Now where is the wretch who would dare to go up and take that Rattle-tak and panting bardling from the bosom of its mother, and say, It is mine, I will it like a calf; I will it like a pig?" What right had that mother to her babe? Was it because she was "Fanny Forrester," the gifted authoress? was it because she was the wife of a venerable and respected missionary? No, it was because she was its MOTHER; and every slave mother has just as good a title to *her* babe as "Fanny Forrester" had to hers. No law can make it right to rob her. I say, in God's name, my child is mine; and yet I have no right to mine that a slave father has not to his child. Not a particle. The same argument that proves my right to my personal liberty proves the right of every human being to his. The argument that proves my right to my child iron gives the same title to the same sacred claim, to every father. They, as I, get it from their God, and no human enactment can annul the claim. No, Sir, never! Therefore, every slave has a right to his freedom, in spite of your Slave laws. Every slave has a right to run away, in spite of your Slave laws. I tell you, Mr. Chairman, and I tell you all, that if I were a slave, and had I the power, and were it necessary to achieve my freedom, I would not hesitate to fill up a ditch or two over the chasm that yawns between the hell of Slavery and the heaven of Freedom with the carcasses of the slain: Give me my freedom! Hands off! Unthrottle that man! Give him his liberty! He is entitled to it from his God. With these views, I do not think, of course, it is any harm to help away a slave. I told you that a year ago. I need not repeat it.

A member.—You steal them."

Who steals, when a man comes and takes my child from my heart-strings? Who steals, when he comes and takes the bone, flesh of my flesh, and bone of my bone? Who steals? I tell you that I have no more hesitation in helping a fugitive slave than I have in snatching a lamb from the jaws of a wolf, or disengaging an infant from the fangs of an angle worm. Not a bit. Long enough has the nation crouched and cowered in the presence of this stupendous wrong. Here and now I break the spell. By and by some Marion will be found calling his guerrilla troops from the swamps and everglades of South Carolina; and Patrick Henry will reappear in the Old Dominion, shouting, as of old, "Give us liberty, or give us death." Then will transpire those scenes which troubled the prophetic vision of Jefferson, and made him tremble for his country, when he remembered that God was just, and that his justice would not sleep forever, and that every divine attribute would be arrayed upon the side of the virtue, liberty, and right of the land in the uprising, by saying: the little finger of American Slavery was thicker than the loins of British despotism. Sir, Virginia cannot afford, the country cannot afford, to continue to be freighted with so much peril. It is better to remove the magazine, than to be kept evermore in dread of a lighted match. The future glory and usefulness of this nation cannot be sacrificed to this system of crime. The nations of the earth are taught by our example. The American Republic must repose Queen among the nations of the earth. Slavery must die—*Calcaryo est delenda.* The philosophy, therefore, and the lesson which the State Slaves has learned from John Brown, and from all these events, are not these expressions of hate and vengeance. Instead of being calculated to revenge, Virginia ought to have learned the lesson of penitence. Instead of arraying herself in sheep skin, she ought to have put on sackcloth and ashes. Instead of imbibing the distillation of corn mixed with the products of the poultry-yard, she ought to have drunk the waters of bitterness, in view of her sin of slaveholding.

Mr. Martin (Va.)—And if you come among us, we will do with you as we did with John Brown—hang you up as high as Haman. I say that as a Virginian.

Mr. Lovejoy—I have no doubt of it.

[Here the hammer fell.]

☞There are thirty-five opera houses, theatres and hippodromes in Paris with a population of 1,250,000 inhabitants. In London, with about 3,000,000 inhabitants, there are twenty-seven similar places of amusement.

☞We met with a queer epitaph the other day.—Here it is:

"Here lies
Elizabeth Wyse.
She died of thunder sent from heaven
In 1777."

☞The mercury, at Machias, Sunday morning, the 12th inst., was only 5 degrees above zero. In the vicinity of Bangor, it was formed of sufficient thickness to make skating. On the Penobscot river, on the 15th, the mercury fell to 10 degrees above zero. Such severe weather down East in the middle of April is unprecedented.

☞It is said that the deaths by consumption among the stone-cutters of Quincy, Milton, Rockport, and the marble works of Vermont, since they have ceased shaving, have decreased fifty per cent. Thousands of artisans whose employment is prejudicial to healthy lungs have decreased their liability to disease in the same or greater proportion by letting the moustache grow.

☞A tornado passed over Carlinville, Ill., last week, destroying and blowing down houses, barns, trees, fences, etc. The roof of the Lutheran church was blown down against the south wall, which it broke in. The roof of a dwelling was carried nearly a mile and a-half. Children were also picked up and carried a considerable distance by the wind. Cattle were killed in every direction. A man named Shaw was killed by lightning, and many persons wounded.

☞Great men never swell. It is only three cent individuals, who are elated at the rate of two hundred dollars a year, and dress and strut around in their new pantaloons, who put on airs, flashy waistcoats, swell, puff, blow and endeavor to give themselves a consequential appearance. No discerning individual can ever mistake the spurious for the genuine article. The difference between them is as great as that between a bottle of vinegar and a bottle of the pure juice of the grape."

☞On Monday morning last a prize fight came off at Riker's Island, in the East River, near New York, between Harry Gribbin and Ed. Wilson, two well known pugilists, who are attended by several hundred of their respective friends. It is stated that the men fought for upwards of an hour, at the end of which time they were so bruised, bloody and disfigured that their own friends hardly knew them apart. The stakes were $1,000, but at the end of the 59th round the parties were unable to continue the contest, and consequently the referee declared the fight a drawn battle. No movement was made by the police to interrupt the affair, although it was well known that it was to come off. Gribben had been in training for months past at Weehawken.

☞A most horrible affair occurred on Monday last at the Bellevue Hospital, New York. It appears that on Sunday last, Mary Conner, a poor Irishwoman about 30 years of age, was admitted to the Bellevue Hospital being far advanced in pregnancy. She was placed with several other patients in what is termed the "Waiting Ward." She received every attention that her case required, and was not visited again by the attending physician until six o'clock the following morning. She then learned to her that she believed she had been delivered of a child during the night. On an examination being made, the dead body of an infant, of which the ferocious cats had been gnawed by rats or some other animals, was found in the bed. The victim stated that when taken with the pains of labor, she had been quite unable to summon assistance, and that during the night she had felt rats crawling about the bed, but had been unable to drive them away. A post mortem examination of the infant's body was made by the attending physician, who found that it had been born alive.

Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1860.

DEMOCRATIC VICTORIES.

Next to the fun now gleaned from perusing the last Papal Bull, and from glances at the telling illustrations of *Vanity Fair*—a New York comic paper—stands the side-splitting humor of our cotemporaries of the Democratic side of the house. With immense displays of cannon cuts, and headings of job-type size, they commence with Connecticut, and until they reach Wisconsin, there is but a single cry of exultation, embodied in the thrilling word, "*victory!* VICTORY!! VICTORY!!!" Their readers naturally imagine from the hubbub created by our facetious cotemporaries, that the detested Republicans are utterly routed, horse, foot, and dragoon, and that by the time the Presidential election arrives there will not be even so much as a grease-spot left of them. Let us glance at the merits of the last "Democratic victory," premising that it is a fair sample of its glorious predecessors—

In the Wisconsin Judicial election, the Democracy claims a triumph in the election of Luther S. Dixon as Chief Justice—we will concede that he is elected, although if so, it is by a majority of about 250, in a poll of 115,000 votes, or about 8000 less than were cast last Fall. Now, the facts of this Judicial contest are these, as contained in a letter to the New York *Tribune*, dated, "Madison, Wisconsin, April 19, 1860":

The Democratic State Convention met February 22, 1860, and remembering the miserable show which its party made with a candidate for Supreme Judge last year, adjourned without making any nomination.—Judge Dixon, however, having recently—in January—made a decision in which he acknowledged the appellate jurisdiction of the United States Supreme Court on the subject of the Fugitive Slave law, had thus far put himself *with* the Democratic party, and so far *opposed* a very large majority of the Republican party, that the former was ready to take him up as an independent candidate, while the latter determined to nominate another man, and did nominate, at the Convention of February 29, the Hon. A. Scott Sloan, who was known to entertain opinions opposed to the appellate jurisdiction of the United States Court. It was evident from the first that Mr. Sloan would have the unrelenting and persevering opposition of a great many lawyers, Republican in politics generally, but who agreed with Judge Dixon on the legal question at issue, while it was just as certain that these men would labor as hard for Dixon. Besides this, Judge Dixon, as Circuit Judge in the counties of Dane, Columbia and Jefferson, had been very popular (and in effect these counties alone gave him some 2,500 Republican votes on the 3d of April.)

A portion of the most ultra State-Rights Republicans, not satisfied with Mr. Sloan's position without written evidence, insisted on his declaring where he stood on the appellate jurisdiction question; and there was a probability of a third candidate coming out if Mr. Sloan had not responded. He did respond; and thereupon the anti-State-Rights, or Dixon men, were at once greatly horrified; just as it it was in some degree worse for Sloan to declare himself on one side than for Dixon, by his decision, to place himself on the other.

Well, the election came off; the Democrats, who can control the great mass of their voters by the crook of a finger of a leader, polled straight for Dixon as an "independent" candidate, and enough Republicans voted for him to secure his election.

Now, the Democratic papers are claiming a "Democratic victory!" Let me quote a single paragraph, then, from Judge Dixon's decision in the Booth Habeas Corpus case, and see what the Democracy *here* call "Democracy." The Judge said:

Nor do I wish to be understood as saying that the Fugitive Slave law is constitutional in all its parts; but that Court (the United States Supreme Court) has passed upon it. In my opinion it was a proper subject for its action, and I am bound to regard its decision. If this were an entirely new question—if it had not been, as I think, constitutionally adjudicated by the action of the highest authorities, I should unhesitatingly decide the act unconstitutional. The arguments against it, made by this Court and elsewhere, are to my mind as matters of logic, conclusive.

Let me add that this "State Rights" or "appellate jurisdiction" question forms no part of the Republican Platform in this State, though a very large majority of the Republicans of the State have again and again expressed themselves on the "State Rights" side. At the late election this expression was made very distinctly.

We may readily judge from the above of the extent of the victory gained in the Wisconsin election by the Democracy. But the party is hardly to be blamed for the deceptions practised by its journals previous to the meeting of the Charleston Convention. Its slaveholding allies wanted some evidence of the party's vitality in the North; and that vitality is really so demoralized, that the party has placed itself in the most equivocal positions, in order that it may be enabled to boast of equivocal victories.

The Democratic party "is sly, dev'lish sly," as Joey Bagstock says, but we think it had better depend upon something more substantial than *is victories* this Spring in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Harrisburg, etc., to indicate success at the approaching Presidential election. Assuredly, the "unterrified" are more easily satisfied, than they were wont to be of yore.

DON PEDRO II. RAILROAD.—recently we noticed the complaints of "W. R. W.," who is employed as a workman on this Brazilian project. They have brought out another correspondent—"G. W. F."—who writing to us from Mauch Chunk, answers "W. R. W." as follows. It seems that our Mauch Chunk correspondent also had some experience on the Don Pedro II. Railroad. "G. W. F." writes:

First your correspondent complains of his treatment aboard ship, etc. To that I can say nothing, as I went out in a private vessel. Next is the work, etc. Your correspondent may be quite sincere, and found it as he represents, if he has made an engagement with a sub-contractor. He entered the town next, and treats them as he is inclined, but the work and contractors should not be blamed for it, but should rest on the head of him who he thinks deserves it. They do not interfere in any sub-contracts, as it is hard enough for them to fill their engagements within the time specified. The shanties as your correspondent calls them, are not much worse than comfortable looking houses, plastered with mud, perfectly dry, thatched with straw, and in every respect all a person would wish. As for being nearly drowned out, I have been in many of them during the rainy season and have never seen them overflowed. I assure you those under the employ of the contractors, no matter who they are or what their employment, are treated as well as circumstances will admit. Of course a person going out must not expect all the comforts of a home. The black beans (Trejai) and touchino (pork) that your correspondent so sneeringly complained of, are the only articles during the wet season and the heat of summer, that can be eaten with safety.—Lastly, I consider the wages insufficient for the hardships to be encountered, and would not advise any to go out who can possibly get employment at home. I can vouch for the facts being as represented by me. From observation about a year, I have seen out of every 30 or 40, were dissatisfied and complaining, whether others deprived themselves for their benefit or suffered equally as much. I have at late date as January 13th, and they say as far as the contractors can do so they make all as comfortable as possible. I am not connected in any way with the company, and only answer your correspondent's assertions because there are many from the mining sections of the country out there, who have friends and relatives who would feel distressed if they thought they were oppressed and suffering.

POLITICAL ORGANS.—The Senate's committee appointed to investigate the abuses of the public printing, have brought out some curious testimony with respect to Democratic newspapers, especially those that partake of the character of political organs. A Democratic newspaper of this class, indeed, appears to be worthless as a business or property, and useful only for a political machine. Mr. Rice, late of the *Pennsylvanian*, the Administration paper of this State, testified before the committee that he "sank money upon it at all times," adding that the people of the State would not support a Democratic newspaper, nor the people of Philadelphia either. The *Pennsylvanian* was kept alive not by the ordinary business of a newspaper but by party subsidies and party patronage. It was looked upon he said, as a political machine, to be kept running and at work, even though unprofitable as a business operation.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

THE LADIES' HOME MAGAZINE for May is a fine number in every respect. This publication is unquestionably, the best $2 monthly published.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE.—The April number is ready, and contains the following articles: Wellington's Career, a good sketch of the General's operations in Spain; Lady Hamilton, an interesting article in which the writer says, in regard to the vexed question of the nature of the intimacy between that person and Nelson, that it the most reliable testimony tends to prove that it was only Platonic; Our position with China; *Stabat Mater*, a good translation of that well-known old hymn; Alison's History of Europe, an able and interesting article, in which the hasty and inconsiderate review of the *Edinburgh Magazine* is well answered; Norman Sinclair; Poetic Aberrations; The Rulers of the Land; Our Worthy Friend Nap; What we have done for the Princes of India, and Parliamentary Duelling. Republished by Leonard Scott & Co., 79 Fulton street, New York.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY.—An interesting article on "Instinct," by Leonard A. Jones, is the opening paper in the May number. This is followed by "My Own Story," by Mrs. E. H. Stoddard; "The Playmate," by John G. Whittier; "The Maroons of Surinam," by T. W. Higginson, author of the "Maroons of Jamaica;" "Circumstance," a peculiar but well written tale, by the author of "The Amber Gods;" "Urania," by J. D. Stockton; "Mary Somerville," a sketch by Miss Maria Mitchell, of Nantucket; "Rob di Roma," is continued; "Threnodia;" "Gen. Miranda's Expedition," by F. Sheldon; The Professor continues his story; "Nathaniel Hawthorne," a discerning and appreciative article, is by E. P. Whipple. To conclusion, he says of Hawthorne: "In intellect and imagination, in the faculty of discerning spirits and detecting laws, we doubt if any living novelist is his equal; but his genius, in its creative action, has been heretofore attracted to the dark rather than the bright side of the interior life of humanity, and the geniality which evidently is in him has rarely found adequate expression." The reviews and literary notices complete the number.

A pleasing episode of Thursday evening's exercises, was the presentation to the Professor by his pupils, of a neat set of sleeve-buttons and studs. The presentation was made by Mr. C. Bosbyshell, and received by G. M. Dallas, Jr., Esq., for the Professor.

Prof. F. Stouch's pew quadrilles should be more generally danced here at our parties. They are really very pretty.

☞ *An Improved Lubricator.*—Besides economy in fuel which is secured by using Coal in locomotives, the repair and oil reports of railway companies have long proved the necessity for economy in lubricating expenses. What is demanded is, that there shall be less lubricating material used, and that what is used shall be more effective. In the present state of affairs, new and improved lubricators must command attention, and if performing what is claimed for them, must be adopted.

In considering this subject, we cannot help remarking that a fact worth noting is, that comparatively little oil is required to keep the extensive and rapidly moving bearing surfaces of a locomotive in good condition, when it is applied only to the whole of those surfaces. A single drop of oil may be so directed that it will spread itself over an entire journal, and make an absolute thimble of ungent between it and the journal box, rendering an additional drop, and especially a copious effusion from the liberal spout of a carelessly handled oil-can, superfluous, as they will not increase the diameter of the thimble of oil. The drop of oil is sufficient for all practical purposes, while it lasts, and its value will not be enhanced because a spoonful of oil was added and ran off to waste. There must be over that journal a trustworthy sentinel, whose duty it shall be to renew the necessary drop of oil, and preserve the rest from waste. The first office is to economise repairs by reducing friction, and the second to save the precious ungent. It is a satisfactory fact that it is claimed for the improvement under notice, that it uses but little oil, and that little to the greatest advantage. It is the invention of Edward Andrews and John H. Carr, of Palo Alto, this County, patented on the 13th ultimo, and for interesting data in regard to its operation, we refer to a Notice in our advertising columns.

The lubricator is designed for and adapted respectively, to axles, shafts and journals of all kinds. The invention consists in forming an air-tight chamber in the end of the axle or journal, and then introducing the lubricating material into the chamber by means of a tube. There is also, a small hole leading from the chamber to the outer circumference of the journal for the purpose of supplying the bearing of the journal with lubricating material, thereby preserving the material from all dust, dirt and decomposing influences.

The invention is certainly an important one to railway companies, and will undoubtedly, secure their attention, promising as it does economy in repairs and in the consumption of oil.

☞ *Census of 1860—Questions to Answer.*—On the first of June the work of taking the census commences. It is desirable that it be taken with great accuracy, and to assist the officers who will be engaged in the performance of this duty, it has been suggested that the publication of the questions necessary for all heads of families to answer, would be of great benefit. With this view we publish the following, and would suggest to our readers the importance of being prepared to answer the questions properly:

In the first place it is necessary to write down the name of every person whose usual place of abode, on the first day of June, 1860, was in the family.

Age of each, sex and color, whether white, black, or mulatto.

Profession, occupation or trade of each male person over fifteen years of age.

Place of birth, naming the State, Territory or country.

Married within the year.

Attending school within the year.

Persons over twenty years of age that cannot read or write.

Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane or idiot, pauper or convict.

Name of owner, agent or manager of the farm.

Number of improved acres.

Number of unimproved acres.

Cash value of farm.

Value of farming implements and machinery.

Live stock on hand June 1st, 1860, viz: number of horses, mules and asses, working oxen, milk cows, and other cattle, swine and sheep.

Value of live stock.

Value of animals slaughtered during the year.

Produce during the year ending June 1st, 1860, viz: number bushels wheat, rye, Indian corn, oats, beans and peas, buckwheat, barley, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, pounds of wool, and pounds of tobacco.

Value of orchard products in dollars.

Gallons of wine, value of produce of market garden, pounds of butter, pounds of cheese, tons of hay, bushels of clover seed and bushels of grass seed, pounds of hops, pounds of sugar, gallons of molasses, pounds of honey and beeswax, value of home made manufactures.

Name of corporation, company or individual producing articles to the annual value of $500.

Name of business, manufactures or product.

Capital invested in real estate and personal estate in the business.

Raw material used, including fuel, viz: quantities, values, kinds of motive power, machinery, structure or resource.

Average number of hands employed, viz: male, female, average monthly cost of male labor, average monthly cost of female labor.

Annual product, viz: quantities, kinds, values.

Name of every person who died during the year ending June 1, 1860, whose usual place of abode was in the family, the age, sex and color, whether white, black, or mulatto, married or widowed, place of birth, naming the State, Territory or Country, the month in which the person died, the occupation or trade, disease or the cause of death.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE BOROUGH.

To the Board of Directors of the Public Schools of Pottsville.

GENTLEMEN:—

Complying with your request as conveyed to me by the Superintendent, my personal attention has been given to the exercises and recitations of the schools during the annual examination just closed, excepting two brief absences occasioned by professional engagements. Mr. Keller, of your Board, acted for me on the occasion.

The examinations commenced on Wednesday, the 21st of March, and were continued through Thursday, the 5th of April. Assuming that by personal visitation, by the weekly sessions of the Board, and by the monthly and occasional reports of the Superintendent, the Directors are fully informed as to the minutiæ and state of the schools, I deem it unnecessary to enter into details of special and public interest.

Superintendent.—The examination has clearly evinced the benefit of the constant, efficient and able supervision exercised over all the schools, teachers and scholars by the *Superintendent*. This as a central influence gives vital force to a smoothly working grand system, as the life-blood of instruction in each school as to prepare pupils, male and female, for advance, and constantly presents a silent but powerful incentive to diligent application in their recitation; for the daily class being open to all pupils who are found qualified to study the branches it pursues.

Per final examinations, the two grades are combined in the Fitch schools taught by Miss Conner, and in both Mr. Gorman's and Miss Smith's on Norwegian street; the *African School* under Mr. Anderson, completes the gradation of its own pupils.

The examination by exhibiting the faithful observance of the wise regulations ordered by the Board, the good order, the modes both of discipline and of instruction, and the general interest of the pupils in the school exercises, and their manifest improvement, makes it an imperative duty to award to Mr. Sherman and to the ladies and gentlemen associated with the Board of Instruction, public commendation as teachers. Their profession is hardly second in importance to any; for it has been well said that "Of all professions none is more honorable than that of teaching, and none more difficult." The ladies did themselves and teacher great credit.

Latin.—Mr. Sherman's classes in the Latin Grammar and through the Reader and in thirty chapters of Cæsar evinced careful drilling and accuracy, and gave promise of classical attainment.

Composition.—*"The Casket"* a school paper, made up of original compositions of pupils in Female School No. 1, conducted by the Misses Reed, is worthy of special mention. The examination of the paper placed in my hands for inspection, its wide range of topics, its variety of style, the amount of thought and sentiment it embodies, proves the capacity of females for authorship, and is a severe test of spelling, grammar and penmanship.

Declamation.—There were no public exercises in Declamation.

Singing.—The Female Primary and Intermediate, and Miss Oswald's, and Mr. German's male schools have introduced singing as a voluntary exercise with most happy results. These schools sang for the visitors, pieces of their own selection with great success. The introduction of singing into all our schools is greatly to be desired. The teacher's skill is in the art does not seem to be altogether necessary, as some of the schools sang, and the teachers assured us of their own inability to sing. Singing has been long practised in the Public Schools of Prussia and Germany—has been introduced into the school system of Cincinnati, and several others in our country—and always with the happiest results. It is calculated to give pleasant relaxation, banishing tedium from school hours, and cheering the heart, and to refresh in a most agreeable mode cultures refined sentiment, and moral emotions.

Apparatus and Library.—There was title only for a glance at the value in Philosophical Apparatus in the High School, and a most rapid survey of the admirable School Library including a wide selection in English classic, History, Periodical and Belles Letters, &c.

AFRICAN SCHOOL.

A portion of one day was occupied by the inspection of the school for colored children. Mr. Anderson seems to be fully competent, and if he can secure the confidence and good order of his pupils, will be able to confer lasting good upon a class too much neglected. The inspection was made the very morning after the opening of a valuable supply of class books—the donation of the Directors. The cleemosynary character of this school especially commends it to the sympathy of the Directors and the public.

To secure full attendance of pupils at examinations, as a powerful incentive to the thorough mastering of the studies pursued in each school, and as an additional inducement for advanced pupils, whenever they can command the time to extend their course of studies—three things suggested by the Superintendent to the Directors, as to the highest Department Male and Female.

Curriculum, or Regu ar Course of Extended Study and Xtra Course.—1st. That the course of study in the schools as to include rudimentary works in physical, moral and moral science, and that the whole course be assigned to fixed periods or terms.

Examinations by Rolls, in order to grade, &c.—2d. That the annual examiner, with the superintendent and such others as may be appointed to attend, shall have in their hands full rolls of the pupils, with the marks of merit or standing of each pupil, and that this mark of merit when ratified by the Board, shall entitle the pupil to promotion, or of final graduation with honors.

Certificates and Testimonials.—3d. That certificates of meritorious standing be given to such pupils as are compelled to leave the school, if they are deserving; and that Diplomas be awarded at the end of the course of study to all who creditably pass the whole course.

Gentlemen, the examination of your schools though taxing my time, and occasioning some fatigue, has afforded me much gratification. Both the thousands and the whole standing of the Public Schools in Pottsville, under your management. The multitude of children now attending these schools, and the thousands who will fill their places hereafter, will be mainly indebted for all mental improvement and enlargement of soul, to the wisdom and patriotism which sustains these noble series of popular institutions.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL F. COLT.

Pottsville, April 14th, 1860.

[COMMUNICATED]

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

MESSRS. EDS:—The School Directors of this County are required by the 39 *Sec. C. S. Law*, to meet on the first Monday in May (the 7th), "and select *bien race* by a majority of the whole number of directors present, one person of literary and scientific acquirements, and of skill and experience in the art of teaching, as County Superintendent for the three succeeding years, &c." This office is deemed of little or no importance by many of the Directors, and it has happened in this County, that a majority of the Directors remained at home, and thereby allowed the few to select this officer. It is a part of the duty of Directors to attend the triennial Convention, and acquire matters pertinent to the School interests of the County may be brought forward and discussed at that time. But the election of a person as County Superintendent, who is known to possess literary and scientific acquirements, and skill, and experience in the art of teaching, is the chief thing before the meeting. In addition to the literary acquirements, the County Superintendent should be a ready speaker, should be active in getting up and holding Teachers' Institutes, should be affable and disposed to harmonize and unite the feelings of the teachers; to short, he should not only be a *scholar*, in the largest sense of the word, but he should be a *gentleman* besides, with a spice of energy and perseverance. Does the present County Superintendent come up to the *legal* standard of literary and scientific acquirements? Is he qualified to visit the schools, to examine them "in *all* the branches required to be taught;" has he visited as often as practicable the schools in all parts of the County; has he complied with the school law, and had orthography, reading, writing, English grammar, geography, and arithmetic taught in *every* school? has he been an active and building Teachers' Institutes; has he labored to educate public opinion in the way of addresses, lectures, &c.; has his aim been to harmonize and concentrate the feelings of the teachers; has he filled the sphere of a *gentleman* in his *official* relations with the directors and teachers of the County; and in short, has he been the leader of, and has he advanced the educational interests of the County?

Directors, I leave these questions for you to answer. A person who has done all these things, worked faithfully, *honestly* and *effectively*, should, by all means, be retained in office. If the present incumbent does not come up to your idea, of what a County Superintendent ought to be, you will naturally look around to see whom you can select better qualified and better calculated to elevate the standard of teaching in the County. Mr. Geo. B. Allen, Principal of the Schuylkill Haven Public Schools, is a gentleman well calculated, at this time, to make a good County Superintendent, being a good scholar, having had ten years' experience in teaching in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, besides near two years in this County.—He is a ready speaker; has taken no part in the difficulties between teachers and County Superintendent, or between the latter and the State Superintendent. There is probably, no one in the County that could go to work as County Superintendent with less prejudice, nor one who would have more friends at the end of three years than Mr. Allen. I trust there is conservatism enough in the directors of Schuylkill County, men who want an efficient, active man in this office, regardless of personal or political consideration, to select on the 7th of next month, the *best man* in the County to fill the very responsible office of County Superintendent for the coming three years.

Respectfully yours,

PROGRESS.

PEN, PASTE AND SCISSORS.

☞Sien Plen is the present Emperor of China.

☞There are 6,000 voters in the United States.

☞The present debt of New York State is $2,000,000.

☞A woman died recently in Ireland at the age of 140 years.

☞During March 43 American vessels were lost at sea and 8 lives.

☞The Kansas Legislature granted 150 bills of improvement in 40 days.

☞Black pepper is said to be better than camphor for keeping vermin out of furs.

☞The Indian outbreaks on the border are continued with startling consequences.

☞The greatest revival in Ireland has resulted in the conversion of 100,000 persons.

☞The maple sugar crop of Vermont this season is estimated at nearly fifteen hundred tons.

☞Electrical Cure, now in his 75th year, is said to have never tasted any kind of intoxicating liquor.

☞Two American cats can be had in New York. They are rosy, tempting and luscious. Only $2 per quart.

☞Iron peas were exhibited for sale in the Norfolk market on Wednesday—the first of the season.

☞The schools for catching lobsters in the northern waters has commenced, and will last until July.

☞There is a fair prospect throughout the peach growing districts in Pennsylvania, of an abundant crop.

☞Mahomedy, the tragedian, has again entered the state matrimonial, having been recently married in London.

☞Mrs. Catharine Liverseed, of Douglass township, Berks county, died on the 11th inst., in the 102d year of her age.

☞C. Packer and Harris Winter, of Sunbury, have been admitted to practice law in the courts of Northumberland county.

☞Miss Dean M. Davenport has commenced a libel suit in New York against Dion Boucicault—damages claimed, $5,000.

☞Green peas, says the Norfolk *Herald*, brought to Baltimore from Princess Anne, North Carolina, via Norfolk, bring $8 per bushel.

☞The census just taken in Washington Territory, shows a population of 6,844, and assessed property amounting to $2,000,000.

☞A recent reasoning proves that the difference between civilization and barbarism is that one is the age of lead and the other the age of steel.

☞The substance of reading the N. Y. *Tribune* in Harford county, Maryland, is ten years' imprisonment. This is a free country and no mistake.

☞Twenty-seventh Regiment is re-selected Buffalo for their summer encampment. T. T. Bloomer gives $500, and the Common Council a similar sum. Time not fixed.

☞The California Legislature have appropriated $250,000 to open nine wagon roads over the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and $15,000 to open the eastern boundary of the State.

☞A young lawyer named O'Hara, who lately settled in Knoxville, Tenn., has first been "rode on a rail," and then driven out of that town for making, it is believed, insolent and vulgar remarks about the females in the place.

☞It is said that the Quakers are gradually disappearing. In Philadelphia, two hundred years ago their proportion in Great Britain was about one in every one hundred and thirty inhabitants. At present they do not count one in a thousand.

☞Gas is now used for lighting the streets in Bristol, England, which shows the extraordinary power of the sword fish. A fish drove its sword through a double sheathing of copper, a plate of 3½ inches thick, and then through the ship's timbers, when the weapon broke short off.

☞A steam plow has been introduced into Somersetshire, England. It goes at the rate of 2½ acres of difficult soil in a day. The same amount of work would have employed nearly forty horses. The expense was the same, and plowing by the ordinary means would have cost at least one hundred pounds.

☞The Independent Guard, of St. Louis, Mo., will leave that city on the 30th of June, by way of Cleveland, on a visit to the cities of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C. The Guard, which numbers 130 members, will be accompanied by their own band, some 17 pieces in number.

☞The Shenandoah *Republican* says that the wheat crop of Delaware county promises a heavy yield. The *Republican* also remarks that the system of drilling in wheat with Guano is rapidly adopted. Of late, it is acknowledged to be the only proper method of putting the seed in the ground to insure an abundant yield.

☞Mr. Hepburn, Secretary of State, California, states that he raised cabbage in his garden last year, *fifteen feet high*, and instead of having only one head, it had no less than sixty heads upon it. The writer of the Dollars and Cents Column thinks the worst of men can *head* it.

☞Solid cast steel spades and shovels are now being manufactured at Sheffield, England. One pair of each kind is taken, into which, by powerful machinery, especially invented for the purpose, a hole just large enough for the foot of the handle to enter is made. Afterwards it is forged and hammered down to the required thickness.

The Girl Who Couldn't Help It.

BY THE BARD OF TOWER HALL.

A mother's pet, a little Jane,
Who was but four years old;
With auburn curls and rosy cheeks;
And curls like skeins of gold;

One morning searched the pantry shelves
When mother was not by,
And took, with dimpled hands, from one
A freshly baked pie.

Then, knife in hand, upon the floor
She coolly took a seat,
And gave the cat, and kittens each,
A piece of pie to eat.

Her mother came—amazed, she said:
"Well, here's a pretty show!"
"I couldn't help it, ma," said Jane,
"I love the pussy so!"

The girl, who couldn't help it, grew—
From feeding cats on pie—
To be a girl of sweet sixteen,
Delighting every eye.

And then, to win her youthful heart
There went a sailor bold;
She gave him both her heart and hand,
Then she, her mother told.

Her mother asked:—"Why did you thus
Your hand on him bestow?"
"I couldn't help it, ma," she said,
"I couldn't help it, no!"

"O nonsense, girl!" exclaimed her ma,
"You made the same reply
When you were but a little child,
And fed the cat on pie."

"I know I did," responded Jane,
"And will the reason show:—
I fed the cat, and married John,
Because I loved them so!"

NOTE—

Fair Jane's excuse was good—
'Tis one that's made by all
Whose friends inquire: "Why did you buy
Your clothes at Tower Hall?"

They say: "We bought them there, because
We bought at popular rates;
And, by a sense of duty led,
We couldn't help it, no!"

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☞**The Great Drawback** to persons emigrating to the extreme South and Western country, is the fear they have of the Fever and Ague—the most direful of all diseases. Every day we hear of persons attacked by this disease, and made helpless in a short time; without any means of affording relief. In view of the great demand for a remedy, Dr. HOSTETTER has presented his CELEBRATED STOMACH BITTERS, whose curative powers for all diseases of the stomach have been universally acknowledged. The BITTERS, prepared after a long experience and deep study, have received the encomiums of the most eminent physicians, as well as all classes from every part of our country. To those who doubt their many virtues, all we can say is to try them, and judge for themselves respectively.

Sold by druggists and dealers generally, *every* where.

☞See advertisement in another column. [15-4t

☞**An Elegy**—Written in the Sixth story of the "Continental," by a poet now turning grey.

The State House bell proclaims the close of day
The wearied lender hastes to slip his tea;
The pretty store-girls homeward wend their way;
While "devils" wait for *copy*, and for—*me*.

Can my forced strains upon a much used lute,
The praise of "one-price" clothing sing again
Can CHARLES STOKES when the worst of men can *suit*
Be *united* with an "adrer" in this strain?

Yes!—these rude lines from insult he'll protect,
For if the "Continentals" walls so high,
His *clothing does not*—though his *port may*—
Implore the passing tribute of a sigh.

Strangers visiting the City are particularly invited to call and examine the New Style Spring and Summer Suits—Coat, Vest and Pants, all cut in the *Latest* Styles.

Prices for Entire Suits ranging from	$15 to $20
Dress and Frock Coats,	10 to 27
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At the only *ONE-PRICE* First Class Clothing House in Philadelphia. ☞Please don't forget the number, 824 Chestnut Street, directly under the Continental Hotel.

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