

# STAR OF THE NORTH.

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## IS ALL THIS NOT SO?

In these days we alternately record disasters by flood and destruction by fire. An evil spirit seems to have a temporary reign in this elemental war. The business of boatmen is prostrated, and has for the whole summer been a ruinous one. Men who have toiled through the live long day, and a scorching sun, that burnt them until their own children hardly knew them; or who have trudged and slaved through stormy night in drenched clothes, are now coming home with shattered constitutions and empty purses in too many cases.

And who gets up panics for these people and for protection to them? Who counts their losses in big sums and runs around with petitions to Congress for their benefit? Who gets up a mania for them? If they were rich iron-mongers who rolled in their wealth, escorted their purple and fine linen, and enjoyed their luxurious feasts with the zest of princes, we should no doubt find applications in Congress for their protection.

For when the iron master's business fails to be profitable, because it has been too good and the market is overstocked; the whole country is agitated by his wild lamentations; and the circumstance is rated by demagogues as a serious and sore national calamity. Then it is a "rascally, loco-foco, free-trade tariff" which has ruined the country. But when the boatman comes home with the seeds of disease and death sown in his frame, penniless and nerveless, unfit for labor or business—no fenatics lament his loss and ruin. If he should petition to Congress for protection or a pension, it would be said he was quite a lunatic.

Again, when the flood sweeps away the crop near the feet of the industrious husbandman, or when the fire destroys the home over his head, the legislation of the country is not invoked for his aid, nor the whole machinery of government turned to work for him alone. His loss is not attributed to bad laws, but to the fate of life and business accidents. His energy and industry are left to be his only shield against such disasters.

But on the other hand, the iron monger's pensioned minions invoke all the spirits of the upper and nethermost world to sustain him. He is girt about with the special bounty of the government, and hedged around by every appliance of legal protection and pensions. If he fails it is the fault of no accident or imprudence in business, and straightaway the government with bountiful hand makes up his losses. He has the law to depend upon to enrich him, while the farmer and the boatman must trust to their toil and energy alone. He is presumed to be a public benefactor, whom it is the duty of government to protect, while the man of toil is left to struggle unaided and alone with poverty and ill omens fate. Is all this not so?

## Another Storm.

On last Friday, Saturday and Sunday a great deal of rain fell in this neighborhood, and the streams rose to a height that threatened life and property. Fishingcreek rendered the main road above Orangeville impassable on Sunday; and the Susquehanna was very high on Monday evening.

A short distance above Berwick, the incessant fall of rain started the slide of a sand-hill into the canal, filling the whole bed with sand and thus preventing the transportation of the needful fuel from the Luzerne mines. The small streams which come into the canal have kept up the water here for navigation, until this time, and Supervisor Saylor has put on a strong force of hands to draw out the sand at the hill slide. The coal-merchants have lent their hands to aid on the work, for they are naturally eager to have some more boating this season. Coal brings good prices, and freight is also high. The canal will be in fair order in a day or two from here to the head of navigation.

## Lightning and Fire.

In the thunder storm of last Saturday night, the barn of Mr. Jacob Sechler, a few miles above Danville, was struck by lightning, and burnt to the ground. Grain to the amount of some 1500 bushels was in the barn, and destroyed with it. The loss of Mr. Sechler was partly covered by insurance, but his loss over and above the insurance will be some \$1500.

## The Next Speaker.

The *Lancaster Gazette* names General Brinley of Iyomping for the next Speaker in the House of the Pennsylvania Legislature. He will no doubt receive a generous support from the Democratic members of the North. The *Daytown Independent Democrat* suggests the name of John Cesna Esq., of Bradford county, who is also a reliable Democrat, and would make an excellent Speaker. We have then to hear John S. Rhey Esq. of Armstrong mentioned in this connection, and his election would certainly do credit to the Democratic party.

CALIFORNIA.—Places of amusement are almost more abundant at San Francisco than gold. The "hunters" can visit Robinson & Edwards Dramatic Museum, Rowe's Circus the Italian Theatre or Dr. Colyer's Model Artists.

The *Carbondale Democrat* says that the burnt district of that town is fast being rebuilt.

There is a proposition on foot to get up a fire company in Danville.

## A Sensible Review.

The *Carbondale Democrat*, whose editor is now one of the Luzerne members to the next legislature, indulges in the following sensible reflections in speaking of the election this fall:

"In this Congressional District seems to exist the only drawback to the general satisfaction with which the Democracy will view the result. The returns here give evidence to that distraction in our ranks which has so often defeated portions of our ticket. It is a part of the same, and always inexcusable strife, which defeated our Candidates for Congress and Prothonotary in 1846, our Candidate for Treasurer, and nearly our Sheriff in 1847, our Candidates for Congress, Assembly and Register and Recorder in 1848 which has now defeated our candidate for Congress and Sheriff. It is wrong from beginning to end.

Private feelings and selfish ends may be answered by such a course, but public interests and political good faith are prostrated. The result is ever gratifying to those that wish the defeat of our Democratic principles, and to them only."

## Meeting of the Commissioners.

The next official meeting of our county Commissioners will be on Tuesday the 5th of November next. Mr. John Staley of Greenwood, the newly elected Commissioner, will then be installed, and Mr. Lake of Anthony will retire from the Board by the expiration of his official term. Mr. Staley is a man of strong practical mind, just such as we may reasonably expect to fill his office with credit to himself and profit to the county.

A READING ROOM has been opened at Lewisburg for the benefit of its newsmongers and literati. How long until our town shall boast of a similar mark of progression? The terms of the room at Lewisburg are as follows:—

To the 1st of April next, \$1.50; for one week, 25 cents. Single visits, (to be allowed only when it will not incommode patrons,) 5 cents. All payments to be in advance. Subscribers removing from town, to have the right to dispose of their interest; and patrons to have the privilege of introducing strangers as visitors, for a term not exceeding one week.

In Columbiana county, Ohio, the Democratic candidate for Representative immediately upon his nomination declared himself opposed to all existing or contemplated paper money banks. The letter was kept at the editorial head of the leading paper in the county until the election, and the result was a decisive Democratic triumph in the election of the member.

## United States Senator.

The *Carlisle Volunteer*, the *Mountain Sentinel*, the *Reading Gazette* and the *Berks County Press* are out in strong terms for Hon. Jeremiah S. Black of Somerset for the next United States Senator. We vote for him with a hearty good will.

It is at last decided that Curtis, the Democratic candidate is elected to Congress in the Erie district, to succeed Judge Thompson. This makes a Democratic not gain of six in the congressional delegation of this state.

THE TEETH.—Toothache is not the only inconvenience and bad consequence of decayed teeth. Foul breath and disease often result from the same cause. Beside this, nothing adds so much to the good appearance of any person as fair teeth. So reader, if you chance to be in Light Street or its vicinity you can do no better than call upon Mr. C. C. MARK, and exchange your old teeth for new—the hollow ones for the whole—the black ones for the fair and pearly white. He is a deserving young man of energy and nerve, and will do the job in scientific style.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—We learn from the *Minersville Bulletin*, that Lebbens, W. Hughes, Son of Mr. Edward Hughes, of the Berks County, met with an almost fatal accident, on Saturday evening last, by falling from a shed in the rear of Mr. Weaver's Hotel, badly fracturing his left arm, and cutting a severe gash in the back of his head. The height from which he fell, was about 16 feet, and his escape from instant death was truly miraculous. We are happy to state, he is now in a fair way of speedy recovery.

A FEMALE FIGHT.—We understand that a regular knock-down occurred in Centre Street, Pottsville, on Saturday evening last, between two of the softer sex. They fought for a considerable length of time, with no other weapons save those with which nature had provided them. No arrests were made. "The Green Eyed Monster" we learn, was the originator of the affray.

We learn that the thief who broke into Mr. Eggen's watch-maker shop, in Berwick, and stole all of his tools, has been arrested, and is now confined in the Lancaster Jail. He was arrested for robbing a Clothing Store in Marietta.

A gatherer of queer statistics says that of 158 pretty women whom he met in the streets of a city in a given time, 100 were sucking their parrot hands.

The United States Commissioner, Stetson, at Cincinnati, resigned his office on the passage of the fugitive slave law.

The young man that takes his tea at the pump and lodges against the handle has gone south to shove his coat up the spout.

The M. E. Church in Danville has been holding an interesting protracted meeting. We learn that a number have united with the church.

## For the Star of the North. Sewing for the Greeks.

BY FREDERICK PIPS.

The eccentric John Randolph one day called at a house where he met a head of dirty and ragged children scampering about the premises, and the lady of the mansion busily engaged with the needle. He inquired what so intently engaged her, and she answered that she was "sewing for the Greeks." "Yes madam" said the sarcastic humorist, "I see, I see. I met them at your door."

Since I heard this little incident related, whenever I see a lady of ostentatious piety in public, whose uncontrollable temper drives happiness from her home, and husband—alas thinks I, you are sewing for the Greeks.

When I see a lady spend her time at the public sewing societies and associations of charity, who does not stick a single hem of her own dress, deluded woman, thinks I, you are sewing for the Greeks.

When I see a young woman cry over yellow covered novels until midnight, and drum incessantly upon her piano from Monday morning until Saturday night, while she cannot tell how the apple ever gets into the dumplings—mistaken lady, thinks I, she too is sewing for the Greeks.

When I see a woman sport the gaudiest finery of silk and satin dress, and in purple and fine linen every day, while her husband feels that the income of his toil cannot support her extravagance, and he himself wears a poor threadbare, torn and dirty coat—poor woman, thinks I, she sews too little for her household and too much for the Greeks.

When I see a young lady sit along the street a half dozen times in a day retailing the gossip of the village, while her mother is doing the dirty drudgery of household work at home—poor girl, thinks I, you spin too much for the Greeks.

BERWICK, Pa. Oct. 28, 1850.

SENTENCE OF AN ABOLITIONIST.—Two men, named McBride and Crooke, were recently arrested at Greensboro', North Carolina, on the charge of circulating an abolition pamphlet, for charging the slaveholders with living in daily violation of the ten commandments. The trial took place last week, when McBride was declared guilty, and Crooke was acquitted. McBride was sentenced to one year's imprisonment, to stand in the pillory one hour, and to receive twenty lashes. He appealed to the Supreme Court.

EFFECT OF FANATICISM.—Judson Hutchinson, of the Hutchinson family of singers, arrived at the Insane Hospital at Worcester on Tuesday, in a state of insanity. The spy says the malady was greatly aggravated, if not originally induced by excitement in regard to the fugitive slave law. Isanity is said to be hereditary in the family. The abolition zeal which they so largely shared rather stimulated this natural tendency into active operation, leading to the result above stated.

Jenny Lind has requested Barnum, by note, to reduce the price of the tickets to her Concerts, at Tripler Hall, and he has accordingly announced the following prices to the entire first floor and second circle at \$3 each; the row in the first circle at \$5, and all other seats in the same circle \$4 each. The size of the Hall is so great, that with the reduced prices the receipts of Concerts when the house is filled will be from ten to fourteen thousand dollars.

A Precocious Couple.—One of the census takers for Greene county, Mr. McCoy, says the Xenia (Ohio) Torchlight, informs us of an instance of precocity that came under his observation in the eastern part of that county, which we venture to say is unparalleled in this latitude. The parties are a married couple, the husband 18, and the wife 16. They have been married about four years, and have two children—one of which is over three years of age, and the other over one!

Accident on the Pottsville Railroad.—On Tuesday of last week as the engine Sanatoga was on her way to the wood station at Palo Alto, Mr. Joseph Ladde, the engineer of the Missouri, who was going a short distance with it, in jumping to the ground, accidentally tripped, and was thrown violently on the ground, with one of his legs on the track, when the engine passed over and severely mangled it just above the ankle. The leg had to be amputated at the knee.

FIRE-DAMP EXPLOSION.—We are sorry to learn that a young Scotchman, named Walter Snyder, in the employment of Bowman, Moyer & Richardson, was severely burnt by the explosion of fire-damp, whilst descending the slope at Reinhardt's Run, on Monday morning last, to commence his day's work. Every particle of clothing on his body was burnt to a crisp. He has received much injury, and is not yet entirely out of danger, but will doubtless recover, unless mortification takes place.—*Tamaqua Legion*.

OUR WATER WORKS.—This piece of enterprise is now completed and in a perfect state of operation. The water is conveyed into almost every yard in the borough, and appears to give general satisfaction. Too much praise cannot be awarded this Company, after battling it through so nobly, and contending with so many obstacles.—*Berwick Telegraph*.

The reply Barnum received from Cincinnati, when he wrote to ask whether there were a house there large enough to accommodate a Jenny Lind audience, is characteristic of American egotism. It was, that if no house could be found, one could be built.

Governor Johnston has issued a proclamation appointing Thursday the 12th of November next as a day of Thanksgiving in this State.

## The New Court House.

We find the following description of the new Pottsville Court House, in the *Miners' Journal*:

"The building measures 123 by 57 feet. On the first floor, above ground level, are offices, in the following order respectively on each side from the main entrance:—County Commissioner, Recorder, Sheriff's office, and county Treasurer, Prothonotary, Register, Arbitration Room, and Clerk of the Orphan's Court. Eight in all, with 6 fire-proof vaults. There are four entrances to this story, one at each end, and likewise at the sides. The Court Room, on the second floor, measures on the inside, clear 82½ by 54 feet; 21 feet high and is well lighted. Back of this is a 7 feet passage, upon which open two Jury Rooms and the Judge's Library—this story is 11 feet high—above which are the Grand and Traverse Jury Rooms and a Witness Room. The whole building will be heated by three furnaces.

The walls are of brick, over 20 inches thick on the first story, and 18 inches above. All the partition walls are of brick. The Steeple measures from its base on the square of the building to the top of the spire over 60 feet, 10 feet in diameter. It is now to have a large Clock, and a Bell weighing 1628 lbs already bought and on the way. The structure is one of the most substantial in the State. Its finish is plain but neat, the object being to make a convenient and substantial building rather than a display of ornamental architecture. In point of location it cannot be surpassed—it stands on a beautiful elevation at the North end of the Borough, and overlooks the whole town with a splendid view on every side."

FUGITIVE SLAVES.—A party of thirteen fugitive slaves, passed through Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, last Friday, en-route for Canada.—The next day they were followed by two individuals, who, engaging the assistance of the Constable, followed on in their pursuit. The pursuers succeeded in overtaking the slaves at Wilkesbarre; but owing to the strong expression of feeling manifested by the people in their favor, they were forced to beat a hasty retreat.—The constable was induced to follow them under the impression that they were horse thieves, but on learning otherwise, he refused to render any further co-operation.

COAL IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.—The Norristown Watchman learns that the specimens of coal have recently been found on the farm of George W. Dewees, in Upper Merion township, which are said to burn as well as any Schuylkill county coal. The vein was struck upon while working a sand stone quarry. There are also indications of copper in the same quarry, and some of the workmen say that silver ore has also been found. Doubtful.

COPPER MINES IN PENNSYLVANIA.—Valuable veins of copper ore have been found and opened in Pennsylvania, near the Schuylkill river, about twenty miles from the city of Philadelphia. The Pennsylvania says these mines, in richness and extent, are said to be equalled only by the rich mines of Cornwall, in England which they are said to resemble in a remarkable degree. Some of these veins have been opened to a great depth, and traced for three miles in extent, showing that they are very regular and inexhaustible.

Bishop Onderdonk's case appears to be settled, as far as the Convention at Cincinnati can settle it. On application for the Bishop's restoration, by a vote of 15 to 9, he has been declared to have power to resign, and whether he resigns or not, if the House of Bishops concur in this last canon, the Diocese can, without his consent, go into the election of an Assistant Bishop with full powers.

## Woman's Rights Convention.

A Convention under the above title, held a session in Worcester, Mass., on Wednesday last. Lucetta Mott, Abby Kelly, Jane G. Wiswelm, Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Foster (the husband of Abby Kelly), Fred Douglass and others were the active participants.

The New Track on the Cumberland Valley railroad has been laid from Chambersburg to Carlisle, and will be finished to the connection with the York and Cumberland railroad by the 1st of December. The trip from Chambersburg to Baltimore will then be made in about six hours.

An Abolition meeting was held at Boston, Charles Francis Adams, a son of the late John Quincy Adams, presided—and the principal speaker was Frederick Douglass, a colored man! Strong resolves were adopted against the Fugitive Slave Law.

James Madden, the Temperance candidate for it a Legislature, in the Union and Juniata district, received two hundred and eleven votes!

BURGLARY.—The shoe store of Mr. Charles Bright of Sunbury, was entered on Thursday night week, by some needy villain, who was considerate enough to take but two pair of boots.

An English Jury, in a criminal case, is said to have brought in the following verdict: "Guilty, with some little doubts as to whether the prisoner is the man."

Mance C. Dickinson, the only son of Senator Dickinson, died at the residence of his father, in Binghamton, on Thursday last in the 22d year of his age.

The new Sheriff, of Bucks county, John Potteiger, Esq., entered upon the discharge of his duties in the early part of last week.

# PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION, 1850. OFFICIAL.

	Canal Com'r.	Auditor Gen.	Surveyor Gen.	Amendment.	
COUNTIES.	Disenfr.	Monro.	Sheriff.	Barr.	HARRISBURG.
Adams	1963	1561	1963	1561	1038
Allegheny	5324	4303	5189	4210	5288
Armstrong	1352	1606	1271	1463	1306
Beaver	1658	1658	1668	1658	1648
Berks	1832	1842	1833	1842	1834
Blair	2917	6981	2781	6776	2746
Bradford	1740	1243	1713	1247	1731
Bucks	2899	3127	2885	3128	2902
Butler	4750	4899	4622	4955	4628
Cambria	1986	2057	1974	2062	1981
Carbon	940	1462	930	1400	938
Centre	511	762	502	760	506
Chester	1209	2049	1203	2056	1207
Clarion	4827	4427	4816	4420	4824
Cleaveland	1000	1691	981	1611	953
Clinton	925	994	906	907	907
Columbia	668	843	662	827	654
Crawford	838	1559	763	1519	756
Cumberland	2094	2668	2095	2667	2525
Dauphin	2288	2672	2281	2678	2278
Dauphin	2340	1943	2340	1946	2383
Delaware	1813	1811	1612	1299	1609
Elk	101	253	93	243	97
Erie	3176	1708	3177	1706	3303
Fayette	2413	3134	2401	3111	2494
Franklin	3380	2871	3382	2868	3384
Fulton	655	683	555	683	655
Greene	1039	2141	1024	2125	1017
Huntingdon	1787	1404	1732	1375	1772
Indiana	1826	1240	1736	1143	1736
Jefferson	897	782	476	724	480
Juniata	862	1467	875	1104	894
Lancaster	5443	4062	5841	4067	5817
Lawrence	1612	845	1591	829	1597
Lebanon	2090	1323	2085	1302	2102
Letcher	2285	2846	2275	2821	2285
Luzerne	2523	3659	2515	3596	2504
Lycoming	1718	2182	1673	2171	1662
McKean	290	407	278	404	272
Merion	1971	1847	1974	1848	1900
Monroe	1175	1486	1099	1559	1168
Montgomery	156	1073	111	1033	142
Montour	3464	4697	3450	4679	3448
Morristown	829	1211	774	1119	732
Northampton	1838	2831	1874	2721	1858
Northumberland	1119	1966	1337	1908	1067
Perry	995	1755	983	1758	996
Philadelphia city	7862	4623	7871	4615	7872
Philadelphia county	13444	15797	13418	15830	13409
Pike	49	538	49	473	88
Potter	230	464	291	437	320
Schuylkill	2611	2793	2607	2738	2588
Somerset	2444	979	2421	954	2321
Susquehanna	1317	2348	1322	2327	1315
Sullivan	208	384	189	342	190
Tioga	1098	1605	1076	1502	1085
Union	2250	1470	2172	1443	2186
Venango	727	1227	690	1222	745
Warren	749	1083	745	1087	742
Washington	2152	3264	2151	3263	2150
Wayne	650	1197	582	1155	596
Westmoreland	2257	3666	2119	3313	2229
Wyoming	633	819	634	826	640
York	3345	4324	3347	4323	3345
Majorities,	131,764	131,764	130,193	144,084	130,851
	131,764	130,193	130,193	130,851	131,764
	13,740	13,891	9,719	71,580	

## FOREIGN NEWS BY THE ASIA.

Geographical Discoveries in Central America.—About two years ago, the scientific world was surprised by the announcement that Dr. Krapf and Rebmann, who had been for some time zealously employed in connection with the church Missionary Society in Eastern and Central Africa, had discovered a mountain or mountains within one degree of the Equator, and about two hundred miles distant from the sea, which was covered with perpetual snow, and which there was every reason to suppose were no other than Ptolemy's, "Mountains of the Moon." It now appears that there is no doubt of the fact.

The Queen of the Belgians lies on her death bed at Ostend. Every hope of moving her to Brussels was abandoned. The complaint is a general pthisis, and she grows weaker and weaker, although at times rallying and appearing to suffer less pain. She was surrounded by all her family. Her Majesty made her will, and received her last sacraments of her church.

FRANCE.—Fifteen members of a secret society, called Les Amis des Hommes, have been sentenced by court martial at Lyons to imprisonment for periods varying from two years to six months.

The director of the *Journal Le Peuple* and M. Favre, one of the editors, were sentenced on Monday by the Assize Court of Paris to three years' imprisonment each and 6000 francs, the one for signing and the other for publishing an article exciting the citizens to hatred and contempt of each other, outraging public morals and religion, and exciting to civil war.

The Pope's Government has contracted with a ship builder at Havre for the construction of a steam frigate. Oporto letters of the 29th ultimo state that the wine crops were being gathered with safety, and the vintage is now expected to be a good one.

After four years' labor, the great tunnel through Mount Carlos, on the Florence and Leghorn Railway, has just been completed.

A person, named Diamila, who was formerly employed in the Vatican Library and Museum, at Rome, has been sentenced to the galleys for twenty years, for having stolen a great number of the rarest antique medals and coins.

The cholera has broken out among the troops stationed at Hull.

The Pope has issued a bull prohibiting Roman Catholic parents from sending their children to Protestant schools, either in France or England, and young ladies from teaching or taking part in them.

On the 30th ult. Dr. Wiseman was named a cardinal at a consistory at Rome, under the title of Archbishop of Westminster. The ceremony of investing him with the cap was performed with great pomp; ten out of the present fourteen cardinals have been chosen from foreign states.

The papers announce the death, on the 2d of October, of Mrs. Sarah Biffin, the celebrated miniature painter, born without hands or arms, and who painted with her feet. She died, in great indigence, at the age of sixty-six.

The once famous Mrs. Wood has reappeared as a singer in Dublin.

It is stated that the veteran Leigh Hunt is about to republish the *London Journal*.

## MARRIED.

On last Thursday, by Rev. T. Mitchell, Mr. CHARLES D. HUNT, of Danville, to Miss SUSANNA EVANS, of Buck Horn.

On the same, by the Rev. David Laney, Mr. WILLIAM MCCLINTOCK, to Miss HARRIET MORRISON, all of Derry.

In Franklin, on the 12th inst. by Lloyd Thomas Esq., Mr. ANSER K. WATTER, of Col. co., to Miss MARGARET TITMUS, of Northumberland co.

In Milton, on Tuesday last week, by Rev. D. Longmore, Mr. W. FRANKLIN DAVIS, of Limestone, to Miss REBECCA MURRAY, of a liton.

In McEwensville, on the 10th inst., by Rev. S. R. Boyer, Mr. WM. KLINE, of Turbut, to Miss LYDIA RITTER, of Limestone.