# Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1856.


☞ The Circulation of the MINERS' JOURNAL is equal to the aggregate circulation of any THREE other English papers published in the County—and it circulates among the best portion of the population; an advertisement inserted in its columns is, of course, worth as much to the advertiser as if published in any three other papers. Its readiness rates of advertising are always graded in price according to the circulation of the paper.

**Information**

Is wanted of the following named persons; whose papers were ordered to be stopped by Postmasters having their arrearages unpaid: Perhaps some person can give us information of their whereabouts:

JOHN GILES, resided near St. Louis, Mo., owes $17 75
JACOB MILLER, Deibertsville, Somerset co., Pa., 6 00
J. P. THOMAS, Cabinet, Montgomery co., Pa., 3 00

We publish the above merely for the purpose of obtaining information as to their present residence. The list will be continued from time to time. A *Black List* will follow if we do not obtain satisfactory information.

**OUR POLITICAL CREED.**

Determined opposition to the extension of Slavery into the Territories of the United States—and opposition to the acquisition of any Territory, either by annexation, purchase or conquest, for the extension of the area of Slavery.

Opposition to any interference with the rights of Slave-holders in the States in which Slavery exists by State Law—while, at the same time, we desire a change in the Fugitive Slave Law, giving the right of trial by jury to establish the claim to a slave, which will bring the law within the limits of the Constitution.

The Improvement of our Rivers and Harbors, for the promotion of the Internal Commerce of the Country; together with such aid as may be prudently extended by the General Government, to the construction of Railroad and Telegraph Lines to the Pacific Ocean, to facilitate and keep communication throughout the country, which is the only means by which such an extended Territory can be bound together in one Union.

A Revenue System of duties levied on Foreign Merchandise, sufficient for the support of the General Government, and so arranged as to discriminate in favor of, and also to protect the Industry of this country.

While we accord to every man the right to worship his Creator according to the dictates of his own conscience—without fear or molestation, and will proscribe no man on account of his birthplace, who is a good citizen, and cordially supports our institutions—yet we are decidedly opposed to Roman Catholic, Jesuitical, and all other Foreign influence, not in accordance with our institutions, with our Christianity, and the best good of the masses—and vehemently *political* opposition to men who give or offer to Roman Catholics office, to influence their votes, as a means of political advancement of themselves and others.

The above is an outline or main feature of the leading principles this paper will endeavor to advocate hereafter.

**BUSINESS NOTICES.**

A BOOK-KEEPER wants a situation. See advertisement.

SEE NOTICE, signed Dr. Samuel Barlueby, Administrator.

SEE NOTICE of great sale of Coal Lands in Wyoming Valley.

MINERS, see notice of the National Anthracite Coal Company.

SEE NOTICE of the Pottsville Life Insurance and Trust Company.

SEE ADMINISTRATORS' Notice, signed A. H. Wilson and Sarah Ewing.

TEN CARPENTERS are wanted at the Treverton Mines. See advertisement.

THE NEW CREEK COMPANY.—See advertisement of this Virginia Coal Company.

A HOUSE and lot in St. Clair are offered for sale. See advertisement, signed John Howard.

SEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Notice in regard to building a covered bridge in Porter township.

NEW JUVENILE BOOKS for the Holidays can be obtained at Bannan's store. See advertisement.

VALUABLE PROPERTY on Centre street, is offered for sale. See advertisement, Wm. A. Whitney, Agent.

PRESENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS are offered in a liberal spirit by Evans & Co., 409 Broadway, New York: for particulars see advertisement.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.—Ellum & Co., 192 Chesnut street, Philadelphia, have for sale, a superb assortment of fancy and useful articles. For particulars see advertisement.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY.—An election for officers of this Company will take place in Philadelphia on the 12th proximo. See advertisement.

SCHUYLKILL NAVIGATION COMPANY.—The election of officers of this Company for the ensuing year, will be held in Philadelphia on the 5th proximo. See advertisement.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION for officers of the Schuylkill County Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical Association, will be held at Schuylkill Haven on the 3d Saturday in January. See advertisement.

MISS YOUNG, we perceive, will open a school for Misses, on the 5th proximo, in the room recently occupied by Miss Presby, on Second street. We feel sure that this school should receive from parents the attention it merits.

PERIPHANOSCOPES, Leather Belting, Corn Shellers, handsome Knives and Forks, Skates and Boys' Tool Boxes can be obtained at the Hardware and Tool depot of Frank Pott, in Centre street. Give him a call.

THE *New York Ledger*, the great family weekly paper, for which the most popular writers in the country contribute, has now attained the extraordinary circulation of One Hundred and Ninety Thousand copies, and subscriptions are continually pouring in. See the *Ledger* advertisement in another column.

☞ To those of our patrons who have promptly responded to the bills which we have from time to time forwarded them, during the season, we are under obligations. As we are still sending bills to those who are indebted to us, *they* will confer equally as great a favor by promptly liquidating them. We contemplate making a statement of our subscription list, its size, paying condition, etc., and as we feel a natural pride in exhibiting a model list, our Patrons can aid us much in the effort by continuing to respond with promptness to our little visitors.

THE ALMS HOUSE.—The Report of the Committee on the management of this Institution, will be found elsewhere. We have no room for comment. In fact, the Report speaks for itself, and renders comment almost unnecessary.

HON. J. GLANCY JONES is named for a seat in Mr. Buchanan's Cabinet.

THE LANCASTER BANK.—There is a strong probability that this Institution will be put on its feet again.

UNITED STATES SENATOR.—The gentlemen prominently named as Senator, to supercede Mr. Brodhead, are on the Democratic side, Henry Foster and Charles A. Buckalew. On the Opposition side, John C. Kunkel and Simon Cameron.

EUROPEAN INTELLIGENCE.—By the "City of Baltimore" at Philadelphia, we are in possession of Liverpool dates to the 3d inst. The news is unimportant. We have a report that England at length agrees with the other powers to re-open the Conference at Paris, and it is said will shortly meet at Paris. An insurrection in Sicily is reported.

APPLICATIONS FOR BANK CHARTERS.—To the Legislature which assembles in January, there will be made eleven applications for banking privileges for Philadelphia, on an aggregate capital of $14,300,000; while for the country there are twenty-five applications for an aggregate capital of $6,628,000, being a total for the State of thirty-six applications and an aggregate capital of $21,000,000.

"REAL ESTATE NEWS LETTER."—Land speculators, capitalists and Real Estate men generally, will find the *"Real Estate News Letter,"* a very valuable publication. It is issued on the first of each month. Subscription one dollar per year—two cents for each word inserted. It is the best medium through which to reach the capitalist, of the cities and country. Articles describing lands for sale intended for the January edition, should be sent to G. H. Vliet & Co., publishers, 74 South Third st., Philadelphia, before the 25th inst.

POOR FAMILIES RELIEVED IN PHILADELPHIA.—During the year ending December 15, 1856, the Home Missionary Society of Philadelphia relieved 5182 families, of which 2154 were of foreign birth, 2603 white American, 1025 colored. Of these 320 claimed to be Presbyterians,
603 " " " Methodists,
142 " " " Baptists,
300 " " " Episcopalians,
460 " " " Roman Catholics, and
3357 were members of no church.
The amount expended during that period was, $6041 17.

JOHN TUCKER, ESQ.—In to-day's paper will be found at length, the incidents of a dinner given at the La Pierre House, Philadelphia, on the evening of the 11th inst., to the gentleman whose name heads this paragraph. We also publish the speech delivered by Mr. Tucker, on the occasion. It gives the feel and at the same time, the most lucid account of the progress of the Reading Railroad Company, and of the Coal Trade, we have ever seen. We commend it to the attention of our readers, emanating as it does from a gentleman, whose name is identified with the rise of the Reading Railroad—who is so intimately acquainted with the resources and wants of the Coal Fields of Pennsylvania, and who has endeared himself to our operators by his invariable courtesy—and his honest sympathy with them in their struggles to obtain that remuneration for their labor and investment, which is so justly their due, yet which they fail to receive.

NEW YORK, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LONDON TELEGRAPH COMPANY.—The subscriptions in England to this Company to connect Newfoundland and Ireland, have been liberally in excess of the amount required to cover all expenses. The cable is now manufactured at the rate of from ten to fifteen miles per day, with the certainty that the extreme portion of the line will be completed on or before the first of June next. Until the completion of the submarine connection between Newfoundland and Ireland, the company will make an effort to obtain the news from the steamers as they pass Cape Race, N. F., from which point to New York the wire is already stretched, and over which communications have been transmitted with regularity for some weeks. The British government has given its permission for the company to use the news from the mail steamers off Cape Race, N. F., and Queenstown, Ireland, provided it causes no delay to the mail steamers to go out of their usual course.

**THE MINERS' JOURNAL FOR 1857.**

On the first of January, 1857, the *Miners' Journal* will enter upon the Thirty-third year of its existence, (the twenty-eighth year it has been under the charge of the present proprietor,)—a very respectable age, say our old time friends and patrons, who have journeyed with us during the greater portion of almost a third of a century.—For the addition to our subscription list during 1856, we express our acknowledgments, and state that we will endeavor during 1857, to fully merit the liberal patronage which is extended to us.

**Our Principles.**

Elsewhere will be found "Our Political Creed." In it are embraced the Political Principles which heretofore we have esteemed it a duty and a privilege to defend. Conservative in many respects, they are yet sufficiently progressive to redound to the greatness and prosperity of our beloved country. The *Miners' Journal* will be independent in all things of public moment—exposing and denouncing wrong in high as well as low places, with the same readiness that it will award commendation when merited. We are not under the control of any party or clique.

Prohibition being one of the great questions of the day—involving the social happiness and prosperity of the people—it shall in the future as it has in the past, receive our earnest attention.—Temperance in all things, and human progress, go hand in hand.

**The Coal Trade.**

It has grown into a proverb, and is a fact recognized by the leading mining and commercial journals of the country, that the *Miners' Journal* is the prominent and reliable organ of the Coal Trade of the United States. Its statistics compiled from the most reliable sources, with necessary care and labor, are looked for with interest, and preserved for reference. That department of the *Journal* will in 1857, receive as heretofore, the undivided and assiduous attention of the Senior Editor, and no pains or expense will be spared to embrace in it information of importance and interest to the Operator, Miner and Dealer.

A prominent and valuable feature will be the Foreign Mining Correspondence, which will continue during the coming year. The practical information communicated by these letters is alone worth to those interested in mining operations, treble the price asked for the *Journal*. In addition we shall have correspondents in the various Coal Regions, to keep us advised of all information important to the Trade.

**Local Affairs.**

This is not the least interesting feature of a newspaper. It shall receive much attention in the *Journal*.

**Our Miscellany**

Will embrace,

Communications of original contributors.

The current news of the day briefly condensed—*multum in parvo.*

Poetry—sentimental, funny, patriotic and agricultural.

Two columns weekly, devoted to wit and humor and the interests of the farming community.

Tales, sketches, scientific matters, &c.

While we endeavor to maintain our position as a business paper of incalculable benefit to advertisers at home and abroad, we shall strive to render it ever a welcome visiter at the family fire-side. Useful information and moral precept and instruction, shall receive that attention they merit.

**Advertisers,**

Will find the *Miners' Journal* the best medium for communicating with the public, to be found in Northern Pennsylvania. In Schuylkill County, its circulation is equal to the combined issue of the four other papers printed in the English language, which of course, renders it most advantageous and valuable to advertisers.

While expressing our warmest thanks for the large addition to our subscription list during the present year, we may remark that there is still room on our packet books for a few more names, and that those who do not take the *Journal*, yet recognize the truism, that "no entertainment is so cheap as reading, and no pleasure so lasting," would do well to send in their names, and commence as subscribers with the new Volume in January, 1857.

**TERMS.**

SINGLE SUBSCRIPTION:

TWO DOLLARS per annum, payable in advance—$2 25 if not paid within six months—and $2 50 if not paid within the year.

TO CLUBS:

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| Three copies to one address, in advance, | $5 00 |
| Seven do do do | 10 00 |
| Fifteen do do do | 20 00 |

Club subscriptions must be invariably paid in advance, and sent to one address.

TO CARRIERS AND OTHERS:

The JOURNAL will be furnished to Carriers and others at $5 per 100 copies, cash on delivery.

*Clergymen* and *School Teachers* supplied with the JOURNAL at $1 in advance.

*BENJAMIN BANNAN,*
*Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.*

**POLITICAL.**

HON. Charles B. Penrose is urged as Speaker of the Senate.

A WASHINGTON letter says that the Pacific Railroad bills, which have thus far been published, are nothing more than the schemes of individuals and that, as yet, no project has received any official sanction.

MINNESOTA.—An attempt will be made by the people of Minnesota, through their delegate, Mr. Rice, to have two States carved out of that rich and beautiful Territory. It already contains population enough for the desired object.

UTAH.—It is understood that Utah will press her claims this session for admission into the Union as a State. Slavery already exists in the Territory, and the Constitution adopted, and upon which the application is made, says nothing against that institution. Neither does it allude to that other "peculiar institution" of polygamy.

THE TARIFF.—It is generally agreed now that the struggle on the general subject of the modification of the Tariff, including free wool, railroad iron and sugar, shall commence on the first Tuesday in January, and continue until it shall be disposed of. The opposition to free wool is much more decided than had been anticipated.—The wool growers are operating silently, but judiciously and with power. The iron interests ditto.

THE NAVY.—We learn from Washington, that the House Committee on Naval affairs recently held a meeting, when the majority agreed to report back the Senate bill for the promotion, reform and efficiency of the navy. A minority report will be made by Mr. Bocock, striking out the Court of Inquiry, which is the Senate bill, and leaving it with the President to reinstate any officer that was ejected by the action of the immortal fifteen.

JUDGE LECOMPTE.—The modern Jeffries has been removed. In his place is nominated James O. Harrison, of Kentucky, as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas. The recent proofs and representations of Governor Geary determined the course of the administration in the premises.—Justice however tardy in this case, is nevertheless most welcome.

William Spencer is likewise nominated as Marshal of Kansas, vice Donelson, and Thomas Cunningham, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in the place of Judge Burrill, deceased.

EXPRESSION OF THE HOUSE AGAINST THE REVIVAL OF THE SLAVE TRADE.—On Monday last, Mr. Etheredge, of Tennessee, quite unexpectedly to the House, offered a resolution declaring that the revival of the African slave trade would be shocking to humanity and disgraceful to the United States. The motion produced no little agitation, as it was calculated to embarrass some of the Southern members, who, however much they might be opposed to the policy of reviving that traffic, did not wish to vote for a resolution couched in such opprobious terms. The resolution was adopted—yeas 152, nays 27.

Subsequently, Col. Orr, of S. C., offered a resolution, which condemned the revival of the trade as unwise and inexpedient, and contrary to the settled policy of the government.

This resolution was adopted, 103 to 83, being supported by those who had voted against the preceding resolution.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.—The case of Scott and others, which was argued at the last term of the Supreme Court, and is now opened on re-argument, involves political as well as legal points. First, whether a free black man is a citizen of the United States, competent to sue in the federal courts. Second, whether a person held to service and voluntarily carried by his master into a free State and returning voluntarily with his master to his home subject to his control by virtue of such temporary residence, his freedom; and third, whether that of the Missouri Compromise Act of 1820, which prohibited slavery north of latitude 36 deg. 30 min., is or is not constitutional. The facts of this case are: Dred Scott is the son of a slave woman, belonging to an army officer, and claims to have been emancipated, his master having taken him to reside in Illinois—which act, according to the Constitution of that State, was sufficient to give him his freedom. He subsequently, however, returned to Missouri, in which State he had formerly resided; and it was decided by the Circuit Court that the master's right, dormant while in Illinois, had revived—the provision in the Constitution of Illinois being merely a penal law, which the Courts of other States were not bound to respect. The case will probably occupy the Courts several days, and the decision will be looked for with great interest.

CALIFORNIA INTELLIGENCE.—We are in possession of California dates to the 20th ult. The mining prospects were good. Several murdery, executions and cowhiding affairs have taken place since last dates. The vote for President, so far as ascertained, stands—Buchanan 42,460; Fillmore 28,327; Fremont 16,721. The State Senate is composed of 18 Democrats, 12 Americans and 3 Republicans; and in the House there is a democratic majority of 21. Some frees have been discovered in Calveras county, measuring from eighteen to thirty feet in diameter. Senator Weller partook of a complimentary dinner in San Francisco on the 19th ult., previous to leaving for Washington. Sampson White Crowder, who murdered S. Lewis, on French Bar, Scott River, on the night of the 3d of August last, was executed in terms of his sentence, on the 6th of November at Yreka. He was from Mississippi.

A DR. S. THRASHER LYONS has been doing quite a business in New York during the past year among the fair sex. He is a Philadelphian by birth, and 45 years of age. His forte was to swindle women out of money, with whom he would get into communication, by advertising for wives. Once in communication with a lady, he would obtain a knowledge of her pecuniary circumstances, and if she had means, he would continue the acquaintance, ingratiate himself in her favor, make a formal engagement, advise her as to the employment of her means, offer his services in making investments for her, accept her money, pocketit, and discontinue his visits. But Lyons has not only been guilty of robbing his victims pecuniarily, but has also in various instances accomplished their ruin. Five instances of this character have come to public knowledge, in one of which the victim, a young lady, is now insane; and where he goes, it will only be undoubtedly, to move in the same path of villainy which he knows so well. Lyons has effected his escape. He sailed from Philadelphia for Australia, *via* Europe, a week before last, to avoid detention by the police. The fellow's career, as described, is a specimen of cold-blooded rascality, fortunately, but rarely met with.

**PEN, PAST AND SCISSORS.**

☞ Lola Montez is in New York.

☞ Gen. Wool is in San Francisco.

☞ Population of Cincinnati, 170,000.

☞ Deaths in Philadelphia last week, 223.

☞ The Captain General of Cuba has resigned.

☞ Hon. Seth Sprague of Massachusetts, died last week.

☞ Herman D. Lindley, Esq., of New York, died last week.

☞ Col. Kotzoupy, has returned to Philadelphia from the Crimea.

☞ The Philadelphia Skating Club is organized for active service.

☞ The pay of Army officers will it is thought, be increased by Congress.

☞ Gen. John G. Chapman, a prominent politician of Maryland, died last week.

☞ Thomas Detwiler, a flour merchant of Philadelphia, died on Saturday last.

☞ A Sick Society for a new Temperance organization, has been founded in Philadelphia.

☞ Andrew Morrison, a soldier of the war of 1812, died in Philadelphia last week.

☞ A slight shock of an earthquake was experienced in Petersburg, Va., on Saturday last.

☞ On the 9th inst., a whole block of buildings at Sterling, Ill., were destroyed by fire. Loss $25,000.

☞ Mrs. Roberts, of Wrightsville, Pa., was among the number killed by the railroad accident at Alliance, Ohio.

☞ The 40th annual meeting of the American Colonization society will be held in Washington on the 22th of January.

☞ John. Caleb Cushing intends remaining in Washington after the close of the present administration to practice law.

☞ A new and magnificent hotel is to be erected at the North-west corner of Eighth and Chesnut streets, Philadelphia.

☞ John Summers and Charles Ross are under arrest in New York, charged with assaulting in a fiendish manner, two women named Howard and Francis Gillins.

☞ The 1st Decent State Fair was held in Salt Lake city on the 2d, 3d, and 4th of October, and was, it is stated, highly creditable to the skill and industry of the settlements.

☞ In Wisconisco on the 7th inst., a two story house occupied by M. O'Conner and Ludden, and owned by the Lykens Valley Coal Company, was destroyed by fire. O'Conner's loss is about $800.

☞ Gen. Walker is in a critical position in Nicaragua. At last accounts, he was surrounded by his opponents; his men were suffering for want of provisions and clothing, and dying off by disease.

☞ An important arrest of venders of counterfeit money, was made in New York last Saturday. Over thirty thousand dollars of counterfeit money was secured. Among them was a counterfeit note on the Anthracite Bank of Tamaqua.

☞ On Saturday afternoon last Thalberg gave a concert in Philadelphia to the school children. In the evening his concert at the Musical Fund Hall at which D'Angri, a magnificent contralto, sang, was one of the finest ever given in that city. This evening he gives another concert there.

☞ The Southern Commercial Convention in session at Savannah, adjourned *sine die* on Saturday last. A resolution recommending a reopening of the slave trade was voted down. The Convention was moderate in its action—a fact we note with pleasure.

☞ It is stated that the late Rufus Welch—who died in Philadelphia—had no idea of his imminent danger until a few minutes before his death. Those Doctor Goddard in reply to his question, if he could do anything to ease him, felt it his painful duty to say, "It is useless, you will soon be at ease Rufus, without my assistance or that of mortal man." The sufferer looked at him fixedly for a minute, and then said, "You don't mean that, Doctor! Are you serious?" The reply was "I am," to which Mr. Welch promptly said "Is it so—it's all right then!" and these were the last words he ever spoke.

# THE COAL TRADE.

**Pottsville, December 20, 1856.**

The quantity sent by Railroad this week is 47,045 11 tons—by Canal 5,101 10—for the week 52,146 21 tons against 28,175 tons for corresponding week last year.

The trade by Canal is now closed. The total quantity sent by Canal is 1,169,296 08 tons has last year. Increase in 1856, 64,033 tons, making the whole supply from this Region for the fiscal year by Canal and Railroad, as follows:

| | 1855. | 1856. |
|---|---|---|
| Railroad, | 2,213,592 | 2,089,208 |
| Canal, | 1,105,263 | 1,169,296 |
| | 3,318,655 | 3,258,504 |
| | 3,258,504 | |
| Decrease in 1856, | 60,151 tons. | |

This does not embrace the Pinegrove or Swatara trade by Railroad South, which shows a slight increase this year over the last.

As soon as the year closes we will furnish our readers with official statistics of the trade as usual. The increase from all sources this year will not vary much from what we gave last week—The increase in the supply of Semi Anthracite and Bituminous will be in the neighborhood of 100,000 tons over the supply of last year, which exhibited but a slight increase, if any, over the shipments of 1854.

The quantity sent by Reading Railroad since the first of December, which is embraced in the ensuing year's business, shows an increase of 40,452 19 tons over the corresponding period for last year.

Vessels we learn are very scarce at Port Richmond and freights to the East unusually high.—The receipts also are beginning to exceed shipments, and Coal is accumulating at that point.—This ought to be avoided, if possible, at the close of the season.

Several colliery establishments cease mining to-day, and the whole trade will be limited; and soon go into "Winter quarters."

The supply of Coal, we think, will be sufficient for the market, if properly distributed. The apprehension of a short supply greatly stimulated the demand for the last two months of the shipping season, and has thus secured a supply of Coal sufficient to keep down high prices in the different markets, except at some few points where a sufficient number of vessels could not be obtained to secure a full supply. The Philadelphia, New York and intermediate markets, can be reached now throughout the whole season, and although the expense of transportation to the carrying companies is considerably enhanced in the winter season, still they afford an outlet to market for the gangway Coal, which is taken out in the preparation of the mines for next year's business, and thus aid in keeping down high prices when these markets are inadequately supplied.

REORGANIZATION OF THE COAL TRADE.—John Tucker, Esq., visited our Region this week, for the purpose of perfecting the plan, which he has devised and submitted to the Trade, for a thorough reorganization of the entire Coal business. There is no doubt that the plan will be adopted with almost entire unanimity. With the exception of one or two shippers—who may fret see the feasibility of Mr. Tucker's suggestions—all appear disposed to unite and give the plan a fair trial. The more we think of the matter, the stronger are our convictions that every branch of business, connected with and dependent upon the Coal Trade, will with it, be benefitted by the adoption of a head to systematize and regulate the operations of the Trade. The marked benefits arising from the adoption of such a plan, will be, a greater equalization of the business between the different interests, and an assurance to the operator that prices cannot fall below a fixed standard. We feel confident that at least from 10 to 15 cents a ton can be saved to the operator, without enhancing to the consumer the price of Coal a single cent. Let those engaged in the business consider that ten cents a ton saved on the Coal product of the present year—3,300,000 tons—would amount in round numbers, to the snug sum of $330,000—and 12 cents per ton saved to the operator on that product, would amount in the aggregate to $396,000. A prominent reason why the operators *en masse*, of this Region should enter heartily into the plan proposed, is that even those who mine the best Coal, and experience a steady demand for it, are affected equally with those mining an inferior article, by irregularity in the Trade. They would commit a grave error by refusing to enter into an arrangement, calculated to enhance the value of their product, while all must admit that it would be exceedingly unfair for any operator to withhold countenance from the experiment, and partake of the advantages attendant upon its success, without fostering it in its infancy.

While we are confident that the plan proposed by Mr. Tucker for the reorganization of the Coal Trade, will, if given a fair trial, result in material benefit to every interest concerned, we earnestly urge all to unite heartily upon the proposition, and put it to the test of untrammeled action.

THE COAL MARKET.—In Boston the retail prices have advanced to $7 50 by retail. The supply of Red Ash is short. In New York, Foreign Coal is dull and prices have declined a shade.—The stock of White Ash Anthracite is full, but there is a deficency of Red Ash in this market also. Prices remain without change, but they are firm at $4 75 to $6 25 for small and large sizes.

At Port Richmond and Baltimore the prices remain without change.

In Philadelphia Coal retails at $4 50 @ $4 75 for Schuylkill, and $4 75 @ $5 00 for Lehigh—Chesnut $3 25 @ $3 50 per ton.

**BY TELEGRAPH.**

FRIDAY, 6 O'CLOCK, P. M.

*Freights from Richmond to*—

| | |
|---|---|
| New York, | 1 25 to 1 50 |
| Boston, | 2 75 to 2 85 |
| Rhode Island, | 1 90 to 2 00 |

**Shipments by Canal.**

For the week ending Thursday last:

| | TONS. CWT |
|---|---|
| On the Line, | 2,099 00 |
| Philadelphia, | 1,429 00 |
| Wilmington, | 181 10 |
| New York and vicinity, | 1,392 10 |
| Total for week, | 5,101 10 |

**Coal Trade by Railroad for 1856-7.**

Sent by Railroad for the four days in December, being the commencement of the coming year:

| | WEEK. |
|---|---|
| Port Carbon, | 14,356 12 |
| Pottsville, | 8,598 13 |
| Schuylkill Haven, | 21,232 12 |
| Auburn, | 386 02 |
| Port Clinton, | 8,031 12 |
| Total for week, | 47,045 11 |
| Previously this year, | 80,079 05 |
| Total, | 127,124 15 |
| To same period last year, | 87,211 10 |
| Increase so far, | 40,452 19 |

**By Rail Road and Canal.**

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

| | RAILROAD. | CANAL. |
|---|---|---|
| Port Carbon, | 14,356 12 | 000 00 |
| Pottsville, | 8,598 13 | 000 00 |
| Schuylkill Haven, | 21,232 12 | 4,097 10 |
| Auburn, | 386 02 | 000 00 |
| Port Clinton, | 8,031 12 | 793 00 |
| Total for the week, | tons, 47,045 11 | 5,101 10 |
| Total by Railroad in 1856, | | 2,089,207 13 |
| " " Canal | | 1,169,296 08 |
| Total by Canal and Railroad, | | tons, 3,258,504 01 |
| Shipments to same period last year: | | |
| | | TOTAL. |
| By Railroad, | | 2,213,592 17 |
| By Canal, | | 1,105,263 08 |
| | | 3,318,047 05 |
| | | 3,258,504 01 |
| Decrease in 1856, so far, | | tons, 59,443 04 |

**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., | 33,747 16 | 1,655,386 17 |
| Mt. Carbon " " | 8,462 15 | 206,662 10 |
| Schuylkill Valley " | 7,613 00 | 657,078 04 |
| Mt. Carbon & Pt. Carbon " | 16,570 19 | 694,190 19 |
| Mill Creek " | 10,072 01 | 614,350 18 |
| Little Schuylkill " | 9,255 06 | 451,232 07 |

**Rates of Toll and Transportation on RAIL ROAD FOR THE PRESENT.**

| | From Mt. Carbon. | From S. Haven. | From Pt. Clinton. | 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 65 | 1 60 | 1 45 | 1 45 |
| Reading, | 1 20 | 1 15 | 1 05 | 1 00 |

**Rates of Toll by Canal for the present.**

| | From Pt. Carbon. | Mt. Carbon. | S. Haven. | Pt. Clinton. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Philad'a., | 80 | 79 | 77 | 65 |
| Spring Mills, | 70 | 69 | 67 | 60 |
| Norristown, | 65 | 64 | 62 | 55 |
| Reading, | 48 | 47 | 45 | 41 |

**Rates of Freight by Canal.**

| | From Pt. C. & Mt. C. | S. Haven. | Pt. Clinton. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To New York, | $1 90 | $1 85 | $1 80 |
| To Philad'a., | 90 | 85 | 80 |

**Scranton Coal Trade for October.**

| | |
|---|---|
| North towards New York, | 16,570 04 |
| South do do | 19,705 03 |
| Total, | 36,275 07 |
| Total to 1st of December, North and South, | 266,949 00 |

**Lehigh Coal Trade for 1856.**

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

| | WEEK. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|
| Wm. Milnes & Co., | 1,556 04 | 88,864 18 |
| Ratcliff & Johnsons, | 236 11 | 3,781 10 |
| Parker, Carter & Co., | 1,683 10 | 47,294 00 |
| V. L. Bright, | 271 04 | 7,355 08 |
| Sharpe, Leisenring & Co., | 698 08 | 11,505 03 |
| German Penna. Coal Co., | 573 10 | 9,141 03 |
| Dobbin & Dehaven, | 114 13 | 584 14 |
| Hazleton, | | 156 06 |
| Total, | 5,267 03 | 176,153 09 |
| By Canal, | | 1,136,161 08 |
| Total for the season, | | 1,312,314 17 |
| Same time last year, (Canal) | | 1,274,996 14 |
| Increase in 1856, so far, | | 37,318 03 |
| The decrease by Canal is | | 88,835 06 |

**Rates of Toll and Transportation ON THE LEHIGH VALLEY RAIL ROAD.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Mauch Chunk to Trenton, | 2 00 |
| do Elizabethport, | 2 43 |

**Union Canal R. R. Coal Transportation**

Amount transported during the month of Nov. 1856:

| | MONTH. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|
| Union Canal | 18,212 19 | 176,733 11 |
| Swatara Railroad. | 13,022 15 | 125,152 06 |

**Cumberland Coal Trade, 1856.**

| | WEEK. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|
| For the last week, | 11,139 | 637,633 |
| Last year. | 8,179 | 649,876 |
| Increase in 1856, so far. | | 37,567 |

**Coal Stocks,**

AND OTHER SCHUYLKILL CO. STOCKS.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY THOMPSON & DENGLER, BANKERS.

| Railroads: | PAR. | OFF'D | ASK'D |
|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia, Reading & Pottsville | 50 | 41¾ | 42 |
| Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven | 50 | 62½ | 63 |
| Mount Carbon | 50 | 50 | 52 |
| Mount Carbon and Port Carbon | 50 | 50 | 52 |
| Mill Creek | 50 | 50 | 52 |
| Schuylkill Valley | 50 | 50 | 52 |
| Lorberry Creek | 50 | 00 | 00 |
| Swatara | 50 | 7 | 8 |
| **Canals:** | | | |
| Schuylkill Navigation | 50 | 17 | 18 |
| " " preferred | 50 | 27 | 27½ |
| Union Canal | 50 | 2½ | 2¾ |
| " preferred | 50 | 12½ | 13 |
| Del. & Hud'n Coal & Transportat'n Co.'s | 100 | 119 | 119½ |
| **Railroad & Coal Companies:** | | | |
| Little Schuyl. Nav. R. R. & Coal Co. | 50 | 43½ | 44 |
| Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. | 50 | 72½ | 73 |
| Hazleton Coal Co. | | | |
| Buck Mountain Coal Co. | 50 | 00 | 00 |
| Pennsylvania Coal & R. R. Co. | 100 | 100½ | 102 |
| Dauphin Coal & R. R. Co. | 100 | 48 | 50 |
| Lykens Valley Coal Co. | 50 | 35 | 40 |
| Beaver Meadows Coal & R. R. Co. | 50 | 62½ | 63 |
| Lykens Valley Railroad & Coal Co. | 20 | 10 | 15 |
| **Coal Companies:** | | | |
| Forest Improvement Co. | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| North American Co., preferred | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| " " " common | 25 | 8 | 9 |
| Delaware Coal Co. | 50 | 00 | 0 |
| Cumberland Coal Co. | 10 | 17½ | 17½ |
| New Creek Coal Co. | 10 | ¾ | ⅞ |
| **Miscellaneous:** | | | |
| Miners' Bank | 37 | 56 | 58 |
| Farmers' Bank | 50 | 55 | 58 |
| Pottsville Gas Co. | 50 | 29 | 30 |
| Pottsville Water Co. | 25 | 18 | 19 |

☞ The Stock of all Coal Companies will be added to the above list when furnished by those who desire their publication.


# NEW ADVERT'MENTS

**MISS YOUNG**

WILL OPEN a school for Misses, on Monday January 5th, in the room recently occupied by Miss Presby, on Second street.

Pottsville, Dec. 20th, '56. 51-3t

**VALUABLE CENTRE STREET PROPERTY FOR SALE.**

THE UNDERSIGNED is authorized to sell the following real estate, situated on the westerly side of Centre street, opposite the American House, in the Borough of Pottsville, to wit:

All that 3 story stone dwelling house and office, and lot or place of ground, with the appurtenances, adjoining property of Jacob Kline, Esq., containing in front on Centre street 30 feet, and in depth 170 feet.

Also that 2 story dwelling house and double office, and the lot of ground on which the same is erected, adjoining the property above described, and the appurtenances, containing in front 30 feet, and extending in depth along Union street 150 feet.

For terms and conditions apply to

WM. L. WHITNEY, *Agent.*

Dec. 20, '56. 51-3m

**GREAT SALE OF COAL LANDS IN WYOMING VALLEY, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania.**

THE North Pennsylvania Coal Co. will sell on Thursday, 22d January, 1857, at Public Auction, on the premises, to the highest bidder, without reserve or limitation, *FOUR TRACTS OF UNSURPASSED COAL LAND.* Said lands are situated 2½ miles north of Wilkesbarre, in the heart of the Wyoming Coal Field, and contain together about 292 acres, as follows: Wagner Tract, (No. 1,) 37 acres 138 perches; Wagner Tract, (No. 2,) 52 acres 13 perches; Apple Tract, 54 acres 12 1-5 perches; Calvy Tract, 88 acres 50½ perches. These tracts adjoin each other, and are crossed by the North Branch Canal, just completed to the New York State Line—by plank road from Wilkesbarre to Pittston, and by the route of a contemplated Railroad from Nanticoke to Pittston, so meeting at that point the Lackawanna and Bloomsburg Railroad. Coal is opened and being mined on all sides of them, and for farming purposes they are unsurpassed.

Sale to commence on the premises at 10 o'clock, A. M., 22d January, 1857. For further particulars, address John D. Taylor, No. 9, S. Water street, Philadelphia, or Stanley Woodward, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

December 20, '56. 51-5t

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THE Play-Day Book—New stories for Little Folks; by Fanny Fern.
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Dickens's Little Folks—First Series—illustrated by Darley —Little Nell; Smoke, The Child Wife, Little Paul, Florence Dombey, &c.; 6 vols.
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