# The Lehigh Register.

### Allentown, Pa.

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## The First of April.

Those of our subscribers who intend moving about the first of April, will please let us know, so that the "Register" may be sent to them at their new places of residence. In doing so, they should be particular to state the post office or place to which their paper is now cent.

### Indian Entertainment.

One of the best entertainments given to our citizens for some time consisted of that given by the family of Indians, on Widnesday evening last, in the Odd Fellow's Hill, the head of which is the hereditary Chief of the Chippe. wa Tribe. The exhibitions of Indian costumes and habits are decidedly intresting. The names:of-the-party-are-as-follow:

"Mungwudaus,"-A Hero. "Nebinookway,"-Female of the Summer. "Sagatoo."-He who causes men to tromble. "Noodinokay"-Storm creating Joundar bird. "Manshukeoyausegav,"-The rays of the Sun touching the earth.

### The Steamboat-

and a deep conviction that there is no such word as fail, arrived at Easton on fittinglay aftermoon. She will now run replarly from thusiastic cheers of thousands.

### Thunder Shower

On Sunday afternoon, several howers of heavy rain fell in this place, andontributed to settle our muddy streets, and win our street crossings and sidewalks of mudind dirt .--There was some sharp lightning hd several olaps of rolling thunder. Spring wather has set in, the sky is light and the air ild. The first of April is near at hand; it itime that we should have mild weather and bod roads. Since writing the above it domenced

# snowing, and fell to the depth of sinches.

Free Banking. Our friends Bowen & Meredith offie West Chester, Pa., "Register and Examer," in their article on the New York Bankin System, have rather over-reached the markand we think too-as some of their friends ggested -that there must be some mistake ithe article of our friends, relative to the windg up of a batch of 23 banks named in the Rester and Examiner of the 9th instant.

In looking over Thompson's "Bank ate and Commercial Reporter" published in N. York, which we hold as good authority, we d that 62 Banks are put down as having faild and 6 others winding up. Of the 62, 19 armarked worthless, 42 pay a dividend pro rafranging from 10 to 97 per cent., and one, mely Walter Joy's Free Bank, at Buffalo failepays 992 cents on the dollar. Of the 23 Bankamed in the Register, we cannot find one oted in Thompson's Reporter as a Free Bk .--There are seven Free Banks winding upow,

which are all held at 1 per cent. discount We should not be surprised, howev, if some of those banks quoted as having fled were Free Banks, particularly those pang from 70 to 97 per cent. on the dollar-as is old system fail, that pays anything. Fortyand last but not least, the Lehigh County p. dividual Liability Bank, all of which have 4ed within the last few years, besides soe 20 or 30 others we might name that have fl. ed many years since in our State-under "old regime."

# Coins of the U. States.

The bill reported by Mr. Hunter, of the States Senate, a day or two ago, in relation the coinage of the country, provides that from and after the 1st of June, 1852, the weight the half dollars is to be 192 grains; and th quarter dollars, dimes, and half dimes shall t respectively one-half, one fifth, and one-tent of the weight of a half dollar; which coin i not exceeding \$5. The Treasurer of the Mint with the approval of the Director, to purchase such bullion as is required for the coinage with which also pay a duty of 30 per cent., the mathe bullion of the mint. Such coins to be paid terial from which they are made paying the out at the mint in exchange for gold coins at same. par in sums of not less than \$100. The amount coined into quarter dollars, dimes, and half dimes to be regulated by the Secretary of the received by the Treasurer of the Mint. Depositors have the option of having their gold or silver cast into bars or ingots of pure metal or of standard fineness, with a stamp designating the same. No piece to be cast into bars of less weight than ten ounces, except pieces of one, two, three, and five ounces, all of which shall be of the standard fineness, with the weight and fineness stamped upon them. In cases where gold and silver deposited be coined or cast into bars or ingots, to be a charge to the depositor, in addition to the charge now made for refining, of one half of one per cent. to be charged to the Treasurer. From time to time there is to be struck and conned at the mint and its branches a coin of the value of \$3, the shape and device to be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury -Daily News.

# International Magazine.

The March number of the International Magazine is upon our table. It is an admirable number, behotifully illustrated, and enriched with a variety of original contributions from American authors of the highest distinction.-The illustrated article on Chatsworth is peculiarly interceting.

Union House,

Arch st., between 3rd and 4th, } Phila., March 15th, 1852. FRIEND ROBE:

I am not informed whether you are aware that our worthy Host, Col. Welb, late of the "Eagle Hotel," 3rd street, has changed his quarters, and is now occupying his newly built house, which I think is one of the best in the city. I have been staying here some ton days, and I am constrained to say, that I never was more highly pleased with the general convenience and accommodation of any Public House in the city, than I have been during my sojourn here. In point of location, as regards business men, none better could be selected. It is as much central to the business must of the town, as any can be found. The Col. has always exhibited much taste and skill in his but I must confess, that in the fitting up of his new house, he has far exceeded his best endeavors of the kind-heretofore made. He has spared neither pains nor expense to make it acceptable and pleasing. In style of elegance, its admirable arrangement into convenient and comfortable apartments and splendid furniture throughout, falls not inferior to the best hous. The Steamer Major Barnet, aftermany trials | kind hospitality, gentlemanly deportment, and obliging disposition as a Landlord, has gained the esteem of a large circle of friends through-"Union" ought and must be sustained.

#### Yours truly, C. J.

The Musical World.

We have received a copy of this valuable semi-monthly publication, published by Oliver Dyer, Esq., at No. 257, Broadway, New York. It is devoted to Music and Literature, and so conducted as to receive the warmest encomiums of the press both religious and secular .-The Home Journal says, "It supplies a natural want, and may already be considered as the musical organ of the country." It furnishes about 500 pages of interesting reading matter per annum, embracing nearly 100 pages of choice music. Subscription price per annum, \$1,50, in advance.

# Pennsylvania Statistics.

From the late Census Reports we collect the following statistics and interesting information with regard to our good old Common. wealth :--

In 1790 the population of Pennsylvania was 434,373. In 1800 it was 602,365, the ratio of increase for the ten years being 38.6. In 1810 the population was 810,091. The ratio of increase for the ten years being 34.4. In 1820 the population was 1,049,458, the ratio of increase being 29.5. In 1830 the population was 1,348,233, the ratio of increase from 1820 to 1830 being 28.5. In 1840 the population was 1,724,083, the ratio of increase for the ten 1850 being 34.09, or greater than any preceding ten years, since 1810.

# Manayunk and the Tariff.

The industrious and enterprising citizens of Manayunk are holding meetings in reference to alterations in the present tariff law. They a rare thing to see a chartered bank underte want dye stuffs and other materials used in arts failures of the Berks County Bank, Les- free. They show that under the present rate town Bank, Northampton Bank, Susquehma of duties, in many instances, the raw material pays a higher rate of duty than articles manufactured from the same material, thus affording a bounty to foreign labor, of which we will enumerate a few, viz: - wool and woolen yarns, bombazines, baize and flannels, pay a duty of 25 per cent., while the wool from which they are made pays a duty of 30 per cent. Felis or hat bodies and blankets pay a duty of 20 per cent.; wool, from which they are manufactured, 30 per cent. Prunella pays a duty of 5 per cent, while the wool from which it is manufactured, 30 per cent. And we may add the article of iron, which, while crude or pig iron pays a duty of 30 per cent., manufactured or refined iron pays the same, making in this, as well as in the foregoing made a logal tender in payment of all sum enumerations, an unjust discrimination in favor of foreign labor. The same may be said with regard to woolen clothes and cassimeres,

Against such legislation, which paralyzes the industry and labor of the country, and blasts the hopes of thousands, the citizens of Treasury. No deposites for coinage into small Manayunk ask the co-operation of their brethpieces hereafter to be received other than that ren, without distinction of party, in our neighboring districts and throughout the country.

Amount of Importations .- In 1850, the follow. ng were among the imports into this country: Of woolen goods, \$17,151,509

" Cotton " " Silk "

20,008,719 19,694,818

Free traders think it all right to give over fifsix millions of dollars in one year to foreign utions, instead of spending it in bettering the endition and filling the purses of American Laberers. No true American can fail to detest the policy which prefets encouraging the Labor of ther lands to that of our own.

the Next State Fair .- The Lancaster County Agricultural Society, are making efforts to have he next State Fair, held at or near Lancaster .--About \$2500 have subscribed as a kind of bait but the sum is not sufficiently large. If the Fair were held in Philadelphia county the Society would receive such a sum for admission into the exhibition, as would place it on a firm basis, and we will answer for it that Philadelphia City is large enough to accomodate all our country friends who attend, -Sun.

# Slate Quarries in Lehigh County.

The following communication we take from the last number of that excellent monthly agricultural periodical, the "Plough, the Loom, and the Anvil." It gives a true and accurate account of the rise and progress of the Slating point deputies. There are scales to be put up business in Lehigh county, and is from the pen in each district, where all coal intended to be f our esteemed friend, Edward Kohler, Esq.: MESSES. EDITORS :--

Herewith I forward to you a brief statement of the origin and progress of the slating business in Lehigh county. At the mouth of Fell's creek, ten miles north of Allentown, the bed of the Lehigh river presents a smooth and level surface, being a slate rock. The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company found this a favorable spot to build a dam for the purpose of forming a reservoir, in order to create artificial freshets for their (then) onarrangement for the entertainment of his friends, ly descending navigation. A dam fourteen feet high was built, which soon became widely known, under the name of "Slate Dam."-This soon attracted the attention of Mr. Thomas Symmington, an enterprising gentleman and experienced slater, of the city of Baltimore, who, in 1828, came to the Slate Dam in search of roofing slate. He soon discovered, about one mile west of the Slate Dam, in North es in the city.' To there who know the Col. Whitehall township, near Fell's Creek, a place it is needless to say a word about him. His where, in his opinion, roofing slate could be quarried. He took a sample to Baltimore, which, after a fair trial, were pronounced good roufing slate. Mr. Symmington soon after reout the whole country, and that alone will all turned, leased a few acres of land, and there-Lambertsville to that place. Herarrival was ways command a due share of their patron- on commenced quarrying roofing-slate. The age. Do not fail to give him a call, as the same year, the Baltimore Slating Company was formed, with a capital of \$13,000. The Company purchased said estate, being one hundred and sixty acres of land, on which Mr. Symmington had his lease. Mr. Symmington then transferred his interest in the said estate to the company, and a large quarry, under the name of the Union State Quarry, was opened, and for a term of ten years worked by the Company, their slate being sent principally to Baltimore. After that time, the quarry was leased to different individuals, until 1849, when the said Company sold the property to Stephen Balliet, jr., and Stephen Graff, of said township, who still continue to work the quarry. About the years 1843-4, a slate quarry was opened in Heidelberg, now Washington township, which soon passed into the hands of Robert McDowell and others, under the name of the Heidelberg Stating Company .--They now own the most extensive works in the county, and at present have four quarries the Lehigh and Schuylkill canals are not includin operation, and one large establishment for ed in these estimates. We therefore may commanufacturing school slates, which in 1851 pute that the sales of coal not intended for transturned out seventeen thousand dozen of these portation are immense. One or two cents per slates. In the immediate vicinity of those quarries, within the last few years, a flourish- er's office one greatly to be desired. ng village called Slatington has risen, having been founded by the Company. It is located fifteen miles north of Allentown, a quarter of a mile west of the Lehigh river. Messrs. E. Morris and Labar have three quarries in operation, and also a large factory for manufacturyears being 27.9. In 1850 the population was about seventeen thousand dozen slates. A ing school slates, which, in 1851, also made flourishing village, called Labarsville, has within the last few years risen in the im- each about an inch in length. The upper part mediate vicinity of these quarries, distant four miles west of Slatington. In 1851, there were a slight movement of a small lever, they are in Lehigh county eighteen or twenty quarries in operation, with a capital of \$51,500, which as the previous one is discharged from it. In the gave employment to two hundred and twen-stock there is a small box for holding a number ty-five hands, producing twelve thousand five of detonating pills, quite on the homopathic and manufactures, which cannot be grown or hundred squares of roofing slate, which at the principle, which one by one fall under the ham. idence of this we refer the "Register" to be produced in this country, to be admitted duty low rate of \$3 per square, amounts to \$37,- mer of the trigger, and do the duty of the ordinary for the country of the ordinary for the 500. The two factories produce thirty-four nary copper caps. On Monday a week the operthousand dozen school slates, which, at only after discharged 15c. per dozen, amount to \$25,500. The slat- minute, and said that he could load and reload 000 members. There are 2825 Lodges and 600 ing business in Lehigh county is yet in its infancy, but is destined ere long to be the most times in less than five minutes. The gun is unimportant branch of trade in the vicinity, as der the consideration of the Board of Ordnance. The amount paid the same year for relief was opened yet; and what better inducement can be offered to capitalists and others, than to embark in the slating business in Lonigh county? I boldly assert, that more wealth is hidden in hitherto undisturbed slate rock, lying within the townships of North Whitehall, Washing. ton, Heidelberg, Lowhill, Weisenburg, and

> Welsh slates. The "Ledger." The "Pennsylvanian" copies and endorses a "brief article on the money department of approval. It has become the law of the Com. the Ledger" of Tuesday, as showing the mode to check special legislation. That the Penn. sylvanian should endorse the Ledger in any endeavor to rid the State of monopolies, is strange, for the "money department" of the Ledger is as much under the control of the brokers and shavers of Philadelphia, as its editorial columns are under the control of our good friend Lane. Every day the information for the "money articles" of the Ledger is derived from a clique of brokers, who "bull" or "bear" to suit their own interests. If the Pennsylvanian wishes to be consistent in its antimonopoly principles—if it really desires to see the present banking incubus removed from Pennsylvania, it must be cautious how it endorses the sentiments of the "Ledger," which are blessed by interested outsiders. The most rabid bank men, and the most urgent borers for bank charters, are democrats; and from these men the "Ledger," obtains its daily information of the money market .- Philad. Sun.

Over one thousand new buildings will be put up in Cincinnati, this spring.

## Weight of Stone Coal.

The frauds in weighing coal have at last at. racted the attention of the Legislature. A bill is now before the General Assembly, which proposes to appoint a public weigher, who may apsold for use shall be weighed before delivery .-Another plan also before the Legislature provides for the licensing of any person to act as weigher who takes the proper oath-an arrange ment which would give to every coal yard its own special officer. The latter plan would be very convenient to coal dealers, but would put the public weighers entirely too much in their power. As the extent of the profits of the weigh er would depend upon the number of the coal yards at which he officiated, he would therefore be more disposed to favor the appointing dealer

than the stranger customer. The coal dealers of Philadelphia, the "Dispatch" snys, have held a meeting and determin. ed that the bills proposed to the Legislature are bjectionable. They have appointed a committee to frame a law, such as they think would be fair to seller and consumer. One gentleman (Mr. Pierson) thought that two thousand pounds was as much as any horse could draw without njuring himself, and he thought that the stand. ard weight of the ton-should-be-altered-to-that amount. This suggestion is humane to the horses, but would not disadvantageously to consumers. Mr.-Davis does-not-propose that the rholesale standard should be reduced from two thousand two hundred and forty pounds, but only the retail measure. There are many objec. tions to make a difference between wholesale and steel." retail measure, and even if the general coal ton was two thousand pounds, the difference between that and the usual ton weight for other commo. dities would lead to many serious difficulties and mistakes. The bill before the Legislature proposes to give the weighers six cents for every ton weighed in public scales. This is entirely too high, and would make the coal weigher the most lucrative post in the country. We do not dollars. know that there are any statistics of the amount of coal used in Philadelphia in the course of a year. Last year, four millions nine hundred and and twenty thousand tons of Anthracite were brought to Richmond by the Reading railroad, and one million two hundred and eleven thou, sand six hundred and fifteen tons shipped from thence to other ports. The balance remained in gether in Portland!" the hands of dealers. Much of it probably found its way into the interior of the State, or was ex- not there." ported at the wharves by wholesale dealers. We must remember, too, that the produce brought by ton will be amply sufficient to make the weigh.

Destructive Rifle .- An American of the name of Jones has invented a rifle which fires twenty. five distinct shots with one loading. The rifle says the Liverpool [England] Chronicle, has the appearance of the ordinary double barrelled gun, with the exception that the barrels are placed one above the other, and the lower barrel is rath. er shorter than the upper. In the lower barrel of these bullets is charged with powder, and, by brought into the upper barrel one after the other

Transplanting.-Lose no time in transplanting fruit, shade, or ornamental trees. Plant out now shrubs, vines, &c. Continue to make strawberry plantations; plant cuttings of grapes, figs, romember never to plant a tree deeper than it ori-Lynn, in Lehigh county than can be found in the all the gold-dust of the tar-famed California; roots, but give them all the room they original, and especially when the Delaware, Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad is completed, which I the growth of a tree; and who has years enough the professional schools, is, as estimated by reearn will be put under contract early in the spring, as said railroad passes through the slat- We give these oft repeated cautions at the risk to spare that he can afford to lose two years ?- | turns, 871,800. ing district, which, in addition to the Lehigh of tiring some of our readers, and yet we fear Canal, offers every desirable facility for transthe many will not heed thom. "Plant a tree," porting the slates to market. These slates have should be the motto over every hearth, stone, and already found their way into New Jersey, N. how and when to plant it, should be engraved York, Maryland, Virginia, and South Carolina, upon every heart. Now, plant trees, shrubs, and and competent judges have pronounced them vines.

equal, if not superior to the best imported Important Law,-"An act to provide for a Registration of Marriages, Births, and Deaths," was passed near the close of the session of the last Legislature and handed to Gov. Johnston for monwealth agreeably to the Constitution, not having "been sent back within three days of the meeting of the present general Assembly.

As we understand the law, it will go into effect from and after the first day of July, en.

suing. In order to carry out this law, it will be necessary for the Registers in the different counties to publish it in every newspaper. Otherwise many persons will remain in ignorance of its provisions, and we hope newspaper publishers will not be so "green" as to publish it for nothingas it will be a source of revenue to the Register they should give it authentic publication.

Eastern Industry .- The Boston Traveller no. tices the following facts of trade of that industrious city:

"During the last five months, over 85,000 cases of boots and shoes have been shipped from this port. In the same time nearly 120,000 bales of cotton have been landed here. The receipts of coal from Philadelphia alone, last year, were over 300,000 tons. Every thing else used in manufacturing and required for home consumpion; is in about the same proportion,

## GLEANINGS.

Tar It is said that Gov. Kossuth has contrac\_ ted with some two or three manufacturers in Cincinatti for one thousand saddles, at \$12 each. The Tennessee Legislature has passed a Free Banking Law.

The dog population of the United States is estimated at about two millions, and the expense of keeping them at upwards of \$10,000, 000 per annum.

Le The mileage of Gen. J. Lane, Delegate ing as that of other members of Congress, which gives him about \$7,500 each Congress.

The age of Presidential candidates is as follows: Cass and Webster about 70; Hous. on, Scott, Marcy and Butler, over 60; Buchan, an, 62; Lane, 50; Fillmore, 53; Douglas and Walker, about 40.

Chevalier Wikoff, and the Courier of Miss Gamble, have been sentenced to fifteen months imprisonment, by the tribunals of Genoa, for their\_attempts\_upon\_the-fortune\_of-that lady.— Mr. Wikoff was formerly editor of the "Demo. cratic Review," in this country.

The Norristown Gas Company, just incorporated by the Legislature, is already organized and gone to work,

ET Mr. Lorenzo Seibert, of Woodstock, Va., has invented a brick machine that will turn out from 50,000 to 100,000 bricks per day. Drunkenness turns a man out of himself

and leaves a beast in his room. T"I'am very much afraid of lightning," said a pretty girl. "And well you may be," replied

The Louisiana Democratic State Convention has elected Delegates to the National Con ral pursuits, and seeds of all kinds have been in vention, with instructions to support Gen. Cass for the Presidency.

The Delaware and Raritan Canal was pened on Monday.

Payerelay & Perkins, the great London prewers, have a clear annual profit of a million

The proprietors of the Philadelphia Ledger have ordered two new printing presses at a cost-of-\$25,000-each "Ma'am, your shawl is dragging in the

mud." "Well, suppose it is, isn't it fashionable?" "Do you know," said a cunning yankee to Jew, "that they hang Jews and Jackasses to.

"Indeed, brother, then it's well you and I are That's what I call a fair shake' as the It.

linois squatter said when he shook his toe nails off with the ague. is spending a week with the old Quaker who in.

dulges in marine hornpipes. "Of the dead, speak only what is good." CT Cast iron cents have been put in circula. tion again. The fellow who would be guilty of

counterfeiting coppers in this golden age should be sent to the penny-tentiary. LE Iniladelphia ale is consumed extensively in all the principal places of the Union. It is

of superior quality. TO A Cincinnatti editor is dunning his subscribers, and says he has responsibilities thrown upon him which he is obliged to meat, Lar England imports from the continent a hun-

tred thousand eggs annually. Gov. Bigler has appointed George M. Dal. as as Counsel for the State in the case of Ra.

chel Parker, the colered girl abducted from Chester county, and now in jail at Baltimore. IF Mr. Clay's health has so much improved that he is expected to take his seat in the Senate

I. O. of O. F .- The benevolent insti twenty four times in a Odd Fellows in the United States numbers 200,his gun and fire it one hundred and twenty five Encampments in the United States. The amount nearly \$500,000.

American Colleges .- There are in the United States two hundred and seventeen colleges and professional schools. Of this number one hunses, &c., ; be certain to have a fresh, clean cut to dred and twenty are colleges proper, forty-three the whole order of things was reversed—the latheological, seventeen law, and twenty-seven dies, according to leap-year etiquette, being reginally grew in the soil, and to prune its top just vania has twenty one-consisting of eight collein proportion to loss of roots. Do not cramp the ges, seven theological, two law, and four medical schools. The number of volumes contained ly had; a healthy start is at least two years in in the libraries of the colleges, exclusive of those

> The French President .- The partizans of Louis Napoleon say, with a chuckel, since his last act of treason, that he has shown the world "he is not the fool folks took him for," and declare that he is a "long headed fellow." No doubt his head is too long-it should be cut off.

New Invention .- A man named Papp, living in Philadelphia, has invented glass coffins. They are made air tight, and of sufficient strength to prevent bulging. The durability of glass is well known, and the remains of the departed being entirely protected, decomposition goes on very slowly.

Wonderful Eronautic Exhibition .- One day ast week, Mr. Robert Shields, of Mackrelville, raised a kite, from Kentucky Hall, 90 Perry street, New York, on a wager of five hundred dollars. The kite is composed of wire and silk; is ten feet long by seven wide; and is so con. structed that it expands or contracts in propor. tion to the surrounding atmospheric pressure. This is one of the greatest scientific, ecronautis inventions of the world ever produced, and the exhibition attracted the attention of thousands upon thousands. We have not heard the result of the experiment; but four miles was the altitude said to be gained by the kite.

Good Business .- The travel on the Pennsylvania Railroad is quite brish. As high as 230 passengers, in one train of cars, travelling eastward, and on the same day, 308 going westward, india cates the number of persons moving on that new, prosperous, and now nearly completed railroad. The Company are likewise transporting about 100 tons of Merchandise, Westward, daily and an immense freight going eastward.

## Tall Bridge.

There is a bridge in the course of construct tion on the Buffalo and New York City railroad, where it crosses the Genesee River, near Port. ageville. When completed it will be 230 feet high and 500 feet span; stone piers set on the bed of the rock, are carried up 30 feet high from the bed of the river, a few rolls above the upper falls. From the top of the plers, the wood, work rises 200 feet, and so perfect is the model of the bridge (that may be seen on the ground) that it from Oregon, has been put upon the same foot. is thought there will not be the least tremor or motion, under the heaviest train of cars that may ever have occasion to pass over it. The timber grown on 160 acres has already been exhausted, and 50 acres more purchased. It is thought 210 acres will afford timber enough to complete the superstructure. Some idea may be formed of the size of the bridge as it takes over thirty tons of iron bolts alone.

## California.

-By-the latest advices from California, it appears that more attention was being paid to the cultivation of the soil. This is as it should be. California will never become a wealthy and prosperous State so long as she is dependent upon other countries for the necessaries of life. A San Francisco correspondent of the Journal of Commerce, says:

"Immense quantities of barley and wheat have been and are still in process of being sown in our valley. Thousands and tens of thousands of acres are being occupied and tilled by the husbandman the present season. Seed wheat her despairing lover, "as your heart is made of has been greatly sought after at 6 to 8c. per Pound.

"Great attention is being turned to horticultuactive request; others are forming nurseries, and ransacking the city for apple seeds, peach pits, &c., and paying their weight in gold dust for all they can lay hands on. Thousands of fruit trees will be planted this year, the quantity only limited by the scanty supply from the Atlantic nur-

"Agricultural implements of all kinds have been in very active request, but the season is now drawing to a close, and the deficiency in ploughs has been made up by arrivals from Oregon of about two hundred or more, made in Boston, and sent there for sale. But Califorania is to take the lead of Oregon, and she must succomb to our young State, even in the farme ing line-of the gold mines we will say nothing: -as our hills and valleys can speak for them-

New Brick Machine. - A machine for the manufacture of bricks is shortly to be put in opera-The lawyer who believes it's wicked to lie, tion in Louisville. The inventor is a native of England, and is now in that city. It is said that the machine when constructed will manufacture bricks ready for use in the short space of thirty six hours, and at a cost of at least fiffy per cent less than the usual mode of manufacturing them.

Improved Collar for Horses .- Mr. P F. Hicks, of Bristol, Ontario Co., N. Y., has taken measures to secure a patent for an improvement in Breast Collars for Horses, which consists in making the collar of such a form that the shoulder-blades of the animal are allowed free and expanded action when going fast or drawing heavy loads. The collar is an elastic one, with the lower part forming a loop, and the upper ends bent over at right angles with the sides of the bow. It is well known that the common's stuffed collar has a kind of choking effect whena horse is drawing a heavy draft, and for this reason many have preferred the Dutch harness, which has no collar. This collar obviates that evil, and presents all the advantages of the stuf.

Governor's Question .- A movement of inquiry has been made in the Legislature, as to the propricty of building a permanent residence for the Governor of the Commonwealth.

Leap-Year Parties .- Among the many unusual incidents attendant upon the occurrence of leap year, are the so-called "leap year parties," that are being given at various places. On Friday evening last, one of these parties was given in Philadelphia-it was gotten up by the ladies; quired to do the agreeable, and the gentlemen to occupy their seats while the ladies were solicit. ing the pleasure of their hands for the quadrille. We should like to attend a party of this kind, merely for the purpose of experiencing the feeling that would be likely to pervade a person's breast when asked by a lady for his hand-in the next dance. Wonder how one of these parties would take in Allentown?

Cotton from Oats Straw .- An English paper states that an amateur chemist, of Nottingham, while engaged in testing Claussen's process for making flax cotton, tried it upon oats straw, when, to his astonishment, after the silica was dissolved, he obtained a large quantity of goodstraw cotton; of this we have no doubt, as paper-very course to be surc-is made out of straw, and shows that it contains cloth-producing material.

Con the 6th, on motion of Mr. Laury, the bill appointing three commissioners to investigate the conduct of the officers and concerns of the Northampton Bank, was taken up, read twice, lebated at length by Messrs. Bonham, Jackson,. Lilly, Laury, Gillis and Flanagan, and defeated -yeas 21-nays 52.

Newspaper to be Sold .- The establishment of the "Somerset Whig," at Somerset, N. J., will be sold by the Sheriff, on the 24th inst. The proprietor, Mr. Allen N. Wilson, recently died, and the establishment must be sold. Somerset is a Whig county, and contains an active and prospering population. An enterprising young Whig with industrious habits, and a small capital, could make a profitable investment by purchas... ing the concern, which will no doubt be sold very cheap. We would recommend the position as agreeable and remunerative.

Last week a terrible murder took place n York, Pa. A girl named Basier, about 12 years of age, killed her sister, not ten years old, because the deceased threatened to tell her moth, er that she had stolen some triffing article.