Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1858.

ELEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

The question as to the successor of William L. Dewart, from this District in Congress, is exciting much attention, and deservedly so, as a material modification of the Tariff in favor of Protection, as well as for the purpose of deriving adequate revenue for Governmental purposes, will be a prominent subject in the next session. The workingmen of this District fully aware of the immediate causes which have led to the present complete prostration of business, and having lost all confidence in the promises of Democratic candidates, which are utterly nullified when they are in office, or if not nullified, are rendered worthless by sectional, selfish propositions,—are prepared and determined to unite their strength upon a man who in Congress, will be unswervingly the friend of National not Sectional, Protection to American Industry, and a foe to the Pro-Slavery party, one of whose leaders, Senator Hammond of South Carolina, asserts that Northern mechanics, miners and laborers, are the mud-sills of society, and only fit to be slaves. The workingmen of this District, in their majesty, are determined to hurl back the foul slander into the teeth of the aristocratic slave owner, and into the face of the falsely named Democratic party which endorses the insulting epithets. They are aroused, and demagogues may well turn pale at the threatened rebuke of Pennsylvania in October next.

So far well. Even the Sham Democracy concede that they will be most soundly beaten next Fall. The question now is, who shall be the candidate of the Opposition in this District at the ensuing election. He should, he must be, a strong man; one that the People can support with pride, and in whom they have the utmost confidence.—Come from whatever section of the District he may, whether Northumberland or Schuylkill, it matters not. Let him but be a *man*, not a thing subject to the whims and caprice of party humor, and the People will support him with unanimity, and elect him triumphantly. Our friends of Northumberland claim, and justly too, that they have a right to the next candidate for Congress; and if they can present for the suffrages of the people any man as strong in popular esteem as either of the gentlemen who have already been named for nomination in the columns of the *Miners' Journal*, we will in the event of his nomination, accord him our cordial, earnest support. But if our friends of Northumberland cannot, and they must remember how important for success, is the heavy vote of Schuylkill County, then they might with propriety, unite with us in electing either James H. Campbell or Benjamin Haywood, by yielding this year the system of rotation—a system which, the South very shrewdly has discarded as impolitic, and which has tended to strengthen her in the Councils of the Nation, by keeping her strongest men at the outposts of Slavery. We make these remarks in the kindest spirit; with a keen appreciation of the rights of Northumberland, and solely from a desire to secure the co-operation of the People *en masse*, to overthrow in this District the Pro-Slavery, Free Trade, Sham Democracy, and place in Congress a man whose course we can watch with pride, and who will wield a telling influence in securing what the people of the country need, PROTECTION TO AMERICAN INDUSTRY. We say the country, the entire manufacturing country, for it is folly to ignore other sections, and ask special Protection for Pennsylvania Iron. It is this blundering course by some of the Democratic representatives in Congress from Pennsylvania, that has heretofore, defeated all efforts to secure adequate Protection to our products. We need only refer to the recent action of Mr. Dewart, for an illustration of the truth of that assertion.

Should Northumberland yield, as we hope she will, for the sake of assured victory with our candidate, we are then brought to a consideration of the merits of the respective candidates whose claims have already been urged.

As regards James H. Campbell, Esq., we are not even aware of his sentiments in regard to a re-nomination; we do not know that it would be acceptable to him. He returned from Washington at the close of his late brilliant Congressional career wearied with the duties which devolved upon him, and rejoiced as he expressed it, to breathe once again our mountain air. To our knowledge Mr. Campbell has not since, expressed any desire to return to a position which he resigned without regret. Yet should the People call him again to put on the working harness of Congressional duty, we cannot believe, so true, so disinterested a heart does Mr. Campbell wear in his bosom, that he would refuse. Mr. Campbell is as warm a friend to every interest of Pennsylvania, as exists. The people know it. Besides this he has the experience of a previous session in his possession, which would enable him to enter the House, the superior in that respect, of any man sent from the District. This is a very important matter, by the way. A novice in parliamentary rules will be an entire session in being initiated, while an adept springs into the arena, ready for active service from the opening day. In every respect, Mr. Campbell is eminently fitted for the position, and would if nominated and elected, be as he has been in Congress, an honor to the District, and an unflinching champion for Protection.

Turning to Benjamin Haywood, Esq., another citizen who is named in connection with the nomination, we are gratified that we can speak of him in terms no less laudatory. Although Mr. Haywood has had no Congressional experience, yet he is a man the working classes, in fact, all classes so highly esteem for his social worth, his mental acumen, and his thorough, out and out Protective Tariff feelings, that they would go shoulder to shoulder, in unbroken ranks, up to the ballot-box, to vote for him. We know no man in this District who would prove to the Sham Democracy, a more formidable antagonist, if nominated for Congress, than Benjamin Haywood.—That he would be triumphantly elected, we have not even the shadow of a doubt. He has mind to conceive, and courage to execute; and the man who thinks that Benjamin Haywood would not make his mark in Congress, and labor manfully to resuscitate our stricken industry, does not know him. If he should be nominated, the People will take precious care of *his* election, rest assured of that.

We make these remarks in the hope that our friends of Northumberland will join with us heartily, in the support of a good man, whoever he may be, and that unanimity may prevail. We have a subtle foe to combat, and perfect UNION of the People is necessary if they hope to succeed in the movement now originated to secure to our Industry adequate PROTECTION. A most important step towards securing it, will be to send a MAN from this District to the next Congress.—It rests with Northumberland to say that it shall be done.

AN INCORRUPTIBLE DEMOCRAT.—By the annexed paragraph which we copy from the *Reading Gazette*, it will be seen that Mr. Gets after being fruitlessly promised the Superintendency of the Mint by the powers that be, refuses to take a share of the Coal Agency, recently farmed out by John Glancy Jones, at his office brokerage establishment in Washington. Self respect deterred Mr. Gets from remaining in an equivocal position. While Mr. Gets will gain additional respect from the action, the trading, dinner-eating politician, Jones, will sink still lower in public estimation. We commend Mr. Gets's course. It is manly. He says:—

The name of the editor of this paper has been on several occasions, publicly mentioned in connection with the recent appointment of United States Coal Agent. Whatever warrant there might have been for this mention, he desires to say that it does not now exist. He values money as highly as the majority of mankind; he needs it as much as editors generally do, who devote themselves to the service of politicians.—But he values his self respect higher than money; and as he finds it impossible to keep both, he has determined to sacrifice the latter, and preserve what money cannot replace. He holds no office, and has no interest in any office under the sun—except the *printing-office*, which is his by no man's gift or favor.

THE NEW DOCTRINE SPREADING.—We were informed yesterday, that a couple of Democrats were heard a few days since advocating the introduction of Negro Slaves into Pennsylvania. The argument used was, that if our mines were worked by Slaves, there would not be so much difficulty about turnouts, &c. If the present system is continued, much longer, the white laboring classes will soon be reduced to the same state of dependency in the North as the laborers of Europe and the black slaves of the South experience. Can't the reader throw up his hat and hurrah for Bogus Democracy, "Ten Cent Jimmy," and his policy? Try, if you can.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for July contains its usual variety. That person is indeed, deprived of a rare intellectual feast, who does not read the *Atlantic*. The rare humor of "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," is alone worth the price asked for the entire Magazine. The publishers are, Phillips, Sampson, and Company, 13 Winter street, Boston. Terms, three dollars per annum, or twenty-five cents a number. Single copies can be obtained at Bannan's.

LADIES' HOME MAGAZINE.—This interesting publication, under the editorial control of T. S. Arthur and Virginia F. Townsend, does with July, a beautiful title page. It is admirably designed, and artistically executed. "Answering the Advertisement," is a fine illustration. The principally Fashion Plate is particularly fine. This number also contains several useful pattern plates, and numerous receipts for culinary purposes. The literary contents are choice, and of the highest order of light reading. Arthur's Magazine is for the price, two dollars a year, certainly unapproachable. Single copies can be obtained at Bannan's.

FRANK LESLIE'S MAGAZINE, for July contains the continuation of Myra, the Gipsy Prophetess, a spirited engraving entitled, "The Highland Rebel," a fine variety of illustrated reading matter, and a chapter of wit, anecdote and humor, really inimitable. Both the *Newspaper* and the *Magazine*, are furnished at $4 per annum, which renders them when we take their merit into consideration, the cheapest publications issued in this country. If any of our readers desire a real treat, let them purchase Frank Leslie's Magazine, for July, it being the first number of the Third Volume. Copies can be had at Bannan's.

"THE WITNESS," is the title of a new weekly journal, published in New York by Dunn & Fraser. It is devoted to temperance, religion, free labor, and the elevation of the masses. It is a beautiful sheet, typographically, and conducted with ability. The first numbers are in every respect, complete. As a sample of its editorial tone, we extract from the first number, the following article, headed, "Sabbath and the Half Holiday." It teems with truths:—

What mean ye, that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord of hosts.—But in defiance of Jehovah, the sordid spirit of accumulation cries out for more work, longer hours, week-day and Sabbath work! more work still. The labor-saving machinery and motive power appliances introduced by science to relieve the hand of industry—prodigious as those assistances have been and are, and amply sufficient, with the help of man, to supply all the wants and luxuries, and elegancies of life—have not given that relief to labor, justice and Christianity demand. With all this scientific and mechanical assistance, men and women work harder and longer now than their fathers did who had no such aid.

Grinding the faces of the poor on the part of unrighteous capitalists has driven Christian employers into an inhuman system of competition and underselling, that makes themselves little better than uneasy panderers to Plutus, and their working people weekly slaves and life-lasting drudges. But there is hope to check the evil yet, and we claim God's word and God's people to assist us.

The men and women who toil on unceasingly from Monday morning until Saturday night, tired, worn-out, half-remunerated and dispirited, are not likely to have a love for church-going in their hearts on Sabbath morning. Then they are jaded, and the drawing holds out greater attractions in their weariness than the unsympathising preacher. Working men and women are no more prone to such habits than any other class of the community; but, as now-a-days Christianity has become so genteel on week day and Sabbath day, and so tasteful in manners, the plain workman finds himself more at home in the tavern than the church. He flies there, if not for rest for excitement; and there, in draughts of poison and slow death, his intoxicated mind seeks, and thinks it finds relief. The family lounging at home, or running wild about the streets; no comfort at home, and none in reality, we all know, in the grog shop.—This is all wrong, criminal, debasing, and gradually growing into an incurable ulcer on society.

The poor are blamed; but the educated and religious portions of the people are to blame too; and if they desire to save us from this gathering disease, they must give an application to the sore at once.

As one remedial measure, we propose a Saturday afternoon half-holiday. It is in existence in Scotland, and with it there is less drinking and less crime than before its institution. What is done there we can surely accomplish here. Only come up to old us. Let work be dropped every Saturday about noon, or an hour after; make up most of the time by a daily half hour extra work. If you insist upon it, let all the great banking and industry be let loose; let the ten thousand workers, with their families, have a chance to go out to the green fields, and woods, and river sides, and sea shores. Let them—wives and little ones and all—enjoy God's beauties on the week day, and there will be less vice upon the Sabbath day.

Men and women do not choose to violate the Sabbath because it is Sabbath; this desecration of the Lord's day is because they have no other day, or ever half day, for recreation, and we all know that human nature must have relaxation, or the human system will speedily break down. Let the ministers of the gospel and the intelligent of the operative class meet together on this question, try to understand each other, and if they do so in the spirit of Him who when on earth had nowhere to lay his head, then will we begin to hope a brighter day is about to dawn upon the sons and daughters of toil.

Local Affairs.

☞ *The Junior Sons of America* will visit in a body, Rev. Joseph McCool's Church, Mahantango street, on the Fourth of July.

☞ *The Sixth Rifle Company* of this Borough, will attend divine service in the Second Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, the Fourth of July.

☞ *A Match* for a ball took place on Saturday last, between the Young America and Olympian Cricket Clubs, the former winning by two runs.

☞ *A complete business directory* of this Borough, will shortly be issued by Wallace & Phillips. These gentlemen will also issue soon, a business directory of the State.

☞ *Extensive Grape Leaf.*—We were shown a grape leaf, this week, grown in this County, which measured forty-four inches in circumference. It would puzzle California to beat it.

☞ *On the Fourth of July*, the Washington Artillery Company will visit Rev. Mr. Luckenbach's Church, and parade on Monday at 7 A. M. It is expected the Artillerists will have out on the 5th, at least 75 muskets.

☞ *Fishy.*—The letter in yesterday's Philadelphia *Press*, purporting to give a description of the wonderful medicinal properties of the water which issues from the burning mountain, near Hecksherville, a description of which was given recently in the MINERS' JOURNAL.

☞ *Pure Iron Ore.*—While tunneling in Kirk & Baum's mine, St. Clair, the workmen struck a rich vein of iron ore. That mine I should be handed over to our friends, the Messrs. Atkins, at the Furnace, for smelting purposes. It would undoubtedly, make excellent metal.

☞ *Pottsville (Welsh) Choral Society.*—This Society will give a grand concert of moral and sacred music, at the Town Hall, this Borough, on Wednesday evening next. The proceeds will be devoted to charitable purposes. The programme is an excellent one. As the price of admission is reasonable, there should be a good attendance.

☞ *Mr. Acker*, the newly appointed Postmaster of this Borough, will assume his official duties on Thursday next. As he is only a man Friday in this affair, we believe his political patrons have not decided where in the future he shall hold forth, under his new honors. After all, the Post Office may remain where it is in a close, inconvenient room.

☞ *The boys* will have their usual fire cracker fun the coming July, at a cheaper rate than last year. Fire-crackers which, last year, sold for ten and twelve cents per pack, are now offered for five and six; thus placing them within the reach of almost every urchin who is mischievously disposed. Roman candles, double headers, rockets, &c., have also fallen somewhat in price since last year.

☞ *Trespassers, Look Out.*—The School Board offers a standing reward of Five Dollars for the arrest and conviction of every person found injuring and trespassing upon the School property of the Borough. Gates have been unhinged, palings torn out, and other means resorted to in order to let cattle into the enclosure, and the Board find it necessary to resort to severe measures in order to check the outrage. So, trespassers, beware!

☞ *Storm—Death from Lightning.*—The storm of Monday evening, which passed over the north-east portion of this County, was very severe, and did much damage at New York, the papers of that city state.—Here it left a fatal mark in the death by lightning of a young girl. As the storm was passing over St. Clair, Mary Ann Bannan, aged 16 years, while passing down the railroad track to that Borough, with a bucket, was struck by lightning, and instantly killed.

☞ *Nice Strawberries and Vegetables.*—Those desiring fresh garden truck, should patronize Mr. John S. Keller, who has a farm near Orwigsburg. Mr. Keller visits Pottsville on Wednesday and Saturday of each week, and can be found in the market house,—the place where everything in that line should be sold. Mr. Keller will bring up to-day some fine strawberries, peas, etc. It is a great thing, having garden truck grown near home—It is always sure to be worth eating, whereas in that brought from a distance, much of the flavor is lost in parting with its freshness. Give friend Keller a call in the market house.

☞ *"Plague on You, Let Me Go!"*—

I kissed the tiny hand I held, I pressed the fairy form,
And vowed I'd shield her from the blast and from the world's cold storm;
She raised her melting eyes to mine, all filled with tears of woe;
With quivering lips she faintly said, "*plague on ye, let me go*"

Down to the Bee Hive, Centre street, adjoining the Pottsville House, to get a Sun Umbrella, the weather is "powerful warm." We might add that the young lady showed considerable wisdom in selecting, the place to purchase, as Sun Umbrellas, Parasols, in fact, everything sold at the Bee Hive are at a small advance on cost!

☞ *The weather* of the week has been intensely warm. Every day the mercury has been between 90 and 100 degrees. We pity our city cousins, for if we among the mountains murmur at the heat, what must they suffer, who have walls and pavements, night and day, hot enough to roast an egg! Our thermometrical record for the week is as follows:—

P. R. & P., TELEGRAPH OFFICE. }
Pennsylvania Hall, Pottsville. }

		8 A. M.	2 P. M.	7 P. M.	
Sat.,	June 19,—	82°	90°	81°	clear.
Mon.,	" 21,—	90	91	82	— "
Tues.,	" 22,—	91	90	80	— "
Wed.,	" 23,—	84	90	82	—cloudy.
Thurs.,	" 24,—	91	92	80	—clear.
Fri.,	" 25,—	90	92	86	— "

☞ *The Pottsville House.*—This hotel located in Centre opposite Mahantongo street, has been taken by Messrs. S. W. & S. Jones, who are refitting it, and have added to it spacious stabling. Mr. S. W. Jones formerly a conductor on the Dauphin and Susquehanna Railroad, is well known to those who have passed over that Road, for his courtesy, and we are confident that his affable manners and genuine disposition to accommodate, will tend to render the Pottsville House, a pleasant hotel for travelers and others. The table is excellent, and the chambers as fine as any in the Borough. We commend the Messrs. Jones to the patronage of those having occasion to sojourn in Pottsville.

☞ *Pulaski House.*—Improvement we are glad to see, is the order of the day, notwithstanding the hard times. In a spirit of progress, therefore, Messrs. Smith & Slater have fitted up a hotel in Centre street between Market and Norwegian streets, and opened it on Thursday last, under the name, "Pulaski House." It is to be conducted on the European plan—a person can take a room, and order meals at any hour of the day. The place is very neatly fitted up, and every accommodation for guests and visitors is provided. The enterprise certainly merits success, for much time and expense have been devoted to making the house complete in every particular.

☞ *Mars and Venus.*—Two luminaries are now visible in the heavens in fair weather, the one the emblem of war, and the other the star of love, the one fiery and red, the other gentle and silvery. The one is Mars and the other Venus. The former is in the southerly section of the heavens, repeated to be a trifle of fifty millions of miles distant from us. When at his extreme distance from us, he is a mere dot of light; now he is large and brilliant. Venus, on the other hand, as might be expected, is far distant from Mars, in the western heavens, although ancient myths accused the god of war and the goddess love to have been, at least, on speaking terms, in antediluvian times. They may easily be distinguished from the other stars. A fine view of them can be obtained at Epting's Drug Store, while at the same time the inner man may be refreshed by the excellent Mineral Water sold at the establishment. Epting's Syrups are really, very fine. Nothing like combining scientific observation with a modicum of cool comfort.

☞ *If the* spirit of Poetry should seek a home, it could be found we think, in a Pennsylvania valley, for wander where one will in the interior of this State, close by the rippling brook that forms the head waters of the Schuylkill, or amid the shades of the more majestic Susquehanna, one feels with Longfellow—

There is a quiet spirit in these woods,
That dwells where'er the gentle South wind blows,
Where, underneath the white-thorn, in the glade,
The wild flowers bloom, or kissing the soft air,
The leaves above their sunny palms outspread.
With what a tender and impassioned voice
It fills the hice and *delicate ear* of thought,
When the fair lingering star of morning comes
O'er riding the gray hills with golden scarf;
Or when the cowled and dusky-sandaled eve,
In mourning weeds, from out the western gate,
Departs with silent pace! *The spirit moves*
In the green valley, where the silver brook,
From its full layer, pours the white cascade,
And, babbling low amid the tangled woods,
Slips down through moss-grown stone with endless laughter.

And frequent, on the everlasting hills,
It lays its footprint, when it doth wrap itself
In all the dark embroidery of the storm,
And shouts the stern, strong wind. And here, amid
The silent majesty of these deep woods,
Its presence doth uplift thy thoughts from earth,
As to the sunshine and the pure bright air
Their tops the green trees lift.

G. W. L.

Tamaqua, June 22, 1858.

[COMMUNICATED.]

This Congressional District.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—It is a source of congratulation to every workingman in our section, to perceive the masses moving in relation to a representative for our district, moreover, when it is perceived in your former issues the name of Benjamin Haywood suggested, as the Protective Tariff Candidate. The suggestion beyond a doubt, is the best that could have been made, as the very name of Haywood is endeared to every workingman in the district, for his enterprise, sound judgment, honesty of purpose, and one whose political integrity cannot corrupt. His every interest is identical with the workingmen themselves. No man could possibly be brought forward whom the entire district would more satisfactorily unite with their every interest. SCHUYLKILL.

To the Free and Independent Voters of Schuylkill County.

Permit me to offer myself as the People's Candidate, for the office of SHERIFF at the ensuing Election. If elected I pledge myself to perform the duties of said office with fidelity. Your Truly,

Minersville, May 26, 1858. CHARLES W. TAYLOR.

To the Free and Independent Voters of Schuylkill County.

FRIENDS AND FELLOW CITIZENS:—Having been asked a number of times, to offer myself as a candidate for SHERIFF, I have only to say if *any Party, Club, or Association*, see proper to nominate me, I will be very much pleased, but shall not be pledged to any. I do not, I have adopted, without adding another *Plank* or taking one therefrom; and notwithstanding there are persons perambulating the County, reporting that I will not be a Candidate at the coming election, I will just say that having unfurled my banner and flung it to the breeze, and inscribed thereon, *Protection to American Labor*, I am determined to strike my colors to the enemy, nominated by my Fellow Citizens at the election; and hereby call upon all Business Men, Farmers, Manufacturers, Miners and Laborers, to rally to the rescue of my interest. Minersville, June 5, '58 23-3t] JOSEPH BOWEN.

PEN, PASTE AND SCISSORS.

☞ The appropriations of the late session were $68,000.

☞ This has been an unusual fine season for strawberries.

☞ Deaths in New York last week, 350; in Philadelphia, 215.

☞ There are 803 nunneries in Spain, containing 20,913 nuns.

☞ At St. Louis a man was fined $100 for carrying iron knuckles.

☞ The largest billiard room in Buffalo now charge but ten cents a game.

☞ Mayor Tieman of New York, is shutting down on the mock auctioneers.

☞ An exchange speaks of a finished scamp. We wish they were all finished.

☞ Miss Davenport, the actress, has retired to her summer residence at Lynn.

☞ John Burns, convicted at Wheeling, Va., of murder, is to be hung on Sept. 3d.

☞ Why are hoops like an obstinate man?—Because they often stand about trifles.

☞ Gerard Stith, the newly elected Mayor of New Orleans was inaugurated on Tuesday.

☞ During the first week in May, the births of 1688 children were registered in London.

☞ Blessed are they that do not advertise, for they shall be rarely troubled with customers.

☞ An *earnest effort is being made* in Philadelphia, to erect an asylum for the intemperate.

☞ Cass, at Rome, has had his boots mended, for scandalous actions with some American females.

☞ Within a month five persons have been hung by the Regulators in and about Tampa Bay, Florida.

☞ Workmen are now engaged in building at Laporte, Sullivand county, an extensive steam tannery.

☞ The man who passed through life without enemies could not have had a character worth deprecating.

☞ Jacob G. Fonda, aged 98, of Glenville, Schenectady county, N. Y., is the oldest lawyer in the State.

☞ Number of emigrants at New York, thus far, this year, 27,204, against 71,473 for the same time last year.

☞ The wheat in Virginia will generally yield an average crop, and the tobacco crop promises to be very large.

☞ The vote cast in Maine for the Prohibitory Law is about 35,000; for the License Law, 1000. A very light vote.

☞ Dr. Hentz, of Knoxville, Ill., has been convicted of criminal intercourse with his stepdaughter, aged 15.

☞ Patrick Connor, miner, was accidentally killed last week, by a fall of Coal, at the New Mines, this County.

☞ In an interior town of California, seven-eighths of the population are under 21 years of age. They are "miners."

☞ The Democracy of the Fifth Ward, New York, are to erect an iron pole 280 feet high.—Truly, this is an iron age.

☞ Geo. D. Prentice, the editor of the Louisville *Journal*, has enrolled himself as a member of the Sons of Temperance.

☞ The recent death of Aldon Foote, in Whiteby, Mass., was caused by the spittle thrown into his body by a venomous snake.

☞ The poor man who travels with a pack on his back, is decenter than the black leg who travels with a pack in his pocket.

☞ The Princess of Prussia, Queen Victoria's daughter, is suffering much in health lately, in consequence of a fall down stairs.

☞ The farmers out West use the new skeleton skirts as scarecrows in their cornfields. They thus answer an admirable purpose.

☞ The Philadelphia police have arrested a gang of abortionists, and seized a quantity of their infernal implements and drugs.

☞ Reading will have a grand display of fireworks on the evening of the 5th of July. Why can't we? *Are we too poor to be patriotic?*

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