# THE RAFTSMAN'S JOURNAL.



S. B. ROW, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

# CLEARFIELD, PA, APRIL 29, 1857.

AMERICAN REPUBLICAN COUNTY MEETING. A meeting of the American Republicans of Clearfield county will be held in the COURT

HOUSE in Clearfield Borough, on WEDNES-DAY EVENING, MAY 20th, (Court week.) HOD. JAMES T. HALE, SANUEL LINN, Esq., and others, will address the meeting. MANY. .....

#### THE PROSPECT.

In looking over our exchanges, we find the most favorable indications manifesting themselves towards the nominees of the American Republican State Convention, in nearly every section of the Commonwealth. Under no circumstances, and at no time, is it to be expected that nominations can be made which will render enlire satisfaction to every individual, or even to every county in the State ; yet, if we are permitted to judge by the tone of the Press, it is seldom, when all the circumstances are considered, that any nominations have met with a more flattering reception than those referred to. We can hear of but very little dissatisfaction anywhere, and that is limited to a few of the localities in which the "side-door" leaders operated last fall. As a general thing, the Americans give the ticket as hearty a support as the Republicans, and one fact in this connection is worthy of special note, namely, that the American State Council, at a meeting importations when iron is low in the foreign held recently at Altoona, ratified the nomination of Wilmot by a very decisive majority.

"BIRDS OF A FEATHER, FLOCK TOOETHER."-We observe that the Locofoco papers copy with evident satisfaction, articles from the Daily News, a paper which last fall, whilst avowing, as it now does, hostility to Locofocoism, opposed the Union Electoral Ticket, and is now engaged in hitterly abusing and villifying the candidates of the American-Republicans. We also observe that the "side-door" leaders have fallen wonderfully in love with "cheek by jowl," they can be found at almost If, however, there is any interest within the its construction, but absorbing the d

#### MR. WILMOT ON THE TARIFF. In Congress, July 1, 1846, Mr. Wilmot made

speech on the Tariff question, in which he advocated the revenue policy generally, but at the same time argued that articles of national necessity, such as iron and coal, were proper objects of protection. As Mr. Wilmot has already been misrepresented on this subject, and as a repetition of the misrepresentation can be expected, we here subjoin that portion of his speech having reference to the particular interests of this State, so that every one may read and judge for himself. He said-

"I desire, before resuming my seat, to say a few words upon the subject of specific duties and a duty upon iron. When articles of the same nature and character are widely different in quality and value, specific duties are un-equal and unjust. A duty of one dollar a yard upon all woolen cloth, would be highly objec-tional, because of their great difference in quality and value. So a duty of so many cents a pound on tes or coffee, would be open to the most serious and well grounded objections; some qualities of these articles being worth twice and three times as much as others. Indeed this difference of quality runs through almost every article of commerce, and therefore ad valorem duties should, as a general rule, alove be resorted to. But when an article, such as iron, and others that could be named. is nearly of the same intrinsic value. I can see no objection to imposing a specific duty upon

it : and when the article, notwithstanding its uniformity of quality, is liable to great and sudden fluctuations in price, I think there are substantial and good reasons for preferring the specific to the ad valorem duty. The quality of pig iron is nearly the same all over; so of bar, rolled and slit iron. The imposition of specific duties, therefore, upon iron, would not lead to the injustice and inconsistency of making articles greatly differing in value, pay the same duty. Iron is an article which, while of nearly uniform quality, is subject to great and frequent fluctuations in price. Under ad valorem duties, when the price of iron falls abroad, the duty is proportionably reduced ; when, if any change were made, it should be increased. So, when the price rises abroad, the duty rises in proportion ; when, if changed at all, it ought to be lessened. This leads to sudden and excessive importations at one time, and an entire prohibition at another. It gives unsteadiness and uncertainty to the market at home. Under a specific duty, the thing is reversed. As the price rises abroad, the present duty is diminished, and as it falls it is nereased. It gives greater stability to the market at home. It helps check excessive portations when it is high. For example: when iron was sixty dollars per ton in Eng-land, a 30 per cent. duty might entirely prevent its importation, while considerable would come in under a specific duty of fifteen doilars per ton. And so, if it should fall to forty-five dollars, a 30 per cent. duty would operate as a

LETTERS FROM HARRISBURGH. HARRISDURG, April 17th, 1857.

MR. EDITOR OF JOURNAL :- As the bill now pefore the Legislature for the sale of the Main Line of our Internal improvements is attracting a good deal of attention, and as this subject receives additional importance in our estimation from the fact, that the late American Republican convention has made the sale of the Main line one of the planks in their platform, it may be well to draw the attention of your readers to this subject.

Much might be said about the corruption connected with the Locofoco management of our internal improvements ; but I shall deal in facts and figures for the present. The Canal Commissioners either have not understood their own reports, or they must have made an attempt to blind the people in relation to the working of our internal improvement system. The Main line from Pittsburg to Philadelphia, although all the freight of the Pennsylvania Railroad passes over the State road from Columbia, or from Lancaster to Philadelphia, does not sustain itself ; but on the contrary the taxes, paid into the State Treasury by the people is in part consumed to keep up this main line.

The total receipts from the Main line, for the year 1853, was \$1,465,813 23 The total expenditures upon the same, for the same year, were 2,124,265 30

Loss to the State, or excess of expenditures, in the year 1853	\$658,452 07
Total receipts for the year 1854 Total eqpenditures a a	\$1,219,909 01 1,855,216 76
Excess of expenditures	\$635,807175
Total receipts for 1855 Total expenditures "	\$1,144.224 38 1,585,404 30
Excess of expenditures	\$441,179 97
Total receipts for 1856 Total expenditures "	\$1,244,071 86 1,662,429 20
Excess of expenditures	\$418,857 84
Total receipts for 1853-54-55-56 Total expenditures for "	\$5.074,028 43 7,228,815 56
and date that "Advertising with the Man	

Excess of expenditures \$2,154,287 13

You see Mr. Editor, I have given you the actual working of the system. The people have had to pay out of their own pocket, in four years, to keep up the main line of her internal improvements, the enormous sum of two millions one hundred and fifty-four thousand two bundred and eighty-seven dollars and thirteen market, and does not so readily prohibit im. cents. It is true a portion of this sum was to construct the new Portage road i. e. \$1,696,-597 68, of \$7,228,315 56 expenditures, but even taking this off the total, which should not be done, and it leaves a great amount of expenditures above the income.

Now Mr. Editor, our State debt is upwards of forty millions of dollars, and it is only a feeble check to importations, while a specific few hundred thousand less than it was ten duty of fifteen dollars would be more effective years ago. The amount paid into the Treasufor that purpose. The illustrations I have giv- | ry of this Common wealth in the shape of direct en, show also, I think, that the revenue is taxes upon real and personal estate, in those more endangered by an ad valorem than a spe- ten years, is \$14,469,564 11. Now sir, have cific duty on iron. For these reasons, while I we, the people of this State, paid into the admit the general propriety of ad valorem du- Treasury of the State, fourteen millions of ties, I am in favor of a specific duty on iron. dollars towards paying off our debt, and yet has been the moving cause of all the tragic I will not undertake to fix upon the amount that debt undimmished, and the Main line not the Locofoco politicians, in whose company, that should be laid upon its several varieties. only sinking the interest of the money paid for range of American productions, in favor of of the people, also. Shall this state of things which the principle of restrictive duties can be last ? Will the people continue to pay, year tolerated, I contidently claim iron is that in- after year, their millions of dollars, to be expended in this way, without diminishing the State debt ? Must this political gambling upon the honest peoples money be perpetuated ? Large capital, much time and labor are re- Are they willing, for the sake of supporting a party, to continue to throw away their money by the million ? The Pennsylvania Railroad Company are vania held a meeting at Altoona on the loth ged that iron being a necessary of life, those anxious for the sale of the main line, and they wish to become the purchasers, and be relievthey are such, cannot consistently support a ed of the tonnage tax. There are now five bills before the Legislature for the sale of the Hon. David Wilmot. Those individuals who distinction between an article of national and Main line. Many of the leading Democrats viz: an acting independent government withindividual necessity. I agree, that the ordi- seem disposed to make overture of necessity,

HABRIBURG, April 20th, 1857. the fruits of her mind and pen. The snow storm last week extended south to Legislature. The Senate may make the bill

a great distance, it being four inches deep in some of the southern States. The Legislature have passed an act to separate the Superintendency of Common Schools from the office of the Secretary of State, so that hereafter the office will be a distinct one. and receive the undivided attention of the

head of that department. There are several bills before the Legislature for the sale of the Main Line. There is little doubt but one will be matured and passed. They have issued proposals at Washington,

for carrying the mail to California, acress the mountains, in stage ceaches. The New York Ledger, one of the first lite-

rary papers of the day, some time since copied a part of an article published in your jour. nal, over the signature of J. J. II., on the blunders of the press. I must send you one of its own. The number for April 15th, has the following :

"A woman was found in front yard of premises near Madison Square, a few evenings since, by a policeman, whose face was horribly gashed, while her garments were covered with blood.2

The Ledger means that the woman's face was horribly gashed, not that of the police-TTT: 18 TT

In your comments on my letter of April 8. yon remark : "We must acknowledge the bump of hope in our correspondent is greater than onrs." This was said in reference to my remarks on Buchanan's policy towards Kansas. We do not differ in our views with regard to the man himself. Neither of us hope for any good from the man, in relation to Kansas, except what is wrung from him. As a politician, he will be guided only by political motives, not by moral ones. He has given every indication of a disposition to cringe to the Sonth. His appointments show who are the purchasers of the President. "He is no more James Buchanan," not even James Platform, but a chattel, even like the other two-legged chattles of the South. His appointment of Pickens, of South Carolina, Minister to Spain ; his appointment of the most rampant Slavery propagand-ists to offices at home and abroad, all show that he cannot do as he would, unless his heart has lost all his Pennsylvania love of truth and liberty. Indeed Licar the worst. My hopes were founded on the fact, that the policy of making Kansas a slave State would be so crazy and suicidal to the Democratic party, that they would not dare to do it. That hope has fled. "Whom the gods will destroy they first make mad." There seems now to be a determination on the part of the administration to force Kansas in to the confederacy of the States, as a Slave State. Mr. Stanton, the Secretary of State, is the acting Governor, and will probably be appointed to that office. There is no truth in the rumor that the Government

has withdrawn the U.S. troops from the territory, nor do they intend to do it. The administration will make a show of dealing fairly with Kansas, but the truth must not be disguised that the whole policy of the Adminis. State Central Committee, viz : tration now seems to be, (as it was under Pierce,) to introduce Kansas as a Slave State. I say this now appears to be their policy. This scenes, and bloody collisions that have taken place. The future is yet to be revealed, but so far as "coming events cast their shadows be fore them," it seems to be the policy of the Administration to favor the acts of the existing false legislature, to have an election under the present act, and the present census, and that the convention to meet in next September shall organize a State government with a pro-slavery State constitution, and that when this is done, the State government shall snpercede the Territorial, and that Kansas shall present herself next winter, as a State, fully organized, claiming as such, admission into the Union. They will plead the case of Culi-fornia as a precedent. They will present this singular phenomenon, if they are not admitted. in the territory of another government. More than this. The South will oppose the admission of Minnesota as a free State, unless Kansas shall be admitted along with her as a Slave State, to keep up the balance of power in the Senate. Well, what is to be the reward of Gov. Walker and Secretary Stanton for their dirty work in this affair? Why, they are to he the first elected to the Senate of the United States, from the new pro-slavery State of Kannow, is the apportionment bill, the bill for the sas. This seems to be the policy of the Slave sale of the "Main line," and the various Bank power, and of their chattel instrumentality at Washington. But yet I do not desnair. I have hope in God and the people, and this hope shall stimulate me to fight on in the cause of truth and righteonsness and liberty. "There is a divinity that shapes our ends" and "Taketh the wise in their own craftiness." Into the pit which they dig, they may tall themselves, sooner than any of us are aware. GJeboyah reigns," not Buchanan, and that is a matter of rejoicing. Yours truly, Curus.

all that the Penn'a Railroad company purchase DEAR JOURNAL :- Please give my compli-ments to Myrrha May, for her "Ode to the Winds." It is pretty. I hope the readers of their part, then the Main line could certainly the Journal will be trequently delighted with be sold, and at an advance of some millions of dollars on the minimum price set by the

> less objectionable-can't say. "There is a power behind the throne stronger than the throne itself." Yourstruly, Crovs.

OFFICIAL MURDER IN KANSAS- Lecompion. April 8, 1857 .- I have just heard of the shooting and death of a Free State man named Martin Kline, at a place between this point and Leavenworth. The murder, being "official," is of course a "Law and Order" transaction. The individual who performed this "National Democratic" service for the Pro-Slavery par-ty, is a man named Merrill Smith. He is, or A and BEST SYRUP MOLASSES, for sale at the corner. [apl25] WM. IRVIN. pretends to be Deputy Sheriff of Leavenworth

county. The deceased was arrested last fall him, and he was discharged. He was not real-ly present at that time. A warrant had been issued against him, on which he was charged

with horse stealing. The stealing was alleged to have been done at the time of the Hickory Point affair, but I have no doubt was also untrue. The probabilities are that some of his Pro-Slavery neighbors dislike him, or want his claim. Deputy Sheriff Smith tried to

make the arrest on Sunday. As it still further to show his contempt for everything sacred, he waited until his victim was in attendance on religious services. Being evidently bent on

mischief, he took a "posse" with him, who no doubt felt themselves authorized to disturb the public worship of "Abolitionists." The war-rant was read in church. No doubt this is part of the services of the "Democratic" religion professed by the Rev. Martin White .-iff then, but expressed a willingness to do so on Monday, or any week day. On his persist-ing in his refusal Smith drew his revolver and commenced firing at Kline. He discharged every barrel of his pistol. One of his "posse"\* fired a couple of times. By one or both he vere wounds. He has since died. The house was crowded, and the incident occurred during service. Luckily no other person was shot. As Smith and his band of miscreants were the only persons who appeared to be arra-the manual provide many the second their many to the second ed, they made good their retreat. I would commend the claims of this man Smith to the consideration of Mr. Buchanan. Had he meremurdered a Free State man, he might have seen entitled to no more than the immunities of carrying on such a pleasant pastime ; but his violation of an "Abolition" sanctuary, his delicate perception of the proper day to make arrests, and the fact of his firing resolutely in among a crowd of unarmed Free State men and women, all point him out as a fit subject for Executive reward. He is almost as meritorious as Emory, and the services of Mayor Murphy pale before him.

### STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The President of the late American Republican Convention has appointed the following LEMCEL TODD, Chairman. Simon Cameron, Joseph Casey,

John J. Clyde. George Bergner, William D. Kelley, John M. Sullivan, Joseph B. Myers, J. M. Sellers, Honry White. James Edwards. Lindley Smith J. R. Lar P. C. Ellmaker, Jacob L. Gossler. H. L. Benner, Edward C. Knight. Edward Darlington, David Newport. Wm. H. Keim, Wilson Cowell, T. J. Worth, Peter Martin. Peter S. Michler, Samuel E. Dimmock Thos. E. Cochran, David E. Small, B. Rosh Petriken, E. C. McPfferson, John Penn Jones, W. P. Miner, John Laporte, P. Williston. D. Gillesnie. C. B. Curtis, John N. Purviance, D. L. Eaton, Robt, P. McDowell, D. E. Finney, John H. Wells, J. R. Edie, T. J. Coffey, A. J. Fuller. John Covode, Robert M. Palmer, Joseph Shantz.

## New Advertisements.

#### LOOK HERE!

THE STOCK OF GOODS I in the store lately owned by H. D. Patten, has been purchased by the subscriber. The store will be continued at the old stand at the corner in Curwensville, where a general assortment of Groceries and other Goods may be found. 25th April, 1847. WM. IRVIN. 25th April, 1857.

BACON, FLOUR, and SALT. just received and for sale at the Corner Store. WM. IRVIN. Curwensville, April 25.

BAR IRON oheap at the apl25	and CHAIN Corner	PUMPS WM.	. for sale IRVIN.
A NEW SUPE	IV of COFFE	PPEA	RUCAR

CAUTION .- All persons are cautioned against on the charge of being at the battle of Hickory Point. Then nothing could be proved against him, and he was discharged. He was not real. the said Cathcart on loan. WM. M. CATHCART. Knox township, April 18, 1857-dp29.3t-p.

TRAY HORSE .- The undersigned has in S his possession at Frenchville, a stray horse of bay color, and about 17 hands high. The owner is desired to come farward and prove property, pay charges, and take him away or he will be disposed of according to law. JAMES MULLEN. April 29, 1856.

STONE WARE POTTERY FOR SALE. The property occupied by Parter & Brother in Brady township, near Luthersburg, will be sold low, as the owner contemplates removing westward. The pottery is in good order and has connected with it about 60 acres of land, about one half of which is in grass, the balance in wood. There is a new two tory dwelling and sufficient stabling and sheds on the place. Good material for the Mr. Kline refused to go with the Deputy Sher- manufacture of stone ware and abundance of coal are on the property. For terms apply to Apr29. L. J. CRANS, Clearfield. Apr29.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE .- By virtue of an order of the Orphans Court of Clearfield county, there will be exposed to public sale in the berough of Clearfield, on Tuesday the 19th day of was mortally wounded, as he had several se- Msy, (Court week) the following described lots, to wit: Two lots, No s 112 and 115 in the borough of Clearfield, having erected thereon a good dwelling house and large shop. &c., bounded north by Cher-

> Clearfield, April 29, 1857. N. B. A lot of Carpenter's tools will be sold on the same day, at the above named shop.

NOTICE .- The stockholders of the Tyrone and Clearfield Railroad, are hereby notified that the second instalment of five dollars a share was payable on the first of March last. A thi d instal-ment of five dollars a share will be due on the 1st of May next; a fourth instalment of five dollarsa share on the 1st of June next; a fitth instalment of five dollars a share on the 1st of July next, agreeably to resolution of the Board of Managers. As the company have now a large force of men at work, it is absolutely essential to the presecution of the work that the stock be regularly paid.

JAMES T. LEONARD. Clearfield, April 20 1857. Treasurer.

S O M E T H I N G N E W : LEATHER AND HIDE STORE,

West End of Spring Creek Bridge, Cherpside, Bellefonte, Penn's. The subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has just opened a Leather and Hide Store at his Tannery establishment, in Bellefonte, where he will keep constantly on hand a good assortment of Leathers, &c., as follows :-Oak Tanned Spanish Sole Leather, Hemlock Spinish Sole Leather, French Calf-skins, Bellows Leather, Oil Tannel Laring Leather, Split Leather, Patent French Calf-skins, Mudras Boot Skins, Red Rouns and Piak Linings, Cope Bindings and Gaiter Kid, Tanners' Oil. ALSO: Plastering hair ; Capper Rivers and Burrs; Thread, Bristles and Wax, and all kinds of Tools, Lasts, &c., for Shoem skers, TO MACHINISTS -For the convenience of Maphinists of all kinds he will keep on hand a good supply of Patent Riveted Stretched Leather Beltig Straps from 1 to 24 inches wide, which he will sell at city prices. CASH paid for all kinds of Hides and Skins. The above articles have been carefully se lected, and are the very hest quality ; but call and examine, and judge for yourselves. THOMAS BURNSIDE.

any time, and doubtless in a very short time they will be acting zealously with the Slaveworshipping Sham Democracy, who seem to tcrest. It stands upon higher and more nahave almost as warm a feeling for these political "whippers-in" as they have for Southern negro drivers. Just mark this, if you please.

THE AMERICAN STATE COUNCIL of Pennsyl-April, and, as we see stated, by a vote of 34 yeas to 15 pays, ratified the nomination of have all along so streauously contended that they were bound by the ruling action of the order, will now either have to support the ticket, or admit that their professions are more hollow pretence, and that they can only be regarded as allies of the Locofocos and Jesuits.

The Irish carried the day among the Philadelphia Democracy, and nominated a M'Grath and safety of the State. I would place the and a Logan for the two most important offices at the May Election. The American-born Democrats don't like it, but can't help themselves, for over half their party in the city are "ould countbrymen." The Americans and Republicans of the city have separate nominations-but must unite, or be kept under their present most miserable rulers.

THE SCALPEL .- We once more find this welcome quarterly visitor on our table. The cd- the full measure of protection that is desired itor had changed its form and printed it monthly for a short time, but has been induced to again change it to its original form. It is a "rich, rare and spicy" periodical, original and miracles through the power of Roman relin every respect, and will delight any one who peruses its pages. It is published by DeWitt & Davenport, New York, at \$1 per annum.

The Favette Standard says that the Locoloco press ought not to make so much fuss about a charge of adultery against Kalloch, whom they call a "Black Republican Preacher," so long ing in their party, and Bernheisel, his delegate at Washington, has his Democracy endorsed by being allowed to participate in the inaugu- dearest rights, to find our Supreme Judges panration ceremonies at Washington.

THAT'S So !- The Locofoco papers are publishing a letter from "Gerrit Smith, the great abolition apostle," in which they say "he sustains the decision in the Dred Scott case as since the commencement of our national exisperfectly sound and logical." Exactly so ! Last fall we contended that the ultra Abolitionists were with the Democracy, and here is an acknowledgement of the fact by themselves.

AN APOLOGY .- We were last week unavoidsupply of paper having run out entirely and of the matter in this issue was intended for last week, but we think can yet be read with interest.

PUTNAN'S MOSTHLY .- The May No. of this excellent periodical is on our table. The pubare succeeding in their efforts.

Household Words, are also before us, and Minteresting and entertaining as usual.

tional grounds than any other. It is the great element of offensive and detensive warfare .-quired in this production. It cannot be established to meet the demands of the country in the hour of threatened danger. It is urwho oppose duties on tea and coffee because

tariff on iron. I think, sir, I see an obvious nary necessaries of life should be left as free as and go for the sale. is consistent with the wants of the revenue: but an article of national necessity-one absolute-

ly essential to the defence and safety of the whole country, if such there be-ought to be produced in the country. An imposition in any form for such a purpose, would not be for the benefit of a class, (though it might operate to their advantage), but for the protection iron interest of Pennsylvania on these high. these national grounds, and leave it to the

patriotism of gentlemen to say, what measure of encouragement should be extended. I would not blend her great interest with the manufacture of pins and brass kettles. I am fully satisfied that if, instead of leading her support to a false principle and uniting her interests with those of minor importance Pennsylvania would even now assume the high and commanding position to which her truly national interest entitles her, she could obtain. at the hands of the Democracy of this House.

#### for her iron and coal." ....

JULGE TANEY .- This celebrated Judge, who is said to be a firm believer in Witches, Ghosts, ics, has effectually stultified bimself in the late decision delivered by him in the Dred Scott case. It seems by the record, that in 1843 he decided in a similar case that a slave could not only sue for his freedom in the Supreme Courts of the U.S. but that he could also establish the fact and gain his cause, Judge Taney having himself affirmed the decision of the District Court in the case of Greenfield, by which the slave obtained his freedom. But as Brigham Young is a member in full stand- this was before the party had taken its position on the nationality of slavery. "Facts are stub-born things," and it is not only a humiliating consideration, but fraught with danger to our dering to the influence of partizan warfare, and we venture to say that this unrighteous decision has detracted more from the high respect entertained for that tribunal, than all the decisions that have ever been pronounced by the Supreme Courts of the United States tence .- Montour American,

ELOPEMENT OF A PRIEST .- The grand vicar of Meaux, France, recently eloped with one of his fair penitents, Mad'lle Vacquerin by name, and one of the most beautiful girls in the place. What makes the affair so terrible just at this moment is, that it forms one of the accusations ably prevented from issuing the Journal, our upon which Verger based his proofs of the corruption of the clergy. The young lady, who a lot that we had ordered having been delayed age, and who is possessed of a large fortune on the road until after publication day. Some in her own right, has, by the advice of her The persons who are at the bottom of this paramour, who is supposed to have been her lover ever since she first attended his confes. gy to carry it through. sional, five years ago, only waited until her coming of age and the transfer of her money

from the hands of her relations into her own, to take this extraordinary and decided step .--The fugitives have landed in England-and monthly in the country, and in our opinion on the first sign of presecution or annoyance issue a public confirmation of all the "horrible calumnies" which were suppressed in stringent laws on this question ? Verger's trial.

Yours truly, Cuars.

HARRISBURG, April 17th, 1857. DEAR JOURNAL :- The matter of special in-

terest to your readers, (the log floating.) is not attracting so much of the attention of the Legislature as many of them may wish. That which absorbs the greatest share of attention hills. The House is now devoting its evening sessions to the consideration of Bank bills, and are "killing them off" pretty rapidly. The friends of the free banking law are in hopes of passing their bill. It has been reconsidered. and is now before the house. It is a good bill and ought to pass.

There is a majority in the Legislature in favor of the Main line, and they resist all amendments to the bill. One amendment, which should have passed, failed by one role. It was this: In consideration that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company were about to construct a Railroad along side of the Pennsylvania Canal, the State, in the act of incorporation, imposed a tonnage tax upon that company to compensate for the loss to be sustained by the State from the income of her internal improvements. I showed that it would be a wiser act te give In consequence of the construction of the it away, than to retain it to eat up the taxes Penn'a Railroad, the Canal from Johnstown west, has been a constant expense to the State ; the expense of keeping it in repair being much the question. greater than all the tolls received from it .-One section of the bill for the sale of the Main the sale of the public works a part of their line provides that in lieu of the tonnage tax, (3 mills per tun of freight passed over the road with some articles excepted.) if the Pa. Railroad Company become the purchaser, they shall give an additional sum of \$1,500,000, a- trolled the foreign catholic vote. Seeing now in. The amendment referred to, was to give the same privileges to any other company who may be the purchaser, i. e. that the purchasing company should, for the one and a half million of dollars, be entitled to receive the tonnage tax from the Penn'a Railroad Company instead of the State. The Penn'a Railroad Company wish to purchase. They will then have the carrying trade through the State with- rival to their road. The Penn'a Railroad Comroad from this place to Lancaster, a continuous road from Philadelphia to Pittsburg.

There is a bill before the House to incorpo-It will be by several miles a nearer route to the movement have the necessary means and ener- for the whole line. If the company buys the

The number of divorces in the city of Philalishers seem determined to make it the best the vicar has written to his bishop, threatening, principally sued out by wives for desertion machinery, machine shops, and other properand cruel treatment. Who can say how much on the part of the ecclesiastical authorities, to of that cruel treatment and desertion is caused by drunkenness! Shall we have more to the bill is, it gives the Penn'a Railroad CURWENSVILLE.

HARRISDERG, April 25th, 1857.

DEAR JOUENAL :- I last week gave you the action of the House in relation to the sale of the Main Line of our Internal improvements : and also gave data to show that the Main Line was a source of continued expense to theState. paid by the honest yeomanry of the Commonwealth. Now let us look at the other side of The American Republican party have made

platform. The Locefoco party have always hitherto opposed the sale, because it was by these they fed their retainers, and rewarded their sycophants, and in a great measure conbove the price at which the works shall be bid that the day of their doom is coming, some of them are making a virtue of necessity, and are O The Bank Note Engravers all say that he is the going in for the sale of the Main line. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company are very anxtous to get possession of the State road from Columbia to Philadelphia, to complete their line of road from Philadelphia to Pittsburg. This Company care nothing about the Canal, only, of course, they do not want it there as a ont a rival; and will have by purchasing the pany are also very anxious to be relieved of the tonnage tax, which is increasing every year. The tonage tax the last year, was very near \$250,000, or one quarter of a million of rate the Bell's Mills and Fallen Timber Turn- dollars. This is the interest on five millions pike and Plank Road Company. The termi. of dollars at five per cent., the rate at which nus of this road will be 8 miles above Tyrone. the company are to pay to the State. For this five millions, or what is its equivalent, the Railroad, for the citizens of the south-west tonnage tax, the company only pay one and a part of Clearfield county, than by Tyrone or half millions. This is wrong ; it is bad poli-They estimate the distance from cy. This tonnage tax which the company now Clearfield creek to Gen. Bell's to be 10 miles. pays to the State, would pay the interest on The persons who are at the bottom of this the amount the company would have to pay road (and there is no doubt but she will) then the property of the company is to be relieved delphia, within the last nine years, is 1.135 .- from taxation. This is equal to \$100,000 per What an amount of domestic misery there annum. The Penn'a Railroad from Columbia must be! These things are borne while they | to Harrisburg is very valuable, and is probaare bearable, in secret. These divorces are bly worth (together with the locomotives, and ty going with it) the whole amount to be paid for the whole line. Now, the objection I have

Company all the advantages as bidders at the sale. If the highest bidder should purchase

LOTTERY HELFING & NEGRO TO FEFFOR.negro man, named James Anderson, the operty of L. R. Greene, Esq., attorney, ught a whole ticket in a lottery in Louisville, Ky., a day or two ago which entitled the hold. to \$30,000. Previous to the drawing he importuned a young white man to go halves with him, and the young man finally consented and therefore come in for \$15,000, his share of the prize. The negro indulged the ideas of freedom, and Mr. Green referred him to ex-Chancellor Pirtle for a valuation as to his own orth and that of his family, and they are funds has been placed in the hands of James Speed, Esq., as trustee for Anderson. The fortunate possessor of the other half of the prize was a poor but worthy young man, who had a widowed mother to support.

ITIn Paris ladies wear daggers at their girdles. In America they wear them in their eves.

#### New Advertisements.

\$95 WITNESSES THE FORGER CONVICTED. JOHN S. DYE IS THE AUTHOR. Who has had 10 years experience as a Banker

and Publisher, and Author of BA series of Lectures at the Broadway Tabernacie when, for 10 successive nights, over 50,000 People A 1

OGreeted him with Rounds of Applaase, while he exhibited the manner in which Counter-feiters execute their Frau Is.and the 000 Surest and Shbriest Means of Detecting them !

greatest Judge of Paper Money living. GREATEST DISCOVERY OF THE

PRESENT CENTURY FOR Detecting Counterfeit Bank Notes.

Describing Every Genuine Bill in Existence. and Exhibiting at a glance every Counterfeit in circulation ! Arranged so admirably, that REFERENCE is EASY

and DETECTION INSTANTANEOUS. The Morehant, Banker and Business Cir

Man can see all at a Glatice. ENGLISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN. THUS EACH MAY READ THE SAME IN HIS OWN NA-

TIVE TONGER. Most Perfect Bank Note Last Published. Also a List of all the Private Bankers in America.

A complete summary of the Finance of Europe and America will be published in each ediion. together with all the Important News of

The day. Also A SERIES OF TALES From an Old Manuscript found in the East. furnishes the most complete history of ORIENTAL LIFE.

Edescribing the Most Perplexing Positions which the Ladies and Gentlemen of the country have been so often found. These Stories will continue throughout the whole year, and S prove the most entertaining ever offered to the

Furnished Weekly to Subscribers ONLY, a SI a year. All letters must be addressed to JOHN S. DYE, BROKER. Publisher and Proprietor, 70 Wall Street, N Y. April 29, 1657-17

Bellefonte, April 29, 1837-tf.

TO RIVERMEN.-THE COLUMBIA PIER COMPANY has crected a Pier in the River, opposite Columbia, about 400 feet in length. 200 yards from the shore, and 200 yards below the Columbia Bridge, for the hitching and securing of Rafts. Arks. &c., and of capacity sufficient to held securely, and at any stage of water, any number of crafts likely to stop here at any one season.

The depth of water immediately around and at a great distance in every direction from this Pier. at a low stage. is seven feet : so that there is not the slightest danger of becoming fast aground at any time By running in the usual course to the oridge, and then heading out, the Pier can b reached by crafts without the slightest difficulty.

A second Pier is about being creeted a short distance below the present one, and is expected to be ow all free. The residue of the negroe's so far completed as to be ready for use during this Spring's business.

One or more competent persons will be employed by the company, to receive and take charge of Rafts, Arks, &c., delivered to them ; and strong cables provided, to secure the fleet left in their care. The charge for fastening to the Piers, the present senson, will be One Dollar for any time not ercenting one week ; and Fity cents for each addi-

tional work or portion of a week. This, the company feel assured, will be the very best and most advantageous landing on the river. No property landing here need be molested, or get aground and be sacrificed on account of a sudden falling of the water : but can remain here secure. whilst the owner may be trying to sell in the vaious markets to which he has access; and he can eave here at any time, and at any stage of water. with his property, if he can do better in another market, either by river, cannl, or railroad-for Baltimore, Philadelphia, or any of the various markets elsewhere-having his own time in which to do at. GEORGE BOGLE, Columbia, April 20, 1857. Superintendent,

A RARE CHANCE, AND A GOOD OPPOR-TUNITY FOR RESPONSIBLE MEN TO OB-TAIN PROFITABLE EMPLOYMENT -- To Agents, Canvarsers, Colporteurs and Postmasters.-Any person obtaining subscribers for Fifty copies of either of the two following American works, and remitting the amount (less a large commission) to the publisher, will be entitled to fifty dol-

lars worth of the subjoined list of valuable works at the foot of this advertisement. AMERICAN NATIONAL WORKS. The National History of the United States-Co-Ionial, Revolutionary, and Constitutional, chiefly from National Documents. By B. J. Lossing and Edwin Williams. With numerous fires illustrations on Steel and Wood. 2 vols. imperial 8 vo. cloth \$7. The Sin'esman's Manuel, containing the Lives, Messages and Administrations of all the Presidents, from Washington to Pierce, With fine Portraits on Steel. 4 vols. large 8 vo cloth \$10.

Popular Valuable Works as Premiums to Agents. A Voice to America by Americans, 5th edition, Syo cloth." \$1 00 Dowling's History of Remanism, 50 illustra-

trations, Svo cloth, 2 00 Mrs. Ellss' choice works for the Family Circle.

plates, 2 vols. Svo cloth, 4 00 The American and Odd Fellows' Literary Museum, 50 engravings, 2 vols. Sro, Guide to Knowledge, 300 plates, Svo. Wonders of the World, 250 plates, Svo. 2 00 Agents wishing to engage in the good work of irculating these important Publications will please address a line to the Publisher. EDW ALD WALKER

114 Fulton Street, New York and they will receive immediate attention with for particulars of Commission, Ac. Ap. N. B. Newspapers copying the abov April and inch ting the same ten times, sending a copy of each in sertion to the publisher, will be catilled to a of the National History, or the Statesman's Man-ual, subject to their order. This newspaper paragraph to be included. ap 29-10t