Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1856.

PENNSYLVANIA INTERESTS.

The Penna. American Delegation in Congress.

The repeal of the Tariff of 1842, a measure peculiarly adapted to an adequate protection of the Coal and Iron interests of Pennsylvania, fell with chilling power and blighting influence upon our producers and manufacturers. So extensive and so intimately connected are the relations between those important products of our State, that our citizens earnestly opposed the repeal of that act. While the protection of iron has been strongly advocated as an important feature of the economy of our State, and a leading measure necessary to its complete prosperity and growth in wealth, population and influence, no intelligent person can fail to perceive that a too selfish, isolated, local view of the protection of American productions and manufactures, has injured immeasurably, our peculiar interests. What Pennsylvania would ere this have gained in the matter of adequate protection, has been withheld, in consequence of the short sighted policy of her delegates in Congress, who have heretofore, failed to see any interests beyond her immediate borders—in short, have not taken a liberal national view of the question. In this manner, other States, consumers of our products, have been driven by the sheer wilfulness and blindness of our Sham-Democratic Congressional representatives, into opposition to her interests, and forced by self-interest into a combination against the protective principles, necessary to the prosperity of our State. That combination which has been industriously forming, through the efforts of Sham-Democratic paid-borers, to crush effectually the interests of our State, is meeting a severe blow in the action of our American delegation, in supporting Mr. Banks of Massachusetts for the Speakership, and will fall if the delegation succeeds in electing him, or any man of kindred national feeling to the position. The people of Pennsylvania have been deceived too often by the Sham-Democracy, on this question, not to watch narrowly, the progress of events, and see who are indeed the true friends of our good old State.

Now, in spite of the falsehoods of the organs of the Sham-Democracy, and their efforts to show that Mr. Banks is an enemy of the interests of Pennsylvania, we are gratified to know that the clear, intelligent, unprejudiced minds of our State, recognise and approve of the past course of Mr. Banks on the Tariff question, and applaud the present action of the Pennsylvania American Congressional delegation, in supporting him for the Speakership. It is true, as a New England man, representing peculiar interest, he adopted a position as it were, antagonistical to us. Apart from the fact, that the cause to which we have alluded, forced him into that position, instead of a national one which he now occupies on this question, we ask, bluntly, was Mr. Banks not right, by action and vote, to protect the interests of his constituency, even at the expense of Pennsylvania, while she appeared to be unable to see anything beyond Coal and Iron, necessary for Tariff action?—This liberal view, we contend is the right view to be taken of this matter, and we think every intelligent, observant man will coincide with us in the opinion.

Upon the assembling of the thirty-fourth Congress, the American and Republican forces found that separately, they could effect nothing, as regards the Speakership. For a week, the American delegation from this State, supported Mr. Fuller for the position. It remained firmly by him, until in a suicidal spirit, and dazzled by the prize, of which he felt sure, he first equivocated, and then threw himself bodily into the arms of the South. Very properly, the delegation refused longer to support him, and Mr. Fuller, at this moment, recreant to every trust reposed in him by his constituency, is supported for the Speakership, by twenty-seven Southern votes to seven from the North, while his pro-slavery opinions are recognized as being more ultra than even those of Mr. Richardson. Before yielding its support to Mr. Banks, a committee of the Pennsylvania delegation called upon him, to obtain his views on certain Pennsylvania interests, he having voted for taking the duty off of Railroad Iron, at the last session. Mr. Banks frankly said in substance, to the Committee: Gentlemen—Pennsylvania went for *her* local interests, I went for *our* local interests. We are the purchasers of Pennsylvania Coal and Iron—and if Pennsylvania pursues so contracted a policy, and cannot see beyond her own *local* interests—she must expect opposition from other States, who will pursue the same policy. If Pennsylvania will embrace the interests of other States, we will embrace their interests. I do not know whether the question of Protection will come up at the present session, but if it does, and I should be elected Speaker, I shall esteem it my duty to form committees, so constituted, that no particular interest shall be stricken down.—In connection with this declaration, it is well known, that Mr. Banks is anti-Nebraska in principle, and not ultra on any of the leading questions of the day. The American and Republican forces united upon him, and have remained firmly by him, with a fixedness of purpose, reflecting honor upon them. In a national, liberal spirit, which will yet inure to the benefit of the interests of Pennsylvania, the delegation from this State support him, and the true friends of Protection in our midst, freely express their satisfaction at its action, notwithstanding the malicious and untruthful statements of the opposition press. For instance, at the American and Republican legislative caucus, at Harrisburg on Saturday evening last, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted. Their caucus was nearly full, and it cannot be doubted, that the resolutions express the sentiments of the great mass of the opposition to the National Administration in Pennsylvania:

Resolved, That we approve of and cheerfully endorse the course pursued by that portion of our delegation in Congress who have steadily adhered to and continue to support Mr. Banks for Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Resolved, That the above resolution be signed by the officers, and a copy forwarded to our Representatives at Washington."

If Mr. Banks should be elected, and the Pennsylvania delegation continue to abandon the narrow, contracted view of the question of Protection, from which the interests of this State have heretofore experienced so much injury, we feel confident that she will find in Mr. Banks a firm friend. The union which has been effected by our delegation between the East, West and Pennsylvania, tends to crush the Sham-Democratic anti-Protective combination which had been almost successfully formed against her. The opposition hate Mr. Banks, because he is moderate in his opinions, and removed from ultraism in action. To Pennsylvania—to the North—to the people, who look with fear upon anti-American encroachments of any description, Mr. Banks is the most unexceptionable man whose name has yet been introduced for Speaker of the National House of Representatives.

In conclusion. Every Democratic member from Pennsylvania has voted for Richardson as Speaker. Richardson also voted to take the duty off railroad iron. *He will vote for it again if it comes up*—he is as rank a free trader as any Democrat from the South, and never supported the principle of protection.

No fault is found with *him*—but those Demo-

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cratic papers are howling fearfully against Mr. Banks who *is* a protectionist, and who will advocate protection to all the different interests of the country if made *national* and not *sectional*. Such a press, if it has not already, *must* sink beneath the contempt of every reflecting man in the community.

We have the honor to remain our obedient servants for supporting Mr. Banks. That our opinions in the matter, are synonymous with those of the most conservative, intelligent, and best friends of Pennsylvania and her interests, is all we are pleasing ourselves to believe just now.

THE BEAUTIES OF SLAVERY—FREEDOM OF SPEECH—MOBBIN SANCTIONED.—A Mr. Brady of Ohio was engaged as a School Teacher in Lexington, Kentucky. Before he engaged himself, he informed the School Committee that he entertained a feeling of opposition to Slavery, but would not, of course, interfere with any laws. On Christmas, Mr. Brady attended the Episcopal church in Lexington, and on his way home from church he encountered a crowd where they were selling a slave. He wrote a letter home to Ohio, in which he spoke of the sermon and the sale as follows. We do not quote all the letter, but only that portion relating to Slavery, which gave the offence:

"We listened attentively, wondered that so few were present, and regretted that more were not in attendance to learn the extent of our blessings, and to receive upon their minds a still more forcible impression of the beauty and excellence of the sentiments uttered by the second person of the adorable Trinity. An invocation to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that their blessings might rest upon us, closed the exercises, and we went forth, in thoughtful mood, reflecting on that maxim of our Saviour: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them:"—which is said to contain the essence of all our duties to our fellow men; and on those two commandments on which we learn "hang all the law and the prophets." (See Mat. 22 and xxii. 34, 40.) Scarcely had we proceeded two squares are our footsteps were arrested by a crowd of men on the sidewalk, so dense that ladies could not pass, but were compelled to cross to the next sidewalk, pass round, and re-cross beyond them, in order to get into their path again. Curiosity at beholding a crowd so much denser than at the church, attracted my attention, and led me to halt a moment, when lo! there came to my ears the hoarse notes of an auctioneer, selling a fellow creature, a human being to the highest bidder.

"Never were my feelings so much shocked.—Though I had before witnessed the horrid spectacle of the sale of a human being, yet, upon this day, commemorative of such an event as can never be known again upon earth—the birth of the immaculate and only son of God—and after such a discourse as that to which we had just listened, to witness a deed so revolting at any time to the feelings of any in the least degree imbued with Christian philanthropy, and so contradictory to every precept of Him for whom the day has been named, it was really shocking beyond description; and to hear the auctioneer crying with stentorian voice, "only $1,285 is bid for this boy," "a fine likely *'nigger,'* going for $1,285," "must be sold to the *highest bidder*." It disgusted and shocked me beyond measure. It was almost enough to make one ashamed that he belonged to a race of beings that could so prey upon their species.

"Oh! what a contrast was this scene, almost at the door of the church, to what we might have expected of that community of which we had just heard so favorable an account. If this scene was thought to be in accordance with the Christian character, and the minister had such scenes in view when speaking in such high terms of the community, (as he must have had,) I wondered as the hour suited, that they did not make the sale at the church, after the sermon, and before the benediction, the minister being auctioneer.—Perhaps, however, they knew that they could not get such a crowd there as they wanted, and, therefore, they came to the way leading up to the Temple of Justice, (so called.)

"Oh! how I wished for a Paul to stand up before them; at the entrance to this temple and "reason with them," as to Felix, "of righteousness, of temperance, and of judgment to come." Like Felix, they must have "trembled" at his reasoning, but, like him, those who could be guilty of such an act of inhumanity, with all the lights of the 19th century beaming upon them, would probably answer, "Go thy way for this time: when I have no more slaves to sell I will call for thee."

For writing this letter, which almost any person of sensitive feelings, witnessing such a scene, would have written, Mr. Brady was seized, tarred and feathered, and driven out of the State, to save his life. The following account of it is given of it in a Lexington paper, which shows in what light freedom of speech is held in Slave States, and their regard for law:

(From the Lexington Statesman, Jan. 16.)

"MR. JOSEPH BRADY.—This Abolition school teacher and letter writer for the Oxford (O.) *Citizen*, was visited on Friday night by the Pottowatamies, a tribe of Indians mentioned in 'Hiawatha,' and who had their origin 'in the land of the Dacotahs.' The Pottowatamies escorted Joseph from his boarding-house to the street, where Shawshawkesarom, with a pair of shears, despoiled the poll of the saintly Joseph of its flowing locks. To make amends for this 'rape of the lock,' Mudjekeewis, with a painter's brush, applied to the bare knowledge-box of the epistolary Abolitionist a liberal coating of black varnish, such as is used by saddlers and harness makers. The superiority of this covering over the hirsute protection of nature is at once apparent. While it is perfectly impervious to water, it fits better and sticks closer than ordinary night-caps, and is not so liable to get soiled. Shawondasees then delivered a very touching valedictory, which seemed to impress Joseph very sensibly. The tribe then took leave of him, and he was permitted to go, and—he went. He did not stand upon the order of his going, but he went at once. He set his face, as a flint, homeward, and started. His varnished head glistened in the cold moonbeams of night, and his flag of truce fluttered in the chilly breeze.

"The ceremonial, as described, must have been very interesting. In the midst of them a watch man made his appearance, but upon being pointed out by several revolvers, he suddenly recollected that he had important business around the next corner, which demanded his immediate attention. He started for that locality, and considering the state of the track, his time has never been beaten.

"We hope that Mr. Brady has received a lesson that will be of service to him during the remainder of his life. We trust that his common sense will increase as his hair grows out, and that he will eventually learn that to mind one's own business is always safe; that if one does not always get rich at it, one never gets poorer for not meddling in the affairs of others. Mr. Brady came amongst us as a stranger. He was hospitably received, and has ever been treated by this community much better than he deserved. He was entrusted with a lucrative and responsible position. His wife [who is a most amiable and estimable lady, and to whom, by the by, he is indebted for his light punishment,] was also employed as a teacher in one of our female schools. While so employed, and enjoying the esteem and confidence of the public, Mr. Brady took occasion, in a most unworthy and unpardonable manner, to misrepresent our institutions, and to slander the community which was supplying him with his daily bread. [See his letter.] He knew very well that he was giving a false account of the transactions and institutions of a State that he had voluntarily chosen as his home. He was striving to inflame and increase the prejudice which exists in ignorant minds, when it was his duty to allay it. We are no advocate of mobs or of mob law, but who shall say that the punishment visited upon this canting hypocrite was not well merited, and by no means commensurate with his crime?"

Such conduct, and such paragraphs will make more Abolitionists, than all the rabid Abolitionists in the North can convert.

THE $500 SALARY.—Our readers will recollect that the last Legislature introduced a bill fixing their salary at $500. Finding that Gov. Pollock was opposed to the bill, they introduced it into the Appropriation bill, which was passed at the end of the session, in order to prevent a veto. At the commencement of the present session, Gov. Pollock sent in his objections to that portion of the bill, and stated that if it was passed separately from the Appropriation bill, it could never have received his signature. So far the present Legislature have refused to act on the Governor's Veto, and the bill stands. An effort was made by Democratic Senators to show that the $500 salary cost no more than $3 a day. To show the folly of such arguments, we will merely give the figures. The session is fixed at 100 days, ample time to transact all the business—it could be done in 60 days:

100 days for 133 members, at $3 a day, the old rate, gives	$39,900
133 members, at $500 for the session, gives	66,500
Increase in salary of members,	$26,600

Showing an increase of $26,600, which the members voted into their pockets, and which the members of the present session seem determined to have it also, in spite of the Governor's veto. The Governor has cleared his skirts of this transaction, and the responsibility of continuing it, rests with the present Legislature. The bill also provided that members should be docked for absence; but from the following, which we find in the *Berks and Schuylkill Journal*; they won't stand it, either:

Won't Stand Docking.—It seems that under the new $500 law, members of the Legislature, not in attendance, are liable to be docked for lost time. A few days ago Mr. Crabbe, (Whig) offered a resolution in the Senate, that the Clerk should each morning 'call the roll,' and note the absentees. After a long debate, the resolution was *voted down, as 'undignified.'* Our 'Democratic' rulers, it appears, are determined to 'go the whole hog' for the $500 law this session.

WORKING OF THE RESTRAINING LAW IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.—We requested information from various parts of this flourishing county with regard to the working of the Restraining Law, which our members of the Legislature are so much hit lately upon. The following letter from an intelligent Post Master of Silver Creek (which is considered one of the most degraded Liquor holes in the county, being full of low rum shops) is the only letter we have received. It is finely illustrated, and the history contains various "Modes and Forms, "Holding of Forums," "Frederick the Great," etc. The miscellaneous matter is as usual, very interesting and amusing. Copies can be had at Bannan's.

For the benefit of better years previous to the present law, the daily and nightly scenes that occurred here, would scarcely be believed, only by those who witnessed them. A beer house for every ten others, was a sufficient supply for those who wished to indulge in the *oratour*. The assemblage of two or three persons together, was the sure result of a quart one after another, and so on until it went round the company. Such carousals were always terrible to end with a fight, in which men and women, shillelahs and stones mingled indiscriminately in the general melee.—As night and the Sabbath day always afforded better opportunity for assembling together, it was then such occurrences were most frequent. The Sabbath day was always the most lucrative for the beer houses. I have seen Yeangling's and Lauer's liquid fire teams here on Saturday nights at 9 and 10 o'clock, making sure a good supply for the next day. But it is useless to relate these occurrences, as Silver Creek was proverbial for rum and degradation.

The great moral change exhibited in the conduct of the people here, even in the short space of time the present law has been in force, is truly wonderful; the street brawlings and quarrels is exchanged for social interviews and the peace of the Sabbath is unbroken. The man who would not before be at work until nearly half of the week would be spent, are now found in their places on Monday morning, strung up for business with a cheerful countenance—in fact, a *real* reformation has taken place here. That there is liquor sold here yet, we will not deny, but this we believe is for want of exertion on the part of the officers of the law. *The law has worked what it has done here without officers*, and we hope it will continue to operate—that it will have a longer standing than a popular comedy in one of our theatres, until men begin to see the error of their ways, and return to the path that leads to health and happiness. Yours very truly, W. W.

Silver Creek, January 23, 1856.

Notwithstanding such overwhelming testimony in favor of the Law, a Bill repealing the Restraining Law, has passed to a second reading in the House of Representatives by a vote of 70 to 27. Can these members be men? Is every manly and benevolent feeling completely *crushed out?* Is it not enough to sicken the heart of every friend of Humanity? God help the poor women and children. Justice seems to have "fled to brutish beasts."

COLD COMFORT FOR THE LIQUOR MEN.—The Democratic Governor of Maine, whose election was hailed throughout the country, as a triumph against Prohibition, will not come up to the expectations of those engaged in the traffic. Although he recommends a well guarded license law—he is opposed to the licensing of Hotels—and recommends that no liquor be permitted to be drank where it is sold. In other words he recommends a license-law similar to the one now in force in Pennsylvania. The following is an extract from his message. Read and judge for yourselves:

"Whether a person will or will not use intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is a question for his own determination. One may persuade another what he shall do in relation to himself in morals or religion, but coercion in respect to such action is persecution. It is founded in the sentiment that one knows what is better for his neighbor than the neighbor knows for himself, and a unity of will must be made by compulsion. Any situation of this kind is at war with the very elements of civil liberty. The wants of the community will be satisfied with a very restricted sale, by grant ing licenses in each city, town and plantation, to no more sellers than will conveniently accomodate the purchasers. It is a desirable object to place the traffic in the hands of respectable citizens.—Innholders furnishing liquors *to their guests and travelers alone* would stand in the same situation as the heads of families. Importers under the laws of the United States should be allowed to sell in the original packages. And there are some classes of persons to whom sales should be prohibited, those whose habits show them unfit to be trusted with what they are sure to use improperly.

"*The public good requires that no intoxicating liquors should be allowed to be sold TO BE DRUNK upon the premises.* Such practices lead to breaches of the peace and other conduct injurious to society. It does not accord with wise and consistent laws to forbid the manufacture of an article which is permitted to be sold. No doubt the legislature will enact a law, with suitable penalties, that will receive the approbation of the people, and will accomplish all that legislation can be expected to do in promoting the cause of temperance."

"SMALL FRY" SPLURGES.—For the purpose of engaging us in controversy, and thereby bringing themselves into notice, a couple of papers in town are continually firing squibs. Were they entitled to the confidence of the public, or read by any but those connected with cliques, of which they are the organs, we might indulge them with a passing serious notice; but their course is such that we can more profitably occupy our space, than by devoting it to them. While one is the organ of the foreign Roman Catholic population of the County, the other has changed its political opinions four times within a year. It would be a rare thing to get either a disinterested or public spirited opinion from either of them. Congressional matters are familiar to all. We have no further remarks to make on the matter, at least for the "small fry" in question. In regard to the communication from Tamaqua which appeared in one of the sheets last Saturday, in reference to the *Miners' Journal*, we merely say; that whoever the writer may be, it is from beginning to end, a perversion of facts, and a tissue of falsehoods. The sheets to which we allude are rapidly going down, and losing the little influence they may at any time have possessed. We have no disposition to physic them into renewed life.

THE LAXITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS.—The laxity of all public officers including Judges of the county in executing the laws, is beginning to attract attention throughout the county, among the thinking people. This laxity leads to the uncertainty of punishment, and as the chances of escape from the penalties increased, crime increases in a three-fold ratio. It is the certainty of punishment, and the removal of the causes that instigates crime, that lessens the criminal calender—and wherever these causes are removed, and justice is administered promptly and impartially, crime is *always* diminished. Alluding to this laxity, on the part of officers of Justice, a writer in the *Sun* remarks:

"There is no degradation so abject; no perjury so heinous as that which characterizes men in power when fear, favor or affection warp their sense of duty and lead them to suffer vice to flaunt before our eyes and insult the very vicinity of our halls of justice in open defiance of the laws. The Mayor from his office window; the District Attorney from the door of his place of business, and our Judges as they ascend the bench, cannot help witnessing the breaking of the liquor law. If they saw a man steal a pocket book or a loaf of bread, they would order his arrest. In God's name why not visit the law upon those who put an enemy into man's mouth to steal away his brains, his wealth, his sense of moral accountability and all his self respect !"

THE HON. JAMES H. CAMPBELL.—The representative in Congress from this District, spent a day here this week, on business. Of course, in leaving, he paired off with the opposition. Mr. Campbell's manly and independent course in Congress, so far, has commanded the respect of even the opposition, and has elevated him still higher—if that were possible—in the estimation of his constituency. Mr. Campbell has been solicited to permit his name to be used in connection with the Speakership; but he positively and patriotically declined the honor, stating that he is determined to stick by Banks. By his speech in caucus at Washington last week, he spurred on the laggard, and infused an electrifying spirit in those disposed to bolt. His effort is highly spoken of, and strongly eulogised. We are fortunate in the possession of such a representative as JAMES H. CAMPBELL.

AHEAD OF EUROPE.—The largest manufacturing establishment in the world is the Pacific, located at Lawrence, Mass. It covers 16 acres. The largest in England covers only 11¼ acres. It employs 2,000 hands. The wages amount to $50,000 per month.

"PUNCHINELLO" can't speak. We would be glad to lay his Silhouettes alongside those of any thing to whom there.

THE JOURNAL OF THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE for February, is upon our table. It contains, as usual, this publication is full of interesting matter. It is published by the Institute in the city of Philadelphia.

PETER LEDGER'S NEW YORK *Saturday Press* for Saturday last is at hand. It is finely illustrated, and the literary contents embrace "Monks and Nuns," "Holding of Forums," "Frederick the Great," etc. The miscellaneous matter is as usual, very interesting and amusing. Copies can be had at Bannan's.

"THE RIGHT USE OF HISTORY."—This is the title of an Introductory Discourse delivered before the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, by Wm. Parker Foulke of Philadelphia. This is the first address of the character delivered before this Society, which has been published by its order, for a series of years, and the effort of Mr. Foulke, is as creditable to it as it must have been interesting to the Society, before whom the Discourse was delivered. It is beautifully printed.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE.—We are indebted to Leonard Scott & Co., 79 Fulton street, New York, for a copy of the American edition of the December number of this Edinburgh magazine. This number contains among other entertaining and instructive matter, the conclusion of "Zaidee," "Simony and Lay Patronage, Historically and Morally Considered," "Illustrations of Herodotus," "Modern Light Literature—Art," "Courtship under Difficulties," &c. To be had at Bannan's.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.—The February number of this publication, has been received. It contains an artistically illustrated biographical sketch of George Washington, by J. S. C. Abbott; "Adventures in the Gold Fields of Central America," (illustrated;) Passages of Eastern Travel, (illustrated;) "Charles Dickens," with a fine portrait of Mr. D.; continuation of "Little Dorrit," by Mr. Dickens; "Editor's Easy Chair," full of fun and information, and a series of comic sketches, entitled "Valentines delivered in Our Street." A capital number, copies of which can be had at Bannan's.

GRAHAM'S MAGAZINE.—The February number of this superb publication, is splendidly illustrated, and contains a mass of superior literary matter, prose and poetry. The first illustration is a charming little piece entitled "Minnie's Present," representing a young girl fondling a kitten; the second is a beautiful fashion plate. A finely illustrated poem, entitled "Horatius"—a Roman story—is contained in this number. The miscellaneous contents are from the pens of Graham's favorite contributors. The "Editor's Table" is spicy, while the Fashions must please its lady readers. The music in this number is entitled "Shadow and Sunshine;" and the comic department embraces a couple of capital illustrations from Punch. All in all, a "first rate" number. Copies can be obtained at Bannan's.

Local Affairs.

METEOROLOGICAL NOTATIONS.

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

JANUARY.	THERM'S		BAR.	GENERAL OBSERVATIONS
1st mo. 31 days.	Mean.	Lowest	Mean.	*Topograph. & Geographical.*
Saturd. 19	23	6	29.08	Height of Pottsville (corner
Sunday 20	16	0	29.09	of Market & 2d. st.) above
Monday 21	15	11	29.05	mean tide, 633.957 ft.—Dis-
Tuesd'y 22	25	22	29.20	tance from Philadelphia, 93
Wedn'y 23	21	18	29.23	miles.—Latitude, 40° 44'
Thurs'y 24	17	9	29.23	15".—Population in 1850
Friday 25	28	10	29.59	7,800.

19.—W. light, nearly clear.
20.—W. E. fresh; cloudy—evening clear.
21.—W. S. " cloudy.
22.—N. W. strong; rather cloudy.
23.— " fresh; cloudy—afternoon clear.
24.— " fresh; clear—evening cloudy.
25.— " fresh; clear.

☞ *The skating is excellent at the upper Tumbling Run Dam.*

☞ *At* 10 o'clock yesterday morning, our thermometer marked 12 degrees above zero. Pretty severe yet, in the weather line.

☞ *Several* colored persons from Pottsville, had a ball in Tamaqua on Tuesday night. They enter with as much zest into such sport as the white folks.

☞ *See* notice of commissioners requiring collectors of School and Road Tax to make returns of unseated lands if they desire to secure the taxes on the same.

☞ *Fatal Accident on the Reading Railroad.*—A father and daughter, names not known to us, were killed by a train of cars, at Spring Mill, on Monday. Their bodies were interred at Douglasville on Thursday.

☞ *A Minersville sleighing party* passed through the streets of our Borough on Thursday, and attracted much attention.—One of the feminines of the troupe, executed a solo on a violin, during the passage, to the admiration of those who witnessed the transit.

☞ *Leap Year Privileges.*—A lady communicant, writing from Schuylkill Haven, says that a day or two since, she observed, in the streets of that place, a sleigh containing three ladies—a lady driving. She presumes that they were *en route* to take some gents. out for an airing. Enjoy your privilegos, girls, while you can. Leap year, like its companions of the sterner sex, is fleeting.

☞ *Jingle, jingle* go the bells yet throughout the county. The roads generally, are in excellent sleighing condition, although in spots, especially between here and Tuscarora, they are completely bare. People along the road have a foolish habit of throwing their coal ashes directly in the middle of the track, rendering the work for horses attached to sleighs heavily loaded, anything but light. Would it not be as easy to throw them on one side of the road?

☞ *Pottsville Water Company.*—The first Report of the Pottsville Water Company will be found in our paper this week, and we know our readers will be greatly surprised at the prosperous condition of the Company. It exceeds the expectations of even its most sanguine advocates. The Managers certainly deserve the thanks of the community for the speedy manner in which the work was accomplished, and the favorable state of the finances. Our readers will recollect that the Borough Council guaranteed 6 per cent interest to the Stockholders until the Company paid 6 per cent dividends. It has paid 6 per cent from the start, and the Borough fortunately will not be called on for one cent. The Company will also be considered as free from debt.

☞ *Odd Fellows' Annual Ball.*—We are pleased to learn that Franklin Encampment, No. 4, have made full preparations to give a ball, in full regalia, at the Town Hall, in this Borough, on Tuesday evening, February 5th. This ball promises to be one of the most brilliant of the season, and the names attached as managers give warrant that everything will pass off delightfully. We anticipate on the occasion, a large attendance of the beaus and belles of Pottsville, and he will be indeed, an odd fellow, who does not, while present, enjoy himself. A supper will be given at the Exchange Hotel by the managers to the guests. The price of tickets to the ball has been fixed at $3.

☞ *Liberal Donations.*—The following communication from the Silver Creek Library Association, shows that it has lately been the recipient of several gratifying marks of esteem:

SILVER CREEK CIRCULATING LIBRARY AND DEBATING ASSOCIATION, JANUARY 22d, 1856.

MESSRS. EDS.—The kindness with which you have hitherto aided this Institution, by granting the free use of your columns are favorably appreciated by the Society, affording as it does, a valuable channel of communication with the public, and of which, with your permission, we would again avail ourselves, for the purpose of publicly expressing our thanks for the very valuable donation of 100 volumes of Books presented to this Institution by Messrs. Swain, Able & Co., through Mr. Guiterman of Port Carbon. The donation, comprising History, Biography, general Literature, a sprinkling of Poetry and the classics, &c., affords a substantial proof of a desire on the part of the donors for the success of this Institution, and for the elevation of mind and increase of intelligence amongst the working classes in general, and when read long hence by the now rising generation, will call forth their thanks; that, with the compliments of the Society, we respectfully accord them now.

We would also express our sincere thanks to the Hon. James H. Campbell, M. C, for the very liberal supply of newspapers he is forwarding for the use of the Society, and in like manner we would acknowledge the kindness of the Hon. Samuel Hipple of the House of Representatives, Harrisburg, who is now, unsolicited, supplying us daily with a copy of the Legislative Record.—We trust the generous liberality of these and other gentlemen toward this and kindred Institutions, will be met with a practical illustration of the text,—"Cast thy bread upon the waters and after many days it will return unto thee." In the name of the Committee,

JAS. P. CUMMING, *Corres'g. Sec'y.*

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

HARRISBURG, *Jan.* 22.—SENATE.—A large number of petitions were presented for the passage of a law restraining liquor law, and also remonstrances against the same.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of the bill supplementary to the act incorporating the Lebanon Valley Railroad, passed finally, after being so amended as to restrict the company in the use of the money borrowed, to the completion and equipment of the road, and preventing the construction of a branch northward or westward from Harrisburg; a tax is also imposed on all freight carried over the road from and to Reading and Philadelphia, similar to that paid by the Harrisburg and Lancaster Railroad Company.

WEDNESDAY, *Jan.* 23.—SENATE.—Petitions for and remonstrances against the repeal of the existing liquor law were presented.

On motion, it was resolved that when the Senate adjourn on Friday next, it shall be to meet on Tuesday afternoon next.

The joint resolution from the House, tendering the thanks of the Legislature to Dr. E. H. Kane, for his discoveries in the Arctic seas, was taken up.

Mr. Price, in a brief speech, commended the propriety of the resolution.

The resolution still pending, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—Mr. Morris offered a joint resolution relative to the expedition of Dr. E. K. Kane to the Arctic seas, representing that the explorations and discoveries of Dr. Kane in those regions, and the energy, intrepidity and perseverance displayed by him in conducting the recent expedition, have made valuable additions to human knowledge, and attested the benevolence which prompted and the skill which guided said expedition, in such a manner as to call forth official acknowledgement and honorable mention from foreign governments. The resolution recognizes the services rendered by the expedition, and the gallant conduct displayed in its management and tenders the thanks of the Legislature to Dr. Kane and the officers and crew under his command, at the same time concurring with the Secretary of the Navy in commending the results of these expeditions as worthy the attention and patronage of the government.—The resolutions further request the Governor to transmit copies hereof to Dr. Kane, and also to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

Mr. Morris was followed by Mr. Wright, of Luzerne, also in their advocacy.

The resolutions were then adopted by a unanimous vote—yeas, 98, nays, 0.

The bill to repeal the 48th and 49th sections of the General Banking Law (the sections for prohibiting the circulation of notes under five dollars) was reported back with a negative recommendation.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill to repeal the restraining Liquor law.

The question being on an indefinite postponement of the bill, Messrs. Wright, of Luzerne, Macomb, Morris, McCalmont, Lott and Montgomery, continued the debate at some length.

The previous question was finally called, and the main question ordered to be put by a vote of yeas 62, nays 31.

The amendment of Mr. Phelps was then negatived—yeas 23, nays 69.

The bill then passed second reading—yeas 70, nays 27. All the Philadelphia members voted in the affirmative excepting Messrs. Dock and Morris.

The bill will come up on its final passage to-morrow. The House then adjourned.

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 24.—SENATE.—Mr. Straub read in place a bill to incorporate the Mechanics' and Operators' Bank of Schuylkill County.

The bill from the House to repeal the restraining liquor law was received. Mr. Buckalew moved its reference to a special committee, which was debated at length, with considerable warmth, and was still pending when the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—Mr. Moorhead offered a resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire if further legislation be not necessary to protect the personal liberties of citizens of this Commonwealth from the arbitrary proceedings of Judges of the United States exercising jurisdiction in this State, which was negatived.

[The rejection of a resolution of this character is worthy of a House, which panders, to rum, tyranny and degradation.]

The House then took up on the third reading the bill to repeal the restraining liquor law.

Mr. Hill moved that the House go into Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of adding a proviso that whatever licenses shall be granted under the license system revived by the repeal of the present law, shall be subject to whatever law in reference thereto this Legislature may hereafter enact.

Mr. Hill briefly explained the proposition, and it was negatived—yeas 41, nays 53.

The bill passed finally—yeas 69, nays 25.

THE LATEST FROM EUROPE.—The *Baltic* arrived at New York on Thursday, with Liverpool dates to the 12th inst., three days later than brought by the *Africa*. Her intelligence can be summed up in almost a word. There has been no decision on the peace propositions sent to St. Petersburg. Russia has asked and obtained delay. Public confidence in the peace prospect is abating, and consols and cotton are going down, while breadstuffs are going up. There is little more than this in the news, which we esteem too unimportant to publish in detail.

MARRIED.

RICH—LENHART—On the 6th inst., by the Rev. Andrew Longacre, JOHN RICH to LOUISA LENHART, both of Pottsville.

DIED.

McQUADE—On the 21st inst., ROBERT McQUADE, of Port Carbon.

PEARDON—In Pottsville, on Saturday evening, the 19th inst., after a long illness, HENRY BRUCE PEARDON, in the thirty-third year of his age.

DIMMICK—In this borough, CLARA, daughter of Charles and Mary Ann Dimmick, aged 3 years, one month and 6 days.

The relatives and friends of the family, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Saturday, January 26th, (to day,) at 2 o'clock, from their residence in Lyon St.

ADMINISTRATION.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned having been appointed Administrator of the Estate of WM. HAMILTON, deceased, late of Mount Carbon, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said Estate to make immediate payment, and all those having claims against said Estate, to present them for payment to EDWARD HAMILTON, *Administrator.*

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PROF. WOOD'S HAIR RESTORATIVE.

IS, NO DOUBT, the most wonderful article of the age. The following is a specimen of the many testimonials:

Prof. O. J. Wood—SIR:—I am delighted, I assure you that your Hair Restorative is working well for a long head. My head has been for half a year almost bald, and I had given up all faith in any; I was induced, on hearing of yours, to give it a trial; I placed it in the hands of my son, and he has used it with a good will; the consequence is, that where there was before spilled and well rubbed in, till the scalp was all color. This I repeated every morning, and in three weeks the young hair appeared, and grew rapidly, and in August last up to the present time, I took to my hair, black and strong—soft and pliable as the locks of a young lad. The gray hair has all gone, and what little there was of it, and that little there, was disagreeably prominent. I still use your Restorative about twice a week, and as it now keeps a good and perfect condition of hair. You have read of these things—and who has not—but here we are here hitherto, any case in which any person's hair was really benefited by any of the hair tonics, &c., of the day; and it really gives me pleasure to record the result of my experience. I have recommended your preparation to others, and it already has a large and increasing sale in this place. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and I assure you, sir, that I am more than satisfied with the result of using your Restorative. I am also free to say, that I have written the simply you need to say to the wholesale agents for the Territory, to already exhausted, and daily inquiries are made for it. You deserve credit for your discovery. I, for one, return you thanks for the benefit it has done me, and I shall continue to recommend your Restorative, and effecting any such result. I congratulate you that your fortune (and a large one) is already made.

Yours hastily,
W. BOND,
Firm of Bond & Kellogg, Druggists.

Brookfield, Mass., January 12, 1856.

Prof. Wood—DEAR SIR:—Having made trial of your Hair Restorative, it gives me pleasure to say that its effect has been excellent in removing inflammation, dandruff, a constant tendency to itching with which I have been troubled from childhood, and has also restored my hair, which was becoming gray, to its original color. I have used no other article with anything like the pleasure and profit. Yours truly,

J. E. BRAGG.

(Extract of a letter, dated Erie, Pa., July 27, 1854.)

Messrs. O. J. Wood & Co.—GENTS:—Why don't you send us as much more of your great Hair Restorative? We want all that is coming to supply the orders on hand, and have not had a bottle on our shelves for over a week, and that has been the case twice before. Therefore, send us at least one gross of each size, as an article so justly celebrated as your Hair Restorative will sell. Please send us by Express. Yours truly,

CARTER & BROTHERS,
Druggists.

Chicago, Ill., May 1st, 1854.

Prof. Wood:—Having experienced the magic effect of your Hair Restorative, I drop you this upon the subject. About two years ago my hair commenced falling off and turning gray; I was fast becoming bald. I met a friend who had used your Restorative, and spoke so highly of its virtues I was induced to try it, although I had but little faith, as I had before tried so many other remedies. I commenced using your Restorative in January last.—A few applications fastened my hair firmly. It began to fill up, grow out, and turn back to its former color (black). At this time it is fully restored to its original color, health and appearance, and I cheerfully recommend its use to all. J. D. HOSS.

Northeast Pennsylvania, March 9, 1854.

SIR:—In consequence of having hair, for several years past, not only gray, but perfectly white, I have cut it short, and worn caps to hide it from view; but, some 3 months since, I was induced to use your Hair Restorative, and I must, in justice, say, that its effects were almost miraculous; for it has changed it gradually to all its former splendor as to color, and left it so soft and glossy as to be more beautiful than it was when under the influence of the finest oil. I earnestly, therefore recommend it to every lady as decidedly the best preparation, for toilet use, of anything in the world.

ESTEY SMITH.

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