

THE LEHIGH REGISTER. ALLENTOWN, PA. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1857.

The Spanish Coins. A large number of our business men refused last week "fips," "levies" and Spanish "quarters," at their original value, but are now again taking them at par. The law, however, is not yet in force, as the bill as amended by the Senate in its passage, has not yet been concurred in by the House.

We hope however the country will be rid of the Spanish currency. With one of the most convenient fractional divisions of coins in the world, we have a mean and troublesome currency for the small transactions of trade, which cannot be subdivided without entailing loss upon everybody.

Mr. Harlan has been re-elected by the Iowa legislature; Zebulon Chandler has been elected from Michigan in place of Cass, and the old Gen. will now be laid on the shelf.

The Easton Daily Express one day last week let fly a sort of "talk back" in regard to our article in last week's paper relative to the Boroughs of Pennsylvania. The "catch straw," relative to "Mingo," upon which he bases his reply, does not, however, so materially change our "odoriferous comparison" as he would have it appear, as the records show that said suburb contained but \$42 instead of "about 2000."

Death of Preston S. Brooks. The Hon. Preston S. Brooks, of South Carolina, who gained such an enviable notoriety by his cowardly attack upon Senator Sumner, of Massachusetts, during the last session of Congress, died very suddenly at Brown's Hotel, in the city of Washington, on Tuesday evening of last week.

How inscrutable are the ways of Providence. Brooks, in the enjoyment of robust health, is cut off in a moment when least expected, while the subject of his brutal attack, who was for so many months a physical wreck, bids fair to regain his wonted vigor, and to take once more a leading position in the councils of the nation.

DEMOCRACY. Our modern, patent Democracy is not only a powerful institution, but it is a beauty withal. How it keeps its feet while its champions are playing such pranks is more than one can readily see, albeit he does see that it stands with the apparent firmness of the mountain.

Our readers have noticed that one of the champions of the Democracy, (Gov. Adams, of S. C.) has lately advocated the re-opening of Slave Trade, which the laws of this country have prohibited and denounced as piracy.

The Richmond Enquirer (high Democratic authority) lately denounced the common school system, saying that the motto it teaches is reading and writing, and that reading and writing is probably "the worst means of acquiring knowledge and wisdom."

The Legislature of the super-eminent Democratic State of South Carolina, at its late session, just adjourned, passed an act to amend the State Constitution so as to require that every naturalized citizen shall have a residence of two years after having been naturalized, before he shall have a right to vote.

Lately companies of capitalists, in New York and in New England, attracted by the very low prices of good land in Virginia, have made large purchases there, and have held out inducements to men of little means to purchase small farms there, and enter upon an independent life on their own soil.

The energies of our institutions are taxed to resist the pressures of external aggression. In the remote northern and western counties of this State the security, and consequently the value, of slave property, are well nigh destroyed, by the depredations of Abolition kidnappers.

The impudence of this attempt on the part of the Abolitionists of New York and Boston, to garrison Virginia with their jansinaries, and to pollute our soil with the presence of their rabble of paupers and criminals, provokes rebuke and retaliation. The danger with which they threaten our institutions, calls for the interference of the Legislature.

SENATE.—Mr. Laubach read in place a Supplement to the Act incorporating the Congregation of United Brethren of the borough of Bethlehem, Northampton county. On motion of Mr. Laubach, the bill relative to the Allentown Iron Company was taken up, on second reading. (It authorizes the Company to issue bonds to the amount of \$200,000.)

HOUSE.—Mr. Evans, a supplement to the act incorporating the Reading and Lehigh Railroad Company. Mr. Innes, a supplement to the act chartering the congregation of United Brethren of Bethlehem and its vicinity.

HOSES.—The number of hogs packed at Quincin, Illa., up to the 6th inst., was \$6,000.

Taxables in Pennsylvania. Part of the business of our State Legislature, at its present session, will be the reconstruction of the senatorial and representative districts, according to the enumeration of the taxable inhabitants in each county.

Table with columns: COUNTY, TAXABLES, 1849, TAXABLES, 1850. Lists counties like Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Berks, Blair, Bradford, Bucks, Cambria, Centre, Carbon, Chester, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lancaster, etc.

One hundred members of the Legislature distributed among this number of taxable inhabitants makes the ratio of representation 5961. Philadelphia will thus have seventeen representatives, which will be a gain of two members.

The taxables, in 1849, amounted to 486,733, showing an increase of over 100,000 up to 1856. The ratio for a member of the House was then 487, and for Senator, 14,601.

The Congressional Corruption Case. The Corruption Investigation Committee of Congress finds considerable difficulty in getting witnesses to answer questions. It is hard to tell what a witness ought to do when the good of the country comes in contrast with the reward he may conceive to be his honor.

FIRE IN TAMAUCA.—A very destructive fire occurred in the borough of Tamauca, Schuylkill county, on Sunday night about 12 o'clock, which, before it could be subdued, destroyed totally or partially twelve houses, with their contents, occasioning an aggregate loss estimated at \$44,500.

QUITTE PROLIFIC.—The wife of Mr. Thomas Cullum living near the Gen. Wayne tavern, in Lower Merion township, Montgomery county, presented her husband with three children at a birth—two girls and a boy; on the 27th ult. The parties are doing well and getting along finely.

SEIZURE OF DIAMONDS.—New York, Jan. 24.—The officers of the U. S. Custom House have seized the entire stock of Messrs. Heule Brothers, Maiden Lane, consisting of diamonds and other precious stones valued at \$150,000, on suspicion of having been smuggled into port.

A BASE SLANDER.—Pretty women kiss one another in coming into a room because it is a graceful custom; they do the same on going away, because they are delighted to lose sight of one another.

A HINT TO THE LADIES.—There is not an hour in the day in which a man so much likes to see his wife dressed with neatness, as when she leaves her bedroom, and sits down to breakfast.

POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES.—In the tables accompanying the report of the Treasury the whole population of the Union is stated to be about twenty-seven millions.

Good exercise.—Washing dishes. Multiplying.—Gubernatorial candidates. Remedy against frost-bite.—Spin less street war and wear thicker shoes. Waiting to be asked.—A number of girls go sleighing. Bogus ten cent pieces, of the coinage of 1856, in circulation. Wrong.—To ask a woman her age. We saw a chap get into a scrape for doing so.

DAVID H. HUNTER'S DESCRIPTIVE LETTERS OF A WHALING VOYAGE, &c.

(Communicated for the Lehigh Register.) SAN FRANCISCO, July 12, 1856. The process of "trying-out" the oil having been determined upon, active preparations were commenced by our humble servant being ordered into a huge rusty old iron pot whose gigantic dimensions were embodied in a mass of brickwork upon the ship's deck, with a fire-place underneath it, and with a brick in hand to scour its rusty sides and bottom from the effects of sea and weather exposure and negligence to wind and rain.

Our first excursions in the history of the profession was further commemorated by a pugilistic combat, which though in itself unworthy of mention, still was an era of great importance to us (greenhorns). And among our ship's crew were four men who made a "village" of us, and in consequence were ranked as "ordinary" seamen; the distinctions which characterize personal position in sea-life are zealously upheld by those deriving privilege therefrom.

The Corbett by Pomp's Easton Corbett Band. It does us good to notice a good thing, and we must candidly say that the Concert in the Court House on Friday evening last, by Pomp's Easton Corbett Band, was one of the best and most satisfactory ever given here.

Scarlet Fever.—Almost every exchange paper that comes to us brings tidings of the ravages of the scarlet fever. Nearly every town in the State seems to be more or less afflicted with it.

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Held under Bail.—James McEtrine, whose arrest for alleged post office embezzlement at Cincinnati, we chronicled last week, was taken to Philadelphia from here for examination before the U. S. Commissioner, and by him released under \$4000 bail for a further hearing in July next.

Brass Band's Ball.—The friends of the Allentown Brass Band will bear in mind that their Benefit Ball will be given at the Old Fellow's Hall, on Friday evening, 20th inst. Their balls heretofore have given general satisfaction, and from the arrangements already in progress we should judge the coming one to eclipse all previous feasts.

Sleighing Parties.—On Wednesday evening last about thirty couples came over from Bethlehem, merry and happy as a sleigh-ride could make them. They stopped at the "American" where they enjoyed the hospitality of Bechtel to an eminent degree—ate a good supper, danced, sung, and made themselves generally happy till their return to Bethlehem.

Counterfeit Bills on the Allentown Bank.—Counterfeit five dollar bills on the Allentown Bank have lately made their appearance in New York city, and will doubtless soon be floated all over the country. They are altered from the broken Bank; the word "Five" in red letters on the bottom of the note looks blurred. The genuine may easily be distinguished, as they have the figure "5" in red on the right and left at the bottom, whereas the spurious have the single word "Five" in red letters.

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