

in the "New Era," when we shall be better qualified to judge of its merits.—*Pottsville Emporium*

IRON.

We see by the annual statement of the Secretary of the Treasury, that six millions three hundred and ninety seven thousand, three hundred and seventy dollars worth of bar iron alone, was imported into the U. S. during the last year, besides articles manufactured of iron, amounting to one million, twelve thousand three hundred and twelve dollars, making in the aggregate seven millions, four hundred and nine thousand seven hundred and eighty-two dollars. Here is seen another eight millions of dollars exported in one year to pay for an article of which we have at one time an inexhaustible supply. We need no longer argument in favor of a protective tariff than is fact alone. In our mountains are found inexhaustible bodies of coal, lime and iron ore lying in their contiguity, and all that is needed for their development is the fostering aid of the government, a protective tariff and we will soon find hills and valleys of Pennsylvania ringing with the busy din of the manufacturer, and the Valley of the Susquehanna smoking with numerous furnaces pouring out the mineral wealth of Monongahela's Ridge. We hope to see the attention of our manufacturers and mechanics drawn to this subject, of vital importance to their interests as well as every friend of American industry. We hope the press throughout the country will speak upon the subject; let those who doubt our ability to manufacture a sufficient supply of iron for our own consumption, visit Columbia county where they will find sufficient iron embedded in the soil's ridge to supply the U. States for ages to come.—*Danville Democrat*.

Death of Mr. Forsyth.

We regret to announce the death of the Honorable John Forsyth, late Secretary of State of the United States. He expired at his residence in this on Thursday evening, after a short illness from a tertian fever.

Mr. Forsyth was born at Fredericksburg, Va., in 1781. He graduated at Princeton College in 1798. He entered the practice of law at Augusta, Georgia, in 1802. Soon after he was appointed Attorney General of the State, and rapidly to distinction. In 1812 he was elected a Representative in Congress. From 1814 to 1815, he chairman of the Committee of Foreign Affairs, which position he sustained Mr. Madison in the with Great Britain. In 1818, he was elected member of the United States Senate, where he his seat in November of that year. In 1819, as appointed Minister to Spain, where he became involved in the controversy in relation to our with that country settling differences, ending Florida, &c., which lasted until October, 1820; the exception of a brief visit to the United States, he continued at Madrid until 1823, when he returned to this country, and having in the mean been re-elected to Congress, he resumed his in the House of Representatives in December of that year, and was restored to the chairmanship of the Committee of Foreign Affairs, which he remained to occupy as long as he remained in that

In October, 1827, he was elected Governor of Georgia. After filling that post two years he moved to Washington as Senator of the United States, in place of Mr. Berrien; that post he filled 1829 until the summer of 1834, when, on resignation of Mr. McLane as Secretary of Mr. Forsyth was called to that Department under Jackson. That office he filled during the remainder of General Jackson's term, and continued it until the close of Mr. Van Buren's administration, when he was succeeded in office by Webster. Mr. Forsyth has continued his in this city during the past summer, and reached the age of 61 years.—*Madisonian*.

Attempt to Destroy our War Steamers on Lake Erie.

mentioned briefly, in a recent number of this, a desperate attempt was made on the night of the 17th ult., to destroy H. M. steamers *Toronto* and *Mina*, then lying at anchor at Lewiston. The following particulars may be received as strictly correct.

About 10 minutes before three, A. M., the on the forecastle of the *Toronto* saw a light shewing the vessel, apparently two or three yards ahead. He hailed it twice, but received no answer; he was in the act of calling the on the sergeant of the watch, when it exploded with a tremendous noise, shaking the ship centre—and as it afterward appeared, breaking windows of several houses on shore. As she cleared away a boat was seen pulling treacherously toward Grand Island. She immediately pursued by a boat from the *Toronto* without success.

next morning a cask was seen sticking in close to the bank near the spot where the took place. On examination it was found full of powder, ingeniously fitted into a kind of iron to make it float steadily, and with a burnt, fixed in the hole.

The were attached several fathoms of whale line which must evidently have been connected to one that exploded—and the use of which doubt to take across the bows of the vessel, bringing a cask on either side as they floated with the stream.

the arrival of Commodore Sandom, on the 23d inquiry by a board of magistrates took place, several depositions of parties were taken; the circumstance of that was elicited, at the same morning a farmer on Grand in going round his fields, found four men asleep in a shanty, and a boat hauled up to close by; the men were armed, and one he knew to be from Buffalo, and an accomplice the notorious Latte—who has since openlyed his regret at the failure of the attempt.

rel bore the mark of a brewery in Buffalo, weighed upwards of one hundred pounds ofder. A musket shot was fired from the of Navy Island, at the Toronto's boats as in pursuit.—*Kingston (U. C.) Chronicle*.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET,  
BICKNELL'S REPORTER, OCT. 25, 1841.

GRAIN.—Last week there was considerable flatness in the Grain market, owing mainly to the difficulty of procuring vessels for Eastern ports at reasonable freights; vessels are now more plenty, and Corn is going forward briskly; we quote from actual sales, Penn. Round Yellow at 67 cts., some held at 68 cts. per bushel. Southern, Flat Yellow, 65 cts.; White do, 62½ cts., with an active demand for all kinds. Oats 45 cts. Wheat has improved, and sales of Southern at \$1.28 & \$1.30 and good Penta. Red at \$1.33 per bushel. The improvement in Flour has produced a corresponding firmness in the Grain market, and the last news from England will tend to unsettle prices for a time; but a further improvement may be relied upon, in this country for Bread Stuffs generally.

Cleared 2000 bushels Wheat, and 1640 bushels Corn.

WHISKEY.—In India, is dull at 21½, and some sales at 21 cts. Sales in India, to some extent at 22½ cts.

Home Industry—Reciprocity of Trade.

The recent Convention of the friends of home industry, held in New York, will constitute, we trust, an important step in the progress of the great national cause which it was intended to promote. It is no sectional interest, nor the interest of any particular class, which this movement seeks to advance. On the other hand it is grounded upon the large, comprehensive basis of *national policy*, and it rests upon the principles which must prevail, if we are to have any regard to the dictates of common prudence and of self-protection in our commercial intercourse with other nations.

The Convention was composed of delegates from the State of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Michigan, Maryland, Virginia, Rhode Island, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Vermont. Florida and the District of Columbia were also represented. The Convention adopted its distinctive title that of "The Home League for the Protection of American Industry and Reciprocal Commerce"—The following resolutions will speak for themselves :

*Resolved*, That the primary object of this Home League will be to digest and recommend a National Policy for the promotion of the general interest of Agriculture, Manufactures, Commerce and Finance exercising a continuous influence for the benefit of the Union, independent of sectional prejudices, aloof from trammels and free from vacillating and temporizing expedients.

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*Resolved*, That the existing laws in regard to revenue and the present Tariff are not only defective in themselves, as well as in the mode of collecting the duties, but by the effect of the Compromise Act will soon become impracticable; that the provisions of that act coming into operation in July next, will, by a change of valuation on Imports, varying in different sections of the country, not only be unjust, if not unconstitutional, but by encouraging frauds and neglecting countervailing restrictions will sacrifice the honest enterprise, industry and pecuniary resources of the country.

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