Wit and Humor.

PARODY ON POE'S "RAVEN."

We extract the following paraphrase of a parody on Poe's "RAVEN," from the St. Anthony *News:*

Once (last Friday,) item-greedy, sat this writer sad and seedy pondering o'er a memorandum book of items used before, book of scrawlings, scribblings, rather; items taking days to gather them in sultry, boiling weather—(great expense of limb and leather!) pondered we those items o'er. While we conned them, slowly rocking, (through our mind strange fancies flocking,) came a quick and nervous knocking—knocking at the sanctum door. Sure that must be Jinks, we muttered, Jinks that's knocking at our door, Jinks the persevering bore!

Ah, how well do we remind us, in the wall that then confined us; the exchanges lay behind us and around us on the floor. Thought we, "Jinks has called to borrow some new papers till to-morrow, and 'twill be relief from sorrow to get rid of Jinks the bore, so I'll open him the door." Still the visitor kept knocking—knocking louder than before.

Bracing up our patience firmer, then with another murmur, "Mr. Jinks," said we, "your pardon and forgiveness we implore. But—the fact is—we were reading of that Pembina proceeding, where they voted the Dakotas and Ojibways by the score, and were lost in the reflection that the Otter Tail election might with cart loads sent for Becker tip our calculations o'er." Here we opened wide the door. But phancy our phelinks—for it wasn't Jinks the bore.

But the form that stood before us, caused a trembling to come o'er us and our memory quickly bore us back again to days of yore days when items were in plenty, and where'er this writer went he picked up interesting penciings at almost every door. 'Twas our honored under strapper, 'twas this young infernal rapper hand out-stretch'd, like Captain Tupper, with "the foreman's out of copy, sir, and says he wants some more." And it kinder riz our dander, that like grasping Alexander, he had set up all our copy, and already wanted "more!" wanted copy evermore!

Now this local had already walked about till nearly dead, he had sauntered through the city till his feet were sore, walked through Pine and Todd and Cedar, through the Mills and "gentle reader," into ways your never thought of, both public and obscure; and examined shop and cellar, and had questioned every "feller," but they all refused to tell or hint at any "shocking accident" not published heretofore. Having met with no success he would rather sorter guess he might have felt a trifle wicked at that ugly little bore, with the message from the foreman that he wanted "something more."

"Now it's time you were departing, you young scamp," cried we upstarting; "get you back into the office—office where you were before; or the words that you have spoken sure will get your noddle broken," (and we seized a cudgel, oaken, that was lying on the floor,) still he stood and never stirred from his posture in the door budged the devil nevermore!

"Inky Demon!—child of evil! dost in persecution revel? Thinkest thou to hunt and haunt me like an everlasting bore? Leave! or—(pause till I have said it,) *thus sheet thou art doomed to edit, and to live, like me, on credit evermore!*"

But our devil, never sitting, still is flitting, still is flitting, back and forth upon the landing just outside the sanctum door; tears adown his cheek are streaming, strange light from his eyes are gleaming, and his voice is heard a screaming, "Sir, the foreman want's some more!" Shocked and startled by that warning we're awakened every morning, and we hear the dismal horning of the imp out side the door, and a fancy will come o'er us that each reader's face before us bears the aigset, "give us classic draughts and antiquated lore!"—"Copy" still forevermore!

"A KEERFUL SHEPHERD."

Mormonism is still in practical operation amongst us. On last Friday a tall, raw-boned Saint, with a complexion very strongly resembling that of boiled tripe, arrived here from Pittsburg with a couple of wives, but deeming his flock too small to start Salt Lakeward with, held forth as follows to an admiring audience, at a house over the Canal, with a view to the perfection of the material necessary to the completeness of his domestic felicity. His text was:

"Men is Skeerce and Weemen is Plenty."

"Brothers and Sistern—pertickler the Sistern; I want to say a few words to you about Mormonism—not for my own sake, but for yourn, for *men is skeerce and weemen is plenty.*

"Mormonism is built on that high, old principle which sez that it aint good for man to be alone, and a mighty sight worse for a woman. Therefore, if a man feel good with a little company, a good deal of it ought to make him feel an awful sight better.

"The first principle of Mormonism is, that woman air a good thing, and the second principle is that you can't have too much of a good thing. Woman is tenderer than man, and is necessary to smooth down the roughness of his character, and as man has a good many rough parts in his natur, he oughtn't to give one woman too much to do, but set such one to work smoothin some particular part.

"Don't think I'm ever agwoine to gimblet you up two? man. I'm not agwoine for one good, but for yourn. for *men is skeerce and weemen is plenty.*

"I said women was tenderer than man, but you needn't feel stuck up about it, for so she ought to be; she was made so a purpose. But how was she made so? Where did she git it from? Why, she was created out of the side-bone of a man, and the side-bone of a man is like the side-bone of a turkey—the tenderest part of him. Therefore, as a woman has three side-bones, and a man only one, of course she is three times as tender as a man is, and is in duty bound to pay that tenderness of which she robbed him. And how did she rob him of his side-bone? Why, exactly as she robs his pockets now-a-days of his loose change—she took advantage of him when he was asleep.

"But as woman is more tenderer than man, so is man more forgivener than woman, therefore I won't say anything more about the side-bone, or the small change, but invite you all to jine my train, for I am a big shepherd out our way, and fare sumptuously every day on purple and fine linen.

"When I first landed on the shores of the Great Salt Lake, I wasn't rich in weemen, I had but one poor old yoe, but *men is skeerce and weemen is plenty*, and like a keerful shepherd I begin to increase my flock. Weemen heerd of us and of our lovin' ways, and they kept a pourin in. They come from the North, and they come from the South, they come from the East, and they come from the West, they come from Europe; they come from Africabney, and a few of 'em come from Afriker, and from bein the miserable owner of one old yoe, I became the joyful shepherd of a mighty flock, with a right smart sprinklin of lambs, friskier and fatter than anybody else's, and I've still got room for a few more.

"Ain't said before, I'm not talkin' perticklar for my benefit, but for yourn—for *men is skeerce and weemen is plenty.* Still I'd a leetle rather you'd go along with me than not, perticklar you fat one with the calsker sunbonnet. Don't hesitate, but take the chance while you can get it, and I'll make you the 'bell-yoe' of the flock. I'll lead you through grees pastures and the high grass; show you where you may caper in the sunshine, and lay down in pleasant places; and, as you are in pretty good condition already, in course of time you shall be the fattest of the flock. Jine in, jine in; jine my train; jine it now, for *men is skeerce and weemen is plenty.*

"The appeal was irresistible. At the last account "the fat woman with the calsker sunbonnet" had "joined on," and two or three others were on the fence, with a decided leaning toward the "Keerful Shepherd."—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

SHERIFF'S SALES.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

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

SATURDAY, the

25th day of February, A. D., 1860,

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the American House, kept by ELIZABETH LEWIS, in the Borough of Pottsville, in the County of Schuylkill, the following described Real Estate, to wit:

All the right, title and interest of Eli Hammer, of, in and to the following described Real Estate, to wit:

No. 1—All that certain Farm, and tract or piece of land, situate in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, bounded by land late of Jonathan Yost, widow Kepner, Jones Beck, John & Henry Reinaman, Jonathan Jones, dec'd., John Reiser and others, containing 160 acres, more or less, and known by the name of the Kingold property, with the appurtenances, consisting of a forge for making bar iron, a water saw mill, 1 double 2 story log dwelling house, (weatherboarded) and 2 one story log dwelling houses and 2 large barns.

No. 2—2 ¾ lots of ground situate in the borough of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, bounded in front by Middle street, west by lot of Peter Kunkel dec'd., north 8 by a 10 feet wide alley, east by lot of John Reinaman, Esq., containing in width 10 perches, and in depth 11 perches, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 1 story log dwelling house.

No. 3—All that certain tract or piece of land situate in Branch township, Schuylkill county, formerly owned by Wm. Allen, containing 107 acres, and bounded by the New York and Schuylkill Company's land, now or late of Michael Hollenback and William Jacques, and others.

No. 4—All that certain tract or piece of land situate in Barry township, Schuylkill county, containing 35 acres, more or less, being part of a tract of land surveyed on warrant granted to John Shoener, Jr., and patented to him on the 17th day of April, 1838.

No. 5—All that certain tract or piece of land situate in Barry township, Schuylkill county, containing 53 acres, more or less, and bounded by land of Michael Bolich, Isaac Yarnall and others.

No. 6—All that certain tract or piece of land situate in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, containing 60 acres, more or less, bounded by land late of William Witman, deceased, and land applied for by John Shoener, Jr.

No. 7—All that certain tract or piece of land situate in Schuylkill township, Schuylkill county, containing 12 acres and 45 perches, bounded by land of Adam Auderreid, Daniel Ecbt, Lewis Auderreid and others, with the appurtenances consisting of a 1 story log dwelling house.

No. 8—All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in Morris's Addition to the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, bounded in front by Centre street, in the rear by a 30 feet wide alley, westwardly by lot of Jedaiah Irish and eastwardly by a 10 feet wide alley, containing in width on Centre street about 27 feet, and in depth 221 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a frame stable.

No. 9—All that certain lot or piece of ground situate on the east side of Fourth street, in Patterson & Swift's Addition to Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, being lot No. 8 in the plan of said Addition, containing in width 62 feet, and in depth 238 feet, bounded eastwardly by lot No. 7, northwardly by Lawton street, southwardly by Coal street—with the appurtenances consisting of a frame stable.

No. 10—All that certain tract or piece of land situate in Schuylkill township, Schuylkill county, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a post, corner of lot No. 11, thence by it north 11 degrees 4 minutes west, 330 feet to a 50 feet wide street, thence along it north 74 degrees 25 minutes west 66 feet, thence by lot No. 180 south 11 degrees 4 minutes east 330 feet to Railroad street, thence along, north 78 degrees 25 minutes east 66 feet, to the place of beginning.

No. 11—All that certain 2 lots or pieces of ground situate on the north side of west Railroad street, in the Norwegian Addition to the borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, being lots No. 178 and 180 on plan of said Addition, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a post, corner of lot No. 179, thence by it north 11 degrees 4 minutes west, 330 feet to a 50 feet wide street, thence along it north 74 degrees 25 minutes west 66 feet, thence by lot No. 182 south 11 degrees 4 minutes east 330 feet to Railroad street, thence along, north 78 degrees 25 minutes east 66 feet, to the place of beginning.

No. 12—All that certain lot or piece of ground situate on the north side of Railroad street, in the Norwegian Addition to the borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, being lot No. 176 in said Addition, bounded and described as follows, viz:—Beginning at a post, corner of lot No. 175, thence by it north 11 degrees 34 minutes west, 330 feet to a 30 feet wide street, thence along it south 78 degrees 25 minutes west 66 feet, thence by lot No. 180 south 11 degrees 34 minutes east 330 feet to Railroad street, thence along it north 78 degrees 25 minutes west 66 feet to the place of beginning.

No. 13—All that certain lot or piece of ground situate on the north side of Railroad street, in the Norwegian Addition to the borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, being lot No. 177 in said Addition, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a post, corner of lot No. 176, thence by it north 11 degrees 34 minutes west, 330 feet to a 30 feet wide street, thence along it south 78 degrees 25 minutes west 66 feet, thence by lot No. 180 south 11 degrees 34 minutes east 330 feet to Railroad street, thence along, north 78 degrees 25 minutes east 66 feet, to the place of beginning.

No. 14—All that certain 2 lots or pieces of ground situate on the north side of Railroad street, in the Norwegian Addition to the borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, being lots No. 10, 11, 172, 181, 254, 191, 85 and 173—Nos. 172 and 173 bounded north by Maple street, east by vacant lot, south by Laurel street, and west by lot No. 12—Nos. 172 and 173 bounded north by North street, east by Spruce street, south by lot No. 171, and west by Spruce street, being lot No. 11, bounded north by North street, east by lot No. 253, and west by lot No. 180—lot No. 254 bounded north by North street, east by lot No. 253, south by an alley, and west by lot No. 255—lot No. 191 bounded north by Laurel street, east by Clay street, south by an alley, and west by an alley—and lot No. 85 bounded north by Poplar street, east by lot No. 87, and west by lot No. 83.

No. 15—All that certain steam mill and landing lots situate in the borough of Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, beginning at the northeast corner of lot now or late of Thomas Silliman, on the River Schuylkill, distant 16 feet from the present wharf log, thence by said Silliman's lot south 31 degrees east 115 feet to a post, thence south 43 degrees west 84 feet 9 inches, to a post in the line of lot now or late F. S. Hubley, thence by said lot north 7 degrees west 104 feet 4 inches, to a corner of F. S. Hubley in River Schuylkill, distant 10 feet from the present wharf log, thence down the River Schuylkill south 67 degrees, west 181 feet to the place of beginning, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame Grist Mill with stone engine house, with 4 run of burrs, one 30 horse power Steam Engine, with boilers and fixtures, and a frame stable.

No. 16—All those certain 2 contiguous tracts of Coal land situate in Branch township, Schuylkill county, bounded and described as follows:—One of them beginning at a post corner of land late Thomas Lightner, north 53 degrees west 102 perches to a stone, south 66 degrees west 138½ perches to a post, thence south 23 degrees east 107½ perches to a hickory, thence north 67 degrees east 24 perches to a maple, thence south 62 degrees west 8 perches to a pine, thence south 39 degrees east 74½ perches to a birch, thence north 67 degrees east 24 perches to a hickory, thence north 17 degrees west 25 perches to a pine, thence north 12 degrees west 15 perches to a pine, thence north 23 degrees west 27 perches to a spruce, thence north 10 degrees east 15 perches to a pine, thence north 32 degrees east 19½ perches to a post, thence north 10 degrees east 14 perches to a spruce, thence north 18 degrees west 10 perches to a post, thence north 62 degrees west 85 perches to a stone, thence north 28 degrees east 66 perches to a stone, thence north 62 degrees west 8