Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1859.

THE FRUIT OF BAD GOVERNMENT.

There possibly, has never been a period in the industrial history of this country, when every department of business was more thoroughly depressed than at present. Farmers, manufacturers, traders, mechanics, miners and laborers are all complaining. We hear muttering and complaint on every side. Even the keepers of groceries, who in the worst of times, are sure of a certain per centage of victims, are complaining that their profits are cut down by the inability of their best customers to purchase the vile stuff they retail. Over this result we are not disposed to grieve. But of the cause which affects the comfort and happiness of the hard working masses, it is a matter of much concern. When we hear men who have grown gray in business, men of enlarged experience, men of capacity and industry complaining of their inability to get along, and see young men, with literally, no inducement to enter into legitimate business, we must conclude that something is wrong.

And something is wrong. Here we are, a country teeming with inexhaustible mineral wealth; with a productive capacity certainly equal to that of any other nation; with industry proverbial for its intensity; with inventive faculty of which Europe is now the gainer; with millions of acres of fertile land, and with an energy peculiarly our own, yet we plod on like Turkey, Spain and Mexico, in place of taking our true position among the wealthiest and most powerful nations of the world. Why is it? Simply in our opinion, because we entertain a policy which while our factories and mills are idle, has encouraged the importation at the single port of New York during the first half of the present year of one hundred and twenty-five millions of dollars worth of foreign manufactured goods. Have we any commodities, except raw cotton—a small item—to exchange for these goods? None, absolutely none. We are being drained of specie at the rate of over one hundred millions of dollars per annum, to pay for goods the mass of which can and should be made in this country. It is a system of impoverishment the effects of which the country now experiences.

Of course upon injudicious legislation alone, such this state of affairs be charged. The so-called Democratic party in its national conventions, promulgates fearlessly, its free trade principles, and in Congress votes almost in a mass for a reduction of duties to a non-Protective standard. Of what avail are the promises or even acts of the party in Pennsylvania for protection to certain articles, when such a course arrays not only the mass of the Democratic party of the country against them, but other sections that think Pennsylvania selfish to ask everything for herself? No, we need in this country judicious protection for all our manufacturing interests not to attempt to compete with the cheapened labor of Europe. The want of it now we feel keenly.

How is it to be secured? We tell the men of this County and of this State, that the surest way to bring about such a *desideratum*, is by polling a solid vote against the Sham Democratic party. That party must be rebuked by the people for its disregard of their interests, and the most effectual way is by cutting it dead. We believe that the State will do it by a handsome majority next Fall; but we want Schuylkill County to take a long stride in the same direction. There is no spot in the Union more directly interested in the enactment of a Tariff than Schuylkill County.—To expect anything of the kind from the so-called Democratic party, is worse than folly, it is madness. We therefore, advise the men of this County, to act wisely at the coming elections. If they desire reform in the Government, and the enactment of judicious laws that will set the wheels of our industrial machinery again in motion, they must support the party that is pledged to effect the necessary reforms in our governmental policy.

THE NEW CENSUS.

In accordance with the Constitutional provision requiring an enumeration of the people every tenth year, the census will be taken next year, and as its importance in a political point of view, is attracting the attention of politicians, we submit the following figures as foreshadowing the political power for the ensuing decade, of the different sections of the country in the House of Representatives, and the Electoral College.

The present House of Representatives is thus divided, sectionally:

	Reps.
Northern, or Free States,	147
Southern, or Slave States,	90

What will be the relative power of the two sections after 1860? It is not difficult to arrive at an estimate which shall approximate very near to accuracy. Let us take as a basis for the calculation of the population of the several States, the last popular vote in each. By doing this, and adopting the same ratio as under the last census, we arrive at the actual increase of strength in the Free States during the last eight years. This plan cannot be applied to the Slave States, because the negro element, which enters so largely into their representation cannot be estimated with any degree of accuracy. The following table however will prove that during the next decade the Free States must have at least two-thirds, if not three-fourths of the members of the lower House of Congress:

STATES.	Popular vote, at the last election.	Number of Members.	Present number of Members.	Gain.	Loss.
Maine,	111,493	613,211	6	6	
New Hampshire,	71,356	282,558	4	3	1
Vermont,	52,998	291,489	5		
Massachusetts,	177,056	973,508	10	11	1
Rhode Island,	19,819	108,054	1	2	
Connecticut,	69,329	441,987	4	4	
New York,	587,389	4,255,639	35	33	2
New Jersey,	99,446	518,953	6	5	1
Pennsylvania,	380,293	2,558,178	27	25	2
Ohio,	388,667	2,125,733	23	21	2
Indiana,	238,431	1,291,870	14	11	3
Illinois,	251,237	1,382,902	15	9	6
Michigan,	120,558	600,159	7	6	1
Iowa,	94,735	521,812	5	2	3
Wisconsin,	119,512	657,316	7	3	4
California,	108,456	507,019	6	2	4
Minnesota, (No election as State.)		est'd	1		1
Oregon,	do.	do.	1	1	
	3,001,906	16,484,123	177	147	32

These figures show that at the present moment, under the existing ratio, the Free States are entitled to thirty more Representatives in Congress, and the same increased force in the Electoral College. But for the purpose of keeping down the number of representatives, the ratio of representation will be probably raised to 110,000 or 115,000. One thing will be conclusively proved by the next census, and that is the rapid growth of the mighty and the free West, as she will have in the lower House of Congress, from seven States, within six as many members as the fifteen Southern States combined.

CANDIDATES FOR SPEAKER AND CLERK OF THE NEXT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The organization of the next House is already attracting attention, as the Opposition will have a majority, and consequently, the power of electing its chief officers.

The candidates for Speaker, already announced publicly, are

Hon. James H. Campbell, of the Schuylkill and Northumberland District of Pennsylvania.

Hon. Galusha A. Grow, of the Bradford District of Pennsylvania.

Hon. Horace F. Clark, of New York.

Hon. Thomas Corwin, of Ohio.

Hon. John Sherman, of Ohio.

Hon. E. B. Washburne, of Illinois.

The candidates for Clerk, are—

Hon. Charles Billinghurst, of Wisconsin, a Member of the Thirty-fourth Congress.

Hon. James Thorington, of Iowa, a Member of the Thirty-fourth Congress.

Hon. D. P. Holloway, of Indiana, a Member of the Thirty-fourth Congress.

Hon. Warren L. Underhood, of Kentucky, a Member of the Thirty-fourth Congress.

Hon. Edward Ball, of Ohio, a Member of the Thirty-fourth Congress.

Hon. Henry W. Hoffman, of Maryland, the only Southern member who voted for the expulsion of Brooks from the House, for his brutal assault upon Senator Sumner.

Hon. Calvin C. Chaffee, of Massachusetts.

Col. Wm. Schouler, of the Boston *Atlas*.

A CINCINNATI correspondent writes that the lotion Granny Case, renouncing all idea of pro- American adopted citizens, is creating party in the West. The Democratic precedent seem desirous of maintaining a under every lee. Government—the protection alized citizens. Wh- circumstance, of its nature- be sure! ick of a party it is, to

When the Philadelphia *Le* is a tight place, it resorts to spade its party "party hacks" are speaking or writing such as, The most rascally party hack' doctrines paid so. are those which appear at times in the *Ledger*.

"Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones."

WHOLESALE ROBBERY—$400,000 Swindle.

The past history of the world does not exhibit rascality to so great an extent as is practised under the "Ten Cent Administration" of James Buchanan. Ever, since the endorsement of the Naval Swindle, and his re- to George Plitt to secure for him the "Live Oak Contract," almost every- and contractor under the Government has determined to steal all he can, and some members of the Cabinet finding that the people will soon sweep the corrupt party out of power, are engaging in the robbery as freely as the subordinates.

A letter from Camp Floyd, dated June 2, 1859, to the following:

Mr. John Holliday and Ch. Martin, are the lucky contractors for furnishing the army with breadstuffs the ensuing year, for which they receive $28 60 per 100 pounds. The daily average consumption of flour by the camp is not less than 5000 pounds, making the annual consumption about 2,000,000 pounds. This would amount to $572,000—a snug little item in the current expenses. Now, when we take into consideration the fact that Mr. Wm. Martin and E. P. Stanton offered to furnish the supply of flour for $10 per 100 pounds, and that Mr. J. C. Little agreed to take the same contract for $7 50 per hundred pounds, it seems strange that Messrs. Holliday and Martin have been awarded this contract at $28 60 per hundred pounds. Does it not look like collusion on the part of the Secretary of War?

The quality of flour manufactured in this territory is of the poorest description, and would pass for "sweepings" at any market in the States. Yet this is the stuff the army will be compelled to use during the incoming year. It was the intention of Secretary Floyd to have the supply of flour shipped from the States, then the price is in the neighborhood of reason. But if such was his design, why did he furnish Messrs. Holliday and Martin with orders for government mules, from any post along the route on their journey to this point.

Since their arrival, they have commenced buying and contracting for all the flour in the territory, for which they are paying $5 per hundred, but in all probability they will have to pay as high as $8 for a portion. We will say that they pay $6 per hundred for all of it, and we see that they are at an outlay of $360,000 in fulfilling the contract, leaving them a snug little balance of four hundred and twelve thousand dollars. There are probably four partners in the contract, Mr. John Holliday, Maj. Martin, Wm. Russel, (firm of Russel, Majors & Waddel,) and Secretary Floyd. They will realize one hundred thousand dollars each, and be at no trouble or risk.

Truly, Uncle Sam is blessed with a noble set of office holders—they are so careful to look to their own interests. They seem conscientious in order the discharge of all the teamsters and mechanics in the employ of the camp, and put soldiers to doing the same, all because the expenses are too great. Now the entire wages for an entire year, of the men engaged in the Q. M. D., would not amount to half the sum squandered on the flour contract alone.

BLASPHEMY.—Two Roman Catholic Priests in New York recently rebelled against Arch Bishop Hughes. As usual they have recanted and the following is an extract from the public recantation made by one of them, in the New York *Herald*:

"I ask pardon and indulgence for the trouble which I have given to enlightened and timid conscience, and to the Most Reverend Prelate, with the profoundest humiliation and submission, *offered as to Jesus Christ himself, whom I adore in the sublime dignity of the Most Rev. the Arch bishop of New York.*"

FREDERICK CAMPS, Parish Priest.

As the warm weather will drive many of our readers to the sea-shore, to plunge into the refreshing waters of the ocean, we can confidently recommend those who visit Atlantic City, to sojourn at either the Surf or Philadelphia House. The latter is kept by Willing Collins, formerly of this County, with great care for the comfort of his boarders, and he would undoubtedly, heartily welcome his Schuylkill County friends.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

"THE CAVALIER."—This Historical novel, by G. P. R. James, Esq., and but recently completed by him, has been published from the author's manuscript, by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, 306 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, for which they paid sixteen hundred and eighty dollars. The following letter is from Mr. James to the publishers:

"BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL,
—VENICE, 4th April, 1859.

"GENTLEMEN:—I have sent you off this day the two last volumes and completion of 'The Cavalier,' and trust they will reach you safely. Should they not do so having kept a copy here, the loss could easily be made up. In regard to the payment for 'The Cavalier,' I have to inform you upon your honor for the amount, all being dated March 21st, one for $368-88, another for $384 12, and one for $127 00, making in all $1,680 00, as per agreement made and signed by us on the 1st July, 1858. I hope you will have the kindness to send me over a copy of it, as I shall like to see the work in print. In manuscript I like it well, and think there is quite enough action in it to suit you. Yours, faithfully,

G. P. R. JAMES."

This work will we feel confident, be one of the most popular that ever emanated from his pen.—Mr. James's style is in truth, calm, strong, but graphic and vigorous. The books which endure and last, are the Robinson Crusoes, the Vicar of Wakefields, the novels of Sir Walter Scott and Charles Dickens, etc., etc., which are all eminently free from the spasmodic and vicious extravagances of the age. Their strength is calm, serene and healthy, not convulsive, convulsed or dyspeptic. And so it is with Mr. James's productions—which always receive warm commendations from the highest critics. He does not tear either his style or his passion to tatters—he does not rejoice in extravagances of diction, or monstrosities of character. He interests by the simple and natural portraiture of exciting scenes, and heroic and beautiful personages. He sympathises not with vice and impurity, but with all that is noble, lovely and of good repute. And his works, therefore, without unpleasantly intruding any moral upon the reader, teach lessons of endurance, faith, purity, and heroic forgetfulness of self. For these reasons—for the healthy and vigorous and heroic spirit which breathes alike in his style and his subjects, the works of Mr. James occupy a place in the libraries of every land where the British language is spoken, by the side of those of Scott and of Dickens; and their circulation in the homes of the people has been by the hundreds of thousands.

"The Cavalier" is published complete in one duodecimo volume of Five Hundred Pages, done up in two volumes, paper cover, price One Dollar, or handsomely bound in one volume, cloth, price $1 25. Copies of either edition of this work will be sent to any person to any part of the United States, *free of postage*, on any one remitting the price to the publishers, in a letter post paid.

Local Affairs.

WEEKLY ALMANAC.

1859—July.	SUN RISES	SUN SETS	MOON'S CHANGES.
2 Saturday,	4 32	7 35	*D. H. M.*
3 Sunday,	4 32	7 35	First Q. 7 0 58 m.
4 Monday,	4 33	7 34	Full M. 14 7 57 ev.
5 Tuesday,	4 33	7 34	Last Q. 21 10 23 ev.
6 Wednesday,	4 34	7 34	New M. 29 4 48 ev.
7 Thursday,	4 34	7 34	
8 Friday,	4 35	7 33	

Thermometrical Record for the Week.

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

	9	2	7	
June 25—Saturday,	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	
" 27—Monday,	77	104	72	clear.
" 28—Tuesday,	78	88	83	"
" 29—Wednesday,	78	83	81	cloudy.
" 30—Thursday,	90	93	77	clear.
July 1—Friday,	70	72	70	"
	70	79	18	"

Spiced Oysters and Lobsters in jars for family use—Sardines, Pine-apple and Sap Sago Cheese, for sale at S. McDonald's New Store, Centre street, Pottsville.

We are requested to state that a Passenger Train will leave Westwood at 9 o'clock, A. M., on the 3d inst., for the Encampment at Tremont. Tickets 50 cents for going and returning at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Whew!—In our office at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon last, the mercury in a thermometer hanging in the shade, marked 99 degrees! Splendid weather for fans, ices, bathing, attenuated clothing, and hay making.

*At the Sixth Annual Commencement of the Polytechnic College in Philadelphia, on Thursday evening last, the degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering was conferred on Francis Z. Schollenberger of Minersville, this County.

Look out for the Balloon!—Mr. Wise and a friend were to start from St. Louis yesterday in a balloon for New York. As they anticipate making the trip in less than two days, and may pass over this section, we advise our folks to keep a bright look out for the balloon.

Miss Elizabeth Downing, who died in this Borough last week, had for many years been a teacher in the public schools here. Miss Downing was very highly esteemed for her excellent qualities of heart and head, and many sorrowing friends attended her remains to their last resting place.

The 4th at Hamburg.—The citizens of Hamburg, irrespective of party feeling, will celebrate the anniversary of American Independence, at Mr. Heckman's Spring. Great preparations are on foot to make it one of the events of that ent town. Col. Myers has consented to deliver an ation on the occasion.

Monstrous Cherries.—Mr. John Beck of West Branch Valley, left at our office on Thursday, some Cherries which measured three inches in circumference. The color was amber and red, and the flesh was firm, and resembles the Oxheart. The graft came from Germany. They were the largest Cherries we ever saw.

Read, and See What I Say!

There evil is not gone so easy, but soon or late
Will find a passage to destroy the lazy mate.
Then look out for the rats, they multiply very fast;
Grab the last plate there, and eat upon a glass!

But palaver not *this* truth to you and me:
No drink so glorious as the pure COFFEE!
No Coffee so delicious, so powerful
As Dodson's much improved pure Oriental.

Get only yourself, you've just to try it!
At any store in town, for money, you can buy it!
Put up in tissue holding each a pound
With printed labels wrapping it around.

The Alleged Homicide at Glen Carbon.—William Simmons and Edward Brennan, the parties arrested charged with being concerned in the killing of Robert Motely, at Glen Carbon, on the 18th ult., had a hearing before Squire Taylor, of Minersville, on Tuesday. The Schuylkill *Gazette* says that material favorable to Brennan could be produced, and he was accordingly discharged.—Simmons was committed for trial, but has since been released on a writ of habeas corpus, and put under bail for $1,000.

Sewing machines are fast coming to be regarded as indispensable necessaries in the family. One firm in New York during three months manufactured and sold 4,700 machines; they have $500,000 invested in the business, and employ 400 men. Another firm last year sold 14,000 machines. Their factory is in Boston, but they employ 150 cabinet makers in New York to make stands and covers for their instruments. For Grover & Baker's excellent machines Green & Hoffman, Centre street, this Borough, are Agents for the County. In selling a machine they give the necessary instruction for its use.

Police Officers.—The following are the Police Officers as chosen by the Chief Burgess, and approved by the Council, for the ensuing year, viz:

Marshal—CHAS. H[illegible]

South Ward, No. 1.—[illegible] J. McQUADE, John Stine, Morgan Reed, [illegible] Smith, Lewis Burkhard.

Middle Ward, No. 2.—*Lieut.*—DAVID QUINN, Benj. Evert, Chas. Dimmick, Wm. Sayler, John Powers, Fred. C. Epting, Martin Hoffner, Samuel Auman, John Quinn.

North West Ward, No. 3.—*Lieut.*—JOHN WETZEL, Jacob Shoemaker, Michael Kienzle, Francis Bogler, John Alles, Math. Berger.

North East Ward, No. 4.—*Lieut.*—CHAS. W. BOWEN, Daniel Kershner, Joseph Derr, David German, Jabez Spritz, Anthony Albert, Andrew Kienzle, Alex. Cake.

Fire Losses.—Mr. J. A. Hazen, Agent for the Lycoming Mutual Insurance Company, has furnished us with the following list of losses which occurred in Schuylkill County, from June 1st 1858, to June 1st, 1859, and which were adjusted:

Wm. Regan & Co.,	$2500 00	John Reising,	5 93
Jacob Greenawalt,	234 34	David Lloyd,	4 75
Greenawalt, Apple & Co.,	1,095 61	Henry Zimmerman,	54 00
Anna S. Slater,	16 00	Michael Burke,	400 00
James H. Campbell,	15 50	Abraham Heebner,	2162 80
Jacob Kite,	9 00	Wm. Dickson,	49 39
Catharine A. Shomo,	600 00	Wm. Morrison, Sr.,	6 20
James Thomas,	1200 00	Christian M. Straub,	50 00
Henry L. Cake,	1200 00	James Berry (guard's)	72 82
Daniel Hill,	1000 00	John Pinkerton, Wood,	243 75
Wm. E. Thatcher,	813 34	John F. Simmons,	68 98
Edward Becker,	137 00	Donaldson Improvement & R. R. Co.,	2500 00
Wm. Garrett & Co.,	1057 00	Daniel Shaffer,	67 00
Daniel Shaffer,	450 00	Wm. M. Pegley,	1150 00
Peter Hewett & White,	1120 61	Martha Lilley,	157 19
Daniel Reed,	66 87	Mary Ann Miller,	62 00
Wm. H. Ross,	400 00	Wm. J. Carter,	35 00
Jacob Christian,	509 00		
Geo. W. Slater,	2 78	Total,	$20,087 49
Hannah Lewis,	2 61		

We learn that this Company have issued polices in this County amounting in the aggregate to upwards of Two Millions Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars. Their payments in this County last year exceeded the receipts.

Pottsville Rolling Mill.—A few days since we observed with interest at this Mill, the rolling into T rails, of pig metal, in the puddling of which an important improvement has been made and patented by Messrs. Burnish & Co. In a quantity of light rail turned out when we witnessed the operation, there was but one imperfect. The annexed communication in regard to the matter shows how satisfactorily the improvement works:

POTTSVILLE, *June 28th*, 1859.

EDITORS MINERS' JOURNAL.—*Gentlemen*:—Having obtained some months since letters Patent for Fluxes in Puddling Red short and Cold short Pig metal, we wish to give publicity through your columns, to the fact that we are now making by means of the Fluxes T rails from Pig metal, made entirely of Scrap all over, and that they are made in perfectness of finish and durability T any rails heretofore made from Pig metal composed of the Red short and Cold short ores. We invite purchasers to call and examine before buying elsewhere, since we are enabled to sell at a reduction on the present rate of prices.

Yours, very respectfully,
BURNISH & CO.

P. S. All business communications should be addressed to Messrs. E. Yardley & Son.

It is but just to state in connection with this matter, that to Mr. Talbot, who has charge of the puddling and heating of the iron much praise is due. It is owing to his practical skill in the application of these Fluxes, that the present satisfactory result has been obtained. It is of general interest to know that the success of this improvement places beyond doubt, the practibility of the manufacture of iron in the Schuylkill Valley at a price that challenges competition.

Housing the Human's New "Spider."—On Monday last at noon, a delegation of the Columbia Engine Company of Philadelphia, reached here, and were escorted by a Committee of the Humane Hose Company of this Borough, to their quarters at Pennsylvania Hall. Their visit was for the purpose of formally delivering to the Humane its new "spider" built in the City. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, the transfer took place at the Mansion House, a few remarks being made by a member of the Columbia, which were responded to by John Boyle, Esq. The procession then formed as follows:

Pottsville Cornet Band.
Non-equipped Humane Members.
Philadelphia Delegation.
Equipped Humane Members.
Hydraulian Fire Company with the apparatus.
Messrs. Fox and Mortimer were Marshals.

After proceeding through many of the streets of the Borough, the Philadelphians and others in the line in the meantime, the recipients from lovely lassies, of boquets and flowers, the carriage was finally housed at the Humane's house in Third street.

The Humane equipped members looked very well in their new equipments,—white New York fire hat, gray shirt, black pantaloons and black belt, while the Hydraulian Fire Company elicited many encomiums for the fine, manly appearance of its members. The procession throughout, looked very well indeed, showing that in case of fire, we have thoroughly efficient companies to combat the destructive element. As the procession passed the houses of the Good Intent and Rough and Ready Fire Companies, they saluted by springing the bells of their hose carriages.

The new apparatus is a very neat affair, quite light, and can be easily pulled to a fire by two men. The workmanship reflects great credit upon the builder, Mr. Young.

On Monday evening the Columbia delegation partook of a supper at the Hall, given in their honor, at which everything passed off very pleasantly. On Tuesday morning they visited some of the collieries at St. Clair, and in the afternoon started for home, well pleased, we believe, with their trip to Schuylkill County.

The Humane Hose Company has now an apparatus of which it may justly be proud, and we presume it will become one of the most effective and useful companies in our very excellent fire department.

Monday next being the eighty-third anniversary of the day upon which was promulgated our National Declaration of Independence, the day will be welcomed in by a salute with the field piece of the Washington Artillerists. At 7 o'clock in the morning, the members of the Artillerists will meet at the Armory for the purpose of having a street parade. It is anticipated that the corps will have out even a larger number of muskets than on the occasion of its last parade. At 8 o'clock in front of the Exchange Hotel, a silk flag, the gift of a number of the ladies of Pottsville, will be presented to the Artillerists by the Hon. James H. Campbell. This will be an interesting feature in the programme of the day.

The Scott Rifle Company will also parade during the day for target practice, and street evolutions.

We learn that the 1st Troop, Schuylkill County Cavalry, with the Pinegrove Infantry and Donaldson Rifles, will go into encampment at Tremont to-day, and remain in until Monday.

The Ladies' Mount Vernon Floral Festival and Fourth of July Celebration, promises to be a very fine affair, and when we take into consideration the object, we think that the whole community ought to join the ladies in their patriotic effort.

Fine Cottage Grove pasturage, straedions, in itself sufficient to ensure a pleasant Pic-Nic, and the ladies are adorning the grounds with handsomely ornamental trees, bowers, &c., which, combined with the magnificent music, will make it an impossibility not to spend a delightful day.

A strong police force will be upon the ground during the whole day, though it is not expected that their services will be required, for we do not think that Schuylkill County contains a wretch so lost to love of country and veneration for the memory of Washington, as to attempt to disturb an assemblage gathered together for the purpose of contributing their portion toward purchasing and preserving the tomb of Freedom's greatest champion.

In the afternoon an election for Major General will take place at the Court House in this Borough, commissioned officers of those having received or declined one of their election only voting.

There is every prospect that the day will be a truly lively one here, independent of the usual bang, pop, whiz, pop, bang, from fire crackers up. Let all indulge not at all, or but lightly in intoxicating liquors, and the day following the Fourth will bring with it no headaches, nor remorse for excesses committed.

Terrible Impurity in the Military.—We call attention to the subjoined letters written by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in reply to inquiries upon questions of interest and importance to the Militia. They contain information on points upon which daily inquiries are made.

OFFICE OF THE SEC. OF COMMONWEALTH,
June 18, 1859.

MAJ. M. GRIM,
First Brigade, Tenth Division.

SIR:—The Department can get out the commissions of Brigade officers in time for the approaching election, but they must be returned. It is hardly possible to issue all within the month, especially as the returns so often come in slowly, and in many cases defectively made out.

You ask my opinion whether officers can vote at the election for Major General, who have not received their commissions? I am not made the judge of the qualification of voters; that is for the officers of the election. I will say, however, that if I was holding the election, I would have no hesitation in admitting the votes of all holding certificates of election. The act says, "all commissioned officers shall be entitled to vote," that is in contradistinction to non-commissioned officers, who cannot vote at the election for a Major General. I take it, that he who holds a certificate of his election, is none the less a commissioned officer in this sense, because he fails to get his commission in time from the Department.

Very Respectfully,
Your ob't. servant,
WM. M. HIESTER.

OFFICE OF THE SEC. OF COMMONWEALTH,
June 22, 1859.

Major D. D. MELLET, Brigade Inspector,
Fifth Brigade, Sixteenth Division.

SIR:—In reply to your inquiry whether the same man can hold two ranks at the same time, I beg to say that the decision of the Department is, that he cannot.

If elected to fill two offices, the commission will be made out for the office highest in rank, unless this Department is notified that the party chooses to be commissioned for the office lowest in rank.

Very Respectfully,
Your ob't. servant,
WM. M. HIESTER.

The above opinion of the Secretary cannot be of effect, for although Section 39 of the Militia Act of 2d April, 1822, touching the matter of one person holding two commissions, was repealed by the Act of April, 1849, Section 24, yet there is no provision in the Act of 1859, in reference to the matter at all, and we cannot see on what legal grounds such an adverse opinion is given of what has been for years customary in this State, viz: one person holding two commissions. A Section in reference to this matter might be included in the present Act, at the next session; but until then, we see no legal impediment to the holding of two commissions by one person. We have not space to publish the Sections to which we refer.

A Terrible Whirlwind.—*Destruction of Property, and Serious if not Fatal Injury to a Child.*—The heat of Wednesday last was intense. About 7 o'clock in the evening dense masses of black clouds, were seen rising above the western horizon, giving indication of a severe storm.—About a quarter of 8 o'clock, just preceding the torrents of rain which fell, the wind blew in the heart of the Borough, a gale, whirling the dust through our streets in clouds, and fairly blinding those who were out. The western part of the Borough, suffered at the same time from a whirlwind, which passed over it in a tortuous course from the north-west to the south-east. It was observed approaching, and is said to have had a reddish hue, much like the flame of a conflagration rising to a great height. It occupied in its passage, some two minutes, and those who were within its influence, assert that an odor like sulphur accompanied it—much like that of an explosion of gas in the mines. Its width was some forty yards. In approaching the Borough, the whirlwind passed over the Bull's Head Tavern, unroofing a stable. It then prostrated some cherry trees at the York Farm. It commenced its work of destruction in this Borough, at the property of Valentine Heinerick, in Norwegian street. His dwelling was much injured in consequence of being forced from its upright position, throwing the inside brick walls down, and lifting the roof. His stable was almost completely wrecked, the timbers being carried several hundred feet from the spot. In the stable were a cow and some pigs, that were not injured. Loss, $100. Adjoining this on Norwegian street, two frame houses owned and occupied by Conrad Wagner and Enden Eisbauser, were unroofed, and otherwise injured inside. Damage, $50. East of this on the same street, a stable owned by Frederick Smith was lifted bodily from its foundation, carried several feet, and when found rested with its roof on the ground. Another owned by Henry Nieh was unroofed. The whirlwind then crossed Norwegian street, uprooting a couple of trees, and struck the frame dwelling occupied by Mr. Noble. The building itself was too massive for the whirlwind to make any impression upon it. But sweeping around the building it struck a frame building in the rear used as a kitchen. This it completely demolished at a single crash, carrying the timbers, roof, large cooking stove, and other articles which the building contained, over the tops of trees near the spot, to the distance of several hundred feet. A massive stone bake oven was also demolished, the huge stones being scattered in all directions. A singular phenomenon at this spot occurred. The timbers, etc., of the kitchen were blown in a south-easterly direction, while an out house, but a few yards off, was carried some distance in a northerly direction. A little daughter of Mr. Noble who was in an adjoining lot, was lifted up and carried completely across Norwegian street, against the door of a dwelling. She was not injured. The damage to this property is estimated to be $150. At the old Hospital building, on Mahantango street, now occupied by several families, the chimneys and portions of the roof were demolished. Two adjoining frame buildings were almost destroyed. At the rear of one a stable in which a Mrs. Shay was milking a cow, was wrecked, the timbers falling upon and injuring her slightly. On the street, a little girl named Cassie Gallivan, aged 6 years, was struck by the falling timbers, and so seriously injured, that she still lingers in a very precarious condition. She lives in the hospital building. From this point the whirlwind passed over the Presbyterian grave-yard, snapping off, near their roots, and prostrating, several beautiful trees. We learn that the storm did some damage at Palo Alto.—Its severity can be imagined from the manner in which it snapped large trees in two, as if they were pipe-stems. Its equal is not remembered here; nor is such a visitor at any time very desirable.

THE WHIRLWIND AT EHRENBURGH.—It did much damage. It demolished the New Union Church, in course of erection. It uprooted trees, and carried off a large quantity of hay, the property of Mr. Michael Fritz. It uprooted the house of Mr. Dittlemen; tore down trees, fences, etc. During the continuance of the storm it created much alarm.

A feature in the course of the storm, was, that it rose and fell at long intervals. In its track there are spaces of almost a mile in which nothing on the earth is injured in the least. The greatest mischief done is in valleys, and on the rises of the hills in its course.

PROCEEDINGS OF COURT.

REPORTED FOR THE MINERS' JOURNAL.

Sarah N. Robinson vs. Adam Ecker and Henry Fiehl, administrator of James Ecker, deceased.—This was a feigned issue to try whether certain personal property consisting of millinery and dry goods, levied on under an execution in favor of the defts. against Wm. and J. Sterner, belonged to Sarah N. Robinson or were the property of Wm. & J. Sterner.

It appeared in evidence that Lydia J. Sterner, a sister of the plaintiff, kept a millinery store first in Dauphin then in Minersville prior to her marriage. After her marriage she continued keeping the store up to the period of her death when her husband becoming her administrator sold the property in the store to the plaintiff. The defts. contended that the property belonged to the husband, and that the sale was a mere cover intended to defraud. On the showing of the plaintiff, the jury found a verdict in her favor.

Standt & Kalbach vs. Joseph Johnstone.—This was an action on a promissory note drawn by Robert J. Davis for $127 50 and endorsed by the deft. There was no defence. Verdict for plaintiffs for $143 49.

Rich Bitter vs. Nelson Brendon and Gideon Derk.—This was an action of ejectment brought to recover the one-tenth part of a tract of land containing about five one and two hundred acres in Union Township, taken up in April, 1st, and surveyed in June, 1800, by John Bitter, the father of the plaintiff, who outlived the fourth part of one of his heirs, he having left ten children. The deft. proved that two of John Bitler's daughters, Hannah and Elizabeth, had furnished him with the money to take up the land, that he always said that the land belonged to his two daughters, and that these declarations were made known to the period of his death in the latter part of 1857.

The Court charged that the legal title being in the plaintiff these declarations of John Bitler, the legal owner at that time, could not affect the plaintiff's title unless made within twenty-one years from the time the debts went into possession, which was about the spring of 1855.

The jury found a verdict in favor of the defts.

INCIDENTS OF THE WAR.

The Battle of Magenta—Description by an English Eye Witness.

A correspondent of the London Times, said to be Russell, its famous Crimean correspondent, writes as follows:

MARIGNY, June 7.—The details which I send you in my last letter about the combat at Ponte di Magenta, touched only this part of the battle, and would be incomplete were I not to tell you what happened on the other side, at the village of Magenta itself. * * *

* * You must keep in mind that three roads—that from Buffalora to Magenta running nearly due east, the canal, leads to Milan, coming from Ponte Novi Magenta and Magenta, and railway, which, having passed the canal, leads to the left, and intersecting, the two roads, passes to the Western side of the village of Magenta.—The railway line plays even a greater part in this part of the battle than the other: it was the line on which the Austrian's received Marshal McMahon's attack. The station house, a considerable building, and the village itself, formed the *point d'appui* for the Austrian centre, which extended along the railway as far as the point of intersection of this latter with the high road. The right wing was based on the advanced post at the farm house, to the right of the road from Turbigo, which I mentioned before. As soon as the Duc de Magenta's corps had come up he formed in a line of battle, as far as the ground permitted, placing the first division to the left and the second to the right, some artillery on the narrow road, and the Fusiliers and Chasseurs de la Garde as reserves, he advanced boldly against the enemy's position. The infantry, as soon as it came within sight of the enemy, hid themselves through the fields and vineyards. The ground is so full of these latter and trees that the line could not advance in compact order, but had to take to a more loose formation between the skirmishing line and the regular order of battle.—The farm house in advance became the object of a most murderous fight. The enemy had concentrated a considerable mass of troops around it, and against this the Second Regiment of the Foreign Legion was sent, who attacked it with great élan. The enemy, who saw himself in danger of losing this point *d'appui* for his right wing, sent a column to the right to outflank this body, and, if possible, to cut it off. The Sardinians were to have been to the left as reserve, as well as to guard against any such movement, and when I arrive by the station house, a considerable building, and the village itself, formed the point *