Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1855.

THE SLAVERY QUESTION.

It is a pitiable spectacle to witness the insane attempts of fanatics to cast the odium of Slavery agitations upon the people of the North, and charge upon the Northerners, all the abolition feelings entertained throughout the Union. If the matter were well studied and understood, it would be perceived that the majority of real abolitionists are Southern men in Southern States, publishing abolition papers. We can instance, as prominent examples of the truth of the assertions, Cassius M. Clay, and the *Era*, an abolition paper published in Washington, by a Virginian. From the very heart of slave districts spring some of the most ultra abolition sentiments, circulated throughout the Union. In our opinion, were the feelings both North and South, on this question, somewhat tempered, it would be more creditable to the country at large, and inure more directly to the cultivation of those internal relations necessary to the complete prosperity of our otherwise favored land. When, however, this question is agitated, as has been too often the case of late years, we cannot fail to perceive the studied efforts made to inculpate the North in a body, as prime movers and originators of the agitation.

Now in the North, we know that the great majority of intelligent, reasoning and unprejudiced citizens, are not opposed to slavery as a local institution. Although recognizing the "peculiar institution," as an evil, a blight,—it is thought so among the better class of Southern slave-holders themselves—yet they are willing that it shall be tolerated, just so long as it remains a State affair alone, as it now exists. When, however, lawless border mobocracy, "popular sovereignty," forsooth, attempts to force that "peculiar institution" upon the free people of a new territory—attempts by force of arms to control the elections; freedom of speech, and even struts with revolver and bowie-knife in belt, into the legislative halls of a new territory, to thrust slavery, will ye, nill ye, upon the almost defenceless pioneers of that territory, there bursts forth that honest, manly expression of opinion which Northerners would be less than men, to smother silently in their indignant bosoms.

To the extension of slavery into new territories, the people of the North are opposed. Let it exist for the present in the States whose prosperity, enterprise, influence and wealth, it exercises so depressing an effect upon; but beyond the boundaries of that dark quarter, it must not extend.

While the people of the North entertain a more liberal feeling towards the South than the Southerners, as a mass, appear disposed to award them credit for, yet they will not cease to demand, until obtained, in connection with many citizens of the South, the restoration of that violated compact between the North and South, the Missouri Compromise; they will not cease to demand a stoppage of the outrages which have desecrated the soil of Kansas, and cast upon Missouri an indelible blot of shame. Although not abolitionists, as a mass, the people of the North are thoroughly disgusted with the action of pro-slavery myrmidons in Kansas; and the present independent expression of opinion in the matter may be esteemed by our Southern friends, abolitionism; but we can assure them it is but the muttering of a storm which can only be avoided by the adoption of liberal principles, and the re-establishment of the measure which met the approval of the greatest minds that have illumined the page of America's history. Northerners are not abolitionists, in the disunion, fanatical sense of the term; they are Americans.

Apropos of this matter is an article in the St. Louis *Intelligencer*, a pro-slavery paper, from a perusal of which, one is inclined to think that the pro-slavery men who have been guilty of such outrages in Kansas, will yet have to reap the consequences of their lawless proceedings. The *Intelligencer* thus describes the effect of those outrages, showing that they are already returning upon their perpetrators:

> We are assured by two gentlemen of high position in Western Missouri, but totally differing in political sentiment—one upholding the oligarchy that controls the affairs and tramples upon the people's sovereignty of Kansas, the other deploring the accursed madness of the day—that matters are gloomy enough in Western Missouri. Business is dull. Commerce is stagnant. Money is exceedingly scarce, and a panic pervades the people. The fifty thousand emigrants that ought this season to have poured over into Kansas, are not there. The prairie sod remains unbroken. The sound of the axe and the whoop of the husbandman are not heard. Western Missouri towns are not thronged with settlers buying their outfits and their equipments of husbandry. The farmers find no market for their horses, mules, oxen and cows. There is no new and large trade springing up in Kansas. The much vaunted Kansas towns lie neglected, a mockery to their owners and a laughing stock for all men. "Dead—dead—dead," may be written on all the country—so deep and disastrous has been the fall from the high and fond hopes of the past year.
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> In May last the editor of the *Intelligencer* was in Kentucky, and he met numbers of the most respectable and wealthy farmers of that State, such as form so large a portion of the population of Missouri, who inquired earnestly about the condition of things in Kansas and in Western Missouri. They spoke of the intention they had of removing to Kansas or Western Missouri, *but said they had abandoned it utterly, for the reason that they would never think of taking their families to a region where law was set aside, presses mobbed, and men driven from the country by irresponsible and unknown bands of regulators.*—They preferred the rule of law to anarchy.—In a recent trip through several Southwestern States we found that the same circumstances were most industriously and fatally used to divert emigrants to those States, and to prejudice Missouri and Kansas with every class of people. The most aggravated stories of insults and outrages committed by Missourians on the persons of emigrants from the old world or free States, who are found ascending the Missouri river, are circulated in the newspapers all through the free States; and it is impossible to conceive of the deep hatred thus generated toward our whole State in the Northern part of the Union.
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> Between these fires Missouri is leading on her languid existence. St. Louis is retarded in a most woeful way. Our railroads creep at a snail's pace. We build ten miles while Western States build one hundred. In every department of life we feel the paralysis. Instead of bounding forward, buoyant, strong and rejoicing, we sit with dull eyes, and heavy spirits, and listening to the tick of a deathwatch.
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> Certainly, remarks the New York *Spectator*, such was sure to be the result of the high-handed lawlessness perpetrated by Atchison, Stringfellow & Co., and to this day unrebuked by the National Administration. It could not be otherwise, and none but men as unbridled in passions as they are deficient in judgment, would have expected any different consequences. Southern men, as well as Northern, who probably lack the courage openly to oppose their fellow slave-holders do, nevertheless, retain prudence enough not to remove their families and properties within the reach of such law-defying violence.—They know that the law which was successfully set at defiance, is but a feeble restraint in all time thereafter. Its moral power is henceforth weakened if not destroyed, and reflecting men will not risk the consequences. And if any portion of the population of the United States have any interest in the maintenance of the supremacy of law and of the authority of Government, it is surely that portion from South of Mason & Dixon's line.—This they naturally and intuitively feel, and hence they shrink from going where such supremacy and authority are unimpaired, even though their own friends may be wielding for the time an irresistible but illegal authority.
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> Far the wiser course for citizens of the slave holding States to pursue, if they desired to make Kansas a slave State, would have been by a conciliatory course, and by setting the example of obedience to the laws, and to popular usage and popular sovereignity.—Had they come into the territory on equal terms with immigrants from the free States, showing themselves equally law-abiding and fraternal in spirit, emulating their fellow citizens of the North in earnest efforts to improve the territory, and resolved to bring slavery into only a fair and manly contest with free labor, permitting as well as claiming all latitude of speech and thought upon the subject, none of the effects which the St. Louis *Intelligencer* so justly deplores would have followed, and Kansas would have been ere this a thriving territory on the high road of becoming a prosperous State. As it is, the friends of slavery being witnesses, the "peculiar institution," in the hands of demagogues, threatens to prevent its ever becoming either.

The *Intelligencer* is right too in the following, uttered with some warmth apparently, but showing that there are men at the South who both disapprove and deplore the repeal of the Missouri compromise, and trace that measure, to the action of political demagogues, with President Pierce's administration for their aiders and abettors:

> These are the bitter fruits of the repeal of the Missouri compromise—a wicked and wrongful deed—that will yet bring a hell of bitter self-reproaches to its authors. Missouri did not demand that repeal. The South never asked it. Atchison solicited it—and in a moment of political insanity, the South consented to the wrong, and made the wrong her own. This was the suicide of slavery.
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> Every step since taken has deepened the wrong, and enhanced the danger. The free States organized Aid Societies, and sent their men to make Kansas free. It had been Free-Soil by solemn compact for thirty-five years, and they naturally were incensed to see its character changed. The South would have been far more, if a slave territory had been thus, by an unexpected act of Congress, converted into Free-Soil.
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> The free States had a right to be indignant that a long-life compromise had been repealed—and they had a right to keep Kansas free as it had been, by peaceful colonization.—They attempted nothing else. But a portion of the citizens of Missouri, headed by Atchison and Stringfellow, denounced the Northern emigrants as "paupers and hirelings," because they were sent West with the money of a society; and so they had county meetings in Missouri, and raised money and sent Missourians to Kansas to make Kansas a slave territory! Were these Missourians "hirelings" too? And did these two wrongs make one right?

EDITOR'S TABLE.

THE LONDON QUARTERLY REVIEW.—The American edition of this Review, for July, is out. As usual with the four great British Reviews, republished by Scott & Co., of New York, the number before us is filled with interesting matter. Their terms of subscription are as follows: Any one Review or Blackwood, $3 a year. Blackwood and the Review—or any two Reviews, $5. The four Reviews and Blackwood, $10. Four copies to one address, $30.

"THE DESERTED WIFE."—T. B. Peterson, No. 102 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, favors us with some advance sheets of a new story by Mrs. Emma D. E. N. Southworth. From a perusal of the first three chapters of the forthcoming work, we can promise the public a literary treat, upon its appearance. The charming, natural style of Mrs. Southworth, is fully exhibited in the chapters of "The Deserted Wife" under notice, and we anticipate much pleasure in a perusal of the book, when issued by Mr. Peterson.

Local Affairs.

METEOROLOGICAL NOTATIONS.

Reported by Dr. A. Hegeman, Sci. Assoc'n.

AUGUST.	THERM'R.	DEG.	GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.
9th mo., 30 days.	Morn.	Highest.	*Topograph. & Geographical.*
Saturd. 1	72	88	29.20 Height of Pottsville (corner
Sunday 2	73	90	29.09 of Market & 2d. sts.) above
Monday 3	73	91	29.05 mean tide, 623.57 ft.—Dis-
Tuesd'y 4	69	71	29.14 tance from Philadelphia, 95
Wedn'y 5	62	72	29.20 miles.—Latitude, 40° 44
Thurs'y 6	64	75	29.25 15".—Population in 1850
Friday 7	62	76	29.30 7,960.

1—W. light; slightly cloudy.
2—S. W. " morn. sultry, misty; aft. cloudy—clear eve.
3—E. fresh; cloudy all day—rainy.
4—E. " morn. cloudy—clear'd aft.
5—S. E. light; "
6—S. light; morn " thick fog—cleared—slightly cloudy.

☞ *Mule Killed.*—As the train of cars for Philadelphia was approaching Mt. Carbon, between 7 and 8 o'clock yesterday morning, the locomotive struck and ran over a mule which had suddenly sprung upon the track. The whole train passed over the animal, fortunately without causing any damage to it beyond the breaking of the steps of a passenger car.

☞ *Advantage of Railroads—Quick Work.*—One of the witnesses in the murder case at Port Carbon, having absented himself rather suddenly, and without leave of Court, Uriah Gane, Constable of Port Carbon, was despatched after him. He left Pottsville at 4 o'clock on Monday, for Reading. He caught the witness in a Canal Boat, a short distance above Reading; hauled him out of the cabin; brought him back, and lodged him in Jail in Pottsville, at a quarter past 8 o'clock the same evening—all of which was done in the space of 44 hours, riding and footing it a distance of about 70 miles.

☞ *Correction.*—In an account we gave of an assault and battery case at Schuylkill Haven last week, it is alledged that an error occurred, which we are desired to correct. Mr. Mathew Gibson the brother of Capt. Gibson, states that Davis is not the Lock-tender, that the boat was tied to the "snubbing post"—that Mrs. Davis cut off the line, and threw water on the negro or struck him with the bucket—that he seized the bucket, and it is alledged in the scuffle that he hit the woman.

Mr. Gibson states that his brother is a quiet, inoffensive man, and did not interfere in the case.—The whole difficulty he says has grown out of an *old grudge*. The case will be tried, when the facts will be brought out. We make these corrections as requested by Mathew Gibson, because many persons suppose that he is the Captain Gibson mentioned.

☞ *A Third Ticket in the Field.*—As many of our readers are aware, those of the Democracy of Schuylkill county, who are disgusted with the manner in which the recent Schuylkill Haven Democratic County Convention nominated the ticket headed by Straub, met at Mrs. Moyer's, opposite the Poor House, on Saturday last. On the occasion, a series of spirited resolutions were adopted; Mr. Christ addressed the meeting, and the following ticket was nominated by acclamation:

Senator—B. Christ.
Assembly—S. Hipple and G. D. Boyer.
Sheriff—J. McKeown.
Treasurer—J. Schuyler.
Commissioner—J. Raush.
Director of the Poor—Daniel Brown.
Auditors—John S. Meredith and Jos. Maurer.

Straub's prospects of success were dark enough before this meeting. Now they are obscured entirely. The ubiquitous and gallant Colonel may rest assured that he is politically dead.

The candidate of the groggeries is now in the political race, like a spavined horse—"no whar." He is incontestibly "used up."

☞ *A Fiendish Attempt.*—At Palo Alto, on Sunday night last, about nine o'clock, a fiendish attempt was made to commit a rape on a young girl, about 15 years of age, named Elizabeth Divine, by a man (!) named William Boyle, about 45 years old. The girl's home is at Bear Ridge; but she was staying at the time of the occurrence with her aunt at Palo Alto, in the upper end of which the deed was attempted. It appears that Boyle waylaid the girl and sprung upon her by surprise. She screamed and attempted to escape, when he drew a knife and threatened her with instant death unless she kept quiet. But escaping at last from the embrace of her ravisher, she fled to her aunt. She was pursued by the infuriated villain who flourished the knife and threatened death to any one who interfered.

Boyle has a wife and family in *Ireland*—one of his daughters being 18 years of age. He is a very large, and we need not say, brutal man. When about to be taken by the officers, he presented pistols, and swore that he would shoot the first man that laid hands on him. But Uriah Gane is not the man to be trifled with. In spite of bravado he took Boyle, *nolens volens*, before justice Chillson, by whom he has been committed for trial.—The girl is so much injured that she could not appear on the examination.

☞ *The Military Visitors.*—At noon on Thursday, the Reading Artillerists, Capt. Clous, reached Mt. Carbon in the morning Philadelphia train, and were received by an escort composed of the Washington Artillerists and Washington Yeagers, of this Borough. After forming in military array, the visiting company was escorted to their quarters at Mortimer's Hotel, the Washington Artillerists taking the lead, and the Yeagers bringing up the rear. The Reading Artillerists were accompanied by the "City Band,"—a large and apparently well organized company of musicians,—and presented really a fine appearance.

On Thursday afternoon, the visitors *smiled* frequently, as they gazed upon the lions of Pottsville, and we were under the impression from the appearance of some of the respected visitors on Thursday night, that the *elephant* was being thrown in gratis by their hospitable entertainers.

Both companies visited Palmer's Athenæum on Thursday evening, and afterwards the Reading Artillerists partook of a sumptuous supper at the armory of the Washington Artillerists.

Yesterday morning, the visitors took the early morning line for Tamaqua, from which Borough they will return to Pottsville, this morning, and after spending several hours here, return to Reading by the afternoon Philadelphia train. We have no doubt that the Tamaquans treated the visitors with all that hospitality for which they are noted; and we are confident that they are well satisfied with the manner in which that splendid corps, the Washington Artillerists, "did up things" for them here.

These military visits are provocative of friendly feelings and relations between sister towns, and we like to see them encouraged.

☞ *Application for License.*—The new Liquor Law goes into effect on the first of October, and it is provided "that the court, by their rules, shall fix a time at which applications for licenses shall be heard, *at which time all persons making objections shall be heard.*" The rules of the Court in the matter, we publish to day. For the purpose of giving our readers an opportunity of knowing who intend applying for Licenses in this County, and of remonstrating against the licensing of improper persons, or too many in any one district, we publish a list of all applications which have come under our notice so far. Our opinion is that the licensing of one or two places in each district of the County, to sell liquor, is sufficient. They should be apportioned, according to the size of the district, and thus limited in number in those densely populated portions of the County, which now number too many such places. The following is the list of applications for licenses, so far as they come under our notice:—

Pottsville.
Fox & Brother,
James Smith,
J. C. Hughes,
John Ketner,
Moses Strouse,
Helms & Smith,
Wm. Hinnershitz.

Minersville.
Charles Mohan,
John Vulbert,
Bennerville Shartle,
Alexander Governs.

Tamaqua.
Louis Buehler,
John Munday,
Jacob L. Hile,
Anthony Kelly,
James McHugh.

Port Carbon.
Alexander Wiley,
M. McDonough.

St. Clair.
James Wood,
Martin Dormer,
Joseph Geis.

Schuylkill Haven.
Jonathan Heisler.

Branch Township.
Thomas O'Hara,
Edward Connelly.

Frailey Township.
Patrick Lynch.

Palo Alto.
Francis McFadden.

Barry.
John A. Otto.

Cass Township.
Peter McDonald,
Thomas Egan,
Patrick Connor,
Agnes McLauchlin.

Blythe Township.
Wm. Brasland.

☞ *Report of the Grand Jury—Directions of the Court.*

To the Honorable the Court of Quarter Sessions in and for the County of Schuylkill—the Grand Inquest for the said County would respectfully Report

That they have acted on all the bills presented to them for their consideration, amounting to seventy two bills—fifty four of which were true bills and eighteen were ignored.

Most of these bills originated from the numerous Beer and Porter houses in the mining districts of the county, and the Grand Jury recommend the strict enforcement of the new License Law soon to come in force, which must result in much benefit to the peace and prosperity of the citizens of this county.

They further report that they have approved of the building of a Bridge across the Little Schuylkill near French & Richards paint mills in West Brunswig Township, and also the construction of a Bridge across Schuylkill river in the Borough of Schuylkill Haven, and hereby recommend the same.

They also report that they have visited and examined the condition of Centre street, in the Borough of Pottsville, opposite the Gas works, and find the street extremely narrow and dangerous caused by the washing away of the street in consequence of not being walled on the lower side, and the large quantity of water running from the Court House hill during heavy rains.

They further report that south Coal street, (being the street between Morris Addition and the Mt. Carbon Railroad,) has never been opened and is now impassable, and the property owners on said street are put to much inconvenience in consequence, and recommend the same to the attention of the proper authorities.

They also further report that they have visited the County Prison and find that every care and attention has been paid by Mr. Reifsnyder, to the cleanliness and order of the same, and fully approve of his management.

In conclusion, the Inquest return thanks to the Court and District Attorney for their courtesy and kindness during the session.

JOHN S. POTT, Foreman.

September 6th, 1855.

We are gratified to learn that after the above Report was read, the Court gave positive orders to all the officers to enforce the provisions of the new License Law strictly in their respective districts—and that they could depend upon the full co-operation of the Court in doing so. The Court coincided with the Grand Jury that its strict enforcement would result in the prosperity and benefit of the people of the county.

After the above declaration from the Court, those persons who have been persuaded to set the law at defiance by the Brewers and Liquor dealers, ought to reflect before they subject themselves to the penalties of the law. The Brewers and Liquor dealers may bail them—but they cannot keep them out of prison—nor will they be likely to take their places there. Think before you act, because the Court and the people are determined that it shall be enforced.

☞ *Rules for granting Licenses.*—The Court of Schuylkill county has established the following Rules in the matter of granting Liquor Licenses, in the future. Let them be rigidly enforced, independent of fear, favor and influence, and we feel assured that with the assistance of the moral portion of the community, the new Liquor Law, although not the law of the friends of Temperance, will have a beneficial influence upon the sin of drunkenness in our midst. Annexed are the rules referred to, in connection with the original Rules of the Court, in relation to applications for licenses, which we now re-publish:

Applications for licenses to sell vinous, spirituous, malt or brewd liquors, under the act of 14th April, 1855, will be heard on Tuesday, the 2nd day of October next, and thereafter on the second Monday of each term, at which time all persons making objections will also be heard.

The applicant must state in his petition the kind of liquors he desires to sell, and the place where; which application must be advertised for three successive weeks in one newspaper nearest the place where the applicant intends to sell, the last of which publications shall be at least ten days before the day on which the application is intended to be made.

The Court must be satisfied that the applicant is, at the time of his application, a citizen of the United States, of temperate habits, and of good repute for honesty.

No license will be granted for the sale of liquors to the keeper of any hotel, inn, tavern, restaurant, eating house, oyster-house or cellar, or other places of entertainment, amusement or refreshment.

No license will be issued by the Clerk of the Court until the applicant shall have filed a Bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, with at least two sufficient sureties, with warrant of Attorney to confess judgment, which Bond is to be approved of by at least one of the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions, containing a condition for the faithful observance of all the laws of this Commonwealth relating to the business of vending liquors; and also the certificate of the Treasurer that the license fee has been paid to him.

The Court must be satisfied, before a license is granted, of the payment by the applicant to the Treasurer of the amount of the license fee, which is three times the amount now fixed by law, to be paid by the venders of spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors, or brewers and distillers; but no license will be granted for a less sum than $30.

Every person to whom a license may be granted is requested to frame his license under a glass, and place the same so that at all times it may be conspicuous, in his chief place of making sales, without which, no license shall authorize a sale of liquors, nor will any license authorize a sale of such liquors as aforesaid on Sunday.

ADDITIONAL RULES.

1. Objections to the granting of any licenses must be reduced to writing, verified by affidavit and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court five days before the hearing of the applications, at which time they shall be presented by the Clerk to the Court. The Court will hear oral evidence in behalf of the applicants, and to sustain the objection made to the granting of the licenses, but in no case will they hear more than two witnesses on either side.

2. The petition for a license must be accompanied with an affidavit of the applicant that he is a citizen of the United States, and by proof that the requisite notice of the petition has been given by publication. It must also be accompanied with the affidavit of two respectable persons, taxable residents of the township, ward or borough in which the petitioner proposes to carry on his business, that the petitioner is a person of temperate habits and of good repute for honesty.

3. The bond required to be taken of one receiving a license, shall be accompanied by a certificate of the Assessor and of a Justice of the Peace of the township, ward or borough in which the surety or sureties shall reside, of his, or their sufficiency.

[Signed] C. W. HEGINS, *Pres't Judge.*
SOLOMON FOSTER, *Asso.*

☞ *Proceedings of the Borough Council, September 4, 1855.*—The Chamber being called to order by Mr. Roseberry, the President of the Council, ten members being present, the minutes were read, taken up and discussed as usual. Committee on lamps and watch, reported bill of John Quell for services as watchman nine days ($8 44). Ordered to be paid.

Committee on gutter, front of Pottsville House reported finished and committee discharged. This matter came up again in Council on the subject of bills, in which the generosity of Samuel Sillyman, Esq., in doing a large portion of the work, was discussed, and the carting of the dirt, which could not be replaced, and which was not referred to in the contract, was referred to Street Committee.

Committee on subject of re-issue of Borough orders continued from last meeting, reported suit between Borough and Jas. McBarron, late Town Clerk, for re-issuing Borough orders which should have been cancelled as settled. James McBarron gives bonds for the amount re-issued to be paid, the first half, ($500) in one year and the remaining $500 in two years; at the same time giving a bond of indemnity in $10,000, to secure the Borough against any further loss in the matter.

Committee on Account continued.

Committee on Laurel Street report progress, and continued. This street will be open in a few days.

Mr. Kopitsch reported repairs on Street near the old burying ground, at the Watch House, as finished, and was discharged.

Committee on opening road on Bunker Hill; continued.

Street Committee on clearing out Norwegian Creek reported progress, and asked to be continued. So ordered. Street Committee reported various improvements required and in progress, in the way of curbs, pavements, streets, &c., all of which were continued.

Committee on Survey, to see whether any improvement in the grade of Coal Street can be effected, reported investigation, and submitted the Borough surveyor's report, which proposed a uniform grade for Coal Street, ascending from three points to "Hoffa's corner," viz: from the new culvert in Coal Street, (grade commencing opposite J. H. Graeff's residence,) from Railroad Street, and from the grist mill. In other words, Coal and Norwegian Streets are to be raised three feet at the point where they intersect, known as "Hoffa's corner," so that the water will run off in every direction, except towards Port Carbon.

Mr. Kaercher, though he thought the measure a good one, and much needed by existing circumstances, still thought it rather premature to take action on; or that the property holders in Coal and Norwegian streets should move first—suggesting that it would be well to wait until the Mount Carbon Railroad Company made their contemplated improvements in the grade of their Road, &c., which will raise the Railroad, at the point where it crosses Norwegian Street, two feet higher than at present, and which will then demand a corresponding raise in the street.

Mr. Derr thought that the proposed grades and raise of Coal and Norwegian Streets, should be established at once, to give the property holders an opportunity to shape their course accordingly, before the raise of the Railroad imperatively demanded it.

Mr. Pitman said that most of the property owners were friendly to the proposed grade, but he thought it might lay over until next meeting.—The matter was put before the Chamber, and the grade established.

The Town Clerk received orders to notify the property holders in the vicinity, that the grade as submitted by the Borough Surveyor, or that portion of it near "Hoffa's corner," has been *established*, and that they govern themselves accordingly.

Committee on street reported the subject of altering street and pavement, in front of Michael Murphy's property on Railroad street. It appears that Mr. Murphy is unwilling to have his pavement drawn back ten feet from the old street line, as demanded by the Council and the present size of the street, unless the Council does it at the expense of the Borough.

Committee on subject of running Locomotives on the Mount Carbon Railroad, submitted report, which was discussed by Messrs. Pitman, Severo, and others, and finally passed with but one dissenting vote.

Mr. Pitman said, in arguing the subject, that the principal objection to this matter, was raised by the citizens and property holders on account of the increase of danger from fire, and other casualties that were to be expected. But that this would not be so, in reality, as the danger would be lessened instead of increased, by the removing of the mules and careless drivers from the road; that the cars would be under better control, and that the Railroad Company will be responsible for all damages sustained by fire from locomotives, &c. That such regulations can be made as regards speed—which is limited in Col. D. P. Brown's proposed rules and regulations for the road, to four miles per hour—and that suitable signals are to be given to prevent danger by surprise, &c.

In connection with this subject, and as part of the report on the same, the Mount Carbon Railroad Company proposed to enlarge and wall up Coal street, in Morris' Addition, at their own expense, providing they are allowed part of it for this road, or they are willing to pay the Borough $1500 for this purpose, if done by the Council. With these alterations the line of the road will be straightened together with the course of the creek in some places, making at the same time the grade of each more uniform. The new grade of the Railroad will commence to rise at Mount Carbon, and continue to the crossing at Norwegian street, where it will be two feet higher than at present, and at the junction above the scales it will gradually run to a point, and intersect with the present grade of the road. The proposed grade for the creek will make it much lower than it is at present below Norwegian street, and the contemplated improvement will also make it much larger.

An anonymous paper was presented to the Council, asking for the passage of an ordinance, making it unlawful to keep *bees* in the Borough Laid under the table.

The account of Jeremiah Soltzinger was submitted by Mr. Kaercher to the Council, asking it to exonerate him from a certain amount of taxes; to which was attached Mr. Seltzinger's affidavit, stating that with due diligence he could not collect any more.

The Committee on accounts, report as having examined and found it to be correct, asking the exonerations to be granted; which, after some discussion on the propriety of exonerating some *poor* property holders, was done—exonerating Mr. Seltzinger from $360 03, which amount of the Borough taxes it appears cannot be collected.

Committee on fire apparatus instructed to have the necessary repairs made to the Good Intent Fire Company's Engine House, and such repairs to the Engine as may render it serviceable.

A Committee from the Hydraulian Hose Company, waited on the "Borough Fathers" asking a donation of $50, having raised $150 among themselves, and $200 from the citizens, for the purpose of fitting themselves out with a new Hose Carriage, Granted.

The High Constable reported that he had penned up 17 hogs, with the intention to make a general sale on Wednesday, but that some person or persons unknown, gave the "grunters" their liberty. The Constable asks the Council to build a new pen for the purpose of securing the swine, as the Borough *pig-pen is out of order!*

On motion of Mr. Kaercher, the Council ordered that the High Constable be directed to make the necessary repairs, &c., at the expense of the Borough.

A number of bills were reported and ordered to be paid—some fifteen or more, embracing a sum of nearly $2,000; among others, one to Miners' Bank of $180,00 for interest on the old Patterson loan. Our Reporter did not succeed in getting the names of all the persons to whom bills were granted, and therefore we cannot give them at present.

The Chamber adjourned after a long and busy sitting at about 11 o'clock. The business of the Council is increasing in proportion with the town—which is only a town in name, having the importance of a city long ago—and the amount transacted at each sitting would be enough to occupy a busy day at our State Capitol, when the Legislature is in session,

☞ *Court Proceedings.*—Annexed is a summary of the cases which have occupied the attention of our Court during the present week:

Com. vs. Robert Phillips. Surety of the Peace—F. W. Hughes for com.; Bannan for deft.

Com. vs. Reuben Kline. Surety of the Peace—F. W. Hughes for com.; Bannan for deft.

Com. vs. Rebecca Thomas. Assault and battery, on oath of John D. Jones—verdict, not guilty; deft. for costs. F. W. Hughes for com.; Palmer for deft.

Com. vs. Robert Harvey. Larceny on oath of Tomlinson—plead guilty; fined six and a quarter cents, and 30 days' imprisonment. Tower for com.; Whitney for deft.

Com. vs. Susan Wood, Rachel Rees, and Elizabeth Welch—Charge of larceny. Verdict, guilty. Sentence, 6 cents fine and costs, and 3 months imprisonment each, in county prison.

Larceny, on oath of Christian Diefenderfer—Tower for com.; Shoener for deft.

Com. vs. Barbara Britt.—Assault and battery, on oath of Catharine Compston—Ignoramus; prosecutor to pay costs. Tower for com.

Com. vs. Nicholas Becker and Edward Ferguson. Riot and assault and battery—jury trial; verdict, guilty of assault and battery. Sentence, to pay a fine of $10 and costs of prosecution. Campbell and Bartholomew for com.; Bannan for deft.

Com. vs. William Williams. Assault and battery, on oath of Patrick Kinney—Ignoramus; pros. to pay costs.

Com. vs. Thos. Chrisman. Assault and battery on oath of Levi C. Leib—ignoramus; county to pay costs.

Com. vs. Wm. Bichult. Fornication and bastardy, on oath of Susannah Shoemaker—verdict, guilty; usual sentence. Tower and Hughes for com; T. R. Bannan for deft.

Com. vs. John Madison. Larceny, on oath of John Davis—jury called; plead guilty. Sentence, 6 cents fine to county, costs of prosecution, and hard labor for 3 months in Schuylkill county prison. Tower for com.; B. B. Green for deft.

Com. vs. Elizabeth Anderson. Larceny, on oath of Walter Sedgwick—jury trial; verdict, guilty. Two indictments; guilty on both. Tower for com.; Shoener for deft.

Com. vs. Walter Sedgwick. Assault and battery, on oath of Paul Gillespie—plead guilty; sentence, fine of $10 and costs. J. Hughes for com.; Campbell for deft.

Com. vs. Andrew Fellman. Fornication and bastardy, on oath of Philippina Miller—plead guilty; usual sentence. Marsden for com.; Strause for deft.

Com. vs. Gotlieb Wiest. Assault and battery, on oath of Luke Lee—ignoramus; Lee for costs.

Com. vs. Jeremiah Compton. Assault and battery on oath of Barbara Britt—ignoramus; Barbara for costs.

Com. vs. Gideon Drey. Assault and battery, on oath of Wm. Molberger—plead guilty; sentence, 6 cents fine and costs.

Com. vs. Francis Fry. Furnishing intoxicating drinks to minors—ignoramus; Thomas Irvin, pros., for costs.

Com. vs. Levi C. Leib. Assault and battery, on oath of Thomas Chrisman—ignoramus; pros. for costs.

Com. vs. John Powers and Nicholas Powers. Riot—Jury trial; not guilty, but deft. for costs. Tower for com.; F. W. Hughes and Palmer for defts.

Com. vs. Mary Jane McKinney. Charged with keeping a disorderly house—verdict, not guilty, but deft. to pay costs of prosecution. Tower for com.; Bartholomew for deft.

Com. vs. Patrick Dormer. Charged with adultery—bill ignored, but deft. to pay costs of prosecution. Tower for com.; Bartholomew for deft.

Com. vs. John Farrell. Charge of assault and battery—bill ignored, and prosecution to pay costs. Tower for com.; Bartholomew for deft.

Com. vs. Edward Smith. Assault and battery—verdict guilty; sentence $10 fine and costs. Tower for com.; F. W. Hughes for deft.

Com. vs. Henry Millington. Assault and battery—verdict guilty; sentence, $5 fine and costs. F. W. Hughes for com.; Campbell for deft.

Com. vs. William Davis. Assault and battery—verdict guilty; sentence, $20 fine and costs. Tower for com.; F. W. Hughes for deft.

Com. vs. Michael O'Hara—Assault and battery. Bill ignored. Tower for com.; F. W. Hughes for deft.

Com. vs. Mary Wenklin—Assault and battery.; Verdict, guilty. Sentence, 6 cents fine and costs. Marsden for com.; Clay for deft.

Com. vs. Charles and William Hefner—Assault and battery. Verdict, not guilty. Strouse for com.; Campbell for deft.

Com. vs. Agnes Smith—Charge of fornication. Verdict, guilty. F. W. Hughes for com.; Strouse for deft.

Com. vs. Joseph Sparks—Charge of fornication and bastardy. Verdict, guilty. Usual sentence. Strouse for com.; Campbell for deft.

Com. vs. Amos Hoffman and Daniel Koch—Charged with inducing to repair a road. Verdict, not guilty; but defendants to pay costs of prosecution. Campbell and Rosseberry for com.; Bannan for deft.

Com. vs. George and Hannah Wagner. Charge of assault and battery. Ignoramus. Campbell and Roseberry for com.; Bannan for deft.

Com. vs. Julia Elliott—Charge of assault and battery. Bill ignored; and prosecutor to pay costs of suit. Campbell and Roseberry for com.; Bannan for deft.

Com. vs. Joseph Lambert—Charge, fornication and bastardy. Verdict, not guilty. Palmer and Strouse for com. Campbell and Bartholomew for deft.

Com. vs. Thos. Curry, Michael Curry, Michael Ryan, and Patrick Kelly—Charge of Riot. Bill ignored, and prosecution for costs. Palmer and Strouse for com.; Campbell and Bartholomew for deft.

Com. vs. Isaac Williams—Charge of keeping a disorderly house. Verdict, not guilty; and prosecution for costs. Tower for com.; Bail for deft.

Com. vs. Alexander McDonnell, et al.—Assault and battery Bill ignored; and prosecution for costs. Tower for com.; Bail for deft.

Com. vs. Martin Delany—Surety of the Peace. Each party pay their own costs. Tower for Com.; Palmer for deft.

Com. vs. James and Mary Rork—Surety of the peace. Defts. for costs. Tower for com.; Cake for defts.

Com. vs. Edward Thompson—Charge of assault and battery. Verdict, not guilty, and prosecution for costs.—Marsden for com.; Campbell for deft.

Com. vs. Anthony McLaughlin—Charge of larceny.—Verdict, guilty; sentence deferred. Tower for com.; Clay for deft.

Com. vs. Susan Wood, Rachel Reese, and Elizabeth Welsh—Charge of larceny. Verdict, guilty. Sentence, 6 cents costs, and 3 months imprisonment each, in county prison.

TAMAQUA AFFAIRS.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

TAMAQUA, Sept. 5, 1855.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The Fair for the benefit of the Episcopal Church, which opened on Tuesday last, was closed on Wednesday evening, the ladies having disposed of their articles one day earlier than they had anticipated. The amount realized was about $400—fully meeting their expectations.

The jewelry store of Mr. Henry Hittle, on Broad street, was burglariously entered on Monday evening, and robbed of a large quantity of jewelry and watches, estimated at about $1100 or $1200. The burglars gained admittance to the store by removing the sash over the front door, which was but slightly fastened with nails. They unscrewed a part of the lock and made their exit through the door. A burglary had been committed the night previous in Mauch Chunk, undoubtedly by the same parties. Two men were arrested in Philadelphia yesterday, by officer Ben. Franklin. They had been offering watches at a pawn broker's shop; and a considerable number of watches and jewellery were found in their possession; some of them answering the description of those taken from Mr. Hittle's store.

In addition to the particulars furnished last week of Mr. Maingay's proceedings in extinguishing the fire in the E vein, I would state the following: The "E" or "big" vein is from 20 to 22 feet in thickness, dipping at an angle of 65°, gradually flattening as we proceed to Greenwood slope to 45°. The total length of the gangway from the mouth of the East tunnel to the Messrs. Carter's slope at Greenwood, is about 5100 feet; 10 feet broad and about 8 feet high. The working of this vein has been going on for 18 or 20 years, and may be considered as nearly "worked out." A rough estimate has been made that at the time when the rapid advance of the fire put a stop to the Messrs. Carter's operations, there remained very nearly 100,000 tons of Coal, the greater portion of which they expected to save; an amount, at present prices, sufficiently large to make it an object with the Little Schuylkill Co. to have the fire extinguished. Last week I mentioned the space on fire, filled by the gas, at 500 feet in breadth, and 450 feet from the crop to the gangway. I find that the —— in the East tunnel, was erected about 1248 feet from the fire, and on the Greenwood side 870 feet, for the purpose of excluding atmospheric air, and at the same time confine the nitrogen gas when forced in, making 19,062,000 cubic feet to be added to the number given last week. Owing to the "breasts" and very many of the "pillars" having been worked very close to the crop, the superincumbent rocks, &c. had fallen in nearly the whole distance to Greenwood, causing immense holes which required a great deal of labor and perseverance to close up so as to exclude the passage of air. This was one of the greatest difficulties Mr. Maingay had to contend with, not merely from the quantity of filling required, but from the danger attending it by the discharge of sulphurous air. The men had to work in "shifts" of ten minutes, and even then as many as 8 or 10 have been so overcome by the sulphur, that they were carried out in a state bordering on insensibility, and only recov