

Communications.

The Country Along the Sunbury and Erie Railroad.

Correspondence of the Philadelphia Press.

Freeport, Pa., August 29, 1859.

It is well known that the Sunbury and Erie Railroad—emphatically one of the greatest improvements in our State, projected some years ago by Pennsylvania...

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support a "Black Republican," and a boy at that," as some of them were loudly proclaiming. The "regulars," after kicking Mr. Dent, etc., out of the meeting, finally concluded to permit Mr. Burt to run as an "independent," guaranteeing him the party support; and furthermore promising to keep Messrs. Bird and Crosby (the Republican independents) on the track also—hoping thereby to draw off a sufficient number of Republicans to defeat Mr. Jones and elect Mr. Burt.

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that great objection had been made to the casing around the funnels, but the directors persisted in adopting the plan, notwithstanding it had been tried and abandoned by the Collins and other steamers. The Coroner's inquest was commenced at Weymouth on the 12th, and the evidence clearly showed the cause of the explosion to be first, the supply of the boilers through the water-jacket of the funnel was stopped because of a failure in the auxiliary pumping power; second, a stack-pipe which acts as a safety-valve had it in its trap when the casing was hydraulically tested, and that tap was turned, apparently intentionally, so that the pipe was useless. The inquest was adjourned till the 17th.

IT IS A COMMON OBSERVATION that there are more sufferers from debility, among Americans, than can be found among any other civilized nation. The reason is obvious. We take too little exercise, and forget the wants of the body in the absorbing pursuits of business. In all such cases, ordinary medicines can do little good.

Resolved, That the Administration of Mr. Buchanan has been marked by a reckless extravagance of expenditure which has raised the annual expenses of our government to near \$100,000,000 in a time of profound peace, and that the extravagant scheme of borrowing thirty millions additional wherewith to strengthen slavery by the partiality of the so-called Democracy, was considered to the exclusion of Mr. Grow's bill providing lands for the landless, is one among many insults which that great mass of population known as the laboring class have received from the slave power.

Resolved, That this convention cordially approve of the course of the Hon. Simon Cameron, our Senator in Congress, and that we have entire confidence in his ability as a man and his patriotism as a statesman.

Resolved, That this Convention heartily approves of the course of G. W. Scofield, Esq., our late Senator in the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and that the signal ability and zeal shown by him in the maintenance of the principles of Republicanism meets our entire approbation.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the nominees of our State Convention and will render them a cordial support.

Can a Congressman Lose His Franking Privilege? The argument on the negative of this question is thus stated in the Washington Republic:—

There is no law prohibiting a member of Congress from employing an amanuensis to write his name on documents or letters which he desires to frank. There has been, however, during all the time that the practice has prevailed as aforesaid, among the printed regulations of the Postoffice Department, one which says that "no member of Congress can authorize his assistant, clerk, or any other person to write his name for the purpose of franking any letter, public or private."

Accident to the Great Western—Terrible Explosion and Loss of Life. By the steamer City of Baltimore, which arrived off Beather Point on the 25th inst, we have the following interesting news:

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Reduction of the State Debt. Governor Packer has issued his proclamation, announcing that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have reported to him that they have, from Nov. 30th, 1857, to Sept. 5th, 1859, redeemed the debt of the Commonwealth to the amount of \$1,137,115 30, made up as follows:

Certificates of Stock Loan of April 15th, 1848, 6 per cent. \$44,539 00

Certificates of Stock Loans of various dates, 5 per cent. 1,047,338 25

Bellet issue cancelled, 41,071 00

Interest certificates of various dates, 5 per cent. 4,287 00

MR. GIBNEY writes to us of the cause of the saltiness of Salt Lake, thus:—"That this Lake should be salt, is no anomaly. All large bodies of water into which streams discharge themselves, while they have several outlets, are, or should be salt. If one such is fresh, that is an anomaly indeed.—Lake Utah probably receives as much saline matter as Salt Lake, but discharges it through the Jordan and remains fresh; while Salt Lake, having no outlet, save by evaporation, is probably the saltiest body of water on earth. The ocean is comparatively fresh, even the Mediterranean at Leghorn is not half so salt. I am told that three barrels of this would yield a barrel of salt; that seems rather strong, yet its intense saltiness no one who has not had it in his mouth, his nostrils, realized. You make your way in from a hot, rocky beach over a chaos of volcanic basalt that is trying to the feet, but at the depth of a yard or more you have fine sand bottom, and here the bathing is delightful.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL HOLT did not begin his reform movement on "Republican documents as reported. Some months ago, fifteen thousand Democratic documents, bearing the frank of Senator Brown, of Mississippi, were refused transmission through the mails, the frank not having been written by the Senator himself. The law will be rigidly and impartially enforced.—Exchange Paper.

Reading for the Million.—T. B. Peterson & Brothers have issued the second volume of their new and cheap edition of Charles Dickens' Works for the Million, to be completed in 28 volumes, one to be issued on each and every Saturday, for twenty-five cents a volume. The cheap literature of former years did not tend much to elevate their readers, but the reading that Peterson now gives, as a price which scarcely covers the cost of printing, is of the very best character, and must exercise a wholesome influence over the public taste by making all readers acquainted with the works of the best fiction writers in the English language. A reader in the country for one dollar can have the first four of these volumes transmitted to him, or the whole twenty-eight volumes will be sent for five dollars. The second volume, containing the conclusion of Oliver Twist and the commencement of Pickwick Papers.

The New Hampshire House of Representatives has 325 members, the largest number of any State in the Union.

New Publications. The enterprising publisher, G. Evans, 439 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, has just added to his extensive list of books,

Three per Cent. a Month OF THE PERILS OF THIS LIFE; A warning to young men, by CHARLES BURDETT, author of "Second Marriage," "Elliot Family," "Marion Desmond," "Never too Late," etc., etc. One volume, 12mo., cloth. Price \$1.00.

This book deserves to be singled out and noted as above the many novels which are published. Both in structure and style it is entitled to the name of art. It is a Tale of Domestic Life, rehearsing the interwoven histories of a group of every day characters, and its aim is to show the follies of the too many so called passions and pleasures of the life, teaching in no part upon ground that properly belongs to the vast domain of romance. The Bachelor Millionaire Uncle George, is a character reminding us of the Brothers Gribble, and although he teaches the "sweet use of Adversity" with severe discipline, it brings out the true beauty of character, and shows how few there are who can go through the trials of every-day life, and in the end prove their constancy. A copy of the Book, and a handsome present will be sent by mail, post-paid, upon receipt of \$1 00 for the book, and 21 cents for postage. A new Classified Catalogue of Books and Gifts, with indications to Agents, will be sent free, on application. Address, G. EVANS, Publisher, 439 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Potter Journal.

COUDERSPORT, PA.

Thursday Morning, Sept. 29, 1859.

I. S. CHASE, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

Republican State Ticket, 1859.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL, THOMAS E. COCHRAN, of York.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL, WILLIAM H. KEIM, of Berks.

Republican County Ticket.

FOR STATE SENATOR, ISAAC BENSON, of Potter.

FOR ASSEMBLY, LEWIS MANN, of Potter.

LORENZO P. WILLISTON, of Tioga. [Subject to decision of Conference.]

FOR SHERRIFF, ARCHIBALD P. JONES.

FOR CORONER, DR. HENRY H. MUNSON.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, EDWIN THATCHER.

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR, SPENCER A. SLADE.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR, ZALMON F. ROBINSON.

We are indebted to Hon. Simon Cameron for a copy of the Patent Office Report, (Agricultural) for 1858 and 1859.

LELAND, the accomplished poet, late a leading editor of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, has removed to New York. He could not stand the onerous duties of a daily paper. His retirement from the Bulletin leaves a vacancy in the editorial corps of that paper which we trust may be suitably filled.

The Buchanan Candidates.—What they Did Court Week. We announced briefly last week, that Wm. Burt, of Ulster, had been adopted by the "Mullatto democrats" of this county as their candidate for Sheriff—he running nominally as an independent candidate. These facts are now patent to the public, and Mr. Burt is now canvassing the county.