Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1858.

OFFICIAL CORRUPTION.

Much excitement has existed in Philadelphia, in consequence of the exposure of a system of packing juries in criminal and civil suits. The case which caused the *expose*, was the Freeth murder, in which the jury rendered a verdict inconsistent with the defence. This led to some severe remarks by Judge Ludlow, but recently elected to the bench, and subsequently, to an investigation of the facts connected with the empanneling of that portion of the jury done by talesmen. Testimony was taken, and a picture of corruption was presented such as was never witnessed before. It was proved that the jury had been packed by a Sheriff's officer named William H. Laird, and a Lieutenant of Police, named Samuel Carson, with a view to rescue the prisoner from his justly merited fate. After all had been heard in defence of these men, Judge Ludlow ordered that Laird be committed to the County prison for ten days and pay a fine of twenty dollars, for contempt in not executing the orders of the Court, in selecting the additional jurors from the body of the county, instead of the court-house. Carson, the other delinquent, was then held in $1000 to answer the charge of perjury, in swearing falsely when called upon the witness stand.—He gave the required bail, and then resigned his commission in the police in anticipation of his removal. The action of Judge Ludlow in this matter, merits and receives the warmest commendations, from lawyers and laymen. It will we presume, have the effect of deterring evil-disposed men from tampering with the administration of justice.

The above exposure is accompanied by another equally as startling. On Tuesday another discovery was made that bills of indictment against some parties for forging naturalization papers had been stolen from the office of the Clerk of the Quarter Sessions before the present clerk came into office. If the people cannot look for purity and justice, in the Courts, where man and man should stand equal in rights, and find them, where can they be sought for with success? The United States Supreme Court, the highest legal tribunal of the country, is tinged with partizan feeling and lends itself to the schemes of Slavery propagandists. The judicial ermine is dragged into the filth and mire of sectionalism, and the people despise it. If we investigate the motives of the National Administration, we find them venal and corrupt —the servant becoming master, and attempting to rule with a Napoleonic sceptre. Congress has its noble band of undaunted freemen—men who cannot be purchased or driven; but the majority it is to be feared, are the tools of a power, that denominates our mechanics and laboring men, slaves and mud-sills. A glance at the composition of our State Legislatures, is sufficient. Imbecility and corruption have held sway long enough, to cause an able, intelligent, honest citizen, to shrink involuntarily with horror, at the bare suggestion of a nomination. He dreads in the event of election, contact with men who in the social circle would be unrecognized. Is it surprising that we are the jeer and by-word of every nation in Europe? Is it surprising that we find rascality invading courts of justice, and becoming a prominent characteristic of public officials? The descent is easy and natural, and example and toleration are all powerful to breed corruption.

It is not our purpose to make a sweeping condemnation of the legal profession. Not at all. As a general rule the bar is composed of good men. The man who degrades himself by bad practices in that as in any other profession, loses caste, and is irreparably injured. In the reform demanded, however, by which juries can be selected with more care, lawyers must take a part, for the sake of that respect which invariably attaches to a Court when it is known to be pure, and for the sake of their own reputations. Let the public once think the Courts are tainted with injustice and wrong, the next thought will be that lawyers are bad, unprincipled men, encouraging and profiting by the crimes and wickedness of those who corruptly violate their oaths as jurymen, and sell the rights of the public to despoil the citizen of his property and, treasonably trample on the law of the land.

To the people themselves must we look for permanent reform. Let the work commence in the delegate elections. To the composition of nominating conventions, is the evil primarily traceable. What sort of nominations can we expect the off-scourings of rum-shops, illiterate, too often, prejudiced, hard-headed Irishmen, to make. Certainly not men acceptable to the mass of our citizens. If men of no character, no responsibility, no integrity, no ability, continue to be elected for official positions, we must expect to have rascals in office, and to be periodically startled by revelations of corruption, similar to those just revealed in connection with the economy of the Court of Oyer and Terminer in Philadelphia. It remains, therefore with the people to correct abuses not only resting with the administration of public justice, but throughout the ramification of government. In an independent spirit, regardless of selfish, partizan appeals, they must apply the axe of reform to the very roots of corruption, and extirpate the foul and festering mass, by one prodigious effort. We should cease for very shame, being the butt of European malice and satire, if no higher motive can urge us to the work.

THE ARMY.—The refusal of Congress so far, to yield to the request of the administration for five additional regiments to be added to the regular army, notwithstanding the arguments in favor of that measure offered by the exposed situation of the troops forming the Utah expedition and the determinidly rebellious attitude of Brigham Young, has met the general commendation of the country. We agree fully, with our cotemporary, the Baltimore *American*, that it is very proper that our people should look with extreme jealousy not only upon the use made by the government, of the army but upon any projects for its increase. In the present instance, the course taken by Congress may be considered equal to a vote of a want of confidence. The administration measure of five additional regiments of regulars having received its quietus, it will probably accept the measure adopted by the House of Representatives, as reported from the majority of the Military Committee. This bill contemplates the organization of five volunteer regiments, to serve eighteen months. Unless for reasons of jealousy, touching the use to which the regular troops might be put by the executive, it would certainly seem that they are preferable to volunteers, especially for such a purpose as the Utah expedition. For defence against invasion or even for a descent on foreign territory the latter are admirable adjuncts in some respects, but they never have the discipline and are never under the good government and control that characterize regular troops. They are constituted generally of better material in rank and file, but inferior in the qualifications of their officers, who usually, when they buckle on the sword have yet all the art of war to learn. In the Utah expedition the employment of volunteers is moreover objectionable for the reason that many who volunteer with much zealous

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the Mormons with feelings of animosity and hate which would prompt them to the commission of excesses when opportunity offered, which regular troops would not dare venture upon. Theoretically, volunteers when in service may be placed in the same category as regulars, but practically they are not. The whole of this Mormon question shou'd be thoroughly examined by Congress. The object at which government should aim, should be to pacify and reduce to obedience to the constitution and the laws, and to recall the Mormons to a sense of what is due to the moral perceptions of their fellow citizens. To massacre and exterminate them would be revolting alike to justice and humanity, and yet this may become a necessity arising from the misconduct or mismanagement of the United States forces in Utah, which might render peace and reconciliation impossible. The utmost care and prudence therefore, should be observed with reference even to the composition of the forces we send to that Territory.

It may even be doubted whether there exists any necessity of increasing our military force either by new regiments of regulars or volunteers, if the ranks of those now constituting the army are filled up. Let them enlist their full complement and keep their ranks full. Three thousand good troops ought to be sufficient to take and hold Salt Lake city. General Taylor defeated Santa Anna and the flower of the Mexican Army with but a few hundred more, and thus literally broke the back of Mexico at Buena Vista. Surely three thousand men ought to be sufficient to clear the way for the United States Governor to the chief city of the territory he is to rule. Besides, if the apprehensions of hostility and armed resistance are fully realized, that number are more readily managed and more easily fed and maintained than if there were twice as many, while only the grossest cowardice or inefficiency could place them completely in the power of the Mormons. The whole of this Mormon business has been grossly mismanaged from the first. It is important that what is done hereafter should be done wisely, thoroughly and effectively. The great blunder which has placed our little army with our choicest and most gallant officers in such imminent danger of destruction must not be repeated in any shape. The whole subject should be thoroughly discussed, the policy and line of conduct to be followed should be clearly defined, and then the most vigorous measures taken to ensure its success.

INTELLIGENCE from the Utah army, to the 31st January, has been received. The November mail, or rather so much of it as had not been plundered by the Mormons, one of whom is said to have been the conductor of the mail train, reached Camp Scott on the 29th of January, after having been 88 days on the road from Independence. The prisoner Stowell, an adjutant in the Saints' Army, had escaped, and it was strongly suspected that there were traitors in the camp. The troops were killing the Winter with theatrical entertainments and the like. An express from Camp Scott arrived at Fort Leavenworth on the 14th inst., with a request that supplies of men and ammunition be forwarded at once.

OUR cotemporary, the Pottstown *Ledger*, is a neat sheet, typographically, and is conducted with spirit and ability. We always unfold it with the care we would exercise in handing a new bonnet to our "better half,"—being too pretty to injure. We believe the *Ledger* is well patronized, and it really is well worth the price of subscription—$1 50, in advance.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

MINING MAGAZINE.—Under the control of THOS. McELRATH, Esq., this monthly is rapidly assuming that position in the Magazine world which the importance of its mission warrants. The February number is out; the March number is in a state of forwardness, and will be published with all despatch; the April number will speedily follow. The May number and succeeding ones will be regularly issued on some given day of the month, which will be hereafter announced. The *Mining Magazine* is really, as now conducted, worthy the patronage of every person interested in mining operations. The subscription price is five dollars per annum. The publisher's address is, No. 1 Spruce street, New York.

LADY'S HOME MAGAZINE.—This Magazine is a welcome visitor to the family circle. Beautifully illustrated; having a host of favorite contributors; ably edited, and above all, pure in tone and instructive in its moral lessons, this Magazine has a firm hold on the affection of its patrons. The April number contains twenty illustrations, prominent among which is a steel engraving, entitled, "Italian Peasant Boy." The fashion and pattern plates are numerous, and will be appreciated by the fair readers of "Home." We really like Arthur's Magazine. It is not approached by any $2 Magazine published, either in character, ability or influence. The publishers are, T. S. Arthur & Co., 103 Walnut street, Philadelphia.

ATLANTIC MONTHLY.—The April number of this capital Magazine, we have read with infinite satisfaction. A lively and entertaining series of letters under the title of "My Journal to my Cousin Mary," is concluded. It is admirably written.—"Who is the Thief?" is a racy sketch of London Police Correspondence. "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table"—from the pen of Dr. Holmes is one of those genial, satirical productions, which has not within our recollection or reading, been surpassed by anything published with a Europe, an prestige. Its continuation in each number of the *Atlantic*, lends esprit to its pages. Every reader of the *Atlantic* must enjoy to the full, the comments upon men and things, made by the "Autocrat" for the benefit of his fellow boarders. The editorial review of Mr. Buchanan's Administration, is one of the ablest and most scathingly truthful, which has yet appeared. The *Atlantic Monthly* is as fearless in its defence of Republicanism, as it is able in enunciation of its sentiments. A fact which gives it readers wherever Freedom has a son. Its literary criticisms are also, able—censuring as promptly as they give due credit. We rejoice in the success of the *Atlantic Monthly*. It is unsubstantial proof that we are progressing in literary taste. Copies of the April number can be obtained at Bannan's.

SARTAROE: A TALE OF NORWAY. By JAMES A. MAITLAND, author of "The Watchman," "The Wanderer," "The Lawyer's Story," "The Diary of an old Doctor," etc. etc. 1 vol. 12mo. pp. 448. *T. B. Peterson & Brothers*, 306 Chesnut street, Philadelphia.

This is pronounced by the ablest and most impartial critics, to be decidedly, the best of Mr. Maitland's numerous works of fiction. Upon a perusal of the work, we feel compelled also, to record our verdict in favor of "Sartaroe," as being a superior novel. A circumstance which has added much interest to the appearance of this new work, is, that a complimentary letter was written by Washington Irving to Mr. Maitland, after reading "Sartaroe," giving strong testimony in its favor; that another letter was given by Mr. Maitland to his publishers, and that Mr. Petridge, who first bought the MS., nor Messrs. Peterson & Brothers, who bought it from Mr. Petridge, doubted the authenticity of the letter Mr. Maitland gave them. The controversy in the matter, has become very interesting, but so far, we with our cotemporary, the Philadelphia *Press*, can see no motive for committing this literary fraud, for the forged letter did not appear until long after Mr. Maitland had disposed of the book, to Mr. Petridge, and "Sartaroe" is far above the usual run of recent works of fiction, and needs no extraneous aid to make it popular. So much for the controversy. Now for the work itself. The locality, which is spiritedly and graphically described, is nearly new to naval readers; the story is consistent and well constructed; the incidents are sufficiently exciting and romantic, without running into improbability or extravagance; and the characters are distinctly individualized. The main incidents, it is stated, have been suggested by the recollections of a tour on the western coast of Norway, undertaken by the author several years ago. The loss of a vessel off the island of Sartaroe, opposite Bergen, while the author was in that city, and the saving of the life of one man, only, out of the passengers and crew on board, under circumstances nearly the same as those narrated, provided a hero for the story, and a well known (in Norway) Norsk legend suggested the catastrophe upon which the plot hinges.—That legend speaks of the courage and devotion of a young Norwegian peasant girl, who saved her lover (a guide falsely accused of the murder of a traveler) from ignominious punishment, by

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voluntarily, and unknown to her friends, undertaking a perilous journey to the Hardanger Field Mountain Range, and bringing the supposed murdered man—who had fallen from a precipice—into court, at the moment the judge was pronouncing sentence. The manner in which this striking incident is worked up is highly artistical. To the very moment where Louise Sigals brings Hans Petersen into court, at the moment when Rolfe Trode is about receiving sentence of death from the judge, the reader has no suspicion of such a catastrophe. Another admirably wrought scene is where Henry Harcourt, believed to be dead by all but a devoted sister, returns home, bringing healing and happiness by his presence to the house of sickness and sorrow. All in all, the story is a capital one, and we are not at all surprised that it received the approval of "the Nestor of American literati."

Local Affairs.

Reduction on Freights.—On and after the 1st proxime, a considerable reduction in the rates of freight on a number of articles transported over the Philadelphia and Reading and Lebanon Valley railroads will take place.

The Scott Rifle Company paraded for target practice on Thursday last. After peppering the target in a marksmanlike manner, the Company dismissed. They looked exceedingly well, and manœuvred with soldier-like precision.

The Ringgold Rifle Company of Minersville, Capt. Werner, is thoroughly organised, and holds itself in readiness to offer its services to the Government should it be necessary to call out a volunteer force to suppress the insurrection in Utah.

There is an interesting state of Religion in the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Joseph McCool's. The members of the congregation have been holding meetings every evening for some time past. They have been well attended and are increasing in interest.

The Washington Artillerists had a street parade on Thursday evening. Forty-one muskets were in the ranks. The evolutions of the Company attracted much attention. The members marched, and the platoons wheeled with the precision of veterans.

The Hardware dealers of the Borough, will close their places of business at 8 o'clock in the evening, during the coming Summer. This arrangement will enable those employed in the stores, to have some recreation, which they certainly need, after being confined closely during the heat of the day.

Kicked by a Horse.—Yesterday morning as Francis Barth of this Borough, was endeavoring to start a baulky horse, at Second and Market streets, the animal kicked him on the right leg, breaking it. He was conveyed to his residence, and received surgical assistance. Mr. Barth is engaged in huckstering.

Rapid Lettering.—At Schuylkill Haven, this week, Charles A. Brobst, painter, in the employ of the Reading Railroad Company, in ten hours lettered one hundred and fifty coal cars, painting fourteen letters on each car. Total, two thousand, one hundred letters. Each letter was 2 inch, plain block, and executed with a pencil, discarding the use of stencils. This is indeed, a feat, which would puzzle many painters to equal.

Our "Sentiments."—

When you are walking up Centre street,
And with some pretty little creature talking,
To have a fellow smoking,
Poking
A step or two before you,
As if to know you,
And puffing,
At every other step a cloud of smoke—
Making the lady of whom I spoke,
Choke!
A cuffing
Is the only fit reward for such a dirty joke.

Minersville Borough Election.—The following named gentlemen were elected on Friday last:—*Chief Burgess*, Thomas A. Williams; *School Directors*, John Witzman, L. C. Dougherty; *Town Council*, William Hower, Richard Kear, Henry Snyder, Joseph Weaver; *Treasurer*, Newsom Baker; *Town Clerk*, George J. Lawrence; *High Constable*, Joseph Levan; *Auditors*, Joseph H. Christ, F. F. Denseman, William Kissinger; *Supervisor*, George Miller.

Gardening.—Spring is opening and we must remind our farmers and gardeners that the time for beginning operations is at hand. We should like our farmers to hurry up the new crop of potatoes as soon as possible. The ladies will not forget that the shrubbery requires early dressing and also the ground for peas, beans, cabbage seed, lettuce, &c. They should set Peter, John and the rest of the boys to work preparing the soil, clearing off the rubbish, &c.

Middleport Lyceum.—This Society met on Wednesday evening. The attendance was unusually large. The exercises were, a reading by H. C. Brooke, and a lecture (the subject whereof was Whale Fishing), by J. A. Hasen, Esq., which was listened to by an attentive and interested audience, after which the Society passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hasen, for the able manner in which he portrayed the perils and adventures encountered on a whaling voyage. The Society returns thanks to Hon. Wm. L. Dewart, for several valuable public documents.

The Public School examinations have been in progress during the present week. The programme for next week is as follows:

Monday, March 29th.—No. 1—Grammar School—Miss McCool, Pr.
do do No. 6—Girls' Sch.—Miss Connor, Pr.
Tuesday, 30th.—No. 5—Miss James, Pr.
do do No. 4—Miss Higley, Pr.
do do No. 3—Miss Wynkoop, Pr.
Wednesday, 31st.—No. 8—Miss Bowman, Pr.
do do No. 2—Miss Conch, Pr.
Thursday, April 1st.—Schools of Mr. German, and Misses Smith and Martin, Port Carbon road.

Examinations will commence at 9 A. M., and at 2 P. M.

March winds are with us, blowing dust about in the most "free and easy" manner, utterly regardless of cleanliness or comfort, as far as bipeds are concerned. The weather of the week however, has been clear. Our thermometrical record for the week is as follows:

		P., R. & P. TELEGRAPH OFFICE. Pennsylvania Hall, Philadelphia.		
		8 A. M.	2 P. M.	7 P. M.
Sat.,	March 20,—38°	56°	56°	clear.
Sun.,	" 22,—44	50	42	"
Tues.,	" 23,—36	56	40	"
Wed.,	" 24,—36	50	42	"
Thurs.,	" 25,—38	56	54	"
Fri.,	" 26,—40	52	46	clear.

Tremont Literary Society.—The lecture of Tuesday evening last, was delivered by Cyrus L. Pinkerton, Esq. Subject, the private and social duties of life. The question previously selected, should capital punishment be abolished? was discussed by Messrs. Williams, Drake and Walborn on the affirmative, and Messrs. Gruber, Pinkerton and Bailey, negative. Decided in the negative. The President then, in a few pertinent remarks, thanked the audience present for their regular and polite attendance during the season, after which the Society adjourned, *sine die*. Obligations are due the Hon. Wm. L. Dewart for repeated favors.

A Nuisance.—The attention of the proper authorities is directed to High street, running from Centre to Third street. Each evening of the week, but more especially on Saturday evening, in consequence of the presence of crowds of rowdies, it is actually unsafe for a respectable female to pass through the street, unattended. Insulting words and acts on the part of these fellows, are not confined alone to High street, and we think Constable Crist would do well to keep a sharp eye on the violators of law and decency. Things are coming to a pretty pass, truly, when respectable females cannot walk in our streets without being exposed to annoyance.

Dastardly Attempt to blow up a Building in Tremont.—On Monday morning last between 1 and 2 o'clock, an attempt was made by some person or persons unknown, to blow up by means of gunpowder, a frame building in Tremont, this County, occupied as offices by Mr. Adam Wolf and Col. C. L. Pinkerton. The powder contained in a can, was placed inside, with a slow match attached. Fortunately when the explosion took place, which was very loud, it did no damage beyond blowing out a window sash. Had it taken a different direction, it is difficult to predict how serious might have been the result. A liberal reward is offered for the detection of the scoundrels guilty of this fiendish attempt.

The Utah fracas is the subject of general comment; but the local matter of interest at present is, the fact that at the cheap cash store, opposite the American House, can be obtained superior articles of extra family, extra and superfine Flour, white and yellow Corn Meal; fresh Butter and Eggs every Saturday morning; No. 1 Apple Butter; dried fruits, viz:—Pared and unpared Apples, Peaches, Plums, Grapes, Raisins, Citron, &c.; Maryland Hominy, egg, rose, honey, wine, Scotch, almond and soda biscuits, and superior Crackers. Mr. Schoener has just received from Pittsburg a lot of fine russet-coated and Vandico Apples. At his store every morning, can be obtained the Mechanical or Steam Bread.

The Silver Creek Choral Society, prompted by a generous and praiseworthy spirit, gave a concert on the evening of March 17, in the Presbyterian Church, New Philadelphia, for the benefit of Rev. Jno. Beach, Sr., who is deprived of sight. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the performers, both instrumental and vocal, acquitted themselves well. Several solos and duetts were much admired. The Grand Hallelujah Chorus of Handel was sung at the close, with effect. The society deserves credit, not only for its generosity, but for the devotion of its members to so elevating and refining an art as music. Their time and intonation showed considerable progress, and with some advance in elocutionary expression they need not fear to exhibit their talent in any place.

Excellent Appointment.—Mr. David D. Lewis has been appointed General Superintendent of the Little Schuylkill Navigation Company, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Barnes. Mr. Lewis is by experience, peculiarly fitted to occupy the position to which he has been called. For twenty years he was Superintendent of the Upper Division of the Schuylkill Canal, which office he left to become Superintendent of the Roadway Department of the Little Schuylkill Railroad. In all his business relations Mr. Lewis gained the approbation of those with whom he was associated, and his present appointment is a substantial token of the estimation in which he is held by the Managers of the Little Schuylkill Railroad Company. Congratulating Mr. Lewis upon his appointment, we cannot hesitate to express our opinion that he will in the future maintain the reputation of an active, efficient and competent officer.

A Concert for the benefit of the Poor came off at the Court House in this Borough on Monday evening last. The attendance was good, and the sum realized, about one hundred dollars. The musical preparations were not so complete as was desirable, but we understand, and in justice to Prof. Becker the fact should be stated, that during some days preceding that upon which the concert took place, he was confined to his room by illness, and was unable to perfect contemplated arrangements. The success of the concert in a pecuniary sense, is however, gratifying. Annexed is a statement of the receipts and expenditures, and of the disposition of the balance of the fund:

Receipts,	$103 86
Expenses,	10 25
Balance,	$93 61

Paid over to Andrew Russel, Esq., Treasurer of Pottsville Benevolent Society, and by him apportioned among the several Ward Committees for general distribution.

Pottsville Literary Society.—The exercises of Tuesday evening attracted a fine audience.—P. W. Sheafer, Esq., delivered a lecture. Subject, "Nature"—its beauties and wonders. It was a chaste literary composition, interspersed with scientific facts, which coruscated brilliantly in his charming imaginative wreath. The lecture was listened to with much satisfaction and pleasure, by the audience. Mr. L. C. Thompson read a selection—"Pluribusta." A debate then ensued on the question, "Should the present Congress enact a general Bankrupt law?" with Messrs. Hasen and Gowen in the affirmative, and Messrs. Seibert and Green in the negative. The question was decided in the negative. The exercises of next Tuesday evening—the last of the season—will consist of a lecture by F. W. Hughes, Esq.; Reading by W. Ramsey Potts; Question, "Should clergymen take a public part in politics?" Affirmative, Wm. B. Wells and Wm. L. Whitney; Negative, George Marts and C. Little.

"Banquo" sends us the following. Possibly, the most contented, in reality, are those who in the marriage state, have no ambition, seek no pleasure beyond the sacred limits of the domestic circle. The poorest man has his castle, humble though it be, and the sentinel at its portal should be honor; the angel on the hearth, contentment; his loftiest aspiration, communion with God.—"Banquo" heads his poem

The Poor Man's Wedding.

I wed thee, girl, as poor men wed,
To share a lot of toil and care;
No gems will deck our bridal bed,
But love will strew his roses there.
No cringing slave, no menial throng,
Will seek our nuptial cottage thatch;
We stand with none along—
For ours is not a "Coburg Match."

I did not seek thee for thy gold,
For wealth thy fancy might bestow,
My love was not a feeling sold,
I am, I am poor art thou.
I wooed not with a tongue to which
The lust of mammon lent its art;
I do not wed thee to be rich,
For mine is not a "Coburg heart."

Thou dost not take me to thine arms,
By *State necessity impelled*,
While condescension yields thy charms,
To be with humble pride held.
I choose thee, my poor lot to cheer,
To shed a radiance o'er my life;
And not to crown or dominate
For thou art not a "Coburg's wife."

When tithe the pleasing hope shall give,
That soon a pledge will bless our love,
That in *another* we shall live—
Another prized ourselves above,—
No Court physician will be known
(Puffed by the public prints) to watch
Lest some mishap should spoil the breed—
For ours is not a "Coburg match."

And when our infant's cry is heard—
(Sweet music to a parent ear;)
No flattery foul, no pomp absurd
Will greet the little stranger here.
The public money will not keep
Our babe, by princely titles reg'led;
Peers will not rock that babe to sleep,
For ours will be no "Coburg child."

Oh! no, our state can never bear
The *seal* of Interest—stamp of shame!
But yet our lot will be more fair,
Than those who boast a higher name;
For in our union, at least,
Are mingled noble hearts nor smarts;
No nation's taxes spread our feast—
For ours, love, are not "Coburg hearts."

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PROCEEDINGS OF COURT.

REPORTED FOR THE MINERS' JOURNAL.

We give the two remaining cases in the Common Pleas tried last week, which we have not before published:

William Donaldson vs. Alfred E. Lewis.—This was an action brought against the defendant to recover the value of a number of Sweaters Railroad Bonds, worth upon their face, $800, and in originated as follows: The plaintiff having business transactions with the firm of Barnitz & Keys, Brokers, Philadelphia, was indebted to them about $1800, to secure the payment of which he had deposited these Bonds with them as a collateral security. In January, 1856, the firm being in a failing condition, the plaintiff paid them back the $1800, but the firm were not able to return the Bonds, as they had passed into the hands of a third party. An agreement dated January 23, 1856, was entered into by which the firm of Barnitz & Keys became bound to return the Bonds within a few days. Alfred E. Lewis, the defendant, became security for the due performance of this agreement by the firm. The Bonds were never returned and this action was brought to recover the value of them. The defendant admitted his liability, and the only question presented was as to the value of the Swatara Railroad Coupon Bonds issued on the first of June, 1853, interest payable semi-annually. The rule laid down by the Court was, that if the Bonds drew six per cent. interest payable semi-annually and the Jury believed that they were amply secured by the mortgage on the Road, then the verdict should be for the face of the Bonds with interest from Jan. 22, 1856. The Jury found for the plaintiff the sum of $7890 38.

Morris M. Reber vs. Jonathan Kramer.—The defendant who is a son-in-law of the plaintiff, entered into an article of agreement with the husband of the plaintiff, during his life time, by which the defendant became bound to provide for the yearly support of the plaintiff and her husband. The agreement stipulated what articles were to be furnished and what amount. It was what is generally known among Germans as an "*ausheidt*."—The plaintiff charged the defendant with not performing his agreement, but the testimony showed that it had been performed on his part. The Jury found a verdict in favor of the defendant.

To the Free and Independent Voters of Schuylkill County.

FRIENDS AND FELLOW CITIZENS:—*Without much urgency or solicitations from any one,* I take the liberty of offering myself as the PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE TARIFF AND WORKING MEN'S CANDIDATE for the office of Sheriff, at the ensuing election in October next.

My claims (if any) are simply these—I am emphatically a *Schuylkill County man*, having been born here before Schuylkill was organised; have lived here ever since; have never been a politician, nor ever had an office.

My circumstances will not admit of my visiting all personally; nevertheless I hereby appoint all voters in general, and my friends and acquaintances in particular, a committee to do all they can for me, and to report progress individually whenever they see proper, until the whole committee shall report at the election.

I will be obliged to all who vote for me, and will try to think none the less of those that do not. And should I be so fortunate as to be elected, I make the usual promises of fulfilling the duties of the office honestly and faithfully, to the best of my abilities. Respectfully yours, &c.,

JOSEPH BOWEN.

Minersville, March 27th, 1858.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Notice to Teachers.

There will be a meeting of the Teachers of the County, on Saturday, April 3d, at 2 o'clock, P. M., in the *Centre street School House*, for the purpose of consulting on matters relating to the next Institute. All favorable to an annual session of one week, are especially requested to be present, or communicate by letter before that time, in order that I may know what course to pursue in reference to the next Institute.

J. P. SHERMAN.

Pottsville, March 25th, 1858.

PEN PASTE AND SCISSORS.

Deaths in Brooklyn last week, 114.

Deaths in Baltimore last week, 114.

E. S. Niebell, editor of the Lecanse Union, is dead.

Fast Day in Vermont, Friday, the second of April.

Col. Fremont and family are en route to California.

The Delaware shad fishermen are commencing operations.

Deaths in New York last week, 464; in Philadelphia, 195.

The Montour works, at Danville, have been put into operation again.

The Florida war will probably, soon close. Billy Bowlegs has caved.

New York city, it is said, has nearly five hundred miles of paved streets.

James Maxwell, of Spencer county, Ky., was recently murdered by his slaves.

The Pennsylvania Legislature has resolved to adjourn *sine die* on the 23d of April.

Mr. Daniel E. Witt was elected chief burgess of Harrisburg, at a recent election.

Robins and bluebirds have made their appearance in the rural districts of Boston.

Heavy gales and considerable falls of snow have been lately experienced in England.

There are now five steam fire engines attached to the fire department of St. Louis.

Door mats of, a neat pattern and serviceable quality, are now made of India Rubber.

A Presbyterian minister named Reed, was buried alive in Erie county, Pa., last week.

The Wilmington, N. C., *Commercial* has ceased to exist, after a career of twelve years.

Hon. John M. Botts has consented to serve as Mayor of Richmond, if elected to the office.

Some fifty or sixty persons, mostly Irish, left Lowell, Mass., on Thursday, for California.

Many men are led by their vices; and others, again, follow them without any leading at all.

The total shipments of gold from Australia, for the year 1857, amounted to 2,757,047 ounces.

The project of a second Crystal Palace Exhibition of all nations, to take place in 1860, is on foot.

Miss Susanna Leese was accidently burned to death in Reading last week. Burning fluid was the cause.

The Legislature of Minnesota has resolved to aid the railroads of the State to the extent of $5,000,000.

In Maine, Michigan, and other States, the farmers are about engaging in the manufacture of maple sugar.

It is said that there are traitors in Colonel Johnson's camp. A corporal has made his escape to the Mormons.

Morgan A. Morgans, a miner, was killed last week, by a fall of Coal in the Colliery of Mr. Repplier in Ashland.

Charles L. Taylor, implicated in the burning of the Pacific Hotel at St. Louis, has been honorably discharged.

Mr. John Jones, formerly of this Borough, is host of the Pacific House, Council Bluffs. He is prospering in business.

Ansel Wright has been elected Collector for the town of Northampton, Mass., receiving every one of 164 votes cast.

The Cincinnati $20 bills on the Farmers' and Drovers' Bank of Waynesburg, Pa., were passed in Wheeling on Wednesday.

Wilkie Collins is the author of the story entitled "Who is the Thief?" in the April number of the *Atlantic Monthly*.

A violent earthquake has laid Corinth in ruins, killing thirty persons. The shocks continued with more or less violence.

The first successful experiment of burning Anthracite Coal in an open grate, was made by Judge Jesse Fell, Feb. 11, 1808.

Gustal the Italian, who attempted to kill Louis Napoleon, is 29 years of age, and one of the handsomest men in Europe.

Senary Leader, Esq., editor of the Hanover, York Co., Pa., *Spectator*, and a veteran Printer and Publisher, died last week.

The editor of the *Muncy Luminary* has found his turkey. It was not shorn. Only strayed away. Happy fellow (the editor).

The Virginia House of Representatives has passed a law making those who shall be engaged in a duel ineligible to office.

A journal of Madrid, the *Espana*, complains of the measures relative to passports just adopted by the French Government.

A fire at Constantinople has burnt 300 houses. The palace of the Governor at Adrianople has also been destroyed by fire.

By an arrival from Rustan advices have been received of the massacre of two hundred and fifty of the inhabitants by the Indians.

A great many repairs and alterations are being made by the Union Canal Company, to facilitate the passage of boats through their works.

The Cambridge (Md.) *Herald* says there is a woman in that county, who has eighty-five children, grand children, and great grand children.

On the 24th of January, Brigham Young preached to 9000 people, all of whom arose when he said—"All in favor of giving the troops *hell*—rise."

James Revel has been convicted of the murder of W. W. Hammack, in Crawford county, Georgia, and sentenced to be executed on the 7th of May.

Nebraska is our largest Territory. It will make about eighty States as large as New Hampshire. Nebraska is about one-sixth the size of Europe.

The Boston common council have adopted an order providing that Mahomed Pacha shall be invited to that city and entertained at the public expense.

The insane desire of becoming suddenly rich, has been the rock upon which many thousands of mortals, in every age and in every country, have split.

Pandeen McLaughlin, who was shot by David Cunningham, at a dance house in Howard street, New York, on Saturday night, died at the City Hospital.

A son of the well known Douglas Jerrold is residing in Zanesville, O. He is regarded as a young man of genius, and is peculiarly apt at sketching with the pencil.

Young Prince Albert of England, is pursuing naval studies, with a view, it is said, of passing his examination forthwith and entering the service as a naval cadet.

A mechanic in New York has invented a chair for hot weather, by which the person who occupies it is refreshed by an artifical breeze, produced by two pair of side bellows.

The Cincinnati *Gazette* says that there are in the third ward of that city a very large number families, many o. the heads of whom are mechanics, who subsist upon *one meal per day*.

The Mayor of Louisville has forbidden the great pistol shooting match, in which Capt. Travis announced that on a certain day he would, on a wager, shoot an orange from the head of a boy.

Pawtucket, formerly one of the most flourishing manufacturing towns in New England, which has been at a complete stand still ever since the commencement of the panic, is now moving again.

Wit sometimes becomes practical; the Greek sage, in a company of very talkative hearers who were trying their skill, placed himself close to the target, saying:—"It was the only safe spot."

Colonel Allsop of London, accused of having participated in the recent infernal machine plot to assassinate Louis Napoleon, was seen in Savannah on the 16th, by an English gentleman residing in that city.

Nebraska city has been selected as a military depot and a point for shipping supplies for the Army of the West. The papers of that city are calculating that it will give a tremendous impetus to the growth of that place.

The *Steubenville Herald* publisher employs a man with the "small pox" to collect his dues.—The subscribers and job customers are all paying up without being "called upon," and the *Herald* man is getting wealthy and fat.

The winter grain in Chester county, presents a flourishing appearance. Snow came very apropos to shield it from the late cold. Oats which came up thickly in the midst of the wheat, have been killed by the freezing.

Hall, the Alton penitentiary convict, died on Saturday morning. For sixteen hours previous to his death he was paralyzed and insensible. From the time he was shot till he died paralysis made slow but certain work upon him.

Last week, Robert Schmidt, of Theress, Michigan, came down, in the steers of, that place, Harriet Seidler, a young lady about twenty years of age, and then attempted suicide. Cause, thirty hearted parents opposing their marriage.

Tar Water, as combined with other simples, by Dr. Wistar in his celebrated Balsam of Wild Cherry, has a peculiar power over all diseases of the lungs. Many physicians have used it in their practice, and generally with marked success.

The Cleveland *Herald* says, that in one school in that county, in which there are thirty-five scholars, nine of the boys habitually chew tobacco, and *five of the girls are smokers*. In that school neither geography nor grammar is taught.

An official list of the victims of the memorable earthquake at Naples, on the 16th of December, shows the total number of deaths to have been 9,350, and the number of wounded, 1,359. At Montemurro alone 5,000 persons were crushed to death by the falling of houses.

Thomas Smith brought suit against the city of New York to recover $10,000 damages for the loss of his daughter Sophia, a child of nine years old, who slipped through a hole in a dilapidated pier and was drowned, last summer. The jury on Wednesday gave him $750.

The following marriage notice appears in the Virginia papers:—"On the 17th instant, in the county of Dinwiddie, by the Rev. John Willroy Mallroy Kirby, Mr. John W. Sturdivant, in the 22d year of his age, to the amiable and well to do Miss Martha Oliver, aged 86 years."

In New York, one William H. Hall, the proprietor of a bogus gift enterprise which he held out to the public under the name of C. E. Todd & Co., jewelers, and gold manufacturers, who had taken that mode of disposing of their stock on hand, has been arrested.

A fire occurred in Pittsburg on Thursday, which resulted in great loss of property. The Fort Pitt iron works were entirely consumed, with much other valuable material. It is supposed that it will require nearly $400,000 to put the works on the footing they held before the disaster.

An Irish paper—the Belfast *Banner*—states that emigration in the present year will be much less than in previous years, in consequence of the American distress. In six months, it says, more persons returned from America to Belfast, than emigrated from that port during the whole of 1857.

The value of machine tools produced yearly in Philadelphia is about $250,000, giving employment in their production, to more than two hundred hands. Philadelphia tools bear the reputation of surpassing those made elsewhere in this country, in strength, proportion and workmanship.

Wm. Coombes has plead guilty in Boston to having carried on a system of Mormonism almost equal to some of the Saints' in Utah, that is, marrying three wives. The court ordered the highest sentence, of five years in the State prison, twelve days to be in solitary confinement, four days to each wife.

POLITICAL.

ANTI-LECOMPTON candidates have been elected at municipal elections in Harrisburg and Norristown.

A WRITER in De Bow's Southern Review advocates the establishment of a constitutional monarchy—having become disgusted with a representative Democracy.

NOTHING in the Kansas affairs has given more real satisfaction than the appointment of Senator Crittenden, the colleague of Henry Clay, in the ranks of Freedom.

ELECTIONS LAST WEEK.—In Erie, Mr. Laird, Anti-Lecompton Dem., was the successful candidate for Mayor, and J. C. Conrad, Jr., of the same politics, was elected in Tamaqua.

THE LYCOMING GAZETTE, (Dem.) comes out anti-Lecompton, and says that seven-tenths of the people of Lycoming entrusts to the same sentiments, which we have no doubt is true.

THE Hon. S. S. Cox, one of the Representatives from Ohio, writing home to his constituents, says that "those who undertake to read the Western Democrats out of the party, for opposing Lecompton, might as well try to read the hickories out of the Western woods."

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