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SHAMOKIN TOWN LOTS. THE subscriber is now prepared to exhibit and dispose of Lots in the new Town-Plan of Shamokin. Persons desirous of purchasing can ascertain the terms and conditions of sale by calling on the subscriber, at Shamokin.

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LAWRENCE HOUSE, SUNBURY, PA. THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that she still continues to keep the above named public house, and that she has engaged Mr. Weiser Ziegler to superintend the same.

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Correspondence. From the Sunbury American. WASHINGTON, April 23, 1854. Friend Masser:—In looking over a late number of the Sunbury American, (April 8) I noticed that you have received the same erroneous impression which many others have received, in regard to the grant of public land which your member, Col. Straub, has sought to obtain from Congress to aid in the construction of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad.

At an early day of the present session, Col. Straub prepared a bill, appropriating 1,500,000 acres of the public land for the benefit of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands. On that committee was the Hon. Mr. Hiestor, of the Lancaster district, who faithfully seconded your member's efforts to procure a favorable report. At first, the prospects of obtaining such a report were decidedly unfavorable. Even Mr. Hiestor became discouraged; but by dint of the unwearied exertions of Col. S., the Committee finally authorized Mr. Hiestor to make a report to the House in favor of the asked for grant.

It may not be out of place to state, in connection with this subject, that the present congressional delegation from your State is composed of a greater amount of effective, working talent, than was ever known before; and here let me suggest to my old democratic friends of Pennsylvania, not merely their representatives longer in office than the customary period—always presuming that they have proved themselves to be both honest and capable. You send a man to Congress, and by the time he has become versed in the parliamentary rules—by the time he is initiated into the modus operandi of transacting business at the public departments for the benefit of his constituents—by the time, from frequent encounters, he has been sharpened into a keen and successful debater—and by the time he has attained the respect and confidence of his fellow members, and therefore in a situation to promote the interests of his district, he is "rotated," as it is termed, out of office.

OUR AMBASSADOR AT PARIS. The National Intelligencer has an interesting gossiping letter from a private correspondent in Paris: "Mr. Mason, our Minister at this capital, is an estimable and honorable man, and personally is highly respected; but is unfortunate that, at a time like the present, with a general war about involving the whole continent, he does not understand French, which is a great disadvantage."

THE LIQUOR LAW OF MICHIGAN.—Judge Ross Wilkins, of the U. S. District Court, in a letter to one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Michigan, says he has no doubt the liquor law of that State is unconstitutional, as all laws are when the legislature, in express terms, submit a general act to the people before it can "become a law," directly delegating the legislative power to the people. He says: "I am friendly to the reform, and so far as consistent with our fundamental law, I would advocate the absolute and entire suppression of the liquor traffic. But I can never countenance any infringement on the Constitution, even to effect so good a blessing to this and succeeding generations."

A MARRIAGE PALACE.—F. W. Hughes, Esq., Attorney General of the State of Pennsylvania, has purchased a fine lot on Broad street and Market, Philadelphia, on which he intends to erect a splendid marble residence. It will have a front of 25 feet. The owners of property in this section of that noble thoroughfare, we understand, will not sell for the erection of houses less than twenty-five feet front.

CHEAP LIVING.—The Jeffersonville Advocate, of Tazewell county, Va., gives the prices current in the town as follows:—Wheat, 9 a 10 cts; butter, 10 cts; eggs, 6 cts; flour per bbl, \$2.50; dried apples, 75 cts; dried peaches, \$1.50 per bushel; corn, 50 cents.