Wit and Humor.

From the Carbondale Advance.

CHECK-MATED.

BY STELLA.

We placed the pieces, Tib and I,
She, with white fingers, rarely slender:
Tib eyed the chess; my guns was caught
By something in her eyes' deep splendor;
And when the royal battle-ground,
Stood valiant in its dread defense,
She motioned me to make a move,
Which nearly robbed me of my senses.

I moved, but not a pawn—my chair,
Not understanding quite the maiden;
And leaned across, with dreamy wonder,
To raise a small hand, lily-laden;
And two blue eyes, round with surprise,
Glanced into mine a silvery shout,
Till soon read out the slivery shout,
That woke me to the blunder.

Then Tib and I began the play:
We noted not the moments flying;
Our lives concealed a deeper game,
All outward seeming underlying;
She won, whene'er her white arm dashed
Across the lines that lay between us;
And could I win as she had done,
I'd stake the world for such a Venus!

Tib's red-mained corsave bounded on
With valorous strides, by her light reining;
I wished I were a captive knight,
What docile arts would I to feigning!
An avanch of castles swept
Along the waste, bishop-guarded,
My castles loomed to Heaven, then:—
Now, fallen earthward, fate-bombarded.

The lamp-light flickered through the room,
As shadowy as a chamber haunted:
And moon-rays lit the outer gloom,
And moon-rays, through the window slanted;
A sweet tone bound me fast, and I:
To see my king disgraced, was fitted;
An eye of blue had sealed my doom—
A lily hand held me—check-mated.

JAKE WILLARD AND THE BLIND HORSE.

A LAUGHABLE STORY.

The Mobile *Register* is responsible for the following mirth-provoking incident:

For twenty-three years, old Jake Willard has cultivated the soil of Baldwin county, and drawn therefrom a support for self and wife. He is childless. Not long ago Jake left the house in search of a missing cow. His route led him through an old worn out patch of clay land, of about six acres in extent, in the centre of which was a well, twenty-five or thirty feet deep, that at some time, probably, had furnished the inmates of a dilapidated house near by with water. In passing by this spot, an ill wind lifted Jake's "tile," from his head, and maliciously wafted it to the edge of the well, and in it tumbled.

Now Jake had always practiced the virtue of economy, and he immediately set about recovering the lost hat. He ran to the well, and finding it was dry at the bottom, he uncoiled the rope which he had brought for the purpose of capturing the truant cow, and after several attempts to catch the hat with a noose, he concluded to save time by going down into the well himself. To accomplish this, he made fast one end of the rope to a stump hard by, and was quickly on his way down the well.

It is a fact, of which Jake was no less oblivious than the reader hereof, that Ned Wells was in the old dilapidated building aforesaid, and that an old blind horse, with a bell on his neck, who had been turned out to die, was lazily grazing within a short distance of the well.

The devil himself or some other wicked spirit put it into Ned's cranium to have a little fun, so he quietly slipped up to the horse, and unbuckled the bell-strap approached with slow measured "ting-aling", to the edge of the well.

"Gal dang that old blind horse!" said Jake, 'he's a-comin' this way sure, and ain't got no more sense than to fall in here.—Whoa, Ball."

"But the continued approach of the 'ting-a-ling' said just as plainly as words that 'Ball' wouldn't *whoa*. Besides Jake was at the bottom resting, before trying to 'shin' it up the rope.

"Great Jerusalem," said he, "the old cuss will be a-top of me before I can say Jack Robinson. *Whoa!* Gal dang you, *whoa*."

Just then Ned drew up to the edge of the well, and with his foot kicked a little dirt into it.

"Oh, Lord!" exclaimed Jake, falling upon his knees at the bottom. "I'm gone now, whoa. Now I lay me down to sleep—w-h-o-a, Ball—I pray the Lord my soul to—w-h-o-a, now. Oh! Lord have mercy on me."

Ned could hold in no longer, and fearful Jake might suffer from his fright, he revealed himself.

Probably Ned didn't make tracks with his heels from that well. Maybe Jake wasn't up to the top of it in short order, and you might think he didn't try every night for two weeks to get a shot with his rifle at Ned. Maybe not. I don't know. But I do know that if Jake finds out who sent you this, it will be the last squib you'll get.

THE USE OF A BATH.—Julius, a Western darkey, having landed at Chicago, saw an advertisement notifying those who wished to be clean that they might get a good bath for a quarter, and thought it would be a good idea to ask the use of them of another darkey, who said—"Baths were used by white folks to wash in." Accordingly Julius started with a bundle under his arm, and being shown into a bath room was left to his ablutions.

Considerable time elapsed, and Julius did not come forth; and, after waiting for about an hour the keeper of the baths went to the door and screamed out:

"Say, darkey, are you coming out?"

"Yes, as soon as I get troo my washing".

"How long will that be?"

"Praps an hour to an hour an' a half," coolly answered Julius.

With that the man bursted into the room, and there, all around the room, was the darkey's freshly washed clothing hanging up to, dry but not noticing it just then, remarked:

"See here, you just clear out at once; you've been in over two hours!"

"Look a here," said Julius in an enraged manner pointing to his drying clothes, which rather took the bathing man down. "I'd like to see you wash and hang out two dozen pieces in less time than I've been at it!"

In another minute Julius was landed in the street, surrounded by his washing.

PICKLED ELEPHANTS.—Old Rowe keeps a hotel in the Northern part of the State of New York, which, he boasted, was the best in "those paris," where, as he used to say, you could get anything that was ever made to eat. One day in comes a Yankee, sends his horse around to the stable, and stepping up to the bar, asked Old Rowe what he could have for dinner. "Anything, sir," says Old Rowe, "anything, from a pickled elephant to a canary-bird's tongue." "Wal," says the Yankee, eyeing old Rowe, "I guess I'll take a piece of pickled elephant." Out bustled Rowe into the dining room, leaving our Yankee nonplussed at his gravity. Presently he comes back again. "Well, sir, we've got 'em, but you'll have to take a whole one, 'cause we never cut 'em." The Yankee thought he would have some codfish and potatoes.

COOL AS A CUCUMBER.—The Cincinnati *Commercial* says: "We have long known that the Rev. Dr. Wise, editor of the *Israelite*, was a philosopher, but were hardly prepared to see him take misfortune so coolly as he does, in the following request to some burglars who have annoyed, rather than robbed him, on two late occasions: 'The thieves who, last Friday night broke into our office for the second time, are politely requested to do so no more, as we feel heartily ashamed for any decent thief to see how poor we are. Tell us beforehand your intention to pay us a visit, and we shall place some change somewhere within reach, to save the credit of the establishment.'"

HUMORS OF THE HOUR.—*Dear Post*—Why is South Carolina at the present time like a hungry Canary Bird?

Because she wants to "*See Seed*."

Yours, ever. AJAX.

[You see we print you, Ajax, amiable young man, but you must try to be sharper another time. Sour above a canary bird, as, for instance, ask why is South Carolina like a suffering little boy in school? Because she wants to "go out." You perceive, Ajax, what, perhaps, you may do in time. Good-bye, Ajax. Write on, write ever!]—*Boston Post.*

CURIOSITIES.—Some of the chickens that were counted before they were hatched.

Some of the hair from the head of a discourse.

The skin of a flint, and the man who skinned it.

A piece of the mantle of the night—a little worn.

A pair of *breaches* belonging to the Erie Canal.

A short view of a Steeple Chase.—Steeple ahead.

JOE LANE.—Out West, several people are inconsolable because the elegant and refined Joseph Lane is not to be our next Vice President. They say that his defeat is a death blow to American literature, and will cause a complete stagnation in that branch of the booktrade devoted to Webster's Spellers. It is rumored that his friends in Oregon were affected to tears by the following despatch;

"Me and Brick are depheeted, but god's will be dun.

GOBEP LAKE."

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, there will be exposed to sale by public vendue or outcry on

Saturday, December 1, 1860,

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, the following described Real Estate, to wit:

All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the Borough of Mt. Carbon, Schuylkill County, bounded west by Mill street, north by lot of John Eichman, south by lot of David Lauderbach, and west by lot of Louis Bellas, containing in width 25 feet, and in depth 100 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling, with a 1 story frame kitchen attached, and a frame stable—as the property of THEODORE WEID and SOPHIA WEID.

ALSO, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the town of Patterson, Schuylkill County, bounded north by Valley street, east by land of Rover and Gilbert, south by land of Rover and Gilbert, and west by lot of James Collier, containing in width 40 feet, and in depth 150 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 2 story frame tavern house, with a 1 story frame kitchen thereto attached, with stone basement—as the property of THOMAS GIBSON.

ALSO, All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate partly in the Borough of Pottsville, and partly in Norwegian township, Schuylkill County, beginning at a white oak stump, a corner in the line of land of Francis Palm, thence by the lands of Charles Lawton, thence north 25¾ degrees west 21 8-10 perches, thence in a straight line along land of John Farnham and others, and land of The Pottsville Water Company, north 63¾ degrees, east 203 3-10 perches to a stone corner of the Lee tract, and the irregularity tract, owned by Wetherill, Gross and others, thence from said stone corner of the Lee & Irregularity tract, south 19 degrees west 39 7-10 perches to the Centre of the road leading from Pottsville to Port Carbon; thence following the Centre of said road, south 75¾ degrees west 124 perches to the line of the Borough of Pottsville, thence south 63¾ degrees west 52 8-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing 22 acres 53 perches; strict measure; (together with all the Coal in the veins on the above premises which may be under or in the tract of land lying south of and adjoining the above tract and late the property of Thomas Haven, with the right of mining and removing the same, and the right to open air holes on the premises of said Haven.) Reserving and excepting the surface rights of that certain message, with the appurtenances, known as the Blue Tavern, and marked as No. 3 in Young's plan of addition to Pottsville and Port Carbon; and also lot marked No. 1 in said plan, being a triangular piece of 73 9-12 feet on Norwegian street, and extending back 92 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story brick dwelling house with stone basement, & two story brick dwelling house with kitchen attached, a 1½ story frame dwelling house with stone basement, a 1½ story frame dwelling house, 3 two story frame dwelling houses, and one two story frame dwelling house and a frame stable—as the property of JEREMIAH STERNER.

ALSO, All that certain tract or piece of land, situate in Union Township, Schuylkill county, containing 250 acres, more or less, bounded by land of George Miller, Rudolph Slouch, C. E. Mann and others, with the appurtenances, consisting of two story log dwelling house, 2 one and a half story log dwelling houses, a log barn and a saw mill—as the property of JOHN VAN BLARGUM.

ALSO, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Ashland, Schuylkill county, bounded northwardly by a twenty feet wide alley, eastwardly by lot of Joshua Weimer, southwardly by Centre street and westwardly by lot of Joseph Keeley, containing in width 25 feet, and in depth 129 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house with stone basement, and a frame stable—as the property of KERSHAW JONES.

ALSO, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Port Carbon, Schuylkill County bounded north by lot now or late of Michael McDonough, east by Coal street, south by lot of Wetherill and Seltzinger, and west by a ten feet wide alley, containing in width 20 feet, and in depth 100 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances consisting of a two story frame dwelling house with stone basement, and a two story frame kitchen thereto attached—as the property of THOMAS GIBSON.

ALSO, All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, bounded by lands of John Bruisin, Isaac Geist, Mary Haas, Samuel Hassak, Nathan Meyer and Abraham Knoch, containing 150 acres, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a double two story frame dwelling, house, and a frame and log barn.

No. 2—All that certain tract or piece of wood land, situate in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, containing 22 acres, more or less, bounded by lands of John Haas, John H. Otto, and Peter Fetherolf—as the property of JACOB NEUGARDT.

ALSO, All that certain two story frame dwelling house, frame office, frame stable and tract or piece of land, situate in the township of Washington, in the County of Schuylkill and State of Pennsylvania, bounded by lands of the Danville & Susquehanna Coal Company, Abraham Christian Crane, Peter Swaits, Hannah Drey and Henry Saylor, containing forty acres, be the same more or less, being the same premises which George Shoener, by deed poll bearing date the 1st day of April, 1859, conveyed to George Shoener—as the property of GEORGE SHOENER.

ALSO, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the Borough of Minersville, Schuylkill county, bounded northwardly by lot of Ann McGovern, eastwardly by Centre street, southwardly by lot of Ann Sullivan, and westwardly by lot of John Clayton, containing in width 50 feet, and in depth 100 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house with stone basement—as the property of PATRICK EARLEE.

ALSO, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Minersville, Schuylkill county, bounded on the north by Sunbury street, on the west by the Methodist Church lot, on the south by a 20 feet wide street, and on the east by lot of Evan Evans, containing in width 50 feet and in depth 240 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a three story frame dwelling house and 2 frame stables—as the property of ELIZABETH JONES.

ALSO, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, bounded northwardly by Second street, eastwardly by Second street, southwardly by Pine street, and westwardly by lot of Jacob Seigrist, containing in width 100 feet, more or less, and in depth 110 feet more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house and 2 frame stables, and a double two story frame kitchen attached, and a frame stable—as the property of JOHN H. H. HANLEY.

ALSO, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, bounded on the south by Columbia street, on the east by lot of Henry Saylor, on the north by a 16 feet wide alley, and on the west by lot of Reuben Eckert, containing in width 60 feet, and in depth 240 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of two 1½ story frame dwelling houses, and one two story frame dwelling house—as the property of JEREMIAH BUNN.

ALSO, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the borough of Auburn, Schuylkill county, bounded north by lot of Moses Hoover, east by the Schuylkill Canal, south by lot of Charles Rinehart, and west by a 33 feet wide street, containing in width 40 feet (forty) and in depth (100) one hundred feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house, with a two-story frame kitchen attached—as the property of SIMON HOFFMAN.

ALSO, All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the town of Llewellyn, in the County of Schuylkill, Pa., lying on the south side of Willing street, containing in front thereon 20 feet, extending back on Shober street 150 feet to a 20 feet wide alley. It being a part of the same premises which Richard Willing, Samuel L. Shober and Jacob T. Bunting by Deed, dated 20 June, 1853 and recorded in Schuylkill county in Deed Book No. 15 page 299, &c. granted and conferred unto Philip A. Clauser. his heirs and assigns, and the same premises which said Clauser and wife by Deed dated 5 January, 1852, and recorded in Schuylkill Co. in Deed Book No. 56 page 749 &c. granted and conveyed unto Sarah Shrub, her heirs and assigns, excepting all fossil or stone Coal beneath the surface aforesaid, but as in said conveyance excepted, with the appurtenances, consisting of a double two story log dwelling house, (weather boarded) with a stone basement, &c., frame kitchen attached—as the property of DAMON SCHROP, deceased, in the hands of Daniel Schrop, her Administrator.

ALSO, All the right, title and interest of Damon Schropf, in and to all that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in Llewellyn, Schuylkill County, containing in width 20 feet, and in depth 150 feet, bounded on the north by Willing street, on the east by Shober street, on the south by a 20 feet wide alley, and on the west by lot now or late of James Breslin, with the appurtenances, consisting of a double two story log dwelling house (weather boarded) with stone basement and a frame kitchen thereto attached—as the property of DAMON SCHROP.

ALSO, All that certain two story frame house with stone basement, situate in Frailey township, Schuylkill county, bounded on the north by Main street, on the west by lot No. 95, the property of William Collins, on the south by property late of H. M. and S. Lewis, and on the east by lot of Anthony McGinley, containing in width 30 feet and in depth 250 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a double two story frame dwelling house with stone basement, and a double two story frame back building attached, being lot No. 91 in the plan of H. M. and S. Lewis, of Mt. Carbon.

No. 2—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the town of Mt. Carbon, Schuylkill county, bounded on the north by Main street, on the west by lot of Anthony McGinley, on the east by lot of William Reiter, and on the south by property late of H. M. and S. Lewis, containing in width 30 feet, and in depth 250 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a double two story frame dwelling house with a 1½ story frame back building attached, being lot No. 92 in the plan of H. M. and S. Lewis of Mt. Carbon.

No. 3—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the town of Mt. Carbon, Schuylkill County, bounded on the north by Main street, on the west by lot of Anthony McGinley, on the east by lot of William Reiter, and on the south by property late of H. M. and S. Lewis, containing in width 30 feet, and in depth 250 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house with a 1½ story frame back building attached, being lot No. 93 in the plan of H. M. and S. Lewis of Mt. Carbon.

No. 4—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the town of Mt. Carbon, Schuylkill County, bounded on the north by Main street, on the west by lot of Anthony McGinley, on the east by lot of William Reiter, and on the south by property late of H. M. and S. Lewis, containing in width 30 feet, and in depth 250 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story frame dwelling house with a 1½ story frame back building attached, being lot No. 94 in the plan of H. M. and S. Lewis of Mt. Carbon.

No. 5—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the town of Mt. Carbon, Schuylkill County, bounded on the north by Main street, on the west by other lot of the said Oliver B. Plowser, south three degrees east one hundred and thirteen perches to a white oak, thence by land of George Markey, George W. Long and John Stine north eighty-seven degrees west one hundred and five perches to a post on the western side of a public road, thence by land of Peter Filbert along the western side of said road north ten degrees and a half west twelve perches and sixteen-tenths to a post, thence by land of the said Greenawalt and George, formerly a part of the larger tract hereby granted north seventy-seven degrees east eighteen perches to a post, north thirty-two degrees east ten perches and a half to stones, north thirty-two degrees west twenty-seven perches to stones, and thence by the same along the east side of Swatara Creek south two degrees and three-quarters west twenty perches to a post, one perch and four-tenths southeast of the inner edge of the abutment of Swatara bridge, thence along the northeastern side of said bridge north thirty-eight degrees west across Swatara Creek eleven perches to a post, thence along the outer edge of the Union Canal bank in the direction of north fifty-one degrees east, but following the various courses of said canal bank forty-five perches and nine-tenths to a post, thence north thirty degrees and three-quarters east nineteen perches and two-tenths to a post, north eight degrees and three-quarters east fifteen perches and eight-tenths to a post, thence by land or landing of William Graeff north eighty-four degrees and a quarter east one hundred and fifty-three perches to the place of beginning, and south five degrees and a half east twelve perches and a half to the place of beginning, containing together sixty acres, more or less, with the appurtenances—as the property of OLIVER B. PHEANER.

ALSO, All those certain two contiguous lots or pieces of ground, situate in the borough of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, bounded north by lot of W. R. C. Butler, east by Billyman street, south by land of Francis M. Nichols, and west by a 20 feet wide alley, containing in width 80 feet, and in depth 145 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a double two story frame dwelling house, and a double two story frame kitchen attached—as the property of NELSON DRAKE.

ALSO, All that certain tract or piece of land, situate in Pinegrove township, Schuylkill county, bounded by lands of Daniel Hoffman, Jacob Hoffer's heirs, Jacob Seiler's heirs, Jacob Hoffer's heirs, Jacob Hoffer's heirs, Jacob Hoffer