The Miners' Journal

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MINERS' HOUSES.

LAND-OWNERS' INTERESTS.

True, we have written many columns on this subject; but there is a new feature of it we want to present now.

Good miners, like men that understand and attend to their business in any other calling or profession, are in constant and general demand. The field of their labors is not prescribed to any one Region—they can find employment and get good wages in any place where coal is to be mined. In order therefore to secure, permanently, good and experienced laborers in any one Region, proper collateral inducements must be held out, apart from good pay (*for that they can get anywhere*); and foremost among these we set down convenient and comfortable houses for them and their families. Otherwise they betake themselves to other Regions, leaving inexperienced and less fastidious hands to occupy the places they would not have.

It is a notorious fact that the Miners' houses in our Region, for the most part, are not what they should be—many of them are but miserable shanties, built in the rudest style and at the least possible cost, which afford neither comfort nor convenience to the tenants. There are exceptions, we are glad to admit, and moreover we are happy to believe there is a growing interest among our people on the subject. It is to increase this interest, and to spur it on to an active, practical existence, that we now address the parties concerned.

That our Region suffers *morally* from the mistaken economy referred to, cannot be doubted; but upon an examination of the facts, it becomes equally plain that the result is also a large *pecuniary* loss, falling directly and most heavily upon the Land-owners, but incidentally affecting, more or less, all engaged in the business. This must happen at every colliery or in every Region, where the accommodations are not sufficient to induce the engagement of good, experienced miners, and where necessarily green hands are employed. We have no doubt that by this means, through waste and awkwardness in mining and in the several subsequent stages of preparing the Coal, at least one-fourth of the quantity in any given gangway is utterly lost, and thus that proportion of the product of the lands rendered unavailable in the rent and profits.

This view of the matter is certainly worth thinking about, and we hope Land-owners especially will look after their own interests enough to give the subject their early attention.

COAL IN EUROPE AND AMERICA.

The London *Times* lately published a statement relative to the Coal trade of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, together with certain data respecting the Coal area and production of other countries, from which we compile the annexed tables, arranging the information thence derived in a more conspicuous and accessible form.

Four hundred Iron furnaces in Great Britain consume annually 10,630,960 tons of Coal, and 7,000,000 tons of Ironstone, in order to produce 2,000,000 tons of pig iron, of the value of upwards of £8,000,000, about $40,000,000.

London alone uses 3,600,000 tons of coal, in manufacturing and domestic purposes.

One hundred and twenty thousand persons are constantly employed in mining; more persons at work under ground than upon its surface.

The value of the annual product of Coal in Great Britain (37,000,000 tons) at the pit's mouth, is near £10,000,000 ($50,000,000,) which cost is about doubled at the places of consumption, by the expenses of transportation and other charges.

The following table showing the Coal area and annual product of the several countries named. It will be observed that the Coal area of the United States alone is more than five times that of all the European countries put together; while the proportion of Coal area of the two Continents stands about 14 to 1, in favor of ours.

	Square Miles	Annual Product
British Islands,	12,000	37,000,000 tons
Belgium,	250	5,000,000 "
France,	2,000	4,150,000 "
United States,	113,000	about 6,500,000 "
Prussia,	2,200	3,500,000 "
Spain,	4,000	550,000 "
British N. A.,	150,000	not known "

Taking the British Islands alone, and dividing them into districts, we find the supposed workable area as follows, in acres:

Northumberland and Durham,	500,000
Cumberland, Westmoreland and West Rid—	99,600
Lancashire, Flintshire and North Staffordshire,	550,000
Shropshire and Worcestershire,	79,950
South Staffordshire,	65,000
Nantuckshire and Gloucestershire,	80,000
Somersetshire & Gloucestershire, South Wales,	167,500
Scottish Coal Fields,	600,000
Irish Coal Fields,	1,045,900
	1,850,000

Our exports, which in 1840 amounted to 1,606,000 tons valued at £576,000 had increased in 1850 to 3,531,000 tons, of the value of £1,284,000. In 1841 our exports to France were 451,300 tons, to Holland 173,378 tons, to Prussia 116,296 tons, and to Russia 77,152 tons. In 1850 they were to France 612,545 tons, to Holland 159,953 tons, to Prussia 186,528 tons, and to Russia 235,188 tons.

Since preparing the above, we have happened upon some additional facts, given by Hitchcock, the accomplished geologist, respecting the extent and inexhaustibility of the Coal measures of the globe, particularly those of the United States.

In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick the Coal-field covers nearly ten thousand square miles. In the southeast part of Massachusetts, and in Rhode Island, is a deposit covering nearly five hundred square miles. The great Apalachian Coal-field, extending from New York to Alabama, is seven hundred and twenty miles in length, and covers nearly 100,000 square miles. The Indiana Coal-field, three hundred and fifty miles long, embraces about fifty thousand square miles. In Michigan is another, one hundred and fifty miles long, which covers twelve thousand square miles. The Missouri and Iowa Coal-fields, embrace fifty thousand square miles. The grand total in the United States amounts to more than two hundred and twenty-five thousand square miles. When we think of the immense extent to which the use of steam will hereafter be increased on this continent, in consequence of the use of Coal, we can form no adequate conception of the future populousness and prosperity of the country."

☞ NEBRASKA FAILURES.—A meeting was called at Harrisburg last Saturday evening by the friends of the Administration to bolster up the Nebraska Bill in Congress.—Judge Dock, a relative of Governor Bigler, was called to the chair, but the majority present was so overwhelmingly adverse to the bill and the "little giant," that he left the chair in the midst of "noise and confusion." Mr. Rahn, a democratic lawyer, was then called upon to preside, and resolutions were offered and adopted condemning the repudiation of any feature of the Compromises of 1850 or 1820.

A similar meeting, we observe, was called some evenings before by the Germans in New York, but a majority of those present being opposed to it, resolutions to that effect were submitted and adopted.

☞ IT is said that there has been, the past year, a deficiency in the importation of teas, compared with former years, of ten million of pounds.

QUERY.—What effect will that produce in the price of clover?

IMPORTANT FROM HARRISBURG!

FRIENDS OF PROHIBITION TO YOUR POSTS!!

We have received the following circular from Harrisburg, and make haste to put its injunctions into execution:

TO THE FRIENDS OF A PROHIBITORY LIQUOR LAW IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Fellow Citizens.—Owing to the *moral and political* reason of several of your representatives, the Prohibitory Law, around which so many hopes and anticipations cluster, is again placed in jeopardy. And though quite a number of our Senators and Members, on whom we did not rely, have nobly supported the Bill, we cannot look with confidence to its passage, without your aid. Our friends in the Legislature assure us, that the determination of the Prohibitory men, to send in no petitions this session, is operating greatly to our disadvantage—and that in all human probability, the names of fifty or one hundred thousand VOTERS, presented immediately, *will secure the law*. This has become the more important, as our opponents are forwarding remonstrances almost daily.

We forward you a form of petition below. It necessary, let the friends of Prohibition employ an agent for a few days, to canvass your county. Let each petitioner sign two petitions, and as soon as you obtain names enough, to fill a page of foolscap, forward one petition to your Senator and another to your Representative, keeping a copy of the petition, with which to secure further signatures. What we do, must be done quickly.

If the Ladies and Minors wish to petition, we shall be glad of it; but let ours be signed by VOTERS only.

STEPHEN MILLER,
JOHN A. WIEK,
VALENTINE HUMMEL, Jr.,
WM. T. BISHOP,
CHAS. C. RAWN,
Committee appointed by a Mass Meeting held at Harrisburg, Feb. 20, 1854, to address the Prohibition men of Pennsylvania.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met:

Your petitioners, VOTERS of Schuylkill county, respectfully pray your Honorable Bodies, to pass a Prohibitory Liquor Law, such as was recommended by the late State Temperance Convention, at Harrisburg, with a section submitting its repeal to a vote of the people in August or September.

We have accordingly printed a large number of petitions, of the above form, for *general* distribution throughout the County. We have also struck off a number to be signed by the *Wives, Sons and Daughters*; who are not *voters*, but are likewise deeply interested in the great cause of Temperance.

Now, friends of Prohibition in Schuylkill, be up and doing. As the Committee say, "what we do, must be done quickly." Call at our office as early as possible and get some of these Petitions; and then take a day or two from your usual business to secure signatures. Let every district in the County be thoroughly canvassed. Similar circulars have been forwarded throughout the State, and if the Temperance men will only do their duty we shall, in a short time, roll up such a thundering voice of the people for Prohibition, as will startle these recusant members at Harrisburg from their seats! Show them that we are in earnest, and our petitions will not be disregarded. We are perfectly confident that a majority of the people of Pennsylvania want Prohibition; and what the *people* want, they ought to have, and can have, if they only go the right way about it —*vox populi, vox Dei*.

To those who cannot conveniently call for these Petitions we will mail them to any address required—only be quick about informing us.

And while the Temperance *Voters* are at work, let not the *Women and Minors* forget the part required of them. They have equal interests at stake in the success of this great cause. Are there no weeping mothers, no abused, heart-broken wives, no ragged, starving children to be comforted and made happy by the passage of a Prohibitory Liquor Law? Many a voice, we are sure, will gladly respond to our call, and mothers and wives, sons and daughters will cheerfully undertake the labor of love and mercy prescribed for them.

Come then, friends of Prohibition, one and all—let each and every one put his shoulder to the wheel, and the great car of Temperance, now for a time retarded in its progress, will then move forward in triumph over all opposition!

VOICE OF THE GERMANS.

A meeting of the German citizens of Pittsburg was held last week, and resolutions adopted expressive of their views on two prominent subjects—the late mission of Bodini to this country, and his defence by certain Senators—and Douglas' Nebraska Bill. [illegible] from the speeches of the former, as given in the *Gazette*:

The first several resolutions protest against the conduct of certain Senators at Washington, in drawing distinctions between naturalized and adopted citizens, to the prejudice of the latter, in the matter of the Pope's presumptuous ambassador. They, moreover, repudiate the insinuation that German citizens do not esteem the laws of the land, or wish to undermine them.

In the fifth resolution the enlightenment of the people as decided by the founders of the Republic, is regarded as the only safe guard of liberty, and fears are expressed that the attempts by priestly influence to retard the march of enlightenment may be successful, unless resolute resistance is made to their encroachments.

The sixth resolution declares the establishment of religious liberty by our Fathers to be a "magnanimous thought," which finds a grateful echo in their hearts, and they have no wish to impair the privileges of Catholics under the liberties granted to all—but they express a total want of faith in the leaders of the church—the Bishops and Priests.—They fear that the power obtained over the flock in matters of religion will be exten ed to politics, and thus become dangerous to the liberties of the country. The reasons given for this apprehension are the following:

1. The Catholic is forbidden to read any book not permitted to him by his pastor; which is proven by the fact of so many books being burned by the priests.

2. The property of Catholic congregations is claimed by the Bishops, as evidenced in the controversies now existing.

3. By Auricular Confession—a religious despotism degrading and weakening the minds of all who submit to it—the Priest is established not only to learn the secrets of the minds under his charge, but in things affecting the welfare of the Hierarchy, to exercise an undue and dangerous influence.

4. The attempt of the Catholic Hierarchy to destroy our common schools, by distributing the school money among the religious sects, proves that the Catholic clergy do not aim at educating the children of the Republic to be good citizens, but sectarians, forbidding them to learn only what is approved by the priests.

5. The spiritual sovereign of the Catholics is not only a worldly tyrant in his own States, but carries on a diplomatic intercourse with all countries, in which his temporal politics contradict all his pretended holiness and innocence.

To these reasons is added, the conduct of the Catholic press of this country, which openly attacks and repudiates republican principles, and strives to uproot the love of liberty and self-government, so essential to be taught to repress monarchical and aristocratical tendencies; thus showing that the press is controlled by the clergy, and represents the opinions of their spiritual autocrat and his jesuitical defendants. How is it possible for Catholics to attain the culture necessary for American citizens, and to realize the beloved principles of our Government, when their minds are so adverse prepared? It is no gain for men to escape the iron rule of monarchy, to fall captives into the hands of the Catholic Hierarchy.

SOLDIERS IN MEXICAN WAR.

The following resolutions were lately read by Mr. Fletcher in the House:

SECTION 1.—*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met*,—That it is due to the officers and soldiers of the first and second Pennsylvania regiments of volunteers, who individually and collectively served in the war with Mexico, that they should receive from the State an emphatic expression of the profound regard in their good conduct and her admiration of their heroic courage.

Resolved, That as an appropriate and enduring memorial of those officers and soldiers in the sanguinary battles with Mexico, the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania grant to each, upon application, a vote of thanks accompanied with an appropriate medal.

Resolved, That the Governor be and he is requested to comply in the way he should deem most appropriate, the object of these resolutions.

☞ NEW YORK EXHIBITION.—From a lately published statement of the affairs of the New York Crystal Palace, by the Directors, it appears that the Company has run in debt $125,000 beyond their receipts. The capital stock is $500,000—the total receipts were $891,070 72. The amount received for tickets was $330,702 90. It is intended to make the Exhibition permanent.

[FOR THE MINERS' JOURNAL.]

NEVER DESPAIR!

BY MABEL CLARE—POTTSVILLE.

Never despair! oh words of lofty cheering,
To the worn heart about to droop and die;
Lift up thy glance, with holy trust unlearing
The darkness on thy present destiny;
Look! and while gazing, see the blue space brighten,
Filled with the host of emulating stars;
And learn, that patient faith will ever lighten
The gloom within our earthly prison bars;
Never despair!

The night is past; though gloom and darkness shroud it,
The sunny morn from its chill arms comes forth;
Although dull winter's frozen mantle bowed it,
The flower lets up its head at Spring's glad birth;
The dry and withered seed, devoid of beauty,
Placed in the earth, springs up the glad young tree
From Nature's every page, we learn our duty,
To trust, and hope, and bid despondence flee;
Never despair!

A tropic cavern held within its fountain,
Gems, priceless for their beauty and their worth,
A lonely Indian roaming o'er the mountains,
Caught at a shrub, and gave a joyous shout;
For countless ages they had dwelt unheeding,
But now, each prisoned gem saw fire and light,
On beauty's brow and bosom they were beaming,
Each separate one was rescued from its night:
Never despair!

This is the anthem of all Nature's sounding—
From stream, from rock, from mountain and from tree;
The rill that from a little stream comes bounding,
Rolls as a river to the boundless sea;
When fate seems darkest, never thy soul to bear it,
Feel that a dawn will open to thine eye;
Let thy heart hope, though there be none to share it
Herein this earth—thy angels watch on high;
Never despair!

Editor's Table.

GRAHAM for this month is a choice number.—Headley's life of Washington, hand-somely illustrated, is continued. The other embellishments are also excellent. Graham deserves to succeed—he is ever at work, perpetrating something new for the benefit of his readers. The reading matter in the number before us is full of valuable information. Subscriptions received and single copies for sale at *Bannan's*—price $3 a year or 25 cents a number.

AN EXPOSITION of the prophecies of the Apocalypse, by Rev Jas. Du Pui—J. W. Moore, Philadelphia, publisher. The author of this work was formerly Rector of Trinity Church of this place, and is now Chaplain in the U. S. Army. The subject is one of universal interest, and it is here treated with much ingenuity and general ability—the writer brings to his aid an extensive acquaintance with ancient history and literature. The book throughout will be found curious and interesting. For sale at Bannan's.

BROTHERHEAD'S Railroad Guide, for the Philadelphia, Reading and Pottsville Road—J. W. Moore, Philadelphia, publisher; for sale at Bannan's; price 25 cts. This is an exceedingly interesting little book—a pleasant as well as profitable companion for the traveler. Part I describes the scenery, improvements, mineral and agricultural resources, historical incidents &c., &c., connected with various points along the route; accompanied with explanatory and generally very correct engravings. It also contains a topographical plan and plottie of the Road, which is worth the price of the book of itself. Part II is devoted to the Anthracite Coal Formation, which will be found peculiarly valuable, especially to strangers in the Region.

THE LAST issue of the *Illustrated Record* of the New York Exhibition, comprising four numbers, completes this beautiful and valuable work. Those who want back numbers or the whole volume should apply early. When bound, it will make a splendid work. It has been published at great expense, and everything has been got up in the finest style. The separate numbers can be bound, and have numbers or the whole work procured at *Bannan's*. Price, unbound, $3.

THE "*Literary Journal*" is the title of a new monthly paper in quarto form just started in Philadelphia, by Ella Wentworth.—It is throughout got up by ladies—lady editresses and lady type-setters. It is a handsome sheet and deserves encouragement. A main object of the publication is to secure an enlarged sphere for the exercise of women's talents and usefulness, and in that respect it is certainly commendable. The tone of the editorial department is good, and the paper throughout shows that the ladies can do a good many things they never had credit for before. A sample copy of the *Journal* can be seen at *Bannan's*, where subscriptions will be received—price $1 a year.

THE *Schuylkill County School Journal*, for this month, is out. Its contents will be found highly interesting and profitable. The success of this monthly is already far beyond the most sanguine expectations. The edition for this month is 1600 copies, and the number printed from the 5th upwards of 900 copies have been disposed of. Subscriptions rec'd at *Bannan's*—price 50 cents a year, or 4 cents a number.

WE REGRET that the communication of JUSTICE, Philadelphia, was received too late for insertion this week, with a suitable reply—for some reason or other, it was behind mail time.

Local Affairs.

☞ *California*.—During the last three weeks Mr. R. Edwards of this place, has engaged passage to San Francisco for twenty-four persons from different sections of the Coal Region, between Tamaqua and Rausch Gap; nearly all Scotch and Welsh. Some five or six others accompanied them, who took passage in New York.

☞ *Court*.—The usual Spring sessions will commence in this place on Monday next, 6th inst. The following is the list of trials for the term:

1 Bunker vs Feltmacher, Feigned issue, 515 March Term 1853.
2 Benjamin Pott vs McCann et al, 332 June Term 1847.
3 Gaynor et al vs Schuyl. Nav. Co, 98 Sept Term 1847.
4 Rapp vs Snyder et al 253 Dec. Term 1847.
5 Hough & Loose vs Gabie 268 June Term 1848.
6 Stephenson vs McGinnis & Carey 332 September Term 1848.
7 Mortimer vs Chambers 57 Dec. Term 1848
8 Jackson vs Beyer 144 March Term 1849.
9 Bowers et al vs Ludwig et al 13 June T. 1849.
10 Edwards vs Dennig 57 June T. 1849.
11 Opp vs Slater 687 September T. 1849.
12 Eyrich & Wife vs Pain 695 September T. 1849.
13 Quinn vs Ben Sons of Erin Dec Mar. T. 1851.
14 Anspach vs Beatty 182 June T. 1851.
15 Stewart vs Heath 199 June T. 1851.
16 Herring admr vs Herring 91 Sept T. 1851
17 Dungan Jr. vs Dreibelbeis 84 Sept T. 1851.
18 McGinley vs Sherwin et al 329 Sept T. 1851.
19 Whelan & Co vs Cliffes 308 Sept T. 1851.
20 Mortimer vs Wagner 95 June T. 1852.
21 Weiss vs Freck & Trout 163 Dec T. 1851.
22 Ayres vs Ely Co. M. Ins. Co. 225 Dec. T. 1851.
23 Ent Sons & Co. vs Major 271 Dec. T. 1851
24 Kellar vs Lewis 229 Dec. T. 1851.
25 Nagle vs Nagle 100 March T. 1852.
26 Boyd of Pottsville vs Geis 108 March T. 1852.
27 Emery vs Russel 352 March T. 1852.
28 Maples vs Whitfield 178 March T. 1852.
29 Lex et al vs Heffner 129 June T. 1852.
30 Leesig vs Shultz 491 June T. 1852.
31 Geisses Reil 217 September T. 1852.
32 Anspach vs Rech 5 December T. 1852.
33 Greenwood & Co vs Waddington & Ogden 22 December Term 1852.
34 Zerbe vs Zerbe 50 December T. 1852.
35 Nadler vs Porter et al 83 December T. 1852.
36 Brown vs Ewing 201 March T. 1853.
37 Farmers Bank vs Same 313 March T. 1853.
38 Haupt vs Ewing, Bail 99 June T. 1853.
39 Moore vs Major 354 June T. 1853.
40 Ludwig & Geis vs Bland 151 Sept T. 1852.

☞ *Pottsville Water Company*.—At a meeting of the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, entitled "A Supplement to the Act Incorporating the Pottsville Water Company," approved the Eleventh day of April, A. D. Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-four, to open Books in the Boroughs of Pottsville and St. Clair, to receive subscriptions of additional Stock to the Capital of said Company—Present, Jacob Huntzinger, Jr., Strange N. Palmer, Charles W. Pitman, Daniel Schertle, and Charles Lord—On motion,

JACOB HUNTZINGER, Jr., was appointed President, and STRANGE N. PALMER, Secretary.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, That notice be given by advertisement in each of the several newspapers published in the Borough of Pottsville, that Books for the purpose aforesaid be opened at the Exchange Hotel and the Pennsylvania Hall, in the Borough of Pottsville, and at the Hotel of Jonathan Johnson, in the Borough of St Clair, at ten o'clock, A. M., on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1854, and remain open for three successive days, or until Eight Thousand Shares shall have been subscribed, in accordance with the terms of said act.

Resolved, That Jacob Huntzinger, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized to procure the necessary Books of subscription and other papers necessary to be used in the taking of subscriptions as aforesaid.

Resolved, That on the receipt of the first instalment on the subscriptions received as aforesaid, the several Commissioners receiving the same be severally required by them into the hands of Jacob Huntzinger, Jr.

On motion, *Resolved*, That when this Board of Commissioners adjourn, it be to meet at the office of Strange N. Palmer, on Monday the 27th day of February, inst., at 8 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, *Resolved*, That these proceedings be published in all the papers of the Borough of Pottsville.

On motion, adjourned.

JACOB HUNTZINGER, Jr., *Pres't*.
STRANGE N PALMER, *Sec'y*.

The Commissioners met agreeably to adjournment at the Office of Strange N. Palmer, on Monday evening, February 27, 1854—Present, Jacob Huntzinger, Jr., Strange N. Palmer, Daniel Schertle, Charles Lord, Bernard Reilly and William H. Johns.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the same place on Monday evening, March 6, 1854, at 8 o'clock.

☞ *Concert to-night*.—The celebrated Baker family will give a Concert at the Town Hall to-night (Saturday). They have been here before, and therefore need no puff, to draw out a crowd to hear them. The programme of songs, as given in their bills, promises a rich treat. They remain with us only one night. Go early, if you would secure seats.—See advertisement.

☞ *Palo Alto*.—Our neighbors of this flourishing place have an application now before the Legislature for an act of incorporation as a Borough. Their proposed line runs along the Schuylkill to Port Carbon, taking out that portion of the latter place on the Sharp Mountain side of the river. Palo Alto has a goodly number of industrious, enterprising and intelligent inhabitants, and possesses all the natural advantages of location to entitle it to the charter asked for. We hope there may be no difficulty in the way of its people obtaining what they evidently require.

TAMAQUA AFFAIRS.

MESSRS EDITORS.—The business prospects of our last little village, which now numbers about 5000 inhabitants, are very promising for the present season. Several residences, that will be an ornament to the place, will be erected by some of our enterprising business men during the approaching summer. Messrs. Jones & Cole are pierring the Sharp Mountain for a new Coal opening, midway between this place and Tuscarora.

The Little Schuylkill Company have recently placed upon their road a beautiful new Locomotive Engine, built in their own shop, in this place, under the management of L. Pallger, Esq., which for beauty and workmanship will compare favorably with the productions of the best shops in the country; many parts of her machinery are the original inventions of Mr. Pfleger. They have also placed a new first class engine from the manufactory of Norris Brothers, on their road, which with the former will considerably augment their shipping capacity for the season.

The work on the Little Schuylkill Extension and Catawissa road is progressing rapidly, and will be brought to a completion early in the Autumn of 1854.

A new Brass Saxe Horn Band was organized, here about six weeks ago. They have already attained a remarkable proficiency. On the 22d ult. they astonished both natives and foreigners by a public performance on the verandah of the United States Hotel. Mr. N. J. Rehr, of Pottsville is their teacher.

A few days ago a person in a fit of jealousy threw a can of burning fluid over his rival, and then set fire to him. He succeeded in raising a flame which not only set that which the fair widow had kindled in his bosom, and left wounds quite as deep and lasting.

CONGLOMERATE.

Tamaqua, Feb. 23, 1854

MESSRS EDITORS.—It is with regret I announce the resignation of John Anderson, Esq., as General Superintendent of the Little Schuylkill Railroad and Coal Company; a long residence amongst us had endeared him to all who were so fortunate as to have formed his acquaintance by his unassuming manners, enlarged benevolence, as well as his correct and rigid business habits, had gained him the esteem and confidence of our citizens generally. May fortune smile blandly upon him in whatever pursuit he may enter.

The Baptist and German Reformed and Lutheran denominations intend erecting church edifices during the present season; judging from the designs I have seen, they will be handsome buildings and ornaments to our town.

Messrs. Ratchford and Johnson, an enterprising business firm of this place, have leased the Coleman Colliery near Beaver Meadows, from Messrs. Allen and Stevenson for a term of five years. The improvements, lately, the Baldwin Coal & Iron Co. Andrew[illegible] Esq., but have since been purchased by the land owners, and leased to the present proprietors.

CONGLOMERATE.

Tamaqua, March 2nd, 1854

MESSRS EDITORS.—I do not often intrude myself upon your columns, and I do so now with reluctance, but a case of flagrant wrong, as I conceive, coming under my notice, I feel a disposition to draw public attention to it.

An inebriate is in our streets almost daily, whenever he is able to obtain liquor he squanders it for liquor, and under its influence wanders through our streets almost all hours of the night. Whole families are thus rendered miserable, in the immediate neighborhood of the tippling shops, and the children generally accompany their drunken parent, while the thickening clouds of night are gathering. Were about to leave one of our densely lated [illegible] with our unoffending fellow-citizens to battle with the horrid [illegible] of strange. That neighbors of Christians who heeded the humble voice of a stranger's pittance as little as he did the storm-driven wretch on the Delaware—who seemed to be insensible to the blessings of liberty, and who needs no proofs of[illegible] in the sufferings and endurance of [illegible] virtues, genius and greatness, which are enshrined upon the heart of every true Republican; a name which will command the admiration of millions yet to me, who will yet speak in tones of deafening thunder to the tyrants of Europe—the name of Washington!—first in war, first in Peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen!

Glorious to America was the day when the sun rose in cloudless brilliancy over the marshalled hosts of Saratoga, and beheld the cost its enemies lay up in the first row for American liberty.

Glorious was the day when the patriot Statesmen of America were redeeming coercive and illegal taxation, and the time-honored State house of Philadelphia, and there proclaimed the memorable [illegible] which gave birth to American liberty!

How shall we do we celebrate the birth of the Father of our Country, whose greatness was[illegible] from the ages of other heroes—whose pre-eminent virtue prompted him to resist the snares of a proffered crown—whose military talents, prudence and [illegible] shone in the councils of the American Fabius—and whose memory is enshrined as imperishable as the sun, and like it "none but the Lord can fathom it."

CITIZEN.

Hall, Columbia.

GENERAL TOASTS

May the birth of Gen. George Washington be forever cherished in the heart of every true American.

Music.—WASHINGTON'S MARCH.

To the memory of Lafayette, Jefferson, Franklin, Jackson, Clay and Webster.

May the guardian spirit of the illustrious Washington preside over the destinies of America, and hover over his posterity in the days of adversity.

Illinois and the Commonwealth.

To the memory of Gen Z. Taylor, the hero of Buena Vista, who never surrendered.

Gen Scott the hero of Lundy's Lane, and Commander-in-Chief of the American army.

May we ever cherish the memory of the Heroes of 1776, the fruits of whose labors are our inheritance.

To the memory of the departed spirits of the American Heroes, whose bones are bleached upon the tropical plains of Mexico

May we and our posterity ever cherish the remembrance of the prescribed patriotic signers of the Declaration of our Independence.

To America, which is now what Rome and Athens never were, and what England never can be.

May we never cease to long for that day, when there will not be a cannon fired in Europe without the consent of the American people," and when the principles of Washington, and the American Constitution, will reign predominant where Tyrants now hold their sway.

May the spirit of Education, the firmest pillar of our Government, never cease its gigantic efforts, or be consumed by party or sectarian spirit.

Woman, whose moral courage and love at Liberty shone so pre-eminent in our contest for freedom—whose self-sacrificing deeds of heroism have not failed to notice—who add so much to the morals of society—who share with us the toils and turmoils of life, and to whom no small share of honor is due.

Music.—"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER."

The following toasts were then drank:

Daniel Koch—The lamented Washington—the star of our Union, the brightest and most brilliant that ever shone in history.

Dr. C. M. Steinberger—The Star Spangled Banner—may its glittering stripes be ever waved by the gentle breath of liberty, far from the unhallowed grasp of vandal rage.

A. S. Foster—American freedom, won for us by him whose birth we celebrate—may it be maintained in purity.

Dr. A. Steinberger—To the mother of Washington, who instilled that moral greatness in the mind of the youthful GEORGE—may the example be ever followed by the worthy matrons of our land.

Wm. Wintock—May American patriotism, virtue, liberty, and independence, instituted and nurtured by Washington, become four great giants, to crush the despotism of the world.

Charles Marsh—American liberty—an eternal monument to the memory of him whose birth we celebrate.

Dr. E. K. Weber—The stars and stripes—may they ever wave over our heads, and may they in like manner, as the star that miraculously conducted the wise men from the East to Bethlehem, conduct foreign nations from the tyrant's rule to liberty and independence.

John G. Roorbach—The constellation which notes the Union in the flag of our country, as such may it be as lasting as those of the Heavens.

Daniel Koch—May the Hon ex-President FILLMORE be forever remembered by the American people, for the noble services rendered them.

John Phillips—To the rapid advancement of Americanism, which, as a foreigner, without prejudice, feel can alone perpetuate the glory of a nation which protects Republican hearts of all lands.

Albert Steinberger—To the health and prosperity of our Congressman, Mr. Wheeler, who renounced with scorn the corruption of party spirit for the true love of a country, which glories in true merit, even though it be found in a Hotel proprietor.

G. W. Shortz—The name of Washington—may it never be forgotten by the American people.

Charles Bensinger—May our country ever be defended by Washingtons; and our liberty, independence and happiness shall never cease.

John Williams—Washington—First in War, first in Peace, and first in the hearts of every true American.

Wm. H. Barnes—To the Literary Society of Middleport.—may it yet survive to again celebrate the birth of the Father of our Country.

Edward Carey—To the Hon. Mr. Wheeler, who has given us so fair a representation of the government grand-stone—may it soon be turned into a mill-stone for better use.

Wm. Steinberger—To him who followed the dictates of a mother, which made him one of the greatest of the great, and an ornament to his country—peace to his ashes.

John Phillips—May we ever be guarded against the oppression of Legislatively licensed monopolies, one source of the degradation of Europe.

Evan Kron—May our motto be "Washington and the Union."

A. S. Foster—The Ladies—their smiles are ever ready to cheer the patriotic and brave.

A. Steinberger—To the American Eagle, which soars over the ice-clad summits of the Rocky Mountains, and spreads its pinions over our sunny vales.

Israel Mace—Washington and our country forever.

M. Heller—To this the land of my adoption.

Wm. H. Barnes—The American Eagle—may it ever cause tyranny to tremble.

Albert Steinberger—Equality and fraternity; the speedy annihilation of the infidel Turk, and the downfall of the Northern Autocrat barbarism.

G. W. Shortz—May the Star Spangled Banner never cease to wave over the land of the free.

D. C. M. Steinberger—Women—the best of the best of the series; if she may have her our toast, we won't ask for any but her (butter.)

Music—WASHINGTON'S MARCH.

The meeting throughout was emblematic of the unbridled love and spirit of the sons of liberty."

The congenial spirit manifested by all, for the consummation of that aim, for which we gathered, seemed to impress itself upon every mind. All hearts swelled with love and adoration for the memory of Washington, and the departed sires of the Revolution

During the evening, Messrs. Albert Steinberger and Daniel Koch addressed the meeting. All was gay, and the most perfect harmony reigned in the eager outpourings of the tributes to him who was no less the sage than the soldier.

PORT CARBON AFFAIRS.

MR. BANNAN:—In your last *Journal* appeared an article from this place Mr. W. H. Luckenbach, headed "The Parent and Teacher." We sympathize with Mr. L. in his grievances, but really such abusive absurdities as the sets forth are not to be borne by an intelligent community. He says the parent is the only antagonist the teacher has to contend with. Truly that is too case, where the teacher cannot converse on ideas beyond hearing a child rehearse its A B C.

But to take up every point he advances would occupy too much space in your valuable Journal.—We will therefore take up the outlines. He says, in the second place, it is asked "to what denomination the teacher belongs?" &c. One would naturally suppose that a gentleman of his standing would have some regard for truth, but in his article it appears to be of the least importance. The writer of this article has been a resident of this place for upwards of twenty years, and has to hear for the first time yet the query mooted, to what denomination the teacher belongs, except whether he is a Papist. Mr. L. must inform himself better before he makes such bold assertions. This is the first time to my knowledge, that [illegible] has been brought up in our schools, and even now it has been drawn in by the denomination to which he belongs, for they rule the board. So we want no more of that kind of talk.

Again he says there are some professing Christians who would rather have a teacher who made no pretensions whatever to morality, than one who was of a different denomination, and yet pretend great concern for the morals of their children. He adds "shame, shame on such christianity!" We admit there is not much christianity in that—no, any those than those in the man who will publicly insult a community as he has done. Shame, shame on such christianity!

Again he asks his hero ever been in the neighborhood of the oldest inhabitant a Board of Directors that suited the people of Port Carbon?" Was there ever a grosser insult perpetrated on a community than the set forth by Mr. L.? And we say in reply, that every *intelligent* Board that we have ever had suited the people. As the gentleman seems so well posted in our past affairs, I would ask him to point out a Board that did *not* suit the majority of the people? "A better Board than the present they cannot have", he adds. To suit himself, I presume; for certainly it is but a partial affair, to say the most of it, which they have lately proved themselves.

Again, he asks has there ever been a teacher good, bad or indifferent, they have not driven away after a single Winter's trial. Just look at it.—Such a such outrageous slander (for I know no other name for it) be left unchastised by an intelligent community, and coming [illegible] one of whom we might expect better things—a spiritual teacher?

We boldly deny the assertion—it is false. As there are some of our past teachers living among us, I appeal to them, have they ever been driven away by the people? Has there ever been a community more discontentedly abused and slandered than we have been by Mr. L.? O shade of Balaam's useful beast, how many there are that have perpetrated themselves in thy name, that fain would hide their light!

In conclusion we must heartily congratulate Mr. L. on his determination to leave us, and hope he may meet with a more favorable community on his next trial. Yours &c.,

Port Carbon, March 1st, 1854.

MR. BANNAN.—The impression has got abroad in the community that the officers of this Borough, elected at the last election, will not act so efficiently in the suppression of disorder, as the other party had they been elected. I do not see any cause to fear, and as good Democrats we must let the minority rule. It is every good citizen's duty to lend his aid and influence to prevent and remove all disorder; so they can be useful in a private as well as in an official capacity.

The greatest evil we have to contend with, is intemperance. The facilities for getting wherewith to intoxicate are too frequent here for the number of inhabitants. If we had two good houses properly conducted, for the accommodation of the traveling public, it would add to the convenience and respectability of the place. The others only enhance the rents for the owners of the property, and give an easy living to the keepers; and that money comes from those whose appetites for liquor are so strong that they will sacrifice the happiness and comfort of their families to obtain it. Were they (the tavern-keepers) to obtain their money by more creditable and honest pursuits, the reflection that they were benefiting instead of injuring their fellow men would afford a consolation that the world could not take away.

When the Prohibitory Liquor Law passes, we will flourish like a "green bay tree." If it does not pass, I hope the evil will cure itself; for I think that to observe one drunk man ought to cure two addicted to the habit. I have heard eloquent lectures on Temperance, and I have rescued the intemperate from death when they were incapable of averting the danger—the latter lesson way much more impressive.

This lecture in the absence of stirring events. I might have told you of our population *increasing by three at a birth*, and how we are infested with chicken thieves; but mum is the word.

Pt. Carbon, March 2, 1854. NAMELESS.

☞ CELEBRATED CHURCHES IN EUROPE.—In an exchange, we find the following extract, giving the statistics as to the comparative capacity of the most celebrated churches in Europe:

	Persons.	Sq. Yds.
St. Peter's,	54,000	13,500
Milan Cathedral,	37,000	9,250
St. Paul's, at Rome,	32,000	8,000
St. Paul's, at London,	25,000	6,400
St. Petronia, at Bologna,	24,000	6,100
St. Sophia's, Constantinople,	23,000	5,750
Florence Cathedral,	14,300	6,075
Antwerp Cathedral,	24,000	6,000
St. John, Lateran,	22,900	5,925
Notre Dame, at Paris,	21,000	5,250
Pisa Cathedral,	13,000	3,250
St. Stephen's, at Vienna,	12,400	3,100
St. Dominic's, at Bologna,	11,000	3,000
St. Peter's, do.	11,400	2,850
Cathedral of Vienna,	11,100	2,746
St. Marks, Venice,	7,000	1,750

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