Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

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THE MINERS' JOURNAL is the oldest existing Newspaper published in the Northern Pennsylvania. It circulates among the Coal, Iron and Business men, more than any other Coal, Iron and Business paper, and consequently is the advertising Counties, but in all our Cities; and it also circulates largely among the masses in Schuylkill County, which renders it one of the most valuable Papers for Advertising in the County. But few cash Advertising accounts in the Country. But few Papers have so many Capitalists enrolled on their subscription books.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

SEE Executors' Notice of Israel Bowman, Schuylkill Haven.

APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.—See notice signed W. H. Lewis.

HARDWARE.—See advertisements of Bright and Leech, dealers in Hardware.

DUNLAP'S LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES can be obtained at this office.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—See notice signed N. B. Mathias and J. M. Wetherill.

VALUABLE MEDICINES.—See advertisement of Mr. Brown, Apothecary, Centre street, Pottsville.

REMOVAL.—Charles Magarge & Co., Paper dealers, have removed from 52 Commerce street, to S. W. corner of Sixth and Carpenter streets, Philadelphia. See advertisement.

WILLIAMSPORT PLANING MILL.—See advertisement of Geo. S. Ranger & Co., proprietors of this Mill situated in Williamsport, Pa., between the Sunbury and Erie railroad, and the canal, opposite the Furnace.

POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.—We seek particular attention to the advertisement of the Institution, in another portion of our paper. The high testimonial given in connection, by many leading Philadelphians.

KISHWAY FARM AND COAL COMPANY.—The Company offer a farm and house to every man, on advantageous terms. They have a large quantity of excellent land in Elk county, in this State, from which they give a farm of 25 acres for $200. For particulars see advertisement.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.—William M. Rogers, of New York, and P. D. Luther, of Pottsville, have entered into Co-partnership for the transaction of a Coal Commission business. They have great facilities in the business, and are gentlemen in whom the most implicit confidence can be reposed. See advertisement.

FIRE AND THIEF PROOF SAFES.—We ask attention to the advertisement of Oliver Evans, 61 S. Second street, two doors below Chestnut, Philadelphia. His Safes, Refrigerators, Water Coolers, &c., bear an extended and enviable reputation, and we know from experience that Mr. Evans manufactures an article not to be surpassed for quality and durability.

NEW BUSINESS AGENCY.—Mr. J. A. Moore, agent for Hodgson & Kent, Oil Merchants, has also accepted the agency of this section, for Adolph Van Dusen & Smith, extensive dealers in Boots, Shoes, Hats and Caps, No. 159 Market street, Philadelphia. The energetic business qualifications of Mr. Moore must secure him the confidence of the firm with whom he has formed this new connection, and we trust that his future efforts to command an extensive trade, may be crowned with success.

COSMOPOLITAN ART ASSOCIATION.—The second annual distribution of the works of art of this Association, has been postponed to the 28th instant, at which time it will positively take place at Norman Hall, in Sandusky, Ohio. The advantages to be derived from a subscription to this Association, are set forth at length in an advertisement to be found in another column. We will therefore but remark, in connection with the matter that subscriptions will be received up to the date of the drawing. The last chance is now presented to subscribe.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—To Messrs. Getz and Lobo of the House we are indebted for public documents.

WILL the writer of the note with regard to the course of the JOURNAL, dated Philadelphia, Feb. 7, 1856, furnish us with his name. If so we will take the matter into consideration.

COAL BILLS OF LADING.—We invite particular attention to the letter of our New York correspondent, which will be found under the Coal head. The subject of the letter is the recent resolution adopted by the Coal trade in Philadelphia, which comes in collision with a recent decision made by the courts in New York.

REPORT OF THE PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY.—The Report of the President of this Company will be found in this week's JOURNAL, to which we invite attention. We will continue to condense all that is important to our readers, from the Report, as our columns will permit. It contains much valuable information to which the whole trade is interested.

HON. ANDREW P. MILLS, Ex-of Augusta, Geo., died on Saturday.

A FIRE in Augusta, Geo., on Saturday, destroyed twenty stores and dwellings.

PIERRE H. FAUVEAU has made formal application to be appointed as Minister from Nicaragua. It is thought that he will be disappointed.

HON. M. DALLAS.—This gentleman is attending to business with the Executive Department, preparatory to his departure for England.

SENATOR BROWN of Philadelphia County, a temperance democrat, declares that Wilson's Liquor Bill is much better than the old License Law. We think so too. Is it not humiliating to see an old grey-headed man, in his 80th year, on the verge of the grave, pleading for "Rum, Rags and Ruin?"

THE PHILADELPHIA NEWS.—We understand that the *News* of Monday contained an article in reference to the JOURNAL. Not having received a copy of that date, and being unable, without some trouble, to obtain one, we of course, are unable to refute any assertions which may have been made.

POSTMASTER OF THE NATIONAL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—On Tuesday, Mr. Robert Morris, of this Borough, was elected Postmaster of the House on the strength of a resolution to that effect offered by the Hon. James H. Campbell. We congratulate Mr. Morris on his election, as we feel assured that he is deserving of the honor.

THE CLERK.—Gen. Calhoun, the Clerk elected, is from Tennessee. He voted against the repeal of the Missouri Compromise in Congress, and was defeated, by a small majority, by the slave holders. He also stood fearlessly by Gen. Scott, when the whole South deserted the Old Hero, and polled their vote for Pierce. He is an American in principle, a southerner by birth, and a strong Anti-Nebraskaite.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION meets in Philadelphia on the 22d inst., for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the Presidency. We think it too early a date for the nomination. The coming Fourth of July would be an excellent day for the act, and not too late to make a judicious selection. We hope that the Convention will see the propriety of postponing the matter for the present.

CONCERT AND LECTURE.—An Indian Chief of the Chippeway Nation, his wife and two sons, will give a Concert at the Town Hall this evening. The Chief Maungwadaus will also deliver a short and descriptive lecture on the origin of the North American Indians.—They will appear in their native costume, and exhibit during the evening, many of the peculiarities of Indian life. The price of admission is low, and the room will we presume be crowded.

POTTSVILLE GAS COMPANY.—Wherever Gas has been introduced, it is considered one of the fixtures of a house, and those who have once used it are loth to part with it. They would sooner submit to a great many grievances and annoyances, than part with its use—but there is a point at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue—and that point we are rapidly approaching in Pottsville, if we have not already arrived at it. The price of Gas (75 per 1000 feet) all admit is high—but that is not the greatest cause of complaint—it is the want of, and quality of the Gas, that has been complained of most, for some time past. It fails in giving the necessary light to work by, while the bills appear to be increasing, in proportion as the quality of the Gas deteriorates, and the quantity is diminished. For hours our hands have not been able to work at their cases, for the want of Gas. Our monthly bills for some time, have averaged about $19, while for December it was $21,62—last year for the corresponding month, with plenty of Gas, only $15. It is no, our desire to raise any factious opposition to the Company, but on the contrary, they ought to be sustained, so long as they accomplish the object for which they were incorporated—but when they fail in doing so, the people, who have reposed confidence in the Company, suffer from their failure to supply the Gas required, they have a right to take such steps as may be necessary to protect themselves.

We have been making inquiry as to the cause of the poor Gas, and we learn that the present Rosin works are entirely too small for the demand—that the people cannot expect any change for the better, until the works are reconstructed and enlarged, for the manufacture of Coal Gas. The price of stock is $50 per share—but it has cost the present holders, only from $28 to $30 per share. It pays 6 per cent. on $50, which is equal to about 9½ per cent. The stockholders here, we learn, are willing to loan the Company a sufficient sum of money, in proportion to the stock they hold, to re-construct and enlarge the works, but the stockholders abroad, are willing to pocket the dividends, but do not show that disposition to aid in relieving the consumers, and also the Company, from those difficulties under which they now labor. If such is the case—and the evil is likely to be continued—we would suggest the propriety of having a new Company incorporated at once—and the people will pledge themselves almost unanimously, to take Gas from the new Company. We have paid some attention latterly to Gas, and we can assure our readers, that there is no town in Pennsylvania, with the same population, where Gas works, properly constructed, will pay better than in Pottsville. The town is compact, requiring much less supply pipes, &c., than most other places—and the habits of the population are such, that they consume from one-fourth (¼) one-third more Gas than is generally consumed in other towns in the State, with the same number of burners. We will find parties that will guarantee to put up Gas works of ample capacity, to supply all the demands, for $41,000—take one-third in stock, and furnish Gas to consumers at $4 per 1000 feet, and the stock will pay 10 per cent. on the investment. The present Gas Company must either supply the wants of the community, or they must give way to those who will—that is a fixed fact. The present state of affairs cannot, and will not be endured any longer quietly.

NEW YORK PROHIBITORY LIQUOR LAW.

In New York, on Monday last, Judge Capron, presiding over the Court of General Sessions, charged the Grand Jury, of which ex-Mayor Harper is foreman, on the nature and responsibility of their duties in relation to the Prohibitory Law. We regret that we have but sufficient room to give the annexed extracts from the important document:

"The Prohibitory Law, gentlemen, is a constitutional law. I entertain no more doubt of its constitutionality than I do of the fact that I am now pronouncing this opinion in your hearing. You should promptly act upon all complaints which may be brought to your notice, through the proper channel, for violations of this statute. The papers relating to such complaints will be found on file in the office of the Clerk of this Court, and it will be your duty to send for them. They will inform you of the names of the accused and of the witnesses, and you should require that the latter be subpœnaed and brought before you to testify in support of the complaints.—You can recognise only such as are sent up to this Court by committing magistrates and the City Court of Special Sessions of the Peace, under the amendatory act of April 12, 1855, relative to the Courts of Justice in this city.

"You have nothing to do with the constitutional questions; *it is your duty to regard the law as valid.*

"So far as the inquiry is important for your present purposes, it is sufficient for me to say, generally, that all persons who sell or keep for sale, intoxicating liquors, in any quantities, in this city, for any purposes, (except for medicinal use,) without having complied with the requirements of the second section of the Prohibitory Law, excepting innocent keepers of hotels, restaurants, saloons, retail groceries, and stores, and public places of amusement, who sell, give away, or keep for sale or to be given away, in their places of business, intoxicating liquors, to be used as a beverage, in large or small quantities; even if they have complied with that section, are also violators of the statute; that it is immaterial for your consideration whether the liquor be of foreign or domestic origin, and that it is for the accused to show on the traverse of the indictment that the case falls within any of the exceptions declared in the law. These exceptions are not of the essence of the offence; the rule is prohibition; the exceptions are but incidents, and lying peculiarly within the knowledge of the accused.—They must be established by the defence.

"With this brief synopsis of the law, you will be able to dispose intelligently, and, I trust, correctly, of any cases which may come to your notice from the Special Sessions, arising under the Prohibitory sections of the law.

"To exhibit in a strong light the importance of the Prohibitory law, and to submit an eminently practical argument in demonstration of the urgent necessity existing for its prompt and thorough enforcement in this city, I will state, that during the month of January last, 368 persons were arraigned for trial in this Court and the Court of Special Sessions. Of this number 166 were convicted and sentenced—182 were suspended for various causes, and 20 were acquitted. Fifty-one of the convicts sentenced were between the ages of ten and twenty years, and a very large majority of those in whose cases sentence was suspended were minors, and about 100 under the age of 16 years! The crimes for which these persons were arraigned comprehended almost the whole catalogue from petit larceny up to murder. Among the whole number, 102 were confirmed inebriates, *and every one was more or less intoxicated when the act was committed for which the complaint was made.* Most of them, though 62 professed temperate habits. But it was a shallow pretence: their appearance belied the averment. Other very significant characteristics distinguishes these cases.—Nearly all of them originated *in the night*—a large portion of them *after midnight*, and the scenes of the catastrophes were laid *in fashionable drinking saloons, and tippling houses of less repute.* Brothels were not unrepresented in this long and mournful catalogue of our doomed fellow men. About 5,000 cases of a police character have been adjudicated in the four Police Courts of this city in the same time.

"Fellow Citizens—Grand Jurors—In view of these momentous truths, as some of you are husbands and fathers, and all of you are men, pardon the inquiry here, which was propounded in primitive times in reference to a scarcely less solemn redemption of fallen humanity than that which we are now contemplating:—*Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there?* Must the swelling stream of liquid fire roll on unchecked, over the length and breadth of this metropolis, consuming in its progress all that is lovely and hopeful in youth, honorable and useful in stalwart in manhood, and venerable in declining age?

"The Prohibitory law is an effectual antidote for the evil of intemperance, and the pauperism and crime which follow in its train.—That law is all sufficient, and if enforced in its integrity, it will realize the object of its benevolent authors. Shall it be executed in the city of New York, as it is executed among the green hills and fruitful valleys in the interior of the State? The practical response to this question can be given by yourselves. To you, therefore, it is most respectfully and kindly submitted by the Court, with the earnest asservation that *if you will, it can be done.*

"As an agency for the removal of these evils, there is a power which you possess, and with which it is important that you should be made acquainted. You can file a proceeding instituted by yourselves, and known in common law by the name of *presentment*, as distinguished from an *indictment*, against all such localities, erections, tenements or places within your jurisdiction, as become, from any cause, detrimental to the public health, destructive to the public peace, or prejudicial to public morals. You can also thus present the managers or keepers of all such places or localities. This presentment may be made upon *your own observation and knowledge*, or upon such evidence as you may be pleased to invoke. Having made it, you can require the District Attorney to frame a proper bill of indictment in the case, preparatory to the abatement of the nuisance, and the arrest and trial of the authors of the evils. In all cases of misdemeanors, you may require that officer to cause the arrest of the latter by the Police Magistrates, with a view to trial for the offence, either in the Special Sessions or in this Court, as the accused may elect, in pursuance of the provision of the 5th section of the act of April 12, 1855.

"In this way you can present as nuisances or disorderly houses, according to the circumstances in every instance, all tippling houses and places in which intoxicating liquors are *sold and drank*, or in which they are sold in large or small quantities *for other purposes*, if in the latter cases the seller (not an importer) have not complied with the provisions of the second section of the Prohibitory law; all houses of ill-fame kept for gain, all gambling houses, all lottery and policy offices. Those owners of tenements who lease or rent them to be kept as houses for prostitution or for gambling, are indictable with the keepers as parties to the principal offence.

"Gentlemen, look over this city and review its history during the last few years. Where have occurred the lawless tumults, the bacchanalian orgies and the horrid crimes that, in such fearfully rapid succession, have darkened its pages? Need I answer this question in your hearing, in view of the statistics of a month in Court, which have just been laid before you? The origin of these disorders was not in family homes, in le itimate places of business, in the schools, the lecture rooms or the temples of christian worship. In what resorts are so many of the children of this metropolis becoming old in crime, so young in years! You, gentlemen, are legal guardians of the public peace and morals; you have ample power—and I point you to the sources of vice and crime, which I have named in your hearing. This is all that the Court can do."

LET IT BE DONE.—A prominent citizen and merchant of Schuylkill Haven, writes us that he will give $50 towards defraying the expenses of a Committee of Ladies to Harrisburg, to petition in person, the members of the Legislature not to repeal the present Restraining Liquor Law. The idea is an excellent one. In Ohio, during a similar emergency, the women sent a Committee to the State Capital, which Committee, composed of women, presented in person, their petition to the Legislature, and one of them addressed that body in an effective manner. As women feel great interest in the maintenance of the present law, or substitution of one equally as effective, we trust that the earnest suggestion of our correspondent will command attention, and secure immediately the formation of a Committee at Ladies to proceed to Harrisburg, and remonstrate in person against the repeal of the law.

We would suggest to the ladies to call a meeting, organize a Committee, and while the matter is pending in the Legislature, carry this into effect. "Dull no device by coldness or delay."

THE NEXT PRESIDENCY.—The moderate and conservative papers in all parts of the country seem to give the preference to Ex-President Fillmore, as the American candidate for the Presidency. Mr. Fillmore has been tried, and he commands the respect of the whole American people, without distinction of party. He never suffers his private opinions to interfere with public duty; and the enforcement of all laws are safe in his hands. The country has suffered sufficiently by placing men of *small calibre* in the Executive Chair—like Pierce—and none but a man in whom the thinking portion of the people have implicit confidence, can succeed at the next Presidential election. The sham Democracy, aided, by the Roman Catholics, the foreign Germans, and a large portion of the other foreign vote, may select a man *imbecile*, and elect him, too; but with the Americans, and the reflecting portion of the people, such a man cannot succeed. A considerable portion of this class, we are but little about mere party feeling, would vote for an able man, if nominated by the opposition, in preference to an imbecile, if nominated by the Americans.

NEWSPAPER THIEVES.—For months past a large number of the subscribers to the *Miners' Journal* in Pottsville, have complained of not receiving their papers, regularly, while our Carriers state that they fulfill their duty faithfully. Last Saturday, no less than fourteen persons in various parts of the Borough called at our office for their papers. Of the number, the Carriers admitted that they had doubts, in regard to leaving two. The remainder, they positively assert, were left. In every case of missing papers, except one, they they were left at the doors of subscribers, the Carriers not being able to put them inside, in consequence of the doors being locked. Now, the missing papers must either be taken by persons in the houses of subscribers, or stolen away from the doors. As the evil has become a serious one, we hereby offer a reward of $10 for information which will lead to the detection and conviction of any person guilty of stealing copies of the *Miners' Journal* from the doors of subscribers in this Borough.

THE PHILADELPHIA MORNING TIMES asks, is there such a place as Philadelphia? We within a hundred miles of it, are satisfied that there is. But as the *Times* remarks, in the West, along their great lines of transportation, Philadelphia is no more heard of than a country village. Cause—its press does not exercise that spirit of liberality, of courtesy, of seeing beyond the immediate boundaries of Philadelphia, which inure to the prosperity of State and City and command trade.—While it is absorbed in local factional disputes, the papers of New York and Boston, find their way to the principal marts of the teeming West, and secure that portion of Western trade which is diverted by the short-sighted policy of Philadelphia, to those channels. If Philadelphia journals are desirous of becoming frequent visitors to the hotel tables and counting house desks of the West, they must adopt a new, more liberal and courteous course.

THE RECEPTION IN NEW ENGLAND OF THE ELECTION OF MR. BANKS.—The citizens of Waltham, the native town of Speaker Banks, fired one hundred guns on Wednesday, in honor of his election. The announcement was made in Waltham on Saturday night by a special messenger from Boston. Several dwellings were illuminated and congratulatory speeches made. Mrs. Banks was called upon, and found in attendance at the sick bed of her mother. Hearty cheers were given at the residence of the leading Republicans, when, about midnight, the crowd dispersed. A salute of one hundred and three guns was fired at Bangor on Tuesday.

ACCIDENT ON THE COLUMBIA RAILROAD.—By the breaking of a rail, above Heatonville, on Monday night, a car filled with passengers was precipitated down an embankment of about twenty feet. The majority of the passengers were severely wounded, while Abraham B. Hart, of Cincinnati, was killed. On Tuesday his remains were sent to his friends, per Adam's Express.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

HARRISBURG, *Feb. 5.*—SENATE.—The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill introduced by Mr. Wilkins, to establish a system of tavern licenses.

Mr. Brown moved a substitute for the bill which was ordered to be printed. Mr. Browne's substitute will strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert a new system of which these are the leading features. No store keeper shall sell less than five gallons of vinous, spiritous, malt or brewed liquors or any admixture thereof, nor shall the keeper of any restaurant, eating-house, oyster house or cellar, theatre or other place of entertainment, amusement or refreshment, sell in any quantity; brewers and distillers shall be licensed agreeably to the act of April 10, 1849, but shall pay three times the rates therein fixed. This act shall not apply to importers selling imported liquors, but their license is to be increased three-fold. Nor shall the act apply to druggists or apothecaries compounding liquors upon physicians' prescriptions, or selling for manufacturing or chemical purposes. Licenses to sell shall be granted only to citizens of temperate habits and good moral character. The licenses to be granted by the Courts of Quarter Sessions, and the applicants to give public notice very much as heretofore, but with additional restrictions. Every licensed hotel in cities, towns and boroughs to have at least six bedrooms and twelve beds; and in the country, four bedrooms and eight beds, for the use of travellers—the applicant to give bond, &c., in $1000. Venders of wines, malt or distilled liquors, are thus classed:—where annual sales amount to $20,000 and upwards, a license of $350; $8000 and less than $10,000, $250; $6000 and less than $8000, $200; $4000 and less than $6000, $150; $2000 and less than $4000, $100; less than $2000, $50; no license to be granted for less than the last named sum. Hotels are to be thus classed and rated, according to the estimated yearly rental: $10,000 or more, a license of $1000; $8000 and less than $10,000, $800; $6000, $600; $4000, $400; $2000, $300; $1000, $200; $500, $100; $300, $75; under $300 the license shall be $50. In Pittsburg and Allegheny no license shall be granted for less than $100, nor in the county towns and boroughs, for less than $75. The Courts are prohibited from granting more licenses than exceed the population of one to every 200 taxables in the city and county towns and boroughs; and a number in the country. The bill enacts many other provisions. It is superior to Judge Wilkins' bill and is an improvement upon the old license system, whose abominations few are willing to defend.

The joint resolution from the House, for an adjournment from the 15th to the 25th of February, was taken up and negatived.

HOUSE.—The Speaker and members of the Senate were introduced and the two houses, pursuant to adjournment two weeks since, went into convention to take action upon the subject of the allotment of the public printing.

A motion was made that the Convention adjourn for three weeks, and agreed to.

FEB. 6.—HOUSE.—The use of the Hall was granted on Thursday evening of next week to Mr. R. S. Elliott, of St. Louis, to deliver a lecture with reference to the position of Pennsylvania to the trade and commerce of the West.

The supplement to the act to establish a State Lunatic Hospital was debated at some length and negatived—yeas 37, nays 42.

FEB. 7.—SENATE.—Mr. Strunk, a bill to incorporate the Merchants' Bank of Pottsville.

The bill relative to the security of transporters on the Public Works was then taken up and passed finally.

The liquor bill was taken up, and the amendments proposed by Messrs. McClintock and Brown were read. Without action upon them, however, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—A resolution to adjourn until Friday, the 15th inst., from Wednesday the 20th, was introduced and adopted.

The bill to repeal the act exempting coal and lumber from the tonnage tax, was reported with a negative recommendation.

Mr. Colburn, a bill to prohibit the running of locomotives on the Reading Railroad in parts of Philadelphia.

MORE BORDER RUFFIANISM.—On the 18th inst. a Free-State man, named Brown, was barbarously murdered by a band of pro slavery ruffians. A correspondent writing from Leavenworth city, under date of Jan. 21, says of the occurrence:

"He leaves a young wife and one child. I visited his family yesterday at their now desolate home. Saw the mangled corpse of the husband and father, within whose breast a few hours before beat as warm and brave a heart as mortal is ever possessed of. He was charged with two grave offences. One for being ready to take arms against the invaders at the time of the Lawrence war, and also for rescuing the Clerk of Elections (Witherell) from the hands of those who were attempting his life, at the time they mobbed the ballot-box in this city, on the 15th Dec. Brown has no relative except his young wife and babe in this section of the country, but he had made many warm friends during his residence here, who mourn his loss, and who swear that his murder shall not go unavenged. I heard one young man mutter to himself, as he stood gazing upon the corpse, that he would never try to restrain himself if ever he chanced to meet any of the murderers, but would shoot them down at first sight."

CONSISTENCY.—The Democracy are apparently shocked at the Pennsylvania American Congressional delegation voting for Mr. Banks, a gentleman entertaining a liberal, national view of the tariff question, while in a body the Democratic members of the House, voted for Mr. Aiken, of South Carolina, an ultra Southern man of the Calhoun stamp, and an uncompromising free trader. How does the Democratic press of Pennsylvania, that prates so much of the tariff, reconcile such inconsistency, as far as their members from this State are concerned?

THE WEATHER IN MINNESOTA.—At sunrise on the morning of the 18th ultimo, a thermometrical observation indicated the fact that the mercury stood at 33 degrees below zero, During that and the latter part of the previous month, the mercury was more frequently below than above zero.

COMMODORE STEWART.—The joint resolution, asking the restoration of Commodore Stewart to his rank in the Navy, has passed both Houses of the New Jersey Legislature.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN DETROIT.—On Tuesday, O. M. Hyde, Republican, was elected Mayor of Detroit.

HOLLOWAY'S MEDICINES.—We are not in the habit generally of noticing the thousand and one medicines of the day; but when a really meritorious one is before the public, we think it due to the afflicted that the fact should be made known. We have used Holloway's Pills and Ointment in cases of humours, bruises, and scalds, with beneficial effects, and there are cases within our knowledge of extraordinary cures performed in diseases of long standing. Professor Holloway's Ointment and Pills are among the few preparations which perform ALL the cures for which they are recommended. We are satisfied that for purifying the blood, regulating the stomach, and curing liver and bilious complaints, a better remedy can not be found.—*Bangor Democrat.*

EVERYBODY WILL BE GETTING MARRIED!—They cannot help it. Professor ROUDOUT, of New York the great philosopher, has made it so easy. He has let the cat out of the bag in love matters. In his book on the "Bliss of Marriage" he has dissected the whole art of love, and teaches the subtle mode of creating it, in any person you please, at will. Here is a secret, to be sure, to let out to the world!—The girls will bewitch us, in spite of our teeth. What shall we do? Everybody will be getting married!—*Day Book.*

☞ Thursday next is St. Valentine's Day.—Two or three drawers in our table have been cleared, to accommodate the missives which we anticipate will pour in upon "Pen, Paste and Scissors" on the occasion.

THE COAL TRADE.

The quantity sent by Railroad this week is 10,459 00 tons. Total, 186,496 12 against 225,701 15 tons to same period last year.

The trade continues without change.

We find the following in an exchange:

"CHEAP COAL.—An association has been formed in New York city for the purpose of mining Coal for the use of members of the association, who are thus secured full weight at the lowest cost.—The capital is fixed at $100,000, in shares of $10 each. Each share to entitle the holder to two tons of Coal per annum, at the cost of mining and transportation."

The above is all bumbug. New York is the great Coal mart of the country, and the competition is such in that city and always will be, that Coal must be sold by the dealers at the lowest possible point. No Association in N. York could engage in mining Coal and deliver it to consumers in that city, one cent cheaper than it is now delivered, or will continue to be delivered in New York city. During the present year, New York will have two Railroads leading direct to the mines, which will secure a supply throughout the winter season, and prevent any advance in prices. Such an Association, in the present state of the trade, would only end in disaster to all concerned.

The New York *Tribune*, speaking of the recent failure of Messrs. Bacon, Price & Co., says: it is reported to be very extensive, and some of the relatives of the firm are involved to a considerable amount. Speaking of the Coal trade of that city, the same paper says:

"There has been a slight decline in the price of Coal instead of the usual advance, and the dealers are not as a general thing making any money. Many are embarrassed and we hear of five or six failures within the last ten days. The liabilities are not large."

Coal is retailing in New York at $5 @ $6 per ton delivered, which is low enough in all conscience. Charles A. Heckscher, and the Pennsylvania and Delaware and Hudson Companies, are retailing at $5 per ton. The price, we learn, was put down by C. A. Heckscher, to punish some dealers, for a breach of contract. We learn that in 1854 Mr. Heckscher sold a considerable amount of Coal at the low rates,—prices advanced rapidly in the middle of the season, but he fulfilled his contracts to the letter. Last Spring Mr. H. made similar contracts at the opening prices. The price of Coal fell towards the latter end of the season, and the purchasers refused to comply.—He immediately opened yards and commenced retailing Coal at $5 a ton, which was from 50 cents to $1 00 less than the retail prices. The above mentioned companies, having considerable Coal piled up in their yards, offered their Coal at the same rates. The consumers have been benefitted, but the innocent dealers have suffered with the guilty parties.—the trade has not been remunerative to the dealers generally, hence the failures alluded to in the *Tribune*, through which many of the Coal Operators here have suffered also.

The Coal Mining Association of Schuylkill County met yesterday afternoon. We have not learned the nature of their proceedings. Gentlemen connected with the trade at Philadelphia were present. The feeling in favor of the necessity of immediate and thorough organization is growing stronger every day. The evils are multiplying so rapidly as the trade becomes extended and the rapid increase of irresponsible dealers, termed "Shysters," in New York, shows the absolute necessity for there organizations among the reputable portion of the trade both here and elsewhere.

NEW YORK LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, February 5, 1856.

DEAR JOURNAL:—In the last issue of the *Journal*, we notice the proceedings of a meeting of the Coal Trade of Philadelphia, whereat it was

Resolved, That we reaffirm as the rule and custom of the trade, that settlements for shipments of Coal be required to be made by the weight registered on bills of lading, as delivered on board boats or vessels for purchasers at the place of shipments.

As this meeting and resolution have evidently grown out of the articles which we have penned for the *Journal* within the past month on the subject of short cargoes, and also manifestly pointed at the rule of action there laid down, as an offset to it, we cannot allow them to pass without a few words of brief comment.

We have not been mistaken in our estimate of the importance of this matter, as the interest which the articles referred to, in our own city have excited, abundantly testifies, and the proceedings noticed above proves, that parties in other sect ons have not been wholly unconcerned in the premises.

It is a well known fact, that cargoes of Coal shipped to the New York market (concerning which we are now to confine ourselves,) in very many cases fall largely short of the amount specified in the bill of lading, and we are convinced that we speak within bounds when we say, that a majority of the cargoes received here fall under this accusation. Nor is the evil stationary—"success emboldens effort"—and the masters of vessels seeing the low rate which prevailed on the freight, have no doubt acted accordingly, and lined their pockets with the proceeds of that which was entrusted to them. We do not mean to be too sweeping in our condemnation or utterly to abjure all honesty in that calling,—we know that we should be wrong in so doing—we personally are acquainted with men in that station of life, whom we would trust with the transportation of uncounted gold—but with such men we have not to deal; they can take care of themselves—but we are desirous of shutting this door, too long left open, whereby the evil disposed may walk freely in and help themselves. Neither do we sweep in our condemnation boatmen only.—We are aware that there are parties through whose hands Coal passes before and at the time of the shipment, who would but too gladly reap upon an available a loop-hole to load vessels short and reap the benefit of a bill of lading, just such as they are poneed to invite.

There has been too much laxity in the whole series of transactions. The boatman has been too lax, in that he has when the region has been fired, left his boat to be loaded and go below himself to see the champs of his home, or the enlargement of the social table and the dram shop.—He has taken for granted that which is told him of the contents of his boat is true, and he signs a bill of lading which binds his consignee, without perhaps ever looking of knowing what amount his vessel carried, certainly in no case save to ascertain the exact value of his own freight money. Nor has the evil ceased here. If nine, five, six commenced his trip he finds that he is too deeply laden, or if accident of any kind befalls him, (not to speak of any dishonest motive which he may have, and which may lead him to "put money in purse") by the sale of a small quantity of the talent entrusted to his safe keeping,)—he is but too ready to cover the deficiency by heaving over portions of his cargo, again in either event, swear by all the powers of good and evil to his consignee, that he has on board all that was shipped in his vessel.

Such reasons as these, together with the increasing confidence and in many cases absolute effrontery with which captains pressed their claims, have induced us to take up the cudgel in behalf of a new region.

The principle of the thing, moreover, has been radically wrong. If a consignee is to be bound to the face of the bill of lading which is presented to him, with no redress either from shipper or carrier, where is his resting place of safety? If a carrier signs a bill of lading for four tons more than is actually on board his vessel and the consignee is bound thereby, he where is the redress? He may as well sign for two hundred as for one hundred and seventy-five, or for five hundred as for two, and his consignee can have no redress—there is neither law nor justice in the matter.

We do not wish to cast any imputations upon the miners and shippers of your region—they are a high-minded and honorable set of business men, but they have their exceptions as every trade has—they have their black sheep, and God knows, the trade at this end has its own also—men who would not hesitate to adopt any means to secure even the smallest gains. It is against the evil intent of the carrier and the machinations of the shipper that we would guard, and our friends of the mining region are equally interested with ourselves in so doing—their own honor and reputation is at stake in the balance—they have nothing to lose in the adoption of our plan of action, if they but ship the correct amounts specified in the bills of lading. The whole burden of the loss must fall where by right it should fall—upon the carrier, and we are convinced that the cry of short weight, beyond the ordinary allowance for wastage would soon cease to be heard.

Boston Coal Trade.

[Corrected from the Boston Courier, Jan. 31st.]

Anthracite quite scarce: retail sales at $9 ₰ ton.

WHOLESALE PRICES.			
Cannel	₰ chal.	12 00	@ 13 00
Newcastle	do	——	@ ——
Orrel	do	——	@ ——
Sydney	do	——	@ ——
Picton	do	——	@ ——
Bridgeport	do	——	@ ——
Virginia	do	——	@ ——
Schuylkill, white ash	₰ ton	——	@ ——
do red ash	do	——	@ ——
Lehigh, lump	do	——	@ ——
Lackawanna	do	——	@ ——

RETAIL PRICES—PER TON OF 2,000 POUNDS.			
Cannel	₰ ton.	15 00	@ ——
Newcastle, coarse	do	12 00	@ ——
do fine	do	6 50	@ ——
Orrel	do	——	@ ——
Scotch	do	——	@ ——
Welsh	do	——	@ ——
Cumberland, run of pit	do	8 00	@ ——
do fine	do	——	@ ——
do coarse lump	do	——	@ ——
Sydney	do	9 00	@ ——
Picton, coarse	do	6 50	@ 7 00
do fine	do	6 00	@ ——
Lackawanna, lump	do	9 00	@ ——
Lehigh, lump	do	9 00	@ ——
Johns Lump, (Schuylkill)	do	9 00	@ ——
Schuylkill, lump	do	9 00	@ ——
Prepared white and red ash	do	9 00	@ ——

Report of Shipments

From Richmond, for the week ending Saturday, January 12th, 1856:

To New York,		1033.
		361
For season,		64,113.
Last Year.		56,241.

No shipments for the week ending February 2d, 1856.

Cumberland (Md.) Coal Trade for 1856.

For the last week:	TONS.	LBS.
	2,112 05	1,257 00

Coal Trade by Railroad for 1856.

Quantity of Coal sent by Railroad for the week ending on Thursday evening last:

	WEEK.	TOTAL.
Port Carbon,	6,507 11	69,471 01
Pottsville,	0 0	0 0
Schuylkill Haven,	1,787 10	16,787 10
Auburn,	485 14	485 14
Port Clinton,	2,182 11	19,792 11
	10,459 06	106,496 12
Previously this year,		120,000 00
Total,		186,496 12
To same time last year,		225,701 15
Decrease,		39,205 01

Schuylkill County Railroads—1856!

The following is the quantity of Coal transported over the different Railroads in Schuylkill County, for the week ending on Thursday evening last:

	WEEK.	TOTAL.
Mine Hill and S. Haven R. R.,	8,504 07	23,572 17
Mt. Carbon "	1,149 01	3,655 02
Schuylkill Valley "	1,953 14	9,956 04
Mt. Carbon & Pt. Carbon "	2,642 18	27,875 02
Mill Creek "	2,409 11	22,668 16
Little Schuylkill "	2,377 07	13,459 08

Union Canal R. R. Coal Transportation

Amount transported during the month of Jan, 1856:

	TONS.
Union Canal,	2,111
Swatara Railroad,	3,010 02

Rates of Toll and Transportation on

	RAIL ROAD.			
	From Mt. Carbon.	*From S. Haven, Pt. Clinton, Auburn.*	*From Pt. Carbon.*	*From Auburn.*
To Richmond,	$2 00	$1 95	$1 80	$1 75
To Philad'a,	1 90	1 85	1 70	1 65
Spring Mills,	1 85	1 80	1 65	1 60
Reading,	1 20	1 15	1 05	1 05

COAL STOCKS,

AND OTHER SCHUYLKILL CO. STOCKS.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY C. G. BERGNER & CO., BANKERS.

RAILROADS	PAR.	OFF.	ASK'D
Philadelphia, Reading & Pottsville	50	43½	44
Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven	50	54½	55
Mount Carbon	50	50	52
Mount Carbon and Port Carbon	50	50	52
Mill Creek	50	50	52
Schuylkill Valley	50	50	52
Lackawanna	50	7	8
CANALS.			
Schuylkill Navigation	50	18½	18¾
Schuylkill Navigation, Preferred	50	27½	27¾
Union Canal	50	9¾	9¾
Union Canal, Preferred	50	100½	102
Del. & Hudson Canal & Transportation Co.	100	121	122
RAILROAD & COAL COMPANIES.			
Little Schuylkill Nav., R. R. & Coal Co.	50	45½	46
Lehigh Navigation Co.