

their fodder, when kept warm and well sheltered from north wind and pitiless storms.

It has always been said by wise men, that what is worth keeping at all, is worth keeping well, and this sensible doctrine applies with great force to all the products of Agriculture, animal and vegetable.

I am glad that the age has gone by, when people believed that any alteration in the customs of their ancestors was to be repudiated as a disrespect to their memories.

It would surprise them, nearly as much to be informed that wagons without horses, mules or oxen, could be driven over the land for hours, and days and weeks together, at a speed far greater than horses, mules or oxen could possibly attain.

Nor is this all; for long before the grave shall have closed over the last survivor of this crowd, the striped and starry flag of the Republic shall wave over 100,000,000 of educated, happy and free Americans!

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Let us not be backward in our share of this mighty Progress. In years to come, when the white handed dweller of cities troat for the first time his dainty person to our keeping, let us send him forth as a living witness to our well-bred stock, our highly cultivated fields, our tasteful and happy homes.

THE AMERICAN. SUNBURY. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1853.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

Business Notices.

More New Goods.—S. N. Thompson, has just received and opened a new stock of Store Goods, at his store in Market street.

GONN'S LADY'S BOOK, for December, is on our table, and a first-rate number it is.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—By an advertisement in another column, it will be seen that Michael Bobb, offers for sale his property at Sunbury.

EPISCOPAL SERVICE.

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

BANK OF NORTHUMBERLAND.—We are requested to state that the Directors of this Bank will meet on Wednesday next the 23d, instead of Thursday, the 24th, the latter being thanksgiving day.

Hon. James Gamble will please accept our thanks for a volume of the Congressional Globe.

On our first page will be found the address of David Taggart, Esq., of Northumberland, before the late County Agricultural Society at Milton. Though not so elaborate as some of the addresses of this character, our readers will find it much more entertaining and interesting than a large majority of those published. We commend it to the perusal of all who take an interest in such matters.

THE POLITICAL CLASS BOOK.—A work bearing the above title, by Daniel Fuller, Esq., and published by Messrs. E. C. & J. Biddle, No. 6, South 3d street, Philadelphia, has been sent us. It comprises a familiar exposition of the Constitution of the State. It is highly recommended by Gov. Bigler, Judge Grier and others, and we have no doubt will be a most useful book for our Schools. Price, 31¢ cents.

NORTH BRANCH CANAL.—The tolls collected on this branch of the public improvements, since the 1st of December last, amounted to \$165,256 69, showing an increase over the amount of last year's receipts, for the same time, of \$33,571 27.

The money market is much easier in London and also in New York, and stocks are rising. The Banks in New York, have now three millions more of specie in their vaults than in August, when their discounts were fifteen millions more than at present.

Sheriff Kipp left for Philadelphia on Wednesday morning in the car, with three prisoners. Two men sentenced to the penitentiary, and a colored girl to the House of Refuge.

ISAAC G. MCKINLEY, Esq., has purchased the interest of his partner, Mr. Leasure, in the Democratic Union, at Harrisburg, and is now its sole proprietor. It will not lose anything by the change.

THE SHAMOKIN COAL TRADE.

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THE LOCOMOTIVE BRINGS IN TWO FREIGHT TRAINS OR FROM THREE TO FOUR HUNDRED TONS PER DAY. The estimated shipments for next season is 300,000 tons.

THE COURT FOR THE SECOND WEEK ended on Wednesday morning. There were more cases on the trial list than could be disposed of in two weeks, but the postponement is that the parties are so frequently not ready. The January term of Court will continue two weeks, commencing the 1st Monday. There will be a Special Court on the third Monday of January.

THE FOREIGN NEWS by the Baltic, is at this critical period, full of interest. This is the steamer in which Major William L. Dewart and family, of this place, sailed to Europe.

LETTERS FROM THE MAJOR and his family have been received at this place, announcing their safe arrival, &c.

OUR OLD FRIEND and cotemporary, John M. Baum, of the Union Times, has been appointed Collector at Liverpool.—John has had numerous conflicts and some awful scrimmages with those terrible sinners, the whigs and anti-masons of Union County, and thought himself entitled to a small chance at the public test. Friend Baum has the ability, and will no doubt make a good officer.

THE PHILADELPHIA AND SUNBURY TELEGRAPH.—The posts between Shamokin and Pottsville are all up, and those between Shamokin and Sunbury nearly all on the ground. There will be something like ten stations on the line, or one to every five or six miles. The line follows the Mine Hill road, and will be a great accommodation to the extensive mining operations along that road, rendering the Eastern end of the line, fully as profitable as this.

OUR NEIGHBOR OF THE WILLIAMSPORT Press did not construe or understand our remarks properly. We did not intend the present mode of travel on the Susquehanna route, as preferable, from this place or Northumberland, to Philadelphia. When the Susquehanna rail road is completed it will be, without question, the great passenger route, as it undoubtedly will be the best, safest and quickest. The Philadelphia and Sunbury rail road can well afford to dispense with the passenger business, although that route will necessarily always command much travel.

WE ARE IN THE RECEIPT OF THE Spiritual Telegraph, a paper devoted to the illustration of spiritual intercourse, or what is more commonly known as spiritual rappings. The paper is handsomely got up, and is edited with ability. Though we have no faith in the doctrines it inculcates, still there is much in its columns to interest if not to instruct the general reader. Published in New York, at \$2 per annum.

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LEWIS C. LEVIN.—The clumsy paragraph in some of the papers, by which this gentleman announces himself as the Native candidate for Governor, in 1854, is not Lewis C. Levin the former, M. C. from Philadelphia, but another person of that name. Levin the member, is too much of a scholar and orator to utter such nonsense.

Hon. Edmund Burke of N. H., long a political friend and associate of President Pierce, has been making some revelations as to the manner in which the President was nominated, which Mr. B. says he planned himself.

A New Telegraph Line, from Landingville, on the Reading Railroad, to Orwigburg—a distance of some two or three miles—has just been erected, chiefly through the instrumentality of Messrs. Edward B. and Francis W. Hubley. This places Orwigburg in telegraphic communication with Pottsville, Reading, Philadelphia, and "the rest of mankind."

UNION CANAL.—This canal under the management of James Worral, Esq., Chief Engineer, is to be widened through to Reading next season. So says a correspondent at Lebanon, writing to the Philadelphia Register.

Col. H. W. Crozier has been appointed Post Master at Lewistown. The Colonel will make a good P. M., and is good at almost anything he undertakes.

WILLIAMSPORT.—Our neighbors of this pleasant village have also been extending the limits of their town, by Woodwards addition. Williamsport is bound to grow. The Maine Yankees have been doing much for that place and neighborhood, as they generally do for any place where they locate.

GENEROUS OFFER.—Although Corporations have no souls, it seems they occasionally manifest a disposition to provide for the souls of others; as the following extract from the proceedings of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, which lately sat in Philadelphia, will show.

When the members, who represent these corporations, have souls, they cannot justly be styled soul-less corporations, and this is the case with the members of the Philadelphia and Sunbury Railroad Company. A number of them we know to be "whole souled fellows." The amount, however, is too large, we presume, by a cypher.

EXPRESS RIDING IN CALIFORNIA.

We used to think that some of our Expresses conveying election news were some thing to brag of, but the wonderful feats of our California friends cast our best efforts into the shade. The enterprising firm of Adams & Co.'s Express stops at nothing.— Their express lines extend to almost every part of the globe.

Mr. E. M. Hall referred to, is a young man from this place, who went to California some five years ago, and is now one of the agents of Adams & Co. at Auburn.

It has been our purpose for several days past, to speak of the splendid achievements of the Express department of this house, which opportunity now for the first time enables us to do.

Our readers are familiar with some of the exploits which their express messengers performed, but they are not acquainted with the expense attending such achievements, nor of the fact, that beyond a certain reputation acquired, Adams & Co. received not the slightest remuneration for the noble exertions used to place the public in possession of the latest news from all parts of the State.

Adams & Co. at a very great expense, merely for the accommodation of the press and the public, some time before the election, had the whole State literally bolted with lines of fire horses and expert riders, standing in readiness to express the returns from every point, and we doubt if the same amount of territory has ever been travelled over in so short a space of time, as has been accomplished by these messengers. Nothing but magnetic telegraphs could have outstripped them. A & Co. had employed in their public spirited enterprise some five hundred horses, and about one man to each five horses. For each man and the horses ridden by him they must have paid at least one hundred dollars, making about fifty thousand dollars expended by this house for the single purpose of furnishing the returns of the election to the public. It was a gigantic enterprise in itself, and yet it was a more incidental arrangement, a little side play, having no connection with their regular business.

It was necessary to establish relays of the finest horses that could be procured, on all the routes over which the mails were carried. Their riders were picked men—accomplished horsemen, daring and dauntless—who, when a steed fell under them, shouldered their valises and ran at the top of their speed, until the next post was reached; when again vaulting into the saddle, they plunged forward reckless of life and limb, till they had accomplished the important purpose for which they set out.

An accident of this kind occurred to Frank Ryan, in riding from Nevada to this city, in which a very valuable horse was rode down and abandoned on the road to die.

Many of the horses used, were rented, and the less left upon the house of Adams & Co., who bore it without a murmur, and esteemed themselves well repaid by securing the probability of the public. Without any particular data upon which to place a calculation we should judge that they were at a cost in running expresses with election returns alone, of not less than fifteen or twenty thousand dollars.

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Isaac W. Elwell, the rider of Adams & Co.'s Express from Placerville to this city, made the trip in three hours and ten minutes—distance 54 miles.

Sam White, the rider of Adams & Co.'s Express from Coloma to this city made the trip in two hours and fifty minutes.

Frank Ryan, Messenger of Adams & Co., from Nevada, arrived here at 11 o'clock, 20 miles, in 40 minutes—distance 54 miles.

Mr. E. M. Hall, of Adams & Co.'s Express, brought the returns of Pierce county from Auburn to this city, 40 miles, in one hour and fifty minutes using only four horses.

D. C. Reynolds, Adams & Co.'s rider from San Jose to Oakland, 35 miles, made the trip in two hours and thirty-five minutes, with one pair of horses. Mr. R. and the horses belong to Kelly & Reynolds, stage men at Stockton.

DR. KANE.

The following is the conclusion of a letter from the learned Mr. Meriam, published in the N. Y. Courier & Enquirer:

My last advices from Dr. Kane were from Newfoundland, but further advices may be expected from him either from the whole Fish Islands or from Upper Naverick, as he left the latter place for Smith's Sound but a few days before the bearer of the English despatches arrived there. The Francis' Metallic Life Boat which Dr. Kane took with him, can be transported on sledges from the head of Smith's Sound towards the geographical pole, and should they reach an open sea can be launched and enable the bold adventurers to navigate the polar basin (if one there be.) with perfect safety, for the boat is capable of carrying all his company, and a sufficient stock of provisions.

The extreme cold of the Arctic region separates, or rather forces the chlorides of sodium, &c. from the water, freezing the water, and forming ice of that water while the chlorides of sodium, &c. are so much concentrated as to resist the most intense cold. Lieut. De Haven informed me that during intense cold solid ice puddles on the surface of the ice, and was so strong as to resist even the gold that solidified mercury; but when the weather became sufficiently mild, the brine rapidly dissolved the ice and thus returned to sea water—such are the harmonies of nature—and such are the changes in the polar regions. Dr. Kane has taken from our collection of brines, some which is as dense as the water of the sea of Saden, and will be able to determine the influence which the most intense cold will exert upon it in the Arctic regions.

MARYLAND.—The Democrats have elected the whole ticket for State officers, and the Whigs have carried both branches of the Legislature. The latter insures the election of a Whig United States Senator and a Whig State Treasurer. The latter has the casting vote in the State Board of Public Works, which is equally divided, there being two Whigs and two Democratic members. Of the delegation to Congress, the Whigs have elected two and the Democrats four. Baltimore gives Ligon (Dem.) 3035 majority; and in the whole State he has 3967 majority. In the State Senate the Whigs have 6 major. ity, and in the House 6, making 12 majority on joint ballot for the election of United States Senator and State Treasurer.

ABDICTION OF THE CZAR NICHOLAS.—It is understood in Washington that there is considerable reason to believe the European rumors that the Emperor of Russia is about to abdicate in favor of his son, Nesselrode, and others of the Ministry, are earnestly in favor of the retreating of the Russian troops from the Principalities, and will not second the Czar's desire for war. It is understood they now admit that the hereditary insanity of the Romanoffs has fallen upon him. He has threatened to abdicate if the Cabinet and his family persist in opposition. Well informed parties believe that abdication will be forced upon him in order to get Russia out of the scrape.

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Correspondence of the Public Ledger. LETTER FROM WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON, Nov. 12, 1853.

A truce has been established, by silent consent on both sides, between the organs at Washington and New York. The Union of this morning does not contain a word on the elections in the Empire State, and no further denunciations against the Hards. Per contra, John Van Buren is here consulting Governor Marcy about the last battle.

The speculations about the President's message are chiefly derived from the hints thrown out in the Unionist regard to Cuba, the Sandwich Islands and the Tehuantepec Route. On the Sandwich Islands, as I have already intimated to you, the President is decidedly in favor of annexation; but in regard to Cuba, fierce language towards England and France, but especially toward England, will give particular force to the annual message.— Were England differently situated in the East, bold language in the President would probably find a bold reply in a ministerial speech in Parliament. This, however, must not be expected now. England has taken so much sance from Russia within the last four months, that she may well digest a little Yankee "sass" in the bargain.

That the Administration has its eyes upon Cuba is now a matter of notoriety, and that, in case of a general European war, the Island may be peaceably annexed to the United States is probable; but I doubt whether any progress can be made toward it if the Eastern question is settled by the intervention of diplomacy. Nor must it be supposed that the whole country South of Mason and Dixon's line is for the acquisition of the Island. There are those among the Southern men who see an ocean of troubles ahead should the Island be now annexed to the Union, and no particular benefit accruing from it to their own State. Certain it is that the acquisition of the Island at this juncture would re-open the debate on the slavery question, and that political parties are now more unsettled than they were a year ago. If the South, as I heard some of the Southern gentlemen observe, desire an extension of the Compromise, to the effect of expressly sanctioning the introduction of slavery into new territories, the probability is that the proposition will be defeated in Congress. By the terms of the last Compromise, that body has no right to interfere with the domestic institutions of new territories at all. The people may do as they please, and when in sufficient number to form a State, may adopt such municipal laws in regard to the white and black races as to them may seem proper; but the power of the Federal Government must not be invoked to introduce involuntary servitude into territories.

The President's Message will not say much on the subject of the Pacific Railroad, and will not hold a veto suspended in terror on the head of Congress. He will surely take ground directly opposite to that assumed by Col. Davis in his Crystal Palace procession speech, and declare his opposition to have the road built by Government means. That he may veto any bill on that subject may be matured during the present Congress, is not unlikely, but the announcement of such a resolution would bring him at once in collision with a considerable party in Congress. The malcontents will seize upon anything for the purpose of organizing an opposition to the present administration, and great caution and forecast must be used not to furnish them with a handle.

Mr. James Gordon Bennett has secured apartments at the national; and will spend a large portion of next Congressional season here in Washington. Members of Congress are beginning to flock in, and the streets and hotels are beginning to be lively. Our great banker, W. W. Corcoran, Esq. is about to retire from business, to enjoy otium cum dignitate with a select circle of friends and acquaintances. His bank, as I understand, is to be closed in the month of February next. A number of new bankers have commenced business, but I doubt whether they will do a very flourishing business next winter.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Estate of SAMUEL THOMPSON, dec'd. NOTICE is hereby given that letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of Samuel Thompson, late of the Borough of Sunbury, dec'd. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them, duly authenticated, for settlement; and those knowing themselves indebted to make payment without delay.

MARIA THOMPSON, Adm'rix. Sunbury, Nov. 19, 1853.—6t.

Estate of PETER OBERDORF, dec'd. NOTICE is hereby given that letters of Administration on the estate of Peter Oberdorf, late of Upper Augusta, Northumberland county, dec'd, have been granted to the undersigned.— Therefore all persons indebted to said estate will discharge the same, and those having demands will present them for settlement. All persons indebted to the estate on vendue notes are requested to call for settlement.

PETER OBERDORF, Esq. OBERDORF. Upper Augusta twsp, Nov. 19, 1853.—6t.

Estate of CHRISTOPHER WOODS, dec'd. NOTICE of Administration on the above named estate having been granted to me, debtors and creditors of the same are requested to call at my office in Northumberland, to settle or make known their claims.

DAVID TAGGART. North'd, Nov. 19, 1853.—6t.

PUBLIC SALE! On SATURDAY, the 30th of DECEMBER, next at the public house of the subscriber, in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, the following property, to wit:

A VALUABLE FARM, situated in said township and county, adjoining lands of Leonard Rohmels, Hugh Treats and others, containing about 42 acres, more or less. The improvements consist of a two story frame TAVERN STAND, a frame barn, outbuildings, and also a tenant house. There are two pumps of never failing water at the tavern stand. There are on the premises, two apple orchards, one of these thriving and young. The farm is situated in Sandtown, with 23 acres of land attached thereto, the residue, 39 or 40 acres, are almost adjoining the tavern stand.

The above property will be sold together or separate, to suit purchasers.

Terms made known on day of sale by MICHAEL BOBB. Sandtown, Nov. 19, 1853.—3t.

AUDITORS' NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Northumberland county, in the master of the exceptions to the account of Geo. C. Welker, Administrator of Jacob Grier, dec'd., will meet at his office on Saturday, the 3d day of December 1853, when all interested may attend if they deem it proper.

M. L. SHINDEL, Auditor. Sunbury, Nov. 15, 1853.—3t.

MEETING OF NATIONAL DEMOCRATS WASHINGTON. Battle of the Hards and Softs.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14, 1853. The meeting of the National Democracy in this city, took place to-night at Copp's loon, according to previous announcement. The room was well filled. The meeting was organized by calling Charles T. Walla to the Chair; Henry M. Obit and four others were chosen Vice Presidents, a Wm. B. Chase acted as Secretary.

Cornelius W. Wendell offered a series resolutions declaring the nomination a known opposition to the opinions and conduct of those who defeated Gen. Cass, in 1841 by voting for Van Buren—that this meeting does not regard the Baltimore Platform as general amnesty to such—that the attempt made by the Departments to crush out National Democracy in New York, deserves immediate attention and correction by the President.

Another resolution denounces Secretary Guthrie's interference in New York; congratulates the New Yorkers on the sign victory won by them over Free-soilism; and proclaims the recent attacks on Senator Dickinson, &c.

These resolutions having been read, Dan S. Ratcliff took the platform and made a able speech against the resolutions, regarding them as thrust at the administration, an chiding upon the movers in this meeting; design to sink the administration. This speaker created great excitement, and the speaker appeared to carry the sympathies of a large portion of the meeting with him.

Mr. Wendell replied, amid the confusion that he was instrumental in calling the meeting, and he defended the resolutions. He asked—"Has the President carried out the principles of the Democratic party?"

Boisterous responses "yes" and "no," the former predominating. The Chair called for order, and the band struck up in the hope of subduing the excitement. A call was made of "cheers for Dickinson," which were given.

Mr. Overton was called out and spoke briefly, not having heard the resolutions.— The great question, he said, was not opposition to the administration, but simply whether free-soilism should be an element in the Democratic party.

The question upon the resolution was called for, when Mr. Ratcliff reminded the gentleman that this was not an attack upon the Administration.

Mr. Wendell denied it, and a great scene of excitement ensued, the parties coming almost to blows.

Somebody moved an indefinite postponement of the resolution, and another wanted to offer a substitute. Before the question was distinctly put, Wm H Thomas, the Deputy Collector of this port, sprang upon the platform and moved to adjourn, proceeding his motion by proposing three cheers for the Administration, which being heartily given, Mr. Wallack, the Chairman, struck Thomas, knocking him off the platform. A general melee ensued, lasting some minutes, but no very serious injuries were inflicted.

The National Democrats subsequently serenaded Beverly Tucker.

NEWSPAPER SALE.—Mr. Barnum, the Boston Transcript says, has disposed of the "Illustrated News" to Mr. Frederick Gleason, of that city, proprietor of "Gleason's Pictorial." It is reported that the News has never attained a circulation of fifty thousand copies, and that the proprietor has sunk upwards of \$40,000 in the enterprise.