BOLD ROBBERY.

BURGLARS WOUNDED.—One of the most daring and villainous attempts at robbery that have taken place in this city for a number of years, occurred at an early hour on Saturday morning, at the residence of Mr. William Wright, No. 173 south Ninth street, below Lombard. Our readers no doubt, remember that sometime in December, 1849, the dwelling of Mr Wright was broken open by a gang of black burglars, who attacked him in a most violent manner, during which he was severely injured, and some of the burglars were badly hurt. Since that event, Mr. Wright has adopted extraordinary precautions against similar occurrences, among which was the placing a bell at the head of his bed, and so arranged that when the back door of his dwelling was opened the bell would ring. The following are the particulars of the robbery:—About two o'clock, on Saturday morning, Mr. Wright was awakened by the ring. ing of the bell; and knowing at once that the ,ear door had been opened, he immediately dressed himself and went down stairs into his dining room. Before going down he armed himself with a six barrelled revolver, and a sort of javelin, formed of a piece of gas pipe pointed at the end, and secured to his wrist by a thong.

The burglars had effected their entrance into the kitchen, and Mr. W. could distinctly hear them talking together and boring with an augur into the door leading from the kitchen into the dining room. This door was kept bolted, and, profiting by past experience, the precaution of having it lined on the inside with sheet iron had been adopted.—The villians found the bit struck against the iron lining and that it was impossible to cut through it, and they were compelled to resort to other measures.

Curiously enough, the scoundrel, in operating upon this door, bored directly through a piece of wood which had been fitted into the hole bored by the burglars in 1849.

The partition in which the doorway is located is composed of lath and plaster, the burglars cut a hole through this, and one of them, putting his hand through the aperture thus made, unbolted the door. Four rough-looking villians seemingly ranging from twenty-five to thirty-five years of age, then entered the dining room. Mr. W. posted himself behind an orange tree in the hall, where he could unobserved watch their movements while in the dining room. The villians then lit the gas and commenced deliberately to ransack the room in search of valuables, helping themselves to brandy and to such other refreshments as they could find.

After a time two of the men went up stairs, leaving the other two in the dining-room—Mr. W. knowing that the chambers of the members of his family were kept locked, and that no person was in his, (Mrs. Wright is absent from the city,) suffered the two villians to ascend the stairs without disturbance. Soon one of the twain, who remained down stairs, and who appeared to be a leader of the gang, gave to his fellow a boulder stone weighing about two pounds, and told him, with a strong Scotch accent, to take it up stairs and "give it to the maister," admonishing him at the same time with an oath, to "give it to him right."

Mr. W. thinking this was a favorable moment for an attack, rused into the dining-room and made at one of the villains with his javelin. The fellow attempted to defend himself with a formidable looking butcher-knife with a sharp blade, about ten inches in length. The handle of this weapon Mr. W. struck as it was thrust at him, and the broken portion can now be plainly seen. Mr. W. immediately caught the fellow and threw him headlong on the floor. The second burglar rushed to the aid of his comrade, and was greeted with a shot from the revolver, but it is uncertain whether the load took effect.

The noise of the scuffle, and the shouts of Mr. W. alarmed the two burglars who were up stairs ransacking the house, and they immediately rushed down to the assistance of their companions. The fight now became frightful, and Mr. Wright was compelled to defend himself against the four burglars, who cut at him with their knives and strove to kill him. Five shots were fired from the revolver—the sixth missing fire—and the javelin was not kept idle. Meantime, a lad, a son of Mr. W. hearing the noise, shouted murder lustily, and the fellows made the best of their way off, but not without having sustained some severe wounds.

Mr. W. states that he fired a shot at one of the ruffians while struggling with him, and that he held his pistol close to the back of the neck of the latter when he fired, and that the collar of his coat was thus set on fire.—The partially burnt collar was found in the room after the battle. cone-crowned drab wool hat was also found with the rim at the rear scorched. The crown of this hat bears a heavy mark of Mr. W.'s prowess—the side is cut through evidently by a heavy blow of the javelin. The lining is stained with blood, and a clot of gore on the inside has a lock of long red hair matted in it. From the manner in which the hat is cut, and from marks inside, a very serious wound must have been inflicted on the robber.

During the struggle with the fellow whose clothes were set on fire, the latter exclaimed, 'D—n it, we will both be burnt up! don't you see I'm on fire!' Mr W. was somewhat singed about the hair, and was almost suffocated with smoke. The carpet was also scorched.

A black cloth cap was also found; the inside is deeply stained with blood, and the cap is torn by the blows inflicted on the head of the wearer. The skirt of a blue frock coat left in the room, has a bullet hole in it in such a location as to render it almost certain that the shot which caused it was lodged in the right thigh of the wearer, somewhere about the hip joint. About one-half of one leg of a pair of broad striped pantaloons was torn off in the struggle, and was left behind by the robbers.

A coarse suspender, with a respectable sized piece of a pair of dark cloth pantaloons hanging to it, was also left.

Other articles were left behind by the discomfited villians. They were as follows; —A pair of heavy coarse boots; two instruments for picking locks a bunch of false keys; an augur, with an inch and a half bit; a boulder stone, before described; a butcher-knife, well sharpened, with a blade about ten inches long; a second knife of the same description, with a shorter blade, and a razor lashed with twine, in a rough wooden handle.

Several light articles were taken by the thieves while up stairs. These were afterwards found in the skirt that was torn off from the coat of the one that was shot in the thigh.

At least one of the villians escaped by means of the front door, leaving it open.—The others escaped through the back yard and over the fences into an alley-way in the rear. They could be tracked a short distance by the blood which flowed from their wounds. They must be seriously hurt, and it is almost impossibe, with such wounds, for them to escape detection. Mr. Wright will be able to identify them if they are arrested.

Officer Wood, of the Mayor's special police, traced the blood to the vicinity of Eleventh and South streets. From several circumstances, it is conjectured that a wagon was in waiting for the burglars in the alley-way in the rear. If such conveyance was at hand, it must have afforded essential assistance to the retreating villians.

Two of the burglars are believed to be Englishmen, and one of the remaining two is a Scotchman.

Mr. Wright has fortunately escaped without important injury. His back is strained, and a slight cut has been inflicted upon one of his cheeks. The dining-room and kitchen of his residence bear marks of blood, and the ceiling and wall of the latter have bullet-marks upon them.

Watchman Cunningham was at Eighth and Lombard streets when he heard the firing; he ran to the spot, and found the front door—through which one of the robbers had escaped—open; he went in, giving his rattle to a citizen outside to spring.

Mr. W. could have obtained assistance in time, from the watchmen, had he gone front and given the alarm. He chose, however, to combat with the burglars single handed. When his neighbors and the watchmen arrived upon the spot, he was completely prostrated by excitement and over-exertion. The weapons were grasped in his hands so tightly that his hold of them could with difficulty be loosened.—*Phila. Sun.*

A GREAT WORK.—A tunnel is being constructed near Cincinnati, 10,000 feet in length, of which 8,000 feet are to be arched. It is justly regarded as among the greatest enterprises of the kind in America. When completed, two railway tracks will be accommodated to the heart of Cincinnati.

The Woollen Mills of R. S. Denny, in Clappville, Mass., were destroyed by fire on Sunday night! insurhd for $20,000.

Foreign News.

Arrival of the Baltic.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

Failure of Count Orloff's Mission—Withdrawal of the Russian Ministers from London and Paris.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20

The mail steamer Baltic, with Liverpool dates to the 8th, arrived below last night.—She brings the highly important information of the entire failure of Count Orloff's mission, and of the departure of the Russian Ambassadors from London and Paris, the Czar's last proposal being finally rejected, and all negotiations broken off.

EASTERN AFFAIRS.

PARIS, Feb. 7.

The rumor of the ill success of Count Orloff's mission is now confirmed. He leaves directly for St. Petersburg. Forseeing the same rebuff at Berlin, he will, doubtless, refrain from visiting that capital.

It is said that the Servian government, yielding to the suggestions of the Russian Consulate at Belgrade, will refuse to accept two firmans of the Sultan, unless Russia gives consent.

ST. PETERSBURGH, Jan. 29.

It is said that the Emperor, who is fully aware of the present position in which he is placed, will endeavor to avoid a general war, if he can only preserve his honor and his rights.

The influence of Count Nesselrode is again in the assendant.

It is also said that the Czar is about to write an autograph letter to the Queen of England, in which he will endeavor to prove that he is not the aggressor. An imperial ukase confirms the summoning to arms of all the reserves, as well as soldiers on furlough.

ENGLAND.

Several of the Cunard steamers have been taken up by the English government to carry troops to Constantinople. 6000 men will go from England; others will be taken up from the different stations, and about 10,000 men will soon be collected to form the first part of the expedition; there is also no doubt, that a brigade of the Guards will form a part of the expedition. The 46th Rigement, that was under orders for Australia, is now to hold itself in readiness for foreign service, taking all the best men, and leaving all the young soldiers and recruits at home.

BREADSTUFFS.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 7.

Flour—prices fell off 1s. Western Canal Flour is quoted at 41s; Ohio at 42s 6d.—Holders are not pressing on the market.

THE ARMY ON THE DANUBE.

Omar Pasha has effected a most important movement, having crossed the Danube with 50 000 men, and divided the Russian army, the right wing of which is at Krajova, the left at Galatz, and the centre at Bucharest. Omar crossed in person at Oltenitza, and at last accounts was only two days distance from Bucharest, where the Russian force is weak.

The supposed object of Omar's movement was to attack the rear of the Russian army on its march from Krajova against Kalafat.—A dispatch received at the Turkish embassy indicates preparations for an attack by the Turks on Bucharest.

THE AMERICAN.

SUNBURY.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1854.

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 equalled by any paper published in Northern Pennsylvania.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

Business Notices.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK for March comes out with 100 pages and 66 engravings, and reading matter from 60 contributors. The fashion plate is beautifully got up. Mr. Godey is determined to keep up the character of his Book.

HARPERS' MAGAZINE for February.—This valuable periodical, we are pleased to see, is already assuming its former appearance. The contents are of the most valuable and interesting character, and the illustrations of the present number plainly indicate what it will be when again fairly under way.

THE BRITISH REVIEWS.—We have received from Messrs. Leonard Scott & Co., New York, the last numbers of the EDINBURG and NORTH BRITISH REVIEWS. In the first we find an interesting review of the memoirs of Charles James Fox, by Lord John Russell—a review of Thackeray's novel, of Vanity Fair, &c. An interesting article on the Ottoman Empire. In the North British, there is an interesting article on Shakspeare—Also one on Arago the French philosopher and one on Herodotus.

GUANO.—B. S. Burling & Co., of Philadelphia, advertise for sale Mexican Guano, an excellent fertalizer.

WALL PAPER.—Burton & Laning, 124 Arch street, call the attention of dealers to their assortment of Wall Paper.

ROBERT SEARS of New York, wants 1000 Book agents.

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

☞ The letter from our Baltimore correspondent came to late for this week.

☞ We are indebted to the Hon. C. M. Straub, Hon. J. L. Dawson for Congressional favors.

☞ We are indebted to J. C. Kunkel, Esq., D. B. Montgomery and others for legislative documents.

☞ DR. A. VALLERCHAMP is in town, and will remain at the Lawrence House for about ten days. All those who wish to have operations on their teeth, will do well to consult him in time.

☞ PUBLIC SALE.—The balance of the personal property of Henry Masser, dec'd., will be sold to-morrow, (Saturday,) at the late residence of the deceased.

☞ The 22d of February, was celebrated, as usual, in this place, by the parade of our military companies, the Dewart Guards and the Artillerists. There was a fair turn out and the day was fine. Some of our citizens went to Lewisburg to attend a Masonic supper at that place.

☞ We have received from Aaron C. Fisher, Esq., Principal of the Mifflinburg Academy, a catalogue of the teachers, students, &c., of that Institution, which, under Mr. Fishers auspices, seems to be in a flourishing condition. Mr. Fisher has both the ability and energy equal to the task assumed. The whole number of scholars is, males 78, females 25.

☞ SNOW AT LAST.—On Monday we were visited with a fall of snow that gave promise, for the first time this winter, to last more than twenty-four hours. The snow on the following morning measured about ten inches, and as it has fallen in the right sign of the moon there is a prospect that we may yet have a little sleighing, though the near approach of spring admonishes us that it cannot last long. Our citizens are making the best of it, and the merry sleigh bells remind us of olden time, when good sleighing was always a matter of course during the winter months.

Since writing the above the warm weather of Tuesday and Wednesday finished the sleighing, but on Thursday morning it again blew up cold.

☞ The ice on the Susquehanna broke up on Friday last. There was not much of a rise in the river. Some of the ice from the branches was from 12 to 18 inches thick, and piled up considerably at the upper end of the town. The new Steam Tow and Ferry boat, lying at the shore immediately opposite the Steam Saw Mill, was exposed to imminent danger but escaped without any injury whatever. She was hauled in close to the shore, and as the water has since fallen she is now high and dry, and will have to remain so until the next freshet. The steamboat is so nearly finished that she could be made ready for service in a weeks time.

☞ THE SUSQUEHANNA RAILROAD REPORT.—We have in type the report of Gen. Wm. F. Packer, late President of this company, which has been unavoidably crowded out of this weeks paper.

MAD DOGS.

There was considerable excitement in our town on Wednesday last, in consequence of a mad dog passing through, and biting upwards of twenty dogs before he was shot, The dog, we understand, belonged to Joseph Hoover, near Snydertown, about six miles from this place, and, it is said, had been bitten nearly a year since, by a mad dog, which also passed through here. On Sunday last a child of Mr. Solomon Evert, a neighbor of Mr. Hoover, was bitten by the dog. The animal then left home, and bit a number of dogs in the country, and also a horse of Mr. George Oberdorf. He came into town on Tuesday afternoon, and while in his paroxisms snapped at everything in his way. He had attacked a number of dogs and been kicked out of several dwellings, before any suspicion was excited; which was not fully confirmed until Mr. Evert came to town for medicine, for his child, a boy about four years old, who stated the circumstances. The dog escaped pursuit on Tuesday, and was chased again on Wednesday morning, when he took refuge, nearly exhausted, in a shed at the town mill, where Mr, Haas shot him. Some twenty or thirty of our dogs were killed on Wednesday, by the owners, some of them favorites, and highly valued. In Centre county and in Berks, and also in the Mahanoys in this county, there have been rabid dogs for some time past. Yet there are some who express doubts in regard to the dog being rabid. This was also the case last March, yet, it is said, two dogs in this place became rabid some five or six months afterwards, and had to be killed.

Too much caution cannot be used, and those who have dogs, in regard to which there are any grounds whatever, of having been in contact with the rabid animal, should either kill them or secure them.—Human life is too valuable to be trifled with.

☞ THE SNOW STORM of Monday last was much greater south and east than north and west of us. At Baltimore the snow was two feet deep. In Philadelphia the roads were blocked up and the streets were impassable for vehicles. The market houses were empty of everything but snow drifts. Thousands of men were at work removing it. The trains to New York and Baltimore did not arrive until next day.

We received no mails from Philadelphia, either by way of Harrisburg or Pottsville. The cars came in about half past ten at night, but there was no stage to take the passengers or mails to Northumberland. The passengers were forwarded by the Railroad company to Northumberland, and the mails were left until next morning. The obstacle was a snow six inches deep. This, it is true, would not have been, in ordinary winters, a serious impediment. But this was the first snow of the year, and took the country by surprise, stage proprietors not excepted, hence it required time for consideration, to devise ways and means to carry the mails, at the dead hour of eleven, two miles, through six inches of snow. Should this excuse be *coldly* received at the department, it will be on account of the shallowness of the snow, not the excuse, of course.

☞ HON. JAMES POLLOCK appears to be the most prominent of the whig candidates for Governor. Gen. Larimer of Pittsburg, is also a prominent candidate, but as the West has had the two last Governors, his claims will, no doubt, be deferred. Union county has selected a double set of delegates, though both profess to be favorable to Judge Pollock.

It is understood that the next whig candidate is expected to take the stump as the saying is, which, of itself, is a strong argument in the Judge's favor.

☞ SUSQUEHANNA RAILROAD.—An important ordinance was reported in the Baltimore City Councils last week, having for its object the extension of aid to the Susquehanna Railroad, and the consolidation of the different rail roads into one company under the title of the "Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad Company," extending from Baltimore to Sunbury.

The measure was favorably received, and will, if finally adopted, secure Four Hundred thousand dollars for the completion of the road between this place and Harrisburg.

☞ LACKAWANNA AND BLOOMSBURG RAILROAD.—The Berwick *Investigator* says that the Capital Stock of this road has been secured, and that the entire work will be placed under contract during the coming season. This road will pass down the west side of the Susquehanna river from Pittston to Bloomsburg, a distance of about fifty miles, connecting the great railroad routes of the northwest, and those of the southwest. It will connect, by an easy grade, the coal fields of Wyoming and Lackawanna, with the limestone and iron fields of Columbia and Montour.

☞ A bill has passed the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, allowing Constables $1 50 per day for their attendance at township and general elections.

☞ The prices of coal delivered in boats in the spring, at the Wyoming mines, are fixed at $1,50 for lump, and $1,75 per ton for prepared coal. These rates are an advance of 25 cents per ton on the opening rates of last spring.

☞ David Taggart, Esq., of Northumberland, we perceive by the following paragraph from the New York Sun, delivered an address before the National Poultry Society in New York, on Friday last, which seems to have been a decided hit. We hope the success of our friend on the stage, will not induce him to forsake the Bar for "the soc and buskin."

NATIONAL POULTRY SOCIETY.—A meeting of this Society was held yesterday in the Lecture room of Barnum's Museum. P. T. Barnum presided, and R. McCormick acted as Secretary. A large audience was present. David Taggart of Pa., delivered an address, which was fully descriptive of the various breeds of poultry, of the operations of the Society, and of the general benefits which would result from its labors It was marked throughout with sparkling wit, and excited as much laughter and good feeling as ever was produced by the best playing of "Paddy the Piper" on Monsieur Barnum's stage.

☞ Gov. Bigler postponed the execution of David Jewell, sentenced to be hung at Pittsburg, on Friday, the 10th inst., until the bill relative to his case is finally disposed of by the legislature.

☞ LADIES FAIR.—A fair for the sale of fancy articles made by ladies of Danville connected with the Presbyterian church was held on Monday and Tuesday evenings of last week. The Danville papers say it was well attended. Amount taken in was $500. Nett proceeds, clear of expenses, about $375,00.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 20, 1854.

BILL READ IN PLACE.

Mr. Kunkel, a bill authorizing the consolidation of the York and Maryland Line, York and Cumberland and Susquehanna railroad companies, with each other and with the Baltimore and Susquehanna railroad company, of Maryland, to be called the Susquehanna railroad company.

On motion of Mr. Kunkel, the Senate took up House bill No. 69, prohibitiong municipal subscriptions by the county of Northumberland or the boroughs and townships thereof.

Mr. Quiggle said that this was an improper bill. Under the act authorizing Northumberland county to subscribe to the railroad to which this bill had reference, the city of Philadelphia and a number of counties had made subscriptions, and Northumberland county was acting in bad faith to the city and the couties subscribing, by repealing the law so far as it relates to that county. No county would be more benefited by the Sunbury and Erie railroad than the county of Northumberland. The law did not compel them to suscribe, and its repeal would be untair and in bad faith to the other counties subscribing.

Mr. Kunkel said that the county of Northumberland had already subscribed $200,000 to the Susquehanna railroad company. This road was a connecting link with the road running to Erie, the commissioners of Northumberland county chosing to subscribe to that part of the road south, rather than the part west, as they had a right to do. This sum was as much as the county was able to subscribe. There was a strong feeling in that county against these subscriptions, the member of the House having been elected by six hundred majority on this issue.

Mr. Quiggle then moved to amend, by adding after the last word, the words "unless the same shall be recommended by the grand jury of the county."

The amendment was not agreed to, and after some further discussion, the bill passed finally.

[Montgomery's majority over Bergstresser, whig, was 403. Over Bergstresser and M'Mahan, temperance, 114.—*Ed Am.*]

HOUSE.—Mr. Caldwell, presented ten petitions for the appropriation of $100,000 to improve the navigation of the West Branch of the Susquehanna river, from the head of navigation to Northumberland, and from Northumberland to tide water.

Mr. Davis, from the bar of Crawford county, against the permanent location of the sessions of the Supreme Court at Harrisburg.

Mr. Moser, from citizens of Centre and Clearfield counties, relative to booms in the Susquehanna river.

HARRISBURG, Feb 22.

Mr. Crabb, from the Committee on Banks, reported a bill to extend the charter of the Bank of Gettysburg.

The bill to incorporate the Montour Bank, was also reported from the Committee.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 23.

SENATE.—The Senate met this evening, when the following bills were severally taken up, considered and passed:—

The bill to extend the charter of the Bank of Middletown. The bill to extend the charter of the Bank of Northumberland.

[Correspondence of the Public Ledger.]

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16, 1854

The Conklin Treaty, made some nine months ago, was sent to the Senate this morning. Of course, if the Government adopt this treaty, the Garay grant for the Tehuantepec transit will become null and void; but then the Garay Company will have claims for damages and losses sustained by the annihilation of the Garay grant, under the law of nations, and receive compensation out of the five millions of dollars reserved for that purpose in the Gadsden Treaty, and it is most proper and opportune, therefore, to present both treaties to the Senate at the same time.

The Gadsden Treaty, as it now stands, and with the judicious amendments of the President, will doubtless pass the Senate; though it is a poor treaty in itself, and not much to boast of in the way of diplomacy. The principal reason for its confirmation is, that Santa Anna, if not receiving money pretty soon, cannot succeed with the *coup d'etat* which is to make him Emperor of Mexico, and if he granted more than what he can make appear to the ignorant Mexicans to be merely a rectification of an erroneous boundary line drawn under a former treaty, it might cost him his throne, and probably his life.

The Mexican people are deadly opposed to any alienation of territory; but when Santa Anna shall be firmly established on the throne of Mexico, he may be disposed to sell us another slice of California, and perhaps Sonora, and make up for the loss of territory by conquering one or two Central American Republics. This would be cheap glory, purchased with Uncle Sam's money, and he might keep all Central America till we are ready to take it from him by the same title by which he acquired it. It would have been better, nevertheless, if we had in the meantime fixed the new boundary at the mouth of the Colorado. If the Mexican treaty is meant as a payment on account, we must of course be satisfied.

Judge Badger, of North Carolina, who, it was rumored, would oppose the Nebraska bill, made a very full and able speech in favor of it, which threw a vast deal of light on the subject, and completely demolished some of the phantoms of mischief, agitation and ruin wheih some of the agitators try to conjure up against the passage of the bill. Per contra, Mr. John Minor Botts, the same who headed Captain Tyler in 1841, is out in the Intelligencer against the bill. There is not a shadow of doubt that the bill will pass the Senate by a two-thirds majority. In the House the Nebraska bill, the tariff, slavery and everything else is thrown into the discussion on the Homestead. That measure, nevertheless happens to be very popular, and will, beyond doubt, pass the House in an amended form. It passed the last Congress by a considerable majority in the House, but lingered and died in the Senate. May it meet a better fate this time.

The Spirits were yesterday interrogated in one of the committee rooms in the House as to the fate of the Nebraska Bill, and rapped favorably to the ultimate success of the bill. Calhoun, Clay, and many other spirits were interrogated, But Mike Walsh reminded the Speaker to-day that, by a joint rule, spirits were not permitted to be introduced into either House. Of course the House indulged in a roar of laughter.

The Diplomacy Bill is still lingering, and it has just been discovered by some of the young members that it is easier to kill than to bring to life again. I have, however, no fear of the ultimate success of the bill—There is too much money in it, and there are too many persons interested in it, to let it sleep the sleep of death. I seldom saw an appropriation bill defeated in either House.

Mr. Florence's Bill for the extension of grants of land to soldiers and sailors of the War of 1812, the War with Mexico, and the various Indian Wars since 1790, was up in Committee of Public Lands, in the House, and ordered to be reported adversely to the House, without a single contradicting voice. Certain inquiries having been addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, the latter answered them in writing, and his letter has been adopted by the Committee as their own report. The Secretary of the Interior estimates that, if the bill passed, it would cost the United States some eighty-three millions of acres of land, in value of $120,000,000, and that it would take the whole present force of the General Land Office for nine or ten consecutive years, to make out the land warrants, besides involving the Government in endless litigation as regards letters, inheritance, &c.

There is yet another House Committee having the same subject before them, but that Committee, on examining the case, will probably report as the Committee on Public Lands have reported. The bill, if carried, would embrace some three hundred thousand cases. The bill for the reorganization of the navy will probably be reported in the course of next week. Nothing is likely to be done for the present week with the bill making appropriations for the building of six additional war steamers.

OBSERVER.

NEW COUNTIES.

The following applications for new counties are now before the Legislature:

"*Madison*"—out of Berks, Chester and Montgomery.

"*Conemaugh*"—out of Westmoreland, Somerset, Indiana and Cambria.

"*Madison*"—out of Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, and Westmoreland.

"*Ligonier*"—out of part of Westmoreland.

"*Lackawana*"—out of Luzerne.

COST OF A DAILY PAPER.—The Times and Transcript, of San Francisco, estimates the weekly cost of a daily paper at San Francisco at $2,700, or $140,000 per annum. There are some twelve of these daily newspapers and some ten weeklies; so that we may safely estimate the cost of San Francisco newspaper literature at $1,500,000 per annum.

The Board of Directors of the Susquehanna River and North and West Branch Telegraph Company held a semi-annual meeting at the Montour House, in Danville, on the 14th inst at which time the Board declared a dividend of two per cent upon the stock of said Company, for the last six months, ending December 31st, 1853.

The line of this Company has been extended up the Lackawanna, from Pittston to Carbondale, with stations at Hyde Park, Scranton, Dunmore, Providence and Carbondale.—We understand the lines are now doing a prosperous business. The business of the Lackawanna Valley will improve the receipts upon the whole line Danville is the best station. Dr. Goell, the President, is still persevering in his efforts to extend the usefulness of this Susquehanna Line.—*Danville Intel.*

A Correspondent of the New Orleans Crescent, writing from Florence, says "there is not one room in one hundred in Paris that has a carpet on it. The floor is made of brick, laid down generally in large squares, and it is cleaned by pouring on it a quntity of brick-dust, and then throwing over it a quantity of water, and then scrubbing it till it acquires a polish, fairly painful for the eye to look upon.

GOV. BIGLER has signed the death warrant for the execution of James Quinn, of Luzerne county, for the murder of Mahala Wiggins, and appointed Friday, the 7th day of next April, for the execution of the sentence.

CALIFORNIA WINE.—There is no reason why California should not be as celebrated for its wine as it is for gold, and the day will come when such will be the case. In the ower country, considerable quantities are already made; and in Napa valley, last year the proprietors of vineyards made successful experiments.

New Advertisements.

Teachers Wanted.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the Secretary of Sunbury School Board, for one Male Teacher, for room No. 3, of public schools, until 10 o'clock, Friday, March the 3, 1854, at which time an examinstion will take place, and the school alloted.

D. W. SHINDEL, Sec'y.

Sunbury, Feb. 25, 1854.—

Estate of LYDIA HOUSEL, dec'd.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of Lydia Housel, late of Rush township, Northumberland county, 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.

CHARLES HOUSEL, Adm'r.

Rush tp., Feb. 25, 1853.—6t.

NOTICE

IS hereby given that the subscriber has sold Adam Clayberger, the following property which, after it is paid for, shall belong to the said Adam Clayberger, viz:—One horse, a one horse wagon, two setts harness, one log chain one teamsters saddle.

ADAM S. RENN.

Mt. Carmel, Feb. 25, 1854.—3t.

An Apprentice Wanted.

AN industrious boy, between 16 and 18 years of age, desirous of learning the Saddler and Harness making business, can find a good situation by applying to the subscriber.

A. J. STROH.

Sunbury, Feb. 25, 1854.—

Assignees Account.

NOTICE is hereby given that J. Wood Brown, Esq., assignee of Cornelius McGinley has filed his account in the Prothonotary office, and the same will be presented to the Court for confirmation at April Term next.

JAMES BEARD, Proth'y.

Prothonotary's Office, }
Sunbury, Feb. 25, 1854.— }

MEXICAN GUANO.

THE subscribers offer for sale Mexican Guano of the best quality, well adapted to the soil of Pennsylvania and New Jersey; analesy which, by a well known chemist, is in our possession. This article is sold at a much lower price than the Peruvian, and will be found fully equal in fertilizing qualities.

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Phila., Feb. 25, 1854.—3m.

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Phila., Feb. 25 1854.—3m.

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New York, Feb. 25, 1854.—3t.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter sessions for the county of Northumberland.

The undersigned petitioner respectfully solicits the Hon. Court to grant him a license to keep an Inn or tavern in his old stand in Hickorytown, Lower Mahanoy township.

ELIAS WIEST.

WE the undersigned citizens of Lower Mahanoy township, being acquainted with the Petitioner, do certify that he is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and that he is well provided with house room and other conveniences for the accommodation of strangers and travelers, and that an Inn or tavern there is necessary for the accommodation of strangers and travelers.

Michael Radel, John Dockey, Sr., Adam Bingeman, Isaac Bordner, Abraham Looker, Charles Pearsons, G. Harris, David Hain, Michael Lenker, Esq., Elijah Beyer, William Sheeffer, John Bingemann.

Lower Mahanoy tp., Feb. 25, 1854.—3t.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court Quarter sessions for the county of Northumberland.

The undersigned petitioner respectfully solicits the Hon. Court to grant him a license to keep an Inn or tavern his old stand in the Borough of Northumberland.

HENRY HAAS

WE the undersigned citizens of the Borough of Northumberland, being acquainted with the Petitioner, certify that he is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and that he is well provided with house room and other conveniences for the accommodation of strangers and travelers, and that an Inn or tavern there is necessary for the accommodation of strangers and travellers.

Wm. H. Wanles, James Vandyke, M. M. Priestley, Wm. Elliott, W. T. Forsyth, John Cake, C. F. Lott, John Heck, Joseph Priestley, David Hilkert, Jon Taggart, jr., Alex. Coll.

Northd., Feb. 25, 1852.—3m.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court Quarter sessions for the county of Northumberland.

The undersigned petitioner respectfully solicits the Hon. Court to grant him a license to keep an Inn or tavern his old stand in the Borough of Sunbury.

JAMES COVERT.

WE the undersigned citizens of the Borough of Sunbury being acquainted with the Petitioner, do certify that he is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and that he is well provided with house room and other convenience for the accommodation of strangers and travellers, and that an Inn or tavern there is necessary for the accommodation of strangers and travellers.

G. M. Yorks, James Beard, Fred. Lazarus, Chas. Brauer, Peter B. Masser, M. L. Shindel, Wm. K. Marr, J. W. Peal, J. B. Packer, Ed. Y. Bright, H. B. Masser, John Haas.

Sunbury Feb. 25 1854.—3t.

Executors' Sale.

THE subscribers, Executors of the estate of Henry Masser, dec'd., will expose to public sale, on Saturday, the 25th of February inst., the late residence of the deceased, all the

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

of said estate, consisting in part of

Tables, Chairs, Looking-glasses, Beds and Bedding, Carpet, Stoves, Books, Tubs, Barrels,

and a variety of Kitchen furniture.

Also the balance of a stock of store goods, consistidg of Queensware, Hardware, Sadlery, Paints, Wine, Brandy, &c.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock of said day. Terms made known on the day of sale.

H. B. MASSER,
JOHN MASSER,
P. B. MASSER,
F. BUCHER, } Ex'tors.

Sunbury, Feb. 11, 1854.—