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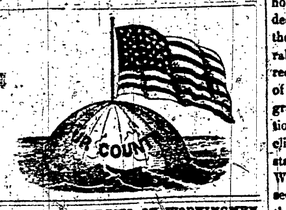

THE TRUE INTERESTS OF WORKINGMEN.

The elections are over, and judgment is presumed to have taken the place of passion and prejudice. Facts that during the heat of a political campaign are ignored or distorted to subserve partizan purposes, cannot now be trampled under foot, for

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again—
The eternal years of God, are hers."

While we know that many thousands of true and loyal men voted recently with the Breckinridge Democracy, as the only way in which they could give expression to an earnest desire that the war against Rebellion should be prosecuted with more vigor and with a more determined policy, we also know that thousands of workingmen, whose true interests are diametrically opposed to the institution of human slavery, voted blindly, with a party whose existence depends upon the success of that institution on this continent. Blindly we say, for we can hardly believe that men who came to this country to escape the low wages and hard task-masters of Europe, would vote willingly, for their continuance here.

Yet for such a state of things did thousands of workingmen vote at the late elections—the apparent results of which are scorned and spit upon by the Southern journals.—They say quite frankly, we know that the Democratic party to conciliate us, would willingly extend slavery over all the Free States; but we want nothing more to do with you.—We have our white serfs and black slaves.—We want to rule them according to our feudal notions. They have used, and now despise you.

Why, workingmen, only look at it. For years it has been the boast of the aristocratic slave-holders and politicians of the South, that if they possessed supreme power no poor white laborer should be allowed to vote. In caste the indigent whites of the South have always been beneath the slave; they live less comfortably than the negro, while the latter is accustomed to speak of the former—taught by his owner—as "poor white trash." If unhealthy work is to be performed in any district where the life of a negro would be endangered, some poor Irishman or other white laborer is selected for it, because his death would entail no loss on the slaveholder, and "he is of no account." When to this degradation in social position is added the fact that the poor white man's children, in consequence of the entire absence of public schools, grow up as ignorant as the untamed savage, Northern workingmen will readily perceive how unenviable is the lot of the whites of the slave States.

Every vote cast in favor of such a system by a workingman, is a vote against his freedom as a citizen; against his social position, and against the happiness and welfare of his children. We have not alluded to the effect upon wages, of slavery. Experience proves that free labor cannot co-operate with capital and slave-labor. One or the other must obtain the mastery. Mr. Seward rightfully termed it an "irrepressible conflict," and Mr. Lincoln uttered a prophetic thought when he said "this country must become either all slave, or all free." The white workingman will have respectable clothing for himself and family; will live in a comfortable house, educated equally furnished; will take a newspaper, and educate his children. All this requires wages much higher than the cost of keeping a slave, who raises much that he consumes, and is content with his one or two coarse suits in a year. This is why slave and free labor can never harmonize. This is the reason that the true interests of workingmen require that they guard jealously against the encroachments of so formidable an institution as Slavery. Especially should they refuse to affiliate with any party which is on good terms with their deadliest enemy.

It is really surprising—to glance briefly, at another point—to see how the Democratic party has duped among its victims, Irishmen. They come to this country bitterly hating the English aristocracy as the destroyers of the liberties of their native land, yet here they ally themselves with a party that for years has protected by low tariffs, the interests of Britain's manufacturing lords, and which is now hand and glove with those foreign aristocrats to perpetuate on this continent the curse of human slavery. This course of action is certainly, anomalous; and we believe that the deception will eventually, be plain even to the eyes of those misguided workingmen. In the meantime, every intelligent workingman, whatever his partizan predilections may be, will consult his true interests, by considering to what extent he is benefitted or injured by the existence of slavery in the United States. If he is convinced that its tendency is to work injury to him, his course is plain. Let him act in the future with the avowed opponents of the system.—This is a matter in which every workingman is personally interested, and we trust that it will engage his serious consideration.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE.—The receipts for Revenue Stamps at the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, for the week ending Nov. 21 amounted to more than $2,300,000, The Collector of the San Francisco District reports as his total receipts for the month of October nearly $90,000, of which over $3,500 accrued to him as commissioner. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided that in all cases where the wrong license has been taken out under erroneous impressions or instructions, the person taking such license must make a sworn statement of the facts attested by the assessor and forward the same directly to the Commissioner's office. If the petition be granted, the Collector will be instructed to refund the amount for such license. The Commissioner has also decided that a person whose business it is simply to collect money due for the rent of real estate, does not thereby become a commercial broker within the meaning of the excise law. A simple bill-collector is evidently not embraced in the word "purchase," "rent, or sell," but it is for the assessor to determine in each case whether a person who thus collects for others is not also engaged in the other occupation.

It is ascertained that the exports of the United States during the last fiscal year are $134,000,000 less than they were in 1860.—This deficit is however, more than accounted for by the fact that $196,000,000 worth less of Southern staples were exported in 1862 than in 1860, showing a positive gain in the exports of Northern products of at least $62,000,000. Pretty well for a country engaged in a gigantic civil war.

THE President of the United States lately remarked to a friend that, though some of the results of the November elections were unexpectedly adverse, he would not, as a whole, reverse them—that he considered the Emancipation triumph in Missouri of more enduring consequence than the Republican defeats in Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York. In this, he spoke like a philosopher, and the sequel will show the justice of his estimate.

Local Affairs.

WEEKLY ALMANAC.

1862.—Nov.		SUN RISES	SUN SETS	MOON'S CHANGES.	D. H. M.
29	SATURDAY,.....	7	4 33		
30	SUNDAY,.....	7	4 33	First Q. 6 7	52 m.
1	MONDAY,.....	7	4 34	Full M 14 1	16 ev.
2	TUESDAY,.....	7	4 34	Third Q. 21 1	15 ev.
3	WEDNESDAY,.....	7	4 34	New M. 28 5	6 m.
4	THURSDAY,.....	7	4 33		
5	FRIDAY,.....	7	4 33		

The Memorial Record for the Week

P. P. R. & TELEGRAPH OFFICE, Pennsylvania R. R., Pottsville.

		9 A.M.	2 P.M.	7 P.M.	
Nov.	15—Saturday,	29°	41°	47°	cloudy.
"	17—Monday,	28	41	50	clear.
"	18—Tuesday,	39	42	40	"
"	19—Wednesday,	39	41	39	cloudy.
"	20—Thursday,	33			clear.
"	21—Friday,	34			cloudy.

☞ *Dr. J. G. Koehler* of Schuylkill Haven, has been appointed a medical examiner by the Commissioner of Pensions.

☞ *Edward Daniels* of Co. C, Forty-eighth Regiment, P. V., died at the United States Army General Hospital, at Fairfax Seminary, Va., on the 1st instant.

☞ *Up to noon yesterday* Mr. L. F. Whitney, of this Borough, sub-agent for the sale of the Government five-twenties, or 20 year 6 per cent. bonds, had disposed of $35,000 worth.

☞ *On Tuesday* last at the camp of paroled prisoners, Annapolis, Md., a sword was presented to Major James Given, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, a worthy and efficient officer.

☞ *At a meeting* of the Union Cornet Band of Pottsville, held Thursday evening, Nov. 27th, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the Rev. Mr. Miller, for the very interesting sermon preached by him on Thanksgiving Day, and to Mrs. S. M. yer, Proprietress of the Ex. change Hotel, for the splendid supper, which we endeavored to do justice too; and we invite all persons in want of a good meal to call at the Ex change.

By order of the Band,

W. H. GORE, *Secretary.*

A FRENCH philosopher calculated that during each year about the same number of crimes of similar character, is perpetrated—that crime and criminals are inevitable necessities of civilized communities. The philosopher's point seems to us well taken, for however rapidly dissipation and death may decimate the number of knaves in the world, the ranks are as rapidly re filled by the naturally depraved and by those whose early career is unfortunately, laid among the victims of pernicious habits. Among the various grades of crime below murder, it is a question which is the most despicable. We incline to the opinion that the habitual liar stands lowest in the scale of fallen humanity. We may entertain some respect for a thief who seeks merely, one's money, under possibly, the pressure of want, or other mitigating circumstances; but what utter detestation and scorn we must feel for the wretch who by false and slanderous tales seeks to drag to his low level men in every respect, his superiors—who draws his slimy fingers over female reputation, dragging from her grave the victim to accomplish his hellish purpose.—Surely a man thus guilty, is depraved beyond redemption, and must possess a cowardly as well as criminal heart.

This class of men infests unfortunately, every community. Our own cannot claim exemption from the curse. We will illustrate the real character of one of these reputation pilferers. While residing in a city where he held an office under the Government, he circulated for evil purposes, reports detrimental to the integrity of a worthy and respected citizen. Detected in his dirty work, he was called to account, and compelled to sign a paper acknowledging his baseness, of which the following is a copy:

"I hereby attest that all the tales I have told about R. Pollard were slanderous and false, and I beg his pardon for having told what I knew at the time to be untrue.
"Witness—Robert Morrow."

Further comment is unnecessary. The man who by his acts places himself in a position where he is obliged to make such a humiliating confession, is unworthy of association with honest men, and unfit to live in a decent community.

F. B. W.

THE PRESIDENT FIRM.

Since the late elections in the North it has been intimated that a pressure would be brought to bear upon the President to induce him to withdraw, or modify his Emancipation Proclamation. The men who originated the idea are ignorant apparently, of the President's firm determination to abide by his decree. In fact, in his Message to Congress—which will meet on Monday next—Mr. Lincoln will argue his Emancipation policy at length, not only in regard to the military Proclamation of Emancipation in the disloyal States, but in regard to his gradual Emancipation policy in the Border Slave States.—It is the most powerful weapon after the Army, that the Government has sought to use to crush the Rebellion, and its effectiveness is seen in the terror which it inspires in the minds of the Rebels. The slaves' Christmas carnival is close at hand; they have heard by this time of the Proclamation giving them freedom on the first of the approaching year, and the rebels dread the result.

An instance of the President's determination to stand by his Proclamation was observed in Washington a day or two since.—Mr. Lincoln in the course of an interview with unconditional Union Kentuckians, discussed at length the question of Emancipation. He said that he would rather die than to tie back a word of the Proclamation of Freedom, and he dwelt upon the advantages to the Border States of his scheme for the gradual abolishment of Slavery, which he urged them to bring fairly before their people.

They assured him that it should be done. They propose to start two Emancipation journals in Kentucky to counteract the influence of the Louisville papers, and when the proper time comes, Congressman Casey, Judge Williams, and perhaps Joseph Holt also will canvass the State. They are confident of achieving a success equal to that of the Missouri Emancipationists after they have placed the question before the people.

It is certainly refreshing, to witness the Breckinridge Democracy attempting to dictate a policy to the Administration; but in the attempt we very much fear they "reckon without their host."

EDITOR'S TABLE.

THE REBELLION RECORD.—Part twenty-four of this diary of American events, contains beautiful portraits of Maj.-Gen. O. M. Mitchell, and the Rebel General, Robert Lee. Published by G. P. Putnam, 532 Broadway, New York.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY.—We are indebted to Messrs. Ticknor and Fields, Boston, the publishers, for a copy of the December number of this excellent Magazine. It is a fine number, superior to the best number of Blackwood in its palmiest days. Dr. Holmes, Hawthorne, Longfellow, and Winthrop figure conspicuously in it; and where shall we find more attractive names? All readers of the magazine will welcome back "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table." "My Hunt after the Captain" is written in his best style, and narrates his journey in search of his son, who was wounded in the neck at the battle of Antietam. The mixture of pathos and humor is such as few besides Dr. Holmes could put forth.—Longfellow's fine ode on the destruction of the frigate Cumberland by the Merrimac will be found on our First Page. "About Warwick" breathes the very air of England, mediæval as well as modern; the exploration of the unopened old castle is a worthy subject for the pen of Hawthorne. "Life in the Open Air" has all the freshness of Winthrop. "Mr. Artell" is continued; it is a singularly painful story. "One of my Clients" is certainly startling; it draws on one's powers of belief rather strongly. "A Woman," by Rose Terry, is an elegant sketch. "The Fossil man" and "the Procession of the Flowers" are excellent. A few more such numbers as this will raise the Atlantic Monthly to the very highest rank in periodical literature.

☞ *Chauncey Terry, Esq.*, has been recommended by Governor Curtin, for Provost Marshal for Schuylkill County. A better appointment could not be made.

☞ *Mr. Pierrell* keeps an excellent restaurant in the basement of Mair's Hotel. If energy and attention insure success in business, Mr. P. will take it, in on the road to fortune.

☞ *Discontinuance of Trains.*—We are requested to state, that the extra Passenger Train leaving Reading at 8½ A. M., and Pottsville at 5½ P. M., will be discontinued after Saturday, 29th inst.

☞ *Abraham Nagle*, Drum Major of the Forty Eighth Regiment, P. V., returned home on Saturday last, having been honorably discharged from the service, under the order of the War Department discharging regimental bands.

☞ *A letter* from an officer of Company L, 3d Penna. Cavalry, written under date of November 16, 1862, says that during a hard skirmish on the morning of the 10th, Sergt. Thos. N. Davis, Geo. Wyatt of Ashland, Wm. Waterhouse and David M. Kunkle, all members of Co. L, and all from this County, were taken prisoners by rebel cavalry in the neighborhood of Warrenton, Va.

☞ *Dancing Academy.*—Prof. P. Stouch, well and favorably known to this community, will open a dancing school in the Town Hall, this Borough, on Tuesday, December 9. He contemplates introducing a number of new and elegant dances. Parents could not in our opinion, entrust their children to a more competent teacher of the graceful art.

☞ *Destruction by Fire, of a Coal Breaker.*—The breaker, at Llewellyn, formerly worked by Tyson & Kendrick, but at present by Mr. Pochi, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night last about midnight. Supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. The loss is about $8000, upon which there is no insurance. Some eighteen months since another breaker at this colliery was destroyed by fire.

☞ *Mrs. C. H., Mattson* acknowledges the receipt of a box of hospital stores from the ladies of Port Carbon, containing 20 flannel shirts, 18 pair of Canton flannel drawers, 4 wrappers, 10 old lawn handkerchiefs, 1 pair slippers, 1 old sheet, 2 rolls of old muslin, 1 bundle of bandages, 1 package of lint, 1 bag of whortleberries, 1 paper corn starch, 1 do. sugar, 2 cakes of soap, 3 pair of woolen hose.

☞ *Chaplain Colt*, Pastor of the 2d Presbyterian Church, delivered on Thanksgiving, in his usual chaste and happy style, a Historical sermon of exquisite finish and power, reviewing our civil commotion in the light of the great modern revolutions. In compliance with numerous request, the sermon will be repeated on Sabbath evening (to-morrow) at 7 o'clock, in the church, corner of Market and William streets.

☞ *In our last* we noticed the death by an unfortunate accident, of George W. Overbeck, a member of the Eighth Pennsylvania Cavalry. A few days since his brother Charles who went from Philadelphia to Virginia to recover his brother's body and bring it home for interment, narrowly escaped capture at the hands of the rebels. He was pursued by cavalry, and was compelled to abandon the object of his journey.

☞ *Among the sick and wounded* Pennsylvania soldiers confined in Washingtown hospitals, are the following belonging to the Ninety-sixth Regiment:

Fairfax Seminary.—F. Goodfellow, Co. G; G. Ramer, B; E. Peter, B; K. Schermick, G; F. Sherry, H; W. Shirk, D; W. D. Tyler, G; M. Greegrove, H.

Thirteenth Street.—Corp. J. Gough, Co. D; L. McGrath, A; Corp. H. Vischer, E.

Mount Fletcher.—H. S. Best, Co. D; T. Bergon, K; J. C. Bergon, B; B. Ashcan, G; D. Barr, G; S. Wolf, H; H. C. Ritter, A; J. A. Hamer, A; Chaplain J. N. Tobin, K.

Patent Office.—T. Brown, Co. K; J. Fisher, B; P. Garvin, I; A. Hughes, K; P. Rose, I; J. Warner, B.

Chain Bridge.—H. H. Hibert, Co. I, musician, but thinks of returning to his regiment.

Emory.—J. Wilson, Co. K; M. Shirk, B.

Harewood.—H. H. Lutz, Co. H.

☞ *The* Junior trusts that the turkey which on Tuesday night took unto itself wings and flew away—albeit it was dead—embellished some board on Thanksgiving Day that would have been turkeyless without it—although he thinks that worthy people don't go round cribbing turkeys from people's back doors.

P. S.—We pen this cheerfully. Turkey returned—conscience triumphant—person who took it opposed to robbing poor-boxes and editors—excellent Thanksgiving dinner. Practical result—happiness all round.

☞ *Burial of Lieut. Wynkoop.*—The remains of Lieutenant Nicholas Wynkoop, of the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, who was killed during the engagement at Gallatin, Tennessee, on the 21st of August last, reached this Borough on Wednesday evening last. Col. Wynkoop who had them in charge, arrived here the evening before. On Thursday afternoon the remains were interred with military honors, in the Presbyterian burying ground. Lieut. Wynkoop distinguished himself in the engagement in which he fell, and was mentioned with honor by the commanding general.

☞ *Death of a Volunteer.*—William Henry Pritchard, a member of Co. E, Seventy-eighth Reg., P. V., died in Nashville, Tenn., on the 31st ultimo, of dysentery, and was buried with military honors on the 2d instant. Mr. Pritchard had endeared himself to his company and regiment, in consequence of his many admirable qualities, and his death is much deplored. His captain wrote a touching letter to the friends here of the deceased, announcing the sad event. The deceased was a son of Mr. Daniel Pritchard of Minersville.

☞ *Arrest of Deserters.*—On Tuesday of last week Mr. Uriah Gane, Postmaster of Port Carbon, arrested between the Planes and Ashland, two deserters from the Second Maryland Regiment, named William Fishbach and Abraham Morris. Both are natives of Eastern Maryland, and after receiving the bounty and new clothing, deserted. Mr. Gane ascertaining that they were here, determined to arrest them, which he did in a skillful manner, using as a means of identification a letter purporting to be registered and containing money, with both their names upon it. They acknowledged the names, and were taken into custody. On Thursday Mr. Gane handed them over to the military authorities at Fort McHenry. Mr. Gane acted in this matter under the authority of the War Department which empowers postmasters and sheriffs to arrest deserters and deliver them at the nearest military post.

☞ *Thanksgiving Day.*—Thursday last—passed off pleasantly. The weather was beautiful—a balmy day sandwitched in between a succession of stormy ones. In the morning divine service was held in all the churches of the Borough.—In the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. Thompson preached a powerful sermon, defining his position in this contest for the preservation of the civil liberty and religious freedom of the nation. It was one of his happiest efforts. In the evening, Mrs. Mayer, of the Exchange Hotel, served up a fine dinner to the Union Band, which was highly appreciated by its members. They return their thanks for the substantial compliment.

☞ *A Pottsville* correspondent of the *Mauch Chunk Luminary*, writing under date of November 21, says:

Frank Hughes, the great Democratic bumbug, you know lives here. He will never forgive the People's party for defeating his nephew for Governor, in '60, and who his store gone south. Mr. Hughes has ability as a lawyer undoubtedly, but as a political speaker he makes but an indifferent figure. Not withstanding his traducing he had more than his match in the Court House, and on the stump he was "nowhere;" nor does he as a debator or political speaker bear any comparison to Mr. Campbell. When thrown into contact in his profession with such men as Merideth or Hirst, as I have often seen him, he soon finds his level. As a gentleman, and as to his private character I have nothing to believe, but reprehensible but his political principles are detestable, and his political associations infamous.

☞ *We invite* attention to the following acknowledgment:

OFFICE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION,
Washington, Nov. 22, 1862.

MRS. SUSAN N. RUSSELL, *President Ladies' Aid Society, Pottsville, Pa.*:—We have recently received and distributed at this point, some hospital stores from you, and in the name of the soldier, we return you thanks for the interest and sympathy you have manifested. We deeply regret that you are not permitted to perform our work, and that you are thus debarred from witnessing the most touching evidences of gratitude.

The old established hospitals in and near the City, are now pretty comfortable, but as new accessions to the inmates are constant, the demand is continuous. Our attention is now almost wholly turned to the regimental hospitals and convalescent camps. The need is beyond description or possibility of just statement in these, especially the latter place. We have been furnished a tent by Government, and at this convalescent camp we keep del gates constantly. It numbers 12,000, and receives and sends out from 300 to 500 per day. The number on hand are the feeble, and many of them near the grave, and yet the most poorly supplied of all the unfortunate. Help us with all your energy. We need greatly warm underclothing and socks, though all articles, except lint and bandages, are in demand.—Trusting you will continue to prove the soldier's friend in the labor of love, your most obedient,

FREDK. E. SHEDDER,
Agt. Ch. Com.

☞ *Total Eclipse of the Moon.*—Early in the morning of Saturday, Dec. 6, prox., there will be a total eclipse of the moon throughout the United States. The moon, however, will be faintly visible, rayless, and in color resembling a copper disc. As the eclipse here occurs at midnight, the moon will be high, and at Cuba near the zenith. The eclipse will begin here at 6.48 A. M.; total begins, 1.58 A. M.; total ends, 3.25 A. M.; eclipse ends, 3.40 A. M. It is the last eclipse visible in this country for several years to come. In June there will be one visible in Europe.

☞ *Death of Robert A. Maingay.*—R. A. Maingay, for several years a civil engineer of this County, and extensively known in connection with an apparatus he invented to purify mine water so as to render it fit for boilers, died suddenly on Monday last, in camp near Falmouth, Va. At the time of his death he was 1st sergeant of Company D, One Hundred and Eighteenth Regiment, P. V. He served during the three months service as Sergeant-Major of the Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment. Mr. Maingay was a gentleman of many excellent personal qualities, and his death will be regretted by many friends in this County.

☞ *Mr. George T. Johns* exhibited to us yesterday, a very neat glass box of cigars which were taken from the cabin of the *Arizona*, a vessel which recently attempted to run the blockade at Mobile. The cigars were manufactured in Havana of the best Cuban tobacco; and we do not doubt that if the person to whom they were addressed had received them, their fragrant smoke would for the moment have concealed the rope which dangles above his traitorous neck. The box was neatly inscribed on top—

JEFFERSON DAVIS
PRESIDENT
Confederate States of America.

The flavor of those cigars will mingle with the pure atmosphere of Schuylkill County.

☞ *Col. George C. Wynkoop* of the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry at present here, gives an interesting statement of the condition of affairs at Nashville during the siege. He says that the City was besieged about three months, and that for two months all communication with the World was cut off, during which no letters nor papers were received from the North, except one Kentucky paper, which went the rounds at the very reasonable price of $5 a read. The Colonel says that many a time fifty dollars would have been paid readily, for a copy of the *Miners' Journal*. He praises the courage and firmness of Gov. Andrew Johnson, who saved the City from being delivered up to the enemy by Buell. He swore that he would blow up every house in it, before he would surrender. He also praises Gen. Negley, who is a cautious and gallant officer. Nashville is splendidly fortified; and the Colonel thinks 12,000 men could hold it against 60,000. Tennessee in the vicinity of Nashville, is considerably devastated. The Colonel says the negroes are better treated than the poor whites of the South; but notwithstanding that they are desirous of obtaining their freedom, and get it too, when near the Union forces. Western Tennessee is now clear of rebels.

☞ *Magnificent Sword.*—We examined this week, at the jewelry store of Mr. Jos. Elliott, Centre St., this Borough, a sword intended for presentation to Henry L. Cake Colonel of the Ninety-sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. Its cost was five hundred dollars. It is really, a beautiful affair. The blade is of the finest quality of steel, richly embellished and inlaid with gold. The handle of heavily plated gold, is artistically chased. It is surmounted by a silver eagle with eyes formed of rubies. The guard which is almost as massive as that of an ancient Highland claymore, is set with tiny silver stars. In the centre on a shield surrounded by a wreath, are the initials, "U. S.," set with diamonds. The scabbard which is also, heavily plated with gold, contains views of three battles in which the Regiment was engaged; the coat of arms of Pennsylvania; the initials, "H. L. C." set with diamonds, and the following inscription:

PRESENTED TO
Col. Henry L. Cake,
By the officers and soldiers of the 96th Reg., P. V., as a token of respect for their commanding officer, and a testimonial of admiration for his gallantry on the battle fields of West Point, May 7th; Gaines' Hill, June the 27th, and Charles City Cross Roads, June 30th; and also for his universal kindness and care of his Regiment, in providing for them on all occasions, whether on the field, or on the march.

The testimonial in every respect, is one of which the gallant Colonel may well be proud—and his conduct in the field on all occasions, renders him peculiarly worthy to be the recipient of so magnificent a present. When the presentation will take place we are not advised.

PROCEEDINGS OF COURT.

REPORTED FOR THE MINERS' JOURNAL.

Common Pleas of Schuylkill County.

The President and Directors of the Williams Valley Railroad and Mining Company, vs. John Schuli et al.—This was an action of Ejectment brought by the plaintiffs in 1849, to recover from the possession of defendants, a tract of land of 144 acres and allowance, known as the "John Lesher" tract, in the township of Upper Mahanoy, some three miles west of the town of Tremont,—estimated of great value from the quantity of coal it contains. The jury were empannelled on Monday the 17th,—the evidence, though almost entirely documentary, occupied the entire week. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week were occupied with the argument of counsel, when the case was given to the jury yesterday, Judge Ferry intending to charge the jury yesterday, but Judge Ferry had not been able to prepare and write out his opinion. The charge will probably be delivered this morning.

The cause had been to the bar before tried in our Courts once, when the jury could not agree and were discharged; and on the second, the plaintiffs recovered a verdict which the Supreme Court set aside on the proceedings, on a writ of error, and directed a new trial.

The plaintiffs claimed the land, upon a connected chain of title commencing with a warrant to John Lesher for 150 acres, dated March 17, 1784, and surveyed thereon the 5th May, 1785. This was followed by a conveyance from Lesher to Ludwig Schwartz, in 1797, and a patent to Schwartz in 1806. Schwartz's title then produced a deed dated 31st March, 1837, from Schwartz to John Snavely, from whom they trace title directly to themselves.

To this the defendants opposed their allegation of title acquired under the Statute of limitations. They claim that in 1803 or'4, immediately on the removal of Lesher, one Christian Bartche went into possession of the land, either as the agent of Lesher or under a title, and remained in continuous occupation of the premises, by himself and parties holding under him, until 1833 or '4. Inasmuch as it did not appear that either Lesher or Schwartz paid taxes for, or in any other way asserted any ownership over the land after the year 1797—not withstanding the conveyance of Schwartz to Snavely in 1837, which the plaintiffs—the heirs of Schwartz—alleged was, that Schwartz had originally conveyed to Bartche, and thus combined the Lesher title with his possession for 1803 or '4, (the exact deed or record can now be found to confirm this hypothesis.)

From 1833 the Bartche title is traced directly down to the present defendants, or rather to John S. McCreary, Esq., the latter having the patent of all the parties defendant, and is now the sole claimant as against the plaintiffs.

Trial List for Week beginning December 15, 1862.

1. Gas Lighter and wife *vs.* Jacob Paul.
2. Jas Gaynor *et al* *vs.* Henry Wilde *et al.*
3. The Miners' Life, &c., *vs.* Geo Schollenberger *et al.*
4. Same plaintiff *vs.* same defendants.
5. Geo Shaner *vs.* Jacob Mengle.
6. Harner & Faust *vs.* J. & W. H Seyfert.
7. Rebecca Koons *vs.* Schuylkill Haven Borough.
8. John Conrad, Sr, *vs.* Geo Heiner.
9. Engelbert Gaul *vs.* Schuylkill Haven Borough.
10. James McKown *vs.* Norwegian Township.
11. Rank & Mayberry *vs.* Jos Achey.
12. Wash Hunter *vs.* Geo Woolsey.
13. Henry Barnard *vs.* Robt Gorwell.

[COMMUNICATED.]

TEACHERS OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY:—Our worthy Superintendent has requested us to meet at Pottsville, on the 6th proximo. For our consideration, he has selected two very important propositions—General Graduation of Schools and District Institutes. Let us all, if possible, be on the ground at the proper time. Let no one be so selfish as to say it will cost too much; for this would be a strong indication on the part of the person, that he is no volunteer in the army of teachers, but a *dilated* man, always on the watch for a substitute, or, in other words, for another avocation. Let no one say the distance to the place of meeting is too great, and that conveyance to and from cannot be had. This would be unmanly, as it would indicate irresolution. Let us all come prepared even though we cannot have the opportunity to *show* to what extent we have prepared ourselves, as our time will be short, and of the experienced teachers justly have precedence in speaking. By coming prepared we will better understand what the older and more experienced teachers say. Let us show to our neighboring counties that we are not altogether devoid of the true spirit of the teacher. If we possess this spirit, let us collect for on the 6th proximo, and see to what it amounts.

A YOUNG TEACHER.

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

TREMONT LITERARY SOCIETY.—The Society met as usual on Friday evening, the 21st inst., E. Benjamin Bierman Chairman. After reading by Elias Thomas, the following question was discussed: "Are Military Eras true indications of a Nation's Greatness?" Affirm.—Jacob Gruber, Jr., John J. Hopkins and S. C. Kirk; Neg.,—Alonzo Livermore, Rev. G. T. Barr and Elias Thomas. The decision was given in favor of the affirmative. Order of business for next meeting: —"Are the United States under deeper obligations to her Warriors than her Statesmen?" Affirm.—Elias Thomas, John J. Hopkins and Jacob Gruber, Jr.; Neg.,—S. C. Kirk, Alonzo Livermore and E. Benjamin Bierman.

☞ In Iowa, all the officers chosen at the recent election are straight-out, unconditional Republicans, except the judge and attorney of the second judicial district.

☞ The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided that an incorporated bank does not require a broker's license.

☞ In Philadelphia recently, five little girls during five days of a fair, realised $250 for the benefit of the hospitals.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE WASHINGTON PENNSYLVANIA SOLDIERS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22, 1862.

EDITORS OF THE MINERS' JOURNAL:—*Gentlemen*—I find in your valuable paper, issue of 4 inst. a letter from "A Pottsville Soldier," misdated Fredericksburg, Dec. 2, but at Harewood Hospital, near this city, on the 2d instant, in which letter he states that the Association above named is not extended to him nor care, and that the only thing ever given to him by its agent is "a Sunday-school paper of a very old date." The members of the Association and its agents also, much regret that Mr. Rose was overlooked; but neither you nor your readers would wonder that one, or perhaps a dozen, should be unintentionally passed by in a hospital of tents, separated from each other, covering perhaps 100 acres, and occupied by more than 3000 men—many of them able to be moving about, and therefore frequently not in their quarters when the agents might be there. If Mr. Rose had stated that as he had been overlooked, and had found fault with the matter, we should have regretted, but should not have felt called upon to explain or apologize for it; but he concludes his letter with a statement which it would be unjust to the Association, and to the many excellent people at home who have patronized it, should we suffer it to pass unanswered. It is this:

"The Pennsylvania soldiers in the Harewood Hospital have not seen or received anything, while the men are urgently in need of such things as are sent by the Soldiers' Aid Society of Pennsylvania."

While I feel sorry that Mr. Rose has been led to make a statement calculated to be very injurious to the Association and to himself. I am glad to have so favorable an opportunity to lay before your readers, and your fellow-citizens and particularly our sanitary, a sketch of what the Association has done *for Pennsylvania's soldiers in this very Harewood Hospital.* I must such a sketch will not be without both interest and value.

The business of the Association is transacted with method and care. Every invoice of goods is carefully filed, and also copied into a book; every article delivered is charged to the person receiving it, so that the cause of course that he is to pay for it, but that we may have a full record of our doings, which is free at all times for your inspection. Thus the name of every soldier sick in the hospital where he stops, the name of his regiment, company and Post Office, etc., are preserved.—Our agents also are charged with goods taken for distribution and are held responsible *for their delivery to the soldier himself.* We leave no goods in the hands of stewards or physicians. We prefer to see them placed in the hands of the soldier.

Our books therefore, enable me to give you an exact account of what the Association has done to Harewood Hospital. First allow me to state that between one-fifth and one-sixth of the patients are, or were, Pennsylvanians. That was now but a few more than 3000 patients to all there, but in estimating the labor performed, I speak of it when it had some 5000 occupants and between four hundred and six hundred Pennsylvanians, among whom were 1 Col. 1 Lieut. Col. and 3 Majors. I find the following articles to have been distributed at Harewood between the 15th of September and the 1st of November:

357 muslin shirts, 221 sheets, 33 quilts, 235 towels, 140 handkerchiefs, 12 dressing gowns, 13 bars soap, 30 bottles wine and whiskey, 121 cans of fruit, 1 barrel and 108 packs of dried fruit, 230 pillows, 1 bbl. vinegar, 7 jars of ripe apples, 69 pairs socks, 21 woolen shirts, 14 pairs woolen drawers, 33 jars jelly, 1 chest of tea, 40 pounds sugar, 9 boxes of coffee, 10 packages of pepper, 6 pairs of crutches, 18 papers farina, 10 papers mustard, 17 papers corn starch, 6 barrels onions, 7 barrels potatoes, 11 boxes mustard, 12 boxes gelatine, 7 boxes cocoa.

I will not enumerate the 4 bottles of writing paper, postage stamps, finger stalls, lint, bandages, etc., etc., which we have given to that hospital, for it would make this article too long for publication. I will add, however, that we constantly and have ever since been erected on the ground, a cooking stove that our boys might enjoy a place of their own to cook at.

Following are the names of some (a very small part,) of the soldiers at Harewood added:—A. Keyser, Wesley Young, Thomas Swift, John C. Conliff, John Harrer, Samuel Bishop, Hugh Mulkey, M. Hasch, H. Barringer, B. M. Gerrig, N. Sandbach, A. Wilson, Daniel Hall, L. W. Port, J. M. Scott, Thos Griffin, C. Ferguson, Robert Miller, Edward Farwin, O. W. Gilmor, B. M. Brewer, J. Y. Mitchell, Henry Weiss, and very many more.

Following are the names of some of the persons who have distributed our goods at Harewood:—Mrs Judge Casey, Mrs. C. B. Smith (wife of the Secretary of the Interior,) Mrs. Dr. Wood, the Misses Wood, Mrs. Whitesey, Miss Middleton, etc. Also Messrs Jacob Ritz, Dubois, Eaton, Jones, Ringwalt, Nicholas and many others. I think you will admit that the Association has not been wholly unmindful of its assumed duties, nor of the whole is not told. All our goods was not sufficient to supply the demand when that hospital was first established. Under the chairmanship of Alexander Dallas, a grand corps surpassed all former efforts, and demonstrated the fact that iron-clads are as vulnerable to it as wooden walls are to ordinary shot.

Soon released Union officers, very recently from Richmond, say that the tone of the press and aspect of the people at Richmond indicate that they consider the place in great danger, and that they are aware of the strength of the National army and its determination to make it untenable. Union officers who had come from North Carolina, report that there was great apprehension there of the capture of Wilmington by Gen Foster.

The Rama Lousia, the Richmond *Dispatch* of Nov. 19th, thus estimates the rebel losses from the capture of Fort Donelson: Our loss in killed and wounded at Fort Donelson may be roughly estimated at 3500; at Roanoke and on the North Carolina coast, 2500; at Elkhorn, 3500; at Shiloh, 10,000; at Williamsburg, Seven Pines and before Richmond, 20,000; in the valley of the Shenandoah, 8000; at Cedar Run, 1200; at the second battle of Manassas, 6000; at Boonsboro and Crampton Gaps, 4,000; at Sharpsburg, 15,000; at Corinth, 40,00; at Perryville, 3000, and 5000 for sho-s, who have fallen at outposts, in skirmishes, &c. These figures added together, make the enormous sum of 75,000! Of the number it would be safe to say that one third or 25,000 are now in their graves, having either been killed outright or died from their wounds. Quite as many probably more, have died from sickness. To this should be added 25,000 more for those who have been claimed and whose health has been ruined for life. Thus, our losses in ten months of the present year may be estimated at 75,000 men, who have either perished or have been disabled. If the whole truth were known they would probably reach 100,000 by the end of the year, for the deaths from disease in the hospitals, in camps, and at home, generally exceed those in battle. For every year the war continues we must expect our casualties to be quite as heavy as they have been the present.

WAR ITEMS.

THE gunboat Mohawk has shelled the town of St. Mary's, Fla.

The trial of Gen. Fitz John Porter is delayed in consequence of the non-arrival of witnesses.

GEN. Pope has been ordered to Washington, to testify in the case of Gen. Fitz John Porter.

ASSISTANT Surgeon E. C. Peck has been arrested for issuing fraudulent exemption papers.

LARGE bodies of rebel soldiery have been sent to Mobile. The fears of an attack on that point still manifest themselves in the Richmond papers.

ALL the available horses and mules at Washington, Pittsburg, and other depots have been sent to General Burnside's army.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made to provide for the comfortable maintenance of the paroled prisoners during the coming winter.

IT is stated that Brigadier General Robert Anderson will soon be assigned to the military command of the cities of Covington and Newport, Kentucky.

THE Banks expedition it is said, will be found to operate in a quarter nearer home than Texas; but where that precise quarter is it would be impolitic to tell.

THE authorities at Savannah are making preparations to resist any of the neo-combatants from that city, in anticipation of an attack from the national gunboats.

THE Grenada *Appeal* (rebel) reiterates the story that the Alabama put to sea on pretence of a trial trip, and that her English owners paid the £20,000 penalty.

THE military commission