

# Sunbury American.

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**THAT \$24,000.**—Since the report of the Auditors is published, many inquiries are made as to the probable amount of taxes required for 1871. By all appearances it will not be less than \$24,000. Last year there were \$29,033.99 in the hands of favorite collectors, and a county tax levied of eight mills which amounted to \$95,583 for county purposes alone. This year we find the amount of \$41,402.21 outstanding, and the amount levied seven mills. The tax payers are no doubt puzzled to know what is done with such a large amount of money. If they will examine the report they will find that after having in hand \$95,583 last year, that there are still unpaid county orders amounting to \$27,675.76. Several of those orders are no doubt withheld so the people cannot tell what the real expenses were during last year. One is for extra clerks in the Commissioners' office, and another for Janitor's salary of the jail and Sheriff's office. The latter office has never been heard of before, and is supposed to have been created by the Ring. There may be others of similar character kept back to prevent the report from looking more extravagant. One glance at the expenditures will convince any one that being extravagantly high; for instance bills for fuel, Public Buildings, Stationery, Merchandise (?) &c.

A law compelling the Auditors to itemize all orders would probably give the public a better insight into the workings of the Ring.

**VERY SERIOUS DISAGREEMENTS AND DIVERGENCES OF OPINION** between the coal operators and miners were developed at the Board of Arbitration in session on Monday and Tuesday last at Mauch Chunk. In addition to the troubles peculiar to the region, the staple questions that arise in nearly all conflicts between labor and capital came up for consideration. One thing, at least, ought to be settled in the coal regions—that no set of miners have a right, by threats and violence, to prevent other miners from working if they wish to do so.

Since the little "nigger" has ceased to haunt the editors of the *Northumberland County Democrat*, their nervous system has been shocked from fear that their friends in the South might get their just dues if the Ku Klux bill should pass Congress which appears to cause considerable anxiety in their party. They keep up a terrible cackling, but Congress somehow appears to pay no attention to them. What a pity that the President and Congress don't recognize them, and relieve them from such terrible night dreams.

The argument of Franklin B. Gowen, Esq., before the Judiciary Committee of the Senate of Pennsylvania, furnishes an able and interesting presentation of the views entertained on the coal question by the railroad companies. The magnitude of the interests they have at stake and the extent of the injury they suffer from protracted suspensions are very forcibly indicated by his statement that the Railroad Company alone has three hundred locomotives, twenty thousand coal cars, twelve hundred miles of single track, a canal one hundred and eight miles long, a force employed of twelve thousand men, and a carrying capacity equal to one hundred and eighty thousand tons of coal per week.

It is a poor rule that don't work both ways, and since the *Times* accuses us of pitching into the commissioners because we don't get any "pap" he will be man enough, we suppose, to admit that he is trying to defend them, because he does get the pap.—*Snyder County Tribune*.

As the *Northumberland County Democrat* quotes the *Times* which makes the same charge against us, we shall have to ask the *Democrat* to be candid for once, and say whether they don't defend the Communists because they do "get the pap" and that well sugar in the bargain.

**CHINESE IN THE COAL MINES.**—It is understood that definite promises have been made to the directors of the great coal railroads for Chinese labor on a large scale, for working the Pennsylvania mines. Some of the most thoughtful directors of those railroads (terminating in New York) are convinced that this is their ultimate resource for steady work. The fatigued and quiet work of the Chinese in Massachusetts is bringing many to such conclusions.—*Sacramento Republic*.

**THE SPRING ELECTIONS.**—We observe that some of our exchanges state that a bill had passed both houses, re-establishing the spring elections. Such is not the fact. A bill passed the House to that effect, but the Senate attached several tedious political amendments to it, one of them especially relating the elections in Limerick county, in which the House refused to concur. The bill was then sent to a committee of conference; the committee had several meetings, but the Democrats adhering to their original amendments, the bill lies in the hands of the committee, where it will, no doubt, remain, unless the Democratic administration takes a different course.—*Hanniball Telegraph*.

**THE FINESUPPLY OF PENNSYLVANIA.**—There are at least one hundred and twenty miles of fresh water lakes in the waters of Pennsylvania, says the *Philadelphia Press*, containing those of Lake Erie, to which the Susquehanna is a principal tributary. These lakes and rivers are now used as good, or will be some future time. About the same number in the Susquehanna, while there are forty-one in the Allegheny, and in the streams of the Allegheny, there are about two thousand, three hundred, and four thousand square miles in the Allegheny and its tributaries, with a few others, which are now used as good, or will be some future time.

**THE COAL TROUBLES.**—A Cleveland despatch says there is a strong feeling around the Republicans there to nominate Hon. Ben. Wade for Governor of Ohio.

General Spinner has now nearly recovered from his recent severe illness, and will go to Europe on business connected with the new law.

Chief Justice Chase yesterday resumed his seat on the bench of the United States Supreme Court, for the first time during the present term.

An application was received on Monday by the Treasury Department, from St. Petersburg, Russia, for an agency for the negotiation of the new loan, to be established in that city. The application was accompanied by a subscription of ten millions of the new bonds by the house applying for the agency.

**THE WINDING UP OF LEGISLATION.**—WASHINGTON, April 20.—The President reached the Capitol about 1 o'clock and immediately signed the Ku Klux bill, so that it is now a law. All measures passed have been signed and the Senate is finishing up the executive business, all but a few, and only postponements. A few important treaties will be confirmed.

## The Power to Suppress the Klan Outrages.

From Senator Sumner's speech of April 12. The questions presented in this debate have been of fact and of constitutional law. It is insisted on one side that a condition of things exists in certain States affecting the liberty and the enjoyment of Equal Rights, which can be remedied only by the national arm. On the other side this statement is "controversial," and it is argued also that such intervention is inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States. On both questions, whether of fact or law, I cannot hesitate. To my mind, outrages are proved, ferrific in character; nor can I doubt the power under the Constitution to apply the remedy.

The building occupied by the American legation was struck by the fragment of a shell on Saturday, but nevertheless Mr. Washburne continues to reside in the Avenue Josephine.

Barricades have been erected to protect immediately in the quarters of the Tullies and Belleville, which render Paris impregnable to the assault of the Versaillists.

**LOSSES OF THE VERSAILLISTS.**—It is reckoned that during two days the Versaillists have lost 1000 killed and 1500 wounded.

All persons are now allowed to leave the city without a permit, except men between the ages of 19 and 40.

The price of provisions is rising. All goods except those opposite the enemy are open all day.

M. Chaudry, the editor of the *Siecle*, has been arrested. The charge is unknown.

There is a grave outcry at the number of arrests, and no one will speak without a report to the Committee.

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