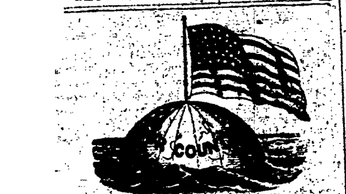
Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1862.



"HOW THE SOLDIERS VOTE."

The papers that oppose the National Administration in its measures for quelling the Rebellion, have been silent since the late elections, in reference to the votes of soldiers legally entitled to vote under the laws of their respective States. If these papers were to be depended upon to enlighten the public in reference to the manner in which the soldiers voted in this State in 1861, and in other States in 1862, the people would remain in a complete state of ignorance on the subject. At the following times, and for the following States the votes of soldiers have been legally taken and officially declared, with the following results:

	Repub.	*Dem.*
Oct., 1861, Pennsylvania,	11,351	3,173
June, 1862, Illinois,	10,500	2,500
Oct., 1862, Iowa,	14,474	4,115
Nov., 1862, Wisconsin,	6,219	2,000
	42,944	11,788
	11,788	
Repub. maj.,	31,156	

This is about one Democratic to four Republican votes among the soldiers. In this County although we have no official figures, as the soldiers' vote for the State was not taken on this year, it not being constitutional under the decision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, for the soldiers to vote in their camps beyond the limits of the State, yet from returns which have been sent to us from some of the regiments now in the service from this County, we find the proportion still heavier, there being about six Republicans in the service from Schuylkill, to one Democrat.

The soldiers' vote of Illinois is only partial, for the reason that a grossly unjust plan for dividing the State into legislative districts, by which the Democratic counties would have a majority of the Legislature although much less populous than their Republican neighbors, was voted for as follows: For the adoption of the Constitution, 2,500. Against, 10,500. The Commissioners appointed by the State Convention to take the votes of the soldiers on the question of the new Constitution, finding that they were voting dead against it, refused to visit any more regiments, or to make any further returns.

In Iowa it is different. The soldiers' vote is full, fair and official. We find by comparing the vote with the Presidential vote of Iowa in 1860, that the Republicans of that State furnished to the army one soldier to every 4.73 voters, while the Democrats furnished but one in 13.65. If this proportion holds good in all the Free States, and the moral proof that this is so is overwhelming, this excess of volunteering will alone account for all the apparent losses of the Republicans in the late elections.

The *Tribune* shows by the following statement that if the soldiers from New York had been allowed to vote Wadsworth would have been elected Governor by over forty thousand majority:

> The Republican party by right of numbers is dominant and sovereign in every free State in the Union except New Jersey. It has 700,000 soldiers with arms in their hands in the service of their country, while the Democratic party has 150,000. As sovereign, it has declared the policy to be pursued toward this Rebellion, and has gone forth to execute it. It is petty treason therefore, for the servants to the advantage of the enemies of Republicans in camps to attempt to reverse their policy. Let them beware how they bring dishonor upon the country. Those acting in opposition to their bosses, and with them their party to sovereign authority. And then there will be a day of reckoning with those whose sympathy with treason has brought dishonor and disaster upon the country.

LOYAL OREGON.

The following is the vote for Governor in Oregon which Jim Lane engineered into the Union by the aid of the Slave Power when they only had a population of about 50,000, while he, Lane, reported she had a population of 93,000, which the law requires before admittance. Oregon added two Senators and one Legislator to the slave power, but the people have since repudiated Lane and all her representatives, and rolled up the following glorious Union majority at the recent Governor's election.

For Governor—Gibbs, Union,	7,089
" " Miller, Dem.,	3,450
For Congress—McBride, Union,	6,809
" " Wait, Dem.,	3,632
Gibbs' majority, 2,589; McBride's maj., 3,177.	

Both branches of the Legislature are largely Union. That will do for Oregon. She has nobly followed California in completely routing the sympathizing Democracy. There were but few soldiers in the army from these States, hence the overwhelming defeat of Democracy at home.

Missouri.—The Legislature of Missouri stands as follows:

Emancipationists,	59
Pro-Slavery Democrats,	38
Majority for Emancipation,	21

This secures two Emancipation United States Senators. Of course, in the eyes of the Democratic leaders these Emancipationists are Abolitionists of the deepest dye, and no better than Secessionists. History however will reverse these declarations, and record the Abolitionists as *patriots*, while it will record the pro-slavery leaders of the Democracy as *traitors to their country in its time of trial.*

The Abolition of Slavery.—We have always believed that the rebellion would end within three months after the abolition of slavery. We also believe that if the slaves had been emancipated by the Government one year ago, that the rebellion would have been over nine months since, and all the lives sacrificed and treasure expended since that period could have been saved. We believe *now* that within three months after the Emancipation Proclamation takes effect and Congress backs it up effectually, that the fighting will be over, and we can bury the foul carcass of Secession the 4th of July next.

We preferred that the proclamation of Emancipation should have declared *all* the slaves free in the country with remuneration to loyal slave holders,—that the whole amount required to reimburse loyal slaveholders would not have exceeded *one hundred million dollars*,—a sum which would not support the expense of the war ninety days,—and therefore trifling in comparison with the expenses of continuing it. The great evil of slavery would have thus been destroyed forever, and loyal slave holders would have received remuneration. With slavery abolished in the Gulf States and in the North, the slaves in the Border States will become almost worthless, and with a heavy debt entailed on the country by the slave power, the people hereafter will not care much about remunerating even loyal slave holders, if they do not seize the present opportunity of placing themselves under the provisions of the Proclamation. With the slaves set loose from the plantations, their onward course will be rapidly South by the pressure of white labor, until they would eventually be driven into Mexico, and South America, the same as our Indians have been driven to the frontiers. This process would have been gradual without producing a shock to any of the productive interests of the country, and no scheme of colonization would have been thought of as necessary to get rid of the negroes. But the determined opposition of the slave holding border men and the slave democracy, defeated this plan, and the President issued his present Proclamation freeing only the slaves in the rebellious States, and strongly urges upon the people of the Border States to adopt his policy. The President very truly remarks, that a number of good plans have been suggested, but if each party adheres to his particular policy, nothing can be accomplished; and as the President has more power than we have to carry out *his* plan, with the co-operation of the people and Congress, we, as good loyal citizens, acquiesce in his decision, and will support his policy so long as there is a hope of carrying it into effect.

The community hopes that Congress will take into favorable consideration Secretary Chase's project for the establishment of a national currency, which of course, would be of uniform value throughout the country, and which would be received as readily in England and France as here. We are aware that there is a strong party opposed to such a measure, but we believe that the true interests of the people at large should be consulted rather than those of associations. On behalf of the banks, it is urged as ungenerous in the government thus to shut down upon them after they have stood by it so long and faithfully, though it is difficult to see how, even if there were no tax upon the bank issues, they could long compete with the government in the matter of circulation; that a national currency, almost unlimited in amount, would soon drive the banks to the wall, and reduce them to mere institutions of discount and deposit, there can be no question, and the friends of the banks will strive hard to avert such a result. It has been thought by some that in the event of a suppression of bank notes—and their redemption by the various banks—they would be redeemed in gold and silver this being the standard of our currency at the date of their issue; but such a course is not likely while the banks can just as well cancel their notes with any of the government issues. We hope that the proposition of the Secretary will be taken up speedily for consideration, and that his views on this question which are eminently statesmanlike and sound, will receive from Congress a substantial shape. Besides, Mr. Chase says with confidence, that if Congress will support him in his measures, he can steer the financial bark of the Government safely through all the breakers that threaten its prosperous career.

Preparation of the Slaveholders for Emancipation.—It is said that the slaveholders of Arkansas and Tennessee are making wise preparation for the emancipation of their slaves under the President's Proclamation. Some weeks since many of the slaveholders of the vicinity of Helena, Ark., had already entered into a contract with their slaves to remain on the plantations, *under wages*. They have it seems, come to the conclusion that the negroes are quite as necessary to them as they are to the negroes. As laborers they are essential to the South, and no class will be more opposed to their colonization in a foreign country, when the war is over, than their former masters. The mass of the emancipated negroes will if they have their choice, remain just where they are, and work for wages. They will not come North into a cold climate, which they dislike, and they would rather not be colonized abroad. This problem of what to do with the emancipated negroes, is becoming gradually but surely solved.

The Banks and Fortress Monroe expeditions are *not* for the James River, but for a more southern field of operation. The expedition carried immense quantities of coal, and provisions for sixty days, which would imply that a Gulf port was the destination of the squadron. It is possible that Texas is the point in view—in furtherance of the project of dividing it up into four States. A portion of the expedition was passed off Hatteras, on Sunday last.

The Proclamation.—Letters from Washington state that the Slave Democracy are making tremendous efforts to have the Proclamation nullified or extended after the first of January. If the Administration should even entertain such a proposition, it will go down into eternal disgrace. Let it take counsel from its friends—it has been tampered with too much already by its bitter enemies.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

"The Illustrated Annual Register of Rural Affairs" for 1863, is a useful work to most only the farmer but to every person who owns a plot of ground large enough for a dozen fruit trees. It contains besides the Calendar, one hundred and forty engravings, including dairy apparatus, fruit and fruit trees, architecture, plants, implements, insects, &c., accompanied by practical suggestions for the farmer and horticulturist. It is edited by J. J. Thomas, Esq., author of the "American Fruit Culturist," and "Farm Implements," associate-editor of the *Country Gentleman* and Cultivator, and is published by Luther Tucker & Son, Albany, N. Y. We commend this interesting work to the attention of every farmer. It is cheap and valuable.

The English Reviews.—We are indebted to Messrs. Leonard Scott & Co., of New York, for the November number of *Blackwood*, and the October number of the *London Quarterly Review*.—Both contain interesting and able articles, except when they discuss the American question, when their prejudices and grasps as it may seem, real—we can hardly believe it assumed—ignorance of the true merits of the War, and falsification of facts, are pitiable. These publications can learn a profitable lesson from the more enlightened course of the *Westminster Review*.—In other respects as we have intimated, the numbers before us are quite superior.

Local Affairs.

WEEKLY ALMANAC.

1862—Dec.	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	Moon's Aspects
13 Saturday,	7 16	4 33	
14 Sunday,	7 17	4 34	Full Moon, 2 41 m.
15 Monday,	7 17	4 34	Perigee, 1 57 m.
16 Tuesday,	7 18	4 34	New M. 11 6 m.
17 Wednesday,	7 18	4 34	First Q. 12 6 45 m.
18 Thursday,	7 19	4 34	
19 Friday,	7 19	4 35	

Thermometrical Record for the Week.

Pennsylvania Hall, Pottsville.

Dec.		8 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.
"	6—Saturday,	31°	39°	34°
"	8—Monday,	15	28	25
"	9—Tuesday,	21	31	28
"	10—Wednesday,	19	33	27
"	11—Thursday,	24	44	35
"	12—Friday,	30	45	40

Diphtheria and scarlet fever are quite prevalent now in this County. The former disease is a terrible malady—one difficult to manage especially in the case of children.

Col. George O. Wynkoop of the Seventh Penna. Cavalry who recently brought on the body of his son Nicholas, for interment here, left town on Wednesday last to return to his command which is now in Nashville.

J. W. Hine of Co. A, 48th Pa., and Phil. Kantner, of Co. D, 48th Reg., P. V., reached New York on Monday last in the United States Hospital transport Daniel Webster, from Alexandria, Va. They were among 311 sick and wounded soldiers which she brought.

Exchanging Compliments.—A soldier at Fredericksburg, writes that the pickets of the two armies are so close that they converse quite readily. The other morning one of our comfortably clad pickets accosted a ragged rebel picket with the query, "where are your good clothes?" "O," replies rebel easily, "these are good enough to kill hogs in."

In view of an impending battle, the Sanitary Commission is calling for blankets, clothing and other articles which will be necessary for the comfort of the wounded. We hope our citizens will do all that they can in this respect for our gallant soldiers. The principal articles needed are flannels and clothing.

Mountain City H. B. Arch Chapter, 198, elected on last Monday evening the following officers for the ensuing year:

High Priest—Rev. S. F. Colt.
King—Henry C. Russel.
Scribe—Frank Pott.
Treasurer—L. F. Whitney.
Secretary—C. F. Little.

The name of the girl who was shot and killed in St. Clair on Thursday of last week, by a boy named Jonathan Williams, is Mary Jane Hughes. She was 17 years of age. An inquest was held on Thursday evening by Corner Johnson, and a verdict rendered "that Mary Jane Hughes came to her death by the discharge of a gun in the hands of Jonathan Williams." The boy has been arrested and committed for trial.

Mr. Kemmerer gave a very interesting juvenile concert at the Court House on Monday evening last, to a crowded audience. The young gentleman of Chambersburg, who sang Union songs in our camp at Chambersburg, last September, sang on Monday evening last. He possesses a good voice and considerable humor.—The Revelle" sang by Mr. E.'s pupils, on Monday evening, is an excellent piece.

Arrival of the Body of a Deceased Volunteer.—On Wednesday last the body of Joseph Zimmerman, a member of the Seventh Pa. Cavalry, who died in Nashville on the 29th ult., of typhoid fever, reached his father's (Wm. Zimmerman) residence in Tumbling Run Valley. The deceased was highly esteemed in his regiment, and was so good a soldier that at the time of his death he occupied the position of one of the body guard of Gen. Negley. The remains will be interred at Port Carbon to-morrow.

Grand Fair and Festival.—The young ladies of the Episcopal church (mostly teachers and pupils of the Sunday school, and members of the church choir) propose holding a Fair, for the sale of useful and fancy articles, at the Town Hall, on the 23d inst., (next Tuesday a week,) to raise funds to repair the church organ. It is designed to make it a large and specially apropos *af-fair*, by providing just such good things and knick-knacks as purchasers two days before Christmas will be looking for. The contributions already engaged, we are told, exceed anything of the kind undertaken here for a long while before.

Beautiful Testimonial to Col. Frick.—At the store of Capt. David A. Smith, Centre street, a beautiful sword prepared by a portion of the Ninety-Sixth Regiment, P. V., for presentation to their late Lieut. Colonel, J. G. Frick, may be seen. The blade is elaborately ornamented, while the gripe of the handle is of silver. The scabbard is of bronzed metal, chastely ornamented, and bears the following inscription:

> *"Presented to*
> **Lieut.-Col. J. G. Frick,**
> *96th Regiment, P. V., by his friends in the Regiment, for his Gallant Conduct at Gaines' Hill, June 25th, and his Efficiency as an officer.—July, 1862.*

The sword cost $100, and is a merited testimonial to a brave and efficient officer. Col. Frick is now the commanding officer of the 129th Reg., P. V.

Death of Lieut. Wertley.—We learn from Lieut. Wm. Lerch, that Lieut. Edward Wertley, of Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Regiment, P. V., died on the 30th ultimo, of inflammation of the lungs and typhoid fever. At the President's call in April, 1861, for troops, Lieut. Wertley was one of the first to respond.—He served gallantly and faithfully through the three month's service in the 1st Pa. Regiment, Col. Yohe, under the command of Capt. Armstrong, the present Lieut.-Col. of the 129th. He was loved by all the men under his supervision, and they sincerely regret their loss. Through the kindness of Col. Frick, commanding the 129th, his remains were forwarded, under the charge of Capt. J. A. Dever, to Washington, and from there to Easton by Express, where his family at present resides. He was 23 years of age at the time of his death. He was born in Port Carbon, Schuylkill County, where his parents now reside. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn their loss.

Death of an Aged Citizen of Schuylkill County.—Jacob Dreibelbies, Esq., a native of this County, and in its earliest history a very prominent citizen, died in Schuylkill Haven on the 3d inst., at the advanced age of 80 years.—Mr. Dreibelbies was born in the Borough of Schuylkill Haven, and at one time was proprietor of all the land in the town and in its immediate vicinity. He laid out the town. He was a Lieutenant in a company from this County, in 1814, during the war with Great Britain, and was elected a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature by the citizens of Berks and Schuylkill Counties, in October of that year, while in camp at Baltimore. In 1817 he was appointed Prothonotary of this County, by Governor William Findley, which position he occupied for three years. During thirty years of his life he resided in Ohio and Iowa, and returned only a year or so ago to the place of his nativity, to finally lay his bones among his kindred at his old home.

Shortly after the death of Col. Wynkoop's son, Nicholas, who was killed while bravely fighting in defence of our imperilled liberties, the Colonel sojourned at the St. Cloud Hotel, Nashville. While there the following lines addressed to a lady from a female friend (both strangers still to the Colonel) were sent to him. They allude to his bereavement in a touching manner, and indirectly pay a high tribute to the Colonel's proverbial kindness of heart, particularly where unprotected womanhood and childhood claim his generous care:

"HE IS NOT"

Addressed to Mrs. R.S. of Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Lonie:
At St. Cloud Hotel
A man of sorrow is sojourning,
With sympathetic breast mind swell!
That stranger needs his words of mourning—
That noble one you have known—that son
Whose dignity—whose manly beauty—
Whose sportsman's fleetness won
Even 'mid the chain of sterner duty.

You thought upon your boy, I trow,
When tidings came that he was taken,
And by a sympathy of woe
Your generous woman's breast was shaken.
Then go to him—that mourning one—
That father—deem him not a foeman—
Like April's shower, or April's sun,
The generous sympathies of woman.

And well he merits woman's prayers
For he to her has ever extended
Protection 'mid the ills of war,
And in her need at need befriended.
Then go on her behalf and hear
Condolence to his sad bereavement,
To soothe it going to dry a tear
In tender woman's fit achievement.

ANNE.

Sept. 3, '62.

The remains of the late Capt. Horace Roberts of Co. E, Fifty-fifth Reg., P. V., were interred at Minersville on Tuesday last. The Capitals fell in the engagement at Pocotaligo, S. C. The funeral was largely attended; the services were appropriate, and the military was present to pay the last honors to the gallant soldier. The event is to be regretted.

Counterfeit Postage Currency.—It appears that there are counterfeits fifty cent issues of the new postage currency in circulation. They are said to be well executed, and should be guarded against. The following easily noted marks will enable holders to detect them:

1. The paper is thinner than the genuine. 2. The five faces of Washington vary considerably from each other in the counterfeit—of much so that two or three of them, if standing alone, would hardly be taken to be portraits of Washington—while on the genuine they all closely resemble each other. 3. The lighted letters, "U. S.," under the middle face of Washington in the counterfeit do not show the lines and dots of the right letters do on the genuine. 4. The border round the lettering and "50" on the back of the counterfeit is dark, and the lines are crowded, while in the genuine the border is open, with a line of light dots running through the middle all the way round. In the counterfeit this middle line is almost invisible, while in the genuine it is so distinct as to catch the eye at once.

Important to Deserters from the Draft.—The following order from the Adjutant General of the United States, is of the highest importance, alike to those who are attempting by fraud and desertion to escape the draft, and those who may become liable to another ordeal of that system to make up deficiencies growing out of such desertion. It becomes a matter of general duty and importance, then, that all good citizens should interest themselves in securing the return of all deserters, and that the drafted men should know that the service of nine months which they owe to the government, will be sternly exacted, to date, not from the hour of the draft, but from the moment they report for duty:

HARRISBURG, PA., Dec. 6th, 1862.

The undersigned deems it necessary to communicate the following for the information of all concerned:

Drafted militia who disregard their obligations to their country and keep out of the way, and avoid delivery to the several camps of instruction, cannot divest themselves of their liability to faithfully perform nine months of military service; and that service can only commence from the date of their delivery to the military authorities. The citizens yet subject to draft, are deeply interested in seeing that the recruits are promptly sent to the general government.

The required quota of the State a certain number of men, some of their citizens may be subsequently drafted in place of such recusants.

Drafted militia who have deserted, will be pursued, and when apprehended, will be required to make good the time lost by their unauthorized absence, and also be subject to such punishment as may be determined by a General Court Martial, under the articles of war.

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

Lieut. H. H. Lutz of Harrisburg, Adjutant of the First Battalion, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, died recently in Tennessee. The proceedings of a meeting held at the headquarters of the First Battalion, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, in Camp Rosecrans, near Nashville, Tenn., October 30, 1862, by the officers of the Battalion, reached us this week by mail, and we cheerfully comply with their request to publish them. They are as follows:

A meeting of the officers of the First Battalion, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, being called to take into consideration the death of Lieut. Harry H. Lutz, Battalion Adjutant, Major John E. Wynkoop was called to the Chair. On motion, a committee of four were appointed to draft resolutions expressing the sentiments of the battalion.

The following officers were named as the Committee: Heber S. Thompson, 1st Lieut. Co. F; John C. Field, 1st Lieut. Co. I; Percy H. White, 1st Lieut. Co. A; J. S. Enderson, 2d Lieut. Co. D. After the members of the committee had retired for a few moments for consultation, they returned and made the following report:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Divine Providence to suddenly remove from our midst Lieut. Harry H. Lutz, our friend and fellow officer;

Resolved, That we hereby testify our sincere and heartfelt sorrow at the loss we have met with in his death. As a friend he was esteemed, and as an officer honored by all who knew him.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the sorrow of his relations, being able, from our knowledge of his merits, to appreciate in a degree their loss.

Resolved, That we deeply regret the military necessity which prevented our paying the honors due to his remains.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his family, to the daily papers of Harrisburg, and to the *Miners' Journal* of Pottsville, for publication, and that a copy be retained among the records of the regiment.

PROCEEDINGS OF COURT,

REPORTED FOR THE MINERS' JOURNAL.

Quarter Sessions.

The criminal business continued through Friday and Saturday of last week, and part of this, as follows:

Jane Brown—Surety, on complaint of Mary Ann Williams. Def. sentenced to pay costs, and enter into her own recognizance in $50 for her good behavior, &c.

Franklin C. Smith—False pretences, on oath of Saml. M. Miller. At the solicitation of the def., and on his representation of himself to be the owner of certain property, Miller was induced to lend him his accommodation note, which was several times renewed. In the meantime, defendant failed, and Miller's note was left unpaid. After the trial had progressed for some time, the parties agreed upon a settlement, when the case was withdrawn and the jury discharged.

Mary McCarty—Two prosecutions against her for assault and battery by Elizabeth Cray—the parties from Thomastown. Convicted on both indictments, and sentenced to pay 6 costs fine and costs in each case.

James, John, and Bridget Joyce—Surety, on complaint of Margaret Stephens. All discharged, but Margaret to have till next Court before sentence passed.

James Joyce—Surety—John Stephens, the complainant. Each party to pay half the costs.

John Monroe—For not repairing the public roads in Mahanoy township. After proceeding to trial, defendant plead guilty, and was sentenced to pay $25 fine and the costs. The Court, in this and several other similar prosecutions, expressed a determination to hold road-contractors to a strict accountability.

Ellen Stanley, Charles Latimer and Thomas Kent—were charged with conspiring to defraud Mr. William Dovey out of several tons of coal, at the Silver Creek Colliery.—It was the custom at this colliery to supply the hands with their coal, at a stated monthly rent. Mrs. Stanley had been a tenant, but was about removing from the premises; and misconceiving her rights under this arrangement of coalliers, she employed Latham to haul what coal she had left from her house to Scott's place.—It was, however, all returned, on the parties being remonstrated with by Mr. Jas. J. Dovey, manager for the proprietors, who without waiting to see that done, forthwith entered this complaint. Result—the defendants declared not guilty, and the prosecutor to pay the costs.

Lawrence Delaney—Rape, or attempt to commit a rape on an infant child named Lydia Brem, on oath of Mary Ann Adams and Mary Stinton—Michael Seltzer, prosecutor. Jury trial. Defendant guilty of assault and battery with intent to commit a rape.

Mary Pendergrast—For selling liquor on Sunday.—After proceeding to trial, defendant plead guilty.

John R. Davis, a contractor was convicted of not keeping the public roads in Foster township in good order, and fined $25 and costs.

James O'Bryan was charged by his wife Ellen with an assault and battery on her. But Ellen could not make out her case, and was directed to pay the costs.

Michael Rooney was convicted of not repairing the public roads in Blythe township.

Manassas Bale, a boy 14-17 years old, was convicted of breaking into a R. R. car to steal apples. There were mitigating circumstances, and the Court let him off with a fine of 6 cents and the costs.

William Fisher was charged with an assault and battery on his wife Elizabeth. Found not guilty, but directed to pay the costs.

Jonas Werkle, a farmer living on the line of the Quakake railroad, (connecting the Catawissa road from the point of junction some miles above Tamaqua, with the Lehigh Region,) was charged with placing obstructions on the Quakake road, with the malicious purpose of throwing the trains off the track. The Jury, after retiring out some 8-10 hours, came into Court and declared their inability to agree, and were discharged without a verdict.

George Wert, Thomas Donohoe, and others of Ashland, were prosecuted by Jesse D. Rice, for malicious mischief in breaking a pump on premises occupied by him. Not guilty—prosecutor to pay one-third of the costs, and defendants the remaining two-thirds.

Jas. Uncil was charged with and convicted of fornication and bastardy with Priscilla Beaumont, of St. Clair. Usual sentence for the support of the child has not.

The prosecution against Michael Murphy for libel, was continued on the application of defendant, in consequence of his inability to procure the attendance of counsel—the Court requiring him to give bail in $1000 for his good behavior, &c., and for his appearance at the next term.

So ended the business of the Sessions for this term.—The number of cases disposed of was small, but still more remarkable for the large number in which the gentler sex figured as hallbirds-ds. Whether the women now-a-days aspire to take the palm of the fighting men who have gone to the war, or their crowding to the temple of justice at this time can be accounted for on other and more natural grounds, is a query beyond our knowledge of female human nature to solve.

Commonwealth Plaas.

Schuyl. County Lunatic Asylum.—In *D. R. Crist and A. Frantz*.—This was an action of Replevin, to recover damages for the seizure of certain property of the plaintiffs, levied upon in 1857, by Constable Crist under a landlord's warrant issued by Frantz, as the agent of John Pretzel.—Pretzel was the owner of the undivided half interest in the premises when the distress was levied, and leased the same to one James Teague. Plaintiffs entered into possession under the Teague lease, and paid rent to Pretzel the same; but subsequent to the expiration of the term, and during their continued occupation of the premises they acquired title to the other undivided half interest, and thereby became tenants in common with Pretzel, and claiming to be in actual possession as such, they refused longer to acknowledge their liability to him as landlord. Verdict, $1 damages for plaintiffs.

John Spencer, Jas. Spencer and Thomas Fillis, and Sunbury & L. R. Co.—In February, 1856, the plaintiff, then a little girl, 5-6 years old, was run over by a passing locomotive, at the crossing on the road to Commons before the Five Ladies, and three fingers of her right hand cut off. This was an action to recover damages, therefor. Still on trial yesterday. This case was tried a term or five ago, but the jury could not agree.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

There can be no question that the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, just published, has been most generally read and more thoroughly understood since any document emanating from that department of the Government for many years. The present condition of the financial business and the various sources of revenue are most lucidly set forth.

The only necessity to present the leading points in a brief synopsis of the report of Mr. Secretary Chase's very able document.

The Secretary considers why a change of circumstances may cause estimates to exceed expenditures—such as the great increase of the army. Disbursements, however, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1863, according to the Secretary's last December estimate, (the data for estimates being in round numbers,) $14 millions short of last, and the estimate $17 millions. The estimate of duties to be incurred up to the commencement of July, 1863, is over eleven hundred millions; and if the war be continued in full force till the 1st of July, 1864, the duty likely to have been thus incurred, $1 net from at present ten hundred and fifty-four millions.

The Secretary is happy in the statements which he can make in regard to the reduction of the cost of the loan, to the Government. The first loans bore 6 per cent. while the immediate cost of the present loan of 1865, convertible at will of holder to United States notes; bonds at 6 per cent. special, and redeemable after 20 years. They are called five-twenties, or five-twenty bonds. The good results have exceeded the Secretary's expectations. The Secretary expresses regret that his recommendation in regard to a general banking law, &c., were not carried out. The Secretary then goes on to say: United States Notes issued, $138,000,000; $49,000,000 paid in certificates of debt; $20,000,000 in cash. Every call on the Treasury answered, and all army business with it promptly settled. Balance in Treasury, $13,000,000. Notwithstanding the unexpected demands on the Treasury, arising from army reverses, the Secretary has provided for constantly increasing disbursements. Payments during and ending June 30, other than for the principal of public debt, were $111,000,000; Oct., $49,000,000; Nov., $50,000,000. All requisitions beyond resources, even for $100,000,000. Power to borrow or get loans under act of July, 1861, is exhaust-d. Secretary considers financial laws. He does not favor the issue of Treasury Notes to pay $100,000,000 as needed. A limited issue under certain restrictions might answer.—The Secretary does not believe the present paper issues redundant. Stoppage of specie payments, and fears of interest, have driven the specie into the vaults. This has caused gold to be an object of speculation, till it reached 37½ per cent. The Secretary treats of the causes of the rise; not to be attributed mainly to increase of currency. The cause of redundancy in the paper circulation of the State banks. He commends a U. S. Bank circulation, and the reduction of the bank-note circulation. He favors the proposition to tax a moderate rate of bank circulation, and considers it the best means of gradual reduction and substitution. The Secretary believes in a sound circulation of uniform value, through banking associations organized under national legislation. He discusses the national resources—lands, mines, &c., and is hopeful of the future. The mode of obtaining the new loans is lucidly described. In conclusion, in favor of authorizing the issue of bonds, he advises to be taken off. The bullion received at the Mint last fiscal year was $45,000,000. Amount coined—gold, $45,000,000; silver, none; $2,000,000, etc. Total amount of bullion deposited at Assay Office, N. Y., $26,000. In San Francisco—gold deposits in branch mint, $16,000,000; silver, $7,000. The Secretary recommends that the present demonetization of gold may be well avoided of, for the purpose of taking one considerable step toward having uniform weights, measures and coins. He recommends that the half eagle be made equal to the gold sovereign of Great Britain. He discusses the trade between the loyal and disloyal States; Custom-House frauds; the necessity of a N. Y. Assistant Collector; the requirements of the N. Y. Custom-House building; the administration of the hospital fund; the issue of stamp currency; the printing and engraving of Treasury notes; the safety of the treasury vaults destroyed through military service; the appointments of certain deputies; the inspection of steamboats; the revenue-cutter service; praises the coal survey; glances at maps and charts and lighthouses; then concludes without any peroration.

The Secretary's views on the subject of a National currency of uniform value throughout the country, we give at length, as this may be considered the great feature of his report:

It may be properly added that this desirable substitution of a circulation, uniform in description and value, for a circulation varying in both these respects, may perhaps, be more easily and practically effected in some other way than any other time. The circulation of United States Notes may greatly facilitate the operations to the banks, through which their issue and their withdrawal must chiefly be made; but only protect the community from the inconveniences, but the banks from the losses which might otherwise attend reduction.

It may also be added that when the substitution shall have been accomplished, and, perhaps, if circumstances favor, at an earlier period, payments in specie of United States Notes may be required on demand, at least in duty to business than would attend a like resumption in payment of corporate notes. With comparatively trivial sacrifice, the Government can, whenever its expenditures shall be reduced to its revenue, provide, by taxation or otherwise, all the coin needed to commence and maintain the resumption.

While the Secretary thus regards the preference to be heretofore expressed for a United States note circulation, even when issued directly by the Government, and dependent on this action of the Government for redemption and final payment, over the note circulation of the numerous and variously organized and variously responsible banks now existing in the country; and while he now sets forth, more fully than heretofore, the grounds of that preference, he still advances to the opinion expressed in his last report, that a circulation furnished by the Government, but issued by banking associations organized under a general act of Congress, and to be preferred to either. Such a circulation, uniform in general characteristics, and amply secured as to prompt convertibility by national bonds deposited in the Treasury, by the associations issuing the notes, is in his best judgment, more elements of soundness and utility than can be combined in any other.

A circulation composed exclusively of notes issued directly by the Government, or of such notes and coin, is recommended mainly by two considerations: the first, derived from the facility with which it may be provided in emergencies, and the second, from its cheapness.

The principal objections to such a circulation as a permanent system are, 1st, the facility of excessive expansion when expenditures exceed revenue; 2d, the danger of such expansion; 3d, the danger of fraud in management and supervision; 4th, the impossibility of providing it in sufficient amounts for the needs of the people whenever expenditures are reduced to equality with revenue or below it.

These objections are all serious. The last requires some elucidation. It will be easily understood, however, if it be considered that a Government issuing a credit circulation cannot supply, in any given period, an amount of the currency greater than the excess of its disbursements over its receipts. To that amount, it may create a debt in small notes; and these notes may be used as currency. This is precisely the way in which the existing currency of the United States notes is supplied.—That portion of the expenditure not met by revenue or loans has been met by the issues of these notes. Debt in this form has been substituted for taxation, or loans to other forms. Whenever, therefore, the country shall be restored to a healthy normal condition, and receipts exceed expenditures, the supply of United States notes will be arrested, and more progressively diminished. Whatever demand may be made for their redemption in coin must hasten this diminution; and there can be no reissue for redemption, under the conditions, necessarily implied disbursement, and the revenue, upon the supposition, supplies more than is needed for the public service. There is, then, no mode in which a currency in United States notes can be permanently maintained except by loans of them, when not required for disbursement, on deposits of coin, or pledge of securities, or in some other way. This would convert the Treasury into a Government Bank, with all its hazards and mischiefs.

If these reasonings be sound, little room can remain for doubt that the evils certain to arise from such a scheme of currency, if adopted as a permanent system, greatly overbalance the temporary though not inconsiderable advantage offered by it.

It remains to be considered what results may be reasonably expected from an act authorizing the organization of banking associations, such as the Secretary proposed in his last report.

The central idea of the proposed measure is the establishment of one sound, uniform circulation, of equal value throughout the country, upon the foundation of national credit combined with private capital.

Such a currency, it is believed, can be secured through banking associations organized under national legislation.

It is proposed that these associations be entirely voluntary. Any persons, desirous of employing real capital in sufficient amounts, can, if the plan be adopted, unite together under proper articles, and, having complied with the requisite conditions, receive circulation to the extent subscribed for, less the usual reserve of fifteen per cent. on their capital, which they have been accustomed to hold in lawful money for the redemption of their notes. Should Congress see fit to restrict the privilege of deposit to the bonds known as five-twenties, authorized by the act of last session, the Government would probably thereby be relieved from all of that description already issued and make large room for more. A steady market for the bonds would thus be established and the negotiation of them greatly facilitated.

Such a result would be the result that the value of that report would be only or chiefly as it. There are always holders who desire to sell securities of whatever kind. If purchasers for or monetary, the market value cannot be affected. The plan proposed would create a constant demand, equaling and often exceeding the supply. Thus a steady uniformity in prices would be maintained, and interest at a rate somewhat above those of bonds of equal credit but not available to banking associations. It is not easy to appreciate the full benefit of such conditions for a Government obliged to borrow.

Another advantage to be derived from such conditions would be found in the convenient agencies they would furnish for the deposit of public moneys.

The Secretary does not propose to interfere with the independent treasury. It may be advantageously retained, with the addition of depositories already established in the principal cities, where the customs may now be collected as now, in coin or treasury notes issued directly by the Government, but not furnished to banking associations.

But whatever the advantages of such arrangements in the commercial cities in relation to customs, it seems clear that the secured national circulation furnished to the banking associations should be received everywhere for all other dues than customs, and that these associations will constitute the best and safest depositories of the revenues derived from them. Every bank already established will find valued and capacity of quick and cheap transportation, will be likely to be used quite extensively therefor. Every town will find the demand for bonds will thereby be increased. Should Congress see fit to restrict the privilege of deposit to the bonds known as five-twenties, authorized by the act of last session, the Government would probably thereby be relieved from all of that description already issued and make large room for more. A steady market for the bonds would thus be established and the negotiation of them greatly facilitated.

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