

**Facts for Tax Payers.**

We call the attention of the Tax-payers of Pennsylvania, of all political parties, stripes and creeds, to the following startling development of rank, gross, undeniable, and most unblushing corruption, in the awarding of the contracts upon the railroad to avoid the inclined planes of the Alleghany Portage. It is a revelation that should prove of great importance to the people, in opening their eyes to the enormous wholesale system of plunder practiced upon the State by those in power, and which is daily sinking it deeper and deeper in debt, and increasing the great burthens of taxation.

In lettings of public works by and through public advertisements, it is the practice to allot the work "to the lowest bidder," provided there is reasonable ground to suppose that such bidder is a responsible one. But in all of the cases below, it will be seen that the contract was given to "THE HIGHEST BIDDERS," although the lowest bidders were men of well known experience as contractors, and who had in many instances been employed upon public works of that kind. It will also be seen that the lower bidders range very near one another, thus showing that all of them understood what they were about, and had a good knowledge of the business. But these "lower bidders" were not political favorites, deserving of the favor of being enriched from the Treasury. They were men who expected to work for their money out of their bids, and had the work been allotted to them. So that there was not the shadow of an excuse for the fraud and swindle which has been perpetrated upon the people of the State by those into whose hands the management of these things have been placed. Here then is the small sum of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS in contracts involving an expenditure of half a million or more, how much are they swindled out of in the expenditure of the THREE MILLIONS which are distributed annually upon the public improvements? To the amount of one million? Not much short of it! Will the people, after such an exposition of facts, countenance and sanction such robbery? Will they endorse the stain upon the Commonwealth? Will they not rebuke the deed, and set their mark against such high-handed, brazen-faced corruption? Will it open their eyes to the importance of electing a member of the Board of Canal Commissioners of different politics from the majority? Will it impress upon them the safety, and necessity of having a Canal Commissioner who cannot be made the instrument of scheming and designing demagogues, who make politics a trade and a cloak for all kinds of corruption, for the benefit of themselves? If it does, and they are resolved to put a stop to this system of iniquity that is corrupting every public channel of the State, let them work for the election of Moses Pownell, the Whig candidate for Canal Commissioner—the intelligent and incorruptible business man—the honest Representative who set his face against these corruptions when a member of the Legislature, and refused to endorse them by his votes. Let him be elected to the Canal Board, and the hydra of official corruption will receive a rebuke that will soon drive it from its hiding places.

**Amount bid by responsible bidders.**

Section Ten.	
Bid by Burkholder & Co	\$1,495
Bid by J B Lyon & Sons	4,530
Bid by R Stewart & Co	5,890
Let to Charles Carson at	8,150
Average bid	4,935
Loss to Commonwealth	\$3,515
Section Twelve.	
Bid by Nead & Masterson	\$5,150
Bid by Wm G Campbell	5,440
Bid by J & H I Thornburg	5,770
Let to Andrews, Barr & Barr at	6,190
Average bid	5,463
Loss to Commonwealth	\$7,727
Section Fourteen.	
Bid by J B Lyon & Co	\$5,030
Bid by Wm G Campbell	5,000
Bid by J Burkholder	4,993
Bid by Nead & Masterson	5,440
Let to Andrews, Barr & Barr at	7,450
Average bid	5,399
Loss to Commonwealth	\$2,051
Section Twenty.	
Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co	\$18,550
Bid by Rhoads & Douglass	16,512
Bid by Park, Burk & Co	16,960
Bid by M'Grann & Riely	28,585
Let to Burkholder at	32,700
Average bid	21,731
Loss to Commonwealth	\$10,969
Section Twenty-One; Tunnel.	
Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co	\$81,100
Bid by Douglass & Rhoads	68,200
Bid by M'Grann, Riely & Malone,	88,200
Bid by James Burns	81,330
Bid by Hunter, Kirkpatrick & Co	88,450
Let to J K Morehead at	103,100
Average bid	84,456
Loss to Commonwealth	\$19,074
Section Twenty-Two.	
Bid by Nead & Masterson	\$17,140
Bid by Douglass & Co	18,708
Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co	16,860
Bid by M'Neal, Flinn & Co	17,698
Let to H L Patterson & Co	27,675
Average bid	17,601
Loss to Commonwealth	\$10,074
Section Twenty-Three.	
Bid by J N Law & Co	\$14,450
Bid by Rhoads, Douglass & Co	5,596
Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co	5,000
Let to Wm H M'Quaid at	9,850
Average bid	5,000
Loss to Commonwealth	\$1,365
Section Twenty-Four.	
Bid by Hanly, Daning & Co	\$10,500
Bid by D H Lutz & Bro	6,750
Bid by Eli Overdeer	9,685
Bid by Morrison, Rhoads & Co	10,450
Let to G W English at	14,410

Average bid	10,069
Loss to Commonwealth	\$4,323
Section Twenty-Five.	
Bid by Hambricht & Co	\$36,950
Bid by I Painter	35,080
Bid by Morris & Rhoads	39,240
Bid by Burk, Barry & Williams	37,600
Let to Jacob Baily contract signed by Jos Bailey	44,600
Average bid	37,247
Loss to Commonwealth	\$7,353
Section Twenty-Six.	
Bid by Morrison, Rhoads & Co	\$14,000
Bid by D H Lutz & Co	17,330
Bid by M'Grann, Riely & Co	19,205
Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co	17,600
Let to Alex McCannion, contracted for by J P Brawley & Jos Bailey, at	24,630
Average bid	17,049
Loss to Commonwealth	\$7,581
Section Twenty-Seven.	
Bid by Morrison, Rhoads & Co	\$11,070
Bid by M'Grann, Riely & Co	15,790
Bid by Burk, Barry & Co	17,670
Bid by Rhoads, Douglass & Co	15,792
Let to Alex McCannion, contracted for by J P Brawley & Jos Bailey, at	20,600
Average bid	15,555
Loss to Commonwealth	\$5,124
Section Twenty-Eight.	
Bid by Morrison, Rhoads & Co	\$15,500
Bid by Hanly, Daning & Co	16,350
Bid by M'Grann, Riely & Co	16,988
Bid by Patrick Maher	16,225
Let to Barlow, Laughlin & Co	22,250
Average bid	16,265
Loss to Commonwealth	\$5,985
Section Twenty-Nine.	
Bid by Rhoads, Garvin & Co	\$11,263
Bid by Morrison, Rhoads & Co	12,340
Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co	13,150
Let to D H & D Doherty at	15,951
Average bid	12,251
Loss to Commonwealth	\$3,700
Section Thirty.	
Bid by Nead & Masterson	\$7,025
Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co	7,150
Bid by M'Neal & Flinn	7,112
Let to Hunter & Kirkpatrick	9,600
Average bid	7,095
Loss to Commonwealth	\$2,504
Section Thirty-One.	
Bid by M'Grann, Riely & Malone	\$13,825
Bid by Andrews, Barr & Barr	12,900
Bid by Nead & Masterson	12,900
Let to Hoover, Katch & Co	14,950
Average bid	13,208
Loss to Commonwealth	\$1,742
Section Thirty-Two.	
Bid by Howley, Downing & Co	\$53,750
Bid by J Kuntz & Co	57,150
Bid by Painter & Cummings	68,300
Let to George Scott & Co	77,250
Let to Rockafellow & Co	60,112
Average bid	60,112
Loss to Commonwealth	\$17,138
Section Thirty-Three.	
Bid by M'Grann, Riely & Malone	\$18,478
Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co	17,450
Bid by Rhoads, Douglass & Garwin	19,575
Bid by Whin & Bartlett	17,500
Let to Arnold & Barbour at	22,100
Average bid	18,262
Loss to Commonwealth	\$3,838
Section Thirty-Four.	
Bid by Jones & Fenlon	\$29,750
Bid by Howley, Downing & Co	28,950
Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co	38,400
Bid by Whin & Bartlett	29,800
Let to Cummings & Painter at	41,350
Average bid	29,725
Loss to Commonwealth	\$11,025
Section Thirty-Five.	
Bid by Burk, Barry & Williams	\$31,175
Bid by Howley, Downing & Co	30,400
Bid by Henry Hambricht & Co	30,175
Bid by E'Grann, Riely & Malone	30,125
Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co	38,156
Let to Alexander & Hasting	30,405
Average bid	30,405
Loss to Commonwealth	\$7,745
Section Thirty-Six.	
Bid by Rhoads, Douglass & Co	\$14,051
Bid by Morrison, Rhoads & Co	11,174
Bid by Halsey, Donings & Co	14,400
Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co	12,430
Let to E D Gillis & Co at	18,380
Average bid	12,269
Loss to Commonwealth	\$6,112
Section Thirty-Seven.	
Bid by Bartlett, Lee & Potts	\$18,850
Bid by Henry L Patterson	25,659
Bid by Jones & Fenlon	21,950
Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co	19,200
Let to James J Dull & Co	27,100
Average bid	21,178
Loss to Commonwealth	\$5,813
Section Thirty-Eight.	
Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co	\$31,370
Bid by Blattenberger, Shuffler & Co	55,320
Bid by Burke, Barry & Williams	34,580
Bid by J Williams & Son	31,431
Let to Arnold & Roy	43,700
Average bid	33,178
Loss to Commonwealth	\$10,151
Section Thirty-Nine.	
Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co	\$8,750
Bid by D H Lutz & Co	9,805
Bid by Nead & Masterson	9,830
Let to Leisinger, Shrimmer & Co	10,450
Average bid	9,928
Loss to Commonwealth	\$911
Section Forty.	
Bid by Nead & Masterson	\$8,445
Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co	9,429
Bid by D H Lutz & Bro's	3,450
Let to Geo Scott & Co	12,515
Average bid	8,970
Loss to Commonwealth	\$3,545

**Section Forty-One.**

Bid by D Lutz and Brothers \$3,022  
 Bid by Dull & Wilson 4,105  
 Bid by Painter, Gouder & Co 4,320  
 Let to Dougherty & Murry 5,465  
 Average bid 4,116  
 Loss to Commonwealth \$1,549  
 Thus showing a clear loss to the Commonwealth of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DOLLARS.—  
*Pennsylvania Telegraph.*

**Attempted Murder on the Highway.**

On Saturday the 20th instant, a German pedlar, whose name we were unable to ascertain, was most brutally attempted to be murdered in Greene county, within about eight miles of Coxsackie, under the following circumstances, as related by the unfortunate man when discovered on the road.

The pedlar states that he was walking on the plank road leading into Coxsackie, at about 3 o'clock on that afternoon, expecting to be overtaken by the stage, in which he intended to secure his passage. A man came up to him and entered into conversation, remarking that he was also going into Coxsackie. In the course of the conversation the pedlar informed the man that he had sold about half of his goods, and had realized some little money. Scarcely had they walked together half a mile before the stranger fell somewhat behind, and instantly discharged a ball from a six barrel revolver, which entered the back of the pedlar, passing around the ribs, and lodging in the outer skin covering the abdomen. The injury, however, did not cause the pedlar to fall, and instantly the assassin presented the pistol again at the body of his victim, demanding at the same time his money. The poor pedlar begged for his life, and handed to the robber all the money he had, which amounted to one hundred dollars.

No sooner, however, had the money been delivered to him than he again fired the pistol, the charge seriously injuring the pedlar in the neck, and with a demonic determination to despatch his victim the robber discharged the revolver a third time, the ball from which entered the shoulder. This last shot brought the pedlar to the ground insensible; and the villain supposing he had done the job, dragged his victim a short distance from the road, and piled on his head and body several pieces of rock and stone, and then fled. This deed of blood was perpetrated about three o'clock in the afternoon, and at about four o'clock the stage came along, on its way to Coxsackie. The driver saw the pedlar, and went to his assistance, and found him yet alive, but in a very weak state. He was placed in the stage, and conveyed to the next village, where medical aid was procured, and soon after, by the application of restoratives, the pedlar was sufficiently restored to his senses, to give an account of the affair and a description of the assassin.

The surgeon in attendance extracted one of the bullets, but the injuries are said to be of a fatal character, and but little hope is entertained of his recovery.  
 The assassin was subsequently traced to a village called Gayhead, where he hired a man to drive him to Catskill, alleging for the great haste he exhibited that his father was very ill in New York, and he was fearful he would die before he reached him.—When in Catskill the murderer manifested the same anxiety to hurry away; he went into a barber's shop, where he was shaved, saying he was on his way to Albany to see his sick father. He crossed the river at Catskill, for the purpose of taking the Hudson River Railroad either for New York or Albany; but the impression is, that he took the cars for New York, possibly on his way for California. The robber is described as being a man over six feet height, powerfully made, and wore a green colored coat.

**The Price of Flesh.**

The Wilmington (N. C.) Journal has the following: "HIGHER PRICES OF NEGROES.—We know not to what cause to attribute it, but better prices have been offered by traders for this description of property, than we have ever before known. Negro fellows of very ordinary appearance, are bringing \$1000 very rapidly.—Women are selling from \$700 to \$1000.—Boys weighing about fifty pounds can be sold for about \$500. This is the sum for selling, if any one is so disposed.—*Anderson's Gazette.*

We would also remark, that about the same state of things exist in this town, and the prospect is that negroes are going still higher. We know of one broker, (Mr. McCoxley) who sold a number of negroes last week, men and women, at prices ranging from \$825 to \$1200; and we learn that he has also sold men, without any trade as high as \$1300. It really seems that there is to be no stop to the rise. This species of property is at present 30 per cent, higher now (in the dull season of the year) than it was last January, when everybody seemed to be in the market making preparations for the present year. What negroes will bring next January, it is impossible to say. An intimate acquaintance of ours had occasion to buy a house girl, and the price was only the small sum of \$1000."

That nigger-boys, weighing only 50 pounds, should fetch \$500 a piece, shows that human flesh when young and tender, is worth \$10 a pound, though it is not usual to sell it so out of the Fejee islands.—That those ordinary looking niggers should fetch \$1000—who probably weigh 150 pounds, proves that their flesh is worth \$7 a pound, the odds being the difference as to toughness. Women, weighing say 130 pounds and fetching \$1200 is a fair price a pound; their flesh is as tender again. Altogether the prices are extraordinarily favorable for the slave pen.—*Tribune.*

Frank Seguire caught a shark nine feet long, near Perth Amboy, New Jersey, last week. On opening the fish there were found a puppy dog and three kittens among the heterogeneous contents of the stomach.

**MARRIED.**

On Tuesday last, the 23d of August, by the Rev. Joseph Duba, Mr. Henry J. Saeger, to Miss Anna Maria Goumdie, both of Allentown.

On the 25th of August, by the Rev. Mr. Vegellach, Mr. Michael Hauser, to Miss Catharine Anna Koch, both of Salisbury.

On the 14th of August, by the Rev. A. J. G. Duba, Mr. William Turner, of South Whitehall, to Miss Fieta Levan, of North Whitehall.

On the 28th of August, by the Rev. Mr. Yeager, Mr. Lewis Wehr, to Miss Matilda Kratzer, both of South Whitehall.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. Peter Odenheimer, to Miss Malinda Schweander, both of Allentown.

**DIED.**

On the 26th of August, in South Whitehall, Maria Magdalena, wife of Adam Hecker, aged 68 years.

On the 20th of June, in Washington, John Revely, aged 65 years and 27 days.

**Glorious News!**

The largest supply of goods ever brought to Allentown, can be found at  
 No. 31. EAST HAMILTON STREET,  
**KECK and NEWARD'S**  
**HALL OF FASHION.**



These gentlemen adopt this method to inform their friends and the public in general that they have lately entered into partnership, under the above mentioned firm, and will follow the

**MERCHANT TAILORING BUSINESS,** in all its various branches at the "old stand" formerly kept by Keck and Loh, directly opposite the "Register Office," where they are prepared to sell at the lowest prices all kinds of fashionable Goods, such as blue black and fancy colored Cloths, Cassimeers and Vestings, Winter Cloths, Collars, Handkerchiefs, Cravats, &c. They also keep on hand at all times a large and fashionable assortment of

**Readymade Clothing,**

such as Coats of every color and description, Pantaloons of all styles and prices, all kinds of Vestings, Shirts and Under-shirts, Collars, Cravats, Suspenders, &c., all of which they will sell at

**Extraordinary Low Prices,** that no one, who visits their establishment, can help to buy either Coat, Pants, Vests, or something in their line of business. They have just returned from Philadelphia and New York and have replenished their Stock of goods that it may with right be termed the

**Allentown Hall of Fashion.**

The work they turn out is under their own supervision, and having engaged one of the best Cutters in the country, they will be able to turn out the "best fits."

**Coats, Pantaloons and Vests**

will be made up to order after the newest fashion, no matter whether the material has been purchased of them or not.  
 They return their thanks for the favors they have received and trust they will be continued.

Fashion plates as they come out are always kept for sale.

**KECK & NEWARD,**  
 Allentown, August 31. —3m

**Allentown Academy.**

The Trustees of this Institution, respectfully announce that the Fall Term will commence on Thursday 1st of September.

Under the supervision of the present Principal, Mr. J. N. Gregory, the school has received a liberal patronage, and has attained a position of the highest rank.  
 During the vacation, very great additions and improvements have been made to the Academy buildings and furniture, and pupils will now enjoy all the advantages of a thorough course of instruction, earnest and efficient teachers, and spacious and convenient school rooms.

**GIDEON BRACH,**  
**THOMAS WEAVER,**  
**HERMAN RUPP,**  
**THOMAS B. WILSON,**  
**WILLIAM R. CRAIG,**  
**NATHAN METZGER,**  
**ROBERT E. WRIGHT,**  
 Trustees.  
 Allentown August 24. —4f

**Thomas Brown,**

**DENTIST.**

Adopts this method to inform his friends and the public in general, that he has opened an Office, No. 15, West Hamilton street, opposite the Odd Fellows' Hall, where he is prepared to offer his professional services to all who may call on him. Teeth will be inserted on Gold or Silver, from a single Tooth up to a whole set, on the most approved plan. Teeth plugged with Gold or Silver, in a good and substantial manner, and extracted in a easy and judicious way.  
 His prices will be very reasonable, and through strict and careful attendance, to the profession, he trusts, that a generous public will extend to him a liberal patronage for which he will always feel grateful.  
 Allentown, July 27. —3m

**Agricultural Meeting.**

A meeting of the members of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, will be held on Saturday the 10th of September next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Public House of Joseph Laubach, in the Borough of Catsaqua, Hanover township, Lehigh county. A general attendance of the members and those who wish to join the Society is requested.  
 E. B. KOHLER, President.  
 August 31. —2w

**Hiram Brobst,**

**Dentist in Allentown.**

Respectfully informs his friends and the public in general, that he still continues the practice of his profession, in all its various branches, such as filing, cleaning, plugging and inserting from a single tooth to a full set, on moderate terms. His office is in Allen Street, one door South of Dr. C. L. Martin, No. 43. Allentown, August 10. —1y

**An Ordinance**

*Relative to the Streets, Alleys, Pavements and Gutters in the Borough of Catsaqua.*

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the authority of the corporators of the Borough of Catsaqua, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the survey and drafts for the regulation and grading of the Streets and Alleys of said Borough, made by E. Metzger, be and the same is hereby adopted and continued in full force and virtue, subject nevertheless to such alterations and amendments as have heretofore been made or shall hereafter be made by the authority of the said Council.

Sec. 2. From and after the passing of this Ordinance, it shall be the duty of all owners of ground adjoining such Streets or parts of Streets as are now or may hereafter be regulated and graded as aforesaid, on notice given as is hereinafter provided, to cause the said walk or footway along their respective ground to be paved with good paving brick or plank, and support the same with good curb stone of sufficient length and depth and of an equal thickness on the top, so as to form even joints and present a fair surface on the top and front, and rounded at the corners of Streets and Alleys, which said pavement shall be of the width hereafter to be established from the line of said adjoining lots to the outside of the curbstone, and with an inclination towards the Street of an half, an inch to the foot provided that at all places on said Streets where there are no buildings erected, the pavement shall be deemed sufficient within the meaning of this Ordinance if curbed and laid as herein provided, of the width of five feet from the curb stone, but in such case the space between said pavement and the line of said lot shall be filled up with Gravel to the level of the pavement, in such manner as to support it, and conduct without obstruction the water falling thereon, into the Street. All private cartways or passages crossing any pavement along said Street, shall be paved by the person or persons for whose use the same may be required, with hard brick laid on their narrow edges or with river paving stones with a foot path of flat stones of the width of at least two feet across the same, and even with the level of the pavement on either side of said cartway or passage, and the owner or owners of lots adjoining the Streets, so as aforesaid graded, shall also pave or cause to be paved with river stones, a Gutter of sufficient width from the curb stone, nine inches deep at the curb, and along their respective lots, and in laying and setting said curb-stones, pavements, cartways, passages and gutters, the persons hereby required to lay and set the same shall be governed by, and conform to, the directions and instructions of the Borough Engineer.

Sec. 3. In all Streets where curb stones, pavements and gutters have heretofore been laid in conformity with the proper grade but not of the width herein designated, it shall be the duty of the Borough Engineer on the written request of two thirds of the persons owning lots, forming the side of any one square in said Streets, to proceed forthwith to ascertain and mark on the ground the proper grade and width of the curbs, pavements and gutters therein, and make report thereof in writing to the Burgess, whose duty it shall be to notify and require all the said owners to proceed within thirty days, to alter the same in such manner, as to conform to the provisions of this ordinance and the general regulations of the Borough.

Sec. 4. If the owner of any ground adjoining any Street so as aforesaid regulated and graded, shall after sixty days notice given to him by the Burgess neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of the said Burgess forthwith to cause the necessary curbs, gutters, pavements and cartways to be laid, set or altered as the case may be under the directions of the Borough Engineer keeping an accurate account of the necessary expenses attending the same, and within thirty days thereafter to file in the office of the Prothonotary of the county a statement thereof and a claim therefor with the addition of twenty per centum against the lot or lots along which the said curbs, gutters, pavements and cartways shall have been contracted, and proceed to collect the same for the use of the corporation, as authorized and required by the sixth division of the second section of an Act of Assembly, of April 3d, 1851, entitled "An Act regulating Boroughs."