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From the Lady's Book. Oh Let Me Weep.

Oh! let me weep and chide me not— Bear with me in my grief!

Long will it be ere I shall know Again such sweet relief.

Thy tones of melting tenderness Fell strangely on my soul,

I, all unmoved, have borne neglect, And deemed grief's fountains sealed,

The clouds in their fierce wrath my bairt Above the desert land,

But let the breeze move o'er the waste, Where late the storm did lower,

And thou I earnestly could have borne Unkindness, e'en from thee!

Oh! check not, then, the long pent drops, But let them flow the while,

Better to shed the heart-felt tear, Than wear the merciless smile.

From the English Correspondent of the New York American. English Mines and Mining.

That man must be insane who should write a letter at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, about any thing but coal.

Coal is the standard of value, and coal dust the circulating medium. The houses are built of coal.

What a wonderful region is Durham and Northumberland shires! The whole country is undermined.

An intelligent farmer in a neighboring town has recently communicated to us the result of an experiment which he has been trying in the preparation of his winter fodder.

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Great labor and expense attended the sinking of the shaft of a coal mine. The exact location of the strata must be ascertained by boring before the excavation commences.

This valuable material is most easily separated from the various substances with which it is usually mixed, when taken from the hive, by tying in cloth of loose texture, and then being placed in a kettle of boiling water.

By repeated pressing or squeezing of the bag under the water, the wax will all be extracted, and saved free from dirt of any kind.

But the husband has many things to stimulate him to exertion. Sometimes popularity, or a prospect of gain.

But as money alone will not make home pleasant without a proper expenditure of it, and as we all have appetites and senses to please,

The yards and garden may be adorned with flowers to bloom in succession all the season, but to obtain both profit and pleasure from fruits and flowers, they should be planted in a somewhat rich, and receive regularly during the summer season, sufficient cultivation to make the ground mellow and free from weeds.

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SUNBURY AMERICAN.

AND SHAMOKIN JOURNAL.

Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of Republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism.—JEFFERSON.

By Masser & Eisely. Sunbury, Northumberland Co. Pa. Saturday, January 16, 1841. Vol. I—No. XVIII.

"On the Saturday previous to the circumstance I am about to relate, the miners employed in sinking a pit at Gosforth reached the coal.

From Buck's Cultivator. Odds and Ends. PORK MAY BE SALTED, PARTICULARLY FOR BACON, WITHOUT BARRELS.

PICKLED BEEF AND PORK, in the south and west is apt to sour. Take it out and smoke it dry, throw away the old pickle, or cleanse it by boiling.

LARD never spoils in warm weather, if it is cooked enough in frying out.

WASH YOUR BUTTER thoroughly in cold water, and work out all the buttermilk; pack it in a stone jar and stop the mouth air tight, and it will keep sweet forever.

SWEET OR OLIVE OIL is a certain cure for the bite of a rattlesnake. Apply it internally and externally.

TO CURE SCRATCHES ON A HORSE.—Wash the legs in warm strong soap suds, and then with beef brine.

A lump of Scleratus or Pearlash, crowded into the pipe of a poll evil or thistleows, two or three times, will cure this incurable disease.

CORN MEAL should never be ground very fine, it injures the richness of it. Try it coarse. This is the secret why western "dodgers" are so good.

RICE is often over-boiled. It never should be boiled in more water than it will absorb while boiling.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE WHALE.—It is said that a new material has been discovered in England, for burning in the various kinds of lamps.

REWARD OF INGENUITY.—Mr. Burden of the Troy Iron Works, has invented an ingenious and valuable piece of machinery for compressing and giving form to the ball iron, as it comes glowing from the furnace.

PARENTAL PROMISES.—If a parent make a promise to a child, it should be strictly performed, however trivial; and a child should never be told a falsehood, even in the most trifling matter.

From the Albany Cultivator. To make Home Pleasant. The way to make a man's home more pleasant than any other place, is that he should endeavor to please his wife, and accommodate her with every convenience.

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE. To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

It is computed that the tax which will be rendered available under the act of the 11th June, 1840, entitled "An act to create additional revenue to be applied towards the payment of interest, and the extinguishment of the debts of the Commonwealth," will amount to about \$600,000.

But when, as in this case, the honor, and the fidelity of Pennsylvania must be sacrificed, or a tax of this kind be enforced, there are few, very few men in the Commonwealth worthy to be ranked among her free, intelligent and upright citizens, who will shrink from their share of the burden.

To impose taxes on any class of our fellow citizens is not very agreeable, nor a very popular task; but when, as in this case, the honor, and the fidelity of Pennsylvania must be sacrificed, or a tax of this kind be enforced, there are few, very few men in the Commonwealth worthy to be ranked among her free, intelligent and upright citizens, who will shrink from their share of the burden.

I have been informed, with a firmness and patriotism worthy of themselves, have yielded to this necessity without a murmur or repining.

If any difference of opinion exists, as to the necessity of this tax, let these questions be answered by those objecting: Does not Pennsylvania owe this debt? Is she not morally and legally bound to pay it and its interest, as it falls due? Can they point out any other mode by which this can be done? You, however, have candidly by the people, and are supposed best to know their opinions on this as well as all other subjects; and if you differ in opinion with me on this important subject, and think the tax ought not to have been laid, it is your duty to repeal the law instantly.

I can never consent, by word or deed, to countenance the idea that the faith of the State can be vindicated by a failure to meet her engagements. If there be any in our country who would be willing, if they were able, to abrogate the contracts of the Commonwealth, and be faithless to her creditors, let their doctrine be distinctly avowed and the issue fairly made up before the people.

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But upon the faith and honor of the State is effectually guarded against, by the prompt action of the Legislature.

In my last annual message, the question was distinctly presented to the Legislature, whether the work then in progress should be prosecuted to immediate completion or not, and the question was by them determined in the affirmative, and the sum of \$600,000 appropriated to each of what has been usually denominated the main lines; and the works being so far progressed in, as to warrant the expectation of their being completed in an other year, all will now concur in the opinion, I presume, that provision should be immediately made for the completion of the unfinished works as soon as possible.

A judicious and immediate appropriation promptly made in anticipation of the usual appropriation bill specifically for the works under contract—for the completion of the reservoirs, at each end of the Portage rail road—and for ordinary repairs, is imperiously called for, and enable the contractors to complete the whole, and have them ready for use by the opening of the navigation in the spring of 1842.

The vast importance of the immediate completion of the main lines, as well as the serious interest of the Commonwealth, cannot be too strongly pressed upon your attention. They will complete a communication between the great lakes, and our commercial metropolis. They will also, by a proper arrangement with the authorities of New York, connect our improvements with those of that great Commonwealth, thus affording an opportunity of exchanging the products of the two states, and strengthening the bonds of union.

Whatever differences of opinion may have existed as to the policy of commencing the Erie Extension and North Branch Canals, there ought to be none now as to their speedy completion. They are nearly finished, a comparatively small sum is necessary to complete them, and the policy of a continued and protracted delay in completing works, which the state is pledged to accomplish, until the first work done upon them has become useless from decay, has proved disastrous and ruinous on many occasions.

The course heretofore usual, of neglecting to appropriate a sufficient sum for repairs, and that early in the session, has been seriously determined to the interests of the Commonwealth. At the last session the Commissioners stated that the lowest estimate required \$700,000, and the Legislature appropriated \$500,000, a great portion of which was absorbed then due. The result has shown that the Commissioners were right. The fund has long since been exhausted. The necessary repairs have not been completed. Those who have been engaged at them are unpaid, and the Supervisors are without funds to lay in the necessary materials for repairs. The repairs on the lines of Canals in use should ordinarily be made in winter, when they would not interrupt the use of the Canals; and it has usually happened that before the arrival of winter, the officers have no means at their command, and no appropriation bill is passed until late in the session. The whole system of repairs in consequence of the uncertainty of the time of paying the workmen, and those who furnish materials, cost the Commonwealth much more than it would do were the means of payment, ample, certain, and promptly applied.

The Beaver division of the Pennsylvania Canal is already connected with the public improvement of Ohio, by the Pennsylvania and Ohio Canal, work which has been completed by individual enterprise, aided by public appropriations from both States, and bids fair to be a valuable tributary to our public improvements, and a profitable investment for the stockholders. It has been accomplished at a less cost than any other work of the kind which I have visited, and is a monument of the wisdom of its projectors, and of the skill, prudence and economy of those charged with its construction.

I respectfully recommend to the Legislature, the enactment of a law authorizing the Canal Commissioners to treat with the authorities of New York for such a connection of our internal improvements with theirs, as will best promote the interests of the two Commonwealths. The law should limit the terms and conditions, and define the power and authorities of the Commissioners in such manner as due consideration shall be deemed proper.

The interests of the Commonwealth would be advanced by entrusting the same board with the power of selling, or leasing, water power created or internal improvements. There are at many points, and in very advantageous situations, surpluses of water, which could be profitably applied to various branches of manufacture, without injury to the due supply of our canals. The public improvements would be increased thereby, and a considerable sum realized from such a lease.

By an act of the seventh April, 1835, a payment was made on the part of the State, for the payment of an interest of five per cent, for twenty-five years on \$200,000, of the capital stock of the Ball's and Spring Creek Navigation company, and by subsequent act the State has since subscribed \$400 to the stock of the company. The whole of the stock is completed, and an active operation, except the last six miles, on which about one third of

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