Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

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SUGAR.

Among the unjust features of Southern extraction, without a single reciprocal redeeming feature, is the tax which the people of this country have been compelled to pay for a long series of years, on the article of Sugar, for the benefit of the planters of Louisiana. When we of Pennsylvania, in connection with sister Northern States, have asked for Protection, it has invariably, been denied by the South, and has only been secured when the Opposition succeeded in securing power, while there is no one State whose local interests are more closely protected by our revenue laws than those of Louisiana.

For the past ten years the single article of Sugar has paid the enormous duty of fifty-seven millions of dollars in the United States Treasury, as stated in the last Annual Report of Secretary Cobb of the Treasury Department. Every man, woman and child in the United States has contributed, directly or indirectly, to this enormous fund. Every consumer of Sugar pays a tax of twenty-four per cent. on the cost of the foreign article. This in the aggregate was nearly seven millions of dollars in the year ending 30th June, 1859, and also nearly SEVEN MILLIONS in the last fiscal year. Hence the poor man, with an income of five hundred or eight hundred dollars annually, contributes about as much to this revenue as the wealthy man with no larger family. It is essentially a tax upon the poor for the benefit of the wealthy planters of Louisiana.

As we use more imported Sugar, than we do that of Louisiana and the other Sugar-growing States, it may be safely assumed that the repeal of the Sugar duty, in case of disunion, would render comparatively valueless, the Sugar plantations of those States, and particularly, Louisiana. When we consider that one-fourth of the cash value of Louisiana plantations, may be estimated to be in Sugar plantations, and that they could not be worked to a profit without Protection, the commercial features of this subject must inevitably come into consideration by the property owners of Louisiana.

Our readers will see by the following statement of the annual importations of Sugar into the United States since the year 1851, embracing a period of ten years, copied from Secretary Cobb's Report to Congress in December last, how important to the building up of the Sugar product of Louisiana, has been the Protection so freely and generously accorded her:

	Value of Sugar.	Duties paid.
1851,	$13,478,700	$4 043,600
1852,	13,977,300	4,193,200
1853,	14,168,300	4,250,500
1854,	11,604,600	3,481,400
1855,	13,264,600	3,979 400
1856,	21,255,100	6,388,500
1857,	41,596,200	12,478,800
1858,	18,946 600	4,547,200
1859,	28,345,300	6,802 800
1860,	28,931,100	6,943,400
Total, ten years,	$205,527,800	$57,114,700

The importance of the Sugar crop to New Orleans and to the State of Louisiana, may be inferred from the fact that in the last twenty-six years, the Sugar product of that State has amounted to TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX millions of dollars, *all of which has been produced under the beneficial operation of a* PROTECTIVE TARIFF. These crops have grown from $2,700,000 in 1835, to $24,998,000 in 1858—the average product being about ten millions of dollars for twenty-six years; and for the past five years, an annual average product of seventeen millions of dollars. The lowest average price reached for any one year having been thirty-five dollars in 1853, and advanced in 1859–1860 to eighty-two dollars per hhd.

Louisiana in the event of secession, will not only abandon many of the advantages which she has derived from the Federal Union, but she would, and especially New Orleans, be a heavy sufferer in the diversion of its Northern trade to more Northern routes. The values of domestic produce from Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, &c., exported via New Orleans last year, was officially reported at $185,000,000, of which fifty-eight millions ($58,000,000) consisted of other articles than cotton and sugar. Add to this large sum the immense local trade or internal trade with neighboring States, enjoyed by that city, and some idea may be formed of the loss in commissions, freights, &c.

It would seem as if the losses which would be inevitable to Louisiana, from disruption, should make her pause before taking so fatal a step. Surely, her planters cannot be sincere secessionists, to wish to destroy in a moment of time, what they have been fifty years in building up. Their protection is in the Union; and they should know it.

Mr. Lincoln's Position.

He is Opposed to all Concession in the Face of Menace.

A day or two since, a report was telegraphed from Washington, that Mr. Lincoln had listened to the Compromisers, and is inclined to sacrifice the principles of the Chicago platform. We did not hesitate at once, to stamp the report as incorrect. The New York *Tribune* has the best authority for saying that Mr. Lincoln is opposed to all concessions of the sort. It *knows* that his views are fully expressed in his own language as follows:

"I will suffer death before I will consent or advise my friends to consent to any concession or compromise which looks like buying the privilege of taking possession of the Government to which we have a constitutional right; because whatever I might think of the merits of the various propositions before Congress, I could regard any concession in the face of menace as the destruction of the Government itself, and a consent on all hands that our system shall be brought down to a level with the existing disorganized state of affairs in Mexico. But this thing will hereafter be, as it is now, in the hands of the people; and if they desire to call a Convention to remove any grievances complained of or to give new guaranties for the permanence of vested rights, it is not mine to oppose."

If the above needed confirmation, which we think, it does not, it can be found in the Springfield (Ill.) *Journal* of Tuesday last, which says the country may rest assured that in Abraham Lincoln they have a Republican President—one who will give them a Republican Administration. Mr. Lincoln is not committed to the Border State Compromise, nor to any other. He stands immovably on the Chicago Platform, and he will neither acquiesce in, nor counsel his friends to acquiesce in, any compromise that surrenders one iota of it.

This expresses the conviction of every unshaken Republican as to the duty of the hour. First inaugurate the new Administration and determine the question of questions whether we have a Government, or only a Mexican anarchy; and when that problem is disposed of, it will be time enough to talk about, and settle questions of compromise. This is the true and correct position. Our country demands this at the hands of her children.

COMPROMISE.

In the United States Senate, on Thursday, Mr. Seward, of New York, presented a petition containing the signatures of 38,000 citizens of New York, for the passage of resolutions similar to the Border State compromise. In presenting the petition, Mr. Seward made a long speech in its favor. Mr. Mason, of Va., participated in the debate, as did Messrs. Douglas, of Ill., Hale, of N. H., and Wigfall, of Texas. Any compromise that Mr. Seward sanctions, we can approve, because we know that he is a man who will not consent to compromising, to sacrifice any important principle of the Republican party.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL DIVISION OF THE PATENT OFFICE.—On Tuesday last the annual report of the agricultural division of the patent office, was sent to Congress. It contains many papers of interest. The introductory, by the Hon. Thomas G. Clemson, chief of this important bureau, directs the attention of agriculturists to the real wants of the country, and the only efficient way of supplying them. This is followed by a continuation of the valuable essay on fertilizers, which was commenced in the report for 1859, and which has been republished for the benefit of the farming community in various agricultural newspapers.

The subject of wine is again treated with special care, and the process of Drs. Gall and Petiole, of Germany, for the improved manufacture, is given fully, with wood cuts, to aid in the comprehension of their method. There are also two articles on grape vines well worthy of attention. Irrigation, which interests many parts of our vast domain, is also treated at length, and the various systems of the world considered and explained. In this connection two papers on the grasses will be pursued with interest.

Two excellent articles on bees, others on cattle diseases, fish breeding, physiology of plants, and a very interesting paper on Chinese agriculture by Dr. Wells Williams. The entire work will comprise upwards of 700 pages, and will be put into the hands of the printer with a desire that, at least, a part of the edition may be issued by the fourth day March, next.

A part of the seed which, during the past autumn was procured in Europe by Mr. Clemson for distribution to members of Congress, agricultural societies and others, arrived last week. Already, with commendable spirit, has the benevolent head of the division set to work as packers all the force which can now be possibly employed thereon, consisting of seventy-three industrious lads, under the direction of a few worthy men. These boys have been chosen from the host of applicants as the sons of widows or other families under necessitous circumstances. Their first work is on eleven varieties of peas, of which their little hands bag, paste and label about thirty thousand packages per day. These will be followed by beans, turnips, parsnips, carrots, beets, celery, cabbage, lettuce, white broccoli, cauliflower, cucumber, &c.

About 8,000 tea plants this year are intended for the members of Congress from the Southern and Middle States, as well as willows, carrols, pretty flowering shrubs, hedge plants, Biota Chinesis, a new and very ornamental variety of arbor vitæ, ornamental evergreens, etc. They will also, in due course, be transmitted to the representatives of all other States in Congress.

TROUBLES BREWING AMONG THE SECESSIONISTS, ETC.—A Charleston correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press* writes:

Breakers are discovered ahead by some of the politicians. Even "the chivalry" themselves are a ready quarreling as to the policy of the immediate establishment of free trade. There is quite a strong party in the cities of Charleston and Columbia in favor of a fixed duty of fifteen per cent. The country districts declare that they are a unit, and will stand firm for free trade. But the question of the revival of the *slave* trade is the rock on which, as far as I can gather, the Southern Confederation will split. Georgia has declared against it; South Carolina may be considered as almost unanimous against it; indeed, it is on the ground that they will continue the United States policy on this question, that these two States confidently expect the sympathy and support of the British Government. They argue that this course of conduct, taken together with a free trade system, will almost *compel* the cotton interests of England to make an immediate and cordial alliance with them. What do they imagine that Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas will say to this arrangement? The great load-tone which is drawing them from the Union, is the prospect, not of free trade with Europe, but of *free trade with Africa*. "Niggers," cheap and plenty, is the great desideratum of the Southwest. This, too, will be only the beginning of troubles. The expense of postal and military establishments will follow rapidly after each other; and it requires neither a prophet, nor the son of a prophet, to foretell that not six months will elapse, and possibly not six weeks, before every one of these renegade sovereignties will wish their institutions safely guarded, and their property faithfully protected, by the strong arm of United States law.

I told you in previous letters that the people are a unit for secession; and, also, there is scarcely a reasonable thinking man in Charleston (of course I do not include the politicians), who does not regret the occurrences of the past three months, and would willingly recall them. I believe both of these statements, incongruous as they may appear, are strictly true—they cannot go back without disgrace; they cannot go forward without bloodshed and ruin. Many of the legislators from the northern part of the State have not hesitated to express privately their indignation at the extreme peril in which every interest of the State has been placed by conniving politicians. Many, sick and tired of the whole matter, have hurried home to their families, and, though the Legislature has not yet adjourned, there are not more than one-third now in attendance at the sittings. One gentleman, a friend of my own, who lives on the borders of Georgia, read me a letter from his little daughter, which said, "Dear papa, do come away from that beastly Charleston, for God's sake, before they kill you," and I hope he may, telling me, as he said "for well," that he had be known that the interests of South Carolina were to be "gambled for by heartless and artful politicians, he would never have engaged in a secession enterprise."

HON. JAMES COOPER.

This gentleman, formerly a citizen of Pennsylvania, for years a prominent member of the Legislature, and subsequently United States Senator, elected by the Whig party, is now a resident of Frederick, Maryland, in the practice of the law. We observe in a late number of the *Examiner*, of that city, a letter from Mr. Cooper, approving the course of the paper in upholding the Union and censuring the treasonable course of a portion of the Southern people. The letter breathes the true spirit of patriotism, and will be read with pleasure by Mr. Cooper's former friends and admirers in this State. He concludes as follows:

"In this conjecture, when treason has been bold enough to seize the property of the Union, to excuse it is to abet it, and become *participeps criminis* with the traitors. You have denounced it. I thank you for it. I thank you for it in the name of the past; I thank you for it by our hopes of the future, which must consist in strangling the monster now, or yielding, at once and for all, to whim and caprice,—whenever whim and caprice may lead disappointed and bad men to raise their hands against our Union and our liberties.—for liberty and Union I consider inseparable. If all other journals, instead of equivocating or lending aid and comfort to Treason, had acted as the *Examiner* has done, treason would not dare, as it now does, to walk abroad, undisguised in open day, flaunting the ensigns of its crime and folly in the faces of good men and patriots. Again I thank you for your bold, national and conservative course, and subscribe myself,

Sincerely and truly yours,

JAMES COOPER.

F. SCHLEY., Editor *Examiner*.

A PRAYER FOR MAJOR ANDERSON.—An Indianapolis paper says that on Sunday, in that city, at the closing exercises of a meeting at one of the Methodist Episcopal Churches, Bishop Ames, a man of strong Douglas Democratic sympathies, though a patriot still, astonished and thrilled the congregation by the following prayer:

"We thank thee, O! God, that while treason stalks abroad in high places, there is one man who loves his country!—one man who will defend his country's flag! *God bless and protect the gallant Major Anderson and his noble band!*"

The "amens" which came up from the brethren around, were loud and enthusiastic, and when the congregation arose from their knees, smiles and tears were seen struggling in many a countenance.

BETWEEN Virginia and Pennsylvania our choice must be made, and, we fear, right speedily.—*Baltimore Sun.*

Between Virginia and Pennsylvania your choice will undoubtedly, be made, and that will be to remain quietly in the Union with them; see the laws faithfully executed, and traitors crushed as they are in every land that can boast a government. Let ours be no exception.

IT is stated that Major Anderson is receiving no fresh provisions from the Charleston markets; but is subsisting on his salt rations, which is hard fare.

Local Affairs.

WEEKLY ALMANAC.

1861.—Feb.	SUN RISES	SUN SETS	MOON'S CHANGES.
2 SATURDAY,	7	5 18	19
3 SUNDAY,	7	5 16	20
4 MONDAY,	7	5 15	21
5 TUESDAY,	7	5 13	22
6 WEDNESDAY,	7	5 12	23
7 THURSDAY,	7	5 11	24
8 FRIDAY,	7	5 10	25

D. H. M.
Third Q. 2 5 4 M
New M. 9 1 16 E
First Q. 17 7 25 E
Full M. 24 11 47 M

Thermometrical Record for the Week.

	P. B. & P. Pennsylvania	Telegraph Office, Hall, Pottsville.	
	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Jan. 28—Saturday,	32	33	27 clear.
" 29—Monday,	32	32	28 "
" 30—Tuesday,	25	33	30 cloudy.
" 30—Wednesday,	24	29	20 clear.
" 31—Thursday,	22	32	29 "
Feb. 1—Friday,	8	30	25 cloudy.

☞ The last Assembly of the season took place on Thursday evening.

☞ *Cold.*—At daylight yesterday morning, the mercury in a thermometer on Greenwood, marked four degrees above zero.

☞ *Madame Girard's* practising party which was postponed on Tuesday evening, in consequence of sickness, will take place at the Town Hall on Monday evening next.

☞ *Mining Accident.*—On Monday last Benjamin Welsh, an old resident of Tamaqua, was crushed and badly injured while working in the mines of Ratcliff & Co., at Newkirk.

☞ *Admitted to Practice in the Supreme Court.*—On Thursday of last week, Jas. Ellis, Esq., a member of the Bar of this County, was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

☞ The Pottsville Harmony Band will, we learn, give a Ball on Monday evening, February 11th. As the gentlemen composing this Band, cannot be excelled in their ability to get up a really delightful terpsichorean entertainment, we feel confident that the coming Ball will be a success.

☞ *Valuable Property to be Sold to-day.*—By reference to our advertising columns it will be perceived that the valuable real estate on Centre and Mahantango streets, late the property of Samuel Sillyman, deceased, will be sold at the "White Horse Tavern," to-day. The property is among the most desirable in Pottsville. For a list of the respective properties and other particulars, we refer to the advertisement.

☞ *"The Waste of Intellect."*—On Wednesday evening we had the pleasure of listening to a lecture on this subject, by Prof. Allen, President of Girard College. The lecture was delivered at the First Methodist Church, to a large and intelligent audience. The subject was viewed by Professor Allen, from three points—first, waste of intellect from lack of culture; second, waste of intellect from misdirection of capacity; third, waste of intellect from moral perversion. We will not attempt a synopsis of the lecture, as it would be impossible to convey even an idea of the force of the ideas, or the beauty and appropriateness of the language in which they were conveyed to the audience. It is a lecture which must be either heard, or read in full, to be fully appreciated. There was a score of perfect little pictures—of illustration—in it, which combined, make a gallery of vigorous thought, charmingly painted. His analysis of the mental powers of Goethe, Scott, Voltaire, Byron, etc., and illustrative of the effect of their labors on the world, were powerful and in the main, truthful. Professor Allen concluded his lecture by a reference to the present condition of the country, and expressed himself hopeful that our sins were not so grievous, as to warrant our destruction. He thought that the madness of the hour would yet be checked. We are indebted to Prof. Allen for spending a delightful and instructive hour.

☞ *A Democratic Fizzle.*—In our Wednesday edition, we briefly adverted to the fact that a meeting at the Pennsylvania Hall, on Monday evening, the call for which was printed at the office of the Administration organ in this Borough, was a failure, and that in consequence of the paucity of numbers present, it had been adjourned until Wednesday evening.

In the meantime, a fresh call was prepared, which was a modification of the first, and on Tuesday after industriously circulating it all day, between forty and fifty signatures were obtained to it, several Republicans signing it, who were not aware of the nature of the intended meeting. We might here remark that not half of those Republicans who signed the call, were at the meeting at all, and that the whole affair were at the organization, such a decided Democratic aspect, that several Republicans felt a strong inclination to leave the room, not being at all disposed to be tricked into any compromise of the principles which they supported so zealously at the late election.

The following report of the proceedings of the meeting, is furnished us by the Secretaries:

At eight o'clock the meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Committee, and organized as follows:

President—Hon. SOLOMON FOSTER.

Vice Presidents—Martin Weaver, Esq., Maj. E. E. Bland, John Clayton, Esq., George Patterson, Esq., Jacob Feger, Esq., Nathan Evans, Esq.

Secretaries—J. ADDISON MCCOOL, JAS. FLOOD.

Judge Foster assumed the duties of the chair in a brief speech, adverting to the honor conferred upon him in being called to preside on so large a Union meeting of all political parties, in happy terms. In conclusion, he directed the Secretary to read the following

CALL FOR THE MEETING.

An adjourned meeting of the citizens of Pottsville and vicinity, without distinction of party, will be held at the Town Hall, on Wednesday evening, January 30th, at half-past 7 o'clock, to consider the propriety of instructing our Representatives in relation to the absorbing questions now convulsing the country.

The undersigned respectfully request a general attendance of the people, as the importance of the subject should command the attention of every good citizen.

Gen. Patterson,	Oliver Dobson,
M. Weaver,	J. Wright,
Bord Patterson,	D. Schertle,
Jno. T. Hazzard,	Daniel Hill,
Jos. S. Elliott,	Wm. Wolff,
Wm. Newell,	Samuel Hartz,
Jas. H. Graeff,	Edward Yardley,
Lewis C. Dougherty,	George W. Snyder,
T. H. Schollenberger,	M. G. Heilner,
Wm. B. Wells,	Daniel Larer,
George Bright,	Benj. W. Cumming,
W. Donaldson,	Samh. Kaufman,
B. T. Taylor,	Chas. V. Pitman,
Solomon Foster,	Jeremiah Reed,
E. W. McGinnes,	W. G. Johnson,
Jas. M. Beatty,	Thomas Foster,
Jos. F. Seiders,	Azariah Prior,
S. M. Mortimer,	Hon. B. Reilly,
Fred. L. Potter,	Henry Boyer,
Enoch Thomas,	Jno. Hughes,
Francis W. P. Dewees,	W. W. Atkins,
Thos. Petherick,	John Wingert,
J. F. Embardt,	John Ruch,
C. M. Atkins,	C. Little.
E. E. Bland,	

Col. John M. Crosland moved that a committee of thirteen be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting, and that all resolutions in the hands of gentlemen present be referred to that committee.

Agreed to.

David B. Green, Esq., moved that the President of the meeting appoint the committee, and that Martin Weaver, Esq., act as chairman of the same.

Agreed to.

The President announced the following named gentlemen as the committee, who thereupon retired:

Martin Weaver, chairman; Chas. M. Atkins, David B. Green, Col. John M. Crosland, Gen. Daniel Larer, Wm. Fox, Frederick L. Foster, Thomas Petherick, C. Little, Major Edward E. Bland, Jeremiah Reed, Benjamin T. Taylor and Hon. Charles Frailey.

During the absence of the committee John Bannan, Esq., was called upon and addressed the meeting. He was followed by Franklin B. Gowen, Esq., pending whose remarks the committee returned. At the conclusion of Mr. Gowen's address, the following resolutions, reported by the committee, were read, and amidst much enthusiasm adopted.

WHEREAS, We, citizens of the great and prosperous Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, feel that it is eminently our duty in the present emergency, when the cry of secession and dissolution is wafted to us on every breeze, to speak out and express our sentiments in such a manner as to induce our Representatives in the National and State Legislatures, to adopt such measures and countervail such measures as will tend to secure to us and posterity the continued benefits of this glorious Union; and

AND, WHEREAS; The citizens of the Border Slave States of this Union, almost *en masse* and many of the citizens of the seceding States are truly devoted to the Union, and look to us of the North to sustain them in their patriotic efforts to stem the tide of dissolution which threatens to overwhelm them.

We deem it our duty to strengthen them by additional constitutional guarantees and by the repeal of all unfriendly State Legislation or all Laws which have the appearance of injustice to the South or the citizens of the Southern States; therefore, be it

Resolved, That without a spirit of compromise and concession the social relations of life cannot be maintained. The peace and harmony of all government from that of the families of which States are composed, to the State itself are based upon these principles, and by a wise application of them by the founders of the Constitution, the Union of the States was secured.

Resolved, That so much of the Act called the "Penal Code of Pennsylvania," as is embraced in the 95th and 96th sections so far as the same apparently obstructs the faithful execution of the Fugitive Slave Law within the Commonwealth should be obliterated from our Statute Books; and we hereby respectfully request our Members of the Senate and House of Representatives to vote for the repeal of the same.

Resolved, That the people of this Congressional District are devoted to the principles of a Tariff for protection, and in the recent contest in which the principle, on which all others were subordinate, and we believe that our interests can be best preserved by the amicable adjustment of the present difficulties between the North and the South; we therefore request our Representatives in Congress to support that measure of Compromise which will be most likely to secure the restoration of a perfect Union of the States.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend a just and equitable compromise and adjustment of existing differences between the North and the South, and commend the patriotic actions of all those of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, of all political parties who have shown their willingness to forego more party considerations to effect this great object.

Resolved, That the President elect has been elevated to his high office by the fair suffrages of the people; and having been so elected it becomes the duty of all portions of the people of this Union, without regard to party, to sustain him as the Chief Executive of this Government, so long as he shall stand by the Constitution and Laws.

Resolved, That the manly and patriotic course of Governor HICKS of Maryland in opposing, with Jacksonian firmness, the designs of the disunionists, who would destroy this government, merits the gratitude of all Union-loving hearts, and will live in our grateful remembrance forever.

Resolved, As a true index to the popular will of Pennsylvania—that the flag of our country, with its holy and patriotic associations, should never be lowered in submission to a foreign or insolent foe, while there are brave hearts ready and willing to defend it.

Resolved, That in the House of Washington we look for an example kindred to the suffering of Valley Forge and the march to Trenton. Trusting that the "Old Dominion" will be found not only true as steel to the work of our forefathers, but will have her influence felt and respected whenever and wherever the spirit of disunion shall deface the altar of their labors and our grateful remembrance.

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be sent to our Representatives in Congress and the State Legislature, and that the same be published in the papers of the County.

The meeting was subsequently addressed by C. Little, Esq., Col. John M. Crosland, and Gen. Patterson, Esq., at the conclusion of the remarks of the last named gentleman the meeting adjourned.

SOLOMON FOSTER, *Pres't.*

J. ADDISON MCCOOL, *Secty.*

The fact is, that two-thirds of the persons who went to the meeting were attracted by mere curiosity; that half of the Republicans who signed the call, did not know the object of the meeting, and were not at it; that JOHN BANNAN, Esq., did not know the object of it, until he reached the Hall; that in the speech which he made, declaring himself in favor of any reasonable Compromise—not the Crittenden one, which would keep the Slavery agitation alive—and of the repeal of any laws which could be tortured into being hostile to the South, he declared decidedly, that it was his opinion that our representatives were better able to judge what was best for them to do on this question, than we who are removed from the arena; and that it would be a superfluous act to instruct them. This is the feeling we know, of the mass of the Republicans in this County, and no meeting, especially one gotten up by the Democracy, as this one was, can place them in a false position.

While among the resolutions there are some which are not objectionable, yet those which seek to control the action of our representatives on the repeal of the 95th and 96th sections of the Penal Code, do not meet the views of a fraction of the Republicans of the County, and cannot in consequence, command the respect of our Representatives.

In connection with this meeting, we might state, that J. Wright, Esq., addressed the meeting subsequently, and when a series of resolutions which he had prepared, were handed back to him by the Committee on Resolutions, their reading was loudly called for. When he attempted to read them, however, the gas lights were extinguished, and the meeting adjourned in some confusion.

The meeting as far as it has the sympathy of the Republicans, was a perfect failure. The bone and sinew of the party, who do the work in the campaigns, were not at it. It was irregular—unsatisfactory—a fizzle. Such meetings do no good, their effect being positively bad, as they distract where there should be union to defend the laws; uphold the Constitution, and crush rebellion.—The people have but one duty before them in this crisis—it is to defend the Government against traitors, at every hazard.

☞ *The Burns' Festival.*—The 102d anniversary of the birth-day of Scotland's immortal poet Robert Burns, was observed by the Schuylkill County Burns' Club, No. 1, at the Town Hall in this Borough, on Friday evening last.

The company sat down to supper at 6 o'clock, and after the substantials and delicacies had been discussed, the President, David Beveridge, Esq., in a few introductory remarks, gave the following toast.

"The Day, and a wha honor it."

The following regular toasts were then given:

"The Immortal Memory of Burns," which was responded to eloquently, by Mr. Duncan Thomas.

Mr. John McDonald then sang "ye banks and braes, O' bonny Doon."

"Our Ancestors," which was responded to by Mr. Thomas Wren. In the course of his remarks, which dwelt to some extent, on the moral influence on the world of the ancient Scottish nation, he alluded to the longevity of life among a people, who were and are still, unquestionably, of temperate habits. He cited instances of life prolonged to 138 and 140 years. Flora McDonald died in 1810, at the age of 120 years. John McDonald, who died in 1825, at the age of 107 years, frequently before his death, joined in a reel with his sons, grandsons and great grandsons.—John Grant, aged 110, was presented in the King in Edinburgh, as one who fought against the royal forces in 1745. There were many other interesting facts alluded to by Mr. Wren, which we have not space to give even a synopsis of.

C. F. Glover sang after the above response, "The March of the Cameron Men."

Music—"Green Grow the Rashes, O."

Mr. Andrew Brittain sang "The Union."

Music—"Hail Columbia."

"The Lassies." This toast was responded to in a happy manner by Mr. John Y. Wren.

Mr. Jacob Glover sang "Honest Men and Bonny Lassies."

"The Mineral Wealth of Pennsylvania," was responded to by C. W. Pitman, Esq., in a manner which proves that Mr. P. possesses a thorough acquaintance of the subject.

Mr. John Smith sang "Rantan Rover Robin."

Music—"Duncan Gray."

Recitation by Mr. John Brown.

Mr. David Glover sang in capital style, "A man's a man for a' that."

This ended the programme, which passed off in a manner highly satisfactory to all who were present.

After the floor had been cleared, dancing commenced about 12 o'clock, and was kept up until the rosy dawn began to streak the Eastern sky—in the course of the evening, a Highland Fling was danced by A. Fulton, and a Hornpipe by A. Britton. None enjoy themselves more than the Scotch at these Festivals, for they are a big hearted, joyous people, who love to see others as happy as themselves. May they have many as pleasant festivities as the one of last week.

☞ *The Eagle Iron Works, Tamaqua.*—In our annual statement of the number of engines built in this County during 1860, published in our last, the work executed at the Eagle Works, was not included, as we had not received the statement, up to the hour of going to press. We have since, obtained possession of it, and subjoin it:

ENGINES BUILT AT THE EAGLE IRON WORKS, TAMAQUA—H. WALTERS—DURING 1860.

1 Eng. 30 H. Power for Messrs. Grover & Bros., Danville, Montour Co., Pa., with hoisting and pump gearing, pump 6 in. diameter.
1 Eng. 20 H. Power for Messrs. Keans & Harvey, Catasqua, for mash factory.
1 Eng. 50 H. Power for Messrs. Taggart & Holl, Yorktown, Carbon County, Pa., for hoisting.
3 Eng. 100 H. Power.
1 Eng. 25 H. Power Engine rebuilt for the German Pa. Coal Co., Tremont, Carbon Co., Pa.

These works have also, in course of construction, a 60 Horse Power Engine, and almost completed for the above Company, with gearing for hoisting and pumping.

These works have done a large amount of work for the past year in car wheels, beam bushing, broker segments, sheaves, R. Road chairs, &c., &c.

These works have also done a large amount of repair work.

The engines built at the Eagle Works during last year, are no addition to the engines built in 1860, for mining purposes in this County; but add to our Recapitulation, which now stands as follows:

RECAPITULATION OF NEW ENGINES BUILT.

AS COMPARED WITH SIMILAR WORK IN 1859.

	No. of Engines. 1859.	1860.	Aggregate Power. 1859.	1860.
POTTSVILLE.				
Lewis Yeager,	4	3	105	150
Wm. & Brother,	1	1	60	6
Geo. W. Snyder,	1	3	—	175
Pomroy & Son,	1	—	90	—
	—	—	—	—
	8	7	255	331
ASHLAND.				
L. P. Garner & Bros.,	4	2	145	140
PINEGROVE.				
Jas. L. Nutting,	2	2	65	32
MINERSVILLE.				
W. De Haven,	2	—	120	—
TREMONT.				
C. A. & A. M. Seltzer,	—	1	—	90
TAMAQUA.				
Carter & Allen,	5	12	215	393
H. Walters,	—	8	—	100
PORT CARBON.				
T. H. Winterstein,	2	5	86	85
	23	30	966	1203
		23		956
		7		247
Increase in 1860,		7		

ASHLAND.

From Thursday's *Mountaineer* we glean the following items:

On next Monday the people of Ashland will be called upon to choose members to fill vacancies in the Town Council and School Board.

The work on the Mahanoy and Broad Mountain Railroad, now in process of construction, is going on briskly, there being about five hundred workmen employed on the various sections.

MINERSVILLE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MESSRS EDITORS:—This week our town presents a very gay appearance, sleighing is excellent. Our citizens appear to cast off the sunset of business, by taking a slide. Last Tuesday evening a large party left here for Ashland; they were there joined by a party of that place, at the Mahanoy House. After they had taken supper, they danced until four o'clock; then returned home well satisfied that they had spent an evening of pleasure long to be remembered.

Jacob Sertel, Esq., has opened a new vein of coal on his land near this place, which he is now preparing to mine.

Messrs. Jos. Wright and Frank T. Bennett have secured a patent for a lamp-burner, which will burn kerosene, or any other oil, without a chimney. It is decidedly the best, and most beautiful light I have ever seen.

It is also much cheaper than any other lamp-light, as it consumes but half the amount of oil the old burners do.

We have thus an unexplosive, beautiful, cheap and clear light without a chimney.

Yours Truly, J. H.

Minersville, Jan'y. 31, 1861.

TREMONT.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

MESSRS. EDITORS:—As no other knight of the quill from our memorable vills aspires to the lofty eminence, of being a correspondent of your highly interesting paper, I will from time to time, (your's selves willing) endeavor to favor your readers, with now and then an item of what transpires in and about our goodly town. Times with us at present are exceedingly dull, and poor prospects of them improving much for some time to come.

The "Charitable Association" of this place, still appears to be alive to its interest, for the welfare of the poor under its charge. It held a meeting pursuant to order, on Tuesday evening last, when the following persons were chosen officers for the ensuing year: President, ALONZO LIVERMORE. Vice Presidents, C. D. PIOTROWSKI and H. Clay Forney; Treasurer, Mrs. James Gilfillan; Secretary, Thos. B. WALKER; Visiting Committee, Mrs. A. Livermore and Mrs. D. Oliver. On Sunday afternoon last, an alarm of fire was echoed through our streets, which thrilled the nerves of all its inhabitants, and called into action all the untiring labors of both young and old in extinguishing the flames. A few days ago, "The Tolling Bell" announced to us that a lady of 103 years of age had departed this life, and gone to dwell in the "spirit land." Judge Rank and family of Jonestown, Pa., had occasion to visit our town last week, which visit caused to be presented to our gaze a real relic of antiquity—a sleigh which was made *ninety years ago*. We think it ought to be placed among the memorials of archives of our country. The "Tremont Senate" organized a few weeks ago, and meets on every Saturday evening; is the principal literary feature of our town at present, and is causing great excitement and interest among the community.—The Senate Chamber is crowded to overflowing every evening of meeting. The political element of our town is quite calm, although the sentiments of all our citizens is, that our glorious Union "shall and must be preserved."

While inditing these lines, everything out doors is cold and cheerless, a good coverlid of snow surrobes the ground affording excellent sleighing, which seasonable luxury is indulged in, to no little extent by the beaux and fair belles of our village. Oh, what pleasure, what enjoyment is there not in a sleigh ride, and in listening to the many different toned bells mingling in one grand harmonious concert—

Jingle, jingle, clear the way
'Tis the merry, merry sleigh,
Now 'tis slow, now 'tis fast;
Winter will not always last.

But here is the bottom of the page, so I must drop anchor, and bid you good bye until next time.

QUIDNUNC.

Tremont, January 30, 1861.

[FOR THE MINERS' JOURNAL.]

MESSRS. EDS.—In your editorial columns of January 26th, appears an article under the head of "*Fire*," in which it is stated that the buildings of N. A. Felix, recently destroyed by fire, near Auburn, were insured for $1500 in the Lycoming County Mutual Insurance Company. I know not, of course, who was your reporter. But such misrepresentation, besides misleading the public as to facts, inflict a serious injury on the Company insuring. The truth is, the buildings destroyed were not worth $1500, and were insured for only $900—$600 on the barn, and $300 on the house. The York Mutual had an insurance of $600 on the contents of the barn, owned by James Green, the tenant, who claimed to have lost the whole amount of his insurance. But the York objected to the claim, and compromised with Green for $250 dollars. These are the facts in the case.

Respectfully Yours,

J. A. HAZEN.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MINERS' JOURNAL.]

LETTER FROM HARRISBURG.

January 31, 1861.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—I am sick of this Union saving business, sick of patriotic ebullitions, and heartily disgusted at buncombe speeches. If there is any thing to be done, let it be done without talking. If the Constitution and laws are to remain intact, let us say so, and assume the responsibility—if the Union is to be saved it will be so, and consolidated by action, and not by words—if it is to divide," it will in all probability do so, regardless of an expensive war of words on the part of the law makers here.

On Monday last the invitation of Virginia to this State to send Commissioners to a Convention to be held in Washington on the 4th proximo, was read in the Senate, a series of resolutions offered, authorising the appointment of seven Commissioners by the Governor. Of course they opened up a prolonged discussion on Tuesday, which lasted fully three hours. They were opposed by Messrs. Penny, Irish and Landon, who are regarded as radicals. They passed, however, by a large majority. Last evening they passed the House by a vote of 83 to 14, although they encountered the fierce opposition of Williams, who by the bye, is probably the ablest man in the Senate, as well as Gordon, and a few other ultras.

It is understood that Gov. Curtin favored the measure, and that he has already announced privately to several personal friends whom he has selected to entrust so delicate a mission, but those names have not transpired at the present writing.

On the same day Mr. Smith read in place a bill providing for compensation to owners of fugitive slaves rescued by mobs, riots, or any other violence, and for the more effectual punishment of those who engage in such mobs and riots. The title is prolix, and the bill itself verbose. It virtually repeals one of the sections of the penal code. I am not prepared to hazard an opinion as to its fate.

It is now currently reported that, with the aid of the Democrats, the bill for the repeal of the 95th and 96th sections of the Penal Code, and the Armstrong resolutions can be passed in the House by a majority of ten votes. The conservation Republican forces are led by Mr. Armstrong, who, although young in years, has matured judgment, and a ability of a rare order. He will make his mark and not a very distant one at that, make his mark in the world. You will naturally wonder if there is such a combination in the House, why they do not proceed to operate. Simply because the Republicans are shrewd enough to continue their negotiations in the hope of getting things in such a shape as to pass with ease, and to be passed by a majority of Republican votes.

This afternoon a committee of thirty-three workingmen, representing nearly every branch of the Mechanic arts in Philadelphia, waited upon the Governor at the Executive Chamber, where they were welcomed in a few remarks by his Excellency. Mr. Nicholson, the spokesman of the workingmen, delivered a long, and in the main, very excellent address, declaring that the Committee represented 50,000 workingmen who are in favor of the Crittenden Compromise.

Mr. Hubn had a bill passed in the House today, making it illegal to catch trout in the streams of Schuylkill County, between the 1st day of August and the 15th day of March. This is eminently proper; but my experience would have suggested the 15th day of July as the last day.—If the Spring and the first part of Summer is very warm, trout are sometimes on the very point of spawning on the 1st of August. Something must be done