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MESSRS. EDITORS:—The legislative mill at Harrisburg having commenced grinding, it need not excite surprise if all sorts of grists should be packed thither. Still, there is not the slightest doubt, but many will go away disappointed, and may add to the number of those who moralize upon the times, and degeneracy of the present age. That an unjust or oppressive law should pass under the keen vigilance of our worthy representatives, can not be presumed for one moment; while the keenness of our *Foster* and the watchfulness of *Vorghly* hold out, our county is safe, at least. We have thought frequently of suggesting a new code of tax-laws, by which available property would be protected, and unimproved lands of the wealthy made to bear their just proportion of government expenses; but this, with other projects of equal magnitude has fallen victim to that aged lady of the same name—procrastination—and may be allowed to slumber, until the hand of some modern resurrectionist shall grapple it from its present oblivion. Other and more pressing questions meet us daily—things that speak and demand attention. On looking over the legislative files, the writer, a few days ago, discovered a bill, offered by our worthy townsman, John M. Irwin, Esq., purporting to be a supplement to an act incorporating the Allegheny and Perrysville Plank Road Co., in Allegheny county, and in it is asked that said company shall have power to increase their tolls above the *present maximum.* Now it is difficult to get at the reason of this request; and the writer confesses to no little astonishment at the failing to find a good and sufficient reason for so moderately modest a request. Who can be the Solon of this movement? If the Company were improving their road, *or mending their ways*, an increase might be excused, but the rule of improvement will not apply; for, as at present circumstanced, that famous *high way* for miles would battle the faith of John Bungan, who seems to have been the most successful traveler, in Swamp-land, of which history makes mention. It is currently reported and generally believed, that the notable veteran euphoniously styled "*Old stick in the mud,*" has moved to the vicinity of the city of Perrysville,—a well founded concern,—about seven miles out this road, where he expects to indulge in his favorite amusements to his heart's content; and all the neighbors aver solemnly, that they are willing to go before Squire—, and severally swear, that this old individual has come to the right place for *deep mud, thick mud, slim mud, long mud*—the latter being proved by the fact, that the mixture in its present state, measures some four miles in length, without relief or interruption. All the people out there are surprised at the movement, and protest solemnly, that such folly must not be wrought in Israel. This state of affairs has lately attracted much attention, and while the community have been busied about the cause of reform throughout the foreign field, where savage ingratitude repays the benefactor with horrid cruelty, our good old friend, from the "Cranberry Region," Judge——, has discovered a manifestation of immorality closer to home and among a class hitherto unnoticed by reformers. He asserts on his veracity and honor that the vexatious condition of *this rugged way* has generated among the equine *genus* of his neighborhood, a species of immorality that threatens inconceivable difficulty. From the farmers driver to the farmer's teams "both male and female," and it behooves the males to act politely in such company; but so great has been this grievance that the Judge asserts, as aforesaid, that his lead horse "*Tom*" contrary to his habit of *profane swearing*, of late, and so disgusted the female portion of his stock that they utterly refuse to work in the same team with him. Moreover the tendency is general throughout the neighborhood, and it is feared will lead to an utter refusal, on the part of the gentler sex, to associate with these degenerate horses. Now, the way to remedy the evil and restore content among this useful family, is plain as A, B, C. Let the Legislature be induced to pass a law authorizing the Governor to appoint three discreet persons, without regard to religious party, to procure a sufficient number of Pure Bloodhounds, and confer official power to reveal a Protection Plank at a depth of 3 feet and 4½ inches down in the mud; and after fishing up all the fragments that remain buried on the outer part of *that way*, extend a special invitation to the aforesaid individual to make a *thorough* trial of that locality for his special amusement. If Col. Foster will not take the bill in charge let the matter be referred to the Committee on Corporations

VIATOR.

AT the close of the year Mr. David Barclay Chapman retired from the celebrated bill-discounting firm of Overend, Gurney & Co., of which, since the death of Mr. Samuel Gurney, he had been the senior partner. This is an event of some importance in the London money market, the transactions of that house during the recent crisis having led to much public criticism. Mr. Chapman, it is considered, has all along been too regardless of the character of the persons to whom he made advances, the allegation being that he looked only to the security of his own firm and to the certainty of being able, in conjunction with other houses, to bring about a suspension of the Bank charter act in case of a pressure for money that might at any time threaten to bring them into peril. At the height of the recent crisis, when the resources of the Bank were most severely tried, this firm found it compelled to seek assistance in the shape of a temporary advance on bills they had discounted to the amount of $4,500,000 on a single day, and it was from the fact that they had so managed or mismanaged their business as to have been brought into this position, that the chief alarm rose which led to the issue of the Government letter authorizing the Bank to put out notes beyond the limits prescribed by their charter. Although the house has probably had escaped