

The California

The Washington Union publishes some further official documents from the Philadelphia Mint, in relation to the assay of the California gold, quicksilver and platinum. Professor Patterson, the Director, says: "The reports upon the quality of the California gold are very satisfactory, the specimens yielding nearly one-third of their weight in quicksilver. By consulting authorities on the subject, it appears that the mines of Almaden, in Spain, yield on an average ten per cent of mercury; and at Idria, ores containing only one per cent. are worked, although they are found in all proportions from that low percentage up to 80. The importance of this discovery in California is greatly enhanced by the nearness of a constant and absorbing market—large quantities of mercury being required for the amalgamation of silver ores in Mexico, where, I believe, no mines of mercury have been found."

As to the platinum, it appears not to be worth seeking, according to the following statement of the assayer:

"This metal is evidently present, and may be seen with the naked eye amongst the spangles of gold, and in a similar form. A small quantity (about four grains in weight) was forwarded from the War Department, and was found to be of the specific gravity eighteen; being, of course, debased somewhat by the intimate mixture of mineral water not removable by washing. We have not yet determined accurately what amount of this metal appears with the gold deposited for coinage. Owing partly to its known intractability in the furnace, and partly to its crude condition, it is scarcely at all fused with the gold, but is to be seen, after the melting in its original form, dotted upon the surface of the gold bars. What does enter into combination with the gold is scarcely appreciable, and does not disturb the assay, or deteriorate the metal for coining or manufacturing purposes; and this was a material point of inquiry. Taking it altogether, whether fused or not, our present impression is, that it exists in but small relative quantity, and will not be worth seeking after for its own sake."

The only alloy of this gold is silver, of which we find on the average, 104 parts in a thousand. The gold yielding 894, there is a remainder of two thousandths, which is nearly or entirely copper. After giving the results of their experiments on the specimens of gold sent, the assayers ingeniously say: "If it were the true state of the case that there was nothing to do but to shovel up an auriferous sand, which, by proper treatment would yield one thousand to twelve hundred dollars a bushel, this would, indeed, be as startling a disclosure as any which has emanated from California soil. But what we had reason to believe, in reference to this matter, is confirmed by an official letter of Capt. Folsom, published in the Washington Union, of the 23d instant, from which it appears that the obtaining of this rich sand is almost the last of concentric operations, and that our experiments upon it, though curious and of value as far as they go, afford no definite indication of the richness of the mining ground, since it does not appear how many payloads of bushels of the original earth must have been wrought upon to obtain a given quantity of this black sand. Moreover, it is well known that no mode of treatment, however skilful and scientific, has so far enabled gold-miners to make a near approach, in a large operation, to the result obtained by a delicate assay—that is, not without its costing more than it would be worth."

There are so many conditions to be weighed, such a difference of composition in layers or masses of the sand, even at short intervals of space, and such a choice in the adoption of extracting processes; that no opinion should be ventured from slight materials as to the proper productiveness or probable permanency of the mining interest in that remarkable region.

Gen. Quitman's Servant.

Henry Nichols, by the name and style of "Harry," has been the faithful and confiding body-servant of the General for the last eighteen years. Through exultation and depression, victory and defeat, sunshine and storm, Harry has ever been present, and faithful to execute the mandate of his master. He has made the tour of the United States and the Canadas, and when the infant Republic of Texas was struggling for a place among the stars and stripes, he accompanied his master, who was then Capt. Quitman, through these perilous scenes, and while walking over the battle ground of San Jacinto, looking very sad at the sight of the numerous dead, his master asked him what he was thinking about. He replied that he was thinking what fools these yellow men were for fighting white folks. But it was reserved for Harry to illustrate the annals of his race at the storming of Monterey, for he will be remembered that Gen. Quitman had the charge of the brave Mississippians and Tennesseeans, and was in the hottest and keenest of the fight, having several horses shot from under him, the places of which were immediately supplied by Harry; although he had to make his way to his master through grape and canister. But to crown the enchantment of the scene, when the gallant Wm. O. Butler fell wounded, Harry immediately rushed to his rescue and carried him off the field.

While conveying the General from the field, he inquired after his master. General Butler told him he "feared he would never see him alive, as he was in the most dangerous position when he saw him last." Harry replied, with that deep seated feeling of the faithful servant, "Don't you believe that, General, master was not born to be killed by them mulatto rascals!" When Gen. Quitman was ordered to the conquering column of Scott, he carried Harry with him, who was side by side with him at the bombardment and storming of Chapultepec on the 13th and 14th, and the deadly conflict of the Garia de Belen, and finally, his triumphant entry into the city and palace of the Montezumas.

Arrival of the Washington.

The steamship Washington arrived at the New York dock on the 8th instant, the news brought by her is not of great importance.

The number of cases of cholera reported in London on the 19th ultimo was 131, out of which there occurred 53 deaths. The whole number of cases in London and vicinity was 728, and in Scotland 1,820, making a total of 2,548, out of which there had occurred 1,200 deaths.

The intelligence from France is highly interesting. Louis Napoleon's majority over General Cavaignac already exceeds four millions. Already some difficulties have taken place among the friends of Louis Napoleon, on account of the belief that the Prince will overstep the bounds of discretion in his attempts to propitiate the existing party of Republicans.

Flour has declined one shilling a barrel, in the London and Liverpool markets.

MARRIED.

At Mercerburg, Pa. December 14, by the Rev. Mr. Phillips, Rev. Thomas T. Yeager, of the Lutheran Church, Reading, to Miss Mary Ann Pulsgrube, of Mercerburg.

On the 17th of December, by the Rev. Mr. Kemmerer, Mr. Joseph Dietz, to Miss Sarah Ann Rudolph, both of Up. Milford.

At Bethlehem, on the 20th of December, by the Rev. Schultz, Mr. Lewis F. Beckel, to Miss Catharine R. Eberman.

On the 21st of December, by the Rev. Mr. Dubs, Mr. Charles H. Knauss, of Allentown, to Miss Sarah Ann Kemmerer, of Salisbury township.

On the 24th of December, by the same, Hiram B. Knauss, to Miss Caroline Klewell, both of South Whitehall.

On the 31st of December, by the same, Mr. Amendes Franz, of North Whitehall, to Miss Caroline Schmidt, of Saucon.

On the 7th of January, by the same, Mr. Adam Huehler, to Miss Mary Ann Johnson, of Allentown.

At Easton, on the 24th of December, by the Rev. Mr. Gundesheim, Mr. William S. Weil, merchant of Allentown, to Miss Hannah Ballinger, of Easton.

On the 26th of November, by the Rev. Mr. Zeller, Mr. Daniel Rothenberger, of Haverford, to Miss Lidia Stahler, of Upper Milford township.

On the 28th of November, by the same, Mr. Joseph Kratzer, to Miss Sarah Morey, both of Upper Saucon.

On the 31st of December, by the same, Mr. Adam Fink, to Miss Susanna Shuler, both of Upper Milford.

On the 31st of December, by the Rev. Mr. Gorman, Mr. John Keck, to Miss Mary Ann George, both of Salisbury.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. James Bauman, to Miss Maria Mohr, both of Upper Macungy.

On the 31st of December, by the Rev. Mr. Yeager, Mr. William Keller, of Bethlehem, to Miss Sarah Ann Hoffer, of Salisbury.

On the 4th of January, by the same, Mr. Peter Kleckner, to Miss Caroline Knerr, both of East Allentown.

On the 7th of January, by the same, Mr. Michael Buhler, to Miss Maria Gorman, both of Upper Saucon.

DIED.

At Philadelphia, on the 14th of December, Catharine Amanda, daughter of Peter and Fayette Sieger, aged 6 years.

On the 1st of December, in South Whitehall, Elizabeth, widow of the late Henry Schneider, aged 80 years.

On the 2nd of January, in Lower Macungy, Charles Gangever, aged 20 years.

TAKE NOTICE.

Don't let yourselves be deceived, bought or caught by fictitious prices, that are published in the papers. The undersigned sell as low as our next neighbors, and in fact as low as any commission house in Allentown. We do not deem it necessary to publish prices, in order to inform the public that we sell at lower rates than others—all we ask is, that such who purchase Iron, Hardware, &c. should give us a call, and they will find that "Saeger's Hardware Store" sells as low if not lower than any house in town.

O. & J. SAEGER.

Iron & Hardware Store, Allentown. January 11. \$-5w

NOTICE.

The Partnership of the late firm of SEZ-ERDICE & WILSON, having been dissolved, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said firm, either by note, book account or otherwise, to make payment to the undersigned, surviving partner of said firm, (who is the only person authorized to settle the accounts) between new and the first of March next, as all notes, accounts, &c. remaining unpaid after that time, will be placed in the hands of a magistrate for collection. All persons having claims against said firm will present them to the undersigned for settlement, in the above specified time.

The subscriber is always to be found at his residence a few doors below Stettler and George's Confectionary establishment.

THOMAS B. WILSON.

January 11. \$-0w

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned have taken out letters of Administration of the estate of John Brong, dec'd, late of Salisbury township, Lehigh county. Therefore all those who are indebted to said estate, will see the necessity of settling their accounts within 6 weeks, and such who have any demands against said estate, will present their claims well authenticated within the above specified time.

JOHN APPEL, Salisbury.
GEORGE BRONG, Bucks Co.
Administrators de bonis non.

Nov. 30. \$-0w

Trial List

FOR JANUARY TERM, 1840.

Benjamin Jarret, vs. George Beisel.
Paul Miller, vs. John G. Gaudin.
George Wenner, vs. Asahel Beach.
David Roth, vs. George S. Xander.
Reuben Faust and wife, vs. Jacob Seifert and wife.

Daniel Ludwig, vs. Frederick Kline.
Peter Kline, vs. Michael Kline.
Moses Y. Beach, vs. Daniel and Edwin Keiper.
Peter Hoffman, vs. Jacob Zimmerman.
Christian Pratt, et al vs. Yardley & Buckman.
S. and W. Fogel vs. Mandes Fogel.

Same vs. same.
Christian Ott, vs. Thomas Shuler.
Henry Mest, vs. Daniel and Henry Yeager.
Aaron Guth vs. Nathan Schaffer.
Jacob Bitt vs. Joseph H. Weidner.

Catharine Grim's use vs. Peter Schneider his co-tenants and terre tenants.
Catharine Grim's use vs. the Administrator of John Schneider, deceased.

Jessup & Moore, vs. Jonas Yerger.
Stewart & Hopkins, vs. Thomas Wickert.
Eve Licht, Administrators, &c. vs. Henry Sel- ters.

Thomas Craig vs. the Lehigh Crane Iron Com- pany.

Philip Mauk vs. John Bloss.
Stephen Ritter, vs. Charles Stopp.
Charles Stopp, vs. William Ringer and Stephen Ritter.

Eliza Stein, vs. Hiram Brobst.
James White vs. Steckel & Sheckler.
Aaron Wink, vs. Ephraim Keck.

Taylor & Brock, vs. George Wenner and Thom- as Wickert.
Same vs. same.

Nathan Drescher, vs. the Lehigh Crane Iron Com- pany.

George Wenner for the use of Unangst, vs. Da- vid Steh et al.

Thomas Wickert vs. George Wenner.
Benjamin Grim, vs. Elijah J. Owen.
George S. Eisenhard's Executor, vs. John H. Helfrich's Executors, &c.

Salomon Boyer, vs. Salomon Gangwere et al.
Peter Maus et al vs. H. & B. Rupp.
Joseph Unangst vs. Thomas Wickert.

Daniel and Benjamin Oswald, vs. Adam Reitz.
Abraham Handwerk, vs. Peter Wert.
Same vs. Aaron Handwerk.

From the Records. Teste.

NATHAN MILLER, Prothonotary.

January 11. \$-1w

SHERIFF'S SALES.

The Sheriff of Lehigh county will put up the following properties at public sale at the time and places hereafter mentioned.

On Thursday the 25th day of January, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, a certain lot of ground, situate in Washington township, bounded by lands of John D. Bowman and Jacob F. Hailer, containing 3 acres and 20 perches, on which is erected a one

story frame Dwelling House, and a Stable, with all the outbuildings. It being the property of Daniel Breyfogle.

On Friday the 26th of January, at the house of Charles Hittel, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, a lot or piece of land, situate in South Whitehall township, bounded by lands of John Shad; George Shuler and others, containing 2 acres,

on which is erected a one story log house and a log stable. It being the property of Joseph Wenheim and Aaron Kepp.

On Saturday the 27th of January, at the house of Jonathan Kolb, in the Borough of Allentown, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon,—No. 1, a tract of land, situate in Northampton township, bounded by lands of William Eckert, Daniel Zeller and others, containing

53 acres, on which is erected, a two story stone dwelling, and a one and a half story house, a frame barn, woodhouse, and other outbuildings, an orchard of the very best fruit, and a well with good water, in a high state of cultivation. It lays about half a mile from town, on the Reading road.

No. 2—a lot of ground, situate on the corner of Hamilton and James streets, in the Borough of Allentown, bounded by lot of G. Lucas, containing in front 43 and in depth 230 feet. It is one of the most valuable lots in the Borough. It is the property of Peter Huber.

On Saturday the 27th of January, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Jonathan Kolb, in Allentown, a valuable Tan- nery, situate in Water street in said Borough, bounded by lots of Paul Knauss and D. Wagner, and a public alley, containing in front 100 feet, and in depth 230, thereon is erected a two story frame

house, 2 story stone barn—the tannery contains 42 vats, 14 of which are under roof, also a pump, bark mill, all propelled by a six horse power engine, bark shed 75 feet in length, a two story currying shop, the tannery is arranged upon the newest plan. It is the property of Charles Andrews.

On the same day and at the same time and place, will also be sold a certain lot of ground, situate on the corner of William and John streets, bounded by lots of Samuel Moyer and Charles Blumer, containing in front of William street 67 feet, and in front of John 62 feet, thereon is erected a two story frame building 16 feet front on John and 40 feet front on William street, a two story frame shop, a well, and other outbuildings. It being the property of William A. Elliott.

On Wednesday the 24th of January, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Israel Hesse, in Lower Macungy township, a certain lot of ground, situate in said township, bounded by lands of Michael Bastian, Christian Weaver, Jacob Seipel and others, containing 73 acres, more or less, on which is erected a one story Log House, Stone Barn, and other necessary outbuild- ings, there is a valuable Iron ore bed open on it. It is the property of Messrs. Frey, Wagner and Huber.

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Now Is Your Time to Buy Cheap Iron and Hardware.

Respectfully inform their friends and the public in general, that they are determined to sell their large stock of Iron just received, comprising among others:

50 Tons English Iron, such as Square and Round. All sizes of Waggon-iron, which will be sold at 2 1/2 cents a pound, and for Ash at 2 1/2 cents. Ham- mered at 4 cents, and all sizes American rolled very cheap.

25-Backsided Anvils, of the best kind and warranted, at 1 1/2 cents a pound.

A lot of Horse Nail Rods, the best in the United States, warranted.

ALSO—Cast, Shear, Blister and Spring Steel, will be sold at extraordinary low prices, together with very extensive assort- ment of

HARDWARE, Saddlery, Coach Trimmings, &c.

Mechanics Tools such as Planes, Saws, and all other kinds of Tools, which will be sold at lower rates, than any other house in the United States.

Thankful for past favors they have received from a generous public, they trust that through punctual attendance to busi- ness and small profits, they will be able to gain a still more extensive patronage.

January 4. \$-4w

Old Sapper in the Field!

NEW HAT & CAP STORE.

Hiram B. Yeager,

Takes this method to inform his old friends and the public in general, that he has taken a room in the new three story brick building, of Mr. Daniel Keiper, in Hamilton street, in the Borough of Allentown, where he will also manufacture to order all kinds of

PHILADELPHIA HAT STORE.

He has just received, a very large assort- ment of

Beaver, Castor, and other Fur Hats.

ALSO, a beautiful assortment of fashionable Silk Hats, Caps, &c., of all sizes, prices and qualities.

He flatters himself to say that he will stand good for his Hats, that they will not only retain the color but that they cannot in point of durability be excelled.

Mr. Yeager trusts that through punctual attendance to his business, and reasonable prices, he will be able to obtain a liberal share of patronage, for which he will ever be thankful.

Dec. 7. \$-6m

Henry C. Longnecker.

Attorney and Counselor at Law.

Has resumed the practice of his profes- sion in Lehigh and the adjoining counties. His office is in the residence of the late Hon. Jon W. Hornbeck, in Hamilton street, Bor- ough of Allentown.

January 11. \$-Cm

Delaware, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Susquehanna Rail Road Company.

Pursuant to the Act of Incorporation, the Stockholders of the company will meet at the office of James M. Porter, Esq., in East- on, Pa., on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1840, being the eighth day of the month, at 2 o'clock P. M. to elect by ballot, a President, six Managers, a Treasurer and Secretary of said Company, for the ensuing year.

J. N. Hutchinson, Secretary.

December 9, 1840. \$-5w

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the Hon. J. Pringle Jones, President of the several Courts of Common Pleas of the Third Judicial District, com- posed of the counties of Berks, Northampton and Lehigh, in Pennsylvania, and Justices of the several Courts of Oyer and Terminer and general Jail delivery, and Peter Hans, and Jacob Dillinger, Esqrs., Judges of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and general Jail delivery, for the trial of all capital of- fenders in the said county of Lehigh. By their precepts to me directed, have ordered the Court of Oyer and Terminer and general Jail Delivery, to be held at Allentown, county of Lehigh, on the

Fifth Monday in January 1840, which is the twenty-ninth day of said month, and continue one week.

Notice is therefore hereby given to the Justices