

Agents in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Court of Claims has made a favorable decision in the case of Capt. Ericson, for over \$150,000, for his application of the ship, propeller and steam machinery, and his superintendence of the building of the steamer Princeton.



THE AMERICAN.

SUNBURY.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1856.

I. B. MASSEY, Editor and Proprietor

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

THE CAREER of the "American" tends the compliments of the season to its patrons, and begs leave to inform them, that he will "hoobin' round," on New Year's day, with his address.

CHANGE OF TIME.—The cars of the Philadelphia and Sunbury Rail road, now leave this place in the morning at 7.45.

LADIES FAIR.—The ladies connected with the Methodist church, in this place, will hold a Fair in the new store room of Philip Clark, Market street, during the first week of Court. On Monday a dinner will be prepared, and refreshments served in the evening. The proceeds are for the purpose of making repairs in the church.

NEW COUNTERFEITS.—Counterfeit 10's on the Harrisburg Bank have made their appearance, and are well executed.

The Erie City Bank and the New Castle Bank, it is rumored, have failed.

The numerous friends of Col. Reah Frazer, of Lancaster, will learn, with regret, that he has become partially deranged, and is now in the State Lunatic Asylum, at Harrisburg. Pecuniary losses, and political excitement, have, no doubt, paralyzed one of the best minds in the country. We trust that quiet and medical treatment, will soon restore him to usefulness and society.

The friends of the Rev. Dudley A. Tyng, who was dismissed from his church in Philadelphia, by a small majority, on account of his sermon against slavery, are about building him a handsome new church.

Among the items reported at a Fair down East, was the following:—"Best Book Contender"—Miss Susan Thompson's "Susan, no doubt, received a premium.

Among the persons recommended for speaker of the Senate, we observe the names of Charles B. Penrose and David Taggart, Esqrs.

The Lebanon Valley Railroad will be completed, perhaps by the middle of May.—This road, in connection with the Northern Central Road, even with the 12 miles staging, until the road is completed from this place to Trevorton, will bring us within five hours of Reading and seven of Philadelphia. By July or August we hope the whole line from this place will be completed.

MR. BUCHANAN'S CABINET.—Many of the papers are busy in making up Mr. Buchanan's cabinet. They, no doubt, find it much less difficult to select a cabinet for the President elect than he will himself. Our contemporary of the Germantown Telegraph is in favor of retaining Mr. Marcy, the present able Secretary of State. Mr. Marcy's reputation is second to no man's, at home or abroad. He was the only member in President Pierce's cabinet, who gave character to his administration.

HON. JOE R. TRACY, of Philadelphia, recently delivered a highly interesting Agricultural address, before the Montgomery County Agricultural Society. The principal subject was a sketch of the life of Job Roberts, an intelligent agriculturist of that county, who was a contemporary and a friend of the late Judge Peters. Mr. Tracy has the ability to adorn almost any subject he handles.

MR. EKERT is about getting up a dancing school in this place. We trust he may be successful. There is no more pleasant and innocent amusement. It is one of nature's institutions—a spontaneous production, though something undeveloped—as much so as laughing, crying, &c., and may as well be done gracefully, as not. Mr. Ekert, who is well known in this community, has all the necessary qualifications for his position, and deserves encouragement.

THE UNION CANAL.—The Lebanon Courier states, that the enlargement of this improvement from Lebanon eastward, to Reading, was contracted for last fall, to be completed by the first of April, 1857. Most of those acquainted with the immense amount of heavy work to be done under the contract predicted, that like many other enterprises of the kind, the contractors would require considerable grace; and the general opinion of the public seemed to be that the work would not be ready for use with the opening of the Spring navigation. We are very glad to state that such forebodings are doomed to disappointment. The energetic contractor—Messrs. ROCKWELL, KIPP & Co.—"have covered themselves with glory," as politicians would say, by the energy, efficiency and success of their management; and the canal is already in that forward state that leaves no doubt of its being ready by the appointed time. We passed over a part of the line last week, and confess to some surprise, at seeing the water already in that portion running from Lebanon through the "Narrows," embracing the section on which was the heaviest work. The immense labor required at the "Narrows" may be inferred when we state the depth of the cut to be 25 feet, through a bed of solid limestone. The width of cut at the bottom is 34 feet. The work further on east, we learn to be in almost an equal state of progress.

JOHN TUCKER ESQ.

A public dinner was recently given to John Tucker Esq., late President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, in Philadelphia by many of the leading men engaged in the coal trade. Mr. Tucker, in his speech, which abounded with valuable statistical and other useful information, thus referred to two gentlemen connected with this great work.

THE KANSAS POST OFFICE.

The charge has repeatedly been made that the seals of private correspondence was no more respected in the Kansas Post Office than in France or Austria. A part of the policy of thrusting slavery upon that unhappy territory has been to violate the mails, an example long since set by high authority in the slave States. This has been steadily denied. Perhaps they will believe Governor GEARY himself, who writes:

"Every package addressed to me through the mail is broken and inspected before it reaches my hands. It is entirely unsafe to send information through the post office, and more especially so to use that medium to forward anything of pecuniary value. Correspondents are either ignorant of their duty and obligations, or being acquainted with them, act in violation of both. Indeed, I have been credibly informed that in some places persons not connected with the mails previous to their distribution. This is a serious evil, upon which some prompt act is needed."

TERRIBLE CASUALTY.

Sad Instance of the Danger of using Burning Fluid.

On Wednesday evening about 6 o'clock, the dwelling of Joseph Kimmel, street supervisor of this Borough—in Third street above Norwegian, was the scene of a horrible and interesting fire, and plunging a family in the deepest distress. At that hour, a fluid lamp in the hands of Miss Sarah Kimmel, 18 years of age, exploded from some unknown cause. The burning fluid communicated to her clothing, and in an instant she was a mass of flames. At the time of the occurrence she was in the second story room, and had a child four years of age. Had she possessed requisite presence of mind, she might possibly have extinguished the fire, with the bed clothes or a carpet which was in the room. Terror however, deprived her of self-possession. She raised a front window, and tearing a portion of the burning clothing from her person, threw it into the street. Finding that ineffective, she next sprang for stairs communicating with the front room of the first story, down which she fell head first, and rolled, a burning mass upon the floor at the foot. Frantic with agony, she gained her feet, and running rapidly past several members of the family who were in the back room, she reached the yard, down which she staggered, until she fell powerless and overcome, at the rear end. Her father, mother and brother followed, and in endeavoring to rescue her, were severely burned. The poor girl died in five minutes after, undoubtedly from the effects of inhaling the flames. Her body presented a shocking spectacle. The skin peeled from it; her hair was completely burned off; and her features were so distorted and blackened as to defy recognition. Miss Kimmel was shortly to be married. The family suffer much as well as physical distress in consequence of the sad occurrence. Mrs. Kimmel since has been in a dangerous condition.

COAL TRADE.

The quantity sent by Railroad this week is 47,613 tons—by Canal 1,101 tons—for the week 52,145 tons against 28,175 tons for corresponding week last year.

Table with 4 columns: State, Population, Property, Value. Lists data for various states including Alabama, Arkansas, California, etc.

THE WEATHER.

The weather has been cold, bleak and windy, during the past week. The rain and sleet having been frozen, the roads were as smooth and glassy as a mirror. On Saturday last the stage from Pottsville was not able to make the connection with the cars at Mt. Carmel, the roads over the mountain having become so icy and smooth, as to render them dangerous. Mr. Fiske, the Superintendent of the rail road, sent in the mails on Sunday evening, by a hand car.

THE POST OFFICE.

Our neighbor John Youngman Esq., editor of the Gazette, who has been Post Master for the past two years at this place, has resigned his office, to take effect on the 1st of January. Mr. Youngman says he "resigned the office with more pleasure than he received it." It is an office that requires much care and close attention, while its emoluments afford no sufficient compensation to one who can engage in other and more profitable pursuits. Mr. Youngman has made an obliging and attentive officer, and has given, we think, a reasonable amount of satisfaction.

THE SUSQUEHANNA AT THIS PLACE.

The Susquehanna at this place has again been closed over firmly, with ice, for a week past.

CATAWISSA, WILLIAMSPORT & ERIE RAIL ROAD.

We have received the annual report of the President and Engineers, &c., of this road, annexed to which are two maps. The report speaks encouragingly of the business of the road.

GETTING ON OUR NEIGHBORS.

WILLIAMSPORT.—A Masonic supper will be served up at the U. S. Hotel, Williamsport on the 27th. All members in good standing are invited. A new Bible Company has been organized and is called the "Farley Bibles" in honor of Robt. Farley Esq. The ladies of the Dickinson Seminary will hold a Fair on the 23d, 24th and 25th inst. The Williamsport papers are not yet done discussing that thanksgiving Sermon.

JERSEY SHORE.

The Republican recommends Gen. Wm. F. Packler for Governor.—The General is gaining strength daily, and is the most prominent candidate before the people.

SNYDER COUNTY.

Some graceless scamps in and about Selinsgrove, thinking that Christmas was rather a dull affair without a roast, have been committing depredations on the hen roosts of that place. Our neighbor Gatebeus of the "Democrat," thus Philosophizes on the enormity of chicken stealing.

NEW PRODUCT.

Near Edith, S. C. a crop is about to be gathered of four acres of sunflowers. The seed will be used for oil and to feed cattle and poultry, as in the south of France; but the chief object is to obtain the fibre of the stalks for paper-making. If the cultivation succeeds it is expected to supply abundant materials for writing and printing paper, as well as fine and coarse paper hanging.

SOMETHING NEW.

The railroad cars of the Galena and Chicago road are lighted with gas. Under the floor of each car is placed a gas-holder, consisting of two tubes, divided into compartments by India-rubber diaphragms. Connecting with the holder is a dry metre, which serves to pump the air into the holder, and thus force the gas through the pipes which connect the holder, up into the car. The holder is filled with gas by attaching the pipe to a main at any station where there is gas. It is said that the invention will be a great saving of expense to railroad companies.

THE MOUNTAINS OF THE PULPIT.

We find in an English paper the following sketch of the Rev. Mr. Spurgeon, the "eloquent young preacher" of London:

His sermons were purchased and read, and being a kind of comic pulpit, though to parts dull and obscure enough, and he became a favorite. His sermons were sold in London for £4,000, was hired, but as many more thousands remained in the Strand unadmited. Next July's Surrey Music Hall was hired. It is said to hold 10,000—with cramming, two thousand more. On Sunday evening last the numbers within and without the Surrey Gardens gates attracted by Mr. Spurgeon, was variously estimated at from 18,000 in the Times to 30,000 in other daily papers.

Now, what the manner and matter of this preacher? The enquiring visitor sees a short, square built man enter, with a round pallid-looking face, relieved however, by sparkling eyes, in a profusion of black hair parted in the middle. His reading and prayer, in which there is nothing very singular, unless it be a familiarity suggestive of profanity, with which he addresses the Throne of Grace, he begins his sermon. If it have reference to the fall of Adam, and expiration of sin through faith in Jesus Christ, he lets his audience know, in a jovial kind of manner, that he is about to amuse them. He looks intently to the farthest corner of the house, and exclaims "Holles, Adam? where art thou, Adam?" In the presumption that Adam is afraid to face such a congregation in answer to such a summons, he makes the father of mankind reply tremulously, "Here am I; what wouldst thou?" "What wouldst thou? Thou indignantly rejoins, "I would know what you have done, Adam, that we are all damned through you?" Adam makes a speech. The preacher answers him, Adam has a rejoinder; and he decidedly the worst of the argument, and is told, in the slang of the tap-room, "I thought I should have seen some of your kind of talk, but I never mind, never mind Adam, we have never had Christ instead of you," &c. Then he brings the Trinity up to the platform, and holds colloquy with them. In like manner he introduces prophets, apostles, and all other scriptural personages. He makes the Saviour and Mary Magdalen hold conversation with the preacher, and in the end, he takes a loud, resolute woman, and this it is with the tens of thousands of the metropolitan population are crowding even unto death, to hear, to grieve at, or to approve, by occasional burst of laughter or floods of tears. He gives scenes from hell, in which the persons represented are his brother ministers, with their congregations; he has a powerful voice and a dramatic sense. He walks upon him in a dramatic sense, and is only at home when he has such a stage. A pulpit cramps him. He tells that his gains to the kingdom of Christ have been a thousand souls a year, since he came to London, and he expects they will amount to an additional thousand this year.

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THE CIRCLE.

This mathematical proposition, which for a number of years has baffled the most abstruse mathematicians, has at last been definitely solved, and that too in a manner to accommodate itself to the most simple understanding. It is simply to settle up your wife's bills for hoops at the dry goods store of milliners.

Foreign News.

ARRIVAL OF THE CANADA.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

HALIFAX, Dec. 23.

The steamship Canada, from Liverpool, with dates to Friday, the 12th inst., arrived at noon to-day, bringing the America's mails and passengers.

The steamship America sailed from Liverpool on her regular day, Saturday, the 6th, but when off Cape Clear, encountered a severe storm, in which she suffered serious damage, losing her bulwarks, boats, and having her forward saloon completely gutted. One man was injured.

The steamship Baltic, which sailed from Liverpool on the 10th inst., for New York, took out the official announcement that the Peace Congress was to assemble in Paris during the present month. Also, that an unsuccessful attempt had been made to assassinate the King of Naples.

The steamer Niagara was passed on the 13th, off Eastport.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A deputation from Liverpool and London had waited upon Lord Clarendon, to ascertain what is meant by the British demonstration against New Grenada.

Father Mathew died at Cork on the 9th inst.

FRANCE.

A despatch from Bordeaux announces the arrival at that port of a vessel having on board the captain and fifteen passengers, who were wrecked in the inflated steamship Lyonsais. No names or other particulars are given. A subscription has been opened in Lyons for the widows and children of those who perished in the inflated steamer.

ITALY.

The attempted assassination of the King of Naples occurred at a review of the troops on the 9th inst. The accounts of the affair differ somewhat. One says that while the troops were defiling, a soldier rushed from the ranks and struck the King on the left side. He was arrested.

SICILY.

All is quiet in Sicily. The insurrection has been suppressed, and the leader, Bentivoglio, taken prisoner.

DEATH OF A PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN.

Died in Beverly, Massachusetts, December 6th, Lydia, wife of Alexander Buchanan. This old, hard working woman has travelled from the eastern boundary of Beverly to Salem, three times a week, on the average, a distance of six miles, carrying always two or often three bundles, weighing forty and fifty pounds each, and this task has been, for thirty-five years, regularly performed. In the least of Summer, in the cold of Winter, in the snow and in the mud, in the rain and in the shine, she has been performing her arduous labor, offering for sale her herbs and roots. She had been four times married. Her maiden name was Lydia Watt. She was married to John Allen in 1804. Her second husband's name was Dennis, the third was Tasker, and the fourth Buchanan, who survives her.

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MARRIAGES.

An the 11th inst. by the Rev. P. Bern. Mr. David Mallick, of Lower Augusta, to Miss Harriet Long of Upper Augusta.

On the 18th inst., by the name, Mr. Daniel Fawell, to Miss Elizabeth Bartholomew all of Lower Augusta.

On the 18th inst. by the Rev. Thomas P. Hunt, Samuel H. Price, to Miss Harriet Birtch, both of Mauch Chunk.

The Blankets.

Philadelphia Market. December 25, 1856.

GRAIN.—Wheat is dull, but prices are steady. Sales of prime new Southern and Penna red at \$1.60 1/2, and \$1.60 1/2 for white—Rye comes in slowly; sales of Pennsylvania at 80 cts. Corn is quiet scarce; sales of yellow at 66 1/2 cts, white, at 65 cts, and 64 cts in store. Oats are quiet; sales of prime old Pennsylvania and Delaware 41 cents per bushel.

SUNBURY PRICE CURRENT.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Lists prices for Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Potatoes, Beans, Meal, Butter, Eggs.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends, and the public generally, that he has just received a New Stock of GOODS, at this new store, at David Miller's Mill, in Lower Augusta Township, and that he is prepared to sell goods at the lowest prices.

FALL & WINTER GOODS.

Groceries, Queensware, Hardware, &c., and every variety usually kept in a country Store. Trevorton prices paid for all kinds of produce. Lower Augusta (wp, Dec. 27, 1856—H)

PAY UP!

All persons indebted to the subscriber on New York Account or otherwise, are respectfully requested to pay up immediately, as the accounts will be placed in the hands of a Justice for collection.

IRA T. CLEMENT, Sunbury, December 26, 1856—H

NOTICE.

Is hereby given that James Testamoney on the estate of Jacob Groom, late of Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, died, has been granted to the subscriber. All persons indebted to said estate will please make payment without delay, and those having claims against said estate will please present them properly attested for settlement.

GEORGE SCHLER, Adm'r. L. Augusta tp, Dec. 20, 1856—H

NOTICE.

Is hereby given that a Petition has been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Northumberland county, for a Charter of Incorporation of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Sunbury, and that the same will be presented to next Court for Incorporation.

JAMES BEARD, Preby. Sunbury, Dec. 20, 1856—H

Last but not Least.

NEW ARRIVAL OF FALL AND WINTER GOODS!

Ira T. Clement

No. 1, CORNER OF MARKET SQUARE, SUNBURY, PA.

As just received a large supply of Fall and Winter Goods.

He will continue to sell Dry Goods and Groceries CHEAPER than ever, as his goods are bought cheap they will be sold cheap.

He feels confident with his experience and ability, that he can compete with the World at large and Sunbury in particular.

He would enumerate articles if time and space would permit.

It is enough to say that he has everything in the line of

Dry Goods, Groceries,

A large Stock of Ready-made CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES, &c., &c., that is kept in any other store in town, and

His banner is on the pole.

And long may it wave.

Our land of the free.

And the home of the brave

While her Stars and her Stripes

Shine out like the Sun,

Telling us without

That Freedom's the goal.

This is a fact country as was proved by the election of Buchanan over the Worthy Hove, therefore it is free for all to do their trading where they can BUY CHEAPEST. All are invited to call and see.

THE COUNTRY.

as well as the town are respectfully invited, and every person, rich or poor, high or low, bond or free are invited to call at No. 1 Market Square, opposite the Court House.

P. S.—He is not to be understood by any man or combination of men. No charge for showing goods.

All kinds of produce taken in exchange for goods. Sunbury, Dec. 20, 1856.

NOTICE.

Is hereby given that the following persons have filed petitions with the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of said County, for License to sell Spirituous, Vinous, Malt and Brewed Liquors, under the act