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A MONARCHY.

At has been thought that American soil is not favorable to the product of crowned heads; but some of out Southern friends appear disposed to refute the impression. A writer in The Columbus (Ga.) *Times* proposes that the new Southern Confederacy should not repeat again the useless and disastrous experiment of republican government, but as soon as the States are out of the Union, should at once proceed to organize itself as a Constitutional Monarchy.

The New York *Tribune* looks at the proposition in the following merry vein:

This is a first-rate idea, and we take the liberty of suggesting Robert Toombs as the most proper person for the King. It is true that Mr. Rhett in South Carolina and Mr. Jeff. Davis in Mississippi may think they have claims to the purple equal to those of the great revolutionists of Georgia, but the matter might be compromised by making them princes of the blood royal. Or, on the South Carolina principle that the minority ought to govern, the case might be submitted to the people, and the candidate having the fewest votes could be proclaimed. Still, on that principle, Toombs might carry the day. We go for him. Huzza for Robert I! Long may he wave!

But we are disposed to treat the matter more seriously, the idea being found we think, on the natural antipathy which the planters of the South entertain to an equality with the working classes. Our readers are familiar with the speech of Mr. Hammond of South Carolina, wherein he terms the mechanics of the North mud-sills of society, and uses other refined and gentlemanly expressions when speaking of our workingmen. A practical application of this idea is now in vogue in South Carolina. Volunteer military companies have been organized for the service of the State. Here our companies elect their officers. But this idea is too republican for the Palmetto State. The rank and file of a company is not worthy of the honor, and their officers are appointed by the Governor. In this matter we see the idea of a monarchy becoming eliminated. The slaveholders are hostile to the power which free labor wields, and to the education which directs that power.

Unfortunately, this hostility is not confined to the comparatively, small number of slaveholders, but extends to that portion of the Democracy of the North which is willing to go down on its knees and lick the dust at the feet of its taskmasters. A striking proof of this fact was exhibited this week in Congress, when Mr. Sickles of New York City, said in a speech, that that City "will assert her own independence. There is no sympathy now between the City and State of New York, nor has there been for years. She will open her free port to the commerce of the world." To the same effect has Mayor Wood of that City also spoken. We thus see the exact amount of interest which these men now feel in the welfare of the workingmen when they would not hesitate to open the free port of New York to the commerce of the world, and cripple the manufacturing industry of her hundreds of thousands of mechanics and artizans.

The fact is, that the politicians who are urging these wild and visionary exploits, care very little for the workingmen, or any other class, except the exclusive one which is in favor of a monarchy. The whole and sole object is to rule. They have no real aggressions to complain of. They know that this is all stuff and nonsense. Why, the last modest proposal of the Secessionists is that Messrs. Lincoln and Hamlin shall resign and give them a new lease of office. They would agree to submit to all the machinations against them, if we would surrender the patronage and power. This is sublimely impudent; but the motive is apparent as the key-note of the present song, "disunion! disunion!" The people everywhere, should understand this, that they may place these monarchical supporters in the category to which they belong.

WHAT A SPECTACLE!

Under every other Government on the face of the globe, when financial distress comes, whether warranted or not by the condition of the country, we find the strong arm of the Government extended to relieve and sustain. If a vindication of its laws is required, the people witness it; treason is punished, and peace is restored. It is a process as natural as night succeeding day. What a spectacle does this Government present at this time. With a season almost unprecedented in the magnitude of the crops; with exports increased and imports lessened; with specie actually flowing into the country; with the people very generally rendered prudent and economical by the financial tempest of 1857; with altogether, a degree of material prosperity which promised a comfortable and progressive future, our interests are suddenly stricken down, and confidence and capital are alike securely placed under lock and key.

Why is this? It is caused by the political action of men who are determined to rule or ruin, and who also receive moral support in their proceedings, from the President. Had James Buchanan done his duty firmly, supported by his oath of office, and by the mass of the people of this country, North and South, the now blooming flower of disunion would have been nipped in the bud. When he prepared his last Message, it was understood, and believed that he would meet this question of secession firmly, and maintain the rights of the Federal Government to hold a State to its duty to the Confederacy. He probably, so shaped the Message; but most contemptibly, sent a copy of it to the nest of traitors brooding in South Carolina, for their inspection and revision. From that moment, the power of the Administration in this question, was weakened; its action encouraged the secessionists, and precipitated the state of affairs, political and financial, which agitates the country. From the moment that James Buchanan consented to be swayed by that arch traitor in his Cabinet, Howell Cobb, an open and avowed disunionist, to this last fatal act in the drama of his Administration, he has been a timid, wavering, unfaithful Executive officer.

Thus stands the country, placed in a false position by the President, who should be impeached at the bar of the House, for faithlessness to his oath to support and defend the Constitution and the laws. Were those men of the past still living, how mean a thing would James Buchanan appear in the eyes of Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson, Jackson and Webster.

What a spectacle! A Government impotent to command respect; the chief Executive officer expunging in his Message to Congress the portions unpalatable to traitors; and the country agitated from centre to circumference by a financial panic, growing out of political causes alone. Is it not humiliating? Is it not disgraceful? Is not James Buchanan a criminal?

THE PERSONAL LIBERTY BILLS.—After a careful examination of the laws of the Northern States, relating to the Fugitive Slave Law, the National *Intelligencer* says that the only States which have passed unconstitutional laws, are, Vermont, Massachusetts, Michigan and Wisconsin. In Vermont the matter has been referred to a special committee to rescind all that is unconstitutional, while in Massachusetts years since, the law was so guarded that it was brought within the boundaries of the constitution. The matter is becoming rapidly narrowed down.

THE MAN FOR THE TIMES.

Each hour which yet witnesses the imbecility, treachery, and dishonesty of the Buchanan Administration, mourns that we have not at the helm of State, the firm, manly grasp of Abraham Lincoln, a man of iron nerve, and true to the Constitution and the Union. There is not a page of his public history that we would wish to see blotted from existence, shedding as it does a lustre upon his whole character. All remember his brilliant campaign in Illinois in 1858, in which he beat Mr. Douglas four thousand in the popular vote. Yet he had a previous campaign. In 1839, when the contest opened which in 1840 ended with the defeat of Van Buren, Mr. Lincoln held a discussion with Messrs. Douglas and Lamborn in the Hall of the House of Representatives in Springfield, Illinois. Below we give an extract from Mr. Lincoln's speech on that occasion. No one can read it without feeling that in Mr. Lincoln we have a strong man, true to himself, true to principle, and true to his country.—He will not only do his whole duty, but he will see that others do theirs.

We can from this extract form a pretty correct judgment of what manner of man Mr. Lincoln is. He has pledged himself to stand by the Republican platform adopted at Chicago. He will be inaugurated President of the United States, at Washington, on the 4th of March next, and will swear to support the Constitution. He will swear to see that the laws are faithfully executed. Does any one doubt that he will keep that oath? He will not be so purblind as not to see in the Constitution ample provision to enfore the laws against attacks from without and treason from within. In whatever condition the land may be, when he shall take the reins of government from the trembling hands that now hold them, we may be sure that he will transmit it to his successor in its integrity, with all its proud dimensions. His courage will not fail, and his arm will not falter:

Mr. Lamborn refers to the late elections in the States, and from their results, confidently predicts that every State in the Union will vote for Mr. Van Buren at the next Presidential election.—Address that argument to *cowards* and to *knaves*; with the free and the *brave* it will effect nothing. *It may be true*, if it must, let it. Many free souls have gone where their liberty and *ours may* have been; but if it shall be it my proudest pleasure, not that I was the last to desert, but that I *never* deserted her. I know that the great volcano at Washington, aroused and directed by the evil spirit that reigns there, is belching forth the lava of political corruption in a current broad and deep, which is sweeping with frightful velocity over the whole length and breadth of the land, bidding fair to leave unscathed no green spot or living thing, while on its bosom are riding, like demons on the waves of hell, the imps of that evil spirit, and fiendishly taunting all those who dare resist its destroying course, with the hopelessness of their effort; and knowing this, I confess not deny, that all may be swept away. Broken by it, I too may be; bow to it, I never will. The *probability* that we may fall in the struggle *ought not* to deter us from the support of a cause which we deem to be just; it *shall not* deter me. If ever I feel the soul within me elevate, and expand to those dimensions not wholly unworthy of its Almighty Architect, it is when I contemplate the mighty Argument. It is when I contemplate the beauteous fabric of this country, deserted by all the world besides, and I standing up boldly and alone, and hurling defiance at her victorious oppressors.—Here, without contemplating consequences, before High Heaven, and in the face of the world, I swear eternal fidelity to the just cause, as I deem it, of the land of my life, my liberty, and my love. And who, that thinks with me, will not fearlessly adopt the oath that I take. Let none falter, who thinks he is right, and we may succeed. But, if after all, we shall fail, be it so.—We shall have the proud consolation of saying to our conscience, and to the departed shades of our country's freedom, that the course approved by our judgment, and adored by our hearts, in disaster, in chains, in torture, in death, we never faltered in defending.

THE ENGLISH PRESS ON SECESSION.

Many articles contained in the most prominent and influential of the English journals, have fallen under our eye this week, which we should like to publish, but our restricted space forbids. They show conclusively, that the agitators at the South cannot calculate with any certainty, on moral and material assistance from the Powers of Europe, in case of the formation of a "Southern Republic." The London *Daily News* says that "the great slave owners know very well that it is no part of the policy of the Republican party to violate that part of the Constitution which forbids every State to interfere with the internal concerns of any other State. The *News* believes that "they *dare not go out of the Union with their slaves, for they have no place to go to*." They depend on "the friendship and alliance of the North, for safety."

The London *Times* says that the Southern dynasty has ruled so long, that the cause of the North has been deserted in despair by the ablest of Northern politicians. While it thinks the South more frightened than hurt by the recent elections, it rejoices over the election of Mr. Lincoln. The *Times* says:

We rejoice that a vast community of our own race has at length given an authoritative expression to sentiments which are entertained by every one in this country. We trust to see the American Government employed in tasks more worthy of a State founded on the doctrines of liberty and equality, than the invention of shifts and devices to perpetuate servitude; and we hear in this great protest of American freedom the tardy echo of those humane doctrines to which England has so long become a convert.

The London *Saturday Review* says plainly, that it "is simply the incorporation of the North with the South which prevents European statesmen from treating the annexations of the United States as avowed extensions of the area of Slavery." It also says, "Slavery is sufficiently unpopular in the world for a mere slaveholding Commonwealth to run no small risk of becoming the victim of a general crusade."

In speaking of the prowess of the two sections, the *Review* remarks:

The extravagant notions of their own prowess entertained by the Americans of the Southern States, has persuaded them that they would lose nothing in military strength and resource by casting off the bondage of the Constitution. We can only say that England is the only country which has had a serious struggle with the United States, and English experience does not bear out the Southern pretensions. During the Revolutionary War, the English troops scarcely commanded a foot of ground in the North which they did not actually occupy. But, later in the struggle, the South was all but subjugated, and had not the inconceivable strategy of the English Generals given a different turn to the issue, it seemed at one time probable that, even if New England and the Middle States obtained their independence, the mother country would be left in possession of Georgia and the Carolinas, just as she was of Canada and Nova Scotia. Similarly, in the war of 1812, nobody in England ever doubted that the Southern States were the vulnerable part of the Federation; nor has the result changed this opinion."

The London *Times* of November 26th, says:

It is evident, indeed, on the smallest reflection, that the South, even if united, could never oppose for three months the greatly preponderating strength of the North. A few hundred thousand slave-owners, trembling nightly with visions of murder and pillage, backed by dissolute "poor whites," are no match for the hardy and resolute populations of the Free States. The Northerners have hitherto treated the South like a petulant child, and given in to all its ways; but if ever the day of conflict were to come, it would be shown that the South is but a child in its weakness as well as its forwardness.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN.—The Washington correspondents state that if the Gulf States carry out their purpose of secession, with the view of a Southern Confederacy and territoral expansion, they may be confronted by an unexpected turn of affairs. There is reason to believe that in sixty days after Lincoln's inauguration, the stars and stripes in such event may float from the City of Mexico over an American protectorate, solicited by the people there, and with the full acquiescence of the great European Powers. It will be found difficult to expand in that direction. This idea is also broached by "Independent," the Washington correspondent of the *North American*, a moderate and truthful Southern man.

FROM the census returns received so far, it is believed that the population of the United States is, 31,000,000. This will make the ratio of representation, 133,000.

ABSTRACTS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.

THE TREASURY REPORT shows the aggregate receipts of all kinds in the Treasury of the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1860, to be $81,661,309, and the expenditures $77,466,102. The total ascertained and estimated receipts for the current fiscal year ending June, 1861, are $84,548,996, and the ascertained and estimated expense is for same time $84,103,195, which would leave only $215,801 in the Treasury at the commencement of the next fiscal year. The estimated means for the fiscal year 1862 are $64,485,891 and the expense $60,263,726, showing a deficiency of $1,566,834. All these estimates were made, however, without regard to the existing panic and commercial revulsion, and are put down not as financial or commercial but as *political and depending upon future developments*.

The commercial crisis has greatly embarrassed the taking of the Government Loan and the administration of the Treasury Department. Of the $20,000,000 Six per Cent stock authorized by Congress, $11,005,000 have not been negotiated, and cannot now be upon terms favorable to the Government. It is, therefore, proposed that the repeal of so much of the Loan Bill of 1860 as requires these $11,000,000 to be issued be authorized by Congress, and that an issue of not less than $10,000,000 in Treasury notes be provided for to meet all lawful demands upon the Treasury for the present. In the present crisis of public affairs, it is declared that no permanent change can be made in the Revenue Laws in time to meet pressing difficulties, but if permanent changes are required by Congress, attention is called to previous recommendations.

Some of the closing paragraphs of the report refer to the Revenue Laws and Marine Service.

The Navy Report recommends additional to what we have before quoted; the reissuing and converting into first class steam frigates only eight ships-of-the-line, at a cost of $385,000 each, as the others would cost pay the expense, being old; that the frigates *Sabine* and *Santee* to be left as they are, and the remaining six sailing frigates converted into steam sloops-of-war, and finally into steam ships; that one sloop-of-war should be built to replace those built prior to 1849. The present condition of the navy is commended. Screw steamers are favored, and side wheelers, in case of war, opposed. An increase of the navy is demanded, on the ground that we have now a navigating interest of five million tons, an import and export trade of six or seven millions of dollars, and a coasting trade of equal extent and value. All additions to the navy should employ steam power. Attention is called to the fact that the Constitution prohibits individual States from creating a navy of their own.

Estimates are submitted for replacing all the prominent Navy Yards of the country in a condition of full activity. The efficiency and discipline of the Naval Academy under Capt. Blake is approved. In the *Slave trade twelve vessels have been captured this year by the African Squadron, and more than 3,000 negroes rescued.* A strong faith is evinced that the Slave trade can only finally be suppressed by England's enforcing her treaty of 1847 with Spain in reference to Cuba, or the annexation of Cuba by the United States. The bill introduced by Jefferson Davis prohibiting the purchase of patented articles for the Army and Navy, is opposed as injurious to the service.

The Secretary recommends that he have power to purchase butter, cheese, flour, and tobacco for the Army, by private purchase and not by advertised contract. The services and services of the various squadrons and ships are then formally recorded, compliments being paid to Commodores Foote, Porter and Dupont, for prompt action in rebuking the wrongs of American citizens. The Japanese Embassy, report as to the marine corps, surgeons and paymasters, together with brief statements of the various exploring expeditions, form the balance of the Secretary's report, which closes with a summary of naval estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1862—total amount $11,515,306 00.

The Secretary of War gives a condensed and interesting sketch of the operations of the U. S. Army against the Kiowas, Camanches, Pa-utes, Snakes, Navajoes and other tribes of Indians. In order to protect the Territories it is proposed that their superintendence be restored to the War Department. A just compliment is paid to the Quartermaster's Department for disbursing $12,000,000, without the loss of cent, and only $24,000—9-0 of the amount in dispute. An interesting account is given of the march from St. Louis to oregon river, by a body of troops which set out on the 3d of May, marched 1,427 miles, and reached Fort Dalles July 2d, and in sixty days after, Fort Walla-Walla, a distance of 300 miles by water and 600 by land, and all in the space of five months, and much of the route through a wilderness. The success of the enterprise demonstrates the practicability of a mail from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The term of study has been extended at West Point to five years.

FROM THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, we learn that of the public Lands 12,000,833 acres have been disposed of, 9,827,619 selling for $12,284,523, and 2,166,221 absorbed under railroad grants, and the rest in bounty land warrants and swamp grants. Over a million of dollars were expended in the payment of pensions during the fiscal year. The incomes of the Patent Office is $30,000 above expenses; 3,896 patents have been issued and 3,612 applications rejected. The census will be prepared for the present session. The report will be of value in the laws prohibiting the Slave trade, and especially in providing for the disposal of rescued negroes, is urged.

An Exhibit of the Area of the several States and Territories of the United States.

States of the Union.	Square Miles.	Acres.
Maine,	35,000	22,400,000
New Hampshire,	9,280	5,939,200
Vermont,	12,212	6,535,880
Massachusetts,	7,800	4,992,000
Rhode Island,	1,306	835,840
Connecticut,	4,750	3,040,000
New York,	47,000	33,050,000
New Jersey,	8,320	5,324,800
Pennsylvania,	46,000	29,440,000
Delaware,	2,120	1,356,800
Maryland,	11,124	7,119,360
Virginia,	61,352	39,265,280
North Carolina,	50,704	32,450,560
South Carolina,	24,000	21,760,000
Georgia,	58,000	37,120,000
Kentucky,	37,680	24,115,200
Tennessee,	45,600	29,184,000
Texas,	274,356	175,587,840
Total,	744,604	476,546,560
Square Miles.		Acres.
Ohio,	39,964	25,577,960
Indiana,	33,809	21,637,760
Michigan,	56,451	36,128,640
Illinois,	55,410	35,462,400
Wisconsin,	53,924	34,511,360
Iowa,	55,045	35,228,800
California,	188,981	120,947,840
Minnesota,	95,274	60,975,360
Oregon,	83,534	53,459,840
Nebraska,	75,995	48,636,800
Florida,	59,268	37,931,520
Alabama,	50,722	32,462,080
Mississippi,	47,156	30,179,840
Louisiana,	41,346	2,461,440
Arkansas,	52,198	33,406,720
Missouri,	65,350	41,824,000
Total,	978,429	626,194,560
District of Columbia,	60	38,400
Territories embracing Public Lands.		
Kansas,	Square Miles.	Acres.
Nebraska,	126,295	80,821,120
Minnesota,	342,438	219,160,320
Washington,	81,950	52,454,000
New Mexico,	193,061	123,563,840
Utah,	265,780	170,099,200
Indiana,	150,195	140,925,440
	67,020	42,892,800
Total Territories,	1,227,277	823,857,280
Total Land Surface,	2,010,370	1,926,638,800

To which added Water Surfaces, Lakes, Rivers, &c., we have a surface of over 3,250,000,000 acres.

The aggregate area of the land States and Territories is upward of 1,450,000,000 acres.

THE REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.—This production is unusually rich in statistics, the print is exceedingly difficult to condense its substance into an abstract. On the 30th of June last, there were in operation 28,412 mail routes, embracing 253,465 miles in length, of which miles 27,129 were by railroad, 14,976 by steamboat, 51,337 by coach, and 159,912 by inferior modes. The number of contractors was 7,435. There has been a decrease of 19,418 miles in the length of the mail routes, but this is made up of a reduction of 8461 miles in the length of such routes, an increase of 4273 in the steamboat routes, while the length of railroad routes has increased 1119 miles. There are in the service 40 local agents, 1,619 mail messengers, and (5) railroad baggage masters. The number of postmasters appointed during the year is 6, 55, of whom 1,140 were appointed to fill vacancies. Whole number of postoffices in the Union 28,852.

As usual there is an enormous deficiency in this department, reaching $1,656,765 49 as the excess of expenditures over the revenue for 1860, and for the ensuing year a deficiency of $1,656,000 is figured out in the Postmaster General, which, in all probability, will be far below the real fact. The revenues increase very gradually, while the expenditures go up much more rapidly.

The Postmaster General has much to say about his experiments with the penny post, and he recommends the repeal of the provision of the act of last session, and that the Department shall have authority to collect such postage on all letters delivered by carriers as shall be deemed necessary to compensate them for the service, provided that it shall not exceed two cents per letter.—He thinks the results of the experiment, under all the difficulties encountered, very gratifying, and advocates the support of the private expresses.

CENSUS OF PENNSYLVANIA—COMPLETE.

Counties.	Dwelling Houses.	Deaths.	Farms.	Manufacturing Establishments.	Deaths.
Adams,	27,997	494	2,182	180	5,012
Allegheny,	180,874	2,117	4,599	1,190	20,320
Armstrong,	26,114	246	2,869	108	20,329
Beaver,	20,331	351	2,090	219	5,825
Bedford,	18,963	279	2,060	145	8,615
Berks,	54,043	1,254	5,531	647	16,451
Blair,	17,715	327	1,961	182	8,877
Bradford,	30,046	294	3,567	260	9,219
Bucks,	33,863	713	5,785	570	14,862
Butler,	23,153	352	4,000	149	6,511
Cambria,	12,315	213	1,409	94	5,213
Carbon,	21,229	236	1,409	91	3,455
Centre,	27,597	127	1,061	129	4,574
Chester,	54,549	934	5,123	1,124	12,774
Clarion,	15,975	97	2,061	142	4,333
Clearfield,	13,915	140	1,564	114	3,286
Clinton,	17,722	167	1,784	149	3,140
Columbia,	23,020	267	2,523	236	4,540
Crawford,	49,941	294	5,567	230	9,313
Cumberland,	40,402	533	2,163	318	7,298
Dauphin,	48,640	866	2,878	324	12,230
Delaware,	30,614	373	1,629	267	5,546
Erie,	8,848	55	1,093	46	1,024
Fayette,	43,667	414	4,474	283	9,759
Franklin,	40,166	376	2,964	151	7,201
Forest,	889	13	93	11	155
Franklin,	42,212	447	2,435	253	7,575
Fulton,	3,140	69	1,009	37	1,081
Greene,	23,406	221	2,111	78	4,275
Huntingdon,	20,254	278	2,072	174	4,974
Indiana,	23,809	362	3,410	142	6,109
Jefferson,	18,414	150	1,125	117	3,334
Juniata,	16,500	194	967	154	2,989
Lancaster,	119,621	1,999	6,721	925	20,521
Lawrence,	23,213	163	1,837	69	4,237
Lebanon,	13,030	310	1,183	220	5,376
Lehigh,	28,322	605	2,734	464	7,748
Luzerne,	91,059	868	3,387	389	18,029
Lycoming,	37,500	321	2,539	429	6,699
McKean,	9,190	69	859	38	1,708
Mercer,	37,164	379	3,473	471	6,809
Mifflin,	16,278	188	1,948	184	3,194
Monroe,	16,893	164	970	81	2,822
Montgomery,	70,494	716	5,203	769	12,350
Montour,	13,110	152	593	86	2,351
Northampton,	47,775	394	2,205	224	8,954
Northumberland,	29,057	298	2,418	144	5,132
Perry,	22,949	216	1,719	174	4,167
Philadelphia,	268,034	6,097	1,731	4,400	82,078
Pike,	1,360	64	844	43	1,318
Potter,	11,497	91	1,549	61	2,146
Schuylkill,	91,173	971	2,267	579	14,562
Snyder,	15,124	102	1,094	81	2,746
Somerset,	26,929	197	2,094	157	4,674
Sullivan,	4,140	41	668	14	1,045
Susquehanna,	30,665	455	3,775	273	7,904
Tioga,	31,218	196	2,809	207	5,910
Union,	14,222	162	927	50	2,247
Venango,	23,189	152	2,850	99	4,543
Warren,	19,299	167	1,491	216	3,844
Washington,	47,319	484	3,778	3382	9,046
Wayne,	32,172	188	3,490	2363	5,727
Westmoreland,	54,020	465	4,360	359	9,787
Wyoming,	12,644	84	1,274	138	2,363
York,	63,088	820	5,149	673	1,273
Total,	3,913,041	28,637	169,233	20,218	514,547
In 1850,	2,311,786				366,216
Increase,	601,255				124,631
Population of Schuylkill Co., in 1860,					90,173
" " " 1850,					60,713
Increase in ten years,					29,460
Population of Luzerne Co., in 1860,					91,059
" " " 1850,					56,072
Increase in ten years,					35,017
Population of Northumberland Co., in 1860,					29,057
" " " 1850,					23,272
Increase in ten years,					5,784

DESERTED by Mr. Cobb, it is said the President regrets having been his tool. Cobb shaped his Lecompton policy; Cobb urged free trade; Cobb altered the Message, so that the President committed a serious contradiction; Cobb was the prime mover in secession, and now Cobb retires, heartily despised by every honest man in the country. Can such a man ever obtain power again? Heaven forbid.

SWATARA LITERARY SOCIETY.—The exercises of last Tuesday evening were, the reading of a humorous selection entitled, "Biography of a drop of Water," by Joseph Durbin; Lecture on Phrenology by James Foley, and a discussion on the question, "Which is the more beneficial to a Nation, the mere bookworm or its Gold Miner?" Affirmation, Fort Boyer, Foley and Ranalds. Negatives, Messrs. Brown, Foley and Reynolds. Decision in favor of the Negative.

The exercises for next Tuesday evening are as follows: Reader, James Durbin; Lecturer, Peter Brown; and a Debate upon the following question which deserves the greater praise, Washington or Columbus?" Affirmative, Professor A. Smith, Peter Brown. Negative, Joseph Durbin, James Foley and Edwin Nicholas.

Local Affairs.

WEEKLY ALMANAC.

1860.—Dec.	SUN RISES	SUN SETS	MOON'S CHANGES.	D. H. M.
15 SATURDAY,...	7 17	4 34	Third Q.	5 1 5 ev
16 SUNDAY,.....	7 18	4 34	New M.	12 7 52 m
17 MONDAY,.....	7 18	4 34	First Q.	20 1 14 m
18 TUESDAY,.....	7 19	4 35	Full M.	27 10 21 ev
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20 THURSDAY,...	7 20	4 36		
21 FRIDAY,.....	7 20	4 36		

Thermometrical Record for the Week.

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Dec.		8 A.M.	2 P.M.	9 P.M.	
8	Saturday,	32	35	35	snow.
10	Monday,	29	36	32	clear.
12	Wednesday,	23	34	32	snow.
13	Thursday,	28	33	29	clear.
14	Friday,	16	20	17	"

Child Burned to Death.—In Ashland on Monday, a child of Mr. Frank Krans, was accidentally burned to death, in consequence of its clothing taking fire, during the absence of its mother from their residence.

Geological Lectures.—Prof. Sanborn Tenney, of Boston, will deliver a series of Geological lectures in this Borough, at the Town Hall, commencing this evening, and continuing until Wednesday evening of next week. For the subjects, we refer to our advertisement in another column. The Professor is said to be an able lecturer on Geology.

The Burns Anniversary.—At a meeting of the Sch. Co. No. 1 Burns Club held at Minersville, on the 8th of December, a resolution was adopted, to the effect that none but members and their families, be admitted to the Burns Anniversary, to be held at the Town Hall, Pottsville, on the 25th of January, 1861. Persons desirous of becoming members must furnish their names to members, who will see that they are ballotted for at a meeting to be held at Main's Hotel, on the 12th of January.

A temperance meeting will be held on Monday evening, at 7 o'clock, at the First Methodist Church (Rev. J. W. McCaskey's), Second street, above Market. The Rev. John Roberts of New York, and Wm. Nicholson, Esq., of Philadelphia, Grand Scribe of the Grand Division Sons of Temperance of Pennsylvania, will deliver addresses on the occasion. This meeting will be under the auspices of Pottsville Division, No. 52, Sons of Temperance, which extends a cordial invitation to the public.

Larger Egg.—We noticed in our last the fact that a common hen belonging to the "Junior" had laid an egg measuring 7½ inches in circumference, and weighing 3¼ ounces. Well, we are "taken down," not much though. Mr. Urian Gane of Port Carbon, sends us an egg likewise, the produce of a common English hen, which measures 8 inches in circumference, and weighs 3¾ ounces. Until we can beat that, we will keep "mum" about large eggs.

Mr. Gane also leaves a specimen of some large gooseberries grown by him the past season, one of which measures 3¼ inches in circumference. Mr. G. claims that Port Carbon produces the finest gooseberries grown in the County. Can't say whether he is correct or not, for Pottsville claims some honor in that line. We'll see next season.

A pigeon shooting match between James Cox of this County, and John Taylor of New Jersey, came off at Reading on Monday. The conditions were to shoot for $100 a side, 21 yards rise, 30 yards boundary, from ground trap 21 yards rise, shoot at 21 yards each, to find and trap birds for each other, the gun to be held steadily below the elbow, 1½ shot. The following is the result:

Jno. Taylor, 11111 11111 11101 01101 0—17 out of 21.
Jas Cox, 11110 11111 10111 10101 1—17 out of 21.

Resulted in a tie.

It was mutually agreed that the match should be shot over on the following morning at 8 o'clock.

Second day's shooting—Tuesday.

Jno. Taylor, 11111 01111 11101 11111 0—18 out of 21.
James Cox, 11001 01101 11111 11111 1—17 out of 21.

Resulted in favor of the Jersey representative.

It is said to have been one of the best contested matches ever witnessed in Berks county.

The Approaching Eighth of January—Military Observance of the Day—Lecture in the Evening at the Court House, by Col. John W. Forney.—We are happy in being able to state that the approaching Eighth of January, the forty-sixth anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, will be observed in Pottsville with considerable spirit. The Washington Artillerists, under the command of Major James Nagle, will parade, accompanied by the Citizen's Band. The entire force will appear in the new overcoat which the corps and band recently adopted. It is anticipated that the Artillerists will parade unusually strong in point of numbers, as joining and equipping at the present moment, are particularly active, our young men appearing desirous of seeing the corps as numerically strong, as it is perfect in its drill.

An interesting feature of the Eighth, and one which it is hoped, the military not only of this Borough, but of the County generally, will add to by their presence, will be the visit here at the invitation of the Artillerists, of Col. John W. Forney, editor of the Philadelphia *Press*, and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, for the purpose of lecturing. The Court House has been secured, and we anticipate that it will be thronged to hear one of the most able and brilliant lecturers in the country. Col. Forney is too well known by reputation, to the mass of the citizens of this County, to render it necessary for us to dwell upon the intellectual treat he will furnish. That is understood. We only say—make a note of the Eighth of January in your memorandum book, with the determination to set everything else aside, for the purpose of spending an hour in listening to the man who has not only an enviable American, but European reputation. The ladies very generally, we are sure, will grace the Court House on the occasion, with their presence.

The Artillerists deserve credit for securing the services of Col. Forney, and we trust that the community will be actuated by a double motive in attending the lecture—first in desiring to be entertained and instructed by the lecturer; next in assisting a spirited corps to keep up its organization with honor to itself and the County.

PROCEEDINGS OF COURT.

REPORTED FOR THE MINERS' JOURNAL.

Com. vs. John Delaney.—Surety of the peace on oath of Thomas Crosby. The deft. in this case was discharged on payment of the costs.

Com. vs. Jas. Williams and Henry Fowler.—Affray on oath of John Cathers. The defts. had been the principals in a regular ring or prize fight on the hill in the north borough of St. Clair, which attracted a good deal of attention. The prosecutor who is a special police officer of St. Clair, witnessed the greater portion of the affray, making no attempt to put a stop to it, and then subsequently brought this charge. The defts. plead guilty. They were each sentenced to pay a fine of $2, and the costs.

Com. vs. Mary McGlone and Jane Canfield.—The defts. were charged on oath of Daniel Ault, with keeping a disorderly house in St. Clair. They were found guilty and sent to the Poor House.

Com. vs. Daniel Fritz.—Assault and battery on Christian Brenneman. The deft. plead guilty to the charge, and he was sentenced to pay a fine of $1, the costs, and give $100 bail for his good behavior for one year.

Com. vs. Peter Romberger.—The deft. was indicted for obtaining a gun, the property of John Kantner, in Tremont, under false pretences. He went to the house, in Kantner's absence, and wanted the gun saying that Kantner said he might get it, which was not true. It was not given to him, and he took it and sold it. He appeared to have been on a spree at the time. He was found guilty and was sentenced to pay 6 cents, the costs, and undergo five days imprisonment.

Com. vs. Mary Dietrich.—Fornication and bastardy on oath of Rosina Brown. The deft. plead guilty and the usual sentence was imposed.

Com. vs. James McCoy.—Surety of the peace on oath of John McQuade. This case was of so trifling a nature, that it was dismissed and no order made as to the costs.

Com. vs. Patrick Driscoll.—The deft. was charged with disturbing a religious meeting which was held in St. Clair. It appeared that the views of the preacher did not quite agree with those of the deft., and so he commenced making a disturbance, and became unruly. He plead guilty, and was sentenced to pay $20 fine, the costs, and undergo 20 days imprisonment.

Com. vs. John T. Boyer.—Surety of the peace on oath of Caroline Kline. After hearing the deft. was ordered to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Jacob Russell.—The deft. was charged with keeping a disorderly house on oath of Philip Hummel, and found guilty. She was sentenced to pay a fine of 6 cents and the costs.

Com. vs. Michael Curren, John Curren, and James Curren.—The defts. were charged with having committed an assault and battery with intent to kill, on William Cahoe. The prosecutor alleged that a quarrel arose between himself and James Curren, and that Curren attacked him, and that then the other defts. assisted their brother. Michael Curren used a knife upon the prosecutor, cutting him pretty severely. He was not arrested, having fled the county. There was no evidence that John had committed an assault. He was found not guilty. James was found guilty of the assault and battery, but not of the intent to kill, and was sentenced to pay 6 cents fine, the costs, and undergo 20 days imprisonment.

Com. vs. Daniel Bergin.—This was also a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill. The deft. who had always been a peaceable, industrious man, got on a spree, and coming home found his wife in a much worse condition than himself, whereupon he beat her severely with a poker. The jury found him guilty of the assault and battery only, and he was sentenced to pay 6 cents fine, and the costs.

Com. vs. Jeremiah Mahoney.—Surety of the peace on oath of Elizabeth Leary. After hearing the case was dismissed, and no order made as to the costs.

Com. vs. Philip Shirk.—The deft. was charged with receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen, on oath of C. S. Foster, President of the Minersville Water Company. The Company were at work laying their water pipes through the borough, and it appeared that quite a number of small boys from 12 to 15 years of age, were in the habit of stealing lb. lead belonging to the Company, wherever they could lay their hands upon it, and took it to the deft. who purch