Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

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Be just and fear not;
Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's,
Thy God's and truth's.

MR. WELLS' REPORT ON REVENUE.

We alluded more particularly to Mr. Wells' report last week, so far as it was connected with internal taxation, approving of the greater portion of his recommendations, as to the items of taxation and the principles on which they ought to be assessed. But there are a number of remarks in the progress of the industry of our country, which, if not ventilated, might lead many unthinking persons to believe that we were in a very prosperous condition, and would not require any further protection to American industry. The go-ahead disposition of the people of the United States, will always cause the country to progress under the most disadvantageous circumstances; and all the progress made within the last year, if we did make any, was the result of the stimulus given in the preceding years, and was of a character that resulted in but little advantage to the country.

The Commissioner remarks on page 32 in a note, "it is not believed that any great amount of northern capital accumulated prior to the war, was used or destroyed during the war, but that the service and commodities used, were mainly the product of the time."

This is true. Our country never created wealth so rapidly as it did during the Rebellion, and this wealth was created by the stimulation it gave to our workshops at home, causing them to be run day and night for supplying our wants at remunerating rates, importing nothing from abroad, except what we could not produce at home. It was this internal trade that increased our wealth so rapidly, because we had a market for all we produced and more too, and good wages gave the ability to the people to consume largely. But the products of a country may increase, and so long as they pay no profit, they add but little to the wealth of the country. Take for instance, the Anthracite coal trade. The increase in the supply of 1866 and 1867, two years, was upwards of 3,300,000 tons, on a product of 9,400,000 tons in 1865, yet every person connected with the trade, knows that it did not pay any profit, and we firmly believe, that there was, on the average, a positive loss, and notwithstanding this great increase, the trade never was in a worse condition than it was at the close of 1867.

As regards the increase in the iron works, Mr. Wells ought to know that the greater portion of the new works were commenced when iron and steel paid a profit, and it was believed that Congress would have protected these interests last winter, which they failed to do. Many of the iron works, like the coal business, were kept in operation without any profit, otherwise there would have been great suffering among the operatives. Some collieries are now worked in this region at less wages paid to miners than are paid in England, merely to give the hands work, and prevent great suffering. So it is in other branches of business, which the Commissioner states, show a gradual increase. It is notorious that there are hundreds of thousands of hands out of employment at this time, all of whom would be at work if we had adequate protection to our industry. He ... remarks—

> "To ... ble ... such a requirement for revenue, customs may, even with some REDUCTION OF THE PRESENT TARIFF, be ... ALREADY DEMONSTRATED, be undoubtedly relied on to furnish from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and seventy millions in gold annually."

Here Mr. Wells evidently shows the drift of his arguments, and notwithstanding all his declarations to the contrary, he is evidently doing the bidding of the low duty and free trade party of Europe, and the enemies of domestic industry at home. If such is not the case, why did he not in this connection state that the balance of trade is largely against us; that during three months we imported upwards of TWENTY THREE MILLIONS OF FOREIGN PRODUCTS, in excess of the exportations of the country, and that gold is flowing out to pay for these goods at the rate of one and two millions of dollars weekly. Such a disastrous policy must necessarily cause gold to rise in the market. The truth is, that Mr. Wells does not understand how to apply the principles of protection, so as to advance American industry, and therefore his suggestions on this subject cannot be of much weight in the adjustment of our trade with foreign nations. Take the statistics as far as they are reliable, and use them as they ought to be used, in the interest of our producers at home, who create the great mass of the wealth of the country. Mr. Wells again says:

> "If a portion of the country could contribute of its surplus labor and capital, an annual value $21 07 per capita, for destructive purposes, (during the war,) will it not be easy for the WHOLE country with its labor and capital restored to productive employments, to contribute $8 73 per capita?"

We answer most decidedly, yes. But labor is not restored, and never will be to any great extent, under his policy, if we are to judge from the indications given in his report, so far as it relates to the subject. We assert positively, that under the stimulus given to the productive industry during the rebellion, the people were better able to pay $30 per capita taxes, than they are able to pay $8 73 per capita in the present state of the country.

THE CAUSE OF GENERAL DEPRESSION.

It does not seem to be generally known that the primary cause of the great stagnation that now prevails throughout the commercial world, was the general failure of the crops for the last three years in Europe, and for two years in the United States. Food consequently, has been high, and with no corresponding increase in wages, the masses have been compelled to economize in everything, in many instances requiring nearly all their wages and income, to procure food alone; consequently consumption was largely diminished among all classes, and overstocks were created in almost every department of trade. This, of course, caused a general stagnation in the manufacturing industry of these countries, in which all branches of trade sympathized. Had the duties been increased last winter, to enable our manufacturers to have advanced the wages to correspond with these increased prices, consumption would not have been checked to such a great extent, and business would not have become so paralyzed at home. The country would have continued to flourish, and wealth would have increased largely notwithstanding the burthen of heavy internal taxation. The European manufacturing countries are compelled to import breadstuffs largely, to feed their people, while they have sufficient machinery to manufacture fabrics, not only to supply their own wants, but cannot give employment to all their people and prosper, without finding extensive markets abroad to consume their surplus productions. But our legislators have, in the most MAGNANIMOUS (or stupid) manner, stopped a large portion of our work shops, and thrown hundreds of thousands of our people out of employment, to enable Europe to throw their surplus products into our markets. Those countries that are compelled to import large quantities of food at high prices, cannot recover their prosperity, until they secure more abundant crops to feed their people at lower rates. But the United States is differently situated. She has gathered an abundant crop, sufficient for her own use, and can share a portion to help feed Europe. Prices, however, will rule higher than usual, so long as their is a foreign demand. We have the ability, and could have manufactured hundreds of millions in value of those necessary articles which enter into our consumption, and which we now import from Europe, if we had received adequate protection against their lower capital and labor.

Mr. Wells states that in his last report, he showed that while labor advanced on the average only about 60 per cent., the price of commodities advanced nearly 90 per cent. He now states that it is being reversed by the fall of commodities. This is true to some extent, but as far as food is concerned, the principal article of consumption among the masses, the fall has not yet been so great. But when the masses are about recovering the position when labor is adequately remunerated, why that is a reduction of the tariff, and invite a gigantic influx of foreign goods which must reduce labor still further, and thus take away their ability to consume largely either domestic or foreign manufactures? Is this the wisdom of a statesman who desires to advance the productive interests of the country? It is the same line of argument that prevented protection last winter; and the withholding of his report, treating directly on protection, until a later period, looks very much like staving off this question again, until the hundreds of thousands of men now out of employment are doubled, and such a clamor raised against Congress, that the next election will be carried against the Republican party, and the sympathizers with the present most corrupt and damnable administration that ever disgraced any country, will be carried into power. With such a result nearly all that was gained by the immense sacrifice of life and treasure in crushing the wicked rebellion, the offspring of the so-called democracy, will be lost forever.

The country has lost, within two years, for the want of adequate protection to our industry, nearly FIVE HUNDRED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN WEALTH, and we are loosing daily by the continuance of the same policy. Our true policy is to protect and manufacture all that we can at home for our own use, and import all raw materials that enter into our manufactures, free of duty. We export petroleum, breadstuffs, cotton, and many other raw materials, and only those manufactured articles in which we excel, the value of which is not very large. Europe, while she is flooding us with her manufactures, WILL NOT TAKE ONE DOLLAR'S WORTH OF OUR PRODUCTS, if she can do without them; and all that she must have will be taken to the same extent with protection to our industry, as she would take under a different policy. But even should there be some falling off in our exports, it will be more than made up by their increased manufactures and consumption at home. Nor would the revenue from duties decline, because if we manufactured only a large portion of the necessities required for our home consumption, our workshops would be filled and teeming with productive industry—our people, with remunerative wages, would consume largely, not only of the necessaries of life, but European luxuries, which would be imported largely, and swell the revenue from duties even beyond what it now is. Then with taxes levied only on spiritous liquors, tobacco, income, stamps, licenses, and a few other articles which would scarcely be felt, a resumption of specie payments would soon follow, because the drain of gold would be checked; the faith of the nation would be kept inviolate: and our debt would fade away so rapidly, that the whole world would be astonished at the great progress and the increased wealth of our country.

We therefore, most earnestly entreat Congress to cease taking up their time at present, on non-important questions, and devote their attention at once to the removal of internal taxation on the industrial interests of the country, and so adjust our present tariff that it will give protection to American industry, and fill our workshops again. THESE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS NOW BEFORE CONGRESS. To not heed the appeals of hundreds of thousands of people out of employment in the midst of winter, with almost starving families, would not only be an OUTRAGE, but a CRIME. All they ask of the government, is to give them employment in manufacturing the goods required for their own consumption, and not transfer their wages of labor, to which they are entitled, to Europeans to manufacture for them, while they are idle and suffering.

Without first adjusting these questions so as to start our workshops, all your legislation looking to a resumption of specie payments, is perfect folly. You may expand the currency one hundred millions of dollars ... may leave the quantity as ... is, or you may contract it ... and every effort in that direction will only result in injury to the country, unless you first start the workshops and create additional wealth.

And by all means cease legislating in the interest of Europeans, stock-jobbers, usurers, and money-changers, these drones and plunderers of the producers and consumers. A portion of this class are a necessary evil to carry on exchanges, but the country would be the gainer if one half of the present number were engaged in other business—or hid out of sight in the ocean.

You pledged the Republican party in favor of giving ample protection to American industry, and we supported you on those pledges. We have waited nearly two years for the fulfilment of these pledges, therefore, in the name of a suffering people, we now demand THEIR FULFILLMENT AS SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE. If you still continue to refuse to grant this reasonable request, we would advise you to prepare for the gathering storm.

CONGRESS FIRM.

A Gallant Fight to be made for Liberty and Loyalty.

The loyal millions North and South, rejoiced this week at the action of Congress in two important cases—first, when the Senate, by a vote of 35 yeas to 6 nays, ordered Secretary Stanton's restoration to the War Office; and next, when the House passed the bill to the effect that no case pending before the Supreme Court, involving the action or effect of any law of the United States, shall be decided adversely to the validity of such without the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members of the Court. Col. Cake, member from this District, voted for the bill, also for an amendment of Mr. Williams (which was lost) to the effect that the Judges should be unanimous in a decision upon constitutionality. This bill is especially important at this time as the traitor President as part of his machinations to defeat the will of the loyal people in the matter of Reconstruction, has hopes of powerful aid from a bare majority of the Justices composing the Supreme Court.

In an article on the present action of Congress the New York Tribune says:

> The House and Senate are doing nobly. The restoration of Mr. Stanton was plucky, and at the same time prudent. Congress will have reference to the Supreme Court was timely. Now let the Reconstruction bill go through, and we shall have an end of this miserable controversy. Call Sheridan back to New Orleans, and Sickles in Charleston.
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> This is the time for bold measures. Come well or ill, Congress must go resolutely on to reconstruct the South. The President threatens anarchy. He means to throw those States into civil war rather than have them restored to the Union under with Republican members in Congress. In this mad policy he is sustained by every Rebel and Copperhead; and those, even of the Republican party, who lend him countenance in their folly, the claims of their respective States to the Fair, which were fully appreciated but were unintentionally overlooked in the report.

Burns' Club.—A meeting of the members of this Club was held on the 10th inst., at which the following named officers were elected: President, Mr. Thomas Wren, Vice-President, Mr. Alex. Fulton, New Boston; Secretary, Mr. C. F. Glover, Pottsville. The Club adopted a resolution to observe on Friday evening, 24th inst., the anniversary of the birthday of Scotland's immortal bard. The festivals heretofore of this Club, were invariably, of a pleasant character, and it is to be presumed that the coming one will be no exception to the rule.

Elections of Bank Directors.—The following bank directors were elected on Tuesday last:

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, Pottsville.—John Shippen, Solomon Foster, Saml. H. Shannon, Thomas M. Russel, Alex. S. Moorehead, William Fox, Nathan Evans, Oliver Dobson, Robert F. Weaver.

PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL BANK OF POTTSVILLE.—Jacob Huntzinger, Theodore Tonnesint, C. H. Dengler, Benj. W. Cumming, J. Albert Huntzinger.

GOVERNMENT NATIONAL BANK OF POTTSVILLE.—W. F. Huntzinger, Michael Rooney, F. B. Kaercher, C. H. Dengler, H. H. Huntzinger.

Deutscher Fire in. Tuscarville.—On Thursday night last, at 9½ o'clock, a building in Tuscarville, located midway between Ringtown and Pottsville, the property of the McNeal Coal and Iron Company, and occupied by Mr. Wm. H. Daniells, as a dry goods, grocery and hardware store, was destroyed by fire. The stock in trade, except a safe which was carried out before the flames entirely enveloped the building. Mr. Daniells' loss will reach $5,000, upon which there is an insurance of $3000 in the Artillard Company and $3000 in the Security Company, both New York companies. We have not heard the loss on the building, but presume it was insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Lossing's Pictorial History of the Great Rebellion.—The second volume of this fine work is even superior to the first, in the beauty and fidelity of the mezzo. It is a correct and faithful history of the Rebellion, while the illustrations are in the style of art which rendered Lossing's field book of the Revolution so popular. Those of the young who should read only a good history of the Slaveholders' Rebellion, this is the best and most interesting published. Mr. Schneider who has been for the work in Schuylkill County, and who is engaged at his educational institute in Sunbury, has deputed Mr. Alfred J. Derr to deliver the second volume to subscribers in the Boroughs. Mr. D. is now engaged in its delivery.

The third parlor rehearsal of the Choir of Trinity Church, will take place on Tuesday evening next, in the fine new residence of Mr. A. Henderson, Mahantongo street. There will be an attractive programme for the occasion, and we anticipate that the attendance will be large. These musical entertainments are unique in character; very satisfactory, and promise to realize in the aggregate, a handsome sum for the coming year.

We might state in this connection, that the builder of the organ is engaged in tuning the pipes, and the indications are that the instrument when fully completed and ready for use, will be one of the finest toned and most resonant organs in this State. Its appearance even in its unfinished state, is very tasteful and beautiful, and reflects the greatest credit upon the talented builder.

The Lebanon Valley Dental Association met at the office of Dr. Lineaweaver, the member for this County, yesterday. There were a number of the profession present from Harrisburg, Lebanon, Hagerstown, Shrewsbury, and Dr. Lineaweaver, of Pottsville. An election of officers for the ensuing year was held, and the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen:

President—H. L. Gilpin, of Lebanon.
Vice President—W. K. Lineweaver, of Pottsville.
Secretary—W. H. Scholl, of Bernville.
Treasurer—I. W. Moffit, of Harrisburg.

Two of Harrisburg and Dr. Brown of Reading, each one an inventor of a new metal for making artificial plates, presented specimens of their respective inventions. The Association continued in session nearly all day, and, we understand, had a very interesting session throughout.

Destruction of an Ice House by Fire.—On Monday night last between 9 and 10 o'clock, a building in Spring Garden, this Borough, owned and occupied by Mr. Solon Ellis as an ice house, was destroyed by fire, the work of an incendiary. The building was nearly filled with ice. Mr. Ellis estimates his loss at $1,500, upon which there is an insurance of $1000 in the Columbia Insurance Company. The building was formerly occupied by Mr. Albright as a distillery. Three buildings on the same site were destroyed by fire during the past few years.

All of our fire companies except the Good Intent, which is out of service, proceeded to the fire but they were unsuccessful in attempting to extinguish it, and did not go into service. In fact the hose companies could not, as there are no plugs in that vicinity. While the Humane steamer was returning from the fire, coming down Market street, and the street being slippery, Frank Richmond, a member, slipped and fell, and the wheels of the apparatus passed over one of his arms, bruising it badly, but fortunately not breaking it.

Removal of a Faithful Postmaster.—Fidelity to duty is no recommendation in the eyes of King Andy the First, as far as a public office is concerned, as the following letter from Gen. Grant to Gen. Sheridan clearly demonstrates. It is—does the officer endorse "Hit Policy?" If he does not, off goes his official head. In this spirit, contrary to the wishes of the citizens of Fort Smith, Senator Buckalew recently procured the removal of Mr. G. H. M. Wagner, postmaster of that Borough, and appointment of Mr. Samuel Graham in his place. Mr. Wagner has resided since his appointment at the commencement of Mr. Lincoln's first term, and was recognized as a faithful and courteous officer. He was so popular that not a citizen of Fort Chiles desired or asked for his removal. Mr. Wagner is an estimable merchant, a highly intelligent man, a patriotic citizen, a man of integrity, a sterling Republican, and did all in his power to assist in suppressing the Rebellion, and to elect Lincoln and Johnson, President and Vice President. He is a consistent supporter of the principles of the martyr President, while Mr. Boyer the new appointee, is bitterly opposed to the principles that saved the country and placed the present incumbent in the Presidential chair. So we go under Andy's Administration. The friends of Lincoln must it seems, be punished.

Police Cases.—On the 1st inst., H. G. Hammaker, charged by John E. Wynkoop with embezzlement, was held in $500 by Squire Conrad, to answer.

On the 4th inst., Joseph and Frank Meyers, charged by Gott. Hasbacht, with assault in his dwelling house, in a manner to endanger life, were held in bail in the sum of $500 each, by Squire Conrad, to answer.

On the 4th inst., Ann Lewis, of Ashland, charged with having committed an outrage on the person of Catharine Hoffman, a little girl, was committed for trial by Squire Conrad.

On the 6th inst., Andrew Hetrick of Wayne township, was held in $300 by Squire Conrad, to answer.

On the 6th inst., Jacob Hetrick, of Wayne township, was held in $300 by Squire Conrad, to answer.

On the 6th inst., Jonathan Hetrick was held in $200 by Squire Conrad to answer charge of assault and battery on Sarah Ann Gray.

On the 7th inst., Charles Lewis, of Ashland, was held by Squire Conrad to answer the charge of committing Arson, Incendiary or malicious fire upon the property of Mrs. Ann Lewis.

On the 8th inst., Patrick Boyle, of Pottsville, was held by Squire Conrad in the sum of $500 to answer the charge of the murder of Patrick Gallagher, on the night of Christmas, about 12 o'clock.

Local Affairs.

Weekly Almanac.

1868 Jan.	SUN RISES	SUN SETS	MOON'S CHANGES.	D.	H.	M.
18 Saturday	7 21.5	1	First Q.	3	11	6 ev.
19 Sunday	7 21.5	2	Full M.	10	7	6 ev.
20 Monday	7 20.5	3	Last Q.	16	0	8 ev.
21 Tuesday	7 19.5	4	New M.	24	9	22 ev.
22 Wednesday	7 19.5	5				
23 Thursday	7 17.5	6				
24 Friday	7 17.5	8				

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE.

Temperature at Greenwood for the week.

JANUARY, 1868.	7 A. M.	NOON.	2 P. M.
10	42	190	190
11	20	23	26
12	10	18	16
13	14	14	14
14	18	25	30
15	30	35	38

The Citizens' Cornet Band, Schuylkill Haven, has donned a new uniform.

Dr. Phillips of New Castle, is spending the winter in Washington City, for the benefit of his health.

To-morrow.—Third Sunday of the year, and second after Epiphany. Day's length, 9 hours and 21 minutes.

Sudden Death.—Ann, wife of Mr. Franklin Seltzinger, of this Borough, died suddenly on Monday last, of heart disease.

The Mine Hill Railroad Company announces a dividend of 4 per cent., payable on and after the 16th inst., clear of tax.

S. C. Kirk has resigned the position of Principal of the public schools of Tremont, and connected himself with the Local News.

On the 10th inst the millinery store of Mrs. H. A. Shissler, in Shamokin, was damaged by fire to the extent of $700. Insurance, $250.

Wm. H. Haldeman, conductor of a train in Tamaqua, had his head smashed on the 9th inst., by being caught between car bumpers.

Admitted.—During the last term of court in Columbia county, Henry James, Esq., was admitted to practice in the Orphans' Court of Columbia and Schuylkill counties.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, for the counties of Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, Delaware and Schuylkill, will commence in Philadelphia on Monday—the 20th instant.

The Teachers' Institute of Northumberland county will commence its session on Monday next in Sunbury. State Superintendent Wickersham will be present during the session.

The Farmers' Bank.—On the 9th of March next a meeting of the stockholders of the Bank will be held, for the purpose of inquiring into the expediency of electing trustees to close its affairs.

Mr. Jones, the fortunate recipient of one of the afghans at the Soldiers' Fair, lately forwarded $10 to the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, who made the afghan. These ladies have generously appropriated this gift to the Benevolent Association of Pottsville.

Frozen Plugs.—Firemen state that many of the plugs in the Borough have become frozen, and that if fire it would be almost impossible to get water. If this is the case the safety of the Borough requires that Council should inquire into the matter, and supply a remedy.

In our notice last week of the boundary fire in St. Clair, on the 24, which destroyed a dwelling owned by Mrs. Hizzey, we stated that the shoe stock of Mr. Wm. Yeo was robbed at the time. in this we were mistaken. It was Mr. Barney's shoe store nearly half a square from the fire, which was robbed.

The carriers of the Journal request us to return thanks on their behalf, to our Borough subscribers who treated them with such gratifying liberality on New Year day. The boys inform us that their receipts exceed those of any previous year. They will always remember with pleasure the kindness with which they were treated.

Claude White, Esq., of Spohnton Falls Coal Company, with numerous friends, spent a jolly time upon a lark at a skating carnival, with plenty of light, capital dresses, music and fun, will be held at the West End Skating Park, on Tuesday evening next.

To-morrow the friends of homeless and neglected children will hold meetings, in the morning in the Baptist Church; in the evening in the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Mr. Phillips, Superintendent of the "Home for Little Wanderers," Philadelphia, will deliver addresses. In the afternoon teachers and pupils of the day and Sabbath schools of the Borough, will meet in the M. E. Church.

Accident.—Richard Mack was seriously injured this week at the furnace of Aiken Brothers by the hoisting carriage. In attempting to arrange a barrow of ore, while the carriage was in motion, he jumped to the ground pulling the barrow of ore upon him, lacerating his hand and face, fracturing several ribs, his left arm and the spinal column. He is under the care of Dr. Bland and is doing very well.

The Jury Commissioners have completed their labor of selecting names of citizens to serve as jurors during the present year. Eighteen hundred were chosen, embracing business men and the most respectable and intelligent citizens. The new juries will present a different appearance from the majority of those selected in the past. We congratulate the people on the change effected in this respect by the new jury law.

The Weed Sewing Machine, which for family purposes, has no superior, can be seen at the store of S. Morris, Jr., in this Borough. We have seen specimens of the sewing here, making leather and even lead. It sews well through the most astonishing thicknesses, and makes a beautiful stitch alike on both sides. Mr. John R. Snyder is agent for this County. To persons needing a machine, we advise an inspection of their machine.

By the breaking of the flange of a wheel last week, while a train of freight cars was on "Stranger Hollow" Bridge—a high trestle work —Catawissa Railroad, the two last cars, one the caboose, were thrown over the side of the bridge into the valley beneath, a distance of ninety feet. Frank Line, brakeman, of Tamaqua, went down with the caboose, but miraculously escaped with a few bruises and bruises. The wreck was set on fire by the upsetting of the stove in the caboose.

At the late Fair of the Catholic Church of St. Clair, a handsome cane was voted for, John C. Northall, Esq., receiving 1770, and Hon. C. W. Pitman 790 votes. We understand that the Fair was a pecuniary success. This late Bishop Neumann of Philadelphia, the architect of which was Edward Durang, Esq., a very accomplished architect of Philadelphia, is under the pastoral charge of Rev. Farrell and his family in the house given away as an inducement to Reconstruction. Congress wisely declined to impeach President Johnson. He has presumed upon the forbearance of Congress, and he may drive Congress to the point where forbearance must cease to be a virtue.

Let Reconstruction go on. Friends of the House and Senate, you were never called to assume higher responsibilities than those of to-day. Let there be no shilly-shallying—no compromise—no timidity. Our brothers in the South are standing in the breach. Let us move into the breach and position by their side.

We heartily endorse every word of the above, except the sentence which says that "Congress wisely declined to impeach President Johnson." We believe that they acted very unwisely in that matter, through fear, favor or affection, and that the country is now greatly the sufferer in consequence.

But we rejoice that Congress seems determined to make a gallant fight for Liberty and Loyalty. Let it go on in obedience to the wishes of the loyal millions of the country, regardless of the threats of the Brick Pomeroys and other copperhead rebel sympathizers of the country. The men who were too cowardly to take up arms during the Rebellion for the rebel cause they advocated, will be slow to do it now for "the lost cause." But if they should, the "Boys in Blue" will attend to them. So advance along the entire line, and God defend the Right!

A REGISTRY LAW.—The Legislature we hope, will pass during its present session the law requiring a registration of voters of the State. The measure was before the last Legislature, and passed the Senate, but failed through want of time to act upon it, to pass the House. If a registry law had been in operation last year an immense amount of fraudulent voting would have been prevented, and the State would have been saved to the Republicans. This year is a most important one politically; the Copperheads will use extraordinary exertions, by means of fraud, colonization of voters, etc., to carry elections, and the Legislature should place an efficient check upon the proposed rascality.

GEN. HANCOCK seems to be eating dirt in New Orleans with gusto. He is the idol of the rebels, and recently dined at the house of the rebel Archbishop Adis, in company with Generals Beauregard, Hood, Buckner, and other ex-rebel officers. He now doth his uniform so as not to offend the delicate sensibilities of the rebels. How are the mighty fallen!

THE RUM MANUFACTURERS AND CONGRESS.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune, sends the following disgraceful dispatch to that paper, commenting on the passage of Mr. Schenck's whisky bill:

> The fact mentioned in these dispatches last night, that a large decline in the price of fraud whisky, had followed immediately upon the passage of the bill through the House is said to be due to the fact that while the law effect only smothers warehousing, it makes no provision for a reduction of tax, and hence, while keeping all the inducements to fraud, lessens the chance of its detection by making it necessary for the fraudulent distiller to buy fewer officials. Under the old system he had to bribe not only his local officers, but also the collector, inspectors, and warehouse owners and storekeepers in the district to which his goods were shipped in bond, while the effect of Schenck's bill, it is argued, is that after the distiller has paid his distillery inspector, and collector of his district, he can throw his goods upon the market freely. It is claimed that until the tax is reduced to fifty cents a gallon, this state of things will continue.

Was there ever anything more disgraceful disclosed in the history of the country? It is this terrible corruption in officials, that is sapping the very foundation of our institutions and is doing us more damage as a nation, than all the other evils combined. It would be far better to hang every rum manufacturer and every official connected with these villainies, than to have the mass of the people corrupted to the core by such scoundrels—It is not true that Congress cannot check this evil. They can do it if they will, but unfortunately, a large number have friends among those who thus violate the law, and they are backward in inflicting a penalty that would check such rascality. Let Congress fix the penalty at ten years' confinement in the penitentiary for every liquor manufacturer who violates the law; every collector that aids and abets it, and five years for every person who purchases such liquors from any party who violates the law. Then offer a reward of $500 for the discovery of those secret manufacturers who violates the law. This is the only way to deal with such murderers of the human race, who have slowly murdered more people than have been killed in all the wars that have existed for the last twenty years. It is insulting to the people for Congress to create the impression that they cannot check this gigantic, disgraceful and most demoralizing evil.

If Congress in the midst of this clamor accedes to the proposition to reduce the duty to 50 cents a gallon, they at once succumb to the rum influence. If a reduction is absolutely necessary, of a gallon is the very lowest point at which it ought to be fixed. The rum interest is a chest in itself, and nearly all those engaged in it will not only cheat the Government, but their customers also, and a 50 cent tax will be found equally as difficult to collect as a $2 tax.

The slave trade was not checked until Abraham Lincoln had the courage to hang one of the criminals, when it ceased at once. So with this rum business, hanging or imprisoning without the benefit of pardon, those who manufacture and cheat the Government, and the officers who connive at the robbery, and this villainy will also soon be checked.

It is time for the press and the people who are not bribed by this rum interest, to speak plainly on this business.

THE STATE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Under most excellent management, Pennsylvania during the war for the Union did not increase her debt. With the exception of one or two Western States, there was no parallel to this, for all of the other States and some largely increased their indebtedness. Under the management referred to the State tax on real estate was abolished, and the result has been to push on more rapidly, the extinction of the debt, and to raise the credit of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Kemble, the able State Treasurer, in his last annual report, is able still ... ther to continue his policy of relie... by recommending the Legislature to ... abolish the State tax on personal ... estate, which will, no doubt, be adopted by the Legislature. He does this because we are now raising every year a large excess of revenue above our expenditures.—During the past year, the ordinary revenue exceeded the expenses $839,633, and during the current year he estimates the excess of revenue at $1,600,000. As this is a much larger revenue than it is necessary or wise to collect, and as our people are laboring under a heavy load of national and local taxation, Mr. Kemble advises the repeal of the three-mill tax on personal property, bonds, mortgages, and money at interest, except the bonds and mortgages issued by corporations.

After repealing this tax we should still have $5,135,000 revenue during the current fiscal year, against $3,800,00 of expenses, leaving as applicable to the reduction of the debt $1,335,000. But he further advises a reduction of $200,000 in the expenditures of the commonwealth, as that would increase the surplus applicable to the extinguishment of the debt one and a half millions of dollars. The general policy upon which Mr. Kemble advocates the repeal of such taxes is the sound principle that the commonwealth should collect her revenue from such sources as cannot be reached by counties and towns.

Mr. Kemble sums up the result of his three years' administration in the brief but forcible declaration that we have reduced our debt nearly five millions of dollars, redeemed all overdue liabilities, relieved real estate from State taxation, and the Treasury is in such a condition that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund propose to pay in advance of maturity the loans due July, 1868, amounting to $1,866,484 88.

A STATE TEMPERANCE CONVENTION will be held in Harrisburg on the 18th proximo. All persons who have the good of the cause at heart, are invited to attend and participate, whether coming as delegates from organized bodies or not. Arrangements have been made with the railroads to issue half-fare tickets to all persons, men and women, who attend.—The proceedings of the convocation promise to be fraught with interest to the cause, and the attendance will unquestionably be large.

THE LATE SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE AT MAHANOY CITY.

The late Sunday School Institute at Mahanoy City, was quite a success. Messrs. Taylor, Sutton, Osborn, all eminent as Sabbath School workers, conducted a series of varied and interesting information, and the numerous teachers and friends of Sunday Schools were deeply interested and greatly benefitted by the exercises. Many of the parents in the town connected with the best and most successful method of Sunday School instruction.

It would be an important matter to have the next Institute at Pottsville, and then to have them in every important town in the County.

We are requested to state that the net proceeds realized by the ladies of the Episcopal Church at the Soldiers' Fair, was $1200, and not $1089 55 as stated in the report of the Committee. The ladies made a tidy and confection bill amounting to $110 45, for which they should have been credited.

The Committee also, beg the indulgence of Miss Bleese and others of the German Methodist Church, who rendered valuable services during the Fair, which were fully appreciated but were unintentionally overlooked in the report.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Rooms of Wayne Land Agency,
Bedlam, October, 1867.

DEAR JOURNAL:—In journeying through England we and ourselves commenced very comfortably, in the passenger of the Rector of White Lady Aston, occupied by the Rev. Henry Sherwood. It is located about six miles from the ancient town of Worcester, in Worcestershire, one of the richest agricultural districts in England, and celebrated for its fine fruit. Plums grow here to an enormous size, nearly twice as large as any, thing of the kind we have seen in this country. Pears are very fine, and the apples are superior to any grown in any other part of England. They all admit however, that the apples grown in the United States are the finest for cooking, and in many houses will be seen old and expensive sets displayed as ornaments in the decoration of their dwellings.

The cathedral at Worcester, which is among the oldest in England, is in process of restoration in the interior. The decay in some of these immense pillars is such that a mason is employed to cut and dress them. Litchfield cathedral has recently been restored, at a great expense, and now presents quite a modern appearance in the interior compared with the weather-beaten and time worn aspect of the exterior. At Worcester the whole interior was undergoing a change, and among the ruins no idea could be formed of what the effect would be when restored. The remains of King John, from whom was signed the Magna Charta, lie in the cathedral. In searching for the remains a few years ago, in order to deposit them at a different point, they were found in an apparent perfect state of preservation, but soon crumbled into dust after their exposure to the air. This is the cathedral in which Prout well stabled his horses at the siege and battle of Worcester, in order to show his contempt for those summons at that Borough to lend their aid and their influence to push the cause of insurgence to an issue, and not to stop until the only means of stopping it is entered upon—prohibition.

Mr. C. A. Bosbyshell then performed the dedicatory service, after which Mr. Lindenmuth led in prayer, earnestly consecrating the hall to the cause of temperance.

An ode was then sung, after which Mr. C. A. Boabyshell addressed the meeting, and in an unassuming, but manly way, portrayed the vice of intemperance and its results; urged upon the friends of temperance to join the organizations—to say "yes," and pray for the success that attended the Fair, which were fully appreciated but were unintentionally overlooked in the report.

Burns' Club.—A meeting of the members of this Club was held on the 10th inst., at which the the following named officers were elected: President, Mr. Thomas Wren, New Boston; Secretary, Mr. C. F. Glover, Pottsville. The Club adopted a resolution to observe on Friday evening, 24th inst., the anniversary of the birthday of Scotland's immortal bard. The festivals heretofore of this Club, were invariably, of a pleasant character, and it is to be presumed that the coming one will be no exception to the rule.

Elections of Bank Directors.—The following bank directors were elected on Tuesday last:

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, Pottsville.—John Shippen, Solomon Foster, Saml. H. Shannon, Thomas M. Russel, Alex. S. Moorehead, William Fox, Nathan Evans, Oliver Dobson, Robert F. Weaver.

PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL BANK OF POTTSVILLE.—Jacob Huntzinger, Theodore Tonnesint, C. H. Dengler, Benj. W. Cumming, J. Albert Huntzinger.

GOVERNMENT NATIONAL BANK OF POTTSVILLE.—W. F. Huntzinger, Michael Rooney, F. B. Kaercher, C. H. Dengler, H. H. Huntzinger.

Inebriate Fire in. Tuscarville.—On Thursday night last, at 9½ o'clock, a building in Tuscarville, located midway between Ringtown and Pottsville, the property of the McNeal Coal and Iron Company, and occupied by Mr. Wm. H. Daniells, as a dry goods, grocery and hardware store, was destroyed by fire. The stock in trade, except a safe which was carried out before the flames entirely enveloped the building. Mr. Daniells' loss will reach $5,000, upon which there is an insurance of $3000 in the Artillard Company and $3000 in the Security Company, both New York companies. We have not heard the loss on the building, but presume it was insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Lossing's Pictorial History of the Great Rebellion.—The second volume of this fine work is even superior to the first, in the beauty and fidelity of the mezzo. It is a correct and faithful history of the Rebellion, while the illustrations are in the style of art which rendered Lossing's field book of the Revolution so popular. Those of the young who should read only a good history of the Slaveholders' Rebellion, this is the best and most interesting published. Mr. Schneider who has been for the work in Schuylkill County, and who is engaged at his educational institute in Sunbury, has deputed Mr. Alfred J. Derr to deliver the second volume to subscribers in the Boroughs. Mr. D. is now engaged in its delivery.

The third parlor rehearsal of the Choir of Trinity Church, will take place on Tuesday evening next, in the fine new residence of Mr. A. Henderson, Mahantongo street. There will be an attractive programme for the occasion, and we anticipate that the attendance will be large. These musical entertainments are unique in character; very satisfactory, and promise to realize in the aggregate, a handsome sum for the coming year.

We might state in this connection, that the builder of the organ is engaged in tuning the pipes, and the indications are that the instrument when fully completed and ready for use, will be one of the finest toned and most resonant organs in this State. Its appearance even in its unfinished state, is very tasteful and beautiful, and reflects the greatest credit upon the talented builder.

The Lebanon Valley Dental Association met at the office of Dr. Lineaweaver, the member for this County, yesterday. There were a number of the profession present from Harrisburg, Lebanon, Hagerstown, Shrewsbury, and Dr. Lineaweaver, of Pottsville. An election of officers for the ensuing year was held, and the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen:

President—H. L. Gilpin, of Lebanon.
Vice President—W. K. Lineweaver, of Pottsville.
Secretary—W. H. Scholl, of Bernville.
Treasurer—I. W. Moffit, of Harrisburg.

Two of Harrisburg and Dr. Brown of Reading, each one an inventor of a new metal for making artificial plates, presented specimens of their respective inventions. The Association continued in session nearly all day, and, we understand, had a very interesting session throughout.

Destruction of an Ice House by Fire.—On Monday night last between 9 and 10 o'clock, a building in Spring Garden, this Borough, owned and occupied by Mr. Solon Ellis as an ice house, was destroyed by fire, the work of an incendiary. The building was nearly filled with ice. Mr. Ellis estimates his loss at $1,500, upon which there is an insurance of