Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1865.

THE PUNISHREST OF THE TRAITORS.

Among the prominent leaders of the Rebellion who have been indicted for treason, are Jeff. Davis, Generals Robert E. Lee, Corse, Ewell and Longstreet, and ex-Governors Smith and Letcher. Benjamin and Breckinridge have succeeded in effecting their escape from the country,—which we regret to hear, as they are both steeped in crime to the lips, and richly deserve hanging.

As the time approaches for the trial and we trust, conviction and hanging of the prominent traitors, a protest against so severe a punishment, arises simlutaneously from the English press, which with a few honorable exceptions, has been hostile to our cause. It is caught up by the Copperheads and a few weakkneed Republicans, and we expect to see a strong pressure brought to bear to have these great criminals acquitted, or failing in that, to secure their pardon. We oppose clemency in these cases because we believe that it would be injudicious and impolitic, and retard the work of reorganization in the South. The Rebels have been whipped in the field, but they still exhibit a malignant spirit of hatred and desire for revenge, which must be subdued, or we shall have trouble in the future. The power and dignity of this Government must be impressed upon the minds of the half civilized and rebellious whites of the South. They must obey our laws. The recent fires at Mobile, Nashville and Chattanooga, involving a loss of millions of dollars, were the work of Rebel incendiaries. Here is a picture of the people in Alabama, as drawn by a correspondent of the New York TIMES, who has made a tour along the line of the Mobile and Great Northern Railroad to Montgomery, and thence down the Alabama river to Mobile. He writes:

> They are lazy and will not work, saying that negroes only should engage in toil. The rebel soldiers are very relentless in their treatment of Unionists, men and women faring alike. The corresponding women are more bitter in their revenge, and are debased in their acts of tyranny, that he is convinced nothing will bring order there except bayonet law. He heard of women and children starving to death, and the treatment meted out to the negroes is worse than ever was inflicted by the cruellest master before the war broke out. He says that so great is the madness of the rebel women that their detest and subjugation, that on their return home they wreak their vengeance on their former slaves—cutting off their ears, noses, or lips. Five of these poor negroes came into Montgomery in one day with their ears cut off, and in a mode condition; others have their throats partly cut, and bear on their bodies many evidences of the cruel blows inflicted by their masters.

In many places in the South the people whose rebellious spirits are unsubdued, declare that the negroes in a state of freedom, shall not live in their sections. Now it is plain that this spirit must be nipped in the bud, or we will reap a heavy crop of trouble at great cost in the future. We believe that the execution of the leading traitors will in this respect, have a beneficial effect. As for their crimes, if treason, murder and arson are not sufficient to send them to the gallows, no man in the future in this country should be punished for the commission of those crimes.

History condemns Jeff. Davis. On the 17th of October, 1859, John Brown with seventeen whites and five blacks, made a raid into Harper's Ferry and captured the armory.—Almost all of the party were killed, or captured and hung. Brown's party killed but two persons. The leader of the raid (Brown) was captured on the 18th of October. His trial for murder and treason began on the 27th of October. He was convicted on the 31st of that month, and hung on the 2d of December, 1859. Sharp, decisive work, that met the approval of Davis, for on the 6th of December, 1859, while a Senator from Mississippi, he made a speech in the United States Senate, in reference to the John Brown raid, in which he said, "I hope it will be the last of those violent proceedings, which can only be considered civil war. I am *gratified* to know that the base traitor, and conspirator against his own country, the leader of the murderous raid, *John Brown*, has already met a *felon's* death." Very well, John Brown leveled war against his own country; his party killed two men, and according to Jeff's idea he richly merited what he received, a *felon's* death. Jefferson Davis leveled war against *his* own country; *his* party killed in battle and starved to death in Southern prisons *three hundred and twenty-five thousand* of our fathers, sons and brothers, and he countenanced what John Brown would never have assisted in, the assassination of so pure and good a man as Abraham Lincoln. According to Jeff.'s theory he himself richly deserves a *felon's* death, which he and other leading traitors, Lee, Letcher, and others, should and we hope, will receive. Justice, the future peace of the country, and correct public sentiment demand the execution of the traitors and murderers.

THE KELLER LETCHER-LETTER.

Mr. J. S. Keller of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, a naturally obscure individual, has become quite famous in an ignoble way, by a sympathetic letter which he wrote to Gov. Letcher of Virginia, after Fort Sumter had been captured by the Rebels, and which was recently seized with others of the traitor Letcher's effects. We have published this letter, and since its appearance in print Mr. Keller denies upon his "word of honor" that he wrote it; says that it is a forgery, and refers to his neighbors and those who know him in Schuylkill County, to establish his character. Very well, let us look at the matter.

Mr. Keller on the appearance of the Letcher letter in the Philadelphia *Sunday Dispatch*, wrote as follows to the editor of that paper:

> *To the Editors of the Sunday Dispatch*:—In your issue of the 4th inst., handed to me today, I find published what purports to be a letter from me, addressed to Governor Letcher, of Virginia. Now without mincing words, allow me to state through your columns to deny most emphatically and unequivocally all knowledge of such a letter to any individual under the sun. Such, I give you my word of honor, is a malignant forgery, the work, no doubt, of a political enemy, of whom I know some in this community. It is hoped that while you have publicity in such a thing, you will also be kind enough to publish this vindication of my character. I am sure I am about the last man in Schuylkill Indivual entertains the idea for a moment that I would be guilty of so indescreet an act as giving comfort to a set of delegitimes men, who are in open revolt against my beloved native state.
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> Orwigsburg, May 5th, 1865. J. S. KELLER.

On which the editor makes the following comments:

> We have only to say, in reply, that the letter which we published was found in the house of John Letcher, after the capture of Richmond. It is a forgery, it is certainly a miraculous specimen, and must have been produced with considerable labor. The forgery of a name or of a few words is common; but the forgery of a whole letter, involving great care in the writing, is uncommon. We have compared the original with the manuscript of the letter, published above, and are of opinion that, if the original was not written by Mr. Keller, it is an exceedingly close imitation. Without the denial we should unhesitatingly say, upon comparison, that the Letcher-letter and that published above were written by the same person. But, in order to give Mr. Keller an opportunity to show his neighbors and friends, who know his handwriting, that the Letcher-letter is spurious, we have ruled to be transmitted to Benjamin Bonnan, Esq., of the *Miners' Journal*, Pottsville, Pa., at whose office it may be seen by all who are interested.

The letter came duly to hand, and we will republish it, *verbatim et literatim*. It is as follows:

> ORWIGSBURG SCHUYLKILL CO.
> April 17, 1861
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> GOV. LETCHER OF VIRGINIA.
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> Your Excellency will please excuse the intrusion of a Northern Stranger. But the lamentable condition into which our once happy and prosperous country has been thrown by the sectional party now in power, is anything but encouraging, to a true and until lately loyal Democrat, which I beg leave to offer as a plea of excuse for my intrusion. The cotton States have, we all know acted entirely too hasty. But I say glory to Virginia, the home of a Jefferson & Patrick Henry & Madison and others too numerous to mention. She is not any, yet. I think is more justifiable in acting as she may deem proper by her peculiar status, as I understand your wise and reasonable policy to be.
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> Had the party in power not refused to give the South the Constitutional Rights or other similar proposition, the case would be entirely different. Such a measure would, I do not have satisfied the Border States. Should the Cotton States then have a right rebelled and declined to accept it, they might be considered entirely in the wrong. But as matters stand, the Northern Democrats of all the Border States condemn the Administration, justifiable in its course and are advocating policy. This is the feeling of every true Democrat with whom, and on account of my position I feel for those who foolishly throw themselves in a position against our Southern brothers.
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> Indeed it is deeply disgusting. Ruination and oppression stares us in the face all round.
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> I am a farmer, owning a well improved property in this County, but had I disposed of it, I would at once start for the "old Dominion" and spend the balance of my life on the soil where American freedom was first proclaimed, and among gentlemen whose acquaintance I made several years ago, and for whom I have the highest regard.
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> My venerable friend Gen. Geo. M. Keim of Reading, Pa. and I have often discussed the advantages of western farmers.
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> In conclusion allow me to say, that I disclose above all the idea, to be controlled politically by the N. E. fanatics who are ready to do anything that is conceivable, from the running off, of slaves, to the hanging of persons for religious opinions and the burning of old women for witches.
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> God only knows what will become of us, at this rate, we are now riding on the waves of popular excitement.
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> Please accept this as a private correspondence of one who loves the Virginians.
>
> Your Truly J. S. KELLER.

The disinterested opinion of the editors of the *Sunday Dispatch*, is, that "without the denial," they should unhesitatingly say, upon comparison, that the Letcher-letter and Mr. Keller's letter to the *Dispatch* of May 31 were written by the same person.

But let us see what his neighbors, those who know his handwriting, say. We have submitted the letter to respectable citizens familiar with Mr. Keller's writing, who certify as follows:

> JUNE 14th, 1865.
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> We, the undersigned, citizens of Schuylkill County, being familiar with the handwriting of Joshua S. Keller, of Orwigsburg, and having examined the original letter written by him to "Gov. Letcher of Virginia," dated "Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, April 17th, 1861," DO CERTIFY THAT THE WHOLE OF SAID LETTER IS IN MR. KELLER'S OWN HANDWRITING.
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> SAM'L H. MADDEN, FREDRICK HAESELER,
> JOHN S. PULSIFER, JOHN T. WERNER,
> J. T. CLOUSE, GEO. WERNERT,
> PETER HAMMER, GEO. SHOENER,
> W. A. SHOENER, HENRY HAMMER,
> H. DRUMHELLER, SAMUEL LEFFLER,
> CHAS. PRAILEY, J. H. HAESELER, M. D.

We have also, the assurance of Miss Justina Graeff, who was postmistress at Orwigsburg in April, 1861, that a letter directed to Gov. Letcher was mailed by one of Mr. Keller's children. She sent it, although a neighbor advised her not to transmit it to Virginia.

It must strike the reader that upon this evidence Mr. Keller occupies in the eyes of honorable men an unenviable position. In consonance with the sentiments of Northern traitors during the Rebellion, he writes after our flag had been trailed in the dust by Rebels, a letter of encouragement and sympathy to that pestilential traitor, Letcher. Then when the wretchedly mean act is discovered, he adds the crime of falsehood to his previous indestensible proceeding. Mr. Keller may think it a small matter, it does it so readily, but we tell him that he has earned the lasting contempt of every man in this community whose name is identified with the honor and perpetuity of the Government. That is the way the matter stands, Mr. Keller.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

"HOURS AT HOME."—This is the unique title of a new monthly magazine, devoted to religious and useful literature. It is published by Charles Scribner & Co., 124 Grand street, New York, and edited by J. M. Sherwood. The price of subscription is $3 per annum. The contents of the June number are varied and interesting. The talent engaged upon this magazine is certainly of the first order, embracing the names of many distinguished American divines. The editor declares—and the table of contents before us warrants the assertion—that this Magazine will be unexceptionable in its teachings, elevated in tone and useful; at the same time it will strive to render itself an invaluable aid to the Sunday School teacher, and a welcome visitor to the study of every pastor. We cordially commend "Hours at Home" as a worthy representative of the Religious element of American literature.

Local Affairs.

Weekly Almanac.

1865.—June.	SUN RISES	SUN SETS	MOON'S CHANGES.
17 SATURDAY,	4 28	33	First Q. 1 8 25 mn'g
18 SUNDAY,	4 28	32	Full M. 9 4.45 mn'g
19 MONDAY,	4 29	34	Last Q. 16 6 57 mn'g
20 TUESDAY,	4 29	34	New M. 23 3 2 mn'g
21 WEDNESDAY,	4 29	34	First Q. 30 8 44 eve'g
22 THURSDAY,	4 29	34	
23 FRIDAY,	4 29	35	

Birgfields Cavalry Sheridan, a new and popular gallop, can be obtained at the bookstore of B Bannan.

To-morrow.—Twenty-fifth Sunday of the year, and first after Trinity. Day's length, 15 hours and 6 minutes.

Peirce's patent slates for the pocket, offices, schools, &c., are sold at Bannan's bookstore in this Borough. It is a very convenient article.

Perfumery and fancy soaps from the most celebrated manufacturers, are sold at the store of Boshychell & Brother, Centre street below the Episcopal Church.

On motion of Benjamin W. Cumming, Esq., Col. Frank P. Bennett was admitted to practice law in the several Courts of Schuylkill County, on the 12th inst.

A Stankovitch of Philadelphia, well known to our citizens as a piano tuner, is now at Mr. Max Leimer's, Centre street, where orders can be left for tuning and repairing Pianos.

The Rev. I. H. Brittain will preach in the Baptist Church, Mahantongo street, to-morrow (Sunday) morning and evening. Services 10½ A. M., and 7½ P. M.

Rev. R. H. Austin will preach in the Second Baptist Church, corner Third and Callowhill Sts., formerly Rev. Mr. Lampe, to-morrow, Sunday, at 10½ A. M., and 7½ P. M. The public are cordially invited to attend.

A Cricket Match played on Friday, June 9th, 1865, between the Great club of Pottsville, and the United Eleven, of Port Carbon, on the ground of the latter, resulted in the defeat of the U. S. Grants.

Sudden Death of a Returned Soldier.—Yesterday morning a soldier of the Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, named William Boyle, a returned prisoner from Andersonville, fell dead in Centre street. The cause of death was apoplexy. Deceased resided on Port Carbon road.

Prof. R. Stoych takes pleasure in announcing to the Ladies and gentlemen of Ashland that he intends opening a Dancing School at the Smithsonian Hall on Wednesday next. Instructions will be given to children between 4½ and 6½ o'clock, and to ladies and gents between the hours of 8½ and 10½ P. M.

The Fourth of July.—A meeting to preparations to celebrate the approaching Fourth of July in an appropriate manner; to rejoice over Peace, and welcome home our returning soldiers, will be held at the Union Hotel this evening at 8 o'clock. A large attendance of citizens is requested, as it is especially desirable that the coming anniversary shall be observed in an unusually brilliant manner.

A Good Product in One Day.—One day lately a farmer acquaintance of ours in the lower section of the County, had the following addition to his stock and family: Two swarms of bees hived; two sows gave birth to fourteen pigs; a cow to two calves, and his wife presented him with twins, interesting little girls. If any strictly agricultural counties can do as well we should like to hear from them.

Normal School.—At the request of a number of teachers, J. A. M. Passmore, M. S., has agreed to open a Normal School at his school room, in this Borough, on Monday, July 3d, 1865, if sufficient encouragement be given. All persons desirous of being pupils will make application at once. There is no person we are confident more competent to conduct a school of this character than Mr. Passmore, and we trust that he will be enabled to carry out his idea.

The Union Hall.—This building when completed, will contain one of the finest halls in the State for concerts, &c. It is modeled after the Musical Fund Hall, Philadelphia, which is acknowledged to have no superior in the world for fine acoustic properties. Pottsville has long needed a spacious, comfortable building of the description, and our citizens should resolve that it shall be finished without a dollar of debt on the Association. The original estimate of the cost of this building has been somewhat over-scored by the addition of a lot which adds to the size of the structure, and much to its value. All of the stock has not been taken, and we trust that our citizens will feel that town pride in the enterprise that will induce them to step forward and subscribe to the balance. The building will it is anticipated, be ready for use during next Winter.

"And thereby hangs a tale."—Last week a noted Copperhead of Pottsville reached Philadelphia from this Borough; stopped at "the Girard," and wrote on the register "John Jones and wf., Pa." Now that is although a common, a nice name, but it is not his. Upon being asked why he thus entered himself, he stated that he did not wish to be bothered by his numerous Philadelphia friends. But the correct reason we understand to be, that he believed the Provost Marshal was about to arrest him on a charge of treasonable conduct, and that he believed that he was fleeing from the wrath to come. "John Jones" has probably discovered that his fears though natural, were groundless, for we observe that he is back again. What new character he will assume will depend probably, upon the phase of his next alarm.

Prepayment of Letters.—The public may be surprised to learn that the number of letters which are now being received at the dead-letter office Washington, sent there under the new law, which makes prepayment of letters compulsory, amounts to 15,000 a week. These figures denote great carelessness or ignorance of the law, on the part of the senders of letters. The public should remember that the old law, allowing letters not prepaid to be sent forward according to the address, and double postage collected of the receiver, has been repealed, and that now every letter not entitled to be carried through the mails free, must have a stamp upon it or it is sent to the dead letter office. Especial care should be taken by every person to observe, at the time of depositing a letter in the post office, that the postage stamp is firmly fixed upon it. Such action would reduce the number of letters held for postage, and consequently prevent the embarrassment and vexatious delays now arising from this class of errors.

A match between the first elevens of the Tuscarora and Osceola Cricket Clubs will be played on the ground of the latter in this Borough, this morning.

Promoted.—Second lieutenant Wm. W. Clemens of the Signal Corps, has for faithful service been promoted to Captain by brevet. A well merited compliment, for Capt. Clemens has in the discharge of his duty, been uniformly active and trustworthy, and won the encomiums of his superior officers.

The U. S. 7-30 Loan.—The great popularity of this loan is well shown by the following sales made in Pottsville by L. E. Whitney, Banker: Of the First Series he sold $175,000 divided into 250 subscriptions, of the last series $100,000 divided into over 100 subscriptions, and of the third series over $100,000 up to this time, divided into 75 subscriptions. This week's sales alone foot up $60,000. The 7-30 is certainly a popular as well as a safe investment, and is the only Government Loan now offered to the public, and all will be taken in a very short time. This is the last chance as it is believed no further Government loans will be required.

The Fifth Cavalry's Flag.—Last Winter it will be remembered that a number of ladies of this Borough prepared a beautiful flag for presentation to the Fifth United States Cavalry. The flag was forwarded to the Regiment in February, but it did not reach Harper's Ferry until after the Fifth had started with Sheridan in his grand raid through the Valley. The flag did not finally reach the Regiment until it had joined the Army of the Potomac. This will explain why the acknowledgement of the Regiment was delayed.

The following is the correspondence:

> POTTSVILLE, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PA.,
> February 25th, 1865.
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> TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE FIFTH UNITED STATES CAVALRY.
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> The undersigned, representing a number of the lady residents of this city among the mountains, feel great pleasure in presenting to you this Regimental flag.—We need hardly explain why we make this presentation. The staff bears upon it in language more eloquent than we can employ, the reason for the gift. It records the names of many fields on which your valor has been conspicuous in the War for the Union. The tribute is due to brave men and good soldiers.
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> One of the officers of the Fifth is Captain EDWARD H. LEAR, whom we are proud to own as a townsman.—We have watched his career in connection with your gallant Regiment. Faithful in duty, fearless in action, he has won our esteem and admiration. We felt that we could give expression to the feeling so entertained by our American Nationality, by taking the Fifth, and when the bullets of the enemies of our country rain through its silken folds, believe that the prayers of the donors will ascend to Heaven for your preservation and triumph in the fight.
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> COMMITTEE OF LADIES.

> HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT 5TH U. S. CAVALRY,
> ESCORT TO LIEUT. GEN. GRANT.
> WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8 1865.
>
> TO THE LADIES OF POTTSVILLE, SCHUYLKILL CO., PA.:
>
> In behalf of the officers and enlisted men of the 5th United States Cavalry, I have to thank you for the beautiful banner presented to them. After four years of fighting, marching and suffering, such a present, coming from the hands it does, make us feel proud.
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> Next to the satisfaction of knowing that we have been striving to serve our country to the best of our ability, is the knowledge that our efforts have been appreciated by those who have thought and cared for us during a great, bloody, and successful struggle for the maintenance of the institutions of our loved country.
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> May that God who has brought our country strong and chastened out of the great trouble, bless you, and make you as happy as your friends of the 5th United States Cavalry desire you to be.
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> With great respect, your obedient servant,
> J. W. MASON, Brevet Major U. S. A.,
> for officers of the 5th U. S. Cavalry.

Cricket Match.—A very interesting game of cricket was played on Monday last between the first eleven of the Osceola Cricket Club of Pottsville and the Port Carbon club. Although the Port Carbon cricketers were not successful, we have pleased to observe the manly good nature with which they bore defeat, and trust that the return match which will be played on the 5th of July will be as pleasant to all who engage in it as the game of Monday.

The bowling and fielding was very creditable. Parry's and Reilly's balls were almost always on the wickets, while several fine catches were made during the game. One in particular by J. Stichter was loudly applauded by the spectators, who were present in large numbers.

The following is the score of Monday's game:

PORT CARBON.

1st Innings.		2d Innings.	
C. W. Snyder b Reilly	0	c T. Patterson b Parry	0
G. W. Holden b Parry	0	c J. Patterson b Parry	0
James Hess b Parry	0	c J. Patterson b Reilly	0
T. Oliver c McCool b Parry	2	c McGinness b Reilly	0
J. Gibson b Parry	1	c Lee b Parry	0
I. Lehn run out	0	c Lee b Reilly	2
R. O'Neil b Parry	1	not out	19
W. Purcell not out	0	b Reilly	0
S. Woods run out	0	c Stichter b Reilly	3
J. Stanton b Parry	0	b Reilly	0
T. Garis c Parry b Reilly	15	c T. Patterson b Parry	2
Byes	6	Byes	11
	34		42

OSCEOLA.

Ber. Reilly b Gibson	11
J. H. Lee b Gibson	5
J. W. McCool b Holder	1
Geo. Taylor c Oliver b Holder	0
Geo. Keser b Holder	7
T. F. Patterson c Oliver b Gibson	4
J. Patterson, l b w, b Gibson	17
P. F. McGinness not out	0
Clem. Evans c Holder b Gibson	5
J. Stichter b Holder	21
W. W. Parry c Oliver b Gibson	10
Byes	3
Leg Bye	1
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ANALYSIS OF BOWLING.—PORT CARBON.

	Balls.	Runs.	Maidens.	Wickets.
Holder	72	66	0	4
Gibson	66	34	2	6

OSCEOLA.

	Balls.	Runs.	Maidens.	Wickets.
Reilly	73	25	6	8
Parry	81	31	2	10
McCool	6	2	0	0

Pt. Carbon.	Osceola.
Umpires—Mr. Teazle.	F. S. Wallace.
Scorers—D. Wilkins.	A. Schall.

We are requested to state that the Osceola club return sincere thanks to Capt. Hartz for his kindness in presenting the club with a bat and ball. This gift was very acceptable.

Now that this manly game has been fairly inaugurated this season, we trust that before long we may friendly contests between clubs not only of this but of distant counties. We remember that Pottsville cricketers had the audacity to challenge and beat the celebrated Germantown Cricket Club. Why not again?

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

[REPORTED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE MINERS' JOURNAL BY C. LITTLE, ESQ.]

June Term—Quarter Sessions.

The following cases were disposed of, after our last report to the adjournment on Thursday morning of this week:

Surcties of the Peace.

Thomas and Ann Curtis, on oath of Margaret Brennan. Defendants to pay the costs.

Robert Stewart, on oath of Susan Bowers. Heard and dismissed, without any order as to costs.

Alois Scheide, on oath of Jane Scheide. Discharged after hearing, without any order as to costs.

Jury Trials.

John Houck was convicted of Embezzlement on oath of Louisiana Matilda Houck.

George Miller plead guilty to a charge of Larceny, and was sentenced to 5 months imprisonment, solitary confinement, at labor.

James Gaynor—Nuisance, on oath of John Gaynor.—Not guilty, and each party to pay half the costs.

Nancy Ann—Malicious Mischief, on oath of Ellen Kennedy. Convicted, and fined 6 cents and costs.

Same defendant—Convicted of Assault and Battery on Ellen Kennedy, and fined 6 cents and costs.

Jesse and James Lord—Assault and Battery on Mary Shirt. Not guilty, and Mary to pay the costs.

John McCake—Assault and Battery on John Holland. Acquitted, and John to pay the costs.

Patrick Doyle was convicted of Assault and Battery on Mary Doyle, and fined $30.

Frederick Ettinger was convicted of Assault and Battery on Ann Bolger, and fined $10.

Daniel Edwards and John Davis—Larceny, on oath of Christian Frantz. Acquitted.

Catharine Trainer, sr. and jr., and Elizabeth Trainer—Assault and Battery on Catarine Brennan. Not guilty, and County for costs.

Catharine Brennan—Assault and Battery on Catharine Brennan. Guilty, but not yet sentenced.

Mary Stocker—Malicious Mischief, on oath of Thomas Seibert. Guilty, and fined $10.

John and Mary Hilbert—Assault and Battery on Patrick Dormedy. Acquitted, and County for costs.

Margaret Callan—Selling liquor without license. Guilty, but sentence deferred till September term.

Same defendant—Selling liquor on Sunday. Acquitted, and County for costs.

Lewis Devage—Tampering with witnesses, on oath of Harriet Wilkesbeim. Convicted, and sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment.

Margaret Brennan—Assault and Battery on Ann Curtis. Not guilty, and each party to pay half the costs.

James Brennan—Assault and Battery on Ann Curtis. Not guilty, and County for costs.

Same defendant—Assault and Battery on Thos. Curtis. Defendant not yet sentenced.

James O'Neal—Assault and Battery on Ellen O'Neal. Convicted, and fined $3.

Robt. Stewart—Keeping Disorderly House. Acquitted, and prosecutor, William Bowers, for costs.

Jacob Kohler—Forcible Entry and Detainer, on oath of Levi Delirich. Convicted of detainer only, and fined $50, and directed to make restitution of the property, and give bail for good behavior &c., in $200.

The bill against William Crab, for assault and battery, was ignored, and the prosecutor, Robt. Stewart, directed to pay the costs.

Richard Heckscher, who plead guilty in two cases reported last week, was fined $100 in each case; and Charles Koch and Augustus Mangili, convicted in the same cases, were each fined $50 in each case.

The Argument list for next was all continued generally, except the certiorari cases.

All the business ready for trial having been disposed of, the Court adjourned to Thursday morning till this (Saturday) morning, at 10 o'clock.

LEBANON COUNTY ITEMS.—We clip the following from the Courier of Thursday last:

Our farmers are commencing their hay-making. The yield is very heavy.

The postal money-order system goes into operation at the Lebanon post-office on the 8d of next month.

The Valley National Bank of Lebanon destroyed $87,000 of its old issue last week by burning.

A combative Copperhead of Lebanon declared the other day that if the government undertook to hang Jeff. Davis there would be a "fuss.—He belongs to that class of men who were not going to stand the reelection of Lincoln.

Edmund Koch, son of the proprietor of Koch's tavern, in Cornwall township, was engaged with another young man in chopping wood, and for convenience erected a cabin to sleep in. On Wednesday night of last week they had a low charcoal fire in the cabin when they went to sleep, and from the effects of it Edmund was suffocated.

☞ The steamer Gov. Tromp, from Augusta to Savannah, with a cargo of 200 bales of cotton, took fire eleven miles below Augusta and was totally destroyed. Some forty out of two hundred passengers were lost.

☞ The steamer Admiral Dupont, from New York for Fortress Monroe, was sunk on the night of the 8th in a collision with a British ship Stadacona, from Philadelphia for St. John, N. B. Fifteen or twenty lives were lost.

☞ President Johnson is progressing rapidly with the preliminary work of reconstruction, and will have the provisional Governor, with customs, postal and revenue United States officials in the cities and larger towns.

☞ The Washington Republican states that the notorious John Mitchell, the rebel editor of the late Richmond Examiner, and present rebel editor of the treasonable sheet known as the New York Daily News, is to be indicted for treason in the United States Court of Virginia, before Judge Underwood.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MINERS' JOURNAL.]

LETTER FROM THE OIL REGION.

PETROLEUM CENTER, June 12, 1865.

In the oil region the people seem to be intent on one idea or purpose, that of striking oil, apparently afraid that should they fail in doing so the axis of the world would get dry, and a consequent derangement of its machinery ensue.

What is it to them that the country is passing from a fratricidal war to a happy peace? The bulls and bears in Wall street are nothing to them; their city is still oil, oil, alle weile.

It is amusing to hear of the numerous large wells being struck through the region, and were the reps to all true we believed, it would be well to "tarry not in all the plains," fearing the great deep was broken up, and an inundation as of old, would deluge the world in oil instead of water. Utterly unconscious of crosses without, and indifferent to troubles within, they resolutely pursue their slippery path, the various obstacles in their way only inciting to renewed exertions.

We hear of millions of dollars being made in oil, which is literally true, but as the first million is the hardest to acquire, those millionaires had their troubles, such as now and then a dry well, the hole getting fast, the tubing breaking or dropping down the well, the seed bag being misplaced, or giving way, &c.; but indomitable perseverence overcame them all, rewarding the persistent effort by filling one of the mysterious fluid, which is sure to enrich the fortunate recipient.—This should be sufficient encouragement to those who have not yet obtained their million.

Within the last week I have traversed many miles of Oil Creek, but the greatest and latest attraction is Bennyroff Run, and the Benthoff Farms generally, now extends to Oil City. As the Getty well on Benny Run, has made a stampede, and is running 400 barrels daily, and as its increase was rapid, it is uncertain where or when it may arrive at its maximum. They are now putting in oil tanks to meet up the Run, and near the Martin Benthoff Farm; but as it is not deemed generous enough at a depth of 830 feet, they intend opening its pure strings by going deeper, and no doubt will greet its heart also, as the former action generally produces the latter.

Oil Creek is now alive with the stores being occupied by Government business, they business for some time to be opened to the public.

☞ Gen. Schofield has issued an order prohibiting seizures of cotton, and removing restrictions on its sale, in North Carolina.

☞ Assessors of Internal revenue are instructed not to regard the amount received in a policy of life insurance as legacy or income.

☞ Daniel R. Goodloe, of the Washington Chronicle, has been appointed United States Marshal for the District of Columbia.

☞ Horses have become so plenty in New York, by the Government ceasing to buy, that the prices have come down very much.

☞ Chinese miners have been ordered away from Idaho and Montana. The mine s there will not tolerate the Celestials.

☞ In a terrific thunder storm at Altoona, Pa., 5th inst., two young ladies named Hammer and Hamilton were instantly killed by lightning.

☞ Professor Agassiz is at Rio Janeiro. He has had an agreeable interview with the Emperor of Brazil, and will explore the country.

☞ A treaty has been ratified between this country and Honduras. It guarantees free commerce and the right of transit across Honduras.

☞ On Friday last, there was a trotting match between Lady Thorn and Dexter, at the Union Course, Long Island, Lady Thorn was the winner.

☞ Mrs. Colonel Mulligan, of Chicago, has been presented with $2500 in cash and a $5000 horse stocked by admirers of her brave, dead husband.

☞ The South American war is now fought between Paraguay on the one side, and Brazil, Uraguay and the Argentine Republic on the other.

☞ The Amnesty Proclamation is well received by the people of North Carolina, as is also the appointment of Mr. Holden as provisional Governor.

☞ Captain Robert Lincoln has sent to the Chicago Tribune the manuscript copy of the message sent to Congress by his late father, on April 16, 1862.

☞ The Richmond *Whig* resumed its motto, *Sic semper tyrannis*, on Friday last, the prohibition of the Government thereto having been removed.

☞ All school teachers of Augusta, Georgia, have been ordered to take the oath of allegiance. Free schools for all classes are to be immediately opened.

☞ William L. Sharkey has been appointed Provisional Governor of Mississippi. A proclamation for the reconstruction of the State has been issued.

☞ Thomas Constantine, a well known wool broker of New York, and wife, were both poisoned Friday evening by drinking cider, and died Saturday morning.

☞ The shackles were removed from Jefferson Davis last week. His suit of rebel gray has been exchanged for one of black, and he is now permitted more freedom.

☞ During the week ending on Saturday, June 10, 234 officers and 7953 privates were paid off at Harrisburg. The amount of money disbursed was $1,584,560 47.

☞ The people of South Carolina have called upon the U. S. military authorities at Charlotte, N. C., for protection against depredations committed by their former slaves.

☞ The President is exercising the pardoning power much more freely than is generally supposed, and report says that scarcely an applicant for special pardon has been refused.

☞ The case of Edwin L. Stanton, which was lately tried in Sunbury, and argued before the Supreme Court at Harrisburg, has been set aside by that body, and a new trial granted.

☞ Mrs. Winecup, aged 75, Mr. McNamara, aged 18, and Johanna Reardon, aged 18, were drowned in the East river, at New York, on Sunday evening, by the capsizing of a boat.

☞ Miss M. Davis, a beautiful young lady in Chesterfield, Va., the daughter of a prominent citizen, was shot dead last week by a discarded lover, named Sublett, who is under arrest.

☞ The ordinance building at Chattanooga, Tenn., exploded on Friday, and set fire to the government works. Loss $250,000. Fifteen or twenty persons were killed or wounded.

☞ A private sale of tea was made some month since, in New York, for $120,000 in gold. The same lot has been resold lately for $85,000, showing a loss to the first purchaser of $35,000.

☞ The Democratic State Convention, which was to have been held in Harrisburg, on the 21st of June, has been postponed by the State Central Committee until Thursday, the 24th of August.

☞ A Richmond letter writer says he saw Gen. Lee at St. Paul's Church in that city on Sunday week, and that he responded audibly to the prayers, even to that for the President of the United States.

☞ The King of Italy intends sending to the International exhibition at Dublin a topaz weighing several pounds, and eight or nine inches long having on it a beautiful engraving of "The Last Supper."

☞ A Toronto paper speaks of the worthless vagabonds thrown into Canada by the close of the war, and makes public the fact that they lately planned a raid upon one or more of the city banks.

☞ They have a steam pump at Williamsport which throws the enormous quantity of from 2,000 to 3,000 gallons of water per minute. The water is pumped into a pool to be used in driving saw mills.

☞ Hoarded nickel pennies are seeing the light of day after three years of seclusion, in such large quantities that they are becoming a drug in the market. The Mint need coin no more pennies for years.

☞ It is rumored that two acres of oil territory, on which a well is being sunk, in Hancock county, West Virginia, was sold to an eastern company a few days since, for the enormous price of $490,000.

☞ The "Journeymen Freestone Cutters' Association," of Boston, have voluntarily reduced their wages fifty cents per day, in order, as they say, to "show their willingness to reduce the expense of building."

☞ A Lexington dispatch to the Cincinnati Gazette says that the friends of John C. Breckinridge in that place have received information of his safe arrival in Cuba. How he got there they refuse to say.

☞ A riot between a party of soldiers and some negroes occurred in Washington on Saturday. It was soon quelled by the arrival of a military guard. One man was severely hurt, but nobody was dangerously injured.

☞ J. A. J. Cummings, Register and Recorder of Northumberland county, has been appointed Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, for that district, in place of the late Charles Pleasants, Esq.

☞ An effort is being made by Governor Holden, of North Carolina, to have the State re-organized in time to send members to the next Congress. All acts of the rebel Legislature referring to domestic matters are to be retained; the others void.

PEN, PASTE AND SCISSORS.

☞ John C. Breckenridge has arrived in Cuba.

☞ Governor Watts, of Alabama, has been released.

☞ France will send no more reinforcements to Mexico.

☞ Prince Napoleon contemplates a visit to America.

☞ General Scott was seventy-eight years old on Tuesday.

☞ The Spanish Government will evacuate San Domingo.

☞ Shoplifting in Pittsburg is being extensively carried on.

☞ On May 29th, the Atlantic Telegraph cable was completed.

☞ Admiral Gordon's squadron sailed from Havana on June 6.

☞ All the rebel prisoners at Fort McHenry are to be released.

☞ An extensive plot to rob the Toronto Banks has been discovered.

☞ The new Constitution of Missouri has been adopted by 6000 majority.

☞ Sixty rebels were released from Fort Warren, Boston, on Saturday.

☞ The intervention of Napoleon is to be procured for Spanish Honduras.

☞ Gov. Smith, of Virginia, has surrendered himself and been paroled.

☞ The people of Georgia are represented to be in a starving condition.

☞ Ex-Governor Moore, of Alabama, has been arrested, and is at Mobile.

☞ Baron Gerult, the Prussian Minister, is making a tour of the North.

☞ The whole State of Georgia is represented to be in a starving condition.

☞ General Howell Cobb has been released, and has returned to Athens, Geo.

☞ Holland has rescinded the order granting belligerent rights to the rebels.

☞ The Derby race in England, has been won by the French horse Gladiator.

☞ Rice obstructions in the James River below Richmond have been removed.

☞ Commander Maury has surrendered himself to the Union Navy at Havana.

☞ Major-General Terry has gone to Richmond to supersede General Halleck.

☞ General L. H. Rousseau has been nominated for U. S. Senator from Kentucky.

☞ Ward H. Lamon, United States Marshal for the district of Columbia, has resigned.

☞ Commodore Vanderbilt has been elected President of the Hudson River Railroad.

☞ The French police have prohibited the subscriptions to a medal for Mrs. Lincoln.

☞ Ex-Governor Moore, of Alabama, has been arrested at Mobile and sent to Washington.

☞ W. W. Boyce, of South Carolina, has been paroled under the amnesty proclamation.

☞ Governor Magrath, of South Carolina, it is reported, has been sent South to be paroled.

☞ Dr. Whelan, chief of the naval surgical bureau, died in Washington on Sunday morning.

☞ Five thousand pounds of cheese are made weekly at some cheese factories in Tioga county.

☞ The heir to the Prince of Wales, and after him to the crown of England, was born on June 3.

☞ Over two thous