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OHIO AND INDIANA RAILROAD.

Possibly some of our readers may exclaim, on reading the heading of this article—"where is the Ohio and Indiana Railroad?" We will endeavor to enlighten them. All the regular readers of the Gazette know that the "Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad" commences at this city, and terminates at a point on the "Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati" road, called *Crestline*, 176 miles from Pittsburgh. At this point, the "Bellefontaine and Indiana" road commences, and runs in a south westerly direction towards Indianapolis, passing through Marion, Union, Logan and Dark counties, and uniting with the "Indianapolis and Bellefontaine" Railroad, at the Indiana State line. This road crosses the Mad River Railroad at Bellefontaine, about half way between Cincinnati and the Lake. It is now all under contract, and will be finished next year. This is the great route to St. Louis, and is the best, cheapest, and shortest Railroad route which can be constructed. Now for the "*Ohio and Indiana*" road. This projected Railroad also commences at *Crestline*, and runs in a *north westerly* direction, through Bucyrus, in Crawford county, Upper Sandusky, in Wyandott county, and then through the counties of Hancock, Putnam, and Van Wert, in Ohio, and the county of Allen, in Indiana, terminating for the present at *Fort Wayne*, on the Wabash and Erie Canal. Its further extension will be to Chicago, Galena, etc.

All persons acquainted with the immense extent and fertility of the country through which this projected road is to pass, will at once discover its vast importance, penetrating, as it does, into the very heart of north-western Ohio, and northern Indiana, and will anxiously inquire, "Is there any prospect of such a road being built?" We are pleased to be able to answer this question in the affirmative, and give the following reasons for it.

The Ohio and Indiana Railroad Company is incorporated, has obtained its charter, and elected its officers, and is preparing the line between Bucyrus and Crestline for letting. The county of Crawford, by a vote of the people, has subscribed $100,000, Wyandott $60,000, and Allen county, Indiana, proposes to subscribe $80,000. In Crawford county, the individual subscriptions amount to $20,000, and in Wyandott to $25,000. The other counties along the line will take stock, and a considerable amount of individual subscription is expected from Fort Wayne. The length of the line is 126 miles, and the Engineer's estimate of grading and bridging is $2,860 per mile, or $478,000 to prepare the road for the rails. Including the 60,000 proposed to be subscribed by Allen county, the subscriptions amount to $275,000—leaving only some $200,000 to be raised by the other counties and individual subscription. The Company, we believe, intend to follow the principle adopted by the Ohio and Pennsylvania road, which is to make each county through which the road runs furnish enough means to grade and bridge the road, then there is no difficulty in raising the money for iron and stocking the road.

The best spirit prevails along the line, and there is a confident expectation of being able to finish the road in 1852. A large and enthusiastic convention of the citizens of Allen county, Indiana, was held at the Court House, in Fort Wayne, on Saturday, 25th January last, for the purpose of obtaining an expression of opinion in regard to this enterprize. At this meeting the following resolutions were adopted, and the Convention adjourned with the best feelings for the success of the road.

WHEREAS, An act has been passed by the Indiana Legislature, now in session, authorizing the extension, under the Ohio charter, of the Ohio & Indiana Railroad to Fort Wayne; and Whereas, it is understood that said road will be so extended, if stock enough is taken in this State to grade the road to the State Line, the cost of which is estimated at about $70,000; therefore,

Resolved, That Allen county has a deep interest in the *extension and speedy completion* of the Ohio & Indiana Railroad to Fort Wayne.

Resolved, That the extension of said road to Fort Wayne, by giving Allen county, at *all seasons of the year*, the benefit of an eastern and southern market, would add largely to the value of its agricultural products; and by making it accessible to the emigration of the older States and foreign lands, would rapidly and largely increase the population; by means of which, its real estate would be convertible into cash at advanced prices; its resources more actively developed; and its business in all branches stimulated and improved.

Resolved, That as the country as a whole, and every one of its inhabitants in particular, are to be benefited by the projected road, that the burthen can only be equally borne by a subscription by the county of stock in said road to an amount sufficient to grade the road to the State Line, and the assessment of a tax sufficient to meet the interest on said subscription until the stock can be disposed of or the dividends shall render such assessment unnecessary.

Resolved, That a railroad tax of one quarter of one per cent. would by sufficient assessment on the real and personal property of the county to pay the interest on the proposed subscription—a burthen inconsiderable indeed in comparison with the benefits to be derived from the road.

Resolved, That the tax-payers and citizens, composing this meeting, pledge to each other and the county their most active exertions to effect the necessary county subscription and the completion of the road within the NEXT TWO YEARS.

The *Fort Wayne Sentinel*, concludes an editorial article, in relation to this projected enterprise, with the following remark:

"On the Fourth of July, 1853, we may have a railroad celebration—hear the loud snort of the iron horse in our streets, and pay a visit to our *neighbors* at Pittsburgh, and return home next day fully satisfied that Fort Wayne is at length out of the woods, and placed in communication with all the world and the rest of mankind."

How strikingly evident must it be to every intelligent person, on reading the above, that the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad is located *on the straightest line*, to secure the trade of the mighty *west*. Here we see that we have roads constructing and projected, on eminently good and feasible routes, to connect us with St. Louis and Chicago, and embracing in their ramifications the entire country between the Lakes and the river, except the region fifty miles south of our road and east of Columbus, and which we expect to reach by means of the river route. No other location could have given us so many advantages. This is now becoming so perceptible, that our Western railroad is now taking the front rank among the Railroads of the land.

The Philadelphia Fugitive Slave Case of Tamor, or Euphemia Williams, called "Mahala," charged with being the slave of W. T. J. Purcell, of Worcester Co., Md., which was begun in the United States Circuit Court in that City on Friday, before Judge Kane, was concluded on Saturday.—After hearing all the evidence on both sides, the Judge decided that the weight of the evidence preponderated in favor of the prisoner, and she was discharged. Great excitement and rejoicing was manifest among the colored people at this result.

The woman, after she was released, was taken, with her children, to the head-quarters of the colored people—the Philadelphia Institute—in Lombard street, above Seventh. Here she was introduced, speeches were made, huzzas indulged in, and the greatest excitement manifested. The same wild feeling was shown by the colored population throughout the lower part of the county.

After this jubilee, there was a new feature; the horses were taken out of the carriage in which Euphemia Williams and her children were placed, a long rope was attached to the carriage, which was taken hold of by as many of her colored friends as could crowd on to it. She was thus dragged to her home, amid the shouts and songs of rejoicing of hundreds who surrounded the cortege. Her female friends formed in procession behind the carriage, and kept up with the dog-trot of those who were dragging it. The whole scene was one of wild excitement.

We are requested to say that Mr. Gough will deliver his last Lecture this evening, in Rev. Mr. M'Laren's church, Sixth street. Tickets ten cents.

EFFECTS OF BAD WORKS.—In another column will be found an account of a tragical affair in Massachusetts—murder and suicide. But we care not to repeat the sickening details. The reader, however, will be struck with the kind of books the parties possessed and read—the "Spirit Harmonia," a wild deistical work, and "Indiana," which the writer calls Madame Dudevant's worst novel. All calculated to prepare the infatuated wretches for rushing uncalled into the presence of their Maker; for we think it highly probable that the female consented to die by the hand of her paramour, he agreeing to follow her into the Spirit World by an act of suicide.

The Pittsburgh Gazette appears to us rather impudent in supposing we should publish its reply to the Journal. We do not exactly understand why we should publish it. We however must explain that we only characterised it as weak because it had very small foundation. We think the Gazette did the best that could be done with the material. It fully proved that its love for Pittsburgh was strong—too strong for its judgment.—*Wheeling Gazette*

We confess that Pittsburgh has more than a "*second place*" in our "affections" and it is possible, as we do not pretend to be infallible, that our judgment may be somewhat warped by our attachment. Is it not just as possible, however, that the editor of the Wheeling paper, is liable to the same infirmity, and that his devotion to Wheeling and her interests may warp his mind in making up his opinion of our article, and of the foundation on which it rests. The editor would fain believe that our positions are "weak," and therefore pronounces them such.

We learn by telegraph that on Monday last the Northwestern road bill passed the House of Delegates, with the rider submitted by Mr. Burwell, of Bedford. The bill provides for the construction of a road from Parkersburgh to some point on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad the rider providing that the said road shall not be commenced until the Baltimore and Ohio railroad Company shall have laid *one of its double tracks* to Wheeling, and also providing that the Hempfield railroad company shall have the privilege of constructing her road through Virginia to Wheeling. The editor of the Pittsburgh Gazette has been contending that the Hempfield Company could never obtain the right of way to Wheeling. What is his opinion about this time? We err often, we make our wishes the father of our thoughts.—*Wheeling Gazette.*

Well we can tell the Wheeling editor that we are still of the same opinion, although we are free to admit that the Virginia Legislature has made a nearer approach to granting the favor asked for than we expected, and that there is a game playing that we did not anticipate. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has been struggling for years to obtain the right of way to Parkersburgh, and has been defeated by the influence Wheeling was able to exert in the Virginia Legislature Wheeling, having secured a terminus of the Baltimore road at that place, is now willing to bargain for another terminus at Parkersburgh, provided she can thereby secure the right of way for the Hempfield road. Or, Wheeling may not find herself strong enough to defeat the branch to Parkersburgh entirely, and she interposes her riders by way of making the most of her defeat. Be this as it may, we do not apprehend much from this affair as it now stands. In the first place, the scheme has got to pass the ordeal of the Senate, and may there be defeated. But admit that it passes, of what value will it be? It is not to be operative until the Baltimore road has laid down "one of its double tracks to Wheeling," which will be some years yet to come.—What the exact meaning of the phraseology of "one of its double tracks," is we cannot say; are we to interpret it however to mean a "double track," as an amendment to lay down a "single track" was defeated? Will the Wheeling Gazette enlighten us?

The more likelihood there is, however of the Hempfield project coming to any thing, so much the more important is it to Pittsburgh that a rail road should be constructed to Bridgeport by the river route, as then we should have a fair competition for the trade of the Central Ohio Railroad, and of the country east of Columbus. To secure the trade of the mighty west and northwest, we need nothing better than the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad That will do all for us for that purpose that can be done by any Railroad

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COMMON SCHOOL REPORT

Our Harrisburg correspondent has kindly furnished us with the 17th Annual Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools of Pennsylvania, for the year ending June 1. 1850, by A. L. ROESSL, Superintendent, in advance of its publication.

The Report contains a tabular view of the system since its establishment, which we omit, but we insert nearly all the rest. This is followed by some interesting general remarks, which we shall notice hereafter: and by a plan of a State Agricultural school, which we will give to-morrow. Altogether the report is admirably written, and evinces a zealous devotion to the great interest over which the Superintendent presides.

The remarks of the Superintendent respecting the evils arising from incompetent teachers are strong and well expressed; but strong as they are, they fail to express the extent of the evil in many of the rural districts. Men incapable of reading the English language intelligently are often employed as teachers; and why? Because the men who compose the boards of direction are themselves incompetent; and feeling this, they are too modest or too timid to examine the candidates for the post of teacher, even to the extent that they might. Now as the stream cannot rise higher than the fountain, so it cannot be expected that, under such supervision, the system can ever be brought to realize the too ardent expectations of its founders. The consequence is that the all-important vocation of the teachers of youth is filled by men whose only recommendation is that they are to ignorant too know that they are ignorant.

But after all, parsimony lies at the bottom of the evil. *Cheap teachers* have driven competent teachers out of the rural districts. The latter are to be found in towns and cities, and in some more advanced districts; but in the majority of the country districts, where the schools are only kept open during the winter months, the teachers are generally young men, who, for the time being, have nothing else to do, and *the lowest bidder gets the job*. To call such fellows *teachers*, or to call such congregations of poor children *schools*, is a misuse of language

These remarks may sound harshly, but are they not lamentably true? The State Superintendent is right when he says that such a system is a mere waste of the funds of the Commonwealth and of the people. But it is worse than this—it is a deception, a cheat upon our children—they ask bread, and we give them a stone, they ask a fish, and we give them a serpent. It is high time, therefore that the doors of the school houses were closed against every impudent fellow who may be able to palm himself off upon the easy good nature of our school boards.

How shall this be done? Easily enough. Let none be eligible to the employment of teacher but such as shall have been examined by competent examiners, appointed by State authority, in every county, and received diplomas, graduated according to his proficiency, 1, 2, 3, &c., and let this diploma be given to any one possessing the requisite qualifications, no matter where or how he or she received his or her education. In all cases let a good moral character be made an essential prerequisite. Some such scheme as this would cure the evils arising from the parsimony and incompetency of many of our present school boards.

We cannot acquiesce in the scheme proposed by the superintendent for establishing "teachers' seminaries" in the several Congressional districts. As things now are, few young men of decent talents will be found to aspire to the profession of teacher. One or two good normal schools, where teachers could be properly instructed and diplomas given, would answer a good purpose; but if we wish to keep teachers in the State and in the profession, the pecuniary compensations must be raised to respectable grades.

We make a pretty full extract this morning, and will give further extracts to-morrow.

The following exhibit, prepared with much care from the reports of the district directors, affords a condensed view of the operation of the system for the year ending June 1, 1850. It is, however, deeply to be regretted that these reports are made to the department, in many instances, in a form so vague and unintelligible, that no compilation thereof can be relied on as furnishing information strictly accurate:

Whole number of districts	1,887
Number paid during the year	1,273
Whole number of schools	8,510
Number yet required	674
Average number of months taught	5.1
Number of Male teachers	6,675
Number of Female teachers	3,935
Average salaries of male teachers per month	$17.20
Average salaries of female teachers per month	$10.15
Number of male scholars	233,392
Number of female scholars	190,952
Number learning German	11,041
Average number of scholars in each school	40
Cost of teaching each scholar per month	$1.44
Amount of tax levied	$768,427 02
Amount received from State appropriation	159,267 44
Cost of instruction	609,377 45
Fuel and contingencies	63,329 14
Cost of school houses, purchasing, building, renting, and repairing	[illegible] 41 06

Complaints are heard from various quarters, that the system has failed to accomplish the purposes for which it was designed, and that the funds of the State are wasted. These expressions of dissatisfaction must not be ascribed entirely to ignorance and prejudice: they come, in too many instances, from honest, intelligent citizens, true friends of education.

Incapacity of teachers is the principal subject of complaint. The board of directors of each school district is vested with the power of appointing the teachers: and the opinion seems to prevail with some directors, that almost any applicant is competent to instruct the *younger* children in the commencement of their education. How fatal the error! Of all others, this is the period of life, and of the pupilage of a child, when the greatest injury results from improper instruction; when, the tender mind first unfolding its faculties to receive instruction, impressions of whatever character are most lasting. "No unskilful hand should play upon the harp, where the tones are forever left in the strings."

Incapacity of teachers must continue to be a fruitful source of complaint, and a great obstacle to the prosperity of the system, so long as the schools shall be kept open only a few months in each year. Teaching is an art, as well as a science; and to arrive at proficiency requires both study and practice: it is a business in its forms and a laborious pursuit, and no one can be expected to engage in it cordially, unless adequately compensated. We cannot expect young men of talent to expend the time and money necessary to qualify them for this business, unless it will afford them adequate compensation and a permanent employment. The precarious character of the occupation is compelling many of our most useful and skilful teachers to turn their attention to other pursuits, and seek a livelihood in other channels. When the labors of the teacher are properly remunerated, and means devised to keep the schools in operation the greater part of the year, we may expect men to adopt teaching as a permanent profession. In the examination of the capacity and general qualifications of the applicant for employment, the law requires the boards of directors to examine as to his moral character. It is complained that this part of their duty is too frequently neglected; and that men of corrupt principles and immoral habits are employed as teachers, who pollute the minds of the young, and thus inflict serious injury upon society. The mischief perpetrated, is charged upon the common school system, and good men become prejudiced against it, as though these evils were inseparable from it. "A teacher should himself be taught, he should be educated for the profession of teacher, with at least as great care as is required in other occupations or professions." He should not only be acquainted with the rudiments of English education, and the best mode of imparting instruction to the pupil, but he should be disciplined in sound morals, in correct habits, and in the control of his own passions, before his instruction to the scholar can be useful.

It is a culpable waste of the money of the people to expend it for the pernicious services of men who cannot teach, and will not learn

You may provide any amount of money for educational purposes; you may expend it in the erection of school houses, and in the establishment of schools without number; you may fill the school houses with scholars, and provide the scholars with books; still your legislation will prove profitless, unless provision is made to secure the services of properly qualified teachers.

How are these evils to be remedied. In submitting "plans for the improvement of the system," as the law requires, the superintendent is aware that any proposition intended to effect substantial alterations, should be regarded with much caution. Frequent changes in the law, where so many are concerned in the execution of its provisions, are productive of confusion. Hence, suggestions, apparently the wisest and most judicious, to remedy alleged defects, have generally, in the judgment of the Legislature, failed to be entirely free from objection

To remove complaints and secure more efficiency to the system, a plan which is regarded as practicable, and involving little additional expense, is recommended. It is the appointment of a superintendent of each Congressional district, for a term of years, with an adequate salary. The appointment of the district superintendent should be made by some authority within the district, competent, from a knowledge of the citizens thereof, to make a selection of some gentleman whose known zeal in the cause of popular education; whose sound moral character, general intelligence, energy, and activity, would designate him as a proper person to discharge the trust.

The duties of the superintendent would consist in the establishment and supervision of a teachers' seminary, for thorough instruction in the common school branches alone, and in the science and art of imparting instruction to others. A model-school might be attached to each seminary, and such students of the seminary as might be approved as teachers in the model-school, should be charged no tuition fee, while others might be required to pay a small amount quarterly. The superintendent might exercise a general supervision over the schools of his district, deliver public lectures on subjects connected with common school studies, and become acquainted with the wants of schools, examination of teachers, receive and properly distribute the school fund throughout his district, select and distribute the most approved books for the schools, determine, or report disputes to the State Superintendent, take care that the school law is properly executed and collected, and prevent frauds upon the State in the disbursement of the school fund. He could also receive the reports of his district, and make a condensed semi-annual or annual report to the School Department, with which he could also maintain a direct correspondence on all matters of interest or difficulty in his district. The locality of the seminary might be changed every year, or oftener, by removal to such parts of the district whereof the citizens, by furnishing suitable rooms for its accommodation, or by other inducements, might indicate their appreciation of its benefits and location.

Such seminaries, it is believed, can be established and supported at a trifling expense, and through their instrumentality, much of the fund now annually squandered in the support of schools, which the intelligent citizen can neither commend nor patronize, be saved to the State, and advantageously employed.

If we would correct the evils of the system, we must begin at the foundation. We can never have good schools until we have provided good teachers. No one animated with an enlightened patriotism, would object even to taxation, were it necessary to accomplish this object. On its fulfilment depend the success of popular instruction, and, as a consequence, the welfare of the citizens, and the prosperity of the State

The organization and successful management of these seminaries in every Congressional district of the State, would be attended with the most beneficial results on the system. It might not, perhaps, be calculating wildly to say, that they would have a large proportion of the cost of their establishment, by giving to the school fund a proper direction, and rendering it effective for the purposes for which it was created, instead of being, in many instances, misused, misappropriated, or perhaps squandered.—Under an auspicious public confidence, they would make teaching a permanent occupation, would invigorate its character, and inspiring a profes sional feeling among teachers, and an enthusiastic attachment to their profession.

For the improvement of the system, certain alterations of the Law are also recommended.

The simplest, most direct, and least expensive method of collecting the school tax should be adopted. Upon the aid derived from this source depends much of the efficacy of the system, and it should be made to yield all that can be anticipated from it, with the least possible expense and delay. That part of the law relating to the collection of the tax, should be so altered as to require the delivery of the duplicate, in all cases under certain penalties and restrictions, to the collector of the county rates and levies instead of the District treasurer. The collection of the tax would thus be simplified, and the difficulty attendant upon the refusal of the constable to receive a partially collected duplicate from the treasurer avoided.

A reduction of the number of directors, from six to three, would also be an improvement,—Their responsibility, by being less divided, would be increased, and their accountability to their constituents more fully realized and appreciated.

In the selection of sites for school houses difficulties arise, in consequence of the refusal of the owner of the fee to convey a title to the Board of Directors, thereby compelling them to build on short leases, or verbal agreements, which often result in disputes and losses to the district. To remedy this evil, authority given to directors to locate houses in their respective districts, in such situations as would best promote the interests of the sub districts, and providing for any damage sustained by the owner of the property, in the same manner as is now required by law in like cases, would be wise and salutary in its effects.

These suggestions are respectfully commended to the favorable consideration of the Legislature.

In the city and county of Philadelphia, the system of Public Schools differs in some important features, and, in its organization, is separate and distinct from the general system. The present gratifying condition of these schools, and the admirable character of their organization, may be learned from the following extract from a late able report of a "Special Committee of the County Board on Public Schools:"

"In the performance of their duty they have visited the different classes of schools in our city and county, beginning with the primary, and ending with the High School; and through the kindness of the instructors, have been present as they go through their various exercises. With all these schools they have been extremely gratified; the scholars, apparently impressed with the advantages they enjoy, bring a cheerful and willing mind to the tasks allotted to them, while the teachers, having by our system been *taught to teach*, perform their duties in a manner which nothing but a *thorough previous training* could give. The extensive employment of females, as teachers, seems an admirable arrangement, operating, as it does, a new and appropriate occupation for women, and greatly reducing the expense of tuition. Their patience and winning manners lead the gentle and repress the boisterous, while those who would struggle the most against the control of strength, seem almost unconsciously to yield to the power of weakness. The mode in which the expenditures are made, and the amounts kept, was also exhibited to your committee. In this they can suggest no improvement; it is clear, precise, and satisfactory."

OUR BOOK TABLE.

Blackwood's Magazine, for January, has made its appearance on our table. This is one of Leonard Scott & Co.'s reprints of British periodicals, all of which can be had at very low rates, for which see advertisement in our columns, in which an important correction has lately been made.

"*Wacousta*; or the Prophecy—An Indian tale —By Major Richardson, author of "Hardscrabble," "Ecarte," &c." New York—Published by Dewitt & Davenport.

This tale is spoken of by the London press in terms of high praise. The London Literary Gazette says that the author of the "Spy" has a formidable competitor in his peculiar field of pioneer and Indian life, in this new work.

The above works are for sale by W. C. Wall. 85 Fourth street.

STATE PRIDE.

To the Editor of the Gazette.

At the Festival in Philadelphia, in honor of the steamship City of Glasgow, Messrs Buchanan and Meredith pointedly referred to our want of State Pride

No more humiliating exhibition has ever been presented than the conduct of Pennsylvania's children on the Tariff. "Polk, Dallas, Shunk, and the Tariff of 1842," heralded in Polk's administration. He selected two Pennsylvanians as Cabinet officers, and another was Vice President. In a few months without any petitions or remonstrances, a recreant son of the old Keystone presented that second "Mississippi Scheme," which, of course, was approved by all the members of the Cabinet. It passed the House and in the Senate one, another Pennsylvanian, whose name was on that occasion, and whose speeches in the Senate were all in defence of Pennsylvania policy, damned himself for ever, politically, by striking down the manufactures of his native State. Verily, he has his reward—for his Locofoco brethren vilify remark, "Polk, Dallas, and the Tariff of '42," are all dead.

Our people are now realizing the wisdom of this second John Law.

The future historian will vainly endeavor to discover why a son born in the mountains, amongst the mines of coal, and beds of iron—the graves of whose ancestors were all here—should have raised his parricidal hand against his Father Land.

What will he say of that Vice Presidential vote? or of the silence of the Secretary of State? Verily, Mr. Buchanan, it becometh you to be native Pennsylvania on State Pride

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RHODE ISLAND SENATOR.—General James, the newly elected Senator from Rhode Island, gave a brilliant entertainment at his elegant mansion in Providence on Tuesday evening, which was graced by the presence of the governor, several members of the judiciary, and most of the members of the Legislature of the State, and influential citizens besides many from various parts of Rhode Island, who do not from present occupy official positions. The occasion was one of unbounded good feeling, all asperities being merged in the courteous desire to do honor to the man who is the choice of the Rhode Island people for legislature, to the Senate of the United States. We do not mean in this paragraph to say one word as to the influences which produced the election of General James, but we do say—on the highest authority—that while he has generally acted, when acting at all, with the Democratic party, he had refused his support to their measures when he deemed them incompatible with the true welfare of the country. He has, in fact, never been a party man, and, we understand, has not voted for some time past. But he is true on the question of internal improvements, in the sense contended for by our greatest statesman—Mr. Webster—and others: he is heartily in favor of a tariff for the protection of American industry, and, though he may not go quite so far as some for the extreme rate of duties, he yet abominates the suicidal policy of free trade, as it is called. He is a friend to the Union, and of the late Compromise measures, and is, consequently, wholly averse to the fanatical spirit of incendiary agitation now so rife in some quarters.—*Boston Courier*

KITCHEN GARDENING.

ASPARAGUS.—It is a fine thing for this plant to have rich beds of soil and manure, two feet deep for the roots to run in. But one great reason that asparagus does not grow larger is, the plants are placed too closely together in the bed. Rows a foot apart will not answer—they should be two feet at least.

Any one may satisfy himself on this point by planting two beds as follows: one to be two feet deep, with soil and manure well mixed together and the rows a foot apart; and the other a richly manured spot, one foot deep, with the rows two and a half feet apart. In four years, the latter will furnish altogether the largest stalks. But if the bed is both deep and the plants far apart, the stalks will be larger than either

The nearest possible distance admissible is a foot in the row. In a trenched bed four feet wide only two rows should be allowed, two feet apart and the plants alternating, (not opposite) thus giving more space between them, as in the following diagram

To RAISE EARLY CUCUMBERS.—Place pieces of inverted turf just beneath the surface of the soil in a hot bed, and on these plant the seed. As soon as the time for spring frosts has passed, fill out carefully the pieces of turf with the growing plants, and place them in highly manured ground, where they are to complete their growth. No check is given to their growth by this removal. If there appear afterwards any probability of a night frost, cover them with a bell glass. Cucumbers have been thus raised for the table by the first of summer

EARLY LETTUCE.—The cheapest and best way to have very early lettuce, is to sow the seed early in autumn, in very rich ground, and protect the young plants, during the winter, with a frame and strong glass. If light is not admitted the lettuce will die. The white head lettuce is best for this purpose

MELONS AND CUCUMBERS.—A common error is to plant the hills too closely—six feet apart is about the right distance. Another error, is too many plants in a hill. A dozen will do till they are beyond the reach of "the bugs," but never more than three after the runners start. Cobbett used to say: "You will have more cucumbers from one plant in a hill than from two; more from two than from three; and so on till you get up to fifty, when you will have none at all!"

Millinet boxes are the best security against bugs.

Remember that very high and heavy manuring is very important for these crops—and let all the manure be thoroughly mixed up with the soil. One of the heaviest crops of melons ever raised, was watered every alternate day, with a liquid made of the cleansing of the hen-roost mixed with water, and soaked until the water fermented. Half a pint was poured on each hill at a time, and the offensive odor drove away nearly all the bugs.

EARLY POTATOES.—By sprouting seed potatoes about two inches long in a warm place, early in the spring before planting, taking care not to break the sprouts in covering, the writer has had potatoes four or six inches high, by the time that others come up, planted in the usual way without the sprouts being started; and they have maintained this advantage until maturity.

FLAT TURNIPS.—The difficulty of obtaining fine crops of this root, on clayey soils, has often been noticed. A neighbor succeeds finally in all cases, by the following mode: He spreads old straw over the surface, and burns it, which destroys the insects, improves the soil, and gives it a coating of ashes: then sows his seed. A good crop always results. A good crop of turnips may often be had; with almost no cost, by sowing the seed among potatoes, at the time the latter receive their last hoeing.

The Cabbage Grub may be entirely excluded from the young plants, by rolling the stem in a piece of paper.

Church damaged by Fire.—About six o'clock on Sunday morning a fire broke in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church, in Philadelphia, under the charge of the Rev. Albert Barnes at the corner of Locust and Seventh streets.—The entire basement and a portion of the upper story was destroyed, and the furniture and other parts of the church much damaged with water. It is the general supposition that the building caught from the furnace.

Desirable Suburban Residence for Sale.

THE subscriber offers for sale the house and grounds where he now resides, situated on Park street, below Perrysville, in Allegheny, and about 2½ miles from the market of this city. The lot is 140 feet front on Park street, running back 222 feet, to an alley—containing nearly one acre of ground, and is bounded on every side by large open lots extensive gale and shrubbery. The house is large, and exceedingly well arranged, having nearly new, large, and exceedingly well arranged, having a front of 50 feet, and a depth of 72, and contains fourteen rooms, besides halls nine feet wide. It is built in the best and most durable manner, and has a fire-proof roof, and contains all the modern conveniences. Two pumps, with an unfailing supply of hard and soft water, are at the door. On the premises are the necessary out buildings, stable, carriage house, &c. The grounds are laid out mostly as a garden. The fruits of the best kind, and the trees are in their prime, and yield enough for the waste of an ordinary family. The situation of this property, as to salubrity and suburban comforts, combined with contiguity to the city, is not surpassed by any residence in this vicinity. It has a view of the Ohio River for over a mile, of Temperanceville, South Pittsburgh, the city, the two rivers, and the hills around, forming altogether a panoramic prospect of which the eye never wearies. Every boat which enters or departs from the port of Pittsburgh on the Ohio, passes in full view. The residence and grounds are also completely removed from any annoyance of dust, so destructive of comfort and vegetation, and affords a retirement as quiet and peaceful as if located in some quiet nook in the country. The property will be sold at a bargain, and possession given on the first of April. Enquire at the Gazette office.

jan10tdf D. N. WHITE.

☞ ANOTHER WONDER.—This is to certify that a man came to my house in the fall of 1849, by the name of Henry Ells, in a very bad condition, and was almost totally blind. He had been in a poor-house in the British service. He was then taken to one of the best Hospitals in London, and had the best treatment London could afford, but could not be restored to sight, and was discharged as incurable. I had heard so much about the Petroleum, I thought I would try some of it on this man. I put him a small bottle of the Petroleum Oil, which cured his eyes well and sound, in the course of one month.

I am willing to be qualified to the truth of the above as the above statement at any time I may be called upon to do, and some of my neighbors can testify to the same.

HUMPHRY JONES.

Crew's Bottom, Beaver Co, Pa, Oct. 4, 1850.

For sale by Keyser & McDowell, 140 Wood street; R. E. Sellers, 57 Wood street; B. A. Fahnestock, & Co, corner Wood and Front streets; D. M. Curry, D. A. Elliott, Joseph Douglass, and H. P. Schwartz, Allegheny, also by the proprietor.

M. KIER.

feb6:6law Canal Basin, Seventh st. Pittsburgh.

☞ The number and formidable character of diseases originating in a diseased state of the liver, has long challenged the attention of medical men. Some of these diseases, classed under the general term of consumption have been supposed incurable, and the unhappy patient was allowed to die without medical succor, being enabled to offer little or no resistance to the ravages of the disease, but with a hope of recovery. Happily this can no longer be the case. A remedy has been found which will cure all these complaints, of whatever character, arising from derangement of the liver. The Pills discovered by Dr. Mallaner, of Virginia, act directly on the liver, and by correcting its depravities and purifying it from disease, cure all and eradicate the complaints that have their origin in the diseases of the organ. Remedies hitherto proposed for these diseases have failed to operate upon the root of the disease; but Mallaner's Pills make themselves felt upon the action of the liver, and by cleansing the fountain dry up the source and streams of disease which those derived from the liver feed.

For sale by J KIDD & CO.

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