Wit and Humor.

SONG OF THE HOOPS.

Sailing down the crowded street,
Scraping every one they meet,
With a rushing whirlwind sound,
Muffled bells around abound.
Hoop! loop! hoop!
What a vast, expansive swoop!

Hoops of whalebone, short and crisp,
Hoops of wire thin as a wisp,
Hoops of brass, thirteen yards long,
Hoops of steel, confirm'd and strong;
Hoops of rubber, soft and slick,
Hoops of roping, bungling thick;
Hoops of lampwick, cord, and leather,
Hoops that languish in wet weather;
Hoops that spread out silken skirts,
Hanging *off from* silly flirts.

Sweeping off the public lands,
Turning over apple-stands;
Felling children to the ground,
As they flaunt and whirl around.
Hoop! hoop! hoop!
What a vast expansive swoop!

Jolly hoops, that wiggle around,
Sober hoops, that sway profound;
Spriggy hoops, that shake and wag,
Broken hoops, that droop and drag;
Monster hoops, all overgrown,
Junior hoops, of smaller bone;
Hoops that ravish lover's eyes,
Hoops that rend their breasts with *sighs*;
Hoops that shock their feeble legs,
Like a crowd of giant kegs.

What gallant ships! what swelling sails!
How they resist opposing gales!
With what a full, relentless waft,
They overwhelm each smaller craft!
Hoop! hoop! hoop!
What a vast, expansive swoop!

(Harper's Magazine.

A FABLE.

BY RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

The mountain and the squirrel
Had a quarrel,
And the former called the latter 'Little Prig.'
Bun replied,
You are doubtless very big,
But all sorts of things and weather
Must be taken in together
To make up a year and a sphere;
And I think it no disgrace
To occupy my place
If I'm not so large as you,
You are not small as I,
And not half so spry;
I'll not deny you make
A very pretty squirrel track;
Talents differ; all is well and wisely put;
If I cannot carry forests on my back,
Neither can you crack a nut.

HOW TO OBTAIN SUBSCRIBERS.—In the year '36 we published a semi-weekly paper in the city of Detroit, and at the commencement of our career, we employed a local travelling agent—one J. D., a fellow of almost infinite tact in his business, and ordinarily one of the merriest, best natured bipeds we ever met with. John had a way of obtaining subscribers, however, peculiarly his own, and his success was proverbial. If he undertook to get a man's name and subscription money, he got it—there was no dodging the issue when he had resolved upon the thing.

John was a large, powerful man, standing six feet, three, in his socks, and he feared nothing in performance of his duty—at times when a resort to tricks of trade was necessary, he was ever at home, and his mimickry, smiling countenance, and capital address, made him scores of friends almost at first sight. But John occasionally came across a tough customer.

"You call that a paper?" exclaimed one rough, big-fisted fellow, derisively, one morning, in a coffee-house where John was canvassing.

"Well, I do," said John.

"Oh, git out!" responded the bully.

"And you must subscribe too!"

"Not'n you know on," continued the other, sneeringly. "It's a humbug."

"What's a humbug?"

"That paper o' yourn?"

"Come now, my fine fellow, that won't do," added the agent, not a little piqued.

He always stood straight up for the paper.

"That kind o' talk ain't just the thing, my friend," continued John, for there were several persons present.

"I say, it's a hum"—persisted the fellow, "and you're another."

As the stranger got off his last remark, he approached the canvasser instantly, and offered some unmistakeable demonstrations of a belligerent character.

John measured his customer as he advanced, and drawing back, he very coolly knocked the insolent fellow down. Then grasping the rowdy by the throat—

"Is my paper a hum?" asked John.

"Yes—cuss your picture."

"It is, eh?" continued the agent, bringing the fellow a rap on the side of the cocoanut, which astonished him immensely.

"It is, is it?" again he cuffed him vigorously, and then again and again, until the bully began to believe he had commenced operations on the wrong individual.

"Is my paper a hum?"

"N-n-no!" shrieked the fellow.

"What kind of a paper is it?"

"I dun no."

"Yes you do!" responded John, again rising that fearful list."

"Yes!" shouted the sufferer.

"What kind of paper is it?"

"It's a——it's a——"

"Quick! or I'll mash every bone in your ugly body," said John.

"Oh, oh—it's a good—fuss—fuss-rate paper.—Now let me up."

"No—no, not till you subscribe."

"I won't."

"No. We'll see!" and John tightened his grasp on the prostrate hero, and showing his teeth, he threshed about like a mad catamount.

"I will?"

"For a year?"

"No."

"What then?"

"Six months."

"That'll do," said John. "It'll be two dollars—fork over—no trust."

"Let me up."

"After you've paid your subscription."

"You'll—loosen yer holt, can't yer?"

Thus adjured, John, who was not of an unaccommodating spirit, "let up" so as to allow his subscriber to get his hand in his pocket."

The latter actually drew forth his purse, counted out two dollars in silver, gave his address, took his receipt, and was released.

"Take a drink?" said the agent.

"Yes," responded the victim.

So they drank together, and John, at least, was in excellent humor.

"I think you'll like my paper, friend," said he.

"Yes," was the response.

"It's a good paper."

"Yes," said the subscriber.

"And you'll remember it to your friends."

"Yes," groaned the victim.

"Good day, then," said John, smiling blandly as he departed.

"Yes," added the other abstractedly, as he followed him with his eyes. "But of that ain't the devil's own partickler agent, then I dunno nothin!" and rubbing the side of his head, and twisting his shoulders about a little, to feel if anything was out of jint, he muttered something about "the power of the press," and disappeared.

A HARD CASE.—Poor people have a hard time in this little world of ours. Even in matters of religion there is a vast difference between Dives and Lazarus, as the following anecdote, sent us by a friend, will illustrate:

Old Billy G—— had attended a great revival, and in common with many others, he was converted and baptised. Not many weeks afterwards one of his neighbors met him reeling home with a considerable brick in his hat.

"Hello, uncle billy," said the friend, "I thought you had joined the church."

"So I did," said uncle Billy, making a desperate effort to stand still, "so I did Jeemes, and would have been a right down good baptist if they hadn't a treated me so everlastin mean at the water. Didn't you hear 'bout it Jeemes?"

"Never did."

"Then I'll tell you 'bout it. You see, when we come to the babtisin' place, thar was me and old Jenks, the rich old squire was to be dipped at the same time. Well, they took the old squire in fust, but I didn't mind that mub, as I thought it would be just as good when I cum; so he led him in, and after dippin' him under, he raised him up mighty keerful, and wiped all the water out of his face and led him out. Then cum my turn, and instead of liftin' me out like squire, he give me one slesh, and left me crawlin' about on the bottom like a d——d mud turtle."

A COUPLE OF Yankee girls put a bullfrog in the hired man's bed, to see if they could'nt get him to talk. Daniel threw the frog out of the window, and never said a word. Soon after, he put a half bushel of chestnut burs in the girls' bed, and about the time he thought they would make the least shadow, Daniel went to the door and rattled the latch furiously. Out went the candle and in went the girls; but they did'nt stick, though the burs did. Calling to them he begged them to be quiet, for he only wanted to know if they had seen anything of that pesky bullfrog.—He'd give two dollars to find it.

PRECOCIOUS.—Little Sis—"Oh, Bobby, I'm a goin' to have a hooped dress, an oyster shell bonnet, a pair of ear drops, and a baby!" Little Bob—"The thunder you is! Well, I'm going to have a pair of tight pants, a Shangai coat, a *Havana Seed, crooked cane*, and a plaid!"

BOOTS, SHOES, &c.

BOOTS, SHOES, TRUNKS, &C.

THE Subscriber begs leave to inform his customers and the community at large that he has just returned from the city with a fine collection of articles in his line, consisting of

BOOTS,
SHOES,
GAITERS,
SLIPPERS,
PUMPS, &c.,

of all descriptions, for ladies, gentlemen and children. An elegant article of Misses' and children' buttoned gaiters, something new in the latest style.

Also, a new lot of Trunks, Valises, Carpet-bags, Satchels, &c., &c.

Customer work neatly and expeditiously attended to. Store and Shop in Centre, one door above High street.

☞ Next door to the Red Front.☜ *New*

Pottsville, May 30, '57 22-1y] DANIEL SCHERTLE.

WIRE SCREENS.

POTTSVILLE.

RODGERS, ENT & CO'S

"IRON RAILING WORKS."

RODGERS, ENT & CO., manufacturers of Cast and Wrought IRON RAILING of every description, invite the attention of the public to their branch of business, which is conducted in the building formerly occupied by MESSRS. CANON & COACH in Coal street, Pottsville, Pa.

They can furnish Verandas, Trellis-Work for Arbors, &c., Flower Trainers, Tree Boxes, &c., in every variety of style; Window Guards, Cellar Grating and Wire Screens of all kinds, at the shortest notice and on the lowest terms, together with Iron Bedsteads, Farm, Lot and Garden Fences, English Hurdle Fence, &c., &c., below city prices.

N. B.—Cemetery lots neatly enclosed. Designs got up to suit customers. Everything in their line on hand or ordered, will be furnished at the shortest notice.

We are prepared to do all kinds of castings, such as railroad chairs, water pipes, &c.

February 2, 1856 5-1y

ESTERLY & FRICK,

Manufacturers of Wire Coal Screens.

WOULD respectfully call the attention of gentlemen engaged in the Coal trade to their coal screens of the various sizes. They have increased facilities for turning out the best of work with promptness and despatch. Having the most experienced hands in the State they can guarantee all work done at their Factory.

Repairing neatly and substantially done at the shortest notice.

Screen Bolts, Cogwheels, Edgeway Rings, Shafts, Gudgeons, &c., &c., always on hand.

All orders directed to the firm by mail or left at D. L. Esterly's Hardware store will receive prompt attention.

July 4, '57 27.

MINERSVILLE.

KURTZ & HEISLER,

(Late Kurtz, Beyerle & Co.,)

Manufacturers of

Wire Coal Screens, Coal Riddles, Wire Brooms, &c., &c., Minersville, Schuylkill County.

Thankful for the liberal patronage they have received from the Coal Dealers and others, in the past, would most respectfully solicit their custom in the future. All work done at our shop will be warranted, so that no one need be afraid of getting a bad job.

Mr. Kurtz being one of the oldest, and *the* most experienced *Wire Workers* in the county, we feel sure that we can turn out the best Coal Screens in the Region.

All orders addressed to J. H. Kurtz, Minersville, or W. L. Heisler, Pottsville or Kurtz & Heisler, Minersville, will be promptly attended to. *Old Screens repaired.*

May 19, 1856 20.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NEW PORTABLE LETTER COPYING PRESS.

JUST the article wanted—a convenient PORTABLE COPYING PRESS, made of magnesium, and possessing all the advantages of the Iron hogany, and possessing all the advantages of the Iron Press—may be carried in a trunk or valise—may be used in the library or office. Call and see it at

L. BANNAN'S *Book and Stationery Store.*

SAVE MONEY THESE HARD TIMES!

DRAINAGE AND WATER PIPE.

Just the Thing Wanted in the Mining Regions.

THE subscriber has been appointed Agent for the sale of the Vitrified Stone Water and Drainage Pipe. This pipe ranges in size from 2 inches up to 12 inches in calibre, and will bear a pressure of from 75 to 100 feet fall of water, is as easily laid as iron pipe—connections can be made at any point—is indestructible—will last forever—in fact nothing this side of a Rock Bottom Spring lasts it does not rust—and its affords at the following rates at our store, Pottsville, or can be sent direct to points where Rail Roads run from Philadelphia—when quantities are required. Freight is added from the same prices when parties receiving the Pipes pay Freight.

2 inch pipe -	14 cents per foot.
3 "	18 "
4 "	24 "
5 "	27 "
6 "	30 "
7 "	47 "
8 "	57 "
9 "	67 "
10 "	77 "
12 "	97 "

These are the cheapest and most durable pipes that can be obtained for conveying water. We believe they can be laid even cheaper than wooden pipes, and are only about half the price of iron and lead pipes. Call and see them at the store of

B. BANNAN,

Agent for the Manufactures.

Pottsville, June, 1857. 21

FERTILIZERS.

To Farmers and Gardeners.

THE SUBSCRIBER has received for the Agency, and will hereafter keep for sale the following fertilizers, which will be sold by the ton, bag, or barrel, at the Importers' and Manufacturers' prices, carriage added. The following are the prices furnished at his Warehouse in Pottsville:

Poudrette, per barrel, -	$2 50
Do. per bag, -	1 50
Land Plaster, last, per barrel,	2 25
do do per ton,	14 00
Ordinary Land Plaster, per barrel,	2 00
Do do per ton,	12 00
Bone Chippings, per barrel,	3 50
Do do per bushel by the quantity,	90
Do Sawings, fine, per barrel, -	3 50
Do do per bushel by the quantity -	1 00
Super-Phospate of Lime, by the barrel, 2¼ cts. per lb.	
Peruvian Guano, warranted genuine No. 1, (by the bag, 2¼ cents per lb.) Per ton,	63 00
Columbian Guano, warranted genuine No. 1, (by the bag, 2¼ cents per lb.) Per ton,	48 00
Mexican Guano, per ton,	33 00
Chemical Bone Dust (a new article.) Per ton, -	40 00

These Fertilizers will be found cheaper than manure that has to be purchased and hauled any distance.

The above articles can be sent in any quantities to any place where Rail Roads or Canals reach, and when the parties pay the freight on its arrival, it will be deducted from the price. The subscriber is determined, in order to encourage Agriculture in this county, to furnish these articles at the lowest cash prices to those who desire to use them.

BENJ. BANNAN.

Agent for Importers and Manufacturers.

PATENT METALLIC COFFINS!

READ! READ!!

MR. H. GRESSANG has been appointed Agent for the sale of the "FISK'S PATENT METALLIC BURIAL CASES," which supersede all other kinds in use. Being perfectly air-tight, it obviates the necessity of hasty burials, and also preserves the body from immediate decomposition.—They are particularly suitable for transporting the body from one place to another. The face is covered with a thick glass, with metal top, which can be removed at any time, and the face of the corpse seen by its friends or relatives. We might give you hundreds of certificates, to corroborate our statement, as to the advantages the Metallic Coffin has over the Wooden, but the following will suffice:

WASHINGTON, April 5th.

Gentlemen:—We witnessed the utility of your ornamental "Patent Metallic Burial Cases," used to convey the remains of the late Hon John C. Calhoun to the Congressional Cemetery, which impressed us with the belief that it is the best article known to us for transporting the dead to their final resting place.

With respect, we subscribe ourselves, yours, etc.,

(Signed) Henry Clay, Lewis Cass, Dan. Webster, Wm. R. King, Jeff. Davis, J. M. Berrien, J. Y. Mason, D. R. Atchinson, A. C. Green, Wm. P. Mangum, Henry Dodge, G. S. Dickinson.

Similar testimonials might be added without number. Apply to H. GRESSANG,

Centre street, corner of Union.

Pottsville, June 6, 1856. 23-1f

FARREL'S & HERRING'S

Patent Fire Proof Safes.

B. BANNAN,

Bookseller and Stationer, Pottsville,

IS authorized to sell their Safes in Schuylkill county. He will furnish them at the lowest manufacturers' prices, at his bookstore in Pottsville, where the sizes and a list of prices can be seen.

These Safes, in trial have proved to be superior in protecting Books, Papers, &c., from fire, to any manufactured in the United States, and they are offered at equally low prices.

The following is an extract from the report of the committee appointed to superintend the recent trial of Herring's Patent Fire Proof Safe at Reading:

"On the 28th of February all the members of the Committee met to witness the Safes and Books and papers, (placed in them) and were perfectly satisfied that all was safe. The day following the burning took place, unright. The day following the burning took place, unbeknown to the superintendence of the Committee. After a fair and impartial burning for five hours in the furnace of Messrs. Farrels & Herring, the Safe of Messrs. Evans & Watson was first opened. The Safe being on fire inside, and the contents partially consumed, while the contents in the Safe of Messrs. Farrels & Herring were in good condition, and no fire inside".

The Editor of the *Berks and Schuylkill Journal*, to gether with fifty business men, who attended the burning of the Safes, testify to the truth of the above statement.

For good and reliable Safes at manufacturers' prices, call on

Agent for Farrel's & Herring's Safes.

Pottsville, March 14th, '57 11.

GENUINE,

Broadway, New York.

BULLMINDER & PASCAL'S,

Sixth Street, Philadelphia.

McCORDS',

Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Styles for the Spring and Summer of

1857.

Gloves! Gloves! Gloves! Gloves!

GLOVES à la GAUNTLET (new style for the Ladies;)
GLOVES made by IOUVIN, who has been in the trade 30;
GLOVES of Kid, and gloves of BEAVER;
GLOVES of DOESKIN, CLOTH and CASSIMERE;
GLOVES of Wool and Silk and Cotton;
GLOVES of Buckskin, (a large lot;)
GLOVES for driving, Gloves for walking;
GLOVES of White Kid, fine Black Hosiery;
GLOVES Imitation, which much resembles these
GLOVES to be worn at the coming Assemblies;
GLOVES of Natakin, (very fine,)
GLOVES all sizes, of every kind;
GLOVES to suit the young and old;
GLOVES to keep out the Winter's cold;
GLOVES in great numbers, in style very nice;
GLOVES which I'm selling at a very low price;
GLOVES, if you want them, be certain to call
At the City Hat Store and Gents' Furnishing Hall—
Next Door to the Pottsville House, Centre st., Pottsville.

N. B.—Just received, a small lot of Hunt's Patent Enamelled Paper Collars, a new article for Gents.

Gents' SHAWLS, Shawl Pins, Cashmere Scarfs, &c.

December 6, '56 49

TO BUILDERS.

LUMBER! LUMBER!!

The subscriber respectfully announces to the public that he has completed his Steam Circular Saw-mill in Locust Valley, Schuylkill county, and is now prepared to furnish all kinds of Lumber at the lowest prices—such as Pine, Hemlock and White Oak of every size and description.

☞ Bills of Lumber cut to order at the shortest notice.

Nov. 17, '55 46-1f EDWARD E. BLAND.

LUMBER! LUMBER!!

THE UNDERSIGNED respectfully announces that he has opened a yard in this place, for the sale of Lumber. Having made arrangements to be supplied from Northern Pennsylvania at a short notice, he will be able to furnish building materials on the most accommodating terms. Persons expecting to build would do well to give him a call before purchasing elsewhere. Shingles furnished by the car load, at very reduced prices, anywhere along the line of Railroads.

JOHN FREEHAFER.

Schuylkill Haven, July 18, '51. 29-2m

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IRVING'S WASHINGTON.

Vol. 4.—Just Published.

NOW ready for delivery, the Fourth Volume of Irving's Life of Washington. Also, full sets for sale. Subscribers can procure their copies of

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REAL ESTATE SALES.

TOWN LOTS FOR SALE—In the Borough of Port Carbon. Apply to

J. M. WETHERILL, Agent.

Feb. 14, '57 7-tf

CHEAP FARM, COAL AND TIMBER Lands in McKean County, Penna.

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VALUABLE COAL & TIMBER LAND FOR SALE.

WILL BE SOLD at private sale a valuable tract of Coal and Timber land, known as the Amos Wickersham Tract, in Columbia county Pennsylvania, and located at the Eastern termination of the Mount Carmel and Shamokin Coal Road. Said tract contains about 400 acres; more or less, is well timbered, believed to contain the same veins of coal running through the Shamokin Coal Basin. Title indisputable. For terms and other particulars apply to the subscriber.

FRANCIS SPENCER

Real Estate Agent, Pottsville.

February 7, '57 6tf

VALUABLE COAL LAND FOR SALE.

THE subscriber will offer for sale, at the Court House in Sunbury, Northumberland county, on Saturday, the 4th day of October, at 1 o'clock, A. M., the one undivided ONE-THIRD part of a valuable **Tract of Coal Land**, situate in Coal township, Northumberland county, surveyed on a warrant in the name of LUKE FIDLER, containing in the whole, Five Hundred and Fifty Acres, or thereabouts, bounded by lands surveyed in the name of John Brady, Samuel Clark, William Lambert and others. The improvements on the said tract of land, are three two story frame dwellings, one log dwelling house, two shanties, and a blacksmith shop. Connected with the said tract of land is a large COAL LAKE.

The terms and conditions of sale will be made known on the day of sale.

A. JORDAN, *Trustee.*

Sunbury, September 5, '57 36-5t

A VALUABLE RED ASH COLLIERY FOR SALE.

THE subscriber, being desirous of retiring from the mining business offers his *Milford Colliery* at private sale. This colliery is situated on the Schuylkill Valley Railroad, about three miles below Pottsville. The Coal is of a deep Red Ash, and of superior quality, and well adapted to the New York and Eastern markets. All the improvements are of the most approved construction, and are perfectly fitted for a large amount of work. The Colliery comprises a steam engine of one hundred horse power, and two boilers, one hundred horse power, with pumps and all the necessary machinery. In perfect order; one 25 horse engine and boiler; one hundred and fifty thousand gallons water tank; one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; which sinking fund shall consist of the net annual income of the public works, from time to time owned by the state, or the proceeds of the sale of the same, or any part thereof, and of the income or proceeds of sale of stock owned by the state, together with other funds or resources, that may be designated by law. The said sinking fund may be increased, from time to time, by assigning to it any part of the taxes, or other revenues of the state, not required for the ordinary and current expenses of government, and unless in case of war, invasion or insurrection, no part of the said sinking fund shall be used or applied otherwise than in extinguishment of the public debt, until the amount of such debt is reduced below the sum of five millions of dollars.

SEC. 5. The credit of the commonwealth shall not in any manner, or event, be pledged, or loaned, to any individual, company, corporation, or association; nor shall the commonwealth hereafter become a joint owner, or stockholder, in any company, association, or corporation.

SEC. 6. The commonwealth shall not assume the debt, or any part thereof, of any county, city, borough, or township; or any corporation, or association; unless such debt shall have been contracted to enable the state to repel invasion, suppress domestic insurrection, defend itself in time of war, or to assist the state in the discharge of any portion of its present indebtedness.

SEC. 7. The legislature shall not authorise any county, city, borough, township, or incorporated district, by vote of a vote of its citizens, or otherwise, to become a stockholder in any company, association, or corporation; or to obtain money for, or loan its credit to, any corporation, association, institution, or party.

SECOND AMENDMENT.

There shall be an additional article to said constitution, to be designated as article twelve, as follows:

ARTICLE XII.

OF NEW COUNTIES.

No county shall be divided by a line cutting off over one-tenth of its population, (either to form a new county or otherwise,) without the express assent of such county, by a vote of the electors thereof; nor shall any new county be established, containing less than four hundred square miles.

THIRD AMENDMENT.

From section two of the first article of the constitution, strike out the words, "*of the city of Philadelphia, and of each county respectively*;" from section five, same article, strike out the words, "*of Philadelphia and of the several counties*;" from section seven, same article, strike out the words, "*neither the city of Philadelphia nor any*," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "*and no*;" and strike out "*section four, same article*," and in lieu thereof insert the following:

"Sec. 4. In the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and in every seventh year thereafter, representatives, to the number of one hundred, shall be apportioned and distributed equally, throughout the state, by districts, in proportion to the number of taxable inhabitants in the several parts thereof; except that any county containing at least three thousand five hundred taxables, may be allowed a separate representation; but no more than three counties shall be joined, and no county shall be divided, in the formation of a district. Any city containing a sufficient number of taxables to entitle it to at least two representatives, shall have a separate representation assigned it, and shall be divided into convenient districts of contiguous territory, of equal taxable population as near as may be, each of which districts shall elect one representative."

At the end of section seven, same article, insert these words, "*the city of Philadelphia shall be divided into single senatorial districts, of contiguous territory as nearly equal in taxable population as possible; but no ward shall be divided in the formation thereof*"

The legislature, at its first session, after the adoption of this amendment, shall divide the city of Philadelphia into senatorial and representative districts, in the manner above provided; such districts to remain unchanged until the apportionment in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

FOURTH AMENDMENT.

There shall be an additional section to the first article of said constitution, which shall be numbered, and read as follows:

SEC. 26. The legislature shall have the power to alter, revoke, or annul, any charter of incorporation hereafter conferred by, or under, any special, or general law, whenever in their opinion it may be injurious to the citizens of the commonwealth; in such manner, however, that no injustice shall be done to the corporators.

IN SENATE, *March 27, 1857.*

Resolved, That this resolution pass. On the first amendment, yeas 24, nays 7; on the second amendment, yeas 23, nays 9; on the third amendment, yeas 24, nays 4; on the fourth amendment, yeas 23, nays 4.

[Extract from the Journal.]

GEO. W. HAMERSLY, *Clerk.*

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *April 29, 1857.*

Resolved, That this resolution pass. On the first amendment, yeas 78, nays 12; on the second amendment, yeas 67, nays 31; on the third amendment, yeas 73, nays 22; on the fourth amendment, yeas 83, nays 7.

[Extract from the Journal.]

JACOB ZIEGLER, *Clerk.*

Filed in Secretary's Office, May 2, 1857.

A. G. CURTIN,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, *Harrisburg, June 24, 1857.*

Pennsylvania, ss:

I do certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, as amended by the Legislature upon the first passage thereof, as appears from the originals on file in this office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of office, this twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

(L. S.)

A. G. CURTIN,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

IN SENATE, *March 27, 1857.*

The resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth being under consideration, the question,

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the first amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, and were as follow, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Brewer, Browne, Coffey, Ely, Evans, Fetter, Flenniken, Fraser, Ingram, Jordan, Killinger, Knox, Laubach, Lewis, Myer, Scofield, Sellers, Shuman, Steele, Straub, Welsh, Wilkins, Wright and Taggart, *Speaker*—24.

NAYS—Messrs. Crabb, Creswell, Finney, Gregg, Harris, Penrose and Souther—7.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the second amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, and were as follow, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Brewer, Browne, Crabb, Creswell, Ely, Evans, Flenniken, Fraser, Ingram, Jordan, Killinger, Knox, Laubach, Lewis, Myer, Scofield, Sellers, Shuman, Souther, Steele, Straub, Welsh, Wilkins and Wright—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Coffey, Gregg, Harris and Penrose—4.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the third amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, and were as follow, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Brewer, Browne, Coffey, Creswell, Ely, Evans, Flenniken, Fraser, Ingram, Killinger, Knox, Laubach, Lewis, Myer, Scofield, Sellers, Shuman, Souther, Steele, Straub, Welsh, Wilkins and Wright—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Crabb, Finney, Jordan and Penrose—4.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *April 29, 1857.*

The resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth being under consideration,

On the question,

Will the House agree to the first amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, and were as follow, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Arthur, Backhouse, Ball, Beck, Bishop, Bower, Brown, Calhoun, Campbell, Chase, Cleaver, Crawford, Dickey, Ent, Fausold, Foster, Gibbons, Gildea, Hamel, Harper, Helms, Hiestand, Hill, Hoffman, Jenkins, Johns, Johnson, Kauffman, Kerr, Knight, Leisenring, Longaker, Lovett, Mansar, Mangle, M'Calmont, M'Ivain, Mumma, Musselman, Nichols, Nicholson, Nunemacher, Pearson, Peters, Petrikin, Pownall, Purcell, Ramsey, (Philadelphia,) Ramsey, (York,) Reamer, Reed, Rupp, Shaw, Sloan, Smith, (Cambria,) Smith, (Centre,) Stevenson, Tolan, Vail, Vauvoorhis, Vickers, Voegbley, Walter, Westbrook, Wharton, Williston, Witherow, Wright, Zimmerman and Getz, *Speaker*—72.

NAYS—Messrs. Backus, Benson, Dock, Hamilton, Hancock, Hine, Hoffman, (Lebanon,) Lebo, Struthers, Thorn, Warner and Wintrode—12.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the second amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, and were as follow, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Backhouse, Ball, Beck, Bower, Calhoun, Campbell, Carty, Ent, Fausold, Foster, Gildea, Hamel, Harper, Helms, Hiestand, Hilleges, Hoffman, (Berks,) Housekeeper, Hummel, Musselman, Jenkins, Johns, Johnson, Kauffman, Knight, Leisenring, Longaker, Lovett, Mansar, Mangle, M'Calmont, M'Ivain, Mumma, Musselman, Nichols, Nicholson, Nunemacher, Pearson, Peters, Petrikin, Pownall, Purcell, Ramsey, (Philadelphia,) Ramsey, (York,) Reamer, Reed, Rupp, Shaw, Sloan, Smith, (Cambria,) Smith, (Centre,) Stevenson, Strouse, Tolan, Vail, Vauvoorhis, Vickers, Voegbley, Wagenseller, Walter, Warner, Westbrook, Wharton, Williston, Witherow, Wright, Zimmerman and Getz, *Speaker*—83.

NAYS—Messrs. Dock, Hamilton, Hancock, Struthers, Thorn, Wintrode and Wright—7.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, *Harrisburg, June 22, 1857.*

Pennsylvania, ss:

I do certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the "Yeas" and "Nays" taken on the resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, as the same appears on the Journals of the two Houses of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth for the session of 1857.

Witness my hand and, the seal of said office, this twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

(L. S.)

A. G. CURTIN,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

July 4, '57 27-3m

OFFICIAL.

RESOLUTION,

Proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met: That the following amendments are proposed to the constitution of the commonwealth, in accordance with the provisions of the tenth article thereof.

FIRST AMENDMENT.

There shall be an additional article to said constitution to be designated as article eleven, as follows:

ARTICLE XI.

OF PUBLIC DEBTS.

SECTION 1. The state may contract debts, to supply casual deficits or failures in revenue, or to meet expenses not otherwise provided for; but the aggregate amount of such debts direct and contingent, whether contracted by virtue of one or many acts of the general assembly, or at different periods of time, shall never exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and the money arising from the creation of such debts, shall be applied to the purpose for which it was obtained, or to repay the debts so contracted, and to no other purpose whatever.

SEC. 2. In addition to the above limited power the state may contract debts to repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the state in war, or to redeem the present outstanding indebtedness of the state; but the money arising from the contracting of such debts, shall be applied to the purpose for which it was raised, or to repay such debts, and to no other purpose whatever.

SEC. 3. Except the debts above specified, in sections 1 and 2 of this article, no debt whatever shall be created by, or on behalf of the state.

SEC. 4. To provide for the payment of the present debt, and any additional debt contracted as aforesaid, the legislature shall, at the first session, after the adoption of this amendment, create a sinking fund, which shall be sufficient to pay the accruing interest on such debt, and annually to reduce the principal thereof by a sum not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; which sinking fund shall consist of the net annual income of the public works, from time to time owned by the state, or the proceeds of the sale of the same, or any part thereof, and of the income or proceeds of sale of stock owned by the state, together with other funds or resources, that may be designated by law. The said sinking fund may be increased, from time to time, by assigning to it any part of the taxes, or other revenues of the state, not required for the ordinary and current expenses of government, and unless in case of war, invasion or insurrection, no part of the said sinking fund shall be used or applied otherwise than in extinguishment of the public debt, until the amount of such debt is reduced below the sum of five millions of dollars.

SEC. 5. The credit of the commonwealth shall not in any manner, or event, be pledged, or loaned, to any individual, company, corporation, or association; nor shall the commonwealth hereafter become a joint owner, or stockholder, in any company, association, or corporation.

SEC. 6. The commonwealth shall not assume the debt, or any part thereof, of any county, city, borough, or township; or any corporation, or association; unless such debt shall have been contracted to enable the state to repel invasion, suppress