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PANTHER CREEK RAILROAD.

When, two weeks ago, we threw out a query, founded upon a public rumor from an authentic source, as to the legitimacy of the Panther Creek Railroad charter, we neither anticipated nor desired a protracted discussion of the matter. Our sole object was to direct public attention to the glaring corruption of our State Legislature, with a view to its correction; and as this Railroad is proposed to be built close at home, we thought it a fit weapon to begin with.

We have no personal interest in this Road whatever, either for or against its erection; and, except as a public improvement, might never have alluded to it again. *But it seems* from the fluttering our little paragraph has excited, there must be "something rotten in Denmark." Several letters have been addressed us on the subject, and some of the papers have caught the cue and our blazing away right heartily; so that we are fairly in for it, and could not back out, if we would—and what's more to the point, would not, if we could. We threw out mere hints and whispers before, but since they seem to have done so much execution, we mean now to follow up the matter with hard blows. Corrupt legislation is at once the disgrace and the curse of any State, and if, as we now have very good reason for suspecting, the Panther Creek Railroad was passed by unfair means, we promise but little rest to all concerned in it, till there is a thorough investigation and expose of the whole matter, by which its particular friends in this County and its official *friends* at Harrisburg will learn a lesson not soon to be forgotten.

To begin at the beginning—we raised the question whether the Panther Creek Railroad, in this County, was ever *regularly* and *fairly* chartered by the Legislature? and referred to Mr. Flanigen of Philadelphia, under whose special charge it was said the bill to that effect was in the Senate, for further information. He replies, in the *News* of the 22d ult. as follows; and lest he, as the champion of the Legislature and the Railroad, should have even the shadow of unfairness to quibble about, we copy his article *entire*:

"Regardless of the *manner* and *tone* in which this information is asked of us by the editor of the *Journal*, and ever desirous to accommodate our contemporaries, we lay manuals to the editor such official information in regard to the Panther Creek Bill as will be found on the Journal of the Senate—premising, of course, that a sense of justice to the company assailed will induce him to copy the same into his columns for the benefit of his readers. If the editor of that paper had taken the trouble to refer to the Journal of the Senate, he could have saved himself the trouble of an attack which, to say the least of it, is in exceedingly bad taste.

"The statement that Mr. Hendricks stated, have said that he had no knowledge of this bill received the signature of the Speaker, is erroneous—we usually found that gentleman to be an attentive and industrious member of the Senate. He was to be found always at his place, except when necessarily called from it to his home or elsewhere on important business. Assuming, therefore, that the *Journal* is mistaken in regard to Mr. Hendricks having made the statement attributed to him, we draw the attention of the editor to the following data, to be found on the pages of the Journal of the Senate of the 27th April, 1853: "The Clerk of the House of Representatives being introduced, presented for concurrence bills numbered and entitled as follows:

"No. 538. *An Act to incorporate a State road in the County of Dauphin, and to incorporate the Panther Creek Laurel Run Railroad Company.*—Committed to Committee on Railroads.

"Page 577, May 2. "Mr. Woodward, from the Committee on Railroads, reported back the bill No. 538, from the House of Representatives, entitled 'An Act to incorporate a State road in the County of Dauphin, and to incorporate the Panther Creek and Laurel Run Railroad Company,' reported with no amendments.

"On motion of Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Fox the Senate resumed work into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Dunlop, chairman, etc. etc. and so forth.

"After some time the Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked to sit again.

"On motion of Mr. Woodward, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Hendricks, and Mr. Fox, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of unfinished business, and the bill, entitled 'An Act to incorporate a State road in the County of Dauphin, and to incorporate the Panther Creek and Laurel Run Railroad Company,' was read the second time and passed.

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"April 15, page 772. Mr. Dunning, from the Committee to compare Bills, reported among other Bills, "An Act incorporating the Panther and Laurel Run Railroad Company."

"Page 857, April 18. "The Governor returned the Bill with his signature."

It appears that this Rail-Road Bill was attached to the Dauphin State Road, as an amendment, by whom does not appear. The Bill was not placed on my file. "Lest pretty" *certain it was never entered*.

Respy Yours,
JACOB HAMMER.

Here we begin to be let into the secret, which followed up, comprehends and explains the whole matter. Mr. Flanigen's Senate journal and all.

The bill as started as "An Act to lay out a State road in Dauphin County." That, of course, is all straight enough, but somehow or other, by whom or how, Mr. Hammer does not pretend to understand, during its second and third reading it is amended so as also to comprehend the "Panther and Laurel Run Railroad," and when it emerges from another part of the Legislative machinery, at a subsequent stage of the proceedings, it is completely metamorphosed, and appears as an entirely new bill; namely, "An Act incorporating the Panther and Laurel Run Railroad Company." So that the "State road in Dauphin County" turns out to be a mere subterfuge... *That* was not wanted at all, but was merely made use of to introduce the real object of the enactment, the Panther Creek Road, and as soon as it was effectually engrafted upon the original bill, the head and other superfluities were lopped off, and there stood the Panther Creek Railroad in all its nakedness, with a name only but no designated location whatever. The same singular proceeding are observed in the Senate—the bill first appearing under the head of "Laying out a State road No.," and after passing through several stages of the proceedings, it is finally turned out "The Panther Creek and Laurel Run Railroad" alone. We wish to call especial attention to the fact, that in *not one single instance* of the proceedings above quoted from the journals of either House, does *the place of location, Schuylkill County, appear!* In our opinion, a very significant and suspicious omission.

As to our misapprehension of the statement attributed to our Senator, Mr. Hendricks; all we have to say is, we had it, almost *verbatim*, from himself. The opinion of Mr. Crabb, the Philadelphia Senator referred to, was reported to us by a gentleman in whose veracity and correctness we have every confidence, to whom Mr. C. expressed himself as we represented.

But we have more evidence of the same kind. From the following it appears that Henry S. Evans Esq., of Chester County, a prominent and one of the most active members our Legislature has never had, did not know of the passage of the Bill, nor does he believe there were *three men in the Legislature that did!* Mr. Buckalew Perry, is equally in the dark, and before we get through with this matter, we *promise to show* a good many others in the same predicament. But to the letter:

WEST CHESTER, Nov. 24, 1853.

BENJAMIN BANNAN, Esq.—*Dear Sir.*—Seeing an article from your paper, in the *Daily News*, with the comments of Mr. Flanigen upon it, I take to add that Henry S. Evans, Esq., Senator from Chester county, says he had no knowledge of the passage of the Laurel Run and Panther Creek Railroad Bill; nor does he believe that three men in the Legislature were aware of its passage or of the character of the Bill.

A letter from Joseph Bailey, Esq., Senator from Perry county, also states, the Bill was passed entirely without his knowledge.

Is such a road were necessary or desired, why was the Bill smuggled through with so much secrecy?

This kind of Legislation seems to bear some resemblance to the notorious Coal Bill of Dauphin county. There is to much holler among the people of our County to sanction either the one or the other. Very truly yours,

G. J.

Now here is testimony, unprejudiced and uninterested, except for common justice's sake, voluntarily offered up on the questionable means employed for the passage of this bill, and to put down this unjust and disgraceful sort of Legislation.

To show how searching the enquiries of this kind after truth and official uprightness, and how easily a guilty conscience is disturbed, we append an *anonymous* communication from somebody on whose toes we have evidently trod. We seldom trouble ourselves with even the first reading of a letter whose author is ashamed or afraid to subscribe his name, but we are willing to depart from the rule in the present case, just for the sake of the writer's health—such a bilious liver obviously needs a depletive outlet of some kind:

PANTHER CREEK RAILROAD.

Town Hall, Corner of Market and Second streets, Pottsville, Nov. 26, 1853.

EDS. MINERS' JOURNAL:

You have charged in your paper that the Charter of the Panther Creek Railroad had never regularly passed both branches of the Legislature, and that it was attached to some other bill, and got through in the hurry of business.

Now, I have read the pamphlet laws, you will find that instead of being passed as an "ordinary" it passed "entirely and alone." Also by referring to the Senate Journal you will find—and it is certain that all the stages of legislation were duly observed. And by referring to the *Daily News*, or any of the Harrisburg papers, you will find everything to be evidence.

The fact is, you are mistaken in every one of your assumptions. Without knowing anything about it, you charged corruption in the Legislature, and are now unable to forge a little or point to a single instance. Your own experience should teach you, you have grossly slandered that body—that you have deliberately insulted the Senate Committee.

It would not be more honorable in such a case, to acknowledge your error—and make suitable apologies to those you have wronged?

This seems to me the honest course, and I think you would be respected by some.

Your remarks in last Saturday's paper do but make the matter worse, in the eyes of every honest man. The fact is, you are Editor, and you will go any length to palliate your course—but you make it worse. A deliberate falsehood is a good deal worse than downright sinning, of which you have so much to answer.

Respectfully yours,
A MERCHANT.

This epistle was without date and without signature, except as above; but the envelope was postmarked "Philadelphia & Columbia R. R.," which, together with its *sensible* tone of expression, makes us think it smells strongly of the fire and brimstone of the "house of Lancaster." It was from that quarter a threat issued, last winter, to induce the Senior Editor of this paper for having the temerity to charge "bribery and corruption" upon that most immaculate of bodies corporate—the Pennsylvania Legislature!

"No a little of proof to sustain our charge of corruption?" Well, we shall show Mr. "Member," before we get through, that we have not a "little" only, but bundles of it, and that he himself either "knows nothing about it" is willfully ignorant—for

Since so loud are those that will not see—

or is trying to hoodwink the public. Why, the Pennsylvania Legislature had established for itself a reputation, none the best, we are sorry to say, long before ever Mr. "Member" was heard of; and go into any part of the Union you will, and the character public opinion in the remotest corner of the country will attribute to it, will make the hardest cheek *blush to own it is a Pennsylvanian's*. We appeal to every honest citizen,—is it not so?

The truth is, there are many excellent men that yearly grace and honor our Legislature—men of sterling worth, morally and mentally considered, who would not stoop to do a mean action, and who labor faithfully and heartily for the good of the people they represent, and for the best interests of the Commonwealth at large; but there also also a crowd of political hucksters and wire-workers, who have secured their election mainly by cunning and intrigue, and by catering to the lowest passions and prejudices of the people—who go to Harrisburg solely from motives of personal aggrandizement, and whose daily bought and sold in the Legislative market, and thus fatten, cormorant-like, upon the unholy means employed to attain their ends by the horde of *hosers and speculators that continually infest* the doors and lobbies of the two Houses.—The votes of such men unfortunately count just as much as those of the most able and honest members; and however odious or unpopular any piece of legislation may be, or however eloquently it may be denounced by the better portion of the members; yet if desired by the money-holders, voters enough can mostly be bought, together with the indifference or disaffection of third parties, to carry it through. Ask any man, with sense enough to form an opinion of the matter and independence enough to express it, who has spent a winter at Harrisburg—and see if he does not corroborate this view of our Legislative affairs. In a conversation with an ex-member not long since, he candidly gave it as his opinion, that if the degeneracy of our State legislation continued as it had been the last few years, no honest man would be found willing to jeopardize his reputation by becoming a member.

But lest we be accused of exaggeration in these general charges, we will introduce a few examples by way of practical illustration—they are taken from the doings of the last session, and in themselves present a graphic picture of Pennsylvania legislation. There is plenty of similar material in the same quarter for a respectable-sized volume, and the biographer or historian who will undertake the work, would doubtless render his name immortal, besides doing a signal service to the people of the whole Commonwealth. But first, a word or two on the Panther Creek Railroad, in conclusion, for this time.

The evidence, as given above, would undoubtedly tend *to* raise in any honest, unprejudiced mind serious doubts of the fairness of the means used *in securing this bill*, even though the person knew nothing of the reputation the Pennsylvania Legislature has acquired for queer dodges in its proceedings. It is plain that the advocates of this Road, for some reason or other best known, perhaps, to themselves, did not wish to let their true object, be known, and hence resorted to the miserable trick of pretending "to lay out a State road in *Dauphin* Co," in order to escape the notice of the members from this County and others who might have been interested, had *Schuylkill County* been mentioned. It is even said that enquiries as to whether "the State road in Dauphin Co.," was to connect with any of the Schuylkill County lines, were answered promptly in the negative, thus entirely throwing the latter's friends off the track. But still further:—So secret were the movements of the knowing and interested parties in this affair, that it was upwards of a fortnight before the first hint of the passage of such a bill leaked out in this community; and the books of subscription were subsequently opened not in Minersville or even in any other prominent business place, but in Pinegrove, away off in a remote corner of the County, and of inconvenient access, evidently with the view of keeping the matter as quiet as possible.—We have since been informed that this was purposely done, to prevent the Mine Hill & Schuylkill Haven R. R. Company from buying up the stock and quashing the project.

Now, with all these facts before us, we ask plainly and candidly, what is the most natural inference to be drawn? That it was a popular enterprise at home, in the neighborhoods through which it was to pass, or in the County at large, among whose public improvements it was to be reckoned?—

Drawn with the blunt end of the pencil;

promised above, in practical corroboration of our unflattering opinion of the Pennsylvania Legislature; but our article has already grown to such an unwieldy length, we are forced to postpone them till next week, when we shall resume the subject, commencing with

No. 1. Scene of consternation among the members, on a venerable clergyman, officiating as Chaplain, praying against the temptation of *Bribery*—concluding with the total exposition of the Divines from the halls of Legislation.

No. 2. Repeal of the State Railroad Guage Laws—New York speculators in the back ground.

No. 3. The grand entertainment of the Maryland Legislature—restoration of Union and harmony between the two states, under the genial influence of champagne—Bill unpaid and Landlord in a fury.

Since the above was in type, we have seen a letter from Senator Crabb to a citizen of this County, in which he states that the bill referred to *did* pass the Senate, and that he heard it read before that body. This may be true, but we were informed by a reliable person that Mr. Crabb not long since denied any knowledge whatever of its passage.

Moreover, the bill may have passed the Senate, as it is alleged; but that is not the point at issue—we contend that it passed, if at all, in an unfair and dishonest manner, so disguised under an irrelative head that the members and the people of this County could not recognize in it anything in which they were interested; and that the knowing ones of the House, according to information furnished us, positively denied, on enquiry, that the proposed road either lay in this County or had any connection whatever with roads already in operation in the county.

Our whole and sole object in this matter is to ascertain the truth. We are down upon corrupt legislation from A to Z, and wherever and whenever found—we have good reasons for suspecting this Railroad bill, and we are bound to force it, if possible, to a thorough overhauling. If we are mistaken, and have advanced any statements that cannot be sustained; why, we shall always hold ourselves ready, when so convinced, to retract and make the *amende honorable* toward the parties interested; but if on the contrary, we prove ourselves, what we now think, *right*, we declare unceasing hostility toward this and all other enactments passed by similar means. In the meantime, we solicit reliable information from both sides, and will freely tender our columns at any time for a fair hearing of any of the parties interested.

EDITOR'S TABLE

PUTNAM for December opens with an interesting article on "The Great Exhibition and its Visitors," accompanied with a number of handsome engravings of articles on exhibition. The remaining articles in the table of contents will also, doubtless, prove both interesting and instructive—Putnam is always full of good things. Price $3 a year, or he had at BANNAN'S.

HARPER for this month is ready for delivery. The popular periodical has now reached the unprecedented *edition of 175,000 copies monthly*.—The illustrated scenes from Sacred History, in the number before us, are highly interesting. The character of this work is too well known to need any lengthy comments on our part. Price $3 a year—for sale at BANNAN'S.

WE HAVE been favored with a splendid Chrome Lithograph, from the extensive works of David Claflin, Esq., formerly of this place, now in Philadelphia. It represents the Genius of America—the centre being occupied with an elegant portrait of Washington, the top by a figure of Industry, from one of the old masters, surrounded by Commerce, the Arts, &c., &c. On the *two sides* are Liberty and Fortitude, and at the bottom a view of the N. York Crystal Palace. The whole is printed in sixteen oil colors; and is a most creditable specimen of American Lithography. It was got up originally for the New York Exhibition—a few copies can be had at a reasonable price. When *framed* it makes a beautiful parlor ornament. Orders may be left at BANNAN'S.

GRAHAM, of Philadelphia Magazine notoriety, announces the forthcoming, on the 16th inst., of a new weekly newspaper, entitled the *Saturday Evening Mail*. It is to be of quarto size, purposely for binding, 8 pages each 17½ inches by 23—full size of sheet when open 33 inches by 46. It starts on the subscription lists of *Neal's Gazette* and *Graham's Family Friend*, making an aggregate of 20,000 subscribers—30,000 copies of the first number will be struck off.

The *Mail* will be edited by George R. Graham, and will be devoted to the discussion of Public Measures, Commerce, Agriculture, Poetry, Music, Fashion, the Arts and Sciences, &c., &c., among which, the great cause of humanity, TEMPERANCE, will hold a prominent place. Terms, $2 a year. $500 are offered in various sums, as premiums for the highest subscription lists sent from different places. Graham understands this sort of business—he will doubtless make the *Mail* all that is promised for it. Subscriptions received at this office.

Local Affairs.

☞ *We are requested* to state that a meeting of the subscribers to the Cotillion Parties will be held at the American House, this (Saturday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

☞ *A meeting* is appointed on Monday next (5th inst) at the Court House, for the Soldiers of 1812 of this County, to appoint delegates for the General Convention, to be held in Philadelphia, 8th of January 1854.

☞ *Rev. Mr. Castle*, of the Baptist Church, proposes to commence, to-morrow (Sunday) evening, a series of lectures on the "Evidences of Christianity." They will, doubtless, prove interesting and instructive. See notice.

☞ *The Superintendent and Teachers of* the Public Schools, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, have determined on holding a public Examination of the pupils, on the 24 Mon day of January next—an excellent idea.

☞ *Prof. Anderson* is announced to lecture in the Baptist Church, next Friday evening, 9th inst. "The History and Destiny of Coal"—a subject of peculiar interest in this vicinity, and accordingly it is hoped our citizens generally will attend. Prof. A. is represented to be an interesting and able lecturer.

☞ *Farmers' Bank of Schuylkill County.*—At the election held at the Banking House in the Borough of Pottsville, on the 21st ult., the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:—

Henry Saylor, John Harlan, R. M. Palmer, I. G. Brenner, T. H. Wilson, Jacob Huntzinger, Jr., Wm. Maines, Jr., L. M. Wetherill, John W. Shoemaker, D. P. Brown, J. H. Adam, Wm. Brady, H. L. Cake.

The Directors met on the 25th ult., and re-elected Henry Saylor, Esq., President.

☞ *Miners' Hospital.*—A portion of the Committee of Ten, appointed by the public meeting on Thanksgiving Day, on behalf of this enterprise, met according to appointment in Mr Samuel Stichman's office, on Monday last, but for want of a quorum, no business was transacted, and the meeting was adjourned to to-day (Saturday) at 11 o'clock, at the same place.

It is hoped there will be a full attendance of the members this morning, as the time for which the services of the Committee are mainly required, is limited—and therefore whatever is done at all, must be done quickly. Get together and do *something*, gentlemen, and let us know definitely as soon as possible, are we to have a Miners' Asylum or not? The question will soon determine itself, so far at least, as the present offer is concerned, unless prompt action on your part saves it from going by default.

☞ *Literary Society.*—A large audience was present on Wednesday evening, Sentor Cooper, for the reason yet unknown, had not arrived in order to open proceedings with an extemporaneous address, the usual round of exercises, the lecture was supplied by Wm. L. Whitney, Esq. It is hoped Mr Cooper will become for the society on some future occasion during the season.

At a subsequent Business meeting, an election for officers for the ensuing term was held, and the following gentlemen chosen:

ELIAS SCHNEIDER—President.
LITTLE—Vice President;
James Lewis—Secretary;
J. M. Wetherill, re-elect—Treasurer;
George D. Houghawout, re-elect—Librarian;

The following list of lectures engaged may be interesting to the public and serviceable to the gentlemen themselves:

John B. Douglass, Esq., Charleston, S. C.		
Rev. D. Washburn,		11,
Rev. J. H. Wythes D. D.,		24, 25
Rev. Jas. Neill,	January	11, 1854
Mr. John V. Ware,		18, 19
Rev. A. Pitof,		25,
Mr. A. P. Spinney,	February	1,
Rev. J. H. Castle,		15,
Rev. D. Steel,	March	15,

The society's meetings are generally suspended for two weeks during the Christmas and New Year's holidays—hence the omission of lectures, as above, at that time, the other vacancies are to be supplied in the course of the session.

NEW-YORK LETTER.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Queer Weather—Thanksgiving day in N. York—Scenes and Incidents—Express Turnout and Dinner—Robbers of the Bank of the State of New York, Second—$30,000 in bills recovered—Police Strategy—Old Confessions—Gotham Aristocracy—Models Upside—Mysterious Disappearance of a Physical Star—Burst Mail from Australia—Dove Tailage—Broadway Railroad—Defalcation—Swindle of Banks—"Great Republic"—Metropolitan Hotel sold—Marine Mishaps—A rival at the Atlantic—War.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 29, 1853.

DEAR JOURNAL:—The queer antics of that vascillating old fellow, the weather, for the past week, has kept our minds so busily engaged that we have scarcely had time to think of aught else than how we were roasted and sweltered one day, and how the next morning we were frozen out of our equanimity by a thermometer only 18 above zero—how for two whole weeks, we were soaked and sprinkled by a drizzling, penetrating rain, and how in a twinkling the dripping drops were congealed upon our very coats by Winter's icy breath, and we were left like Knights of old, in armor clad from top to toe. But truly this is the first touch of Winter that we have had, and to see men rushing through the streets, blowing their fingers and stamping their feet, forgetting their dignity in their frosted toes, was a spectacle that the balmy summer weather of the season, so far, had induced us to fear, we should not witness again the present year.

Thursday with us, as with your own kind readers, was Thanksgiving day—ah! the visions of roast turkey and pumpkin pie that still dance through my vision—delightful reminiscences. Not were the poor poor forgotten. With characteristic liberality, did our merchants and tradesmen, from their own abundance, provide a feast for the destitute and miserable. Knowing well that the shortest way to reach the religious and better feelings of a hungry man, is through the stomach. One of the sights of that day was a walk through the Five Points, to the Mission lately established in that God-forsaken locality, and a peep at the large tables that groaned under the abundant contributions of our hotel proprietors, market men and churches—citizens generally! to see ragged urchins and stockingless girls fresh from the reeking filth of cellars and garrets, foul with pestilential air, and tainted with the profane and obscene companionship of comrades and even parents, brought to gather at a feast fit for angels, and taught lessons of virtue, gladdened by a smile and cheered by encouraging words, was a sight only to be found in a city vast as is our own! This is truly striking at the root. Such scenes were witnessed in many places throughout the city, where benevolent charities are founded, and willing hands and hearts are present.

The Annual parade of Express men was celebrated on Thursday. Their fine horses, lusty wagons, and good looking drivers, comfortably ensconced in buffalo robes, as they filed in endless procession through our chief thoroughfares, impressed all with the magnitude and importance of the business which has spanned every ocean, traversed every land, and like a genius Paul Pry, thrust his nose into every dwelling and every hamlet on the face of the earth. They had a collation in one place, a dinner in another, and a grand blow out in the evening at the Astor, under the supervision of those pomp caterers, Coleman & Stetson. In fact they had a good time generally.

"The great robbery of the Bank of the State of New York, of Thirty-eight Thousand Dollars, has been revealed and the rubber caged. Two men have been arrested at Toledo, Ohio, and on their persons, Nineteen Hundred Dollars found of the missing bills, which were identified. It was certain, however, that the principals were here, and that the accomplices only had been caught. Our police were on the *qui vive*, and many were the laughable incidents that the hoaxing of bulls offered, developed. One *en passant*: Was too good.—A fashionable lady, wife of a wealthy merchant, purchased a shawl at one of our large stores, and as part payment tendered a $50 bill on the Bank of New York. She was questioned as to where she obtained it, but stoutly refused to tell, until it was suggested to ask her husband, which forthwith overcame our lady's scruples, and she frankly said that no such course would be pursued, and ended by confessing that she received it from *one of the* best Upper Ten, in payment for what we are fain to own own surprises! The gentleman was then followed up, and after many indignant refusals were forced to confess that he had received it at the faro table at a fashionable gaming house! *O, tempting! O, more!* Heaven help the aristocracy, with the pious old lady, let us exclaim—

"Now Gabriel, blow your horn"

However, to the robbery. Suspicion fell upon one Chauncey Johnson, known to be an adept in starting robberies. He was closely watched night and day, and finally brought to bay. Once more satisfied of his guilt, chancing to meet him, at once fearlessly charged him with it and offered to go "south." This Johnson acceded to, laying himself entirely in his guard, and offered half Seventy Dollars, all he had about him, which however was refused, and they proceeded to Johnson's home, where he delivered Two Thousand Dollars at such intervals as the time would allow, passed a Police station, and the officer made sure of the bird and caged Johnson. On returning to the house, there was found secreted under the bed Thirty-three Thousand Dollars of the stolen bills.

The porter of the Bank was leaving the room in company with the money on the day of the robbery, when a card load of specie drove up. The porter laid down his bag on the Teller's desk, to help roll in the kegs, and on returning a moment after the money was gone! This was the *modus operandi*.

Among the gossip, the last on *dit* is, that the distinguished actress, Miss Laura Keene, having received her weekly pay, plus a handsome sum, noticed her by a friend a few nights previous, concluded to take French leave, and accordingly *departed to parts unknown*. She was announced to appear in the evening, and her place was filled by a *vocalist*, by the best hand that could be picked up on a moment's notice.

A novelty in the way of *marauding* attacks has been the arrival at this port, of the ship Bacarina, with the first direct mail from Australia. She brought a large amount of gold, the first direct shipment, and made her passage in eighty-three days.

It is estimated that the postage on the letter of the President of the United States, to the Emperor of Japan, will reach the respectable sum of One Million and a Quarter of Dollars!

The injunction against the proposed Railroad in Broadway, has been made perpetual. Appeal will now be had to the Supreme Court.

Rumors are afloat in Wall street, that one of the partners of a very heavy house in the street, had absconded with about Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars of trust funds, and left wind for the parties to let look out for him—if he can! The street is in great uproar.

For some time past we have been receiving large quantities of Wheat from Canada, representing himself to be the President of a large manufacturing company of Connecticut, in a town of which he had an office of great pretensions. He had opened accounts in Boston for six or eight New York banks, and with his swelling manners, all went on swimmingly until yesterday, when it was ascertained that he had defrauded us to the tune of nearly One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

The *modus operandi* of the transaction was by depositing checks and drawing against the deposits, which at first were found to be drawing against nothing. His operations were not confined to the city alone, but extended to Boston, New Haven, and other Eastern Cities.

The renowned clipper, "Great Republic," of over 4,000 tons burthen, has arrived in New York, and has at anchor in the East River, near Governor's Island. She will load for Liverpool, and proceed thence to Australia.

Messrs. A. T. Stewart & Co., our Dry Goods house, yesterday laid down $400,000 on their purchase of the Metropolitan Hotel, and will shortly pay another like sum, being the balance of purchase money.

The extraordinary mortality prevailing on our Liverpool packets from the other side is receiving great attention and alarm. Every ship that arrives reports from a scene to over One Hundred deaths among the passengers, on the voyage. Death has visited them off with remarkable fury, and the number of his victims may now be counted by thousands. It seems to be a species of Cholera, taken on the other side, and developed on the ocean. The terrific marine mortality is carrying great and appalling sorrow to the heart of many an expectant parent, to many a brother, sister or child, anxiously awaiting the promised arrival of their relatives, dear and dear to them, from their father-land. It is a sad sight to watch the motley groups that throng the shipping offices, to learn the fate of those beloved—to see the anxiety with which they scan the face of the clerk as he peruses the list of the dead, and to hear the heart-broken sigh that escapes, when the sad truth is told.

The Atlantic's just coming up the Bay. The news from the seat of war is interesting. Hostilities have been fiercely pursued, and several quite severe engagements taken place.

L. C. P.

PERSONAL.

☞ *Step.*—When a man finds a deal of fault with a newspaper which he never takes, and is a *sign* he has not paid for it. People seldom find fault with their own property.

☞ *A boy* of Salem Mass., was last week fined $10 for mutilating a handbill posted up in a public place in that city.

☞ *Son of Lind's Child.*—The name of Jenny Lind's child is Otto Walter Goldschmid. Julius Benedict, the composer, was its Godfather. It was baptised at Dresden.

TEMPERANCE.

☞ *The last Jonestown Echo*, has a lengthy and able editorial in favor of the Maine Law. It argues that at the late election Prohibition received the unmistakable seal of public approval, and that it is high time to make the politicians "face the music." The *Echo* is a Democratic paper, and may therefore do good service with its friends in the Legislature.

☞ *On the 22nd inst.* thirty members of the Tennessee Legislature presented petitions for a Prohibitory Liquor Law. The march of Temperance Reform is onward.

POLITICAL.

☞ It is said that General Jackson originated the Main Liquor Law. When will wonders cease?

☞ *Mr. Patrick Darcy*, the Democratic member elect of the Assembly, for the 12th District in New York, is one of the earnest of the *Germans! Journal.*

☞ TEETOTALISM—ITS PROGRESS.—Under this head, the New York *Herald* makes the following admissions—and coming from that source, they ought to have a ten-fold weight:

"It is generally conceded that the recent elections in New York, Maryland, and Wisconsin, have inflicted a triumph in teetotalism. That is to say, amid the confusion of parties in all these States, a majority of both branches of the several legislatures have been elected favorable to the establishment of a Maine Law, or teetotalism, or temperance. If such are the results of the election, we trust that the several legislatures will proceed at once to pass the measures in question, in order to test their practicability and efficacy, as a social and moral system, in the several States mentioned. The prevalence of the teetotal cause during the last few years, is somewhat remarkable. Undoubtedly there has been, during the last twenty years, a great increase of intemperance in various parts of the Northern States; more, we believe, than in the Southern States. Any radical change that may decrease intemperance, and introduce better habits, would be hailed as something desirable."

☞ INNOVATION.—Rev. Mr. McIlvaine, of the First Church, appeared on Sunday last in clerical robes. This innovation in the custom of the Presbyterian churches in this section has been introduced by the new church, "St. Peter's," which, with the gown for the clergy, has adopted a portion of the ritual of the church of England in its regular service. The mode is more that of the First Church of Scotland, however, which has been observed in this country by those who adhere in their new homes to the usages of the fatherland. Those who have attended church in Caledonia, York and adjoining towns, settled principally by Scotchmen, will perceive no difference between their mode of worship and that of our Presbyterian churches. The Eastern churches have gradually abandoned the old style, and assimilated their service to that familiar to the people in the West, which is perhaps essentially Congregational rather than Presbyterian—Presbyterianism Americanized. The clergy retain the gown, however, and instead of kneeling during the prayer, as St. Peter's, at during the entire service—only a few of the older men, who do not like to change from their long accustomed and revered practice, rising during that part of the devotion. *Rochester Democrat.*

WE COPY the following from the *Hollidaysburg Herald*:

TO COOPER.—HERE'S AN ACT FOR YOU.—We call attention to the advertisement in our paper of these valuable pills. They are to be had at S. C. Martin, Dunigan, Pottsville, H. H. Deacham, Tuscarora, H. Kessler, Port Carbon and several other Stores in the State. These Pills being pure ly Vegetable, and free from all deleterious or mineral preparations, and may be taken with perfect safety.

We say to those afflicted with wretched diseases, procure a Box of these at the reduced price of 25 cts. We have knowing ones to stop the chills cause by them.

We would say more to say at a hand place to give attention to this valuable medicine.

SORE THROAT, Cough, Consumption, Pain in various parts of the body, and other implements symptoms are the effects of catching cold.

Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry Pills are a delightful medicine for curing off a cold, because they purge from the body all morbid and corrupt humours in an easy and natural manner. From these qualities of said Indian Vegetable Pills, taken every night on going to bed will, in a short time, make a perfect cure of the most obstinate cold; at the same time the blood and other fluids will be thoroughly purified, and the system strengthened so completely as to enable that the body will be restored to even wonted health than before.

Caution.—Some people would do well to exercise caution in buying from pedlars. We understand that a man by the name of Hoestead, and another by the name of Jones, are offering what purports to be Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills. The persons are not authorized Agents for this Medicine, and the article offered cannot be guaranteed as genuine. The genuine is for sale by Mr. B. M. BEATTY, 1 & 6 BOWNY and S. C. MARTIN, Pottsville. Wholesale Office, 160 Race Street Philadelphia.

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

WILLIAM WRIGHT.

A CARD.—Since the Proprietor of Stewart Laboratory enlargements have allowed him to supply his numerous orders for Lorch's Kathairon, he has also introduced some new chemical admixture which add still to much character of the immensely popular article for Curing, Beautifying, Preserving and Restoring the Hair.

Let those now use
Who have not used 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.

Sole agency for Schuylkill County, Pottsville, F. W. Dreer & Sons, Philadelphia, Wholesale Agents.

POTTSVILLE MARKETS.

CORRECTED WEEKLY FOR THE JOURNAL.

Wheat (Red)	$1 [illegible]	Dried peaches (pared)	$4 00
Rye	[illegible]	do do (unpared)	[illegible]
Wheat, (white)	1 45	Dried apples (quartered)	1 25
Corn	50	Eggs, per dozen	20
Oats	30	Butter	20
Potatoes, do	50	Lard	10
Timothy Seed	3 25	Hay, ton	16 00
Clover do	3 50	Plaster	5 00

MARRIED

On the 24th ult., by the Rev. Jacob Miller, DAVID DAVIS, of Branch Township, to MARY ANN MORGAN, of Pottsville.

On the 15th ult., by the Rev. John Mahlenberg, JAMES MURDOCK, to VIOLETTA MORT both of Ashland, Schuylkill county.

On the 24th ult., by the same, JOSEPH EVANS, to CHARLOTTE McGHAN, both of Tamaqua.

DIED

Suddenly, in the Borough of Tamaqua, on the 25th ult., ROBERT CARTER, aged about 30 years.

At Sea, on the 11th Sept. 1853, on board Ship Philadelphia, on her passage from New York to Bremen, Mr. CHARLES LOUIS GANZ, formerly a resident of Pottsville, aged about 30 years.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

☞ REV. DR WYTHES will preach in the First Methodist Church, Second st. to-morrow morning, Dec. 4, at 10 o'clock.

☞ REV. W. J. MCADAM will preach in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Market Street, to-morrow (Sabbath) morning and evening, at the usual hours.

☞ BAPTIST CHURCH, Mahantango Street, Rev. J. HARVARD CASTLE Pastor. Service every Sabbath at 10½ o'clock A. M., and 7 P. M.

☞ TRINITY CHURCH (EPISCOPAL)—Rev. DANIEL WASHBURN, Rector. Service held regularly in this Church every Sunday:
Morning, at 10½ o'clock,
Evening, at 7 "

☞ THERE WILL BE preaching in the English Lutheran Church, Market street, every Sunday morning and evening.

GENERAL NOTICES.

☞ HISTORY AND DESTINY OF COAL.—Prof. G. W. Anderson, of the University at Lewisburg, will deliver a lecture on the History and Destiny of Coal, on FRIDAY evening, December 9th in the Baptist Church, Mahantango St. Lecture to commence at half past seven o'clock. Those interested in the trade, are particularly invited to attend.

☞ COURSE OF LECTURES ON THE EVIDENCES OF CHRISTIANITY.—Rev. John B. Castle will deliver the introductory lecture to a course on "The Evidences of Christianity," on SUNDAY evening next, Dec. 4, in the Baptist Church Mahantango St.

☞ POTTSVILLE LITERARY SOCIETY.—A Stated Meeting of the Pottsville Literary Society will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 7th, 1853, in Foster's Hall, at 7½ o'clock:
Lecture—By Jno. B. Douglass, Subject, Free Trade.
Reader—Thomas H. Walker.
Question—"Was the Suicide of Cato a noble action?"
Affirmative—Howell Fisher, L. Angelo; Negative—E. Schneider, A. P. Spinney.
By order of the Society, JNO. B. DOUGLASS, Sec.

☞ ODD FELLOWS' CEMETRY.—Persons desirous of purchasing burial lots in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery, will apply to
FRANK FETT, at the Iron Store, Town Hall;
JOHN J. JONES, Minersville street;
JOHN S. C. MARTIN, Centre street.
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COAL.

☞ M. BEATTY & SON have removed to the office of G. W. Pilman, Esq., in Centre Street, below the American House, where persons having business with them will please call.
JAMES THOMAS & CO., will also be found in the same