Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1856.

WERE THE MEN OF THE REVOLUTION SECTIONAL?—When the opponents of Fremont and Freedom, and villifiers of the men who now firmly oppose the further extension of Slavery, term them sectional, they forget that the sentiments now expressed, were entertained by Washington and Jefferson, and by many of the Southern States.—For instance in Prince George county, Virginia, in June, 1774, it was voted, in general meeting of the citizens, that "the African slave trade is injurious to the Colony, because it obstructs the population of it by freemen, prevents manufacturers and other useful people from settling, and occasions an annual increase in the balance of trade against the Colony." A similar meeting in Fairfax county, with George Washington in the Chair, resolved that "it is the opinion of this meeting that, during our present difficulties and distress, no slaves ought to be imported into any of the British Colonies; and in this connection, we take the opportunity of declaring our most earnest wish to see an entire stop put to such a wicked, cruel and unnatural trade." In 1775 the Congress voted a denial that "the Divine Author of our existance intended a part of the human race to hold an absolute property in an unbounded power over others." In 1778 the Virginia Assembly, on motion of Thomas Jefferson, prohibited the further introduction of slaves, and in 1782 passed an act facilitating emancipation. Maryland soon did the same. An attempt to prohibit slavery was nearly successful in the Convention that formed the Constitution of Kentucky, 1780. It is on record that a decided majority of the members of that Convention, in all probability, would have voted for its exclusion, but for the great efforts of two large slaveholders, of commanding influence. George Washington was largely opposed to the evils of Slavery, and in letters to Lafayette, John F. Mercer, Pinckney, Sir John St. Clair and Robert Morris, has left indisputable evidence that he sympathised with the negro in bondage, and was antagonistic to the extension of Slavery.—The men of 1856 are following in the footsteps of the men of the Revolution on this question of the extension of the monstrous evil. They are opposing pro-slavery aggression and sectionalism.—Every man who reverences the words of Washington and Jefferson, can adopt but one course in this contest—that course is with the sons of Freedom who are battling staunchly for immortal principles, with a leader in whom they have perfect confidence.

JAMES BUCHANAN'S SECTIONALISM.—The subserviency of the candidate of the pro slavery, sectional party, to the arrogant demands of the slave oligarchy, is shown in many acts of his political life. Let us look at some them. He voted to exclude anti-slavery documents from the mails of the United States in the South, thus trampling on one of the rights which the constitution has given to the general government. He was in favor of the extension of slavery, by supporting the annexation of Texas. He has been a strenuous supporter of the Fugitive Slave Law.—He has endeavored in this State to have the law repealed, by which the use of the prisons of the state was not allowed for the detention of fugitive slaves. He was an early and an unyielding opponent of the Wilmot Proviso, which was to secure freedom in all the new territories acquired from Mexico. He declared in November, 1850, that the Compromise Measures of that year had superseded that of 1820; thus giving up to the South the territories granted to freedom, by the Missouri Compromise. He stands on the Cincinnati Platform—a creed framed by the truckling flunkeyism of the Democratic party, for the express accommodation of southern interests. His present position on the topic of freedom in our territories, may be gathered from the following extract of a letter written by him to John Sidell of Louisiana, dated the 28th of December, 1855: "The Missouri Compromise is gone and gone forever. It has departed. The time for it has passed away, and the best, may the only mode of putting down the fanatical and reckless spirit of the North, is to adhere to the existing settlement without the slightest thought or appearance of wavering, and without regarding any storm which may be raised against it." No better proof of the sectionalism of Buchanan is needed than this. All terms opposition to the extension of slavery, fanaticism; seeks to crush out the spirit of Freedom in the North, and bring the entire country in subjection to the slave power. Our readers will review these facts calmly, and then decide which is the sectional candidate, Fremont the man of the People, or Buchanan the truckling tool of the slaveocracy.

SHAM DEMOCRATIC DOCUMENTS.—This section of the State is being flooded with documents setting forth the peculiar claims of Mr. Buchanan upon the people of the country, and denouncing in no measured terms Mr. Fremont, as the advocate of measures which exist alone in the fertile imagination of the authors and disseminators of the pamphlets in question. A singular feature of these documents is, that their assaults are entirely directed against Mr. Fremont, Mr. Fillmore not being adverted to. The Patent Democracy in their tactics appear to think that the contest really lies between Fremont and Buchanan, or they are endeavoring to woo the Fillmore men over to their side. As far as Fremont is concerned, these pamphlets, which the Buchanan men are distributing with a lavish hand, will not injure the cause of Freedom, nor withdraw from his support, a single vote. The reason simply is—they are a compilation of old, worn-out statements in regard to Mr. Buchanan's public services, and a mass of meaningless, untruthful slanders against the People's Candidate. The bait may be laid for the Fillmore men to nibble. We incline to the opinion, as Mr. Fillmore is not assailed in any of the pages of the documents which come under our notice.

THE ENTHUSIASM FOR FREMONT.—The editor of the New York *Herald* says that he has witnessed nine Presidential elections since 1820, and does not remember one in which a candidate that was taken up for the first time made such wonderful progress as John C. Fremont has done within the past six or seven weeks. General Jackson was eight years a candidate before he was elected.—General Harrison was also eight years before the public, and was defeated on the first trial. Gen. Taylor was nearly four years conspicuously before the people before he seized hold of the public mind. No candidate, no man ever made such progress in so brief a period, as John C. Fremont has done: arguing from the past, there is hardly anything which we may not expect of him for the future. According to present appearances, he will sweep every Northern and Western State, by an unprecedented majority and will poll a vote in the South that will astonish the Southern politicians.

BACKING DOWN.—President Pierce sent a message to the Senate on Tuesday, saying that no order had been issued from the War Department to any official commanding in Kansas, to disperse any unarmed meetings of the people of the territory, or to prevent them, by military power, from assembling. From the accompanying correspondence, it seems that the Secretary of War is not satisfied that the circumstances were such as to justify Col. Sumner in employing the military force to disperse the assembly at Topeka, and he has called upon him to communicate more fully upon that point, it not appearing that the case was one, upon which by his instructions, he was called to act.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.—As some in this County are wavering at the present time, and are undecided who to support for the next Presidency, we have concluded to republish the Platform of Freedom, upon which John C. Fremont, its standard bearer now stands. It will be found in another column. Peruse it attentively, and then acknowledge that it is broad enough, strong enough for every freeman, North and South, East and West, to stand upon. To its spacious surface we invite every American citizen, irrespective of previous party predilections, who earnestly desires to see the question of the extension of Slavery settled, and is opposed to slaveocratic arrogance and brutality.

NOT CORRECT.—The New York *Herald* publishes a list of all the papers in the United States, together with their circulation. It puts down the circulation of the MINERS' JOURNAL at 1,344 copies. We circulate weekly, 2,568 copies, and the list is still increasing daily. We print as many copies weekly, as the combined aggregate circulation of any other three English papers, and we believe as many as the aggregate circulation of the other four English papers published in this county. The circulation of the JOURNAL given in the *Herald*, is the circulation of the paper [illegible] when it was taken.

SIGNIFICANT.—It will be observed by the proceedings of the American Convention at Harrisburg, that a resolution to the effect that the Fillmore Electoral ticket formed, shall not be changed, was tabled. This is significant, and encourages hope that a thorough union of the opposition in Pennsylvania, at the Presidential election will be effected. It is certainly folly to throw the State into the hands of the Sham Democracy, when the opposition have the power to carry it by a large majority. The Fremont and Fillmore forces should esteem it an imperative duty to unite on the terms proposed.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL for Legislative, Judicial and Executive purposes, passed the House on Wednesday, after being amended in that portion relating to the appropriation for the Judiciary of Kansas, so that the money shall not be drawn from the Treasury till the criminal prosecutions pending in the territory against persons charged with treason or alleged violations of the laws passed by a body of men at Shawnee Mission, claiming to be the Legislature, shall be dismissed by the Court, and every person who has been or may be restrained of liberty by reason of such prosecution, be released from confinement.

BROOKS RAMPANT.—Brooks is again running. This time it is towards a fight. He now wants to meet Burlingame any where within one hundred miles of Washington. Mr. Campbell being applied to by Mr. Lane, Brooks's second, to arrange the affair, very properly replies that his authority to act for Mr. Burlingame had ceased, and advises the conveyal of any communication intended for Mr. Burlingame, to that gentleman in person. We suppose that Mr. Burlingame will in the future, treat the South Carolina bully with contempt—the fellow certainly deserves no other treatment, if we except hanging.

THE NEWSPAPER PRESS AND THE PRESIDENCY.—On a rough calculation of the whole press throughout the country, the interests of the several Presidential candidates compare as follows:

	Papers.	*Circulation.*
Fremont,	321	666,952
Buchanan,	241	415,193
Fillmore,	117	167,761

It will be noticed that Fremont lacks a few journals to have as many as his two rivals together; but that the readers of his journals are considerably more than as many as the readers of the Buchanan and Fillmore papers together.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

THE KNICKERBOCKER MAGAZINE for August is bright and sparkling, as usual. It is brimfull of sentiment, wit and humor. A capital magazine. Single copies can be obtained at Bannan's.

MERRY'S MUSEUM for August is out. A capital little publication. Published by I. C. & J. N. Stearns, 166 Nassau St., New York. For youthful reading there is no publication in the country superior to the Museum.

GRACE GREENWOOD'S "Little Pilgrim" progresses nicely, to use us. A charming little fellow, bearing strong marks of Grace's taste and ability. The *Pilgrim* thrives, we are pleased to know. It is fully deserving of its success and popularity.

THE FARM JOURNAL—The August number of this admirable publication is upon our table. To the agricultural community, the information contained monthly in the columns of the *Journal* is invaluable. Published by S. Emlen & Co., Seventh and Market streets, Philadelphia. Single copies can be obtained at Bannan's.

Local Affairs.

☞ *Myer's Circus* will exhibit here on Monday next. See programme of performance in advertising columns.

☞ *Miss Edmonds* contemplates opening her school in this borough, not Orwigsburg, as we recently stated.

☞ *The names* of the men killed by the recent collision on the Mine Hill Railroad, were Gotlelb Oswald and William Powers.

☞ *A Storm* of thunder, lightning and rain visited our borough on Thursday night, and yesterday afternoon a delightful shower paid its respects to us. We have had plenty of rain during the past week.

☞ *Among* the visiters to our Borough this week were Madame Rush, Wm. Moran, Esq., editor of the *Times*, McDonough, the actor, and Gustave Blessner, the musician, all of Philadelphia.

☞ *Sailed for Europe.*—Mr. Douglass, B. Bannan, son of John Bannan, Esq., of this Borough, sailed on Wednesday in the *Persia* for Europe. He visits Paris for the purpose of completing his medical studies at the French capital.

☞ *The Opious Rains* of the early part of the week extended very generally, throughout the State, benefiting vegetation, and the streams which were almost exhausted. The crops of this County are flourishing, and the Schuylkill once again is something more important than a mere creek. To the Navigation the rains were most welcome.

☞ *Union Pic-Nic Excursion.*—A number of the most prominent citizens of Tamaqua, have perfected arrangements to have a Pic-nic excursion to Catawissa on Tuesday next. The excursionists will start at 7.30, A. M.—From the names on the list of managers, we can confidently promise the participants in the excursion, a delightful day. Every effort will be made, we are sure, to make this pic-nic, the affair of the season.

☞ *Fire Plugs in St. Clair.*—The fire at Kirk & Baum's Breaker, on Thursday night, had a high wind prevailed at the time, would have been destructive to the town of St. Clair, composed as its houses mainly are, of wood. We say might have been, for it is painfully evident that that borough is without a requisite number of fire plugs, to avert such a calamity. The authorities of St. Clair should esteem it an imperative duty, to place immediately, wherever they may be most useful in case of fire, fire plugs throughout that town. By prompt action in this matter, they may save their borough from a destructive conflagration in the future.

☞ *Schuylkill Haven and Lehigh River Railroad.*—In pursuance of public notice, the Commissioners named in the Act Incorporating the Schuylkill Haven and Lehigh River Railroad, met at the Public House of Seth Lymaster, in Schuylkill Haven, Saturday, 2d day of August, inst. The following named persons were in attendance:

Dr. T. F. Treichler,	Bernard Riley,
J. C. Cresson,	R. A. Wilder,
J. S. Keller,	J. D. Deibert,
Daniel Kistler,	J. McBarns,
Chas. Frailey,	Wm. Bickel,
J. S. Pulsifer,	Philip Alspach, jr.,
J. Dougherty,	Dr. S. R. Shannon.

On motion the Commissioners proceeded to the election of Officers, B. F. DeLong, Esq., acting as chairman and J. S. Keller as Secretary, whereupon J. C. Cresson was unanimously chosen President; C. Frailey, Secretary, and J. S. Keller, Treasurer.

On motion a Committee on the subject of procuring a preliminary survey to be made consisting of R. A. Wilder, J. S. Pulsifer and J. F. Treichler, was appointed.

On motion the following named persons were appointed a Committee to collect the necessary funds to defray the expenses to complete said survey, viz: J. F. Treichler, J. S. Keller, John Dougherty, Chas. Frailey, Daniel Kistler, Wm. Bickel, Jno. D. Deibert and S. R. Shannon. On motion,

Resolved, That all sums of money heretofore or hereafter to be subscribed and paid for by any person towards the expense of enrolling the Bill or making the survey of the road, shall be audited as so much money paid on account of any stock, he or she may hereafter subscribe in the said Railroad.

Resolved, That the Secretary order the publication of the proceedings of this meeting in all the papers in the county.

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet again on Thursday, the 14th day of August next, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the Public House of Seth Lymaster, in Schuylkill Haven.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

J. C. CRESSON, *Pres't.*
CHAS. FRAILEY, *Sec'y.*

☞ *The Schuylkill County Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical Association*—Pursuant to last adjournment, the Association met in Schuylkill Haven at the public house of Seth Lymaster, on Saturday evening, Aug. 2.

The President being absent, Dr. E. Chichester, one of the Vice Presidents, took the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Dr. L. Boyer proposed 48 gentlemen as members of the Association.

Mr. Chas. Saylor proposed 98 gentlemen as members of the Association.

On motion the Secretary was directed to procure the necessary books for the Association.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to publish the proceedings of this meeting, together with the names of the officers elected, and the names of Committees appointed at the last meeting in the newspapers of the County. The following are the officers elected: Jno. J Patton, President; Joshua Sock, S. R. Shannon, J. D. Deibert, Seth Lymaster, Henry Guiterman, Burd Patterson, S. K. M. Kepner, E. Chichester, J. W. Shoemaker, Chas. Mullen, B. DeLong, and L. Boyer, Vice Presidents; Joshua S. Keller, Recording Secretary; F. Medlar, Assistant Recording Secretary; J. S. Pulsifer, Corresponding Secretary and Librarian; Lewis Boyer, Treasurer; R. M. Palmer, Councilor.

The names of the Committee to procure members for the Association are: Charles Saylor, Seth Lymaster, J. S. Keller, S. R. Shannon, J. W. Shoemaker, John Brown, Chas. Hummel and James Lewig.

On motion, Dr. F. B. Shannon, Chas. Saylor, Dr. L. Boyer, J. W. Shoemaker and J. D. Deibert, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements and authorised to procure Exhibition ground, purchase lumber, put up the necessary fences and buildings, and have the general supervision of the Exhibition in the fall of 1856.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at the public house of Seth Lymaster, on the 14th inst., at 6 o'clock, P. M.

☞ *Destructive Fire at St. Clair.*—About half past 11 o'clock on Thursday night, a fire broke out at the celebrated McGinnes' Shaft at St. Clair, this County, now owned by Messrs. Kirk & Baum, which completely destroyed the Breaker attached. It was the largest and most valuable in the Region. The fire originated from a lamp used at night in the hoisting engine house. A spark from the lamp fell on some tar which had accumulated beneath the drum, and before effectual means could be exerted to extinguish them, the flames ran up the tarred wire rope, and communicated with the timbers of the building. Although hose which was always kept on the premises, was laid, and water brought to bear on the fire, owing to the inflammable material of which the breaker and contiguous buildings was composed, the fire could not be subdued, and in an hour and a half, the fine improvements attached to the Shaft were a mass of ruins. Four engines were used at the Breaker. All were injured, probably to the extent of half their value. When we viewed the spot yesterday morning, the mouth of the Shaft was completely filled up with a mass of rubbish, composed of charred timbers, rails, machinery, etc. It is not thought that the interior of the Shaft is injured to any extent.

The improvements destroyed by this fire cost originally, $50,000; but it is thought that from $25,000 to $30,000, and about four months time will completely repair the disaster. We may, therefore, set down Messrs. Kirk & Baum's loss at the latter figure, upon which there is $15,000 insurance, in the following offices—Franklin Insurance Company, Philadelphia, $5000; Anthracite, do, $5000; State Mutual, ditto, $2500; Lycoming Insurance Company, Williamsport, Pa., $2500.

In consequence of the fire, the works of course, will be suspended, until the Breaker is repaired. The surplus, in our opinion, however, at the present irremunerative prices for Coal, is not a serious matter to the proprietors, as the Shaft has not been worked up to its full capacity, and cannot pay at present prices, unless it is. At this time their other two operations are more remunerative, if we can term any branch of the business paying in its present condition. By their suspension however, some 250 miners, men and boys, are thrown out of employment at that operation, a fact which St. Clair will feel severely. This in connection with the pecuniary loss of Messrs. Kirk & Baum, is much to be regretted.—They however, have two other operations in the Region—one a slope connecting with the same vein that the St. Clair Shaft works—which will keep their business in a measure, uninterrupted.

Two of our fire companies, the Good Intent and Humane, went over to St. Clair early yesterday morning, and remained upon the ground a greater portion of the day, for the purpose of completely extinguishing the fire. We notice the promptness of these Companies, in responding to the request for their services, with pleasure.

☞ *Fillmore and Donelson Meeting.*—Pursuant to public notice the friends of Fillmore and Donelson met at the public house of Daniel Hill, in the Borough of Pottsville, Saturday, Aug. 2d, 1856.

The meeting was organized by calling James B. McCreary to the chair, and appointing Messrs. John S. Boyer, Walter Sedgwick, Charles Mooser, Thomas Irwin and Kline Morris, Vice Presidents.

T. Zulick and John T. Boyle, Secretaries.

The object of the meeting was stated, after which R. M. Palmer, Esq., delivered an address.

On motion, Robert M. Palmer, Benj. T. Taylor, M. P. Fowler, James Focht, Edward Dennison, Walter Sedgwick and Simon Derr, were appointed a Committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting. Said Committee reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Robt. M. Palmer, Esq., of Pottsville, be appointed Senatorial Delegate, and J. B. McCreary, of Tremont and Dr. W. W. McIlhenny, of Tamaqua, Representative Delegates to represent Schuylkill County in the American State Convention, to be held at Harrisburg on Tuesday next, August 5th, 1856, and that they have power to appoint substitutes, and to fill vacancies in the said representation.

Resolved, That Charles Fralley, Robert Ratcliffe, John Roch, Jacob Hammer, John B. Gilmore, John A. Otto, and Henry W. Lewis be, and they are hereby appointed a Standing Executive Committee for Schuylkill County, with power to appoint sub-Committees in each Township, Borough Ward and Election District in the County—to call County meetings whenever they may deem advisable, to superintend the printing and distribution of Fremont and Fillmore Electoral, State and Presidential tickets, and to transact such other business as they may find necessary to promote the election of the County ticket, the Union State ticket, and the Fillmore and Donelson Electoral ticket for President and Vice President of the United States.

Resolved, That the friends of the Union State Ticket in the different Townships, Boroughs, Wards and Election Districts in Schuylkill County be, and they are hereby requested to meet at the usual place of holding their Delegate Elections, on Saturday, August 23d, 1856, between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock, P. M. of said day, and elect two delegates from each of said Townships, &c. &c., to meet in County Convention, at the public house of Charles Saller, in the Borough of Schuylkill Haven, on the following Monday, August 25th, 1856, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to nominate a County Ticket, to be supported at the next October election.

Resolved, That we cordially recommend the Union State Ticket composed of Thomas E. Cochran, of York County, for Canal Commissioner; Darwin Phelps, of Armstrong County, for Auditor General, and Bartholomew Laporte, of Bradford County, for Surveyor General, to the support of the friends of Fillmore and Donelson in Schuylkill County.

Resolved, That the course of Hon. James H. Campbell, our Representative in Congress, meets the approbation of this meeting, and of his American constituents in this Congressional district.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in all the papers of Schuylkill County friendly to their use, and that the meeting now adjourn. Signed by the officers.

JOHN T. BOYLE, *Sec'y.*

☞ *Proceedings of Borough Council.*—A regular stated meeting of the Borough Council was held on Tuesday evening, July 5th. Present—Messrs. Ebert, Hellner, Parker, Shertle, Kinsley, Shoener, Derr, Heaton, Kaercher and Evans.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and after amending on motion of Mr. Kaercher, the resolution in reference to Borough orders, so as to strike out that portion referring to illegal issue, they were adopted.

Street Com. on planking Norwegian Creek, was discharged, the work being reported done.

Com. on Survey on grades of Jackson and George Sts., made a report in regard to establishing the required grades. The report was accepted, the Committee discharged, and the grades ordered to be established.

Com. on Survey on grade for culvert from Solomon Hoover's store, was continued, with power to have the culvert at Hoover's cleaned out. Same Com. on opening Pierce street, made report, which was accepted, the Com. discharged, and grade ordered to be established.

Com. on Accounts on receipts to Patrick Dunn was continued.

Com. on Fire Apparatus reported that new hose ordered for the Hydraulian Company had not been received yet, and was discharged on the matter of building improvements asked for by the Companies. The Com. however, was instructed to erect a building for the Good Intent Company, to dry and oil their hose in.

Street Com. on repairing Minersville street, was continued.

Com. on Accounts on account of Norwegian Township, was continued. Same Com. on bill for cleaning out Norwegian Creek, was discharged.

Street Com. on crossing at Heaton's store was continued.

Com. on Lamp and Watch, on removing lamp at Minersville street, was continued.

St. Com. on opening Wolf street, reported work finished, and was discharged. Same Com. on repairing bridge across Norwegian Creek, at Norwegian street, reported nothing done. The Com. was instructed to ascertain the cost of a stone culvert at that point, and report at next meeting. In relation to the bridge asked for by the Messrs. Atkins, across the Schuylkill at the Pioneer Furnace, the same Com. was instructed to ascertain the cost of a bridge, and report at next meeting.

Com. on Watch and Lamp on erecting lamps in Hoover's and Church Alleys, were continued.

St. Com. on repairs of street at Lauer's Brewery, was continued. Same Com. on opening water course at Atkins' store in Mauch Chunk street, was continued.

In reference to lamp at Lauer's, the appropriate Com. was continued.

Com. on Fire Apparatus on erecting plug at Spohn's tavern, was continued.

Com. on Survey on grading Coal street between Norwegian street and Church Alley, reported work done, and was discharged.

The Com. to whom was referred the petition of G. S. Repsher and others, for a culvert, reported that the cost of the improvement would be $300. The Com. was continued.

St. Com. on crossing at Betz's Hotel, Minersville street was continued.

The Com. to whom was referred the petition of Patterson and others, on opening Laurel St., was discharged.

St. Com. on repairing High street from Coal street to Hoover's Alley, reported work done and was discharged.

Com. on Markets, on amendment the market laws of the Borough, was continued.

Com. on Acc., on account of the present Clerk for the last two years, was continued.

Com. on Survey on grade of Roads Alley, was discharged.

Mr. Derr's motion in regard to the culvert asked for in Market street, to which was appended a list of private subscription to the work, was deferred until it is definitely known what will be subscribed by the residents of Market street, interested in the prosecution of the work to completion.

St. Com. on repairing St. Clair street was continued.

Com. on Acc., on Gas Company's bill for last quarter, made a report favorable to its payment. The bill was ordered to be paid.

In regard to culvert asked for to carry water from Ninth and Market streets, the Com. of the Whole resolved to meet at the spot at 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning to see what necessity there is for the improvement.

A petition for grade in Sanderson street, was referred to Com. on Survey.

In regard to paving, guttering, etc., of property of Mr. Gelig in Union street, a Com. of three, composed of Messrs. Evans, Kaercher and Parker, was appointed to investigate the matter and report at next meeting.

A petition asking that property holders on Second and Third streets, be compelled to pave, and in reference to lamp and fire plug, was referred to the appropriate Committee.

On motion of Mr. Kaercher it was resolved that the hose of the Rough and Ready Fire Company, now out of use, be oiled; that it be given to the Hydraulian Company, until it receives its new hose, and to oil all the hose of the Borough. It was resolved also to have all the hose belonging to the Borough thoroughly overhauled and repaired. On motion of Mr. Shoener, it was resolved that all the pavements in front of the houses of fire companies, that need it, shall be repaired.

Mr. Kaercher inquired if the bond of the Collector of Taxes for 1855, had been approved by the President of Council. Upon being answered in the affirmative, it was accepted and ordered to be filed.

The amount of the duplicate for 1856, is $16,229 39.

Com. on Fire Apparatus was instructed to place a fire plug at the corner of Lord's property in Callowhill st.

On motion of Mr. Derr, the wages of the Borough laborers were increased to $1 12½ per day, each.

The following bills were read and ordered to be paid:

Charles Wormer and others, work done,	$194 36
Joseph Kimmel and others, work done,	213 50
H. H. Sterner, material and work done,	20 69
Peter Hellenthal, paving, etc., (bill referred to St. Com.)	55 25
Bull & Kimmel, blacksmith work, etc.,	12 10
Jacob Merwine, watchman,	31 00
John W. Shaw, "	31 00
Chas. Kaerer, "	7 00
Samuel Gumpert, for copying duplicate,	15 00
S. Harts, services as Clerk,	20 00
	$613 20

The Council then adjourned.

Candidate for Coroner.

MR. EDITOR:—Permit me through the medium of your paper to recommend for the consideration of the Union County Delegate Convention, which assembles at Schuylkill Haven, on the 25th day of August next, Dr. F. R. Palm, of said place, as a person well qualified for the office of Coroner. His character and standing in society, we believe, if nominated, would secure his election, and the success of the entire ticket. CITIZENS.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

THE St. Louis *Republican* says that a Fremont electoral ticket will probably be run in Missouri.

THE two German papers of Pittsburg, have hoisted the Fremont flag.

Gov. Anthony, of Rhode Island, is President of a Fremont club in Providence.

RUMOR says there is one Buchanan man in Compton, Rhode Island.

A NUMBER of the ladies of Fall River have organized themselves into an association, which they style the "Jessie Circle."

General John W. Boyd, of Walworth, and Mason C. Darlik, of Fond du Lac, Wis., prominent Democrats, have openly declared for Fremont.

WAYNE COUNTY, this State, which has heretofore given a Democratic majority of 700, will it is said, give Fremont, a majority of 500.

THE *Harrisburg Telegraph*—the organ of the State Administration, has come out for Fremont and Dayton.

THE number of papers now in the State, supporting Fremont is 87, and the cry is still they come.

THE Greencastle (Ind.) *Banner* has deserted the bachelor of Wheatland, and run up the colors of Fremont and Dayton.

THREE hundred and twenty-five names are signed to a call for a meeting of the friends of Fillmore in the small county of Cherokee, Ga.

THE *Raftsman's Journal*, published at Clearfield, Pa., and the *Coal City Item*, Newcastle, Pa., have just run up the Fremont flag.

THE Plymouth (Ind.) *Dinner* has hauled off from Buchanan and hoisted Fremont and Dayton at the head of its columns.

President Pierce is said to be talking of spending a few days in New Hampshire among his old friends. Who are they?

Mr. Ganaway, editor of the Brownville (Tenn.) *Journal*, has abandoned the Democratic party and has declared his adhesion to Fillmore and Donelson.

The Skaneateles *Democrat* this week hauls down the Buchanan flag.

THE Meadville (Crawford co.) *Spirit of the Age*, an independent paper, has also come out for Fremont and Dayton. The editor has heretofore been a Democrat.

THE Democracy of Newark, N. J., have elected their delegates to the State Convention at Trenton, as we learn from the *Advertiser*. They have no organ in Newark.

MASSACHUSETTS, according to the Springfield *Republican*, will give Fremont nearly one hundred thousand votes, and divide fifty thousand between his competitors.

THERE is a monthly publication in Patterson, N. J., called "Our Gatherings," edited by the girls of the grammer school in that city, which has entered the political contest under the banner of Fremont and Dayton.

THE New Orleans *Deutche Zeung*, a German paper, with the largest circulation in the Southern States, goes for Fremont and Dayton. The Louisville *Anzeiger*, German, had the Buchanan flag hoisted, but has taken it down.

Hon. Joseph Knox, of Illinois, a leading lawyer of that State, and a Pierce elector in 1852—always a Democrat—addressed a Fremont meeting at Rock Island, and came out flat-footed for the Pathfinder.

THE Weekly *Tribune*, a Democratic paper at Manitowoc, Wis., had adopted the Cincinnati Platform and nominations, but now discards them to make way for the people's ticket and the cause of free Kansas.

Lieutenant-Governor Koehner, of Illinois, is stumping the State for Fremont. He has heretofore been a zealous acted with the Democracy, and was elected to office by the Democrats.

THE Germans of Detroit have formed a society under the name of "German Republican Association." Officers were selected from the most influential Germans in the place, who had previously acted with the Democracy.

THE Indianapolis *Journal* accuses the editor of the Indianapolis *Sentinel*, the Democratic organ of that city, of having wished that the "Dutch were all in Holland, and that Holland was in h-ll."

Hon. J. S. C. Knowlton, editor of the Worcester *Palladium*, one of the ablest Democratic journals in Mass., comes out for John C. Fremont, in the last number of his paper.

At a Buchanan rally in Cumminsville, Hamilton co., Ohio, 39 persons were present. After the organization, the *Commercial* states that eleven Democrats withdrew and organized a Fremont Club.

A Democrat writes from Susquehanna, Pa., "I have turned over to the Fremonites—can't go Democrats any longer—am completely disgusted with their whole proceeding. Hurrah for John C. Fremont, the man of the people!"

A FREMONT Club has been organized at Brandon, Vt., the native town of Arnold Doughs. The President of the Club is the Hon. S. A. Briggs. Every body in that vicinity is for Fremont. Only two or three profess to be for Buchanan.

EAGLE RIVER, Mass., seems not to know that Fillmore and Buchanan are in the field. There are but two parties in that city: one of them goes for Fremont and Dayton and the other for Fremont and Johnston.

Hon. Jas. B. McKean, a judge of Saratoga co., who voted for Cass and Pierce, made a speech the other night, at Saratoga Springs, in favor of Fremont and Dayton. He could not stand nigger driving Democracy any longer.

The poets and the scholars of the country appear to take an unusual interest in the pending *Presidential contest*. *Longfellow, Bryant, Emerson, Curtis, Professor Felton* and *Professor Silliman* are said to be all for "Freedom and Fremont."

THE Jefferson (Pa.) *Star*, says:—The opponents of the Buchanan party held a meeting at Clarington, on the evening of the 18th ult. There was but one there who avowed himself a Buchanan man—and he fell off the "boon" into the dam—cause why—the spirit of Democracy moved *him*.

THE Lodi (Ohio) *Times*, is out with a strong appeal to the order of American Mechanics, of which he is a member, to vote for Fremont and Dayton. This paper may be added, therefore, to the list of eighty-seven already published in this State, as advocatin the claims of Fremont.

A despatch to the N. Y. *Times*, says:—Hon. James Myers, Democratic Ex-Lieutenant Governor of Ohio, has lately thrown off the shambles of the Pro-Slavery party and come out in support of Fremont and Dayton. He was offered by the Buchananites the *Congressional Nomination* for this District, but spoiled the game.

At an election for magistrate in the second election district of Frederick county, Virginia, held on Saturday last, Smith, American, was elected by 12 majority. The result is important, because the district has hitherto been uniformly Democratic by a hundred majority, and it is to be considered as indicative of the reformation in popular sentiment now going on throughout the State.

A LETTER of the 1st inst., from a cool observer in Hoosick, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., incidentally says:—"Things look mighty *Fremontish* in this locality, and this town will give a large majority for the republican ticket. Fillmore will be next in the race. Buchanan is already distanced. *All* the Old-Line Democrats here have come out for Fremont."

BUCHANAN is at a low ebb in Mercer county. Two attempts have been made to organize clubs. At the first there were four persons present, and a speaker, who had gone from Mercer about eight miles, to organize it. On the second attempt, which was fixed to be held in the Court House, there were twelve present, nine of them being democrats. So says the Mercer *Whig*.

PEN, PASTE AND SCISSORS.

☞ Population of California, 375,000.

☞ Deaths in Baltimore last week, 196.

☞ Frederick A. Hepburn, a well known printer of New York, died suddenly last week.

☞ A barque is now freighting at Baltimore with Coal for California.

☞ Col. John W. Geary, the Governor of Kansas, has declined a public dinner at Harrisburg.

☞ There are 1797 paupers in the Philadelphia Alms House.

☞ Switzerland with a population of 800,000, has 263 newspapers.

☞ John Bailey was drowned at Valley Forge Dam on the 29th ult.

☞ Philadelphia has invested $2483 in aid of the Cape de Verde sufferers.

☞ The recent fire at West Troy destroyed property valued at $75,000.

☞ Enoch W. Clark, Esq., the Philadelphia banker, died on Saturday.

☞ The potato rot has made its appearance at Massachusetts.

☞ Maj. Peter Fritz of Philadelphia, has purchased a farm in Bucks county.

☞ Deaths in Philadelphia last week, 379.—Ninety four were from cholera infantum.

☞ Sally Worrin, Jacob Schweitzer, Jeremiah Borchart were killed by accidents in Berks county last week.

☞ A new cent—eighty-eight parts copper and twelve parts nickel—is to be issued from the United States Mint.

☞ A Mrs. Davis, of Kimberton, Chester co., drowned herself, in the dam at that place, on the 25th ult.

☞ The amount appropriated by Congress this session, for fortifications and other works of defence is $1,703,000.

☞ The Emperor Alexander of Russia, has issued a decree, allowing young noblemen to enter the civil professions, without losing their nobility.

☞ John C. Kunkle, republican, has been renominated for Congress by the Dauphin County Convention.

☞ A tremendous mass meeting of the friends of Fremont and Dayton was held in Philadelphia on Tuesday evening. It was addressed by Judge Culver and Dr. Elder.

☞ In Bordentown N. J., recently, a young lady was married to a corpse by spiritual ceremony. Is this the enlightened Nineteenth century?

☞ A smash happened on the Baltimore Railroad on Tuesday night, caused by a passenger train running over two cows. No person was fatally injured.

☞ A. F. Hoppel, the conductor of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at the time of the recent accident, will be tried in Montgomery county this month.

☞ "Pitch-in-Gardner" of New York and Frank Vincent of Philadelphia, fought a prize fight near the latter city on Monday. Vincent was whipped.

☞ The large number of nineteen steamships will leave American ports for Europe during the present month of August. Seventeen steamers will leave European ports for America.

☞ A verdict of $10,000 damages has been obtained by John Vaughan against the New York Central Railroad, whose legs were broken by a collision of cars two years since.

☞ The Reading Railroad Company are now engaged in placing an additional wire on their telegraph line, making three in all. One of these will be for Railroad business exclusively, one for the use of the public, and one for the Catawissa Railroad.

☞ A clock maker in Connecticut has made a clock which he warrants to run without winding up, till Buchanan is elected. *In case of success*, he is to receive the premium offered to the inventor of perpetual motion.

☞ The San Francisco *Herald* says that Coal in abundance is being discovered in almost every portion of California. A company has been formed to work the Table Mountain Coal Mine, with a capital stock of $1,000,000. The coal is found at 100 feet from the surface.

☞ The *Persia*, for Liverpool, sailed from New York on Wednesday, with upward of a million in specie and nearly 200 passengers. Among the passengers were D. R. Bannan of Pottsville, and John Y. Boyd, Bernard Carr, Mr. Seejee and wife, of Philadelphia.

☞ Barrett, in his poem on "Woman," pays her the following beautiful compliment:

"Ask the gray pilgrim, by the surges cast
On hostile shores, and numbered beneath the blast,
Ask who relieved him; who the hearth began
To kindle; who with spilling goblet ran;
O! he will dart one spark of youthful flame,
And clasp his withered hands, and woman name."

☞ A colored waiter at the Mount Vernon Hotel, Cape May, was stabbed by a young Southern blood on Sunday last. The waiter's name is Joshua Gibbs, and an inoffensive man. The only offence given, was the remark that the young buck was no gentleman, made as he threw a tumbler at the waiter. This is the manner in which the Southern slaveocracy treat poor white men, when they defend themselves from insult and outrage. Is it not time to check the tyrannical system?

☞ A Mexican correspondent of the New York *Tribune* informs that Journal, that the Government of Mexico adheres firmly to the plan of disposing of the estates of the Church. The same writer observes that if the present occupants of the land will not take it, it will be sold to the highest bidder. The value of the landed property thus taken from the control of the clergy, will it is supposed, exceed three hundred millions of dollars. The discussion of the new Constitution is actively going forward.

☞ The following table exhibits the number of killed and wounded by railroad and steamboat accidents during the month just closed, the number of lives lost by fires, and the amount of property destroyed by conflagrations. Fires which have not destroyed property estimated at twenty thousand dollars are not enumerated:

	Killed.	*Wounded.*
Railroad accidents,	78	137
Steamboat accidents,	62	10
By fires,	12	5
Total,	152