# The Miners' Journal

POTTSVILLE, PA.

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☞ THE MINERS' JOURNAL has a far larger circulation in the Coal and Iron districts than any other paper published in Schuylkill County. It is, therefore, the best medium for advertising in the County, and is, also, one of the most valuable Advertising mediums in the State. But few papers have so many copies circulated on its subscription list.

☞ Clergymen and Public School Teachers will be supplied with The Miners' Journal at $1 per annum in advance.

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## WHIG STATE CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the WHIG STATE COMMITTEE, held pursuant to public notice, in Philadelphia, on TUESDAY, the 13th of December, in the absence of the Chairman, A. K. CORNYN, was called to the Chair.

The subject of the meeting having been stated, it was, on motion of Col. Edie, of Somerset, unanimously

*Resolved*, That a Convention of Delegates of the Whig party be held at Harrisburg, on the 15th day of March, 1854, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor, Canal Commissioner, and Supreme Court.

A. K. CORNYN, *Chairman*.
HENRY S. EVANS, *Secretary*.

## STATE TEMPERANCE CONVENTION

A Mass Convention of the friends of Prohibition will be held in Harrisburg, on the 26th and 27th of January, 1854, at 10 o'clock, A. M. We hope every city and town, and Temperance organization in the State, may be fully represented. Never have we been called together under such circumstances as the present. Voters of Pennsylvania, come up to the Metropolis, and greet the good men you have elected to enact a law, to suppress the drinking houses and tippling shops. Distinguished men from other States will be with us to assist in our deliberations.

By order of the State Central Committee,
THOS. WATSON, Chairman.
E. W. JACKSON, Corresponding Sec'ry.

## RECEIPTS,

*For "Miners' Journal" since last Publication.*

☞ We hope those in arrears abroad will forward their amounts due, as speedily as possible—as our expenses for paper and labor are very heavy.

| | |
|---|---|
| Reuben Line, to May 22, 1854, | 4 00 |
| B. Bartholomew, to July 1, 1853, | 4 00 |
| Joseph F. Taylor, to July 1, 1853, | 8 00 |
| Daniel Shelly, to July 1, 1853, | 6 00 |
| George Yost, to June 25, 1854, | 1 00 |
| Samuel Morris, to Jan. 1 1854, | 1 00 |
| John Howarth, to May 8, 1854, | 2 00 |
| Matthew Gibson, to Jan. 1, 1854, | 2 00 |
| Thomas Jay, to Jan. 1, 1854, | 2 00 |
| Wm. Brown, to Jan. 1, 1854, | 2 00 |
| Jared Daniel to Jan. 1, 1854, | 3 50 |
| James C. Oliver, to Jan. 1, 1854, | 4 00 |
| Keppler & Brother, to April 29, 1854, | 1 00 |
| Alexander Love, to Jan. 1, 1854, | 1 00 |
| E. W. Hewson, to Jan. 1, 1854, | 2 00 |
| Crawford & Son, to Dec. 25, 1854, | 2 00 |
| Dr. J. J. Wright, to Jan. 1854, | 2 16 |
| Elwood Morris, to Jan. 1, 1856, | 1 00 |
| Charles Holder, to July 1, 1854, | 1 00 |
| Joseph Atkinson, to Jan. 1, 1854, | 1 00 |
| F. M. Nichols, to March 1, 1854, | 2 00 |
| William Hoffman, to Jan. 1, 1855, | 2 00 |
| George Radcaty, to Jan. 1, 1855, | 2 00 |
| Thomas C. Williams, to January 1, 1854, | 2 00 |
| Edward Hamilton, to Jan. 1, 1854, | 2 00 |
| Daniel Grim, to Jan. 1, 1855, | 2 00 |
| Fred. Butler, to July 1, 1854, | 1 00 |
| George W. Roper, to Jan. 1 1855, | 2 00 |
| Mrs. Dornan, to Jan. 1, 1855, | 2 00 |
| James Bush, to July 1, 1853, | 4 00 |
| Joseph Lyons, to Jan. 1, 1855, | 2 00 |
| Peter Musser, to Jan. 1, 1855, | 2 00 |

## BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

☞ COUNTERFEIT DETECTORS for January 1854, just issued and for sale at BANNAN'S.

☞ WE AGAIN invite attention to the advertisement of the Phrenological Cabinet and Book Store of Fowlers, Wells & Co., 231 Arch street, Philadelphia.

☞ GEORGE M. CUMMING advertises two houses, with a Steam Engine and Coal Breaker for sale. Those in want of such property would do well to examine them.

☞ PATRONIZE HOME MANUFACTURES. J. Franklin Harris invites the citizens of Pottsville and vicinity, to call at his new Oil Cloth and Carpet Store, above the corner of Centre and Mineraville streets, and examine his large and varied stock. Read the list of goods he announces.

☞ B. BANNAN has sold on hand a very fine assortment of Gift Books for adults and the juvenile portion of the community, all of which will be sold cheap. His assortment of Family and Pocket Bibles, Hymns and Prayer Books, &c., is very fine and attractive.

☞ CAPT. WOMELSDORFF advertises five houses for sale—one of them a three story brick, just built and as yet unused. His terms are very easy. Here is a fine chance for any one in want of a good, new house to live in, with every convenience necessary for the owner's comfort, and in a pleasant location.

☞ THE Pennsylvania Legislature will assemble next Tuesday, 3d prox.

☞ THE water in the Susquehanna is very low.

☞ MONTREAL was visited with a very destructive fire on Monday.

☞ WE re-print our Almanac for 1854 for the benefit of those who may have overlooked or neglected it last week.

☞ THE STORY on the first page is well written, and will repay the reader for his trouble.

☞ A STATE Teachers' Convention assembled at New Brunswick, N. J., on Wednesday, with a fair representation from the various Counties present. The Educational interests of the country are daily becoming better appreciated—a good sign.

☞ OUR NEIGHBORS.—We observe by the last *Register* that Mr. A. Deyo has withdrawn from the establishment, leaving it now solely in charge of Mr. G. S. Vliett.

☞ SNOW fell gently in this place all day yesterday. The ground was previously frozen very hard and icy. From present prospects we may expect good sleighing and plenty of it.

☞ SNOW-STORM.—There seems to have been a general snow-storm North, East and West, on Thursday night. In Boston the snow was Eighteen inches deep, and some of the streets impassable from the drifting.—It also fell in considerable quantities in Buffalo, Chicago and Milwaukie. Much detention occurred on the various Railroad routes.

☞ CHRISTMAS.—Monday was almost universally observed as Christmas with us.—The stores, and other business places generally were closed up. We have seldom, if ever, witnessed so quiet a Christmas in Pottsville. The streets were comparatively deserted, and the folks that were visible behaved themselves as christian people ought to do on such an occasion. It struck us forcibly as a good omen—the days of the grog-shop in Schuylkill County are numbered.

☞ DURING the week we have received several communications from Roman Catholic citizens, criticising certain late publications in the *Journal*, and liberally interspersed with personal reproaches. Unaccompanied by any responsible name, we can take no official notice of them; but we take occasion, gratuitously, to say that no threats, whether covert or open, from that quarter, can deter us from the performance of what we conscientiously consider our duty. The collision we have heretofore referred to is only of a political and not a personal character—we wish that distinctly understood.—Nothing of the latter is likely to occur, unless at the of the Catholics' own seeking.

☞ THE CARRIERS' NEW YEAR'S CALL.—Our carriers have prepared an unusually readable Address, and desire us to give notice that they will call upon the friends they have so faithfully served during the year, to-day, to tender a copy of the same, together with their Seasonable congratulations; in return for which almost any suzable current coin, or above the denomination of Twenty-five cents, is respectfully solicited and will be thankfully received. Smaller pieces acceptable, if the afore-mentioned are not handy.

Interested parties will please make a note of this, and hold their change in the most convenient pocket.

☞ One Annual Coal Circular will we can complete our Coal Statement to date, they will appear in the *Journal* of next week. It embraces the week also. They will be complete and official, together with an immense amount of information connected with the Trade. Persons desiring extra copies of the *Journal* will, therefore, please send in their orders for the number wanted, so that we can regulate our edition accordingly.

In the mean time, we would be under obligations, if the Operators would communicate any new improvements that are projected in their Collieries, that will be brought into use the ensuing year, in this and the adjoining regions.

☞ OURSELVES.—We return our sincere thanks to those of our patrons who have promptly complied with our terms of subscription, by paying up, and in advance. There are a number, however, still holding back for the purpose, no doubt, of transmitting us their respective amounts at the close of the year, knowing that the sums due from each, though small, will, in the aggregate, swell up and gladden the heart of the Printer, and enable him to pay what he owes for paper and labor on the *Journal*, and cause *him* to share in the compliments of the season, which he heartily extends to all his Patrons and readers,—"A Happy New Year" to them all.

☞ MORE OF THE EFFECTS OF BIRNEY LEGISLATION.—A despatch from Erie gives the following as the proceedings in the Railroad difficulties, on Monday last, notwithstanding the Supreme Court's late injunction to restrain the citizens of Erie, together with the probable issue of these very annoying scenes:

Several of the Railroad men are said to have been shockingly beaten, and it is also stated that an attempt was made to hang Mr. Dennis, the Superintendent of the Road.—One of the citizens was shot, but not mortally wounded. The Company now refuse to run beyond the State line.

There is considerable excitement here, and it is feared that unless the Government interferes, there will be a movement among the people in this part of New York State, and terrible disasters will follow.

☞ ANOTHER very destructive fire occurred in New York, Monday night. Much damage was done to the shipping, among which the loss of the stupendous new ship, the Great Republic, is the most important. Several other large ships were, also, burnt to the water's edge. For particulars we refer the reader to our New York letter, the writer having every opportunity for giving a full and authentic account of the disaster.

The following is an estimate of the losses and insurance on the property consumed:—

| | Losses. | Insurances. |
|---|---|---|
| Ship Great Republic, | $700,000 | $200,000 |
| Ship Joseph Walker, | 90,000 | 60,000 |
| Ship White Squall, | 90,000 | 60,000 |
| Harris & Co., | 30,000 | 20,000 |
| Jones, Rowland & Co., | 40,000 | 25,000 |
| Elwood Morris, | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| T. O. Leroy & Co., | 400 | 400 |
| T. Dusenbury, | 400 | 400 |
| Add unascertained losses, | 300,000 (prob.) | 200,000 |
| Total, | $1,262,400 | $608,400 |

☞ DAY AND SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.—Next week we will collect and publish our annual Statistics of the Schools of the Borough. That our friends may be prepared when called on, we append an outline of the information required. Sunday School Superintendents might attend to this to-morrow. We want to know of them,—

The name of the School—name of Superintendent—number of Teachers, male and female seperately—number of Pupils, male and female, on the roll—average attendance—number of volumes in Library; with any general information, relating to the interests of the institution, as its age, progress, prospects &c.

Of the Day Schools,—

Name of institution—male, female or mixed—where located—number of Pupils on roll—average attendance—outline of studies—names of Principal and Assistant Teachers; with general remarks pertinent to the subject.

☞ VALUED COMPLIMENT.—From a number of similar kind notices by our exchanges, we select the following from the Philadelphia *Register*:

"With the close of the year, the *Pottsville Miners' Journal* completes its twenty-ninth volume. In speaking of the event, the editor in this first number gives a short history of the paper from its commencement. It was started in 1824 by one George Taylor, and has been in the hands of the present proprietor since the year 1829, "at which time," says the editor, "Pottsville had about twenty houses, and the county was a comparative wilderness."

"We rank the *Miners' Journal* among our most valuable exchanges, it being among the very few country papers in whose columns is always to be found interesting *local* intelligence. We are, therefore, glad to hear that it is in a prosperous condition, and wish it many happy returns of its birthday."

Our friend could not have chosen a point to compliment us upon that we feel prouder of than the allusion to our "*local*" news. That is what we consider the *sine qua non* of a "country" newspaper, and hence that department of the *Journal* has always received our special attention.

## RELIGIOUS TROUBLES IN EUROPE.

By the following extracts from foreign papers, it will be seen that there are widespread and serious dissensions between Protestantism and Romanism in Europe, the incipient stages of which only are daily growing more apparent in this country:

RELIGIOUS DISTURBANCES IN BADEN.—Ecclesiastical news from Baden and the neighborhood continues to be of a very painful and distressing nature. Pastoral letters from the Bishops thunder on one side, Government ordinances reply on the other. The two estates are completely in disruption. The civil power enacts one thing, the ecclesiastical another; the clergy obey to the letter their spiritual head, and the Government retaliates by fines and imprisonment. The Vicar of Freiburgh Cathedral has been conducted to prison, escorted, it appears, by a crowd of the citizens. The Archbishop himself has been deprived of his revenues, with all members of his clergy who obey his commands, and publish his mandates and excommunications. The Jesuits have also been ordered to quit the country, and have placed themselves under the protection of the Prussian Embassy. The latter country has, it is said, fearing the dispute will extend to its own territories, requested the Pope to interfere personally; and Austria has also offered her mediation between the Duke of Baden and the Archbishop. The Government of Nassau has, it is said, likewise begun to act upon similar principles with respect to the clergy within the limits of that dukedom.—*Paris Correspondent of the Guardian.*

GENEANT.—Our Paris correspondent notices the state of affairs at Baden, but we have later news more direct. We read in the *Deutsche Volksblatt*:

"Yesterday collisions took place in the valley of the Tauber and the neighboring villages, between the inhabitants and the gendarmes, who had been sent to arrest the parish priests of Bischofsheim, Gerlachsheim, Konigshofen, Grunsfeld, Lauda, Gissigheim, and Unterbalbach. In several districts the people rescued the clergymen arrested, and in others they openly opposed their apprehension. At Gerlachsheim, the parish priest was arrested and conducted to the house of the Mayor, after divine service, while the people were singing canticles in the Church. In order to avoid scandal, the authorities had ordered the gates of the Church to be closed, but the choristers, who had witnessed the arrest, soon spread the alarm. In an instant the villagers assembled and demanded the liberation of the clergyman, which being refused, they broke into the house and conveyed the prisoner in triumph to the church. The Mayor made his escape to Konigshofen. At Unterbalbach, where the priest was to be arrested at nightfall, the gendarme charged with the execution of the warrant was obliged to fly, pursued by the crowd, to the house of the burgomaster, who saved him with difficulty, and sent him off at night under an escort. Thirty stout peasants mounted guard until morning in the house of the clergyman. In other districts similar scenes occurred."

☞ *The Swedish Government* has decided on a vast system of railways, the execution of which will be confided to an English Company. The Government has formally interdicted the Mormons from publicly performing their worship in Norway.

☞ *Prayers in the British Parliament.*—No chaplain is appointed by Parliament.—The Speaker's own chaplain, (usually a beneficed clergyman, and always of the Episcopal Church,) reads prayers in the House of Commons previous to the dispatch of business. In the Lords, the junior bishop officiates in like manner.

## MODIFICATION OF THE TARIFF.

The Philadelphia *Inquirer* speculates as follows on this subject forming one of the first to which Congress will address itself:

"A modification of the Tariff has been earnestly urged by Secretary Guthrie, in his Annual Report. He proposes to add a large number of articles, which are now subject to duty, to the free list. These articles produced last year a revenue of upwards of eight millions of dollars. They include nearly all those that are taxed at five or ten per cent., and all that are taxed at fifteen.—Among the principal items which it is proposed to repeal, are the duties on linen, that on wines; that on tin, that on steel, that on salts, and that on books. The hundred per cent. duty list remains unchanged, and consists chiefly of brandy and cordials.

"Of the duties proposed to be reduced to 25 per cent., $24,261,000 consist of those now at the rate of 30 per cent., and $2,143,000 at 40 per cent. The amount of reduction on these two classes being $3,683,000, and the total reduction being $11,324,880. This will leave an estimated remaining revenue of $46,062,578. This subject is an important one. It touches many great interests very nearly, and will occupy a large share of the attention of congress. Indeed, so difficult it is to alter or modify a Tariff, so as to afford satisfaction to all branches of the community, that it is quite possible that the bill in the end will fail."

## CURIOUS DOCUMENT.

The following explains itself:

The authorities of the Roman Catholic Church have just issued the following, designed to organise a "Prayer Association for the conversion of all who are out of the communion of the Church in the United States." By a Rescript dated Sept. 5, 1853, our Holy Father, Pius IX, at the instance of the National Council of Baltimore, sanctions, by the great of Indulgence, the institution of a Society, whose members shall especially pray for the conversion of all those who are out of the communion of the Church in the United States.

"Almighty and Eternal God, who savest all, and wilt have none to perish, have regard to those souls who are led astray by the deceits of the devil, that, rejecting all errors, the hearts of those whoever may be converted, and may return to the unity of Thy faith, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Those who cannot recite the above prayer may obtain the same *Indulgence* by saying daily in its stead the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father, three times, with the same intention.

A Plenary Indulgence on receiving the Easter communion to all the members who shall daily recite, in any language, the above prayer.

2. A Plenary Indulgence in the hour of death, on condition of receiving the Holy Eucharist, after confessing their sins with sorrow; or, if they cannot receive it, on their invoking the name of Jesus with their lips or at least in their hearts.

3. An Indulgence of a hundred days every time the members recite the above prayer."

☞ A GRAND JURY'S OPINION.—The Grand Jury of Allegheny county, (Pa.,) at their recent session, respectfully set forth "that for the last five years we have been engaged in the capacity of the Grand Inquest, sitting in and for the county of Allegheny; that during that time we found upwards of one hundred and fifty true bills of indictment, and, at the very lowest calculation, four-fifths of this number are the result, either directly or indirectly, of the use of intoxicating liquors, thereby creating an enormous expense to be paid out of the public treasury, which must be replenished by imposing additional taxation upon the industrious portion of the community, and at the same time this unholy traffic is producing poverty, crime and degradation that has a most ruinous and unhappy effect upon the public welfare."

☞ *China.*—Dr. Bridgman says that the last census of China which he saw in print was for the year 1813, which made the population of the empire more than 316,000,000. He is confident that the present population cannot be less than 400,000,000.

☞ *The Rev. Albert Barnes*, of the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, has so far recovered from his late indisposition that he was able to preach to his people on Sunday last.

☞ *The Papal Nuncio*, Mons. Bedini, the *Freeman's Journal* says, has been recalled. He goes to represent the Pope at the Court of Madrid.

## THE COAL TRADE FOR 1853.

The quantity sent by Railroad this week is 17,607 09 tons against 11,420 01 for the corresponding week last year. Total for this year 212,159 19 tons against 108,977,04 tons to same period last year.

The Canal is closed for the season, and the quantity shipped for the year is 888,869 07 tons, being an increase of 88,831 06 tons over the shipments of the previous year. This gives the supply sent to market in 1853 from Schuylkill County, independent of the Pinegrove Region, as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Railroad, | | 1,582,911 |
| Canal, | | 888,909 |
| | | 2,471,080 |
| Sent in 1852, | | 2,450,950 |
| Increase in 1853 only | | 20,130 tons |

## REPORT OF SHIPMENTS

From Richmond, for the week ending on Saturday, Dec. 24, 1853:

| Sh. | Bk | Sg | Sch. | Sls | Bts | Destination. | Tons |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | | 7 | | | Boston & vicl. | 1574 |
| | | | 4 | | | Coas. & E. Ports | 993 |
| | | | 6 | | 16 | N. Y. & vicin. | 4211 |
| | | | | | | North River | |
| | 1 | 9 | 13 | | 20 | Southern Pts. | 9444 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 29 | 43 | | 30 | For the week, | 20923 |
| Total for the season | | | 401 | | | For season, | 55,086 |
| To same time last year, | | | | | | | 51,913 |

Boston and vicinity includes everything going East of Cape Cod, to Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine.

Southern Ports includes everything to the South ern States and West Indies, as well as to all towns on Delaware River below Richmond.

## PHILADELPHIA & READING RAILROAD FOR 1853-'54.

Amount of Coal transported on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, during the week ending Thursday Evening last:

| | WEEK. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|
| From Port Carbon, | 5,635 11 | 39,193 09 |
| " Pottsville, | 713 19 | 6,260 07 |
| " Schuylkill Haven, | 7,081 11 | 42,660 18 |
| " Port Clinton, | 4,176 15 | 25,140 05 |
| Total | 17,607 09 | 112,159 19 |
| To same time last year | | 108,927 04 |
| Increase so far | | 3,232 15 |

## RAIL ROADS.

The following is the quantity of Coal transported over the different Railroads in Schuylkill County for the week ending Thursday evening:

| | WEEK. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|
| Mine Hill & S. H. R. R. | 6,191 15 | 1,045,363 00 |
| Mill Creek, do | 4,020 05 | 449,295 15 |
| Mount Carbon do | 1,420 05 | 146,023 05 |
| Schuylkill Valley do | 5,014 00 | 427,427 01 |
| Mt. Carbon & Pt Carbon, | 11,270 04 | 634,860 00 |
| Little Schuylkill R. R. | 7,055 19 | 7,055 19 |
| Union Canal do | 260 19 | 39,609 18 |
| Swatara do | 109 05 | 69,854 12 |

## CUMBERLAND BITUMINOUS COAL TRADE

For the week ending Nov. 5, 1853:

| | R. Road. | Canal. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Md. Coal Co. R. R. to | 2,279 | 200 | 2,479 |
| Cumberland R. R. do | 3,221 | 1,932 | 5,153 |
| Lonaconing R. R. | | | 2,428 |
| Total for the week, | | | 10,058 |
| Total for season, | | | 538,5 |

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## MARRIED,

On Thursday evening, 22d inst., by the Rev. Mr. Hoffman, Mr. JOHN SCHNEIDER to Miss ELIZABETH, daughter of Mr. Peter Hoffman, all of this borough.