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THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE.—In view of the importance of the issues to be decided in the Political Campaign of 1868, the price of THE WEEKLY TRIBUNE has been reduced to Clubs. See advertisement.

MIKE MCCOOLE weighs 237 pounds.

AUSTRALIA has trees 500 feet high.

THERE is a man in Boston, who kills rats with his teeth.

THIRTY-THREE ocean steamships were lost in 1867, up to Nov 1.

ST. AUGUSTINE (Fla.) papers speak of "oranges as hanging in rich clusters from the trees."

NEW YEAR cometh, but bringeth no information as to the whereabouts of "them" Ten Thousand Dollars.

THE Pennsylvania Legislature will assemble on Monday next. If that body does right it will apply itself to reform and retrenchment, and abandon "rings."

EIGHTY SIX steamers were lost and de stroyed in the United States during 1867, up to Nov. 1, involving a destruction of 248 lives, and of upwards of $2,000,000 worth of property.

RICHE.—The Boston merchants have commenced petitioning Congress to refuse to confirm Seward's land speculations. Seward lost his reputation by turning traitor to his life long principles, and he cannot regain it by purchasing icebergs and earthquakes.

THE Philadelphia Morning Post the first number of which appeared October 7, has been enlarged and improved. The Post is a spirited, able Republican paper, supporting what is right and condemning what is wrong. We are glad to note the success of our co-temporary.

THE Copperhead press having claimed the recent Pittsburgh election as a victory for the Copperheads, the Pittsburgh Advocate, the workingmen's organ, denies it, and says 'the result was one with which parties had nothing to do. It was a popular movement on the labor reform question, without regard to party lines.

THE La Crosse Democrat says that a President elected by the assistance of negro votes will not be permitted by the Democratic party to take his seat. The country heard such rebel talk in the North in 1860, but when the pinch came the blusterers refused to act and left their Southern friends in the lurch.—Hemp and lamp posts were too convenient for comfort.

NOT a day passes that the country does not see the great mistake still more clearly, that Congress made in not impeaching the traitor Andrew Johnson. His main effort now is, to get military officers who sympathise with the rebels, to take command of the military districts in the South. Sheridan and Sickles were removed some weeks ago because they were in the way of reinstating rebels in power. Pope and Ord are now made to follow suit, Meade and McDowell take their places temporarily, until Rosecau and some other one of similar feelings can be put permanently at the work of restoring rebel ascendency.

THE CASE OF SECRETARY STANTON.—The report on this case will be laid before the United States Senate on Monday next, by Senator Howard, in executive session, and not in open Senate. It is stated that Mr. Stanton has made out a strong argument, not only in his own behalf, but against the President, and that the report will fully exonerate him from all the charges made against him by the President in his message, giving the reasons for the Secretary's suspension. Mr. Stanton has not, however, allowed the matter to rest here; for the forthcoming report will throw much light upon the secret action of the President on many questions which heretofore have been enshrouded in deep mystery.

If the Senate reinstates Mr. Stanton, Gen. Grant will immediately retire from the War Office, assuming that the law forbids him to pursue any other course. This is expected to be done even in case the President should order him to remain. Secretary Stanton, it seems, has no intention to assume the duties of the War Office permanently after he is reinstated, for he would then be in direct and constant conflict with the President; but will merely remain for a few days to show that his action so far is approved by the country, and to see what course the President will take.

THE following article from the Pittsburg Gazette we fully endorse:

DOUBLOONS OUT REMAINDER.

During the rebellion as the United States the character of the Democratic party, and the basis on which their passions were stirred, found necessary advancement in the means by which they resorted to gain their ends. When they opposed the mobilization, to preserve nation, to the disorganization of paralitical diseases, to the massacre of men engaged in legitimate warfare, and to the system of starvation of disease and helpless prisoners, it was known and understood of all men that they were thoroughly in earnest, and that in regard to this matter they hardly reached the verge of human endurance.

In Congress again the Fenian Brotherhood are exhibiting similar characteristics. That they feel a profound consciousness of wrongs endured and are resolved if not upon redress, upon at least upon revenge, and to any extremes to enable how atrocious are facts altogether undeniable. It does not follow because gentlemen feel they are wronged, that they are to be allowed arbitrarily had judges in all cases in which they are concerned. Passions, prejudices, sensitiveness, rise up before this tribunal in the light of reason, which has undertaken to determine how far their rights are impinged and by what instrumentalities they may vindicate them constitutionally.

The majority of the men who constitute the Fenian Brotherhood, whether in the United States or in Europe, are educated men, and of intelligence. In this country, as the records of the courts everywhere attest, they are guilty of less than half of all the crimes of this description that are committed. No reasonable man undertakes to determine how far their rights are impinged and by what instrumentalities they may vindicate them constitutionally.

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Nor ought it to escape notice in this connection that the exceptions which the English government has enforced in Ireland, have not checked the tendency expected therefrom. It was supposed that when the rigor of the authorities was evoked, and the law perhaps had claimed and embraced its victims, such terror would be struck into the hearts of the disaffected inhabitants as would cause them to quiet.—This supposition has been lamentably disappointed. This was foreseen by those who had carefully analyzed the effect of fear upon human conduct. It may, indeed, be possible to institute a system of governmental terrorism that shall absolutely appall those against whom it is directed; but, if possible, such a system must necessarily be so horrible as to affright everybody else. This prevents the carrying of such a design into effect in modern days. Even in ancient times when brutality was the rule rather than the exception, conquerors found it difficult to restrain subjected population, and often resorted to the plan of sweeping a whole nation into captivity, and planting the denuded territory with new inhabitants. Napoleon I; ennite nations not only with the terror of his military genius, but with horrible cruelties designed to crush all sense of independence. What he did himself, he commanded his lieutenants to do. Illustrations.

But these brutalities did not prevent nations from striking him in time. Rome has resorted to infamous barbarities to crush the spirit of Poland: but at frequent intervals that heroic people make giant efforts to break their fetters. Robespierre and his associates did the worst the modern world has witnessed: but Bourbons came and make people acquiesce; but their enormities led them all to the guillotine.

Whether Great Britain will profit by these instances, or disregard them to her cost, is yet an unsolved problem. The majority of her people seem to be wiser than her government, and may instill some portion of their wisdom into the rulers.

The foolish project of Fenianism in trying to secure the independence of Ireland while England is at peace with all other nations, has done Ireland more damage than all oppressive legislation upon her has done for the last thirty years. This is the opinion of the most intelligent of all classes in Ireland.

THE MONEY POWER.—When wielded in the interest of the people, it is potential for good. When it is not, but in the interest of money-changers and usurers, it is destructive. We fear that this power which exists to so great an extent in the cities, is bringing undue influence to bear upon the financial policy of Congress, to subserve its selfish purposes. By means of suppers, and the liberal use of money in other ways, members of Congress are influenced to support the financial schemes of the metropolitan money changers, and the result promises disaster to the interests of the people of the country. We should be warned by the fate of other nations. The decline and fall of the Roman empire, were due as much to the usurious rates of interest exacted by the money-changers (twenty-five to thirty per cent.) as to the luxurious and effeminate habits which enslaved, impoverished and finally sunk in ruin that proud and powerful nation. The landholders of France when the laws of primogeniture became modified in that country at the conclusion of the last century, rested for many years under the heavy burden of usurious debt, until in the reign of the present Napoleon the Credit Mobilier was established. Up to that period they struggled along, the land worked to so little advantage that France year after year was compelled to import breadstuffs for her own consumption. From the Credit Mobilier the landholders were enabled to borrow money at six per cent. interest. With it they wiped out their old indebtedness, applied themselves with renewed energy to tilling the soil, and the result is seen in the increased productiveness of France, and greater prosperity of the landholders. In place of being an importer of breadstuffs, she is now an exporter,—in 1866 a year of short crops, actually sending more to Great Britain than the United States. And this is the work in an old country, of a judicious financial policy, by which the interests of the masses of the people and not of the money power are consulted. We briefly allude to these facts of history, in the hope that the action of Congress on the financial questions now so interesting and important to the country, may be actuated by as much wisdom, as shown by the French Emperor in his course. Not to do this, and to listen to the selfish suggestions of the money-changers and usurers of the cities, will be to invite the most ruinous complications. Will Congress be warned?

INTERNAL TAXATION.—The Cleveland Convention adopted a memorial to Congress, and recommend the removal of internal taxation from all articles but the following, embraced in an extract from their report:

Notwithstanding the actual expenditures of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1867, were $346,729,199, including the payment of the interest on the public debt, it is believed that the expenses may be reduced to the sum of one hundred millions, without essentially embarrassing any of the great interests that have received the fostering care of the Government.—We specify the articles on which the least burden, and most easily collected, the following sums may be realized as permanent sources of revenue:

Distilled spirits (whisky) at least	$50 000,000
Fermented liquors and wines	7,500,000
Tobacco, cigars and snuff	21,000,000
Gross receipts of steamboats, railways, &c.)	11,500,000
Banks, insurance, railways, &c., (dividends and deposits)	14,000,000
Licenses, with 50 per cent. added to last year's receipt	27,000,000
Legacies and successions	5,500,000
Stamps	20,000,000
Brokers' sales of foreign bills, gold, &c.	8,000,000
Miscellaneous	21,000,000
Total	$129,500,000
Receipts from customs	150,000,000
Total	$279,500,000

Being a difference of internal revenue receipts of but $78,204 from actual receipts from the same sources for 1866. The amount to be realized from such source would be increased next year, but in the aggregate will be constantly increasing. We are aware of the difficulty of making accurate estimates or finding reliable statistics. The estimate of the Secretary of the Treasury in his late report, that the income of the Government under the present tax system will exceed its expenses $50,000,000 for the fiscal year 1868 be correct, such reform in taxation as we ask is far less feasible than we suppose.

We remember that the honorable Secretary's estimates in advance for 1866, made the income $98,000,000 less, and the outgo $90,000,000 more than the returns since show. All hope that his estimate in advance for 1867, made the total income, internal revenue included, of course, $30,854,000 too low. So it may be that this estimate for 1868 is not so critically accurate as to be a barrier in the way of what we ask.

The report gives the following comparison of our taxes with those of England and France:

By a comparison of our internal taxes with those of England, taking the fiscal year 1866, and reckoning both in our currency, we find

English taxes	$60.09 per cent. on valuation.
United States taxes	03.33 per cent. on valuation.
United States taxes	16.00 per capita.
English taxes	19.94 per capita.
French taxes	10.00 per capita.

With such weight of taxation, heavier than that of countries we consider sadly burdened, we surely need no added burdens.

The proposed change reduces our taxes to $3 67 per capita, estimating present population at thirty-eight millions. With the same ratio of increase of population and wealth, and decrease in expenditures, as shown in the late statements in the Secretary's late report, the liquidation of the public debt will be accomplished within the time therein proposed.

The great difference in the taxes on valuation in England and the United States, arises from the fact that in England they assess the taxes on the rental of property, which is the full valuation. In the United States we assess it on the valuation, which generally, is not over one third its value. Take the rental of property in England in fixing its value, and the valuation will be tremendous compared with ours, which will account for the large discrepancy on that point, which if not explained, would scarcely be credited.

SOME of the Copperhead members of Congress take every occasion to refer sneeringly to Mr. Butler as "the hero of New Orleans." In the House the other day in debate Mr. Chanler of New York, did so, but had the laugh turned against him completely, for Mr. Butler rose and protested, once for all. He said he was not the hero of New Orleans.—Farragut had that high honor. "But," said he, "I do claim to be the hero of New York. In the election of 1864 they had an honest election there, which they never had before or since." Mr. C. will not we take it, be quite so ready in future to stir up the "Beast."

CURRENCY DISTRIBUTION.—Members of Congress talk a great deal about a proper distribution of National Bank Currency throughout the country, yet not one of them has proposed a fair distribution, which can easily be done by issuing one dollar in currency for every thirty dollars of the assessed value of the real and personal property of the country, and distributing it among the States and territories according to their valuation. This would be the most fair and equitable distribution that could be made. It also provides for the gradual increase of currency in the States as business increases, without any further disturbing legislation.

THE Philadelphia Sunday Dispatch has donned a new suit of type and presents a handsome appearance. The History of Philadelphia written by Mr. Westcott, and being published in the Dispatch, is the best that we have seen, and is deserving of perpetuation in book-form.

THE SHAM DEMOCRACY ORGANIZING FOR WORK.

Union Men Should Arouse.

The Sham Democracy are at work organizing and preparing for the Presidential campaign. Every advantage which can be gained, fairly or unfairly, by secret or open means, will be used by them to promote the success of their candidates for the Presidency, and it behooves the Union men of this County and of this State, and of every State, to arouse and meet all the demonstrations of the enemies of a true Republican form of Government. We observe that Mr. Wallace chairman of the Sham Democratic State Committee, has already taken the initiative in a private circular, urging an effort to secure majorities of the boards of election officers throughout the State. What this means may be judged, when the reader remembers that Mr. Wallace made himself famous last fall by systematically conducting the election as far as his party was concerned, on the contract system. Vote brokers were unblush ing offered so much a head. The document is as follows:

[Circular 1, 1868—Private.]
DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE ROOMS,
CHESTNUT ST., PA., December 10, 1867.

DEAR SIR: The spring elections are approaching, and it is of vital importance to us, in the great contest impending, that we secure in every locality our just share of the election officers—judges, inspectors, assessors, and constables. I write to call your especial attention to this subject. I need not attempt to demonstrate its importance, all appreciate it. Let me hear that you and your committee will give this subject prompt and earnest attention. Regard it as a business matter, and act accordingly. ANOTHER OUR FRIENDS IN every precinct should be thoroughly posted in the weapon is what effectually used. Use THIS WEAPON MEANS *to carry every sure and doubtful* district for us. Where we are in a minority place a man of high character, well informed, and courageous on the board as our inspector: IN SUCH DISTRICTS SEE THAT OUR VERY BEST MEN ARE SELECTED. It is a great error to fill such places with weak men.

Lists of doubtful men, and those who voted with us in 1867, for the first time, with their township and post offices can be made very useful. Furnish me all of these you can obtain.

There are a great many aliens ready for naturalization throughout the State: all must be naturalized.—Your labors and mine will be lessened, if you will obtain their names and residences at an early day, and give me the total number in your county, with the probable cost of naturalizing them.

In arranging for our spring elections you can obtain this information with comparative ease.

If you have not already furnished me with the names and post office address of two active Democrats in each election district in your county, I will be obliged if you will do so.

Very respectfully, yours,
WILLIAM A. WALLACE,
Chairman.

The above document is unimpeachable testimony in support of facts alleged in a leading article of the Philadelphia Press of Wednesday last, which we extract and to which we invite the careful attention of every member of the Union party:

The Year before Us.

To day we stand upon the threshold of another year —a year pregnant with portent and fate for our land.—We have fallen upon times when a Presidential campaign is more momentous than a military one: and the election of 1868 will probably, in the magnitude of its consequences, and the tremendous stakes involved in the issue overshadow those of 1860 and 1864. We fight to day for the ground gained in the struggles of those years, and for all we hope more to merely elect a President that will vote, but to govern a country and to determine its history. The machinery of government as we have moved in settled grooves. The Chief Magistrate of the nation must now be in truth our executive officer, and not merely a respectable and presentable figurehead.

It is useless to hide from ourselves the fact that the times are closing for a desperate struggle. The forces of the Democracy, the open and secret, which reared its glittering copper crest and hissed and shot its poisonous fire, throughout the long night of the war—has not yet been bound for a thousand years and cast into the seething pit, as many had fondly hoped. With consummate discretion and judgment, with caution but restless energy, with the prudence, but also with the determination matured by long years of hunger and defeat, the Democratic party is advancing to the conflict. Marshalled, well organized, and drilled with unremitting care during the year which has gone, they are as eager now to be marched.

All this is easily explained In 1860 the old Democratic party was shattered. Its better part—its heart and conscience—left the ranks, and fell into line under the colors of the Union. Hundreds of its leaders, representing its heart and intelligence, went into the army, and their brilliant talents and distinguished services have made names household words in every family where patriotism is cherished. The brains of the Democracy at the same time went over into the rebellion. To-day—the war over, traitors unhung, treason rather fashionable—the Democratic party has its brains back again, without its heart or conscience. Over the border from Canada, from behind the breastworks of Richmond, from out the mad lines of Andersonville and Libby, from under the skirts and shawl of Davis the traditional leaders of the Democracy are back again. The talent, the ability, the daring which illustrated the four desperate years bore up the Confederate cause, has been reinstalled in the Democratic party, and under the new leadership we may expect something very different from the blunders and stupidities which, during the past six years, had well nigh wrecked the organization.

Already there are indications of a systematic consolidation of all the elements opposed to the country that cannot be safely disregarded. The year gone by has been spent by the Democracy—representing the entire disaffected interests of the nation—in patient and laborious drill. Their organization, North and South, is a secret society without a secret name. In the unreconstructed States, with-out any ostensible management, they are working with tooth and nail to defeat reconstruction of every kind, until it will operate to their advantage by filling the Senate and House with turbulent and unrepentant traitors. In Virginia, for instance, under the instructions of a committee which styles itself the Conservative, and intimates that its associations and workings are informal, the Democrats—and we mean by that the entire disloyal population—are associated in circles of ten. The chiefs of every five circles or groups of ten constitute an executive committee for the district, they in turn reporting to a council composed of the chiefs of the fifties. Thus the entire State is under the grip of the lord conspirators, and it will be almost miraculous if, with such associations at home and Andrew Johnson in the capital, Virginia can come back under the flag. Yet only mention this as one instance of the thorough organization of the enemy, and to illustrate how easily and efficiently they can be handled.

The year before us is one of conflict. It behooves us now to set in order our camps and make ready for the November. We enter the field under a leader whose victorious eagles screamed from Vicksburg to Richmond, but leaders will not avail without an army. We must furnish him with legions whose lines are unbroken, whose ranks are replenished, whose clan will be unanimous. Factions, differences must be replaced; the apathy and confidence of success must give way to sleepless vigilance; discordant and irrelevant issues must be removed, every side of political campaigns must be fought on a political platform alone. Then in line, equipped, supplied, stripped of all inefficiencies, ready for action, and the iron hoof of a host of peace will rival in its achievements the Union hosts of the war, and 1868 will see another Appomattox.

LOCAL NOTICES.

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FRENCH FADDED LISLE DRILLS, a beautiful article, at D. A. Smith's, Centre street.

THE COAL TRADE.

Pottsville, January 4, 1868.

The quantity sent by Rail Road this week is 25,497 00 tons against 11,514 tons for the corresponding week last year. Increase so far this year 102 970 tons.

The shipments by Lehigh Valley Railroad for the week were 28,525 tons, again beating the Reading Railroad. Alas! for poor Schuylkill County.

Increase so far on the Lehigh Valley Railroad 88,415 tons.

The trade sums up this week as follows, compared with last year:

	1867.		1868.		INC. & DEC.
	WEEK.	TOTAL.	WEEK.	TOTAL.	
P & R RR	11,514	99,833	25,497	960,616	105,970
L & H RR	10,239	45,501	28,525	131,919	88,415
" Sch. "					
" Penn C C					
Shamokin					
Trevorton					
Short Mt.					
L. V. Co.					
Wyoming					
Brd Top					
	29,461	160,345	54,022	1,092,535	
			51,949	148,848	
			29,173	191,393	

As we are careful in preparing our Annual Coal Statistics so as to have them full and correct—and as it takes so much time to select and tabulate them, we cannot issue them before week after next. The only Anthracite Coal Statistics extant from the commencement of the trade, have been carefully collected and preserved by us, and we therefore, feel some pride in having them reliable. This is our reason for a week's delay in furnishing them.

Persons desiring extra copies of the JOURNAL containing our Coal Statistics, will please send in their orders next week.

We also give notice that the edition of the JOURNAL containing our letter on the coal district of New Castle, England, having run out, and as frequent applications have been received for it since, we will republish it in our Statistical number of the JOURNAL.

HILL & HARRIS COAL.—These gentlemen in sending us an advertisement of their coal, state that they mined and shipped 85,000 tons of coal in 1867 against 52,000 tons in 1866, notwithstanding the dullness in the trade.—They also state that they could not supply all their orders in 1867, and attribute to the superiority in its preparation with judicious advertising. They also state that they are determined to maintain its high standard in the market hereafter. We have heard high encomiums of this coal from those who use it, and can therefore, add our commendation to its quality. It has all the qualities of the hardest Lehigh coal, while it ignites more freely and therefore, is preferable in many respects. Their Philadelphia Agts., Messrs. Rommel & Hunter, who were among the largest if not the largest shippers of coal from Richmond, attribute their success to the excellent character and good preparation of the coals they receive. John Rommel, Jr., an energetic business man, and the surviving partner, who will continue to receive this coal, has upwards of twelve years experience in the trade, and of course knows all about the quality of coal, and can give every satisfaction to consumers abroad.

THE Lehigh Valley Railroad has declared its usual quarterly dividend of 2½ per cent., nearly 10 per cent. per annum.

THE HICKORY COLLIERY, WADESVILLE.—The very fine and complete colliery of the Hickory Coal Company, at Wadesville, is rapidly getting into shape for a large business. In all its appointments and facilities for mining, this colliery has no superior if an equal, in this country, and will compare favorably, with the best in Europe The shaft 660 feet deep, has been sunk, gangways on the 7-foot vein, 2000 yards in length, driven and timbered, with a view to durability. In working this colliery Mr. John C. Northall, the efficient Superintendent, intends to operate on the principle of bringing the farthest coal out first, thus avoiding loss, an important point not only to the Company but to the landowner, and in other respects, he will we do not doubt, work the colliery to great advantage. He has just made a connection with the Mammoth and 4 foot veins. The capacity of the colliery is estimated for the coming season at 1500 tons a day.

The contract for the hoisting machinery was awarded to Col. Z. P. Boyer of the Port Carbon Iron Works, and it was executed with remarkable speed and promptness. He commenced work upon it on the 10th of last August, and on the 10th of October it was completed and ready for operation. It was put up at the colliery, but not started until Wednesday last, New Year day. We had the pleasure of witnessing it, and never saw new machinery work more smoothly and satisfactorily. The engines, two in number, are 90-horse power, with cylinders 20 inches in diameter, four foot stroke, wrought iron shafts, and improved spring slide valves. The hoisting drum is 16 feet in diameter, and weighs 59 tons. The movement is imparted to it at the centre wheel, which makes the strain equal on all parts of the drum. This is an improvement, which is readily seen when the drum is in motion, by its smooth, steady and true working. Over the shaft there are two iron pulleys, each 14 feet in diameter.—Steam for the engines is conducted from the boilers located in a building near the shaft about forty feet from the engine house.

The entire machinery appears to be of the most substantial character, and to be well adapted to the work it will be called upon to perform. In this respect we might well and advantageously emulate the example of Great Britain, to a greater extent than we do. There great attention is paid to the character of the machinery erected at collieries—to have it substantial, and thus to guard against accidents while the necessary work is regularly performed by it. We believe the machinery at the colliery under notice to be of that character. We might state that the wagons used at this colliery are capable of holding 3½ tons of coal each, and that the hoisting machinery is able to bring one to the surface in 24 seconds. Mr. Northall has introduced at this colliery an improved cage of his own invention, for which he has applied for a patent. With less machinery it secures a wagon immovably to its place on the cage, equal to the old plan.

All in all, the colliery is a fine improvement, and containing as it does a run of some of the finest coal in the Region, its product we do not question, will be large. We congratulate the Company upon the fact, and Col. Boyer upon the perfect success of his machinery.

A PREMIUM of $150 will be paid by Mr. J. P. Brock, No. 238 South Third street, Philadelphia, for the best plan for working the Tunnel Colliery, at Ashland, and delivering the coal at the breaker. Plans to be furnished by the 15th instant. See advertisement.

INTENSITY OF HEAT GENERATED BY PRAT.

It is an acknowledged fact, that peat produces an intense heat—that it is of more importance to the entire it to prominent mention and careful consideration. In virtue in this respect is much increased when properly prepared, solidified and dried; and reduced to the maximum of heating power when solidified and charred or coked. Mention has often been made of its peculiar qualities in this respect, but their importance will be more clearly comprehended when taken in connection with the facts in an interesting article on the "Calorific Power of Fuel," which we find in the London Mining Times, and which contains remarks so pertinent on the point, that we quote as follows: "There are, in all, five leading kinds of fuel used: these are wood, peat, coal, charcoal and coke; the first three being natural, and the last two artificial fuels. The elements of which each of these fuels is composed are nearly identical—the differences of character being due to the proportion of those elements entering into the composition of each kind of fuel; and, secondly, to the proportions, each fuel takes its relative position in the scale of value. Taking the comparative chemical composition of the various kinds of fuel, according to Dr. Machattie, their pero ntage stands thus:

	Carb.	Hyd.	Oxyg.	Nitro.	Sulp.	Ash.
Wood (dried at 250 deg. F.)	50.0	6.0	42.9	1.0	.1	0
Peat (dried at 250 deg. F.)	61.6	5.5	31.0	1.5	.5	0
Coal	85.0	5.0	4.0	....	1.0	4.0
Charcoal	97.0	1.0	2.0	....	....	0
Coke	99.0	....	....	....	....	1.0

The amount of heat produced by fuels in their combustion does not always constitute their relative value. For some purposes, it is apparent that this would be the best criterion to go by, but in many other processes, the quantity of heat is of far less importance than the intensity, or power to raise substances to high temperatures, and the latter which is always the greatest quantity of heat is sometimes incapable of producing the greatest intensity. To produce the latter intensity of heat produced, it is necessary to know the available quantity of heat produced in the combustion of a pound of fuel, the rapidity of the process of combustion, and the quantity or number of units of heat required to raise the products of the combustion of a pound of fuel one degree of Fahrenheit. Where very high temperatures are required, the fuel which should be selected ought to approach as near as possible to pure carbon in its composition, and to be drawn that carbo is the best substance for the purpose. We now see this reason for making coal into coke, and wood into charcoal. The former is done to get rid of gases, a goal to that obtained from coke, neither can the temperature of wood be compared with that of charcoal. And this is the reason why the latter is the fuel of choice, and reduction of oxygen and hydrogen in them. This must be referred to the great difference between quantity and intensity of heat. If we consider the sufficiency of steam from a boiler by the use of one ton of coal, we can easily meet the point by burning two tons of wood, the boiling point of metal cannot be attained by one ton of coal, it by no means follows that any additional amount of fuel will insure the required result. The great difference to be observed is between quantity and intensity of heat. The first of these two conditions depends upon the quantity of fuel, but the latter depends entirely upon the quality of fuel. Twenty tons of coal will not give a temperature so great as that afforded by one ton of coke." It should be observed, that in the above statement of comparative composition of fuels no mention is made of peat charcoal.—Now it is an established fact, that peat charcoal is of much greater density and calorific power than the best wood charcoal, and, calculating the amount of carbon in peat charcoal as compared with that in wood charcoal, as between wood and charcoal in the above table, peat charcoal will be represented by 93, which exceeds any of the fuel mentioned in the table. Hence its great intense heat generated by peat fuel is a subject of frequent remark, and will eventually be dwelt upon, we think, as a very important consideration in estimating its value.—PRAT JOURNAL.

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☞ WE have this day united our firms and will continue the Mining and Shipping of COAL under the style of SCOTT, WALTER & CO. in Philadelphia as last season, and WALTER BROTHERS & CO. in New York.

JOHN C. SCOTT & SONS,
WALTER BROTHERS & CO.

January 1st, 1868 1-3t

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January 4, '68 1-1y

☞ NOTICE.—The Copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned and William Hunter, Jr., under the name or firm of ROMMEL & HUNTER in Philadelphia, and HUNTER & ROMMEL in New York and Boston, is dissolved by the death of Wm. Hunter, Jr. The business of the late firm will be settled by the undersigned as surviving partner. JOHN ROMMEL, Jr.

Philadelphia, December 31st, 1867.

THE undersigned will continue the wholesale shipping Coal business from Pier No. 17 Port Richmond and Pier No. 2 Elizabethport.

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JOHN ROMMEL, Jr.
Philadelphia, January 1, '68 1-3

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REPPLIER, MOORE & CO.'s Locust Mountain.
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January 1, '68 1-1y

☞ NOTICE.—The Copartnership heretofore existing in the name of TYLER & CO., is dissolved by the withdrawal of GEORGE F. TYLER. The business of the late firm, in coal as heretofore, will be conducted by the undersigned, under the firm name of TYLER & CO. in New York and Philadelphia, and HAVEN & TYLER, in Boston.

LEWIS ROSENBAUM, WM. L. ADAMS,
WM. H. DAVIDSON, GEO. F. TYLER.

New York, January 1st, 1867. 1-3t

☞ THE firm of W. J. & G. REPPLIER of Philadelphia and GEO. REPPLIER & CO., of Schuylkill County, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. John G. Moore retiring from the business, which will be carried on hereafter by George S. Repplier, at 230 Walnut street, Philadelphia, and 27 Doane Street, Boston.

JOHN G. MOORE,
GEO. S. REPPLIER.

☞ JOHN G. REPPLIER having this day retired from the firm of REPPLIER, MOORE & CO., of Ashland, Schuylkill County, the business will be continued as heretofore by the remaining partners under the style of REPPLIER, MOORE & CO.

JOHN G. REPPLIER. GEOR