Dr. J. S. CARPENTER President, and MILTON BOONE, Secretary.

The object of the meeting was briefly stated by the President and, on motion, was ably addressed by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Putnam.

On motion, Strouse N. Palmer, John Pinkerton, and N. M. Wilson Esqrs., were appointed a Committee to confer with the Borough Council and Pottsville Water Company, in reference to the practicability of procuring an abundant supply of water for domestic and other purposes in the Borough of Pottsville, and report to the next meeting.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet on Friday evening next, at 7 o'clock.

J. S. CARPENTER, Pres't.
MILTON BOONE, Sec'y.

☞ *First Snow.*—A Snow-storm, the first of the season, commenced in this place last Monday morning, 24th. The fleecy flakes fell thick and fast all day long, covering the ground to the average depth of, perhaps, four inches, though much melted as it fell. It remained with singular tenacity, considering the season—it lingered in spots here and there, where the sun did not reach it directly, and the mountains around us looked, for two days, quite hoary-headed. It is hoped the effect will be to replenish the mountain springs and to afford us a comfortable supply of water, though that very desirable result has not been attained yet.

☞ *Improvement.*—A very neat paling has been put up around the Court House grounds, and with the addition of some white-wash, is a material improvement in the appearance of the premises. The elevated position of the Court House and Jail, with the sloping front of the adjacent grounds, affords every opportunity for the display of ornamental taste—all that's wanted is the ready John Davis to make Court House Hill a little Paradise in appearance.

☞ *At a stated meeting* of the Pottsville Section, No. 41 C. of T., held at their Hall Monday evening, Oct. 17, 1853, the following officers were duly elected, viz.:—Wm. R. Potts, W. A.; Henry C. Russel, V. A.; Francis U. Farquhar, S.; Lamar Hay, A. S.; Samuel R. Whitney, T.; Charles Bosbyshell, A. T.; Thomas Reilly, G.; Henry Mohr, U.; Wm. Meredith, W.; David Fletcher, A. W.; Daniel W. Bland, Chaplain.

Attest, F. U. FARQUHAR.

☞ *We are desired again* to call a meeting of the Apprentices Library Association for Monday evening next. Arrangements are to be proposed for a distribution of the books.

☞ *At a meeting* of the Newkirk Lyceum, Tamaqua, last week, a re-organization was effected for the ensuing season, by the choice of the following officers:—President, N. Olmstead; V. President, George F. Wiggan, A. M.; Secretary, J. Sandford DuBois; Treasurer, Rev. A. Christman.

NEW YORK LETTER.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Political Quarrel—Removals from Office and Appointments—Extreme pressure in Money Market—Depression of Stocks—Accident to Dr. Griswold—Total Destruction of the Hamilton House—Fiendish Outrage—Cooper House Burned—Chinese Conspiny settled at last—Death of the Sleeping Man—Total wreck of packet ship Western World—Suffering of the Passengers—Draft Sales—Capacity of a Dog.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24, 1853.

DEAR JOURNAL:—The chief topics of conversation, for the week past, have been the tight money market, and the O'Connor and Bronson squabble. For some time past a pretty little domestic quarrel, in the family of our Democratic brethren, has been in progress between Messrs. Bronson, our newly appointed Collector, and District Attorney O'Connor on the one side, and Secretaries Marcy and Guthrie on the other, relative to appointments and divisions of the spoils in Gotham. Several sharp letters have passed between the various parties, and matters waxed so hot as to send as was expected, in the explosion from office of Mr. Bronson and replacing him with Mr. Redfield, late Naval officer.

Among the other changes, I notice also the appointment of John J. Cisco, an influential New York merchant, as Sub-Treasurer, in place of John A. Dix, resigned.

This interesting tournament has excited full as much attention in the community as the late prize fight, though we are unable to state positively whether the same amount of money was at stake. At all events the quarrels were very similar, although the latter comprised rather the most rounds, and the parties came to time a little more promptly.

In financial circles the last week has been one of unexampled gloom and depression. Money has been in the greatest demand, and first class paper has been sold in the street at 12 and 18 per cent, while second rate would be left unpitched at 24.—Stocks of all kinds have reached lower figures than have been known for a long period, and in large sales at those rates have been for cash, showing plainly that the stock has been forced on the market by persons who must realize the cash at any sacrifice. Real Estate has partaken of the same depression, and many forced sales, for cash, have been made. There never was a more favorable time for monied men to invest for permanent securities, or to speculate for a rise, than the present time seems to be under. How long this will continue it is hard to tell, though we are inclined to believe that we have past the worst, and that a better feeling is beginning to pervade the money market.

The eminent Dr. Griswold, of this city, met with a serious accident a few days since. The family had just returned from their country residence to town, when the Doctor, noticing a strong smell of coming gas, took a light and went down to look for the leak; on opening the door of one of the third story rooms, a tremendous explosion took place, throwing the Doctor, Griswold and a child twelve years of age, who accompanied him, down the stairs, shattering the doors and windows and setting fire to the furniture and house, which were damaged to the amount of four hundred dollars.—Dr. Griswold and the child were both much scalded. This is the same gentleman who, with his daughter, was at the awful New Haven Railroad accident, at Norwalk, where the latter narrowly escaped destruction, having trembled on the verge of death for several weeks. He seems to be a fated man.

Last evening one of our celebrated Summer Hotels, the resort of the fashionables during the season, was entirely destroyed by fire. We refer to the Hamilton House, situated at Fort Hamilton, several miles below Greenwood Cemetery, on the Ocean road. It was splendidly located, overlooking the ocean, and was a favorite place of resort. It was closed up for the season, and many of your readers have, undoubtedly, spent happy hours within its walls, danced many a polka and schottische, carried on flirtations innumerable, and filted around all the prescribed round of a fashionable resort. Peace to its ashes!

One of those fiendish outrages for which New York is becoming notorious, has just been perpetrated in Jamaica, Queens co., since. A young girl was seized on the road home, about dusk, and her person violated, and to silence all cries of terror she was beaten insensible and thrown into a pond by the roadside, where her lifeless body was covered shortly after. Two men are now on trial charged with the crime. There is no doubt in my own mind, but that they are the guilty parties, though we are inclined to believe that the testimony is insufficient to convict them.

Another one of our Summer resorts has also just been consumed by fire. The late residence of the eminent novelist, J. Fenimore Cooper, at Cooperstown in this State, which was turned into a Summer Hotel and resort, and has been described as a lovely spot around which its former owner had thrown the fascinations of his own inimitable genius. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

The unfortunate Tung Hook Tung company of Chinese performers, concerning whom I have occasionally informed you, are at last in a fair way to reach their home, the Celestial Empire, and Central Flowery Kingdom. An opulent merchant has volunteered to give them a free passage in one of his ships, provided the Commissioner of Emigration would furnish the food for the voyage. This generous proposal was of course met, and before this paragraph meets the eyes of the *Journal*, they will be on their way. Doubtless, fascinating visions of pagodas, and Chinese views, are now passing through their brains, and they smack their lips over imaginary hamperies of roasted pupp, or bird's nest soup. Their experience has been hard, and like the squirrel, whose dolorous fate, as depicted in the well known lines, "Pity the poor little beast, they will determine when safely ensconced at home, "Ne'er again abroad to roam."

Among the events of the week is the death of the Sleeping Man, who has been on exhibition in New York, for some time past. His was a singular case, and attracted much attention. With but few intermissions of brief duration, he had slept for five years—a period Rip Van Winkle, in his day, would have thought long enough. The sole object of the exhibition was, to see how much sleep could be taken in, and the full harvest moon shining brilliantly, it is difficult to understand how she could have been wrecked. Part of the passengers succeeded in getting on shore, but those who remained on board, destitute of both food and water, which were buried by the wreck and the rolling waves. After suffering all but starvation they were rescued in safety by the passing steamer, at a time. The extravagancies of some of the Irish emigrants, when sale on *terra firma*, were ludicrous in the extreme. They flourished their sticks, and fell to kissing and hugging one-a-nothermen, all that they met. Her cargo consisted of hardware and silks, and was valued at $100,000, partially insured. The vessel belonged to ex-Mayor Kingsland, and was probably well insured.—The severe gale of yesterday has doubtless rendered her a total wreck.

A remarkable instance of the sagacity of a dog was shown at the destruction of the Hamilton House. The only person in the house was Mr. Clapp, the proprietor, and a friend, who were asleep at the time. A huge Newfoundland dog first perceived the fire and rushed to his master's chamber, where he endeavored to attract attention by throwing himself against the door. After continued trials he roused the inmates barely in time to escape with their lives.

With frosty remembrances this cold morning, I remain as ever, yours, G. C. F.

PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Synod of German R. Church—Reforms—Madame Sontag and the Board of Control—Deaths for the week—Female Lecturer, &c.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 27th, 1853.

The Eastern Synod of the German Reformed Church has been in session in our city some days past. The principal matter discussed has been the charges against Dr. Fisher of the *Messenger*, for publishing his late Lecture, &c. A vote censuring his testimony is addduced, and at the time of writing the trial has not been concluded.

Another Reform! The good time coming is fast approaching when "*the poor shall be comforted*." The only opposers of the plan are the rum-hole keepers and still lower dens—places where many of these officers spend their hours.—The uniform would prevent much custom to the non-dealers—hence their opposition.

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I have searched through the Franklin Institute Exhibition in vain for something from Pottsville.—With the exception of two or three small pieces of Coal from the Lehigh Valley, there is nothing to represent the Black Diamond regions of the Keystone State.

Deaths in Philadelphia, last week, 153—of consumption, 21; drowning, 8; fevers, 12, &c., &c. To rise a sudder, yet better being, pick up the weekly bills of mortality and try to fancy the pain and sorrow of which these are the cold careless records and then look forward a little, when this world will be no more, peer into the happier home on high for those who love Him, and strive to enter that land where there is no sorrow, no pain, no Death.

[Letter late—unfortunately forced to omit the greater part of it.—*Eds. Journal.*]

CLOSING ON SUNDAY.

The Chief Burgess of the Borough of Norristown has issued an ordinance enforcing the law of 1794, requiring all places of business to be closed on the Sabbath; and directing all the police officers to see that all taverns, beer shops, oyster cellars, &c., are closed agreeably to said ordinance.—*Ex.*

In Pittsburg, Allegheny city, Lancaster and several other places we have noticed, but cannot now recall, this same has been done. All the Hotels and most, if not all, the Beer shops in this place have been closed every Sunday, for several weeks past. The like observance, we believe, is generally respected all over the County. What is the matter in Reading—that the bars there still remain open all the days of the week alike? Doesn't the law extend to Berks county, or do the officers neglect to enforce it? Respect for law and order and for a proper observance of the Sabbath, in particular, is gaining ground every day.

☞ SIGNS OF PROSPERITY.—We learn from the Pottstown *Ledger* that Messrs. Reeves, Buck & Co., Nail Manufacturers of Phoenixville, are actively engaged in their business. They now employ seven or eight hundred hands, and a new Nail Mill under their charge now rapidly approaching completion, will afford labor for two or three hundred more.

GROCERIES.

SUGARS.—Crushed, Pulverized and Refined, and best quality of Broken Sugar, at the usual low prices at A. HENDERSON'S, Ag't.
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TEAS.—Imperial, Gunpowder, Young Hyson, Oolong, Souchong, All the different chops at low prices and of the best qualities. A. HENDERSON, Ag't.
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A CARD.—Since the Proprietors' recent Laboratory enlargements have allowed him to supply his numerous orders for Lyon's Kathairon, he has also introduced some new chemical affinities which adds still to the high character of this immensely popular article for Curing, Beautifying, Preserving and Restoring the Hair.

Let those now use
Who scorned it before,
And those who always used,
Now use the more.

The Price is still 25 cents, in large bottles, and may be had at any Store in the United States.
D. S. Barnes, Proprietor, 161 Broadway, N. Y.
Sold by every Dealer in Pottsville; F. W. Dyott & Sons, Philadelphia, Wholesale Agents.

WRIGHT'S INDIAN VEGETBLE PILLS are a safe, easy and certain cure for Cold and Coughs; because they carry off by the stomach and bowels, those morbid humors which, if deposited upon the lungs, are the cause of the above dangerous complaints. A single twenty-five cent box of said Indian Vegetable Pills is generally sufficient to make a perfect cure of the most obstinate Cold—at the same time the digestion is improved, and the blood is completely purified, that new life and vigor is given to the frame.

Caution.—Storekeepers would do well to exercise care in buying from pedlers. We understand that a man by the name of Hespind, and another by the name of Sines, are offering what purports to be Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills. These persons are not authorized Agents for this Medicine, and the article offered cannot be guaranteed as genuine. The genuine is for sale by Mr. E. M. BEATTY, J. G. BROWN and J. S. C. MARTIN, Pottsville, Wholesale Office, 169 Race Street, Philadelphia.

N. B.—The public are respectfully informed that J. C. HUGHES, of Pottsville, is *not* his agent for this medicine, and we cannot guarantee as genuine the article offered by him for sale.

WILLIAM WRIGHT.

"I DIGEST"—Such is the true meaning of the word "Pepsin," or of the two Greek words from which it is derived. This is the significant and appropriate title of the True Digestive Fluid, or Gastric Juice, prepared by Dr. I. P. Hontorson, of Philadelphia, from the fourth Stomach of the Ox for the cure of indigestion and Dyspepsia. It is Nature's own remedy for an unhealthy Stomach.—No art of man can equal its curative powers; it renders good nutrition perfectly consistent with health. See the figure of the Ox, in another part of this paper.

POTTSVILLE MARKETS.

CORRECTED WEEKLY FOR THE JOURNAL.

Wheat Flour, bbl	$7 25	Dr'd peaches pared,	4 00
Do. do.	5 00	do unpar'd	2 50
Wheat, bushel	1 45	Dr'd apples pared	3 12
Rye, do	1 00	Eggs, dozen	12
Corn, do	80	Butter	20
Oats, do	40	Shoulders,	12 to 13
Potatoes, do	75	Hams,	16 00
Timothy seed	$2 25	Hay, ton	16 00
Clover do	3 50	Plaster,	3 00

MARRIED.

At Pinegrove, on the evening of the 13th inst., by the Rev. E. S. Henry, D. D., HENRY N. REED, merchant of Jamestown, to ALICE E. HOWE, of the former place.

On the same day, by the same, P. DUBBS, of Berks Co., to MARIA STERNER, of Pinegrove.

On the 15th inst., by the same, JOHN ROTH, of Switzerland, to CHRISTINA HAPPEL, of Wittenberg.

On the 25th inst., by Rev. D. Steck, HENRY GEORGE, of Northumberland, Co., to ANNETTA DILCUM, of Lewisburg, in this County.

On the same day, by the same, H. C. ADAMS, of Pottsville, to EMMA COMINGS, of S. Haven.

On the 20th inst., by Rev. Wm. Morgan, MORGAN MORGANS to SARAH MASON, both of Bellmont.

By Rev. Daniel Washburn, Rector of Trinity Church, on the evening of Thursday, 27th inst., GEORGE N. DOWNING to SUSAN TILL all of Pottsville.

On the 16th inst., by Rev. J. H. Wythes, JOS. B. WINTERS to MARY ANN BURNHAM, all of Port Carbon.

On the 23d inst., by Rev. John Maddison, ADRAM TOWNEND of St. Clair, to ANN URCH of Pottsville.

DIED:

In Port Carbon, on