

Correspondence.

Penna. Hill, Pottsville, May 3, 1853. My DEAR AMERICAN:— Coal regions are becoming more important than gold diggings, and intercourse between your beautiful town and our bustling borough is fast increasing.



THE AMERICAN. SUNBURY.

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1853.

H. B. MASSER, Editor and Proprietor.

To ADVERTISERS.—The circulation of the Sunbury American among the different towns on the Susquehanna is not exceeded if equaled by any paper published in North or Pennsylvania.

DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATIONS.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER: THOMAS FORSYTH, Of Philadelphia County.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL: EPHRAIM BANKS, Of Millis County.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL: J. PORTER BRAWLEY, Of Crawford County.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

A NEW CLOTHING STORE.—In another column our readers will find the advertisement of G. Elber & Co. Persons in want of ready made clothing, will give them a call.

MORE NEW GOODS.—J. T. Clement and Benj. Heffer, of this place have received a fresh supply of new goods. Call and secure bargains.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.—There will be public worship in the Methodist Episcopal Church, on to-morrow (Sabbath) evening, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

LAND WARRANTS.—Persons having Land Warrants for sale, can dispose of them for cash, by applying at this office.

THE SWISS BELL RINGERS. Gave one of their inimitable concerts in this place on the 29th ult., before a large and respectable audience.

MINISTER TO FRANCE AND CHILI.—The President has appointed Gen. John A. Dix, of New York, Minister to France, and Hon. Richard Meade, of Virginia, Minister to Chili.

Col. James Burnside has been appointed President Judge of the new Judicial District composed of Centre, Clearfield, &c.

John W. Foster, a Quaker, and a leading Rhode Island Abolitionist, has recently renounced abolitionism, and in doing so says that those who make up the abolition party are quacks—that they are sincere only in their desire to humbug the public, and that they have injured the slave to an extent that cannot be repaired in a quarter of a century.

LOUISIANA U. S. SENATOR.—Mr. Slidell was elected a few days ago, by the Louisiana Legislature, in joint session, to succeed Mr. Soule in the Senate of the U. States, by a majority of 33 over Mr. Hunt, the Whig candidate.

There will be no more appointments made for the Custom House at Philadelphia until the first of June, and again on the first of July, which will close them up. There is near two hundred offices to fill in all.

The Old Court House, in Lancaster, will be torn down after the April term.—The Commissioners have leased Fulton Hall for holding the Courts, until the new Court House is finished.

According to an official document recently published by order of Congress, the total or estimated value of the real and personal estate of the inhabitants of the District of Columbia, for the year ending June, 1850, was \$14,018,874, and for that terminating with December, 1852, \$15,420,761. Population on the 1st of January, 1853, 41,372.

THE GREAT NAME.—A block of Egyptian granite, for the Washington Monument, had been brought from Alexandria to Marcellus, by a French Steamer. On learning the purpose for which it was intended, the agent of the vessel refused to receive any payment of freight.

An ark loaded with wheat on the Susquehanna, struck one of the piers of the railroad bridge at Harrisburg, on Saturday, and sunk.

In the search for Sir John Franklin, fifteen expeditions have been engaged, at a cost of four millions of dollars. Sir John has now been absent nearly eight years.

Chief Justice Gibson of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, died at Philadelphia on Tuesday last.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD'S FAIR.—New York, May 2.—The schooner Samuel Clark arrived here, to-day, from Port Prince, bringing a variety of articles from the Emperor, intended for the World's Fair; among them, a piece of mahogany from Hayti, weighing 3 tons.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR DATED Philadelphia, May 3, 1853.

The balmy month of May, always associated with pleasing recollections, in the minds of even the most prosaic, as well as poetic temperaments, was ushered into existence this season, under the most favorable circumstances. Sunday last was a beautiful day in Philadelphia. The streets, the public squares and thoroughfares, were crowded with all classes, promenading and enjoying the works of nature and art, so beautifully blended, in many of the residences and public places, in this city.

The Austin State Gazette of the 15th ult. says: "The Indians are becoming decidedly hostile and daring in their depredations on the frontier. On the 27th of March, Major Sibley had a difficulty with the Wasos, and recently a party of Wichitas having come into Fort Belknap, he detained them as prisoners. At night the Chief, after murdering his own wife and child, rose upon the guard with his warriors, nine in number. The sentinel on guard was instantly killed, and another soldier wounded. The Chief was killed, in the struggle, but all the warriors escaped."

The rail road excitement, still prevails here as strong as ever, and well it may, as Philadelphia has prospered beyond precedent, since the construction of these improvements and her citizens, naturally, look forward with great expectations, on the completion of the Sunbury and Erie road. This road is now a fixed fact. That it will be built, and speedily built, is no longer a matter of speculation, and those who imagine that its eastern terminus will be at any other point but Sunbury, must have an exceedingly fertile and fanciful imagination.

FROM MEXICO.—A letter in the Missouri Republican, dated Santa Fe, March 30th, states that Governor Lane has been absent a month on a visit to the Southern part of the territory. One of his party, who had just returned, brought information that the Governor issued his proclamation on the 15th of March, asserting jurisdiction over the Mesilla Valley, including the village of Mesco. This movement produced great excitement among the Mexicans, and steps were immediately taken by them to prevent the exercise of authority by Governor Lane.

A MOUSE CAUGHT BY AN OYSTER.—Whoever heard of a mouse being caught by an oyster? Yet such is the fact, if we are to believe our friend, Mr. Aaron Wint, the proprietor of the restaurant in West Hamilton street, Allentown, who, by the bye, is a man of truth and veracity. Mr. Wint, one evening last week, laid a few oysters standing in a basin on the floor, and from the heat in the room they partially opened; during the night it appeared a mouse undertook to creep in between the shell, when the oyster fastened on the mouse and made it a victim. In the morning the oyster was picked up with the mouse tightly pressed between its shell.—Lehigh Register.

The Wilkesbarre Times, of the 22d, says:—"An attempt was made to blow down the tall steeple on the square, on Sunday night last. Holes had been bored in three of the posts surrounding the bell, and charges of powder put in, secured by plugs. A small gimlet hole served to introduce the match. Two of the charges went off about midnight with a sound like the discharge of a cannon, splitting the post, but not seriously endangering the stability of the steeple. The third charge remained on Monday morning. The design was evidently to throw the steeple down on to the main building to destroy it."

DR. KANE, of the Arctic Expedition, is quite ill of inflammatory rheumatism. It is not probable however, that his indisposition will interfere with his proposed second Expedition, which is expecting to start on the 15th inst.

ENTERPRISE.—Perhaps no stronger evidence can be adduced of the intrinsic value and unrivalled usefulness of AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL, than the fact, that in order to supply the demand the Proprietor has been compelled to build an immense block, occupying a large part of a square on one of our principal thoroughfares, five stories of which is to be occupied by his Laboratory for the preparation of the Cherry Pectoral alone. As this article has won its way to the public favor solely by its success in curing disease, this fact is some comment on its virtue.—Lehigh Advertiser.

FOREIGN MINISTERS APPOINTED. WASHINGTON, April 30.—The following appointments will, it is said, be officially announced on Monday. Governor Seymour, of Connecticut, as Minister to Russia; General Gadsden, of South Carolina, Minister to Mexico, and General Dix, of New York, Minister to France.

New Railroads.

The late Legislature of our State chartered thirty one new Railroad companies, comprising the following list: Charter Valley Railroad company. North Western Railroad company. Cleveland and Mahoning Railroad company.

Lock Haven and Tyrone Railroad company. Delaware, Lehigh and Wyoming Valley Railroad company. Philadelphia and Baltimore Central Railroad company. Tunkhannock Railroad company. Reading and Kutztown Railroad company. Chambersburg and Allegheny Railroad company. Towanda and Franklin Railroad company. Jersey Shore, Pine Creek and State Line Railroad company. Marvin Creek Railroad company. Belleville and Waynesburg Railroad company. Panther Creek and Laurel Run Railroad company. Corlebrookdale Railroad company. Waynesburg Railroad company. Ligonier and Latrobe Railroad company. Columbia and Octorara Railroad company. Pitsburg and Cleveland Railroad company. Union and Waynesburg Railroad company. State Line Railroad company. Nicholson Run and Pine Swamp Railroad company. York, Dillsburg and Greencastle Railroad company. Kingessing and Philadelphia Railroad company. Allentown Railroad company. Harp Railroad company.

SENTENCE OF DEATH UPON CAPIE AND EMOS. On Friday morning, 29 ult., the sentence of death was pronounced on John Capie and Carson Emos, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, Philadelphia, who were convicted some time ago, for the murder of Christopher Soohan. Judge Allison delivered the opinion of the Court upon the motion for a new trial, overruling them.

STATEMENT OF EMOS.—I am entirely innocent of the crime of which I have been convicted. When I was arrested, I stated that I knew nothing about the death of Soohan. I repeat this now, well aware of the solemnity of my present position. John Capie knows of my entire innocence—he can say so. He, I am sure, will say so. We have been friends, we are friends. I ask him to bring that friendship to the test. I did not know Soohan, to my knowledge; I never saw him.—I was with Capie the night of Soohan's death, but I know nothing of Soohan's death. After my arrest, I asked Capie what it meant; he told me after I had gone on, on that night that Soohan tumbled against him and struck him, that he then cut at him, but with no intention to take his life. Of my own knowledge I cannot speak. I am entirely innocent.

Judge Allison.—The reasons given on behalf of John Capie are but a reiteration of those given on the motion for a new trial, and we can see no cause for changing opinions just read. As to Carson Emos, it belonged to the jury to say whether he was associated with John Capie in the death of Christo Soohan. After a deliberation which the jury deemed sufficient, with the whole evidence before them, they found them both guilty, and it is not for the Court to alter it. There remains nothing left but the Court to pronounce the sentence of the law. He then, in a deeply affected manner pronounced sentence of death upon both.

NORTH CAROLINA DIAMONDS.—Prof. Shepard while in Charlotte, N. C., the other day, was presented with a diamond by Dr. Leventrop. That gentleman had lately discovered it on his estate at Pioneer Mills; and this is the second specimen of this precious gem found within the year in the county.—Hitherto no special search has been made for the diamond, these specimens having been discovered in a manner purely accidental.

DR. BENJAMIN RUSH, speaking of the science of medicine, compares it to "an unroofed temple, cracked at the sides, and tottering at the foundation. It is said that one of the stipulations between William Penn and the early settlers of Pennsylvania was, that in clearing the ground, one acre of trees should be left standing for every five acres cut down, and especially to reserve the mulberry and oak for silk culture and ship building.

Few know that in every seven minutes in the day a child is born in London, and that in every nine minutes one of the inhabitants dies.

To make your mouth water.—Observe a lovely, rosy cheeked girl, purchasing strawberries. O, 'gilt coat!"

CAN one assistance, though it predominate, act without assistance of the other passion?

AVOID doing things that are calculated to excite attention.

Choose a wife as you choose a knife—look to her temper.

SPECIAL AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Hon. Alexander Jordan, Esquire, President, and his Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Northumberland.

We, the subscribers, auditors appointed by said Court, to open, re-audit, settle and adjust the accounts of William Gulick, Jesse M. Simpson, and George B. Youngman, as former Treasurers of said county, report: That we, in pursuance of said appointment, met at the Commissioners' Office, in the borough of Sunbury, on the 29th day of November last, and after subscribing the oath and affirmation prescribed by the Act and Assembly, directed notice to be given to Ann Gulick, Exec'x of William Gulick, deceased, Jesse M. Simpson, and George B. Youngman, of the time and place of meeting of said Auditors;—that we continued in session from day to day until the 18th day of December then ensuing, and by an adjournment met the 27th day of said month, and continued in session until January the first, 1853; then by an adjournment met the 14th day of February ensuing;—that upon the 30th day of November last Geo. B. Youngman appeared before the Auditors and waived notice of time and place of meeting;—that Jesse M. Simpson, on the 1st of December last, appeared before the Auditors and waived notice of time and place of meeting, and on the 7th of December last, John B. Packer, as Attorney for said Ann Gulick, appeared and waived notice of time and place of meeting;—that we proceeded to ascertain the amount coming to the Commonwealth during the term of said Treasurers respectively, and have stated their accounts herewith annexed, marked A, B, C, exhibiting the results.

The report of the County Auditors for 1845, shows that the Commonwealth was fully paid all taxes assessed for that year, including Tavern licenses and other sources. But there was still outstanding part of the taxes for previous years, which outstanding tax was fully paid to Golick, Simpson, and Youngman. The portion received by each one is charged in said accounts; and the whole amount of State tax assessed, and other sums due the Commonwealth, as far as we could ascertain them, (and we believe them correctly stated) and charged upon one side of said accounts, and the proper credits on the other.—These accounts were prepared for the purpose of determining what amount the Commonwealth is entitled to receive from all the outstanding taxes on the first of January, 1852, the expiration of Youngman's term.

By account "A" it appears that according to the Commonwealth for the amount received by Gulick of the taxes previous to 1845, and all taxes assessed in '46 and '47, and all moneys received for the State from unseated lands, and making allowance for the proper credits, the State was overpaid on State tax the sum of \$766 07, and the Commonwealth was overpaid for Tavern licenses, and Retailers licenses, and Pamphlet Laws for 1847; but there were balances in favor of the Commonwealth for Retailers licenses of '46, and militia fines of '46 & '47. Those balances set off against each other exhibit an overpayment to the Commonwealth, in the years '46 & '47, of \$697 20. We therefore report that, after paying in full to the Commonwealth all taxes and duties for '46 & '47, there is coming to the County from the Commonwealth \$697 20. The account "B" exhibits in the same manner a statement for the years '48 & '49, during Simpson's term, and discloses a balance due the Commonwealth, from all sources for those years, the sum of \$1,302 03. We therefore report that for those years there is due the Commonwealth, subject to the balances in favor of the county, for the years '46 and '47, the sum of \$1,302 03 from the outstanding taxes of those years. And by statement "C," which in like manner accounts to the Commonwealth for all the taxes for the years '50 and '51, there is a balance due the Commonwealth from the outstanding taxes for those years of \$2,953 09; and we therefore report that balance is due the Commonwealth from outstanding taxes. Those balances put together exhibit that the Commonwealth is yet entitled to receive from all the outstanding taxes the sum of \$3,587 92, as per the following statement:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Due the Commonwealth for 1848 and '49, 1,302 03; '50 and '51, 2,953 09; Total, 4,255 121.

Due the County for '46 and '47, 697 20. Balance the Commonwealth is entitled to receive from outstanding taxes, 3,587 924.

We therefore report that on the payment to the Commonwealth of the said sum of \$3,587 924, all taxes and other dues, except outstanding militia fines, will be fully paid and accounted for to her on the 1st of January, 1852. The report of the County Auditors for 1851, states the amount of outstanding taxes for all previous years at the sum of \$5,910 78, and appears to represent that the whole of that is due the Commonwealth. But the foregoing statement it appears that only the sum of \$3,587 924 is due the Commonwealth, being a difference in favor of the county of \$2,322 86.—That the Commonwealth is not entitled to all the State tax outstanding on the 1st of Jan'y, 1852, is accounted for by the facts exhibited by the statements herewith annexed, that in Gulick's term nearly \$1,600 more than was received from the State tax and other State dues, were paid to the Commonwealth from county funds; and also by the fact that in Gulick's and Simpson's terms money was borrowed from the Bank of Northumberland, and applied in payment of the State tax, before the same was collected. During the terms of Simpson and Youngman less of the Commonwealth money was paid to her than was received from her taxes and other dues, but part was used for county purposes, as may be seen by the annexed statement. During those last two terms, part of the money paid from county funds and borrowed from the Bank, was replaced, but not all, and the Commonwealth is not entitled to all of the taxes outstanding on January 1st, 1852. The balance of \$3,587 924 above stated as due the Commonwealth from the outstanding taxes does not include the outstanding militia fines. We report that the sum of \$1,578 54 is all the outstanding militia fines on the 1st of January, 1852, and subject to all exonerations and other credits, is due the Commonwealth.

From the statements marked D, E, F, and G, H, I, it will appear that there are balances in the hands of the above named Treasurers. In case those balances are paid it makes little difference whether paid to State or County, for the State being entitled to receive \$3,587 924 from all her sources of revenue in the county, in full satisfaction thereof (except outstanding militia fines) for the years '46, '47, '48, '49, '50, and '51, and if she receives those balances, that sum due the Commonwealth would be diminished that amount. But in the event of loss, it may be important. We have therefore prepared the accompanying statements, marked D, E, F, G, H, I, so as to exhibit the amounts received in cash and expended in cash for the State and county respectively, from which statements it appears, that the Commonwealth is not entitled to all the money that was paid to her as received from her taxes and other dues, but part was used for county purposes, as may be seen by the annexed statement. During those last two terms, part of the money paid from county funds and borrowed from the Bank, was replaced, but not all, and the Commonwealth is not entitled to all of the taxes outstanding on January 1st, 1852. The balance of \$3,587 924 above stated as due the Commonwealth from the outstanding taxes does not include the outstanding militia fines. We report that the sum of \$1,578 54 is all the outstanding militia fines on the 1st of January, 1852, and subject to all exonerations and other credits, is due the Commonwealth.

The statement D, with William Gulick respecting county matters, exhibits a balance due from him to the county of \$1,982 56. But the one respecting State funds, marked E, exhibits an over payment by him due the State of \$1,598 18, the difference between those balances, viz, the sum of \$384 38, is the sum that remained in his hands at the time he went out of office. We therefore report that there is due from the estate of William Gulick, the sum of three hundred and eighty-four dollars three and a half cents, of which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. JOHN, S. D. JORDAN.

William Gulick, late Treasurer of Northumberland County, in Account with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, and Remarks. Includes Tax on Real and Personal, and Tavern Licenses, 1846.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, and Remarks. Includes Tavern Licenses, 1847.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, and Remarks. Includes Retailers Licenses, 1846 and 1847.