

Register.  
Allentown, Pa.  
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Our thanks are due to Hon. James Cooper, and Hon. Henry M. Fuller, for valuable Congressional documents.

**New Rail Road Project.**  
A Bill entitled "The Lehigh and Macony Rail Road Company" we learn, has passed the upper branch of our Legislature, and is now on file as bill No. 229 in the House of Representatives.

**The Free Banking Law.**  
The bill introduced by Mr. Hart was taken up in the House of Representatives on the 20th, by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Acker, Appleton, Blane, Broomall, Chandler, Fife, Flanigan, Froeland, Gifford, Gillis, Gossler, Hamilton, Hart, Harris, Henderson, Hubbell, Hunsecker, James, [Chancellor] James, [Warren], Kelso, Kingsley, Landis, Laury, Lilly, McCluskey, McCune, McCone, Meloy, Meloy, Meloy, Mellinger, Merriman, Miller, [Albany], Miller, [Philadelphia], Miller, [Northampton], Mowry, O'Neil, Penney, Powell, Reel, Zelzer, Sharpe, Saylor, Smith, Waller—44.

**The Soldiers of 1812.**  
Many of our readers will not doubt feel a deep interest in the resolutions (which we publish in this paper) adopted at a large meeting held in Philadelphia, recently, with the view of adopting measures to secure a change in the present Bounty Land Law, so as to place the soldiers who have served the country in the several Wars, on an equal footing.

**The Twenty-Second February.**  
The twenty-second February was the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, to whom the world has agreed to award the palm of public virtue, as the model statesman and patriot of the age.

**Easton Firemen.**  
The members of the Phoenix Fire Company of Easton, have unanimously resolved to visit Philadelphia in the spring, to join the great parade of the Firemen of that city.

**To Make Bargains.**  
If you wish good bargains, buy of people who advertise. The increased amount of custom that a judicious system of advertising brings to a store, enables the proprietor to sell at a smaller profit than those who can afford to have an accidental customer now and then.

**Obituary Resolutions.**  
At a stated meeting of the "Shakespeare Literary Society," held February 21st, 1852, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby tender to his bereaved parents and relations in this their hour of trouble, our condolence, and mingle with them our sorrow on his early and untimely departure from us; and as survivors who had opportunities of realizing his worth, it is but proper that we should furnish testimony of the same.

**Latest from France.**  
The two most prominent points of the last intelligence from Paris, says the New York Herald, are that Louis Napoleon, at a special dinner given to forty-five Englishmen, had in the most positive terms declared the absurdity of the rumors of his intention to make war upon England.

**Threatened Arson.**  
Reuben Seip was arrested upon a complaint made by Jacob Seip, of Lehigh township, Northampton county, charging him with having threatened to burn down his house and barn.

**Frozen Fishes.**  
Statements of instances of Fish frozen as soon as taken out of the water coming to life again upon being placed in their native element, are going the rounds of the papers.

**Graham's Magazine.**  
The March number of Graham's Magazine is beautifully illustrated, and contains one hundred and twelve pages of original matter, from the pens of our popular writers.

**The Pick.**  
Joseph A. Scoville, better known as "Mr. Pick," and former editor of the New York Picayune, it appears has become tired of selling his brains, and has established a paper of his own, the first number of which is now before us.

**Clinton County.**  
The Democratic Convention of Clinton County, last week elected delegates to the Harrisburg Convention, and instructed them for Cass.

**Much Wisdom in Little.**  
In "Hunt's Merchants' Magazine" we find a great deal of practical good sense, but the following advice to young men is particularly excellent:

"Keep good company or none. Never be idle. If your hands cannot be usefully employed, attend to the cultivation of your mind. Always speak the truth. Make few promises. Live up to your engagements. Keep your own secrets, if you have any. When you speak to a person, look him in the face. Good company and good conversation are the very sinews of virtue. Good character is above all things else. Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts. If any one speaks evil of you, let your life be so that none will believe him. Drink no kind of intoxicating liquors. Ever live, misfortune excepted, within your income. When you retire to bed think over what you have been doing during the day. Make no haste to be rich if you would prosper. Small and steady gains give competency with tranquility of mind. Never play at any kind of game of chance. Avoid temptation, through fear you may not with stand it. Earn money before you spend it. Never run in debt, unless you see a way to get out again. Do not marry until you are able to support a wife. Never speak evil of any one. Be just before you are generous. Keep your self innocent if you would be happy. Save when you are young to spend when you are old. Read over the above maxims at least once a week, and adopt the maxims and examples of mercantile morality inculcated and exhibited, from time to time, in the pages of the Merchants' Magazine, and success will crown your efforts in the battle of life."

**Democratic County Meeting.**  
Pursuant to the call of the Standing Committee, the Bucks County Democratic Convention assembled at the Court House in Doylestown, on Monday, the 16th instant.

**Powder Mill Explosion.**  
It is our melancholy duty to record a most painful accident that occurred yesterday about 11 o'clock, A. M. A loud report was heard in town, which was soon ascertained to have been occasioned by the explosion of the powder mill, belonging to Messrs. Heilner & Morganth, of this place—located about a mile and a half below town.

**Make the Rascal Known.**  
It may probably be of some service to the public to be guarded against a man named Thomas Medlin, who has basely deserted his wife and two children, residing in Reading, and fled with a young girl from the neighborhood of Bridgeport, Montgomery county.

**Consolidation in New Orleans.**  
The Louisiana Legislature has passed a bill consolidating the three municipalities of New Orleans and the city of Lafayette into one municipal government.

**Mrs. Swishel's Opinion.**  
Mrs. S. is well known as the editress of a popular paper at Pittsburg, and as a lady of great candor. In a recent number she says of Kossuth that, "he is an angel or devil, saint or sinner, the press of this country has manufactured him into a terrible bore; and if his conductors would just go to Hungary, take all their papers for the last six weeks along with them, make them up into wads and fire them at the Austrian soldiers, they might easily kill the whole army without an ounce of lead."

**The Soldiers of 1812.**  
A large and enthusiastic meeting of citizens favorable to an act of Congress so changing the Bounty Land Law as to place the Soldiers of the War of 1812, on an equal footing with other Soldiers of the Union, was held at the County Court House, Philadelphia, on the 7th instant.

**Resolved,** That with the view of doing equal and exact justice to all who served in the several wars of our country, that the two Houses of Congress be requested to pass a Land Bounty Act that will place all the defenders of our nation upon the same footing, and to effect this patriotic object, that they be requested to grant to all such 160 acres of land, being the amount the recruits were entitled to go to Mexico near the close of the war, have received, and gradually receiving, although many of them never reached Mexico, and were not actually more than a month or six weeks in the service of the United States.

**Resolved,** That if even the diminutive grant of forty acres had been given to all the defenders of our country in 1812 (forty years ago) it would now be more than equal to 160 acres, claimed for them; and that upon that principle alone, that quantity ought now to be awarded them by the National Legislature.

**Resolved,** That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to J. E. Heath, Esq., "The Commissioner of Pensions," who has recommended a modification of the present Bounty Land Act, so that it may cover our gallant tars, thousands of whom fought beside our marines, in our war with Mexico, and yet have never received an acre of the public domain; while the marines have received 160 acres each.

**Resolved,** That when any soldier, who has been married, shall have died, his mother shall be authorized to receive 160 acres of land; in case of her death, his brothers and sisters shall be entitled to his bounty land; and where the soldier dies and leaves no widow, that the children shall inherit it.

**Resolved,** That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be forwarded to his Excellency, President Fillmore; and if he shall approve of the proposition herein submitted, that he be requested to make a communication thereon to the Houses of Congress.

**Resolved,** That we especially tender our thanks to the members of the two Houses of our State Legislature, who unanimously, at the last session, asked Congress to make the grant to all the defenders of our country of 160 acres of land.

**Resolved,** That the editors of the various newspapers throughout the Republic be requested to insert these proceedings, and that we present them our warmest thanks for what they have already done in sustaining our application, while we feel confident that they will stand by us till our prayer, founded on the strictest justice, shall have received the sanction of both Houses of Congress.

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**Legislative Proceedings.**  
HARRISBURG, February 16, 1862.  
HOUSE.

On the 14th, Mr. Schell introduced a bill to authorize the publication of the laws in the public newspapers.

On the 15th, Mr. Laury presented a petition for a turnpike in Lehigh county; one for a bank at Allentown; and ten remonstrances against a railroad in Lehigh county.

On the 18th, Mr. Hamlin, two petitions from Wayne county for the repeal of the small bill law, and to authorize the banks to issue small notes, and two from Carbon county for a bank at Mauch Chunk.

On the 19th, the bill providing for the immediate completion of the North Branch Canal, came up in order, when the Senate refused to proceed to its second reading by the following vote:

**Shocking Murder.**  
On the night of the 10th of February, one of the most awful murders was committed near Minersville, Schuylkill county, that perhaps ever was recorded.

Between the hours of 11 and 12, Constable Mallick was waited on, at this place, by two young men, with the desire that he should accompany them, and assist in the arrest of a murderer.

On the night of the 10th inst, Mary Cavenough [wife of the prisoner] at between 11 and 12 o'clock, was attacked by her husband with a case-knife.

**Independence.**—The true date of the Independence of North Carolina is May 20th, 1775, when the Mecklenburg Declaration was agreed upon, proclaimed to the world. The Declaration of the Independence of Virginia was made in May, 1776. In both these States the above dates have been waived, in favor of the National Declaration, which was promulgated on the 4th July, 1776.

**CLEANINGS.**  
Non-Intervention—a principle that can be recommended too strongly, in all matrimonial wars.

They were hot-bedded.  
The youngest convict in the Ohio Penitentiary is twelve years of age—the oldest seventy-five.

The greatest number of bushels of wheat produced by any one county in Ohio, in 1850, was 1,314,741. The greatest number of bushels was 2,910,958. Brown was the banner county for wheat, and Ross for corn.

**A Den of Counterfeiters.**  
An engraver of Cincinnati, says the "Times," of that city, having occasion to execute a fine piece of work, took up his abode at the engraving establishment of one Robert Neil, a lithographer and steel plate printer, at Mount Carmel, about 14 miles from the city.

U. S. Deputy Marshal, S. B. Hayman, accompanied by other officers, immediately proceeded to Neil's residence, but the bird had not only fled, but destroyed everything which could be brought against him as evidence.

The German states that over \$400,000 in counterfeit money had been made by Neil during the past two years. The notes were \$50's, 20's, 10's and 5's upon the State Banks of Ohio and Indiana, and 20's, 10's and 5's upon the northern Bank of Kentucky.

Speculation in Apples—It is estimated that nearly \$40,000 will be circulated in Oswego county, New York, this autumn by speculators in fruit. Some 20,000 barrels have been purchased, and many of them shipped to New York.

**Mississippi.**—The Legislature of Mississippi has elected Walter Brooks, Esq., Union Whig, U. S. Senator for the unexpired term of Governor, for the unexpired term of Hon. Jefferson Davis, now filled by Mr. McKee. The Whigs, and Union Democrats in the Legislature of Mississippi, have a majority of about 20 on joint ballot.

**Baptism by Immersion.**—Some twenty or thirty women were baptised on Sunday afternoon, in the North River, at the foot of Twenty-ninth street, New York. There were several hundred persons present to witness the ceremony. The baptised were led into the water up to their waists, although the ice was floating on every side of them.