Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1855.

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☞ U. S. SENATOR ELECTION.—*The Voice of the Press.*—The following named journals have already spoken out in terms of condemnation of the election of General Cameron not to be mistaken:

Beaver *Argus*, (Whig.)
Bedford *Inquirer*, (Whig.)
Berks County *Press*, (American.)
Berks *Journal*, (Whig and American.)
Bradford *Argus*, (Whig.)
Bucks County *Intelligencer*, (Whig.)
Carbondale *Transcript & Journal*, (American.)
Chambersburg *Transcript*, (American.)
Chambersburg *Whig*, (Whig.)
Delaware County *Republican*, (Whig.)
Easton *Sentinel*, (Locofoco.)
Germantown *Telegraph*, (Neutral.)
Harrisburg *Patriot*, (Locofoco.)
Hollidaysburg *Register*, (Whig.)
Juniata *Sentinel*, (Whig.)
Lancaster *Examiner*, (Whig.)
Lancaster *Citizen*, (American.)
Lancaster *Intelligencer*, (Locofoco.)
Lancaster *Whig*, (Whig and American.)
Mauch Chunk *Gazette*, (American.)
Montrose *Republican*, (Free Soil.)
Miltonian, (Whig.)
Philadelphia *Pennsylvanian*, (Locofoco.)
Pottsville *Miners' Journal*, (Whig and Am.)
Pottsville *Gazette*, (Locofoco.)
Pittsburg *Commercial Journal*, (Whig and American.)
Pittsburg *Despatch*, (American.)
Pittsburg *American*, (Whig.)
Shippensburg *News*, (Whig.)
Sunbury *Gazette*, (Locofoco.)
West Chester *Examiner*, (Whig.)
West Chester *Republican*, (Locofoco.)
Wilkesbarre *Record*, (Whig and American.)
Washington *Examiner*, (Locofoco.)
York *Republican*, (Whig.)

With a little trouble this list could, doubtless, be greatly extended.

We do not believe there is another gentleman of the scores named to the Legislature in this connexion, or any other man of public reputation throughout the length and breadth of the State, whose political character is open to such just and severe criticism as this same Simon Cameron's. It was a source of hopeful congratulation to all honest-minded men, that the American movement, as at first understood, proposed to cure political corruption in the old parties, and effectually to choke off the old demagogues of both, *native* and foreign alike, that had for years been making politics their business, and fattening at the public crib; and now if its Legislative members fall down before this overgrown golden calf, it will kill Americanism's good name in Pennsylvania, stone-dead—mark it well! Or, if that party can carry such a load, it is more than any of the other factions he has been identified with was ever able to do. If this be the course the new party is to pursue, it will soon find itself deserted by its best and purest members, who have been attracted to it, not for political aggrandizement, but from motives of common honesty; and will be left alone with the combined dregs of the political cess-pools of all creation to work upon.

ENORMOUS LEAK!

$17,200 required for the Poor House in 1855!!!

Our readers will no doubt, be surprised to learn that the above sum is estimated by the Directors of the Poor for the year 1855, in addition to the produce of a farm of 200 acres, to support the Poor of the County.—To give our readers some idea of the amount, we will state that the whole proceeds of the taxes of the County for all county purposes, last year and this, will only amount to about $37,000 per annum, and $17,200 of this sum is required for the support of the Poor House.

One of three things is certain,—the number of paupers must be increasing in a three-fold ratio—there is shameful mismanagement—or, a regular system of *cribbing* practised. The following sums have been drawn from the County Treasury for the last few years:

1845,	$5,500	1850,	$8,476
1846,	5,500	1851,	7,014
1847,	5,500	1852,	9,517
1848,	5,500	1853,	11,322
1849,	6,700	1854,	14,127

☞ Asked for in 1855, $17,200!!☜

At the beginning of 1849, there were 217 paupers in the Poor House, and during the year, 582 in all, admitted. The whole amount drawn out of the County Treasury was $6,700, and of this sum $1,650 was for new buildings—leaving $5,100 for the support of the paupers, independent of the produce of the farm. The farm was not in as good condition then, as it is now.

At the beginning of 1854, there were 204 paupers in the House, and during the year 800. The amount drawn out of the County treasury was $14,127!—*nearly trebled*, and about a dollar appropriated to any new building with an increase of only 77 paupers; and we ask $17,200 for 1855!!—more than twice the amount expended in 1849.—In 1849, 1850 and 1851, a large barn, hospital, and buildings for the sick, were erected, costing about $4,000—but for the last two or three years, no new buildings have been erected. During this period, also, the whole establishment was exclusively under Locofoco management—the friends of economy turned out, and the statements published only in the hireling press of the County, where the mass of the tax-payers could not see the expenditures,—which have swelled so enormously, that they now demand *nearly one-half the taxes of the County for the support of the Alms House.* The tax-payers ought to demand an investigation of its affairs, at once, and put a stop to this *stupendous leak.*

We understand that many of the accounts are lumped—and when the Auditors settled the last account, the Clerk was in Philadelphia, and they could obtain but little information on the subject. We have heard a charge made also, that involves the morals of the institution.

☞ MEMBERS' PAY—THE SALARY OF $500.—In our remarks last week on this subject, we stated that the bill, in addition to the $500 salary called for mileage at the rate of 15 cents per mile—it calls for only 10 cents per mile

We find the subject of increasing the members' pay about $30,000 a year, scarcely noticed in the press of the State. What is the matter? Does the press connive at this swindle of the people? Or are they afraid to speak out? A salary of $300, and mileage at the rate 10 cents per mile, is ample.—Should the members pass this bill and vote from 30 to $40,000 into their *own pockets* from the tax-payers, we do hope and pray that Governor Pollock will veto the bill.

A salary of $500, and 10 cents per mile mileage, is equal to $10 a week for the whole year, to each member, while all the legislation (*except the rascality*) can be transacted in sixty days.

☞ MINE HILL SHAFT COMPANY.—We have received a letter from Benj. Christ, Esq., stating that as soon as the bill for this Company is printed, copies will be sent to persons interested in Schuylkill County. The reason why no bills had been sent, was because it had not been printed. The committee on corporations got the bill printed and the bill on Tuesday last, [illegible] of old books [illegible]

☞ IT [illegible] world [illegible] week [illegible] and women merely players," when [illegible] audience and orchestra to come [illegible] that's a stunner!

EDITOR'S TABLE.

THE O'SHANTER's complaint shall appear as early as we can make room for it.

THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER must send us her name before "The Past" can appear in our columns. How often must we tell correspondents that this is an invariable rule with us?

A PAMPHLET by Jos. M. Sanderson, presenting a most flattering view of the "Present condition and future prospects of the Reading Railroad," has just been issued in New York, and a copy handed to us; but we find our columns already so full this week as to preclude the possibility of making certain extracts that we had desired to lay before our readers.

Local Affairs.

METEOROLOGICAL NOTATIONS.

Reported by Dr. A. Heyer, of Pottsv. Sci. Assoc'n.

FEBRUARY 24 mo., 28 days.	THERM'R. Mean.	THERM'R. Lowest.	BARM. Mean.	GENERAL OBSERVATIONS. *Topograph. & Geographical.*
Saturd. 17	31	26	29.09	Height of Pottsville (corner of Market & 2d. sts.) above mean tide, 633.957 ft.—Distance from Philadelphia, 95 miles.—Latitude, 40° 44'
Sunday 18	32	27	29.24	
Monday 19	31	27	29.96	
Tuesd'y 20	29	26	29.02	
Wednes'y 21	30	27	29.22	
Thurs'y 22	32	17	29.05	15°.—Population in 1850, 17,800.
Friday 23	23	22	28.96	

17th.—Wind N. W., light. Morn clear—afternoon cloudy.
18th.—Wind N. W., stronger. Partially clear.
19th.—Wind N. N. W., strong. Cloudy—slight snow during night.
20th.—Wind N. N. W., very strong. Cloudy—partially clear at noon.
21st.—Wind N.—calm in evening. Cloudy morn.—cleared at noon.
22d.—Wind N. W. light. Nearly clear.
23d.—Wind N. E. Cloudy—slight snow.

☞ John *Williams* and Joseph Davis were badly burned by an explosion of fire-damp in Geo. H. Potts' mine, a short distance west of Pottsville, on Friday of last week. Davis was severely injured, though both are now in a fair way to recover.

☞ *The* Annual Ball, in honor of Washington's Birth, was given at the Penna. Hall, on Monday evening last. It was very largely attended, and is represented to have been an unusually brilliant affair.

☞ *The 22d.*—Thursday last was observed by our military with more than usual display. All our companies turned out on parade, together with the Pottsville Brass Band, while the flaunting "stars and stripes," and the booming cannon on the neighboring hills proclaimed patriotism, for the time being at least, considerably above par.

☞ *By Letters patent* before us it is made known to all whom it may concern, few or many, that C. LITTLE has been appointed an Aid-de-Camp to the Governor, with the rank of *Lieutenant Colonel.* Lest the addition of the customary compliments, at such events, *might* appear egotistical, we are content to "bear our blushing honors thick upon us," and say nothing more about it.

☞ *By the* accidental discharge of a cannon, employed in the military celebration of the 22d at Schuylkill Haven, a young man named John Mannon had one hand torn off. He was ramming a charge, when the person who was holding his hand upon the touch-hole removed it on account of the heat, and the gun was prematurely discharged.

☞ *Merited compliment.*—Nicholas J. Rehr, the efficient leader of the Pottsville Brass Band, was, on Thursday afternoon at the Exchange, presented by several of his friends and the admirers of his musical abilities, with a handsome Silver Bugle, suitably inscribed. It was presented on behalf of the donors by R. M. Palmer, Esq., in a neat and appropriate speech, and received in like manner, for Mr. Rehr, by B. Bartholomew, Esq.

☞ *The office* of the Reading Railroad Passenger Depot in this place was broken into on Thursday night and some $450-600 stolen from the safe. The watchman on the premises, Dennis Callahan, and two other persons were arrested on suspicion, and an investigation had before Esqr. Reed, when the latter were discharged, but Callahan bound over for trial. His story was that two men had attacked him and after locking him in the Baggage car, proceeded to rifle the office. The safe was opened with the proper key which had been left in a drawer in the office.

☞ *John Ebert, Sr.*, of this place, was on Sunday last found dead on the Mahanoy mountain, not very far from Frock's tavern, supposed to have died from an attack of some disease of the heart, to which he was occasionally subject. He had left home two weeks previous on a hunting expedition, and after stopping at several places on his way, started out from Frock's on Friday, 9th., and was not seen again till found by a party of relatives and friends in search of him, on Sunday last. He has relatives and acquaintances in that neighborhood, and hence no great uneasiness was felt by his family here on account of his prolonged absence, though one of his sons had visited thereabouts last week and made a number of inquiries about his father, and it was only after failing to hear anything of him for upwards of a week that he began to grow alarmed.

When found, he had fallen off a log where he had sat down, when struck with the pain in his breast, as his friends suppose, and died apparently without a struggle. They do not think he was frozen to death, as by his tracks, in the trail of a deer, he could not have travelled over five miles after leaving Frock's. He was in his 69th year.—His relatives here desire us to return their thanks to the persons who kindly assisted in the search.

☞ *An* indignation meeting at Orwigsburg is reported in Wednesday's *Gazette*, as follows:

Public Demonstration.

The people aroused—The Traitor rebuked at home, by his neighbors.

At a Public Meeting held at Orwigsburg on Monday evening, Feb. 19, at the house of Solomon Bensinger, to take into consideration the course pursued by our members of the Legislature, on the question of U. S. Senator. The meeting was organized by calling Frederick Beck, Esq., to the chair, and electing George Folmer, Christian Seitz, Wm. Graeff, and Jos. Hay, *Vice Presidents*, and Thos. Schall, and Samuel Madden *Secretaries.*

After stating the object of the meeting, and transacting other business, the following resolutions were reported and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That we deeply regret the course pursued by Charles Frailey, Esq., one of our representatives at Harrisburg, in voting for Simon Cameron for United States Senator; and that we feel it a duty we owe to ourselves and our friends to denounce his course as a base violation of all honorable obligations due to his party and his constituents.

Resolved, That Charles Fraily, Esq., has in our opinion dishonored the high post which he now occupies as a representative and a politician, and that too in the face of all the speeches and pledges he gave in opposition to Know Nothingism, or as he termed them *Nix Wasser*, previous to his election. This course has a little too much of the *Cream-Colored Horse* for our taste, and we consider him unworthy the name of a Democrat.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the course pursued by our worthy representative Benjamin C. Christ, Esq., who has proved himself worthy the confidence of his constituents, and has shown a due regard for measures and principles.

Resolved, That we look upon the *Mining Register* with a suspicious eye seeing that the editor has for its heading the purest principles of the Democratic party, and yet advocates the election of U. S. Senator of a man who stands in opposition to every principle contained in said heading. This looks a little *cream-colored* too.

☞ *Stop it!*—During the week large numbers of emigrants have arrived in Pottsville, forwarded by the American and Foreign Emigrant Protection and Employment Society of New York, under the pretence of providing them with work in this County. A few laborers (not Miners) about the mining operations of the region are, or rather were some time ago, wanted, but it is probable that the influx of applicants during the week has already supplied the demand. At any rate, others had better not come for that purpose unless directly sent for. That they *may* be wanted in a month or so, when the business of the coming season is fairly begun, is very likely—but we are *not* prepared for them now.

Besides, a great many of various trades and occupations, not at all suited to any business that the county can furnish, have been sent on by the Society, and are now *begging day and night through our streets.* We have already about as many poor and unemployed in our midst as can well be saved from actual starvation—hundreds of dollars have been generously contributed by our citizens during the current season to that end, and with all possible discrimination and economy in the expenditure of these monies, they are barely sufficient to supply the most pressing and immediate wants of the scores of applicants.

The Society may have been hitherto acting under misinformation; but if it now persist in this business, in addition to the outrage, naturally resentful under the circumstances, of one community ridding itself of its Pauper population [illegible] and can expect no answer, we shall be [illegible] an assertion [illegible] to direct laborsanity to [illegible] Bed Posts, &c., [illegible] fairly provided [illegible] to his line of [illegible] the his stock and [illegible] there. [illegible] tion will be given to their faithful [illegible] CHARLES LAWTON, Jr.

St. Clair, February 3, 1855 5-1y

☞ *Public Schools.*—The Board of School Directors of Pottsville have elected Mr. J. P. SHERMAN, present Principal of High School, Superintendent of the Public Schools of the Borough, in place of Mr. SCHNEIDER, resigned. Mr. S. will devote one half of his time in teaching in the High School, and the other portion will be devoted to visiting the Schools, examining the progress of pupils, &c., &c., with a view to their promotion. Mr. SHERMAN is a classical scholar, a good teacher, loves his profession, and possesses all the necessary qualifications for the position.

Mr. PHILLIPS, who is also a classical scholar, will take charge of the High School, assisted by Mr. SHERMAN.

The Board has secured the services of Mr. PENFIELD, to take charge of School No. 5. Mr. P. was formerly Principal of the Orwigsburg Academy, and is favorably known to many of our citizens as a capital teacher, with great experience, and who has also received a classical education.

The Board is further in want of a competent Female teacher to take charge of Female School No. 2. Salary according to capacity.

The term for which all the teachers were elected, will expire on the 1st of April ensuing. We understand it is the intention of the Board to secure the services of good and experienced teachers in all the Schools. The salaries will be arranged according to the capacity and experience of those selected.

☞ *Schuylkill County, Educationally.*—The State Superintendent's last Annual Report (twenty-first) on the Pennsylvania Common Schools, contains the reports of the County Superintendents. We copy a portion of that of Mr. J. K. Krewson, Superintendent for Schuylkill County:

"The reports of the several districts that have accepted the common school system as provided by law, with the exception of two, alphabetically filed, are herewith transmitted. It is a difficult matter to give a reason why the two have not reported. The directors of one district said, "they did not like to report because their schools were kept open so short a period." Shame there appears to have been the motive. They, however, finally, consented to report, and a marked improvement in the management of their schools will not be vainly looked for.

Allison, Barry, West Brunswig, Eldred, Upper Mahantongo, East Pinegrove, Rush, Summit, Union township, West Penn and Mahanoy districts did not report last year, and consequently, did not receive their share of the State appropriation. Of the above, Allison, Barry, Summit (Coaldale) have reported this year. Eldred accepted the schools this year for the first, and it is here proper to remark that in her good example, she seems to be disposed to make amends for past remissness by constructing, if not ornamental, at least comfortable school-houses. If her energies do not flag, in a few years her schools will bear comparison with those of more ancient date, and the worthy gentlemen who bore down the opposition to the system and had the moral courage to establish it, will be remembered for their kindness and respected for their judgment by those of the rising generation who will enjoy the benefits of their action.

West Brunswick, Upper Mahantongo, Union township, Mahanoy and West Penn, are yet non-accepting districts. West Brunswick has been nearly eaten up by the formation of independent districts, but, according to the present law, it will become a single district, including all independent districts within its limits after the first of June, 1855. West Penn is making preparation to commence her schools yet this winter. I think I could safely predict which will be the last to accept, but for fear I might be considered personal in my remarks, I forbear giving name to any one.

The aggregate amount of State appropriation which the preceding eleven districts lose, either by their neglect to keep the school's open, and in operation, or to make an annual report thereof to the proper person, appears to be about six hundred and twenty-eight dollars. I would here take occasion to say that Ruth and Coaldale have had their schools in operation but one year—that Coaldale was erected a separate district, by an act of Legislature, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and that it became an organized district on the twenty-sixth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three; and it is therefore supposed, that, when the annual report of the schools thereof, shall have reached you, Coaldale will be entitled to its share of the State appropriation for the school year ending on the first Monday of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Some persons have charged non-accepting districts with selfishness. Here arises a question: Can it be selfishness that prompts them to refuse the benefits of an education and a part of the means by which these benefits are obtained? Can their opposition to the common school system be said to have its origin in a spirit of selfishness, while they are giving to their more intelligent neighbors their share of the common school fund? Is it that they love themselves so dearly that they rob their children of these advantages, or can it be the christian virtue, self-denial of the good things of this world? I ask, is it not a *want of information* (equivalent to ignorance) for which free schools are the only sovereign remedy,) of the manner in which the law provides for the establishment and support of these schools. In all of those districts there are many persons who have not been wanting in zeal, but have done their utmost to have schools established, and are even now anxiously waiting for the popular will to become favorably disposed for the acceptance of the system. To such, the above remarks are not intended to apply. It might be said, however, that persons who desire it, can, by a single effort, be invested with authority to establish the system in their own township, and it can hardly be a question whether it is not their duty to do so at once, for their own and their children's interests.

From the tables by which this report is accompanied, it will be seen that the whole number of districts in the county is forty-nine. Of these, fifteen are independent districts and five are non-accepting districts. Whole number of schools, one hundred and eighty-nine. Number yet required, twenty; total number of pupils, fourteen thousand four hundred and one. Amount of taxes levied for school purposes, sixty thousand four hundred and twenty-seven dollars seventy-six cents. Receipts from State appropriation, four thousand six hundred and fifty-one dollars sixty-two cents: making the total expenses of the system, in forty-two districts, sixty-five thousand and seventy-nine dollars and thirty-eight cents.

As compared with last year, when reports were less full, it shows an increase of fifty-seven schools, forty-one male and fifteen female teachers, and four thousand two hundred and two pupils; with a slight decrease in average salaries of both male and female teachers. Salaries paid in rural districts are generally lower than those paid in boroughs and villages, and as several of the former, which were not contained in the preceding report, are included in this, the decrease in salaries is readily accounted for. Salaries for the next year will exhibit a very considerable increase.

☞ *Township Elections—"Sam" ahead!*—Elections were held in the several Boroughs and townships throughout the County on Friday 16th, for Constables, Supervisors, Justices of the Peace, &c. We have been at some trouble to cull from the official returns the results as the most important of these local officers, in their respective districts.

As far as we have heard, in almost every case where the issue was joined upon purely political grounds, the American party was triumphant, and that mostly without any apparent effort!

POTTSVILLE—*South Ward.*—The following persons were elected without opposition:—Jacob Reed and Isaac Severn, *Justices of the Peace*—Danl. B. Christ, *Constable*—C. Little, *Judge of Elections*—Henry Strauch, *Inspector*.

N. E. Ward—Except for the office of Constable, there was no organized opposition to the successful ticket, viz:—James Glenn, *Judge of Elections*—John Shomo, *Inspector*. Bernard Barr, the American candidate for *Constable*, beat James Cleary two to one—the vote stood 102 to 52.

Middle Ward—John G. Woolison, on the Citizens' ticket, was beaten 9 votes by Henry Wilson, for *Constable*—106 to 115. Stephen Rogers, on the same, was elected over M. Brenegan, for *Judge of Elections*, by 22 majority—118 to 96.

N. W. Ward—Samuel Garrett, American, beat N. M. Wilson, for *Justice*, 33 votes—111 to 78; but B. T. Taylor on the same ticket was defeated by John G. Brown, for *Judge of Elections*—70 to 114; and H. H. Stauffer was elected over John Fritz, American—93 to 85; Wm. McK. Thornton was chosen *Inspector* without opposition.

John S. C. Martin was elected *Assessor* for the whole Borough—vote 566; and G. W. Good and Philip Womelsdorff, *Assistant Assessors*, without any material opposition—their respective votes, 412 and 542.

TAMAQUA.—The *Gazette* denominates the two tickets in the field, the "Citizens' ticket" and the "Foreign Union ticket"—all the nominees of the former being elected except one, the Justice for the East Ward, as follows:

North Ward—W. Brock, *Judge of Elections*; his whole vote, 85—majority over highest competitor, 27. P. W. Ash, *Inspector*; vote, 84—majority 28. Thomas Moyer, *Constable*; vote, 86—no opposition.

South Ward—F. A. Whitaker, *Judge*; vote 148—majority, 86. J. S. Boyer, *Inspector*; vote, 114—majority, 56. Henry Reed, *Constable*; vote, 144—majority, 81.

East Ward—Nathan Crouse, *Judge*; vote, 97 majority, 20. Wm. Barton, *Inspector*; vote, 53—majority, 12. M. Silverthorn, *Constable*; vote, 90—no opposition.

For the Borough—M. P. Fowler and Wm. Kepner, *School Directors*; average vote, 339—average 39. Mills, Drift Cars, and all kinds of Railroad Castings, such as Chairs for Flat and T Rails, Frogs, Switches, and all kinds of Cast and Wrought Iron Shafings. Mr. Umbolts being a practical Mechanic, and having had the confidence and experience for many years in the Coal Region, persons desirous of putting up Machinery of any kind, are invited to call and examine our patterns and superior quality of work, and become acquainted with prices at these Works, before contracting elsewhere. Orders of every kind thankfully received, and strict attention will be given to their prompt execution, having several 15, 20, 30, 40, and 60 horse Engines on hand.

Jan. 6, 1855 1-1y C. A. & A. M. SELTZER.

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Upper Mahantongo—H. Rumberger.
West Brunswick—S. B. Medler.
West Penn—Daniel Shuyler.
Wayne—No return.
Minersville, (West Ward,)—Willian Mathews.
East Ward—Peter J. Rumich.
Schuylkill Haven—Joseph Bilger.
Orwigsburg—Rufus C. Boyer.
St. Clair—John Sherman.
Pt. Clinton—Edward Hummel.
Pinegrove—Frederick Schneider.
Butler—Daniel Batdorf.
Barry—Francis Dengler.
Blythe—Isaac Rickerd. This was the only candidate on the American ticket elected.
Branch—Abraham Earnst.
Cass—Patrick Connor.
East Brunswick—Wm. W. Seltzer.
East Norwegian—Thomas Casey.
Eldred—Jacob Lubold.
Frailey—Daniel Bixler.
Hegins—Joseph Bixler.
Hubley—Martin Kopenhaver.
Mahanoy—James Blew.
Norwegian—Isaac Hough.
New Castle—Nicholas Baker.
North Manheim—John Flammer.
Pinegrove Tp.—Solomon Snyder.
Porter—Henry Spansaler.

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☞ *Another Church free of Debt.*—It may be of interest to not a few of your readers to learn that during the last month the only remaining claim against the First Methodist Episcopal Church of this town, has been paid off, through the liberality of a number of its members, and the generous aid of its friends. With the exception of a comparatively small bill for current expenses, which will be met early in the Spring, we now "owe no man anything but to love one another."

T. SNOWDEN THOMAS, *Pastor.*

Pottsville, Feb. 22d, 1855.

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☞ *Washington's Birthday.*—A delightful commemoration of this national day of rejoicing, took place among the Sunday Schools connected with Trinity Church, on the afternoon of the 22d.

Several hundred assembled in the spacious room of the Church appropriated to the Sunday School, and were first addressed in reference to the occasion with a statement of the birth-day and boyhood of Washington.

The rules which he copied for his own guidance, were compared with the divine rules or ten commandments, and shown to be derived thence in spirit and substance.

Beautiful views of scenes in Scripture History, were then exhibited to the admiring eyes of the young and animated audience. As the rich colors from the *camera obscura* glowed from the canvas, accompanying explanations aided in fixing aright the impressions received concerning the servants of God thus represented. All was calculated to blend high moral and religious associations with the character of Washington, who, as is well known, was active in Church affairs in early life, being a vestryman of two parishes of the Episcopal Church, in Virginia (Fairfax and Truro), when appointed Commander in Chief.

A beautiful poem* was rehearsed by one of the youths, and after other exercises, this festivity was closed.

The memory of Washington, *Esto perpetua!*

*The Land of the West, or Washington—by Eliza Cook.

MINERSVILLE AFFAIRS.

☞ *Public* meetings were held on the 10th, and 14th, in Minersville, to devise measures for supplying that Borough with water. At the last it was—

Resolved, That the Town Council be requested to employ a Civil Engineer to survey the ground and make estimates of the cost of erecting suitable Water Works for this Borough.

PORT CARBON AFFAIRS.

☞ *Religious Munificence.*—At the close of a discussion on religious subjects, a few evenings ago, the merits of which summoned the pious liberality of the Rev. Mr. A. of Port Carbon, who to prove his position, that Catholic ministers are averse to the diffusion of Scripture knowledge through any other medium than that of their church, and that they actually prohibited the free use of the Scriptures among their hearers as a code of faith and morals; he, the Rev. Mr. A., has voluntarily proffered one thousand copies of the Doway version of the Bible, gratuitously, to Catholic families in this district, if their minister, the Rev. Father M., will permit them to be received and to be read in the families of the recipients, in their Sunday Schools and daily Schools under the supervisance of the law, without note or comment. Such an act of genuine liberality if matured, will blunt the two edged sword of enmity that wounds alike the victim and the victor, and probably restore amity between the disciples of Paul and those of Apollos, by bringing them both a little nearer the precept of their Divine Master—"See that ye love one another." Application has not yet been made to the Rev. Father M., but will in the course of a few days, *propria persona*, the result of which will be faithfully communicated to you and the public. VERITAS.

Port Carbon; Feb. 22, 1855.

SILVER CREEK AFFAIRS.

[The following, intended for last week's *Journal*, was received too late for insertion then. We commend the object named to the hearty sympathy and support of the community. The more of such institutions, the better. They may save many a young man—and some old ones, too—from the evil influences festering in our midst.—*Ed. Jour.*]

MESSRS. EDITORS:—In your last week's *Journal* (10th), was inserted an article designed to report the proceedings of a meeting held in Silver Creek School room, on the 2d inst., for the purpose of organizing a Literary Society, and as you inferred to institute a circulating Library in connection with it. It was with as much surprise as regret, that we saw the article dressed in a style so truly ludicrous that had we not been residing here and conversant with the matter, we might have thought that S. C. was really in a blaze. The writer, whom we presume is the Silver Creek Genius, has evidently run riot, or drunk to excess of the inspired stream (*from Mount Parnassus in-Asia*), or he would not only have given a correct report of the proceedings, but his ambitious expectations would have been content with less than a tithe of all the works which have appeared "since the fall of our great projenitor, Adam." We were sanguine enough to expect that by giving publicity to the movement, we might enlist the sympathies of the public, and by their aid be enabled to realize a sum sufficient to complete so desirable an object. For that purpose the writer of the article you were kind enough to insert, in virtue of his office as secretary, was requested to forward a copy of the proceedings to you for publication. The result of the meeting, which was presided over by Mr. Wm. Brown in an able and efficient manner, appointed a committee of 10 members, whose duty it will be to receive subscriptions, and conduct the affairs of the Society in general. It is the intention of the Society to raise the sum of $500, wherewith to build a Reading-room, and start the Library, of which we have obtained nearly one-half. The meeting was numerously attended, and from the amount voluntarily subscribed, we anticipate a successful issue. TRUTH.

Silver Creek, Feb. 15, 1855.

☞ LOOKS LIKE WINTER.—The Detroit (Mich.) Inquirer says:—"It has snowed for twenty-two successive days."

H. SWAYNE, M. D., an eminent physician of Philadelphia, has given to the world the benefit of his experience by preparing remedies suitable to almost every disease.—Dr. Swayne's Compound Syrup of Wild Cherry, for coughs, colds, consumption, and all diseases of the throat, breast and lungs. It is certainly unsurpassed by any remedy yet known. Physicians, clergymen, the press, all pronounce it "a triumph in the healing art." It gives a tone to the stomach, strengthens the digestive organs, and is the original and only true preparation of Wild Cherry manufactured. Observe particularly the portrait of Dr. Swayne is on the wrapper around each bottle.

Dr. Swayne's Vermifuge, for destroying Worms, curing Dyspepsia, &c. Dr. Swayne's Sugar-coated Sarsaparilla and Tar Pills, a gentle purgative and alterative medicine, far superior to the pills in general use. Dr. Swayne's Cholera Morbus, Diarrhœa and Dysentery Cordial, a never failing remedy. Dr. Swayne's Fever and Ague Pills, for chills.

Laboratory for the manufacture and sale of all of Dr. Swayne's Family Medicines, No. 4 North Seventh Street, Philadelphia; and for sale by his Agents, *J. G. Brown* and *J. S. C. Martin*, Pottsville; *G. & W. Hunsinger*, Schuylkill Haven, and all the principal storekeepers. See advertisement. [20-1y]

HYGEANA.—*Brought home to the door of the Million.* A wonderful discovery has recently been made by Dr. Curtis, of this city, in the treatment of Consumption, Asthma and all diseases of the Lungs. We refer to "Dr. Curtis' Hygeana, or Inhaling Hygean Vapor and Cherry Syrup." With this new method Dr. C. has restored many afflicted ones to perfect health: as an evidence of which he has innumerable certificates Speaking of the treatment, a physician remarks: "It is evident that inhaling—constantly breathing an agreeable, healing vapor, the medicinal properties must come in direct contact with the whole of the atrial cavity of the lungs, and thus escape the many and varied changes produced upon them when introduced into the stomach, and subjected to the process of digestion. The Hygeana is for sale at all the druggists throughout the country.—*New York Dutchman of January 14.*

The Inhaler is worn on the breast under the linen without the least inconvenience—the heat of the body being sufficient to evaporate the fluid.

Hundreds c[illegible] of Cures by [illegible] Pancy Articles, &c.

These goods are all new and desirable, and have been selected with great care from the full stocks of the largest importing houses and American Manufacturers in New York and Philadelphia; also, a large assortment of *Blank Account Books*,

Of their own manufacture, embracing a general variety, from the common half-bound to the extra superfine, neatly ruled and substantially bound, with bands and rivets; small blank Memorandum and Pass Books, Cyphering and Copy Books, Time Rolls, Bills of Lading, Coal Tickets, Checks, Drafts, Promissory Notes, &c., &c.

Book and Job Printing.

Of every description, neatly executed; Blank Books ruled to any pattern and bound to order; Music Magazines and other publications bound in every style of Plain and Ornamental Binding, the most durable and elegant.

Rags bought for cash, or received in exchange for goods. F. GARRIGUES.

Religious Intelligence.

☞ ONE OF the most efficient agents in the distribution of the Scriptures in Rome, is a Jewish Rabbi.

☞ AUSTRIA has forbidden the publication of the Pope's bull respecting the immaculate conception in Lombardy, and has even prohibited the priests from preaching upon it.

☞ IT HAS been estimated that one revival of religion which took place in Yale College, under the Presidency of Dr. Dwight, raised up ministers who were instrumental of the conversion of fifty thousand souls in one generation.

☞ THE AMERICAN Bible Society have appointed Geo. Vroom, our minister to Berlin, as their delegate to the meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society in London, and to any other anniversary meeting in Europe.

☞ NO COUNTRY except France, outside of Italy, sent a larger number of prelates to the late feast of the Immaculate Conception, at Rome, than the United States. France sent eleven, the United States six, England six and Ireland six. The other States were represented by a smaller number. Russia sent none.

☞ THE BOOKS published by the Methodist Book Concern amount to not less than 1000 different volumes. Their periodicals have the following circulation: the Methodist Quarterly, 3000; National Magazine, 20,000; Ladies' Repository, 20,000; Christian Advocate and Journal, 30,000; Sunday School Advocate, 130,000; Missionary Advocate, 40,000.

☞ POOR VICTIMS OF ROME! The Catholic *Telegraph*, of a late day, has nearly a column devoted to the story of a little girl who was cured—that is, *said to be cured*—of a most pestiferous and loathsome disease by her faith in the immaculate conception of the Virgin Mary. The girl's flesh was falling off in consequence of her disease, and she went to bed one night and had strong faith in the Virgin, and got up well next morning.

☞ METHODIST CHURCH SETTLEMENT.—The Commissioners of the two branches of the Methodist Church met in Cincinnati on the 12th inst. to divide the property known as the Western Book Concern between two churches, under the decree of the Supreme Court of the United States. The subject, after a harmonious session, was settled to the satisfaction of all parties. The amount allowed to the Southern Church in money was $80,000 besides debts due in the South to the amount of $12,000 more.

NOTICES.

[Under this head we will insert *gratuitously*, standing notices of Religious service in the several churches of our Borough, together with all special notices for that purpose, provided they are furnished to us in proper time.—*Eds. Jour.*]

☞ BAPTIST CHURCH, Rev. JOHN H. CASTLE, Pastor. Service every Sabbath at 10½ o'clock, A. M., and 7 o'clock, P. M.

☞ FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Second street, Pottsville, Rev. T. SNOWDEN THOMAS, Pastor. Divine service in this Church every Sabbath, at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M.

☞ ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH, Market Square, Pottsville, Rev. DANIEL STECK, Pastor. Divine service in this Church regularly every Sunday. Morning, at 10½ o'clock; evening, at 7 o'clock. Weekly Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening, at 7½ o'clock.

☞ TRINITY CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY.—
25th. A. M., 10½ (Jer. 7 and Matt. 10). P. M., 7½ (Jer 9 and Eph. 4).
28th. A. M., 10½. Special prayer for candidates for holy orders. D. WASHBURN, *Rector.*

☞ WELSH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Minersville road, Pottsville. Rev. CHARLES WM. EDWARDS, Pastor. Divine service in this Church every Sabbath. Morning at 10 o'clock, evening at 6 o'clock. Prayer Meeting at 9 o'clock. School for small children, to teach them in the theories and doctrines of the Bible, at 1½ o'clock. School for reading the Bible, &c., at 2 o'clock. Singing School at 5 o'clock.

[For Marriage notices we will continue to charge 25 cents each, but Deaths we will hereafter insert *gratis*—charging only in case of an accompanying Obituary.—*Eds. Jour.*]

MARRIED.

EVANS—THOMAS—On the 19th inst., by Rev William Morgan, JOHN EVANS of Tremont to MARY THOMAS of Lorberry.

KIMMEL—REBER—On the 21st inst., by Rev. William G. Mennig, LEWIS KIMMEL of Pottsville to CATHARINE REBER of Manheim township.

HENDERSON—GWINNER—On the 22d, by the same, JOHN H. HENDERSON of Norristown, Montgomery county, to ANNA ELIZABETH GWINNER of Port Carbon.

Norristown papers please copy.

DIED.

LINDENMUTH—In Newcastle, on the 22d inst., FRANCIS MARION, son of Jacob Lindenmuth.

The funeral will take place to-day (Saturday) at 2 o'clock. The friends and relatives are invited to attend.

LEWIS—At his residence, in the city of Philadelphia, on the 18th inst., ROBERT M. LEWIS, in the 69th year of his age.

Many there are, among our citizens and business men, who knew Mr. Lewis personally, and will learn of his decease with regret. One of the pioneers of the Schuylkill Coal Region, he was early impressed with its growing importance, and freely embarked his means in its then undecided future. Taking part in many of the various enterprises calculated to promote its welfare, he lived to see its prosperity secured, and its commercial greatness placed beyond question. Liberal and enlightened, of exemplary life and christian deportment, Mr. Lewis was beloved in life, and in death will be regretted.

NOTICES.

SCHUYLKILL NAVIGATION.—Notice is hereby given that the water was let into the Canal on Tuesday last, and that the line will be open for Navigation from Schuylkill Haven, on Monday, the 26th inst., and from Port Carbon on the 1st of March.
W. M. TILGHMAN, *Secretary.*
Office Schuylkill Navigation