Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1868.

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

WRITERS ON CURRENCY—NEARLY ALL WRONG.

A Few Suggestions again Respectfully Submitted to Congress and the People.

We have received several pamphlets on currency this week; one from Mr. GEORGE W. REWES, of Philadelphia, who leans in the right way by advising the country to procure gold (we say create wealth), and proposes that the Government should go into the business of mining gold in the territories belonging to the country, and thus procure gold to pay interest, &c., and enable the banks to resume specie payments. He points to other countries where governments monopolize interests for filling their coffers. The idea is a good one, provided honest men could be obtained to take charge of the undertaking, and it did not cost the Government more than it would receive from the mines. Herein lies the difficulty. All the business that the Government now transacts costs more than if it were done by private enterprise.

The other is a series of tracts on currency, by Mr. S. P. TOWNSEND, of New York.—Some of his ideas are very good, particularly when he advocates low rates of interest for the producing classes. But in this he runs to the other extreme. He is also in favor of a large issue of Government currency, to which the country is opposed. It prefers the National Bank system properly guarded. But he like Congress, begins at the wrong end. The foreign trade of every commercial country on the face of the globe is more or less mixed up with its finances, and the only way to make money plenty is to create wealth at home by first protecting and developing the domestic industry of the country. We say: create wealth by making at home the necessaries of life which we import annually to the amount of about two hundred and fifty millions of dollars. We are now sending abroad that amount in payment for articles which we can and will make at home under adequate protection. We are thus impoverishing the nation to that extent, while hundreds of thousands of our mechanics and workingmen are out of employment, and many factories are either standing idle or only partially worked. Every paper dollar issued, in addition to what we have, without adequate protection to American industry to start our workshops, &c., and thus create wealth at home, WOULD BE A CURSE. Issuing paper money will not start the workshops, but Protection to American Industry will—It would only tend to enhance prices, enlarge the army of drones, and absolutely lessen what little protection the country now has. It would not put one dollar into the productive industry of the country until that industry is encouraged, but would rather cripple it. All the spouters and writers in and out of Congress, who do not base their financial views on the productive industry of the country, and advocate its protection first, do not understand the first principles of finance—we care not what position they may occupy in the country. This is plain language, but it is nevertheless true.

Nine-tenths of the Copperhead members of Congress are traitors in principle and enemies to their country. They sympathized with treason, and they support European interests in preference to American labor and industry. And the Western and Southern Republican member of Congress who cries for more currency and advocates free trade, shows that he is totally ignorant of the wants of the country, and has yet to learn the first principles of political economy. The Western man says, Europe is the market for our surplus breadstuffs, and we want to exchange these breadstuffs for cheap European goods. Now, Europe when the crops are good, can raise as much breadstuff as she requires, and of course, would not take from us one dollar's worth more than she wants. France three years ago, sent more breadstuffs to England than were sent from the United States to that country, and she can do it again when her crops are good. And England can always draw supplies from Germany and the Baltic more speedily than from the United States, because they are nearer. We can only supply England when her crops are short, and our supply of these breadstuffs required in Europe is not of the increase, but is absolutely diminishing. Nor does the Western man seem to know that we are importing more breadstuffs from Europe in the shape of foreign goods than we export. The labor that made these goods consumed foreign produce, which if manufactured at home, American produce would have been consumed. This is an important feature that has been entirely overlooked in the West, because free traders never think on this subject. The Western man says protection makes him pay 25 per cent more on his goods than he would have to pay without protection. We deny it: because with protection manufactures of every description would spring up in the West, machinery and capital would be introduced, which would soon cheapen prices, like it has done in Europe, and the freight on produce and goods to and from Europe would be greater than the increased prices of the articles produced at home, while he would receive at least one-third more for his produce at his door, and his lands would double in value. In other words, free trade would save him probably ten cents on the dollar with foreign fabrics, while he would lose forty cents on the dollar on his lands and produce consumed at home. These are self-evident and demonstrable facts. Now, we care not how talented a man may be in using words in debate, if he will not investigate such questions he ought not to speak or write upon them. The man who will not reason is a tyrant; and he who cannot is a fool—so says somebody—and there is much truth in the remark.

With all the ability in the present Congress, judging from the debates, there are but few members in both branches who understand the questions of Protection and Finance. The largest portion are lawyers, who seldom trouble themselves about these questions while practicing at the bar; many are bankers, who would like to take care of themselves; and a great many are politicians, who look after place more than business, and a few are practical business men, who are generally nearly right on these questions.—But these constitute the few in Congress.—The opinions of the mass are obtained generally from those who are trying to advance their own interests, money changers, &c., and the present Secretary of the Treasury is a free trader, and cannot comprehend the subject. He knows less than any of them.—This is the great difficulty. If a measure is proposed by the friends of productive industry, it is immediately assailed by the money changers and money shavers, and but few can judge which measures are right. Therefore, if we get good laws passed on these questions, it will be more by chance than by the knowledge possessed by the mass of the members. We also learn that a large portion of the members have plans of their own to which they tenaciously adhere, which of course, if persisted in, will result in adopting none. All the plans submitted so far, are objectionable in many respects.

We would, therefore, respectfully suggest the following, and if any person can submit anything better to meet the wants of this country, let it be substituted:

First, remove the internal taxation from all the industrial pursuits of the country, and put it on the articles recommended by the committee on Ways and Means. When the traitor at the head of the Government, and his corrupt advisers are also removed, the whiskey tax of $2, and all other taxes, can be collected by putting honest men in office.

We would then adjust the tariff in the interest of American labor and manufactures, and append to the act the following:

Be it enacted, that whenever the imports shall exceed the exports of the country, independent of coin, for any fiscal quarter of any fiscal year, five per cent., the Secretary of the Treasury by giving twenty days notice at the different ports of entry, shall increase the duties on the whole scale of manufactured articles ten per cent., until the exports exceed the imports five per cent. (exclusive of coin.) And also, when the exports exceed the imports ten per cent. in any fiscal quarter of any fiscal year, independent of coin, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to reduce the duties ten per cent. on the whole scale, until an equilibrium is established, of which reduction twenty days notice shall be given.

This section would operate on a sliding scale, and keep the balance of trade in our favor—check the drain of coin, and enable the banks to resume at an early day without curtailing the currency, or disturbing business. Every sensible person must know, that while the balance of trade is so largely against us, and the drain of coin continues, no permanent resumption of the banks can take place. In 17 years, the drain of coin and bonds, to pay for excess of importations over exportations of merchandize and raw materials, was equal to ONE THOUSAND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, as the statistics will show. While under the four years of protection under the tariff of 1842, the best bill ever enacted, and under the operation of which wealth was so rapidly created, the balance of trade was in our favor. Every year since 1849, the balance of trade has been against us. It would meet the variations in the price of gold, and immediately let all of our workshops in motion, and we would then create wealth in this country as rapidly as we did during the rebellion. It would also check the variations in prices, because the manufacturers and merchants would know that the sliding scale would maintain an equilibrium in the foreign trade, and therefore, prices would not vary as much as they do now with so much uncertainty connected with our foreign trade. Circumstances might arise by which we would have too large a balance of trade in our favor, and thus draw too much coin from countries with which we are trading. This would tend to destroy those markets abroad for our productions, hence the necessity of providing for a reduction of duties to meet such a contingency, as is contained in the proposed act. The Secretary of the Treasury would be governed by law, the same as he now is in the performance of his duty, and could only act when such contingencies arise. The progress the country would make under such a tariff, would be unexampled; wealth would be created very rapidly; the payment of taxes would scarcely be felt, and the National debt would soon melt away. When wealth and machinery increased so as to warrant a reduction of duties, we would re-adjust them to meet changes, and thus reduce a certain per centage on the whole scale, and continue these periodical reductions on manufactures until they were reduced to merely protect the difference in labor and transportation, as we propose in establishing our domestic industry on a permanent basis, which is the shortest road to free trade so eagerly sought after by some, by thus gradually equalizing the advantages and disadvantages that exist among different nations. There is also one unerring principle which must be kept in view, and that is, that in all countries where protection prevails, labor is the highest, and wealth the most abundant; while in all countries where free trade exists, labor is the lowest, and the nations the most impoverished. Under protection the people rise in the scale of humanity, and become prosperous and happy; while under free trade, they sink into utter poverty and pauperism.

We have been asked what we would do with all our surplus gold and silver, which our territories are likely to produce. All not required for coin to meet the wants of the community and as a basis for our currency, and which is produced as bullion, (not coined), we would not embrace as coin, but have it designated as bullion, and classed with merchandize. Bullion, although used to a considerable extent in Europe, it is not much used here as a basis for issues. All we desire is to secure the coin of the country at home, which circulates as money.

Our principal exports consist of cotton, petroleum, corn, lard, pork, butter, cheese, breadstuffs, (but less the usual), and many other articles of manufactures, such as the cheaper cotton goods, and others in which we excel, and which are on the increase, amounting in the aggregate to a large sum, which, together with the surplus bullion, will be sufficient to pay for all the goods and raw material we import.

With our industry properly protected, which would largely extend the introduction of machinery and create cheap capital for the producing classes, wages would then be better rewarded, while products would be cheapened, and we can then draw abundant revenue in small duties on tea, coffee and sugar, which are heavy articles of import, which the consumers could easily pay with increased wages without feeling it; on luxuries and many other articles not produced at home to an amount sufficient to pay the interest on our National debt, because, under protection, the revenues of the country derived from duties, have always produced larger returns than under a system of free trade. The commerce of all countries increases in proportion to the domestic productions of the country, and, if other nations desire to deal with us more largely, all they have to do, is to take our products in exchange for theirs, and find a market for them elsewhere. Governments are like families; if one buys more than it produces, it will grow poor; while the one that sells more than it buys, will grow rich. This principle every child can understand, and any legislative assembly that would legislate so as to make the country grow poorer, could hardly expect to be tolerated long by the people.

THE FINANCES.

With the tariff properly adjusted, there will be but little trouble with the finances, which we would regulate as follows:

First.—Fund all the indebtedness into 5 per cent. 10-40 bonds, principal and interest payable in coin or its equivalent, free from taxation for a period of ten years, as rapidly as it could be done, including compound interest and all other securities, except the legal tender notes. These we would keep in circulation until the banks and Government are prepared to resume; and we would then gradually withdraw them and leave coin take their place for all bills below the denomination of $5, which would absorb in the neighborhood of $200,000,000, and for the balance substitute National Bank Notes.

Applications can be received by the Comptroller of the Currency, and if the States or Territories have more than their proportion, the application can be entered and granted in rotation, when the States are entitled to their issue.

The country is not prepared for a lower rate of interest than 5 per cent. at present. But under a system of protection, as indicated above, the rate of interest can be reduced to 4 per cent. in ten years, and the question would be left open either to tax the bonds after that period, or provide an issue of 4 per cent. bonds to pay off the 5 per cent. bonds, if the holders refused to convert. This will leave the Government free to act as circumstances may require at the expiration of ten years. We make this suggestion to meet the views of those who think the rate of interest ought to be fixed at 4 per cent. now, which we think too low.

Under the protective system there will be no difficulty in converting all the United States securities into the 5 per cent. 10-40 gold bearing bonds, and at the period of ten years they will be glad to convert into 4 per cent. 10-40 gold bearing bonds in preference to submitting to taxation, because the wealth would be largely increased, and interest will be proportionately low.

Second.—We would limit the issue of currency to $1 for every $30 of the assessed value of the real and personal property of the country, which is collected every three years, and the annual increase averaged, and distribute this currency to National banks in proportion to the wealth of each State and territory of the country. This would be equitable distribution, and would give satisfaction to all parties; and besides it would expand as the business and wealth of the country increases, without any disturbing legislation. The expansion would also take place at such points as business and wealth increases. The property of the country is now estimated at TWENTY-TWO BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, ($22,000,000,000) which would give a volume of currency equal to $733,000,000. This is ample for all present purposes, and it would expand as wealth and business increased. We would commence expanding the National bank currency up to this limit as other issues are withdrawn, until we have no other currency except the legal tenders and National bank notes—commencing the issue to those States in the South and West, and other States not having their proportion first, and withholding it from those having a full issue, until their business and wealth entitled them to more under this limit.

Third.—We would tax the National Banks one per cent. in addition to the present taxes paid by them for government securposes, so as to make the bonds held by them net them four per cent., which is sufficient interest for the banks to draw in addition to their banking facilities, and would satisfy the public.

Fourth.—We would perfect the National Bank charters so as to make them perfectly secure, and compel them to receive the notes of all other banks, and keep them at par throughout the whole country, under a forfeiture of their charters.

The expanding limit is much better than free banking, because it will always prevent expansions and contractions, which invariably derange and destroys business. The great point to be gained in banking is to satisfy the business community that there will not be great expansions, which always leads to contractions. Money can then be invested with more confidence and security. Under a free banking system hundreds of thousands of dollars would be put into banking which ought to be put into productive industry, because there are a great many persons who firmly believe that they are elevated in the scale of society by becoming bankers, on the same principle that every petty broker or money changer now calls himself a banker. And under free banking there would be no security against contractions and expansions, the great bane of legitimate business. The free banking system would also work like the present system, with nearly all the banks located at the great money centres, and the notes only sent to the South and West.—But under the expanding system the banks would be located in these States, and the capital sent into these States for banking purposes, which would prove much more advantageous than the mere sending of notes. CANNOT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATES WHICH HAVE LITTLE OR NO NATIONAL BANK CAPITAL, AND THOSE DEPRIVED OF A LARGE PORTION OF THEIR SHARE OF BANKING CAPITAL, SEE THE ADVANTAGES OF THIS SYSTEM? If so, why do they not establish it? No better plan has yet been proposed, and it meets the approbation of every business man we have yet conversed with. Among the number are PETER COOPER, Esq., of New York, President of the United States Industrial League, and E. B. WARD, Esq., of Detroit, President of the United States Iron and Steel Association, who earnestly recommend its adoption.

In conclusion we would remark that the brokers and money shavers who live by shaving the community, are all opposed to this currency system, because it destroys their business, and will throw a large portion of them out of it. That however, will not injure, but rather benefit the community.

The whole press of the Atlantic cities refuse to lay this plan before the public, because these papers are all controlled by brokers, money shavers and cliques, and they dare not advocate anything in opposition to their views. Business men in all our cities have tried several times to have this proposition published in their leading papers, but failed. Col. Forney of the Philadelphia Press, made an abstract of the plan in his paper in Philadelphia last year, and he immediately wrote us that he had brought a hornet's nest about his ears, and did not know what in the world was the matter. He soon found out whose toes he was treading on, and he published no more,—hence the necessity of giving our views to Congress in slips.

We commend this plan to Congress on its merits alone. It is suggested in the interest of labor and the producing interests of the country, which it is the duty of every Government to foster and protect, in preference to all other interests, because it is this class that creates the wealth and advances the national interests and glory of the country.

We have spoken plainly, but we hope not disrespectfully in this article. There is so much ignorance on these questions, among otherwise intelligent and self-opinionated men in Congress and elsewhere, that it requires strong language now-a-days to attract attention where attention ought to be attracted.

THE IMPEACHMENT OF ANDREW JOHNSON.

ITS EFFECT IN EUROPE.

Nothing that has transpired in this country will cause so profound an effect all through Europe, as the peaceable impeachment of Andrew Johnson. The crushing out of the great Rebellion, contrary to their expectations, has caused European nations to look upon us with the most profound respect, and all demands, right in themselves and in accordance with the laws of nations, will be accorded to us without much trouble, if undertaken in the interests of right, and not of mere partisan diplomacy to advance the interests of some political demagogue or party. But the removal by Congress, in a peaceful manner, of Andrew Johnson from the chair which he has disgraced, without a crisis, and without even disturbing the business of the country, but rather benefiting it, would not only astound the ruling powers of Europe, but cause them to look upon this Government with a feeling akin to awe, and they will become very shaky in their positions. The moral effect in favor of liberal principles would be so great, that many of the ruling powers would begin to think about "setting their houses in order" for a change.

When asked in England last year, by intelligent gentlemen well posted in governmental affairs, whether there was really any probability of an attempt being made to impeach the President, we replied that it would most unquestionably be done, if he violated the laws of the country; and also that it would be done without any fighting. They replied that it would be utterly impossible. With the southern rebels almost in open rebellion to the "Radical Government," as they called it, and with so many of their Northern allies uniting with them, you cannot, they said to us, impeach him without creating another rebellion. We assured them that impeachment would certainly follow a violation of law by the President, and that no rebellion nor even any material disturbance in business would take place, because all the Union soldiers not forced into the army against their will by the draft, would stand by the Government, and these sympathizers with treason in the North, who would not defend their country when in danger, would never fight against the Government—and even if they did make the attempt, a dozen blue coats would frighten off a regiment of such persons. They seemed to be incredulous, and remarked that if we could impeach and remove the President under such circumstances, "your Government is the strongest on the face of the globe."—The impeachment is progressing in a perfect calm, and all Europe will stand amazed. The Pope, the only sovereign in Europe that recognized the Southern Confederacy, with slavery as its cornerstone, is tottering to his grave, and with him will go the Temporal power of the Papacy, the greatest system of slavery now in existence. Italy, notwithstanding, her puppit King, through the influence of the great Garibaldi, is making rapid strides towards liberal principles. Austria is resisting the tyranny of the Pope. Bismarck is leading on the German Empire into more freedom than ever, and the King has already conceded all the rights to American citizens, which were demanded and always refused before. Russia has crushed out serfdom, and is marching on in unison with the United States, in removing every vestige of slavery. Louis Napoleon has forced a new army bill through the legislature, to enable him to make large accessions to the army to prop up his tottering throne; and England has just enfranchised about 800,000 of her citizens for the first time, and some of the papers have already commenced calculating the expenses of aristocracy and royalty. Such has already been the effect of the principles of our Government reacting on Europe. In fact, our principles are a "standing menace" to the despots of the old world. Now with the great and tremendous moral effect of peaceable impeachment added to these American ideas of Government abroad, who can tell what twenty years may bring forth in Europe in this glorious age of progressive freedom to man?

FIRST VERDICT OF THE PEOPLE ON IMPEACHMENT.

The following despatch was on Tuesday last received by the Senators and Representatives of Nebraska, from the governor of the State, Hon. David Butler, dated Omaha, March 3, 1868:

Glorious news! Omaha redeemed. Four hundred and eighty-three Republican majority! Fight square on principle! Congress fully sustained! Copperheads took open grounds against impeachment.

The municipal election in Omaha last year was carried by the Copperheads by a majority of over three hundred. This is a Republican gain at the home of General Thayer and Representative Taffe, as will be seen, of seven hundred and eighty-three.

SOLDIERS THROWN OVERBOARD.—The Copperhead State Convention has thrown overboard the soldiers, they nominated last year for State offices, and taken two rebel sympathizers as their candidates. This, of course, is more consistent with their principles. They don't like the blue coats, who saved the Union, and put down treason and Copperheadism.

BOMBASTES FURIOSO WOODWARD.

Our readers are all conversant with the traitorous indications of Judge Woodward during the progress of the Rebellion. In Congress in the debate on impeachment, he declared himself a traitor in the following language:

"Mr. Speaker, so sure I am that the American people will respect this objection that I will say, *if I were the President's counselor*, which I am not, *I would advise him, if you prefer articles of impeachment, to demur him to your jurisdiction and that of the Senate, and to issue a proclamation pitching your camp and all the world under that while he held himself impeachable for misdemeanors in office before the constitutional tribunals he never would neglect the office, he holds in front his person, to the irregular, unconstitutional, fragmentary bodies who proposed to strip him of it.* Such a proclamation, with *the army and navy in hand to sustain it*, would meet a popular response that would make an end of impeachment and impeachers.

On which the New York Tribune very properly remarks:

Here is an urgent invitation to the President to seize the army and navy, disperse or overawe Congress, and defy the representatives of the people. With such a leader in Congress, it is not surprising that we find here and there a Democratic journal "spelling for a fight." Yet we must do the great majority of their organs the justice to say that they do not follow the treasonable counsels, but content at least silent acquiescence in the regular processes of the law.

Bombastes Furioso Woodward asked permission to have the portion of his speech, containing his treasonable sentiments printed in the Globe. Had he delivered them on the floor of the House, a resolution would undoubtedly, have been offered for his expulsion. As it was, Mr. Butler had one prepared, but was dissuaded from offering it.

THE TAX ON WHISKY.—It is satisfactory to learn that the Committee of Ways and Means is in favor of retaining a government tax of two dollars a gallon on whisky. We believe that with honest officials commencing with the President, that amount can be collected as easily as fifty cents a gallon.—Dishonest manufacturers of whisky will cheat the Government, no matter at what figure to tax is fixed. Remove Johnson and his time-serving toadies, and this and every other tax can be rigidly collected, to the relief not only of Government finances, but of honest taxpayers.

THE Roman Catholic Priesthood of Ireland, it seems do not desire a separation from England. They only desire a separate Parliament for governing Ireland, the same as Canada is now governed.

Local Affairs.

Weekly Almanac.

1868—March.	SUN RISES	SUN SETS	MOON'S CHANGES.		
				D.	H. M.
7 SATURDAY,	6	25 5	58		
8 SUNDAY,	6	24 5	59	First Q.	1 11 53 ev.
9 MONDAY,	6	23 6	00	Full M.	8 3 26 ev.
10 TUESDAY,	6	22 6	01	Last Q.	15 10 40 mo.
11 WEDNESDAY,	6	19 6	2	New M.	24 9 3 mo.
12 THURSDAY,	6	17 6	3	First Q.	31 7 29 mo.
13 FRIDAY,	6	16 6	4		

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE.

Temperature at Greenwood for the week.

FEBRUARY, 1868.	FR. M.	MOR.	S P. M.
28	24°	30°	26°
29	18	18	22
March 1	18	26	32
2	22	23	18
3	4	22	28
4	4	30	38
5	16	40	54

Dwelling houses are scarce in Tremont, and in demand.

Mr. Chas. Saylor of this Borough, has become proprietor of the United States Hotel, Tamaqua.

To-morrow.—Tenth Sunday of the year and second in Lent. Day's length, 11 hours and 35 minutes.

Constable Chrisman has been appointed deputy constable of Norwegian Township. The Court approves the appointment.

W. E. Moody offers his fine residence in Schuylkill Haven for sale, as he contemplates moving to Philadelphia to engage in business.

A sermon to the Masonic Order will be preached to-morrow afternoon in the M. E. Church, Tremont, by Rev. J. S. McConnel.

Davis's Panorama of the Great Rebellion will be exhibited in Hazleton next week, 14th and 16th inst. Mr. Davis will deliver the lecture.

A valuable shawl was left at Union Hall on the night of the Anniversary Ball, 21st February. It can be obtained by the owner by applying at the Hall.

On 26th ult., W. C. No. 47, Junior Sons of America of Schuylkill Haven, took possession of their new Hall located corner of Main and St. John streets.

The post-office at Union Corners, Northumberland county, has been discontinued. Mail matter intended for that place should be addressed to Elysburg.

A meeting of the Schuylkill County Medical Society will be held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, 11th inst., at three o'clock, P. M. By order of the President.

On Monday evening, March 16, Reno's Minstrel Troupe will give a complimentary benefit at the Town Hall, to Mr. Nicholas Rehr, late leader of Cornet Band of this Borough (now Jones's.)

A valuable horse, harness and buggy will be sold at auction on Saturday next, 14th inst., at 11, A. M., in front of Merchants' Hotel, this Borough. The purchaser we are assured, will get a bargain.

Court.—The March Term of Quarter Sessions began on Monday last. The amount of business is considerably less than last year. A full report of the cases disposed of will be published next week.

Four hundred and thirty applications for liquor licenses for hotels, eating houses, &c, in Schuylkill county, have been filed with the Clerk of the Sessions. Fifty-nine of these applicants are of Pottsville.

Fatal Mining Accident.—Michael Hannon, miner, who lived in Ashland, was killed in the colliery of Jacob Boadle, on Monday last in consequence of a piece of coal from a blast striking him on the head.

The Band Fair which has been in progress during the week at Union Hall, will close this evening. The attendance has been excellent, and the Band will realize a handsome sum towards purchasing new instruments.

Cheap Goods.—Walker & Price, Union Hall, have good prints, at 12½ cts. per yard; muslins at 10 to 20 cts.; bleached sheeting cheap; Jonvin's kid gloves, $1.85 per pair, etc., etc. Give them a call, and examine their goods.

To-morrow.—Tenth Sunday of the year and second in Lent. Day's length, 11 hours and 35 minutes.

Fine Safe.—A day or two since while in the safe manufactory of Mr. Charles Kehrer, No. 30, Second street, we inspected a remarkably fine safe which had just been completed for Mr. Paul Heidel of this Borough. It weighs two and a half tons, and is so well constructed that it is thoroughly and completely burglar and fire proof. There are three doors, the last or treasure safe door having on it one of the celebrated combination locks of James Sargent's patent, Rochester, N. Y. Double bar steel has been used in constructing the inner doors of the safe, which would resist the action of the hardest tools for many successive hours. Mr. Kehrer says two days of hard and continued work with tools would be required to drill through the doors of the safe. Mr. Kehrer has the reputation deservedly, of turning out most excellent safes, rendering it unnecessary for our citizens to go abroad to purchase such articles.

Sudden Death of a Photographer.—On Tuesday afternoon last, between 2 and 3 o'clock, J. Freel Nagle, photographer, in the employ of Mr. A. M. Allen, corner of Centre and Market streets, while employed in the "dark-room" of the gallery, fell and expired. An inquest was held by deputy-coroner Conrad, and a verdict of death from apoplexy rendered. His age was about 23 years, and he leaves a wife and three children. His mother, who resides in Philadelphia, reached here on Monday last, the day before his death, strongly impressed by the idea that some fatality in the family was imminent, although her son enjoyed his usual health apparently, up to a few moments before his death. Mr. Nagle had resided in this Borough for about three years, and was highly esteemed for his many excellent qualities.

His remains were taken to Philadelphia on Thursday last for interment, attended to the depot here by Post No. 22, G. A. R., the Order of Odd Fellows, and United American Mechanics headed by Jones's Cornet Band.

March came in like a lion, and a very fierce one, at that. On Sunday and Monday snow fell to the depth of a foot. It impeded railroad trains in every direction. On Monday the morning passenger train from Philadelphia did not reach here until 4, P. M., although due at 1. The evening train was likewise delayed. The weather continues blustering and on Monday night, and the wind becoming high, drifted the snow, blocking up roads and railway tracks. On Tuesday morning at daylight, thermometers in the Borough showed from four-degrees below zero. The business of the Court was much delayed early this week in consequence of the non-attendance of witnesses, who were not able to get here, because of the blocked up condition of the roads. In the beautiful sonnet to the month of March, the poet Bryant, after discouraging of "The blast, that through the snowy valley flies," consoles himself and his readers with the reflection that the month in question "Bears the gentle name of spring." The consolation here about to be offered on this season, is as empty as an egg shell.

Alms House Report.—The regular monthly meeting of the Directors of the Poor, of Schuylkill County, was held at the Alms House, March 2, 1868. Present, L. Orwig, Jr., B. T. Hughes, and M. W. Fehr.

The following is the census of the House for the month ending Feb. 29, 1868:

No. of Inmates in the House on hand on last month, March 1, 1868		419
" " " " Feb. 29, 1868		411
Increase last month		22
No. of Inmates in the House Feb. 28, 1867		439
" to same time this year		411
Decrease this year		28

Of the above, 63 are insane and idiotic; 120 under medical treatment; 74 children.

Admitted during the month, 47; discharged and absconded, 36; died, 11; born, 3; died, 5.

Lodging and meals were furnished to 311 persons.

Out-door relief was granted to 68 families, amounting to 1868 25.

Bills were read, and orders were drawn March 2d, amounting to..... $4,669 83
Previous issue..... 6,516 12

Total in 1868..... $11,185 95

Proceedings of the Pottsville School Board.—A stated meeting of the Board was held on Wednesday evening last. Present, Messrs. Boseberry, Fox, Smith, Derr, Wright, Keim, Wells, Shaffer, Huber, Heebner, and Boyer, President.

Committee on abseil damages to Baptist Church building, when used by Board for school purposes, was continued to report at next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Heebner it was resolved that the requisite number of blinds for windows of Sharp Mountain school house, be procured.

Mr. Smith reported having secured Mr. Rosengarten's building in Third street, for school purposes.

Secretary reported amount of orders issued to date, as follows:

For school purposes.....	$10,226 99
" building.....	10,184 73
Total.....	$20,361 66

Mr. Keim was added to the Book Standing Committee.

The matter of purchasing encyclopedias was referred to the Book Committee.

The following bills were read and ordered to be paid:

Henry Lord.....	$52 32
Geo. W. Snyder.....	202 25
E. L. Wasley.....	8 30
	$262 87

The Sabbath School Teachers' Union of Pottsville convened at 8 o'clock, on Monday evening last, in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church. After devotional exercises, at the request of Mr. Passmore, the Secretary, John W. Bickel was appointed Secretary, pro tem. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted.

On motion the Committee on Statistics was requested to make its final report at the next meeting.

The Rev. P. De Veuve was then called upon, and delivered a very instructive address. Stephen Harris, Esq., from the committee appointed to visit the Institute at Mahanoy City then presented a very interesting report of the proceedings of said Institute.

The Executive Committee made a special report in connection with the Association, and the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to correspond with Professor H. S. Osborn of Easton, and invite him to deliver a lecture with magic lantern illustrations to the Sunday School children of Pottsville, this parents and friends under the auspices of the Borough Association, with full power to make all the necessary arrangements.

On motion the rest of Rev. J. C. Harper, a member of the Executive Committee, was declared vacant on account of his removal from the Borough. The election to supply the vacancy resulted in the choice of P. W. Sheafer, Esq. On motion adjourned.

List of the names of traverse jurors drawn to attend a Court of Common Pleas, to be holden at Pottsville, on Monday, March 16:

Daniel Freiler, mason, Minersville.
Jacob F. Fenst, yeoman, Branch.
Isaac Hunsch, jr., miller, Cressona.
Chas. F. Bowen, ice-dealer, Pottsville.
Theodore Tonsenft, dyer, Pottsville.
Michael Norman, yeoman, Butler twp.
Abel G. Swift, carpenter, Ashland.
George G. Jacoby, merchant, Shenandoah.
William Maurer, manufacturer, Schuylkill.
Stephen Hauser, miner, Ashland.
Rufus A. Wilder, engineer, Cressona.
William Bies, Lagner, Mahanoy twp.
Daniel M. Stauffer, merchant, Union.
John Dorner, innkeeper, East Norwegian.
Samuel Kramer, yeoman, Butler twp.
George E. Hoffman, merchant, Cressona.
John Daddow, engineer, East Norwegian.
Jacob Longacre, tanner, West Penn.
Jonas Reichard, innkeeper, Mahanoy twp.
Daniel H. Kramer, mechanic, Pottsville.
Peter A. Filbert, merchant, Tremont.
Peter Kellman, yeoman, Tamaqua.
Nathan Palsgrove, tobacconist, Sch. Haven.
Philip Hoffman, clerk, Minersville.
William Shoener, cabinet maker, Wash. twp.
William Reisel, innkeeper, Upper Mahantongo.
George Bernhard superintendent, Butler.
John Haves, superintendent, Pottsville.
Mahlon B. Allebach, watch-maker, Tamaqua.
Henry Hands, farmer, Hubley.
Chas F. Kopisch, soap maker, Pottsville.
Samuel Gray, boat builder, Port Carbon.
William H. Burchfield, saddler, Ashland.
William T. Richards, merchant, St. Clair.
Samuel Palmer, miner, Cressona.
Aaron Fetherolf, yeoman, St. Clair.

Temperance.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Schuylkill County Temperance Union will be held in the English Lutheran Church in Minersville on Wednesday, March 11, 1868. The session will commence in the afternoon at one o'clock, and after the adjournment in the evening there will be a public temperance meeting to be addressed by good and able speakers, including Miss Jennie Graves of Pottsville. Hon. Edward Carswell has also been engaged by the President of the Union, and is now in the County. He spoke to large and appreciative audiences in Pinegrove on Wednesday evening, in Tremont on Thursday evening, in Ashland on Friday evening and he will speak this (Saturday) evening in Mahanoy City. All who can, should go to hear him, as they may not have another opportunity for a long time.

This meeting of the Union will no doubt be of great interest and we trust that the churches and societies in the County will be well represented. Each Society by the payment of Ten Dollars become a member of the Union, and is entitled to be represented at each meeting by two delegates. We earnestly advise every church, school and temperance Society in the County at once to become members of the Schuylkill County Temperance Union. It is only thus by united action that the friends of temperance can ever hope to gain success.

On Saturday evening last, the Flahbach Chapel was filled to overflowing, to hear the lecture on Temperance, by Miss Jennie Graves. At an early hour the Chapel was crowded, many having to go away that could not gain admittance. The meeting was called to order, and opened with prayer by the Rev. U. Graves. Miss Jennie Graves was then introduced, and delivered one of the most interesting and instructive lectures ever heard in Pottsville. The Rocket's tank not thrown from the track. Next came the smoking car. It jumped from the track, turned completely around, and upset on its side. The other three cars (there were only four in the train) ran ahead and into the broken bank, wrecking it completely, but not injuring the cars much. There were eight or ten persons in the smoking car at the time but only one man was injured much. He is named Donahoe of Mahanoy City. Word was brought to Pottsville for other cars, which were sent and took the passengers on.

The attention of our readers is called to the Card of Mrs. Rebecca L. Wolff in another column. The reputation of the Aetna Life Insurance Company is such that it ranks among the foremost in the country, as regards safety, economy, and large amount of business done annually. Below is a synopsis of the business done during the year 1867, as handed in by the Company's gentlemanly agent, R. F. Potter, Esq., at Miners' Bank:

Assetts, over.....	$8,000,000
Income for 1867, over.....	5,000,000
New Policies issued in 1867, near.....	16,000
Amount insured.....	45,000,000
Increase in assets during 1867, near.....	3,500,000

Really this looks like work. Dividend, 1868, 50 per cent. Give the agent a call and get a policy in this Company.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Post Office, at Pottsville, Pa., March 6, 1868:

Bowe Christopher—Jones Samil
Baker Jno—Kunkel Harriet
Belesicui Hannah—Lloyd Jno
Batchelder Cath—Lyons Elisabeth
Ball Michael—Livingston L C
C nor C—McGregor Jno
Condron Bernard—Maddigan Phillip
Coleban John—Maloney D T
Cavanagh James—Morgan John
Flanagan Edward—Mason William
Gaul John—Norton Michael
Herring E W—Neff Kate
Herring William—Ney Mrs Jacob
Horning Molly—O'Donnel Mrs
Hoffman Frederick—Pencost E
Jones Thomas—Parker Jennie
Shaw Charles W
Smith J. F. & Brown
Spencer John
Shoemaker Michael
Thompson Miss E
A
Weida—Mrs Annie
Whitman Belle
Williams Jno
Wells James
Williams Jonah
Zeigler C F B

The Late Township Elections.—The following are additional returns of officers elected at the elections held on Friday last:

TAMAQUA.—Chief Burgess, B. T. Hughes. Town Council, Nicholas Seitzlinger, Christopher Schide—School Directors, Benjamin Heilner, C. P. Follweiler, Supervisor, George Shoemaker. High Constable, Thomas Moyer. Auditor, Philip Krebs. Assessor, Patrick Dohney.

North Ward—Justice of the peace, John O'Brian.—Judge of election, Simon Krebs. Inspectors, James Haggerty, Henry McNally. Constable, Thomas Moyer.

South Ward—Judge of Election, William W. Bailey. Inspectors, Charles Thomas, Richard Curnew. Constable, Jacob K. Koehler.

East Ward—Judge of Election, Frederick Lawall, Inspectors of Election, William Barton, John Howell.

The Chief Burgess and the greater part of the Democratic ticket was successful. There was but little interest manifested, and the vote was very light.—only 661 votes being polled for Chief Burgess.

Fine Safe.—A day or two since while in the safe manufactory of Mr. Charles Kehrer, No. 30, Second street, we inspected a remarkably fine safe which had just been completed for Mr. Paul Heidel of this Borough. It weighs two and a half tons, and is so well constructed that it is thoroughly and completely burglar and fire proof. There are three doors, the last or treasure safe door having on it one of the celebrated combination locks of James Sargent's patent, Rochester, N. Y. Double bar steel has been used in constructing the inner doors of the safe, which would resist the action of the hardest tools for many successive hours. Mr. Kehrer says two days of hard and continued work with tools would be required to drill through the doors of the safe. Mr. Kehrer has the reputation deservedly, of turning out most excellent safes, rendering it unnecessary for our citizens to go abroad to purchase such articles.

Sudden Death of a Photographer.—On Tuesday afternoon last, between 2 and 3 o'clock, J. Freel Nagle, photographer, in the employ of Mr. A. M. Allen, corner of Centre and Market streets, while employed in the "dark-room" of the gallery, fell and expired. An inquest was held by deput