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GREELY'S biography will be out on the 15th.

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☞ See announcement of Fanny Fern's forthcoming Novel.

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WE INVITE special attention to the Orphans' Court Sale of Jas. B. Levan's property. There is a large quantity, of various kinds, to be disposed of. Examine the ads.

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WE REFER our readers to an advertisement under the head of wants. The person applying for a situation, we can recommend to any person who wants a good, steady person, to take charge of his business.

THE EXTENSIVE Iron Works of Wm. DeHaven, at Minersville, are turning out all manner of work in that line. Those wanting such work would do well to send on their orders—they will be attended to promptly, and filled with general satisfaction.

MR. H. GRESSANG, Cabinet maker and Furniture dealer, is the authorized agent for the sale of Fitt's Patent Metallic Burial Case. This is recommended as one of the most useful inventions of the age—see the list of names to Mr G.'s adv.—The Patentee has been particularly fortunate in the selection of an agent to introduce the article to notice.

☞ Much valuable matter—some already in type—crowded out this week.

☞ Rascality seems rampant. Two defaulters—Bank officers—in New York city, $25,000 and $50,000 respectively, are reported in yesterday's papers. A forgery for $6,000 in Baltimore; and a swindler in Milwaukie, to the tune of $150,000.

☞ ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Mr. Job Rich of this place has kindly furnished us with two loads of Coal to warm our new establishment. We have given it a fair trial, for a week or ten days past (the right kind of weather to test its merits), and pronounce it of excellent quality, burns freely, and leaves little or no clinker.

☞ FULL.—We publish, this morning, extended abstracts of the President's Message, and of the reports of the Secretaries of the Treasury and the Navy, and of the Postmaster General; besides condensed notices of all the current news of interest, political, social and religious—domestic and abroad, up to the latest moment; correspondence, and a variety of miscellaneous matter. If subscribers do not get their money's worth in the *Journal*, this week, it is certainly no fault of ours.

☞ A SYMPATHY meeting was held some evenings ago, by the dentists of New York, in behalf of Dr. Beale, of Philadelphia.—From their experience it appears that delusions, some of a very strange character, are quite usual—almost the general rule—with persons taking ether or chloloform, thus fully corroborating the testimony on this point at the trial. This should weigh very strongly in favor of Dr. Beale's innocence, in the public mind. Miss Mudge *may* have been mistaken.

☞ THE Schuylkill Navigation Company are building a handsome edifice, of brown stone, in Walnut street, above 4th, Philadelphia.

"The capstones of the arched windows and doorways of the first story" (describes the *Ledger*) "are ornamented with combinations of the initial letters of the Company. The centre panels between the second and third stories are occupied, with the words 'Schuylkill Navigation,' while the other panels have views from the canal cut in bass-relief, which are novelties, from such a work being seldom attempted in brown stone. One represents two boats passing each other in the canal, and the other a boat entering a lock."

☞ WHO WILL WRITE?—We are desirous of securing the services of *regular correspondents* for the *Journal*, in all the principal places throughout the County. At different times we have been more or less favored in this respect, but we now want to engage, if possible, some one in every town to write to us *regularly* every week, giving an account of public meetings, improvements, business, the crops, events, if any, in their vicinity, the sayings and doings of their people &c. &c. To any and all such, we will furnish the *Journal* gratis, and supply them with postage stamps for their letters. And we will moreover pay, and pay liberally, for any labor or expense that may be incurred in procuring information of public interest that we may make use of in our columns. Come, now here is a chance—especially for young men. Let us hear from you soon.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

A MOST interesting letter from our Virginia correspondent is unavoidably crowded out this week.

GODEY for January, 1855, has just been received. It is a splendid number, and in beauty and other excellencies far outstrips all its predecessors—and that is no ordinary praise. It must be seen to be appreciated. Buy a copy for the Holidays, at Bannan's.

WE HAVE received from E. Y. Farquhar, Esq., President of the Board of Inspectors of the Phila. Co. Prison, a large and carefully prepared volume of the reports of that institution for the years 1853-54. Its full and elaborate statistical contents are highly valuable for reference and comparison.

THE ADDRESS of George M. Keim, Esq., before the Agricultural Fair at Orwigsburg, in this County, has been neatly published in pamphlet form. It treats of tilling the ground not only in its classical and historical connections, but also as a subject of scientific pursuit, and gives many valuable prescriptions for practical farming.

THE "POTTSVILLE GAZETTE" is the title of a new paper just started in this Borough, by A. Devo & Co.—A. Devo, Editor. Its publication is semi-weekly. It is small in size, but well-filled. While it professes democracy, the Editor warns those interested that it is to be "independent of politicians." "The more, the merrier."

MR. ELE BOWEN, of this place, is about getting up a "Coal Trade Picture Gallery"—to begin with a portrait, of full size, of John Tucker, Esq., which is nearly ready for delivery. It is represented to be gotup in very superior style. The object is to secure representations of the features of all the principal actors in the Penna. Anthracite Coal Trade, from its opening down to the present.—Subscriptions will be received, and further information given on application, by B. Bannan, agent for the Publisher.

THE PENNA. FARM JOURNAL for the current month is before us. We do not know of a publication of the kind more worthy the patronage of our Pennsylvania farmers. It is always well filled with a variety of articles directly pertinent to their interests. Book farming is better appreciated than it was a few years ago. It begins to be seen that it only needs to be followed up rightly in practice to bring the answer. The *Farm Journal* commences its Fifth Volume on the 1st of January next—now is the time to subscribe. It is published at West Chester—J. L. Darlington, Editor. Price only $1,00 a year. Handsome premiums are offered for the highest lists of subscribers.

BLACKWOOD for November has the following list of contents:—"Turkey and its Population" (an article for the *mere* reader; especially those interested in the Eastern war). "Civilization—The Census" (something for the moralist, as well as the political economist, to examine). "The secret Agent" (this will please the lovers of tragedy). "Color in Nature and Art" (we commend this to the special notice of the ladies—housekeepers may get from it some valuable hints about furnishing their parlors; and all, married and single, may learn how to dress tastefully—a subject for which they generally maintain the profoundest respect). "Latin Versification" (for the scholar). "The Influence of Gold upon the Commercial and Social Condition of the World—Part I." "Peace and War," "The War and the Ministry." Price of Blackwood—$3 a year; L. Scott & Co., N. York, Publishers: for sale at Bannan's.

Local Affairs.

WEEKLY CALENDAR.

Twelfth Month, December—31 *Days.*

	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sun ris.	7.14	7.15	7.15	7.16	7.16	7.17	7.18
" sets.	4.32	4.32	4.32	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.33
M'n'rise	10.05	11.06	morn	.08	1.11	2.15	3.23

Moon's last quarter—Tuesday, 12th., 1.15e.
14th. Dec., 1799—WASHINGTON died.

Saturday, 2nd.—Snow nearly an inch deep—commenced about midnight previous. Day throughout cold though mostly clear. Night beautiful.—Snow remained with marked tenacity.

Sunday, 3d.—Commenced snowing early in morn,—before day-break, and continued fast all day.—High wind and *snow drifting*. Average depth, 14 -16 inches. First sleighing of the season, and second snow to fairly cover the ground.)

Monday, 4th.—Continues blustery and very unpleasant—high, piercing wind, and snow drifting.

Tuesday, 5th.—Still cold, with continued high wind.

Wednesday, 6th.—Calm but cold, cloudy and threatening. Evening, temperature much milder. Spitting snow about 10-11 o'clock at night.

Thursday, 7th.—Commenced snowing early in morn., and continued till noon. Wind high and keen remainder of day.

Friday, 8th.—Sun out beautiful, but still cold.

☞ *In an altercation* at or near Middleport, on Wednesday last, a man named Lancton stabbed another named Brennan, so that according to report he died shortly after. We have not heard the particulars.

☞ *Literary Society.*—Mr. Schneider lectured on Wednesday evening last, and was followed by a humorous though able debate on the annexation of the Sandwich Islands—decided in the negative. Dr. Heger lectures next week.

☞ *Masonic.*—At the last regular communication of Swatara Lodge, No. 267, A. Y. M. (Tremont), on Monday evening, 4th inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year:

Thompson A. Godfrey—*Worshipful Master;*
Frederick Werthelmer—*Senior Warden;*
Jno. R. Forster—*Junior Warden;*
John Hipple, Jr.—*Secretary;*
J. A. L. Tice—*Treasurer.*

☞ *Fun.*—Our folks have been enjoying fine sleighing all the week, and the prospects are in favor of a continuance of the same for some time to come. So, trot out your nags.

P. S.—We are at leisure—that is, least busy (Editors are never "at leisure") on Saturdays and Mondays. Any friend, alone with a 2-40 horse, comfortable sleigh and plenty of buffalo, calling can find us on the first floor of the *Miners' Journal* establishment. Walk in without knocking.

☞ *Col. Wood* has been giving grand musical and dramatical entertainments at the Town Hall, this week. The performances are highly complimented by those who have attended. Open this afternoon and evening. We are moreover authorized to state, and no doubt the public will be pleased to learn, that the Fat Lady—the Small Lady—the Swiss Warbler, &c., will be exhibited at the Town Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The Exhibition will be open during the day and evening. Col. Wood is in a fair way of rivalling the celebrated Barnum in his collection of the wonderful and amusing, both in Nature and Art.

☞ *Court Proceedings.*—QUARTER SESSIONS.—Judges Hegins (Pres.), Foster and Hubley. On account of the extreme inclemency of the weather—the snow being drifted *in* in many places as to render the roads impassable—Court did not commence on Monday till 2 o'clock, P. M. The attendance has been very large the entire week. The cases are mostly devoid of much public interest, and hence we append them in the order of trial with but few comments.

Com. vs. Beaurin—Surety of the Peace. Deft. to pay costs and stand committed, &c., and to leave the County. Pros. Atty. (Tower), for Commonwealth; Hipple for Deft.

Com. vs. Susan Wood—For lewd, idle and disorderly conduct. Susan is an old offender. She was ordered to find bail in $100, for good behavior, and to pay costs. Pros. Atty. for Com.; Palmer for Deft.

Com. vs. Mc Allister—Case continued).

Com. vs. Dennis Conlon—Larceny. Jury trial, but plea of "guilty" substituted. Dennis was accordingly fined six cents, ordered to restore property, and committed to the tender mercies of Col. Krebs for 4 months at labor. Pros. Atty. for Com.; Palmer for Deft.

Com. vs. John Mullen—Surety of the Peace, on oath of William Harley. Sentenced to pay costs, and give his own recognizance in $50 for good behavior hereafter. Pros. Atty. for Com.

Com. vs. Dennis Comber—Larceny. Jury trial, but Dennis again "fessed up," and was sentenced for two months more. Pros. Atty. for Com.; Palmer for Deft.

Com. vs. John and Ellen Sheis—Disorderly house. Jury trial. Verdict "guilty." Sentence, 4 months imprisonment, and to pay costs and 6 cents fine.—John being no stranger to the Court. Pros. Atty. for Com.; Clay and Whitney for Defts.

Com. vs. Luke Lee—Larceny on oath of G. Raimer. Jury trial. Verdict, "guilty;" and Luke ordered to restore the stolen property, to pay costs and 6 cents fine, and to take up his quarters in the County prison for the next 3 months at labor.—Pros. Atty. for Com.; Shoener and Palmer for Deft.

Com. vs. Lewis Bowers—Surety of the Peace, on oath of John Wilson. This was a highly colored case; that is to say, all the parties were tinged with a sable hue, except the Prosecutor's wife, whose physiognomy betokened Caucasian descent. The developments were rather rich. According to one witness, the Deft. was engaged to work for Wilson, somewhat after the ancient patriarchal style—Lewis to be rewarded, after an indefinite probation, with the daughter and certain lands of his employer. A row in the camp, resulting in the rejection of the intended son-in-law at the domestic board, and thereby causing almost a personal rencontre between the parties, had interrupted this amiable domestic arrangement. But the case was far from being made clear, and Lewis was let off at the price of the costs only. Pros. Atty. for Com.: Palmer for Deft.

Com. vs. Luke Lee—Larceny. Acquitted.—Counsel as before.

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Com. vs. Levi Carter—Assault and Battery. Ignored.

Com. vs. Ann Lee—Larceny. Acquitted. These several cases of the Lee family were for stealing goods on the night of the great fire, Oct. 10th.

Com. vs. Cyrus Geese—Assault and Battery, on oath of Ann Quinn. Ignored, and Ann to pay costs within ten days.

Com. vs. John Gyer—Tippling house. Defendant plead "guilty", and was fined $20 and costs.

Com. vs. Ch. Bradley & Ch. Dean—Larceny.—Jury trial. Bradley acquitted, and Dean guilty; and the latter sentenced to pay 6 cents and costs, and to undergo an imprisonment of 3 months.—Marsden for Com.; Palmer for Deft.

Com. vs. Michael Brennan—Assault and Battery. Ignored, but Defendant to pay costs.

Com. vs. Ann Riley—Assault and Battery, on oath of Peter Riley. Ignored, and Peter to pay costs.

Com. vs. Thomas Boyle—Assault and Battery. Jury trial. Verdict, "guilty;" and Thomas to pay costs, with leave to board at the Co.'s expense for 20 days.

Com. vs. Mary Ann Sands—Larceny—another fire case. Acquitted. Pros. Atty. for Com.; Palmer for Deft.

Com. vs. Bridget Riley—Assault and Battery.—Jury trial. "Guilty"; and Biddy to pay $1 and costs.

Com. vs. John Jennings—Larceny. Jury trial. Guilty, and sentenced to 9 mos. imprisonment.

Com. vs. Rowl. Clark—Assault. Deft. plead guilty, but having been in Prison 2 mos. already, Court fined him but 6 cents and costs. Pros. Atty. for Com.; Palmer for Deft.

Com. vs. Michael & Mary Ann Quinn—Assault and Battery. Jury trial. Michael "guilty," and fined 6 cents and costs; but Mary Ann acquitted. Motion for a new trial refused. Pros. Atty. for Com.; Parry and Walker for Defts.

Com. vs. Isaac & Elizabeth Williams—Disorderly house. Jury trial. Not guilty, but Eliza both to pay costs, and both held in $50 bail for good behavior for 4 mos. Pros. Atty. for Com.; Palmer for Defts.

Com. vs. Purrid & Maria McDuffee—Disorderly house. Jury trial. Maria not present, David "not guilty," but to pay costs. *Nol. pros.* as to Maria. Pros. Atty. for Com.; J. Hughes for Defts.

Com. vs. Peter & Leah Smith—Bill ignored, and Defts., who were in Prison, discharged.

Com. vs. Patrick Corkoran—Larceny. Jury trial. "Guilty," and fined costs and imprisonment 1 mo.

Mich. Sands, arraigned on two several indictments—Surety of the Peace, and Assault—was discharged, no prosecutor appearing.

Louis E. Farrell was convicted of Fornication and Bastardy, and the usual sentence imposed.

This brings the proceedings up to yesterday (Friday), at noon.

Having been unable to attend Court but a limited time, we are indebted to J. Marsden, Esq., for much assistance in making out the above.

☞ *County Bible Society.*—The monthly meeting of this Society for December, was held on Monday evening last, in the Presbyterian Church, (Mahantongo street). Notwithstanding the extremely unpleasant weather, a good-sized audience was present. A. RUSSEL, Esq., was called to the Chair, and B. BANNAN appointed Secretary.

An address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. McCool: subject,—The Bible—its influence, and its great superiority over all other books. Without touching upon the great and momentous truths it reveals as to the spiritual destiny of the Human Race—the speaker contrasted the condition of Heathen countries without the Bible with the great change wrought in them after the introduction of the Bible by the noble Missionaries who have left their homes and friends, and perilled their lives in distant lands, in spreading the Gospel of good tidings to the uttermost parts of the earth. He instanced particularly the Sandwich Islands, where twenty-five years ago, the Gospel was scarcely known, and the people were in darkness, without civilization; but now, through the exertions of Missionaries the Bible has been disseminated, churches built, the Arts and Sciences flourish, and the people are prosperous and happy, and are even now knocking at the door for admittance into our Union. The Lecture was particularly interesting, and was listened to with great attention.

After the address, the Committee appointed at a previous meeting made the appended report, which was adopted.

After several explanations the Report was recommitted to the Committee to revise for publication. The following is the Report as revised.

The Committee appointed by the Schuylkill County Female Bible Society, to devise measures for the more efficient circulation of the Word of God, in this County, respectfully report that,—

In pursuance of the object of their appointment the Committee met Monday, Nov. 13th, and organized by calling Rev. D. Steck, Lutheran Church, Pottsville, to preside. There being but five members present, the time was spent in informal discussions on the subject of a County Bible Convention, which resulted in the adoption of the following resolution,—

That this Committee prepare a Circular to be addressed to clergymen and others in the County interested in the circulation of the Scriptures, urging the propriety of calling a County Bible Convention for the adoption of such measures as shall insure the more general circulation of the Word of God.

An adjourned meeting of the Committee was held Monday, Nov. 20th, at which were present—Rev. Messrs. Steck, Washburn, Mennig, Castle, Thomas, Prior, Arthur, Williams, Stone, Henry, and Hoffmeir. The following Circular was read by Rev. D. Washburn, and after a free and full interchange of sentiments, was adopted:

CIRCULAR.

To the Ministers of the Gospel and their Congregations, and to all Christian people in Schuylkill County, Pa.

At a public meeting of the County Female Bible Society, held on the 6th inst., (Nov. A. D., 1854,) in Pottsville, after the reading of the report of the distributor and the delivery of the appointed address, explanatory remarks were made by the Secretary, indicating the noble achievements of the society, as shown by their reports, and commending such praiseworthy expenditure of time and money to more general sympathy and participation in the County.

This appeal led to the offering of the following resolution, which was duly discussed and unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of an efficient circulation of the Bible, and that said Committee be authorized to proceed in securing a more general co operation with this society throughout the County.

The undersigned appointed on this Committee are impressed with the great occasion there is for united effort in the work of distributing the Holy Scriptures in this region.

For the last fifty years, ever since the establishment of the great British and Foreign Bible Society in 1804, there have been few intelligent Christians uninterested in such societies. The same year saw one instituted at Basle on the Continent. In 1808 our parent society in this State was founded, and one in Sweden. Succeeding years witnessed similar organizations at Calcutta, Bombay and Madras in Asia, and at various localities in Europe. And the general American Society instituted in 1816, with the aid of our multiplying auxiliaries in every direction, though starting with an issue of some six thousand copies a year, is now publishing and distributing hundreds of thousands annually. There is scarcely a Christian whose attention has not been arrested by the exceeding cheapness consequent upon such a multiplication of copies, and so enabling all to possess the Word of God. Thus have intelligent Christians become interested in Bible society enterprises and rejoice to co-operate.

Our immediate County comprises a population peculiarly interesting in this connection. And here, if ever, we may apply the maxim, "charity begins at home." Prosperous enterprise is a characteristic feature of the best portion of our population. And yet multitudes are here, baptized in the name of the adorable Trinity, called Christians, and entitled to the enlightening benefits of Revelation, to whom the book is as though it had never been. The demand and means, then, are here. We ask all, who have a Bible, to contribute only a small portion of what has been saved to them in its purchase, compared with what it would have cost fifty years ago. Such help furnished to the County society will render it ten-fold more efficient. Ministers and Christian people, in some way let us all co-operate.

This circular is sent to solicit the *written* expression of your views as to holding a County Bible Convention,—and such suggestions as may seem to you likely to further the ends in view. An *early* answer is requested, as the Committee wish to lay your views before the society at its next meeting, Dec. 4th. Please address the Chairman of Committee.

J. H. CASTLE, *Pastor Baptist Church, Pottsville.*
D. WASHBURN, *Rector Episcopal Church,* "
D. STECK, *Pastor Lutheran Church.* "
W. G. MENNIG, *Pastor Ger. Luth. Church,* "
T. S. THOMAS, *Pastor First Meth.* "
J. NEILL.
J. W. ARTHUR, *Pastor Meth. Church, Pt. Carbon.*
A. M. LOWRY, *Pastor Pres. Church, Pt. Carbon.*
A. PATON, *Rector Episcopal Church, Sch. Haven.*
R. R. WILLIAMS, *Pas. Welsh Cong. Ch. Minersville.*
J. A. STONE, *Rector Episcopal Church, Tamaqua.*
G. OBAR, *Pastor Methodist Church, Tamaqua.*
W. R. GLENN, *Pastor Presb. Church,* "
E. S. HENRY, *Pastor Luth. Church, Pinegrove.*
J. W. HOFFMEIER, *Ger. Ref. Church, Orwigsburg.*

Accordingly the Secretary of the Committee addressed circulars to all the Evangelical ministers in the County, so far as their names could be ascertained. Sufficient time has elapsed to have received all their answers, but as yet only two have been received; both of which, however, advise the measure. Your Committee regret that a more general response was not given to their circular, and trust that this indifference is not indicative of all the interest felt in the noble work of Bible circulation.

Your Committee would refer the matter of holding a Bible Committee to the action of the Society.

A desire was expressed by all the members of the Committee, not residing in Pottsville, that meetings of the Society should be held in other places. Your Committee would therefore recommend that hereafter meetings of the Society be held in the adjacent towns—and also that a collection be taken up at each meeting.

In conclusion, your Committee would express their belief that the appointment of the Committee has accomplished some good for the Society, in furnishing an opportunity for the ministers representing the various Christian denominations to have a free conference on the subject of the Society's operations, and thus has been enlisted for it a deeper sympathy and greater readiness to co-operate. On behalf of the Committee.

J. H. CASTLE.

Several letters from Clergymen were read approving of the holding of a County Committee.

After some further remarks from the Rev. Messrs. Steck, Washburn, Castle and Thomas—it was resolved to hold a County Convention of all the friends of the Bible, in the Borough of Pottsville, on the first Monday in February next.

On motion of Dr. Housel, the Rev. Messrs. Castle, Washburn and Thomas were appointed a Committee to call said Convention.

The next meeting of the Society was ordered to be held in Port Carbon, on the first Monday evening in January next. After which the meeting adjourned.

[COMMUNICATED.]

MESSRS. EDS:—If your town readers want to know where they can be supplied with the choicest *provisionic*, to feast themselves and their friends upon; let me commend to their notice the new establishment of Mr. J. Osler, in Market street.—If, for instance, you want a sweet Tender-loin or nice sausage for breakfast; or fat poultry—chickens, ducks or a turkey—for dinner, just call on Mr. O.; or, a fresh smoked ham, pickled pork, a tongue, dried beef—in short, he can supply you with almost anything and everything in that line. Mr. Osler's goods are known in Pottsville as a capital hand at this business, and as the Holidays are near, when good dinners will be all the go; now is the time to test the virtues of his capacious and well-stored establishment. Try him once or twice, and you will not need an invitation to go back again.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

Pottsville, December 7, 1854.

TAMAQUA AFFAIRS.

☞ *Flourishing*—The Newkirk Lyceum.

☞ *The Tamaqua Continentals* are to attend the Inauguration of Gov. Pollock.

☞ *The Lecture-room* of the Baptist Church was appropriately dedicated on Sunday last. Rev. Mr. Castle of Pottsville, was among the officiating ministers.

☞ *On Saturday evening*, 26th ult., a drunken fight came off at a Beer-shop in Gay street. The police interfered, arrested an Irishman, and brought him before Esquire Allison. He was fined.—*Gazette.*

☞ *Improvement.*—The *Gazette* says there is to be erected, opposite the U. S. Hotel, a large and commodious building with four apartments—2 Lock-up, Council-Chamber, Hose-house, and a large room to be used as an Armory for the military companies.

ASHLAND AFFAIRS.

☞ "*Buck*" sends us a detailed account of a sad accident near Ashland, on Monday last, which for want of room we are obliged to give in a few words.

John Lee (or Lean) and Samuel Hines were preparing a blast in the drift of Mr. Brittain, when a premature explosion occurred, by which they were thrown down an almost perpendicular schute, 20 feet. Neither persons were in the mine. Mr. Hines, though much scorched, bruised and lacerated, and one arm broken, made his way in the dark, by crawling and rolling, to the mouth of the drift. It is thought he will recover. He has a family.

Mr. Lee was found in the mine, terribly cut and bruised about the head and face, still breathing, but he expired immediately after. He had been but recently married. This is the first serious accident in the mines of that vicinity.

The snow retards mining operations and R. R. contracts about Ashland.

☞ VIRGINIA POLITICS.—Hon. Henry A. Wise has been nominated by the Democrats for Governor. We thought that long-winded anti-Know Nothing effusion of his wasn't for nothing. The Convention lasted three days and was very stormy. On a motion to make the nomination of Mr. Wise unanimous, there were many dissenting voices, but the chairman declared the nomination overwhelmingly carried. Resolutions were passed approving of the course of the National Administration, and declaring that General Pierce has faithfully adhered to the Constitution. To pass resolutions to that effect is one thing; but to make the people believe so and *vote so* seems to be quite another—judging from late returns in other States.

We append a few extracts from the Richmond *Dispatch* to show how the F. F. V. "unterrified" do up their politics:

"It appeared to be generally understood—at all events it was charged, and not contradicted, that both the Wise and Leake parties intended to get possession of the chair in organizing the Convention, with a view to appointing committees and shaping things to suit their respective objects. The Wise party, it was alleged, set their watches *ahead* TEN MINUTES; but the Leake party took time more effectually by the forelock, by moving their watches forward TWENTY MINUTES! In this way, *their* 12 *o'clock coming sooner*, they are understood to have gotten the organization."

Upon the nominations for Governor,—

"The debate was one of a very exciting and—some portions of it—very bitter in character. There was a great deal of feeling and occasionally passion, with occasional outbreaks of a character disorderly beyond anything of the kind we ever witnessed. The uproar was sometimes deafening. The history of Mr. Wise's political career was reviewed and many reminiscences of his association with the Whig party revived."

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"For an hour before the adjournment, there was a lively expression of feeling by a discharge of pop crackers, the most efficient kind of thunder, we suppose, immediately accessible. Whether they were fired by outsiders or not we could not say; but certain it is, they so encroached upon the Convention, as to throw a pack or two in the hall leading up stairs, where the Convention sat. Several times the proceedings were interrupted by these explosions, and more than one eloquent outburst was drowned by them; but the members of the Convention, who seemed ripe for fun, so far from being annoyed by them, appeared to enjoy the thing very much. So ended the most excited and extraordinary party assemblage we ever witnessed."

☞ THE following racy satire we copy from the Carbon *Gazette*. It is one of the best of the many best paragraphs we have seen on the same matter:

Another Awful Shipwreck.—The high pressure steamship Nebraska, Capt. Pierce, S. A. Douglas, Engineer, came in collision with the ship "Public opinion," on Tuesday, and with the whole crew, and several hundred thousand "cabin" passengers, immediately went to the bottom. A few passengers saved themselves by clinging to some planks of the Baltimore Platform, which had been prudentially or providentially taken on board. The Nebraska was enveloped in so dense a fog at the time, that the crew and passengers *knew nothing* of their danger. Owing to the high rates lately charged by the Marine officers on such risks, the vessel was not insured. The "Public Opinion" was not injured by the collision.

☞ ACCORDING to the Census of the Canadas for 1851–1852, the number of widows in both Provinces nearly doubles that of widowers, and of both no fewer than 35 are over 100 years of age, while about 400 are found between the ages of 90 and 100. The Indians, those ancient or aboriginal lords of the soil, still number 5,208 in Upper, 3,520 in Lower Canada. Colored persons amount to nearly 5,500, of whom not a sixth part are to be found in the Eastern section of the Province. The number of deaf-mutes in Lower Canada amounts to 865, in Upper Canada 478; in the former the blind are 554, in the latter 316.

SHORT METRE.

☞ IN SEVERAL towns of France women fill the occupation of street lamp-lighters.

☞ LYING in weight—selling 19 cwt. for a ton of coal.

☞ SIR JOHN FRANKLIN'S expedition consisted of 138 men.

☞ THE two last steamers from California, brought in gold an aggregate of $2,305,000.

☞ THE agricultural produce of this season in Ireland will, it is said, reach £10,000,000 sterling above that of last year.

☞ IS it stated that seven Water Companies supply the city of London with forty-four millions of gallons of water daily.

☞ ALCOHOL was first invented and used to stain the cheeks of the ladies of Arabia, nine hundred and fifty years ago.

☞ IN THE North Carolina Legislature, the Committee on the Judiciary have been instructed to report on the propriety of abolishing Jury trials in the County Courts.

☞ THE INDIANAPOLIS papers state that a wagon load of the notes of the Stock banks were returned one day last week upon the Auditor of the State of Indiana.

☞ IT IS STATED that Dr. Ives, late Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of N. Carolina, has been appointed Professor in the Roman Catholic College at Fordham, near New York city.

☞ THE WESTMINSTER *Democrat*, the Locofoco organ of Carroll county, Md., has gone over to the Know Nothings, and changed its name to the *American Trumpet*. Is this another Whig trick?

☞ A CONVERSATIONAL KEY.—Men never talk among each other about their babies; women always do. With the former it is the padlock of conversation, with the latter the staple.

☞ THE Newark (N. J.) *Advertiser* understands that navigation will close on the Morris Canal on the 5th inst. The last loads of coal for this season are now on their way. Coal is selling at $7 50 per ton.

☞ KNOW NOTHING VICTORY.—An election was held in New Orleans on the 27th, for three members of the State Legislature, one Senator and three Representatives, and the Know Nothing candidates in each case were elected by large majorities.

☞ NO MORE FOREIGN MARINES.—By a recent order from Washington, the enlistment of foreigners in the Marine corps, now stationed at the Charlestown Navy Yard, is to cease. It is believed that the same order has been sent to all our military posts.

☞ UPWARDS of forty million gallons of whiskey, six and a half million gallons of rum, and upwards of one and three-quarter million barrels of ale, are annually manufactured in this country, requiring the use of fourteen million dollars' worth of grain, hops and apples.

☞ HENRY A. WISE, sometimes called Mr. Otherwise, receives a good many hits for his interminable lucubrations against the KNOW NOthings:

To use up the KNOW NOTHINGS, a WISE man essayed,
And with oceans of ink, words on paper arrayed.
He figured and wrote, till convinced they would fail,
AND OF KNOW NOTHINGS PROVED HIMSELF GREATEST OF ALL!

THE COAL TRADE.

The quantity sent this week by Railroad, is 12,874 11 tons, against 28,586 15 tons for the corresponding week last year.

The quantity sent by Canal for the two days of last week, was 10,375 14 tons, making a total of 207,354 tons, which closes the business for the year. The increase by Canal over last year is only 18,659 tons. The weather is intensely cold while writing this article, and with from 15 to 18 inches of snow on the ground. We can assert, almost *positively*, that the Canal will not be reopened again this year.

We received a notice on Thursday, to the following effect:

We are authorized to state that it is the intention to keep open the Delaware and Raritan Canal to the 1st of January, if possible. This Canal was not closed before the 20th of December, for upwards of eight years. The Company is well provided with ice-boats, and no exertion will be spared to continue navigation for some time yet.

It would be very desirable if the loaded boats, frozen up at our Wharves and on the line, could be permitted to pass—but the ice in the Canal was from 6 to 8 inches thick yesterday, and will be a fact thick before twenty-four hours unless the weather moderates. If the Delaware and Raritan Canal can be kept open until the first of January, which we doubt, should the present weather continue, it will be of great advantage to the consumers on its line and in the city of New York.

The Canals have been closed from 15 to 20 days earlier than they were last year—and so suddenly did it take place that the whole trade was taken by surprise—and the supply, was cut short upwards of 100,000 tons.—Our operators were busily engaged in cleaning up their collieries for the winter, and those who ship by Canal had stocked their landings with Coal to ship off during the present week, which of course remains, and many boats were caught only partly loaded.

The supply of Coal from the three principal regions compared with last year will be as follows:

	1853.	1854.
Schuylkill—Railroad,	1,582,235	1,598,478
" Canal,	888,895	907,354
Lehigh,	1,080,544	1,245,704
Lackawana,	1,006,809 about	850,000
	4,558,473	5,001,536
		4,558,473
		543,063

Total increase from the Schuylkill, Lehigh and Lackawana regions in 1854, 543,063 tons, of which about 200,000 tons, properly belong to the deficiency of last year, leaving the in crease of Anthracite only about 353,000 tons from these regions for the increased consumption of this year, which will be swelled up to about 400,000 tons by the increase from the other regions

The increase of Bituminous and Semi-Bituminous Coals in 1854, destined for the sea-board, will be in the neighborhood of 150,000 tons.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FRIDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Freights from Richmond to—

Boston,	$2 80
Providence,	1 60
New Haven,	1 50
New York,	1 20
Albany,	1 50
Washington,	1 25

Report of Shipments.

From Richmond for the three days ending Thursday, November 30th, 1854.

Sh'p	B'k	B'g	Sch	Sl'p	Bts.	Destination.	Tons.
	2	7	23			Boston & vicinity	7,705
			8			Conn. & R. Island	3,158
		1	2		41	N. York & vicinity	8,100
			4		4	North River	1,304
		1	18	8	12	Southern