

More Iron Works.

As we predicted long ago, the Lehigh Valley from the Borough of Allentown, and four miles northward, is destined to be lined with Iron Works of every denomination, in the course of ten years.

British Views of Our Navy.

The London Times, in the course of an article on the American navy, holds the following language: "Whatever may be the actual condition of the American dock-yards, it would be absurd to disparage the true naval strength of the States."

Before the expiration of another year the Iron Works at and near Allentown, will be capable of manufacturing no less than 2,500 tons of pig metal per week. The question then turns up, shall this whole mass of metal be sent from here, where property, labor and fuel is comparatively cheap, to other places where property, labor and fuel is high, to be manufactured into merchantable iron and hundreds of other articles?

We are also pleased to hear, that a number of Philadelphia capitalists have offered to take upwards of four hundred thousand dollars stock of the Allentown and Norristown Railroad, which with the amount already subscribed, exceeding \$100,000, will be quite sufficient to put the road under contract early in the summer.

An Old Fashioned Snow. On Monday afternoon and night, we had a fall of an old fashioned snow, accompanied by a high wind, which caused it to drift at many places to the depth of from three to four feet.

A Fixed Fact in Agriculture. High farming is not ornamental farming—it is deep plowing and increased manuring. This is what pays the greater profit.

A Handsome Dodge. The feeling in favor of the sale of the Public Works is growing so strong that Locofocoism is beginning to feel alarmed.

Important Decision. The following case was tried before Judge Pearson, at the late Term of the Dauphin County Court. Jacob Murray vs J. M. Kerr.—This was an action brought to recover from defendant the sum of \$140, bet by plaintiff with other parties and placed in defendant's hands, as stakeholder.

The People in Motion.—A Mass meeting of the Democrats of Bucks county was held in Doylestown, on Thursday last, in favor of the sale of the public works.

Chinese Dishes in California.—A California paper gives the following as a bill of fare at a Chinese Restaurant, in that city.—Cat cutlet, 25 cents; griddled rat, 6 cents; dog soup, 12 cents; best dog, 18 cents; dog pie, 12 cents.

Cost of the Public Works.

A Report made by the Auditor General and States Treasurer, in answer to a call of the Legislature, states that the original cost of the Public Works of the State was \$32,542,267.

Making a total of 52,042,124. The Report also states that the amount paid for interest upon the public debt may be stated at 33,157,796.

Total cost of the works 587,199,920. This is independent of interest upon the interest, which will swell up the aggregate of the cost to more than one hundred millions, while all the revenue received is reported at a little over twenty-four millions!

Music Teacher.—By a card published in today's paper, it will be seen that Mr. Frederick Benhardt, a gentleman of high musical attainments has taken up his residence amongst us and intends making Allentown his future home. He brings with him recommendations of the highest order as a gentleman fully qualified to give general satisfaction in the popular branch he professes to teach.

Pennsylvania Farm Journal.—The Farm Journal for February, is an excellent number, filled with matter instructive to the farmer and general reader, and very fully illustrated with engravings.

New York Crystal Palace.

The Crystal Palace Company have published a statement of the affairs of the exhibition, which is rather discouraging. The whole expense of the exhibition, including building, decorations, and everything, have been \$891,070 72.

The directors lament the melancholy financial result; but go on to show that they never expected anything better. They still urge that the palace should be retained as an ornament to the city, and as a permanent exhibition of art.

Emancipated Slaves.—Thirty negroes, emancipated by the will of William M. Colgin, of Taylor county, Kentucky, who died about sixteen months since, passed through Cincinnati last week, on their way to Shelby county, Ohio.

Heavy Damages.—Heavy damages for personal injuries are becoming quite frequent. The administrators of Mr. McCloskey, who was killed by a collision on the Pennsylvania Railroad last March, have obtained a verdict of \$4,500 against the company in one of the Pittsburgh courts.

Altered Notes.—An altered note of the Penn Township Bank, has made its appearance. The note is a 'five' changed to a 'twenty'. The large figure fives are obliterated, and twenties pasted over. The words 'five dollars,' in the body of the bill, have twenty dollars printed in the same place.

Large Supply of Wheat and Corn.—We learn from the Eastern Gazette that Col. Edward Lloyd, of Talbot county, Md., has on hand about 30,000 bushels of wheat, and not less than 60,000 bushels of corn, which, at present prices, will net him over \$100,000.

Digamy by a Colored Clergyman.—The Rev. Bird Parker, a colored clergyman of Chicago, was arrested a day or two since on a charge of bigamy. Having a wife in St. Louis of his own color, to whom he had been married ten or twelve years, he took another a few months since, "a few shades lighter than himself," in Indianapolis.

Miserable Wages.—There are thousands of respectable females in New York, according to the Tribune, whose wages do not average 25 cents per day. This indicates an unjust and sad state of things.

A New Crop.

The inducements held out to farmers to plant a large spring crop were never more flattering than at the present time. Wheat is higher than ever known before in New York, and so all other grain.

Beans and peas, it will be seen, are quoted at \$1 50 to \$2 50 per bushel. Both of these are spring crops, and may be grown with profit upon almost any farm in the country. Lastly, look at the price of potatoes which are now selling for \$3 50 per barrel—more per bushel than corn, and more than wheat in ordinary years.

One of the greatest wants of this country at this moment is capital, to employ in producing food and raw materials of manufacture from American soil. No branch of business suffers so much for the lack of capital as farming.

A Paris correspondent of the London Leader, in the course of a letter written at the close of December, gives this alarming picture of the condition of affairs in France.

A Sad Picture of France.

Every one is in expectation of great events. Meanwhile, commerce, and labor, and industry are in suspense. The Empire is like a dying man. The heart still beats, but the extremities already frozen with the dews of death.

The Reward of Persevering Labor.—The Galena (Illinois) Jeffersonian says, that two men, Messrs. Snyder and Taylor, who have been mining for two years past in an extremely hard rock, the difficulty of working which has often tempted them to abandon their labors, a few days since succeeded in forcing their way into a large cavity in the rock, where they found themselves surrounded on every side with huge piles of the leaden ore.

Pigeons Plenty.—A pigeon roost ten miles long by five broad, in Franklin county, Indiana, is now swarming with pigeons. The roar of their wings on arriving and departing from the roost is tremendous; and the flocks, during flight, darken the heavens.

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GLEANNINGS.

A violent storm of thunder and lightning occurred at Burlington, Iowa, January 20, when the thermometer was at 20 degrees below zero.

The Lancaster Inland Daily has been a dead loss of two thousand dollars to its proprietor since the commencement of its publication.

The administrators of a Mr. McCloskey, of Pittsburgh, who was killed in March last by a collision, while on a car of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, have recovered forty five hundred dollars damages from the Road.

Harrisburg is to be incorporated under a city charter. It has now a population of about 12,000.

The English telegraphs empty twelve hundred and fifty operators.

A ship is daily expected to arrive at Panama from China, with a cargo of Chinese laborers for the Panama Railroad.

An Ambassador Extraordinary from the United States to the Ottoman Porte, is reported to be on his way to Constantinople.

Two boys have been held to bail in Pittsburgh, charged with sending obscene valentines to a lady.

The New Orleans Crescent unwillingly yields to the demands of the printers of that city for higher wages.

A boy was fined \$2 and costs in Boston, on Wednesday morning, for throwing a single snow ball.

Nebraska contains 136,700 square miles, and would make seventeen States as large as Massachusetts.

A young lady advertised in a Louisville paper, some days since, for a husband, and last week was joined in the bonds of matrimony with a handsome, clever young fellow, in consequence. Nothing like advertising girls, for even a husband.

Win. Pitt Fessenden, Whig, has been elected to the United States Senate by the Maine Legislature.

Counterfeit Quarter Dollars.—Counterfeit coin of the New American Twenty five cent pieces have made their appearance at several places lately. It is well executed and unless examined closely it is not so readily detected.

A Lucky Editor.—Hon. John Wentworth, editor of the Chicago Democrat, it is said, has sold within that city, 90 by 150 feet, for \$30,000; making, according to the Democratic Press, about \$100,000 worth of property he has sold within a year, and he has more than as much still on hand.

A Warning to Jealous Husbands.—A young man in Providence, (R. I.) who had a very handsome wife, recently became dissatisfied with the attention of others towards her (without a cause, of course), and started off and traveled some two or three hundred miles, and visited several hospitals for the purpose of catching the small pox, so that he might give it to his wife, thinking if she should become pretty well pitted upon her face it would have a tendency to keep away her admirers.

Important Geological Survey.—Three years ago the legislature of North Carolina made a small appropriation for a geological survey of the State. The discoveries of the first year developed the existence of copper and gold ores, drew to the attention of capitalists, and have already increased the revenues of the State to five times the cost of the whole survey.

Survey of the Pacific Railroad.—Mr. M'Alpine, the celebrated New York engineer, has just finished a survey and estimate of the Pacific railroad from Memphis westward, by the way of Little Rock and Fulton.

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A Valuable Squaw.

We clip the following from the Pittsburg Union:

An excellent opportunity for a philanthropic young man of an educational and agricultural turn of mind, is now open "out West." The Chief of the Kiyane Indians, in Oregon, offers one thousand head of horses to any respectable white young man, well recommended, who will marry his daughter, a girl of about eighteen; settle down among them, and teach them agriculture.

A correspondent of the Sturgis Prairie Journal in making the matter known, says: "These horses are worth from fifty to eighty thousand dollars. I have seen this valuable squaw. She is about the medium size, with tolerable regular features; high cheek bones, sloping forehead, black eyes, and dark hair. Her form is square and stout. Her long hair hangs over her shoulders, profusely ornamented with beads and shells. Her step was light and proud—her gait easily and graceful."

A fine chance for all the objects of which men dream about. Fame, power, fortune, love, and romance, all in a bunch, dangling from the hand of an Indian Princess, only eighteen years old, which hand and its accomplishments await the acceptance of any respectable, well recommended white young man. Who wants a recommend?

Sloan the Prize Fighter in Jail. Immediately after the prize-fight Phoenixville, the District Attorney of Chester county, Mr. Futey, directed the Mayor of Baltimore, to have Sloan, one of the principals in this fight, arrested. On Tuesday last, Mr. Futey received a despatch from the Mayor informing him of the arrest of Sloan. Sheriff Hefflinger started on Tuesday evening for Harrisburg to get a requisition. The Sheriff proceeded to Annapolis to obtain an order from the Governor of Maryland, to remove Sloan to Pennsylvania, which was promptly granted.

On arriving at the Susquehanna, Sloan complained that the hand cuffs caused him pain, and begged the Sheriff to remove them. The Sheriff took compassion on him and did so. The Sheriff and prisoner were seated side by side. Between Chester and Philadelphia, while the Sheriff's attention was directed for a moment to some fracas in the rear of the car, Sloan, as quick as lightning, sprung to the door and leaped from the car, the train at the time proceeding at the rate of thirty miles an hour. The Sheriff leaped after the prisoner, and was thrown over on his face on the frozen ground. On recovering from the shock he discovered Sloan just rising from the ground. The Sheriff immediately re-arrested Sloan, who offered some resistance, but finding the Sheriff was well armed, he permitted the hand cuffs to be placed upon him. This was about two o'clock in the morning. The conductor not knowing what had become of the Sheriff and prisoner proceeded towards the city. The Sheriff and prisoner were left alone on the railroad. Sheriff Hefflinger directed the prisoner to follow him, and on foot they proceeded along the railroad towards Philadelphia. After going about 2 miles, a locomotive and tender (which were sent after them when the train arrived at Gray's Ferry and it was found the Sheriff and Sloan were missing) came up to them, and they were taken to the city. Mr. Hefflinger was considerably bruised by the jump from the cars. Sloan was also hurt pretty badly. Sloan is quite unwell looking. The plan of escape was evidently pre-conceived by some accomplices, for when Sloan and the Sheriff jumped off the train it was found that the cord that connects with the engine to give the engineer the signal to stop was broken, and the train could not be arrested. Sheriff Hefflinger has shown himself good natured. His escape from serious injury was miraculous.—Village Record.

Chance of Getting Married.—Fanny Fern says she is ready to jump at the first offer of marriage, and presents her qualifications as follows: "I have very black eyes and hair, and am very pretty. I am as sensitive as the Mimosa, spritely as an eagle, and unobtainable as chained lightning. Can make a pudding or write a newspaper squib, put a paper, and crowd more happiness or misery into ten minutes, than any Fanny that was ever christened."

Fanny has been twice married and only quite recently unmarried. So if any enterprising bachelor editor has a fancy for pressed "Fern Leaves" here's a fine opening for him.

Terrible Scenes at a Shipwreck. The Liverpool papers furnish full accounts of the wreck of the ship 'Fayleux' on the Irish coast, at the island of Lambay, on the 21st of January, having six hundred and twenty souls on board, of whom near four hundred were lost. One of the passengers saved thus describes the scene: "A raft was constructed, on which great numbers of persons embarked; but it was drafted against the rocks and upset; when all on it perished. A rope was then conveyed on shore, by one of the swimmers, and about one hundred attempted to gain the rocks by clinging to it, when the vessel suddenly fell over on her side, which slackened one end of the rope, and caused the entire of them to let go their hold. The whole of them were drowned. The captain, whose name was Noble, was saved, but the only part of his dress that he landed in was a flannel shirt. The surgeon of the ship, who had his wife and child on board, attempted to swim on shore with his child on his back, and supporting his lady with one arm, while he swam with the other; the three, however unfortunately perished. One lady had £3,000 in bank notes sewed in her stays; she offered £2,000 to any one who would save her life, but in vain. She also was drowned. A child five months old is saved, and both parents are drowned. A German emigrant, rescued this child's life by bearing it in his teeth from the wreck to the shore. Only seven women are saved; the rest, one hundred and ninety-seven in number, are drowned. There are now upwards of sixty dead bodies on the island, and two hundred survivors."