Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1857.

☞ The circulation of the MINERS' JOURNAL is equal to the aggregate circulation of any THREE other English papers published in the County—and as 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. In our cities the rates of advertising are always graded in price according to the circulation of the paper.

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 Slaveholders 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 appropriation of the proceeds of the sales of the Public Lands for the purchase of the Slaves at a fixed valuation, according to age and sex, and the gradual abolition of Slavery in the United States, which is a final abolition of Slavery in the United States, which is a foul blot on our National Escutcheon and contrary to the principles of the Declaration of Independence. This measure is the more important, because recent events have made sure is the more important, because recent events have sure is the more important, because recent events have fully shown that no question of Governmental policy, in all its various departments, and even the question of Religion itself, cannot be discussed without the "nigger question" being forced into the arena, and the whole country distracted and convulsed, causing alienation and hostile positions in various sections. Good Government, a Union among the States, and Harmony among the whole people, demand that this great and growing evil should be removed by all lawful and just means, as speedily as possible.

The improvement of our Rivers and Harbors, for the promotion of the Internal Commerce of the Country; together with such aids as may be prudently extended by the General Government, to the construction of Railroads and Telegraph Lines to the Pacific Ocean, to facilitate quick 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 Merchandize, sufficient for the support of the General Government, and so arranged as to discriminate in favor of, and also to protect the Domestic 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 and the best good of the masses—and lastly, *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 total prohibition of the Liquor traffic as a beverage, and the awarding of the same punishment to those who violate such a law as is awarded to other poisoners and murderers of the human race.

State Measures.

We will contend for a general Banking Law, based upon good stocks, well guarded in its issues for the security of note-holders.

A law prohibiting the sale of notes, drafts or any paper that is the representative of money, for more than six per cent. discount, under the penalty of being sent to the penitentiary, the same as any other person who robs the producer of his property.

The sale of every foot of the Public Works belonging to the State, as speedily as possible.

The above is an outline or main feature of the leading principles this paper will endeavor to advocate and establish in our Governmental policy.

RECEIPTS

For Subscriptions to the Miners' Journal since last publication.

Blaklston, Cox & Co., to Jan. 1, 1858	$2 00
John Muchmore, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Alfred Jones, to June 25, 1858	2 00
Penna. Coal Co., N. York, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Chas. Silliyman, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Jonas Buck, to July 1, 1858	2 00
Geo. Yost, to June 14, 1858	2 00
Peter Pocket, to Aug. 12, 1857	2 00
G. Dussoulas, to Aug. 18, 1857	2 00
Benj. Pott, to July 1, 1857	2 00
R. W. Slater, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Stichler & Thompson, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Thos. Silliyman, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Wm. Silliyman, to July 1, 1857	2 00
P. W. Sheafer, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Thompson & Dengler, to July 1, 1857	2 00
J. F. Voorhies, to July 1, 1857	2 00
J. M. Whelan, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Thos. Dilworth, to July 1, 1857	2 00
S. W. Ranney, to Sept. 22, 1857	2 00
W. Wolff, to July 1, 1857	2 00
J. Y. Yoder, to Jan., 1858	2 00
E. Yardley & Son, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Henry Zimmerman, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
R. Ratcliffe & Co., to July 1, 1857	2 00
Gen. H. McCabe, Esq., to July 1, 1857	2 00
Little Schuyl. Co., Tamaqua, to July 1, 1857	4 00
Do do Philada., to July 1, 1857	4 00
Do do Pt. Clinton, to July 1, 1857	4 00
W. B. Bensinger, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Wm. Donnison, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Leonard Fey & Co., to July 1, 1857	2 00
John Hendrick, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Benj. Heltner, to July 1, 1857	2 00
John Haldeman, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Thos. Birkbeck, to July 1, 1857	2 00
E. J. Freed, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Geo. Bond, to July 1, 1857	2 00
T. Woodward, to July 1, 1857	2 00
H. Weldy, to July 1, 1857	2 00
J. R. Gardner, to July 1, 1857	2 00
B. H. Godwin, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 15
F. F. Kolb, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Paul. Kean, to July 1, 1857	2 00
J. N. Spicer, to July 1, 1857	2 00
David B. Lewis, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Thos. Kean, to July 1, 1857	2 00
H. F. Haas, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Danl. Koch, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Edward Thomas, to July 1, 1857	2 00
W. F. Geist, to July 1, 1857	2 00
H. Maidenhoft, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Chas. Knittle, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
W. Fletcher & Co., to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Benj. Frick, Esq., to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Jos. H. Spayd, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
John Taylor, to April 25, 1858	2 10
Geo. Richards, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Chas. Marsh, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Jonas. Dietz, to July 1, 1857	2 00
D. G. Barnett, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Mr. Ellis, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Chas. Tanner, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Sampl. Moyer, to Sept. 22, 1858	2 00
Wm. Rennie, to July 1, 1857	2 00
John J. Davey, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Henry Schaefer, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Dr. G. W. Bowen, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Saml. Snyder, to July 1, 1857	2 00
John Medlar, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Henry Guiterman, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Geo. Beck, to July 1, 1857	2 00
A. Bolton, to July 1, 1857	2 00
A. Heebner, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Wm. Henderson, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
W. Y. Agard, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Joshua Henderbush, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
John J. Williams, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Geo. R. Detweiler, to Jan. 4, 1858	1 15
Chas. Holden, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
John H. Lime, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Jacob S. Gordon, to Aug. 8, 1857	2 00
Fred. Butler, to Jan. 1, 1858	1 00
S. T. Warner, to July 1, 1857	1 00
Thos. Millette, to April 1, 1858	1 00
Wm. Dellaven, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Jos. F. Saylor, to July 1, 1857	2 00
P. A. Heckscher, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
R. Heckscher & Co., to July 1, 1857	2 00
David Glover, to July 1, 1858	2 00
Jonas Kauffman, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
H. Bidley, to Aug. 1, 1857	2 00
J. J. Connor, to July 1, 1857	2 00
G. W. Ulrich, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Morgan Thomas, to July 1, 1857	1 75
Abm. Kline, to July 1, 1857	2 00
J. Weimer, to Jan. 1, 1858	1 25
Chas. Kessler, to July 1, 1857	3 00
Im Lake, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Richard Platt, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Wm Davis, to July 1, 1857	2 00
P. W. Zeile, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Stichler Harris, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
E. R. Porter, to Jan. 1, 1858	1 12
John Bittenbender, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Ingely, Seashultz & Co., to Jan. 1, 1858	2 28
Dr. Geo. Mears, to July 1, 1857,	2 55
A. Avers, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Richard Phillips, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Alfred Ford, to July 1, 1857	2 00
John Lazarus, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Wm. Shelley, to July 1, 1857	2 00
A. K. & A. Messersmith, to March 24, 1858	2 00
Remington & Henry, to Feb. 11, 1858	2 00
Plimpton & Taft, to March 31, 1858	2 00
J. J. Caldwell, to July 28, 1858	2 00
Prentice & Lerned, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
W. P. Phillips, to Feb. 1, 1858	2 00
G. Burleigh, to June 8, 1857	2 00
Bullard, Carter & Co., to Jan. 1, 1858	4 00
Randolph & Skidmore, to Jan. 1, 1858	4 00
Thos. M. Potts, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
W. & C. Kelsey, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Nolls & Co., to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
And. Russel, to July 1, 1857	1 00
T. M. Russel, to July 1, 1857	1 00
H. C. Russel, to July 1, 1857	2 00
Thos. Kimber, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
F. Benedict & Son, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Clark Sumner, to March 11, 1858	2 00
Wm. Hud. Rondout, to Rondout, to Jan. 1, 1858	4 00
M. L. Smith & Co., to April 22, 1858	2 00
Clark & Coggeshall, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Gould & Bradford, to March 29, 1858	2 00
J. Woodside, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00
Stout, Van Wickle & Martin, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 85
M. W. Baldwin, to Jan. 1, 1858	4 00
N. Wyman, to Jan. 1, 1858	2 00

☞ Our Subscribers in Tamaqua and the Valley of the Schuylkill, whose bills remain unpaid, will be called on in the course of the ensuing week. We hope those who are likely to be absent from home or at work will leave the money at their houses, so that the collector will not be disappointed when he calls.

PERSONAL.—We have made out a large number of bills and forwarded them to the subscribers of the JOURNAL in arrears. They are scattered all over the country, and we will be happy in receiving a response to every missive forwarded by mail or otherwise. The calls of the paper maker, and for labor, renders it absolutely necessary that we should collect the respective amounts due us as speedily as possible.

To those who have honored our calls, we return our thanks—and those who are in arrears for a number of years and have paid no attention, to our repeated requests to settle up, we will be under the necessity of striking their names off our list, and publish the respective amounts due us. We should regret the necessity of this course, but justice to ourselves will require its adoption if no attention is paid to this notice. The publication of our paper is expensive in order to make it useful—each number costing upwards of eighty dollars to issue—and it is unreasonable to suppose that we can afford to furnish it for years without receiving a cent in payment. Scattered as many of the bills are, it is impossible to call on subscribers personally—and we therefore sincerely hope that this notice will not be disregarded by those to whom it is addressed.

WANT of space precludes the possibility of noticing the new advertisements in detail.

IT is stated that the Warren Bank of this State, has failed.

THERE are 78,000 miles of telegraph lines in the world.

THE Potatoe rot is prevalent in some sections of the country.

MORTIMER LIVINGSTON, an eminent New York merchant, is dead.

JACOB LITTLE & Co., the New York stock broker, have again suspended.

A NATIONAL EMANCIPATION CONVENTION has been in session in Cincinnati during the week.

IT is thought that the stringency in the money market at New York will continue for some time to come.

EX-GOVERNOR ROBINSON of Kansas, has been acquitted on the recent charge brought against him.

MR. WILMOT delivered an effective speech before a large auditory in Philadelphia on Monday evening.

"PRIORESS," Ten Broeck's horse, has been beaten a second time in England. Better bring her home now, Ten.

A FACT.—Tableaux are the rage at Saratoga.—One was got up the other evening representing a woman in her natural dimensions. Few recognised it.

WOMAN has much to answer for. At Hollidaysburg on Tuesday, Henry Nesslor, 18 years of age, a teamster, hung himself, using the lines with which he drives. Cause, "unrequited love."

TEACHERS' MEETING.—A meeting of Teachers from all parts of the United States was held in Philadelphia on Wednesday, with a view to the formation of a General Union of the Teachers of the United States.

THE last foreign news states that not only is Delhi not taken, but that the mutineers are acquiring a strength that will require all the power and energy of England to subdue. That she will succeed in checking the rebellion we have no doubt.

THE ATLANTIC CABLE broke when the fleet was 335 miles from the British coast. The fleet returned, and operations for the present are suspended. It is thought that another trial of it will be made in October. If not then, all operations on it will be suspended until next Summer.

VERBUM SAP, ETC.—Some gentlemen, residents of Oregon Territory, are preparing a cane, as a present to President Buchanan. It is to be very elaborately carved and ornamented, and will cost considerable. These gentlemen are informed that the buck-horn chairman received the only vacant Indian Agency, and that their trouble is therefore in vain.

H. BUTCHER SWOOPE made a speech in Philadelphia on Tuesday evening, in reply to Mr. Wilmot. It was made up of a mass of incongruities and nonsense, worthy of the ability of Swoope—for a rehash of which take up at any time a copy of the Philadelphia *News*. The whole thing was a penny whistle affair, originated by Sanderson, and his "dollar men of '56."

THE Harrisburg *Herald* says that a canal boat, belonging to a colored man named Thornton, took fire at the canal basin on Sunday and two persons were very badly burned—Edward Collins, 21 years of age, and George Washington, the driver, a lad of 17, both colored. Collins died soon after, and the other victim was not expected to live. It is not known how the fire originated.

THE ADVANTAGE OF THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY.—One of the most prominent citizens of Missouri—the owner of twenty-one grown up slaves, besides their progeny—has offered to emancipate all, provided general emancipation could be secured. He knows and says that the rise in real estate, consequent upon the abolition of Slavery in Missouri, would four-fold pay for the slaves.

THE September number of Harper's Magazine is very interesting. It contains, in addition to other matter, finely illustrated, a valuable article on the "Coal and the Coal Mines of Pennsylvania," by Eli Bowen, Esq. The paper is profusely illustrated, and in a neat, concise form, conveys in a pleasant manner, to those unacquainted with the Anthracite Coal Regions of Pennsylvania, much valuable information.

ADVICES from St. Helena state that the Emperor Louis Napoleon has purchased the site of the tomb of his uncle the great Napoleon, for $3000, and Longwood the farm on which the conquered conqueror's last years were passed, for $18,000.—A commission is expected soon to arrive for the purpose of putting Longwood in complete order and decorate the grounds. A fine monument is also to be erected over the tomb.

THE annual cricket match between the United States and Canadian Elevens was commenced at Toronto on Wednesday week, and concluded on Friday in a victory for the Canadians with 7 wickets to go down. The score was:—United States, 108 and 89; Canada, 145 and 53. The match played last year at Hoboken resulted in a victory for the States, and now they have been beaten it makes the account square.

ORANGE COUNTY butter is selling in New York at 23 cents per pound. Sugar within the week in that city has fallen in price 2½ cents per pound, while the supply in the market is unusually large. Everything in the provision line is tumbling in price; speculators are dumb-founded, while the people are at last having justice done them. The poor man has again a chance to live, without being subjected to famine prices.

THE Washington *States* hears from the best authority, that the Secretary of War will dispatch a special messenger to the army for Utah. The *States* has good reason to believe that this messenger is sent thither to see that the mails for the officers and men are regularly delivered, as it is well known that Brigham Young and his confederates are in the habit of interfering and tampering with the United States mails, and making postal arrangements to suit themselves.

CRASH after crash has been the order of the day during the week in Wall street, New York.—The Ohio Life and Trust Company started the ball which is not done rolling yet. There is a regular panic in Wall street, and everybody asks his neighbor, "what" or "who next?" The response is generally, a fresh batch of failures.—The times are out of joint, and people are beginning to see the effects of a bad system, prominent in which is "shaving," a Shylock occupation which the people should crush out of existence.

OUR list of Receipts exhibits the fact that a large number of our subscribers have responded to the call made upon them last week. As we still continue to forward bills to those indebted to us, we hope that they will be as prompt in liquidating the amounts due us. A speedy reply relieves both our subscribers and ourselves of some trouble, and is certainly more satisfactory. Tendering our thanks to those who have honored our missives, we trust those yet to be recipients will "follow suit."

THE Surrogate of New York has delared Emma Augusta Cunningham not the widow of Harvey Burdell, and has directed letters of administration to be issued to the decendant's next of kin, on giving the proper security. This decision will relieve Mrs. Cunningham from the charge of felony as regards the production of a false heir, but it however, subjects her, as well as her daughter Augusta, to indictment and prosecution for perjury, they having both positively sworn that the marriage took place. Mrs. Cunningham is either a much abused woman, or she is one of the vilest that ever existed.

CANAL TOLLS.—There has been a very great falling off this season in the amount of tolls received on the New York canals, from the amount received last year. The decrease of receipts is owing mainly to the fact that the West has had comparatively little freight to send forward, because, as is alleged, Western traders have been unable to pay their debts to Eastern merchants, and but small purchases have been made for Western consumption. This has been the "hardest year" for the shipping on the Lakes that was ever known. The heavy crops of the present year will make the latter part of the season more profitable.

THE convulsion in the money market has affected stocks wonderfully. Amidst the general tumble in prices, we observed that Reading from 34 last week, fell to 30, and in one instance 29, while the Pennsylvania Coal Company which three months since was 95, last week 75, this week is quoted at 60. Schuylkill Navigation has also been affected, but not to the extent observable in other stocks. The fact is, that for a period of some ten years the stock market has not been so completely paralyzed as at the present moment. Wall street led the way, and crash, crash, crash, has come to us every day during the week. We think it will purify the monetary atmosphere, which needs it badly.

RUNNING away appears to be a virtue of the Democratic party. Buchanan runs away from the office-seekers he has deceived; Packer runs away from Wilmot; Walker runs away from Lawrence; and Breslin runs off from Ohio, that he has cheated. The Cincinnati *Gazette* says:

"We learn from our Columbia correspondent that on the 27th of July, Gov. Chase wrote to Lewis Cass, Secretary of State, soliciting that the General Government address the authorities of Canada for the extradition, under the Treaty, of John G. Breslin, indicted for embezzlement of the public moneys of the State of Ohio; to which, on the 3d day of August, Gen. Cass replied that Mr. Breslin could not be returned under the Treaty. Gov. Chase will again submit the subject to the Secretary for reconsideration."

THE Democratic papers in Illinois are beginning to advocate the re-establishment of Slavery in that State. In the South some of the leading advocates of Slavery advocate *white* as well as black slavery among the laboring classes, and it is generally understood that as soon as they obtain their power in the country, it is their intention to place the Irish Roman Catholics on the same footing as the blacks and we think they are about right. The Irish in the North are the greatest advocates for Slavery that we have in the country. They vote in a body for the extension of Slavery into the vast territories of the United States—and if we *must* have Slavery extended, we see no good reason why they should not be made partakers of the Principles they vote for.

THE OHIO DEFALCATION.—It is proved, and that too, upon an examination made by Mr. Thomas Sparrow, a democrat, that John G. Breslin, the late Democratic Treasurer of Ohio, stole $574,000, which the State has lost. Now that Breslin is proven to be the real thief, it is to be hoped that the democratic press will have the decency to refrain from charging upon Mr. Gibson, the late Republican Treasurer, the crime which has been confessed to by his predecessor. As our readers are aware, Breslin confessed to having stolen the money, and fled to Canada to avoid prosecution and the necessity of telling who shared it with him. If he could have been compelled to disclose who were his partners in the robbery there would have been a rare commotion in the locofoco ranks of that State.

WILMOT'S APPOINTMENTS.—Having *stumped* General Packer, Mr. Wilmot commenced on Tuesday last, the State canvass, which will occupy his time up to the 6th of October. In addition to the appointments announced, it is the purpose of Mr. Wilmot to address his fellow citizens at intermediate points, and if its practicable he will speak as often as twice every day. He is going into the fight with a determination to win the race, and it is his purpose to push the contest thoroughly and vigorously. From the 7th to the 13th of October he will speak in Philadelphia and vicinity. No appointment is announced for this County; but we hope that Mr. Wilmot will find it convenient to pay us a visit. Many remember with pleasure, the last time he spoke here, and we feel assured that he would have an immense throng to hear him again. There is an energy and determination in his manner that forces conviction, and wins even his political opponents to respect and admire him.

PROPOSED HORSE RACE FOR $100,000 A SIDE.—The result of the Goodwood Race has excited the turfmen in Savannah, Georgia, and they propose getting up a match race between the United States and England, to be run in this country under such terms of agreement as shall fully test the superiority of the horses of the two countries. They therefore make the following challenge, which is open to the world:—"To run a match of four miles and repeat, at such time as may be agreed upon, post entries for one hundred thousand dollars a side, the horses to carry weight for age, to be run over the Ten Broeck Course at Savannah." In order to induce their English friends to accept the banter, they also propose to allow them five per cent. upon the money staked; or five thousand dollars, to pay the expenses of their horses, in case they lose the race. The editor of the *Savannah Georgian* says that the gentlemen by whose authority this challenge is published, are all men of respectability and wealth and the money is ready to be covered by a similar amount from England or elsewhere.

WE have received a communication from Minersville, which complains of grievances which it alleges Mr. William DeHaven is suffering from the management of the Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Railroad Company. The communication states that he is suffering in business from petty annoyances, unworthy the management of the Company. The communication intimates pretty strongly that when the Company had its troubles, Mr. DeHaven was one of its warmest advocates and supporters,—now that they are strong, and have every thing in their own hands, and that he, Mr. DeHaven, like the generality of the people in Schuylkill County, being a little hard up for funds to prosecute a very heavy business, has not been quite as punctual as desired. Although paying as high as from $500 to $700 tolls weekly, he is subjected to all kinds of annoyances,—and is compelled to incur heavy additional expenses in prosecuting his business in consequence of those annoyances. We give the substance of the communication we are desired to publish. There are generally two sides to be heard in all complaints of this character,—and as the writer seems to invoke the aid of the public in the matter, we think this notice will be sufficient to accomplish the object without publishing a long communication being, as it appears to us, more of a personal than a general character.

"EROS AND ANTEROS; OR, THE BACHELOR."—This work by "Judith Caunte," just issued from the New York press, has received the highest encomiums of the most critical of American journals. The story is simple and truthful, while the characters, which are not overdrawn, are in several instances, strongly individualized. The literary editor of *The Press* in criticising it says that none but a woman—with all the gentle and delicate impulses of a pure nature, a thoughtful spirit and tender heart—could have written such a book as this. It is what might hastily be spoken of as a love-story. But it is more than this. It is the history of a human heart, crushed in its youth by Eros, rewarded in its maturer years by the divine Anteros. It is a story, filled with love, indeed, but with a passion pure and not sensuous, self-denying and humble, yet elevated and ardent; such a passion as forms the romance of life and does not come to all. The *Press* adds that the authoress may write again, for she has capacity of mind, poetical feeling, and skill in portraiture. Her's is not a "sensation" novel; it is disfigured by no slang; it does not record the details of any crime of blood; it wholly eschews even a remote allusion to the frailties of the sex. No, it is pure—in thought, language and plot, and for this, as well as for its undeniable evidences of marked ability, the editor has been charmed with it.

THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.—The feeling against a portion of this ticket increases rather than dimishes. We are the recipient of a communication in relation to Mr. Feger, the nominee for Register, which if but half true, stamps him as a man entirely unfit for the position. The citizens of Schuylkill county, not only the Opposition, but a large portion of the Democracy, have become thoroughly disgusted with the quality of some of the men who year after year, in accordance with party usages, have been elected to office. Men unsuited by education and too often morally unfit for the positions, represent us in the Legislature, while the heavy burden of taxes are added to by the election to County offices of reckless and unprincipled men. The dissatisfaction which is generally expressed at the nomination of Mr. Buts for Director of the Poor, will we think, defeat him. There is no doubt that a People's Ticket in opposition to the most obnoxious portions of the Democratic County Ticket, will be placed in the field. That it will be successful, none can doubt, for we have never known a period in the political history of the County, in which there has been more dissatisfaction with a regularly nominated ticket, taken as a whole, than at present exists among the Democracy. A ticket composed of good men, would carry all before it, for the people are thoroughly disgusted with the machinations of a party which places on a ticket inferior men to the exclusion of those more worthy of selection.

THE FINANCIAL PROSPECTS OF THE COUNTRY.—The Western fever has reached its crisis, and is subsiding, but still the spirit of speculation is too prevalent, and money is decidedly tight.—Commercially we are threatened with embarrassments which it should be the policy of this government to avoid, and which would be avoided, were the people alive to their own interests—to the necessity of curtailing importations of goods; to restricting the exportation of specie, and to encouraging home manufacture. An examination of the Custom-house returns at New York for the current year, discloses the fact that the imports at that city for the first seven months of this year, have exceeded those of the corresponding period of last year, nearly twenty-three millions of dollars; that the exports of domestic produce have fallen about six millions; and that we have thus a total, as against 1857, so far, of twenty-nine millions. At the same time we have shipped to Europe, since the first of January, nearly six millions more of specie than during the first seven months of 1856, specie taking the place of produce, as much going out weekly as we get semi-monthly from California. If the imports would stop at the present unexampled aggregate, there would be less room to fear; but it is in vain to look every week, for evidences of decrease. The aggregate for August and September will be largely in excess of the is no off-set to this, in the shape of keeping pace to this increased importations by means same months last year. Now unfortunately, there of exportations. We have an abundant harvest and are prepared to ship largely our produce to pay our indebtedness to Europe, but it so happens that Europe has had as good an harvest as we have, and will it is possible, have but little need of any surplus from here. Russia it is thought, may prove an exception to this, but it is a frail foundation to build hopes upon. The question now is, how are these immense importations to be paid for? Young, enterprising and vigorous as the country is, it may harden itself with a heavier load than it can carry. We have pursued a suicidal policy, and are still pursuing it. It is the height of folly to import goods, while our cotton mills are idle. Are we anxious to become bankrupt?

ANOTHER DREADFUL COLLIERY EXPLOSION IN ENGLAND—FORTY LIVES LOST.—The Manchester papers of August 8th, contain the following:

Shortly after one o'clock on Friday afternoon, an explosion took place in a coal-pit near Ashton, by which it was at once apprehended that more than thirty persons must have lost their lives, and there no longer exists any hope that the estimate was an exaggeration. This deplorable accident occurred at the Heyes Colliery, within half a mile of Ashton Town Hall. There are five seams in the colliery, but only two of them lately have been worked, and these are distinguished as "the two feet mine," and "new mine." There are three shafts, one up-cast and two down-cast. At six o'clock in the morning, about fifteen men descended to work in the two-feet mine, which is 165 yards down, and another party whose number was between 30 and 40, descended the No. 1 down cast shaft, to work in the new mine, which is 225 yards down. There appears to have been not the least alarm until, at the time stated, the neighborhood was thrown into consternation by the noise of an explosion in the No. 1 down cast shaft, which shook the houses near the pit, and was for a considerable distance around heard. Almost at the same instant, an immense quantity of smoke and dust was shot up with such force as to break the iron plating at the mouth of the pit.

The men who had been working in the two-feet mine ascended by the No. 2 down-cast shaft as soon as they heard the noise. Great numbers of people were immediately attracted to the spot, and amongst them were a number of men from the neighboring collieries of the Fairbottom Company, and of Messrs. Lees, who at once proceeded to descend the No. 1 down-cast shaft to the new mine, in which it was feared that all the works had perished. Under the superintendence of Mr. Pearce, the manager, and Mr. Garside, the underlooker, preparations were promptly made for stopping up the various openings and restoring the air-currents. As soon as possible Mr. Garside descended with a party of volunteers, including several of those who had escaped from the two-feet mine. They were supplied with materials for stopping up the openings of the workings, which the explosion had deranged. At the top of incline they found the engineer still living, but severely burnt, and he was conveyed home. It was found impossible to make very rapid progress along the incline, but by about 9 o'clock at night the underlooker and his assistants had penetrated about 250 yards, searching the workings as they proceeded, and had found the bodies of five men.—Further advance was suspended for several hours, by the necessity which became apparent of carefully restoring the ground already passed over, to take additional precautions against the escape of the after-damp through the openings. About half past eight o'clock Mr. Dickenson, inspector of mines for the Manchester district, arrived at the pit, and remained there during the night, expressing himself satisfied with what had been done to recover the bodies.

The difficulty of clearing a passage farther was very great, but the number of volunteers augmented, and the most energetic exertions have been made; the result of which is that seventeen bodies had been recovered by 9 o'clock on Saturday evening. Elliott, the engineer, is still alive, but it is doubtful whether he will recover. Another man is reported to have been found, but not fatally. Ever since the moment of the explosion, the ground near the pit has been thronged by hundreds of people. There have been sad assemblages of anxious inquirers and of mourning relatives, and the scene has been one of distressing excitement. Nothing is yet mentioned to give a clue to the cause of the explosion. A number of lamps have been found, all of them were injured. The shaft was sunk in 1823, but the mine had then been worked for 30 years from one of the other shafts. By 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon 31 bodies had been recovered from the pit, and as eight persons are are still missing, the estimated number of lives lost is now increased to 39. There are still 40 men constantly engaged in exploring the mine, and it is thought probable that the whole of the bodies may be recovered during the night. The greatest precautions are necessary to avoid the after damp, but there is otherwise not much danger.

A LITERAL RUNAWAY MATCH.—A capital story is told by a Texas paper of a runaway match that came off in that State. It seems that a couple had resolved to get married notwithstanding the opposition of parents and relatives of every degree, and securing the co-operation of a friendly clergyman, they all three mounted horses and set out for a friend's mansion several miles off, to which the writer had been solemnized without interference. They had not gone far, however, before their flight was discovered, and then there was as much mounting, and racing, and chasing as occurred on the occasion of "Young Lochinvar's" celebrated elopement with the Netherby maiden. The lovers and their faithful pastor soon heard the noise of approaching pursuers and gave their horses the spur. But alas! their enemies were better mounted and gained fast upon them. It was evident they would soon be captured, when a felicitous inspiration of the maiden came to their aid. "Can't you marry us as we run?" she shouted to the clergyman. The idea "took," and the pastor at once commenced the ritual. All parties "covered themselves with glory," and just as the bride's father clutched her bridle-rein, the clergyman pronounced the lovers man and wife. When the old gentleman first learned what had been done, he was inclined to be furious; but being a gallant old fellow, and admiring a dashing action, he soon concluded to forgive the runaways, in consideration of the handsome and novel manner in which they triumphed over him.

WASHINGTON INTELLIGENCE.—The annexed items are contained in a despatch to *The Tribune*, dated Washington, Aug. 25, 1857:

The War Department recognises the virtual abandonment of the Utah expedition, and has relieved Gen. Harney of that command. The troops will remain in Kansas for service at the polls, and as a body-guard to the bogus Constitutional Convention.

Messrs. Phelps of Missouri, Orr of South Carolina, Houston of Alabama and Extra Billy Smith of Virginia, are already carrying on an active canvass for the Speakership. Col. Orr will win the day without doubt. He affects moderation, and his popularity lies with the Northern Democracy.

The printing will cause a serious struggle. The plan of the opposition to *The Union* is, to break down *organ-ism* and divide the printing among a number of Democratic establishments.

LIFE IN NEW YORK ON SUNDAY.—The *N. Y. Tribune*, of Monday, says:

"It is difficult to say in what direction observance of the liquor law on Sundays is progressing. Yesterday the establishments declared to be "strictly temperance," the sale of 'hard stuffs,' were mostly closed in front, but by way of securing proper ventilation they had an opening in the rear through which the thirsty were permitted to pass. The lager beer saloons were open front and rear, and dealt out large quantities of the German national beverage to the music of energetic brass and string bands.

This argues a wretched bad state of public morals in the city of Gotham. No wonder riots, rows, suicides, murders, *et id omne genus*, are of every day occurrence.

☞ The Supreme Court of the State of Maine have decided that the Constitution of that State permits negroes to vote, provided they possess the requisite qualifications; the Dred Scott decision not interfering with any former rights.

THE COAL TRADE.

Pottsville, August 29, 1857.

The quantity sent by Railroad this week is 40,702 15—by Canal 42,828 08—for the week 83,531 03 tons. Total by Railroad 1,286,678 02 against 1,432,048 10 tons. Ditto by Canal 766,213 05 against 676,725 tons to same period last year. The loss by Railroad is 145,370 tons, and the gain by Canal 89,488 tons compared with last year.

The shipments show an increase over last week of 7,755 tons, and fall short of the shipments for the corresponding week last year 5,829 tons.

The trade sums up this week as follows:

	1856.	1857.	Loss.	Gain.
Schuylkill—R. R.	53,459	40,703	12,756	
" —Canal,	33,901	42,828		8,927
Lehigh—R. R.	5,553	11,973		6,420
" —Canal	40,969	22,578	17,393	
Del. & Hud. Canal,	14,726	17,873		3,147
Penna. Coal Co.,	13,494	30,866		17,462
Scranton,	4,150	11,054		6,904
	168,162	179,873	30,149	51,860
		168,162		30,149
Increase for the week, tons,		11,711		11,711

Showing a gain over the corresponding week last year of 11,711 tons. The Pennsylvania Coal Company gained 17,462 tons, which is 6,751 tons more than the whole gain from all the above regions. The Lehigh Canal and the Reading Railroad loose badly.

The gain from the above regions up to last week was 101,145 tons, which added to the 11,711 tons increase this week, makes the total gain so far 11,856 tons.

The Railroad has been beaten again by the Canal, upwards of two thousand tons, with plenty of vessels at Port Richmond. If this state of affairs is to continue, we will be compelled to reverse our Coal Tables, and put the Canal before the Railroad. The truth is, we see no hope for the Railroad to increase her tonnage, except allowing a drawback on tolls to our Operators here for the balance of the season to be paid to the Miner monthly,—and also to reduce the toll to Broad Street 20 cents a ton, to place the retailers there on about the same footing as those who receive their Coal by Canal. This will draw trade to the Railroad, and will protect the Miner, who is forced to sell to the "middle interest" at the low rates. There is as much Coal going forward as the market really requires at present.—The Canal has a capacity from 43 to 44,000 tons per week, and as she gets all she can carry, the Railroad Company only gets the balance. It is the odium that attaches to the Fort Richmond Coal traffic, and the breaking up and the stopping of the Mines of those who are forced to sell to the "middle interest" at that point at ruinous rates, to which may be added the limiting of freights by buyers abroad below the running rates at Port Richmond, that has embarrassed the business of the Reading Railroad more than all other causes combined.

The Richmond system too of mixing all kinds of Coal by the middle interest there, is a standing reproach to the character of Schuylkill Coal, and is constantly driving off customers, either to the Canal or other regions. It makes no difference how good a Miner's Coal may be, or how well prepared for market, he derives no benefit from its character, if he is forced to sell it to a "middle man" who buys all kinds of Coal badly prepared, and mixes it up with his Coal. Again—the middle man must secure his profit from either the producer or the consumer—(it generally comes off the producer, because the middle interest cannot obtain higher prices than the Miner who sells his own Coal of equal quality unless they sell on longer credits,)—the price is forced down, and the Coal is prepared for the market according to the prices paid for it. This is sold as Schuylkill Coal, and eight out of ten consumers, who buy the trash, firmly believe that *