Wit and Humor.

A TERRIFIC CAT FIGHT.—The following poem, from the San Francisco *Golden Era*, is not only Homeric in style, but complete in itself, for it ends with the total annihilation of the combatants:

On a pine wood shed, in an alley dark,
Where scattered moonbeams sifting through a
row of tottering chimneys and an awning
torn and drooping, fell, strode back and forth,
With stiff and tense drawn muscle and peculiar tread, a cat.

His name was Norval; on yonder neighboring shed his father caught the cats that came in squads from streets beyond Dupont, in search of food and strange adventure.

Grim war he courted; and his twisted tail, and spine upheaving in fantastic curve, and claws distended, and ears flatly pressed against a head thrown back defiantly, told of impending strife.

With eyes a-gleam, and screeching blasts of war, and steps as silent as the falling dew, young Norval crept along the splintered edge, and gazed a moment through the darkness down with a tail awag triumphantly.

Then with an imprecation and a growl—perhaps an oath in direst vengeance hissed—he started back, and, crooked in body like a letter S or rather like a U inverted, stood in fierce expectancy.

'Twas well. With eye-balls glaring and ears all aslant, and open mouth in which two rows of fangs stood forth in sharp and dread conformity, slow up a post from out the dark below a head appeared.

A dreadful toesin of determined strife young Norval uttered, then with face unblanched, and moustache standing straight before his nose, and tail flung wildly to the passing breeze, stepped back in cautious invitations to the foe.

Approaching the other, and with preparations dire, each cat surveyed the vantage of the field. Around they walked with tails uplifted, and backs high in air, while from their mouths, in accents hissing with consuming rage, dropped brief but awful sentences of hate.

Thrice round the roof they went in circle, each with eye upon the foe intently bent; then sidewise moving, as is wont with cats, gave one long-drawn, terrific, savage yaw, and buckled in.

The fur flew. A mist of hair hung o'er the battle-field. High bove the din of passing wagons rose the dreadful tumult of the struggling cats. So gleamed their eyes in frenzy, that to me, who saw the conflict from a window near, nought else was plain but fiery stars that moved in orbits most eccentric.

An hour they struggled in tempestuous might, then faint and fainter grew the squall of war, until all sound was hushed. Then went I forth with lanthorn, and the field surveyed. What saw I?

Six claws—one ear—of teeth, perhaps a handful; and save fur nought else except a solitary tail. The tail was Norval's—by a ring I knew it. The ear was—but we'll let the matter pass. The tale will do without the ear.

THE INQUISITIVE YANKEE.—The following "new edition, with improvements," of an old anecdote, is exceedingly rich:

A gentleman riding in an Eastern railroad car, which was rather sparsely supplied with passengers, observed in a seat before him a lean slab-sided Yankee, every feature of whose face seemed to ask a question, and a little circumstance proved that he possessed a most "enquiring mind." Before him, occupying the whole seat, sat a lady, dressed in deep black; and after shifting his position several times and manœuvering to get an opportunity to look into her face, he at length caught her eye.

"In affliction?"

"Yes, sir," responded the lady.

"Parent?—father or mother?"

"No sir."

"Child, perhaps?—a boy or gal?"

"No sir, not a child; I have no children."

"Husband?"

"Yes," was the curt answer.

"Hum; cholery?—a tradin' man, may be."

"My husband was a sea faring man—the captain of a vessel; he didn't die of cholery; he was drowned."

"Oh, drowned, eh?" pursued the inquisitor, hesitating for an instant.

"Save his *chist*?"

"Yes, the vessel was saved, and my husband's effects," said the widow.

"*Was* they?" asked the Yankee, his eyes brightening up.

"*Pious* man?"

"He was a member of the Methodist Church."

The next question was a little delayed, but it came.

"Don't yeon think you've got a great cause to be thankful that he was a pious man and saved his chist?"

"I do;" said the widow, abruptly, and turning her head to look out of the window, the indefatigable "pump" changed his position, held the widow by his glittering eye once more, propounded one more query, in a lower tone, with his head slightly inclined forward over the back of the seat: "*Was you calculating to get married again?*"

"Sir," said the widow indignantly, "you are impertinent!" And she left her seat and took another on the other side of the car.

"Pears to be a little huffy," said the insufferable bore, turning to our narrator behind him; "she needn't be mad; I didn't want to hurt her feelin's. What did they make you pay for that umbrel you've got in your hand? It's a real pooty one!"

THE following dialogue took place on the Ohio Railroad:

"Hallo, stranger, you appear to be traveling."

"Yes, I always travel when I am on a journey."

"I think I have seen you somewhere."

"Very like. I've often been there."

"Mighn't your name be Smith?"

"Well, it might—if it wasn't something else!"

"Have you been long in these parts?"

"Never longer than at present—five feet, nine!"

"Do you calculate to remain here some time?"

"Well, I guess I'll stay till I'm ready to leave!"

"I reckon you were born in New England?"

"Well, my native place was either there or somewhere else."

"You travel as if money were plenty with you."

"Well, I might have more, and be richer."

"Have you anything new?"

"Yes, I bought a whetstone this morning."

"I thought so; you're the sharpest blade I ever saw on this road."

I GAVE her a rose and gave her a ring, and I asked her to marry me then; but she sent them all back, insensible thing, and said she'd no notion of men. I told her I'd oceans of money and goods, tried to frighten her with a growl; but she answered that she wasn't brought up in the woods, to be scared by the screech of an owl. I called her beggar, and everything bad; I slighted her features and form; till at length I succeeded in getting her mad, and she raged like the sea in a storm. And then in a moment I turned and smiled, and called her my angel and all; she fell in my arms like a wearisome child, and exclaimed, "We will marry this fall."

DID you ever know a fashionable young lady accept a glass of wine, without insisting upon its being "the least drop in the world?"

WIRE SCREENS.

WIRE COAL AND SLATE SCREENS.

JOHN H. KURTZ, (late of and successor to KURTZ & HEISLER,) would respectfully call the attention of persons engaged in the Coal Business, to his Manufactory of WIRE COAL AND SLATE SCREENS, COAL RIDDLES, WIRE BROOMS, &c., &c., at the old establishment, Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.

Having been engaged in the business of Screen making for upwards of twelve years, I flatter myself that I can turn out as good work as is done anywhere in the county, and would refer to the quality of my work in the past, as a guarantee of what it will be in the future, pledging myself that I will spare no pains to make my work satisfactory to all who may give me a trial.

JOHN H. KURTZ.

Minersville, July 24, '58 20 tf

ESTERLY & FRICK,
Manufacturers of Wire Coal Screens,

WOULD respectfully call the attention of gentlemen engaged in the Coaltrade to their coal screens of the various sizes. They have increased facilities for turning out the best of work with promptness and dispatch. Having the most experienced hands, to 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.

Pottsville, March 12, '59 [July 4, '58 27] 1f

SHERIFF'S SALES.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

BY VIRTUE of sundry Writs of *Vendi-toni Exponas* and *Levari Facias*, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Schuylkill County, and to me directed, there will be exposed to sale by public vendue or outcry, on

Saturday, May 28th, 1859,

At 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the AMERICAN HOUSE kept by Elizabeth Lessig, in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, the following described real estate, to wit:

All that certain farm or tract of land, situate in Rhodes township, Schuylkill County, bounded by lands of Daniel Herb, George Boyer and Daniel West, containing one hundred acres, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 2 story frame dwelling house, a 1½ story frame dwelling house, and a log Swiss Barn—as the property of JOHN K. WAGNER.

Also, All that certain lot of ground, situate in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, bounded in front by Minersville street, on the west by lot of Henry Nichter, on the south by a 10 feet wide alley, and on the north by a 10 feet wide alley, containing in front on said Minersville street 20 feet, 2 inches, and in depth 80 feet, 6 inches, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 2 story frame dwelling house, with a 1½ story frame kitchen attached—as the property of ELIZABETH BAKER.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, on the Minersville road, in the Borough of Pottsville, County of Schuylkill, being part of lot No. 14, in Pott & Patterson's addition to the said Borough, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a stake on the south side of the Minersville Road, and east side of a 20 feet wide alley, from thence eastwardly along the side of the Minersville Road 22 feet to a post, from thence southeasterly back in length of depth 80 feet to a line of lot of James H. Patterson, fronting thence westwardly along said line 22 feet to a post, from thence northwardly along the east line of the aforesaid alley 80 feet to the place of beginning, containing in front 20 feet and in length or depth 80 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a double two story frame dwelling house with stone basement, and a frame blacksmith-shop—as the property of THOMAS JONES.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the borough of Auburn, (formerly in South Manheim township,) Schuylkill county, as laid off in the plan of Auburn by Miller and Wagner, containing 2 acres and 153 perches, bounded on the south by Market street about 400 feet, bounded on the west by Franklin street, north by Orchard street, eastward by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, it being the same premises conveyed by Samuel Wagner and Anthony F. Miller to Joseph Berger, by deed dated April 2nd, 1855, with the appurtenances, consisting of a three story frame tavern stand 44½ feet in front and 55 feet deep, with a one story frame kitchen attached, frame dwelling house with a one story frame store-house attached, frame summer kitchen, frame stable, and frame wagon shed—as the property of JOSEPH BERGER.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, bounded in front by Acre street, eastwardly by lot of the heirs of Michael Mahon, dec'd, westwardly by lot of William Cann, and in the rear by lot of Robert Thomas, as deceased, containing in width 40 feet and in depth 150 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a double two story frame dwelling house, with a two story frame and brick shoemaker shop thereto attached—as the property of JAMES E. GIBSON.

Also, All that certain farm or tract of land, situate in Washington township, Schuylkill county, bounded by land of Henry Hehn, William Emerich, John Bretz, and others, containing 97 acres, with the appurtenances, consisting of a one story log dwelling house, log house, a log barn, and a log pig pen—as the property of SAMUEL SCHAEFFER.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the town of Llewellyn Schuylkill county, bounded on the north by William street, on the east by lot of Sarah Knudson, on the south by a 20 feet wide alley, and on the west by lot of Hiram Church, Esq., containing in width 150 feet, and in depth 150 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house, with stone basement, a frame stable, and a frame tenement house—as the property of DAVID NEUSER.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Ashland, Schuylkill county, bounded on the north by Centre street, on the east by lot of Thomas Dunn, containing in width 25 feet, and in depth 125 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house, with a frame stable—as the property of AUGUST BERTRAND.

Also, All that certain two story frame or wood dwelling house or building containing in front 40 feet, and in depth 40 feet, and a two story frame kitchen thereto attached, situate in the upper Catawissa Valley, in Hubley township, in the county of Schuylkill, and State of Pennsylvania, upon a certain tract of land claimed by the heirs of Stephen Girard, dec'd, which said tract of land is commonly called and known as the Solomon Beatty tract, and the said house, &c., was used and occupied by the said Francis M. Wynkoop and family as a residence and dwelling, and the lot or piece of ground and curtilage appurtenant thereto—as the property of ANNA McK. WYNKOOP, administrat.ix of Francis M. Wynkoop, dec'd.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Cressona, Schuylkill county, bounded in front by Coal street, westwardly by lot of Wm. Reifsnyder, northwardly by lot of John Carr, in the rear by Centre street, containing in width 50 feet, and in depth 200 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house, with a one story frame dwelling house thereto attached—as the property of JOHN STITZER.

Also, All those certain 3 lots or pieces of ground, situate in the borough of Cressona, Schuylkill county, bounded on the west corner of St. John street and Market street, in the borough of Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County, and known and designated with the numbers 13, 14 and 15, in a plan of lots laid out by Benjamin Hossler and bound ed and described as follows: Beginning at a corner of lot No. 16, on a 33-feet wide road, thence along said road south 82½ degrees, west 134 feet, thence by land now or late of Benjamin Hossler south 1½ degrees west 160 feet to a 21 feet wide alley, thence along said alley north 82½ degrees east 127 feet 6 inches to the said lot No. 16, thence along the same north 2 degrees 50 minutes, west 160 feet to the place of beginning, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house—as the property of THOMAS QUINN.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, bounded on the south by Jackson street, on the west by lot of George Gwinner, north by Pine Alley, west by lot of Michael Mahon, dec'd, containing in width 27 feet, and in depth 90 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a double two story frame tavern house—as the property of THOMAS QUINN.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in Pinegrove township, Schuylkill county, bounded north wardly by an alley, eastwardly by lot now or late of John Bressler, southwardly by a public road leading from Pinegrove to Stanhope Furnace, and westwardly by land of George Berger, containing in width 30 feet, and in depth 135 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 1 story frame dwelling house, with basement, a frame summer kitchen, and frame stable.

Also, All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate in Pinegrove township, Schuylkill county, bounded northwardly by lot of Oliver B. Pheaner, eastwardly by land of George Markey, southwardly by an alley, and westwardly by land of George Berger, containing 2 acres and 62 perches of land—as the property of GEORGE W. GOOD.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of St. Clair, Schuylkill County, bounded in front or west by Second street, on the south by Carroll street, on the east by lot of John Hetherington, deceased, on the north by lot of Anthony Erwin, containing in width 32 feet and in depth 150 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a one and a half story frame dwelling house, with a basement story of stone, and a frame stable—as the property of EDWARD HETHERINGTON, deceased.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the Borough of Pottsville, County of Schuylkill, on the North side of Mahantango street, and West side of Minersville road, being composed of parts of the lots numbers 19, 20 and 21, in Pott & Patterson's addition to Pottsville, and is bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point 40 feet westwardly from the western side of Spruce alley, thence westwardly along the southwardly side of said Minersville street one hundred feet, thence southwardly by ground now or late of George S. Patterson 80 feet to a 20 feet wide alley, thence eastwardly along the northern side of said alley one hundred feet, thence northwardly by ground now or late of William Carter eighty feet to the place of beginning, westernmost part of said lot or piece of ground containing eighty feet in front and extending back to said alley of the same breadth from the width 40 feet, 2 inches and in depth 80 feet, 6 inches, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 2 story frame dwelling house, with a one story frame dwelling houses—as the property of ROBERT T. DAVIES.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Cressona, Schuylkill county, situate on the north west corner of St. John street and Market street, in the borough of Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County, and known with the numbers 13, 14 and 15, in a plan of lots laid out by Benjamin Hossler and bound ed and described as follows: Beginning at a corner of lot No. 16, on a 33-feet wide road, thence along said road south 82½ degrees, west 134 feet, thence by land now or late of Benjamin Hossler south 1½ degrees west 160 feet to a 21 feet wide alley, thence along said alley north 82½ degrees east 127 feet 6 inches to the said lot No. 16, thence along the same north 2 degrees 50 minutes, west 160 feet to the place of beginning, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house with stone basement, and a frame blacksmith-shop—as the property of THOMAS JONES.

Also, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the Borough of Ashland, Schuylkill County, bounded on the south by Centre street, on the west by lot of Jacob Bretz, on the north by lot of Peter Shiffler, and on the east by Tenth street, containing in width 50 feet and in depth 125 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a one and a half story frame dwelling house.

No. 2.—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the Borough of Ashland, Schuylkill County, bounded on the north by Walnut street, on the south by Spruce street, on the west by lot of Thomas Monroe, and on the east by Tenth street, containing in width 50 feet and in depth 125 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of 4 one and a half story frame dwelling houses.

No. 3.—All that certain 2 lots or pieces of ground, situate in the Borough of Ashland, Schuylkill County, bounded on the south by Walnut street, on the east by Seventh street, on the north by land taken by the Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Railroad Company, and on the west by lot No. 3, being lots marked No. 1 and 2 in plan of said town, containing together in width 50 feet and in depth 250 feet, more or less to the land of the said The Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Railroad Company, with the appurtenances, consisting of a frame stable and a frame dwelling house.

No. 4.—All those certain 2 lots or pieces of ground, situate in the Borough of Ashland, Schuylkill County, bounded on the south by Chestnut street, on the east by Seventh street, on the north by land taken by the Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Railroad Company, and on the west by lot No. 3, being lots marked No. 1 and 2 in plan of said town, containing together in width 50 feet and in depth 250 feet, more or less to the land of the said The Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Railroad Company, with the appurtenances, consisting of a frame stable and a frame dwelling house.

Also, All that undivided moity or half part of all that certain piece or tract of land, situated in the branch township, Schuylkill County, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone corner on line of the New York and Schuylkill Coal Company's land, and corner of Philip Zimmerman's tract, thence north 45 degrees west one hundred and fifty-eight and five tenths perches to stones, thence north fifty-six degrees east one hundred perches to a small maple tree, thence south thirty-three degrees east one hundred and seventy-six and ten perches to a stone, thence south sixty-five degrees east one hundred and twenty-six and five-tenths perches to the place of beginning containing one hundred and eleven acres and allowance and being the same tract of land which was surveyed in pursuance of a warrant dated August 3d, A. D., 1825, granted to Samuel D. Franciscus, &c., with the appurtenances—as the property of MABIE B. BELL.

Also, All that two story frame building, situate in the township of North Manheim, in the County of Schuylkill, on the north side of the Mine Hill Railroad leading from Schuylkill Haven to West Haven, containing in front on said road ten feet and one half feet, and extending in length or depth between said road and the lot or piece of ground and curtilage appurtenant to said building, which said lot or piece of ground is bounded and described as follows: Easterly by other lot of said Mahlon Bickert, northerly by the Schuylkill Mill property, westerly by the estate late of Jacob Bayard, deceased, and southerly by the public road aforesaid, containing in front on said road forty-four feet, more or less, and extending in length or depth (with 120 feet, more or less, to the Strauch Mill"—as the property of MARKS ECKERT, owner, &c., and contractor.

Seized, and taken in execution, and will be sold by JOHN P. HOBART,

Sheriff's Office, Pottsville, } *Sheriff.*
May 7, 1859. } 19-3t

SHERIFF'S SALE of Valuable COAL LANDS!

BY VIRTUE of a Writ of *Fieri Facias*, issued by the Court of Common Pleas of Schuylkill county, and to me directed, there will be exposed to sale by public vendue and outcry, on

Saturday, the 21st Day of May, 1859,

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the INDEPENDENT HOUSE, in the borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, the following described real estate, to wit:

All the twenty-three-two hundred and tenths parts of PETER MAISON, and to the three following adjoining tracts of Coal Land, containing together nine hundred and ninety-four acres and thirty perches, and allowance of six per cent. for roads, &c., situate now partly in Cass and partly in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, (formerly in the townships of Norwegian and Schuylkill,) in the county of Schuylkill, bounded and described as follows, to wit: The first of which beginning at a chestnut oak, corner of lands of Henry Geittle and Philip Waggoner north sixty-seven degrees, east two hundred and ninety-seven and a half perches to a post, north twenty three degrees west fifteen perches to a post, thence by land of Gettle and Waggoner and vacant land north sixty-nine degrees east three hundred and thirty-three perches to a pine, thence by vacant land north twenty-three degrees west fifty-two perches to a white oak, south sixty-five degrees west one hundred and thirty-five perches to a pine, north twenty-one degrees west twenty-four perches to a corner, south sixty-nine degrees west three hundred and sixty-five perches to a pine, thence by land late of Christopher Wagner, now the second of said tracts, and land of Leonard Reed south one degree east eighty-four perches to a white oak, and thence by vacant land south twenty-three degrees east fifty-two perches to the place of beginning, containing four hundred and twenty-nine acres and one hundred and fifty-two perches, and allowances as per centum for roads, &c.

The second of which said tracts beginning at a post, thence by land late of Henry Gettle, now the third of said tracts, south eighty-six degrees east one hundred and sixty four perches to a pine, south twenty-three degrees, east seventeen perches to a stone, thence by land of Leonard Reed north eighty-nine degrees east fifty four perches to a stone, thence by the first described tract of land and vacant land north five degrees east one hundred and forty-eight and a half per hes to a stone, thence by vacant land north eighty-five degrees west two hundred and seventy-seven and one-tenth perches to a stone, south five degrees west one hundred and three perches to a corner, south eighty-five degrees east four perches to a pine, and south five degrees west one hundred and eighty perches and allowance of six per cent. for roads.

And the third of which said tracts beginning at a post, thence by land surveyed to William Waggoner and claimed by James Dundas, and land of Leonard Reed north one degree west one hundred and nine perches to a stone, thence by second of said tracts north three degrees west seventeen perches to a pine, thence by same and vacant land north eighty-five degrees west three hundred and two perches to a pine, thence by land of the Schuylkill Coal Company south thirty-one degrees west two hundred and nineteen perches to a stone, south one degree east fifteen perches to a stone by a pine, and south eighty-five degrees east four hundred and nine perches to the place of beginning, containing three hundred and fifty-one acres and twenty perches and allowance of six per cent. for roads, &c. The premises above described being the same which was conveyed to the said Peter Maison by two separate indentures, one of them made by Sarah H. Ringer by indenture dated the twenty-third day of December, A. D., 1846, recorded in Schuylkill county in Deed Book No. 26, page 582, &c., wherein seventeen-fifty-sixths thereof was granted and conveyed unto Charles Miller, Morris Patterson and the said Peter Maison, in fee, as containing one thousand one hundred and fifty-three acres and one hundred and forty-nine perches, more or less, and excepting and reserving and granted a piece of land conveyed to John C. Offerman, of three acres, and also excepting all town lots in the town of New Castle, which had been sold or conveyed with the lands appurtenant thereto, and one of them being Timothy M. Bryan, Administrator, &c., by indenture dated the 25th day of December, A. D., 1848, recorded in Schuylkill county in Deed Book No. 32, page 324, &c., granted and conveyed unto the said Peter Maison one-sixteenth thereof, and the said Peter Maison hath since sold and conveyed certain portions of said one-sixteenth.

The above described three parcels of land are now held by the owners as one tract or body of land, and are called and known as the Gettle and Wagner lands—Peter Maison's said undivided interest in the Maumoth vein and on the Seven Foot vein, one 45 horse power engine, a coal breaker and one 20 horse power breaker engine, one two story dwelling house, four tenement houses and one stable, and the coal mined by him from an adjoining tract, and not from the Gettle and Wagner lands.

George S. Heppler has a colliery on the Pott and Bannan tract of land, which tract adjoins the Gettle and Wagner lands, and he has from his slope on the Pott and Bannan tract, heretofore mined coal from the Gettle and Wagner lands, but is not mining from there now. Mr. Heppler is about sinking a slope on the Pott and Bannan tract to the bottom of the basin, and from that slope he has a right to mine coal from the Gettle and Wagner lands on both the north and other dips of the Mammoth vein, and from the Seven Foot vein, and from the Crosby vein. Heppler has at present on the Pott and Bannan tract one slope, one 90 horse power pumping engine, one 60 horse power hoisting engine, one coal breaker, one 30 horse power breaking engine, and one 20 horse power engine for hoisting coal dirt.

Besides the houses above mentioned, there are on the said premises one double frame house, one other large frame house, occupied by three families, one log house, occupied by two families, one other frame house, occupied by three families, one large frame building, occupied by Michael Fendal, one other frame dwelling, occupied by two families, one stone house occupied by John Moore, the public school house, one tavern, rented to Patrick Connor, and one saw mill; rented to Lewis C. Dougherty.

Besides all the houses and buildings above mentioned, there are one hundred and ten other dwelling houses upon the said premises, erected under ground rent leases. Thirteen of these are stone houses, twenty-eight are frame houses, and sixty-nine are log houses.

Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of PETER MAISON, by JOHN P. HOBART,

Sheriff's Office, Pottsville, } *Sheriff.*
April 25th, 1859. } 17-4t

INSURANCE.

Schuylkill Fire and Marine
INSURANCE COMPANY,
Of Pottsville.

Office in Silliman's Building, Mahantango st., 2 doors above Centre st., Pottsville, Pa.

CAPITAL AUTHORIZED BY LAW, $200,000.

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This Company obtained its Charter at the last Session of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and is now fully organized and prepared to issue Policies at liberal rates, on Fire and Inland risks, on Public and Private Buildings, Furniture, Stocks of Goods and Merchandize of all kinds.

Also on Coal Breakers and Machinery; Inland Insurance on Canal Boats and Barges, by Canals and Rivers; also on Cargoes of Coal to Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, &c. This Company guarantees to adjust all losses promptly, and thereby hope to merit the patronage of the public.

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H. H. HUNTZINGER, Secretary.
Pottsville, Jan. 22, '59 4

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Is Your Life Insured?

There is, perhaps, nothing that creates so severe a pang on the death bed as the reflection that we are leaving those we love, perhaps a wife and children, dependent upon the cold charity of the world! Therefore every one in life should prepare for this emergency. It can be done, even by the poorest, through the agency of Life Insurance.

Every man who loves his family, ought to get his life insured. Every man in debt, and owning property, ought to get his life insured, lest at his death his property may be sacrificed. There are but few who could not save a small sum annually to insure their lives; which if not invested in this way would be spent perhaps, in trifles, and their families thus be left to penury and want.

Wives, persuade your husbands—you can save enough in your household affairs to pay the premiums, without feeling it—and the reflection that you are provided for, will alone be a full recompense for the outlay. Husbands can be insured in favor of their wives and children, and the amount cannot be touched by their creditors in case of their death. A person may insure his or her own life in favor of heirs, or may dispose of the amount by will.

THE FOLLOWING SAVINGS PER WEEK IS ALL THAN IS NECESSARY TO INSURE $500 FOR LIFE:

Age.		Age.		Age.	
20	17 cts.	32	24 cts.	44	34½ cts.
21	17½ "	33	24½ "	45	35½ "
22	18 "	34	25 "	46	37 "
23	18½ "	35	25½ "	47	38 "
24	19 "	36	27 "	48	40 "
25	19½ "	37	27½ "	49	42 "
26	20 "	38	29 "	50	44 "
27	21 "	39	30 "	51	45½ "
28	21½ "	40	30½ "	52	47 "
29	22 "	41	31½ "	53	50 "
30	22½ "	42	32½ "	54	52½ "
31	23 "	43	33½ "	55	55½ "

Any sum not exceeding $5000, may be insured on a single life. The premiums may be paid quarterly, half yearly or yearly.

Officers:

ALEXANDER WHILLDIN, *President*; MARSHALL HENSZEY, *Vice President*; JOHN C. SIMS, *Secretary*; JOHN S. WILSON, *Treasurer*.

B. BANNAN has been appointed Agent for the above Life Insurance Company in Pottsville, and is prepared to receive applications for Life Insurance, at his Book-store, Pottsville. Any information with regard to Life Insurance will be given with pleasure.

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AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE & TRUST COMPANY.
CAPITAL STOCK--$500,000.
Company's Building, Walnut st., S. E. cor. 4th, Philad'a.

LIFE INSURANCE at the usual
MUTUAL RATES;
Or, at JOINT STOCK RATES, at about 20 per cent. less:
Or, at TOTAL ABSTINENCE RATES, the lowest in the world.

A. WHILLDIN, *President.*
J. C. SIMS, *Secretary.*

Christopher Little,
General Agent for Schuylkill County.
OFFICE—Mahantango st., cor. of Second, Pottsville.
January 8, '59 2-1f

FIRE INSURANCE & COLLECTING AGENCY
OFFICE—Market Street, second door above Third Street, Pottsville, Pa.

THE UNDERSIGNED, Agent of the LYCOMING COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, having become associated with the KENSINGTON and CORN EXCHANGE INSURANCE COMPANIES of the city of Philadelphia, is prepared to execute fire risks either on the Mutual or Joint Stock principle, and transact all business connected with the Insurance department, and in the adjustment of Fire Claims, as well as his General knowledge of the character and reliability of both foreign and domestic Insurance Companies will entitle him to the confidence of persons desirous of securing themselves against loss by fire.

The undersigned will also give his attention to the collection of any monies outstanding within the limits of Schuylkill county, and will, in all cases, make a prompt and careful remittance of sums so collected to the parties employing his services in this department of his business, as well as soon and promptly as he has outstanding bills within the county, would probably promote their interests by availing themselves of the advantages offered in this advertisement.

For further information, or any of the following named gentlemen:—

Hon. James H. Campbell, Pottsville, Pa
Hon. James Pollock, Milton, "
Hon. Andrew G. Curtin, " Bellefonte, "
Hon. Henry C. Longenecker, " Allentown, "
James Hankin, M. D., " Muncy, "
Willis P. Hazard, Esq., " Philadelphia, "
William Pearson, Esq., " Lock Haven, "
JACOB A. HAZEN,
Box 360, Pottsville P. O.
9-3m

Feb 26, '59

CHARTER PERPETUAL. [INCORPORATED IN 1850.

THE STATE FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE Company of Penna.

OFFICE—92 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pa. Capital 380,000 dollars.

Insure all the safer classes of property against Loss by Fire, perils of Inland Navigation and Transportation.

JOHN P. RUTHERFORD, *President.*
S. WARD, *Secretary.* L. MORTON, *Vice President.*

BENJ. BANNAN has been appointed Agent for this Company in Schuylkill county, and is prepared to insure all kinds of property at the lowest rates consistent with security. The rates can be ascertained at his Bookstore, Pottsville.

B. BANNAN is also Agent for LIFE as well as FIRE Insurance. [Dec. 5, '57 49-

ANTHRACITE INSURANCE COMPANY.
Authorized Capital, $400,000.
CHARTER PERPETUAL.—Office,

No. 91 Walnut street, between Third and Fourth streets, Philadelphia. This Company insures against loss or damage by Fire, Buildings, Furniture, and Merchandize generally. Also MARINE INSURANCE, on Vessels, Cargoes and Freights. INLAND INSURANCE to all parts of the Union.

DIRECTORS:

Jacob Esher,	Davis Pierson,
D. Luther,	Joseph Maxfield,
Lewis Adelsberger,	Wm. C. Eckert,
Peter Sliger,	J. E. Baum,
John K. Blackiston,	Wm. F. Dean.

JACOB ESHER, *President.*
WM. F. DEAN, *Vice President.*
W. M. SMITH, *Secretary.*

JOHN CLAYTON has been appointed agent for the above Company in Schuylkill county, to whom persons desiring Insurance can apply.

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INDEMNITY.

THE Franklin Fire Insurance Company, of Philadelphia. Office, No. 163½ Chesnut streets, near Fifth street.

DIRECTORS:

Charles N. Bancker,	George W. Richards,
Thomas Hart,	Mordecai D. Lewis,
Tobias Wagner,	Adolphe E. Borie,
Samuel Grant,	David S. Brown,
Jacob R. Smith,	Morris Patterson.

Continue to make insurance, permanent or limited on every description of property, in town and country, at rates as low as are consistent with security.

The Company have reserved a large contingent Fund, which, with their Capital and Premiums, safely invested, afford unquestionable protection to the insured. Since the incorporation, a period of 18 years, they have paid upwards of *one million, ten hundred thousand dollars*, losses by fire, thereby affording ample evidence of the advantages of insurance as well as the ability and disposition to meet with promptness, all liabilities.

CHAS. N. BANCKER, President.
CHAR. G. BANCKER, Secretary.

The subscriber has been appointed agent for the above mentioned institution, and is now prepared to make insurance, on every description of property, at the lowest rates.

ANDREW RUSSELL, Agent.
Pottsville, Jan. 11, 1858 2-1f

THE LIVERPOOL AND LONDON FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.
Authorized Capital---$10,000,000.
Paid up Capital, Surplus, and Reserved Funds,
$5,000,000.

Liability of the shareholders unlimited.

Having been appointed Agent in this District by the Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company, and for other reliable Fire and Life Insurance Companies of Philadelphia, I am prepared to effect insurance against Fire, on every description of building and property.

Coal Operators would find it advantageous to insure their colliery structures in reliable Companies, for which I act as Agent.

Parties desiring Insurance are respectfully invited to call at my office, where particulars will be given, together with the respective circulars of the Companies, and detailed statements of their present condition.

HORACE P. SMITH,
Centre street, above Norwegian.
Or at Pennsylvania Hall, Pottsville, Pa.

REFERENCES:

Philadelphia.	*Pottsville.*
John Tucker, Esq.,	John Shippen, Esq.,
James Dundas, Esq.,	Geo. W. Snyder, Esq.,
John R. White, Esq.,	Hon. James H. Campbell,
David Jayne, M. D.,	Hon. C. W. Heyne,
Richard Smith, Esq.,	R. M. Palmer, Esq.

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LIFE INSURANCE.

THE Girard Life Insurance, Annuity and Trust Company of Philadelphia. Office, No. 152 Chesnut street, the first door East of the Custom House.

CAPITAL $100,000—CHARTER PERPETUAL,

with power to make Insurances on lives on the most favorable terms.

The capital is paid up and invested together with a large and constantly increasing reserved fund, offers a perfect security to the insured.

The premiums may be paid yearly, half-yearly or quarterly.

The company add a Bonus periodically to the insurance for life. The first Bonus, appropriated in December, 1844, gave to each Bonus in December, 1849, an amount to an addition of $262 50 to every $1,000 insured under the oldest policies, making $1,262 50 which will be paid when it shall become a claim. Instead of $1,000 originally insured the next oldest amount to $1,227 50 the next in age to $1,212 50 for every $1,000; the others in the same proportion according to the amount and time of standing, which additions make an average of more than 60 per cent. upon the premiums paid, without increasing the annual premium.

MANAGERS:

Thomas Ridgway,	John A. Brown,
Armon Davis,	D. Danner,
John Jay Smith,	Frederick Brown,
Robert Pearsall,	George Taber,
Joseph Yeager,	John R. Latimer,
Thomas P. James,	Wharton Lewis,
Joseph T. Bailey.	John R. Slack.

Pamphlets containing tables of rates and explanations, form of application and further information can be had at the office. THOMAS RIDGWAY, President,

JOHN F. JAMES, Actuary.

The subscriber is agent for the above Company in Schuylkill County, and will effect Insurances, and give all necessary information on the subject.

April 9, 1858. 13-1y B. BANNAN.

PLUMBING.

PLUMBING AND GAS-FITTING
ESTABLISHMENT.
MARKET SQUARE, POTTSVILLE, PA.

The undersigned respectfully informs the citizens of Pottsville and vicinity, that having purchased the *Plumbing Establishment* of **Henry Dickinson**, and attached it to his *Gas-Fitting Business*, will hereafter carry on both branches, and hopes, by strict attention to business—keeping always on hand a large and well selected stock, employing competent workmen, and doing work at *uniformly moderate prices*—to receive a portion of the