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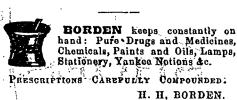
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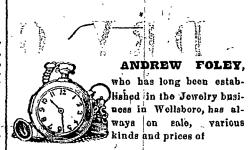
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Boets' Corner.

WISHING.

Jane John G. Baxe. WILLIAMSPORT, PENN'A.

Of all amusements of the mind. From logic down to fishing, There isn't one that you can find So very cheap as, "wishing;" A very choice diversion, too, If we but rightly use it, And not, as we are apt to do, Prevert it, and abuse it.

I wish a common wish, indeed-My purse was somewhat fatter, That I might cheer the child of need And not my pride to flatter; That I might make oppression reel, As only good can make it, And break the tyrant's rod of steel,

'As only gold can break it. I wish that sympathy and love, And every human passion That has its origin above, Would come and keep in fashion : That scorn, and jealousy, and hate,

And every base emotion, Were buried fifty fathoms deep Beneath the waves of ocean! I wish that friends were always true,

And motives always pure ; I wish the good were not so few, I wish the band were fewer; A I wish that parsons ne'er forgot To heed their pious teaching; I wish that practicing was not So different from preaching.

I wish that modest worth might be Appraised with truth and candor; I wish that innocence was free From teachery and slander; I wish that men their vows would mind That women ne'er were rovers; I wish that wives were always kind, And husbands always lovers.

### Miscellaneous Rending.

[From the New York Ledger.] Public Improvements in Pennsylvania.

BY HON. SIMON CAMERON. Any one will see, who will take the trouble to read the debates on the location of the national capital, that the connection of the East with the then ed forward to the time when the West, with its wonderfully productive soil would exercise a controlling influence doal field. And yet another was built cerely hope to see it done soon. near the Schuylkill, was chosen for the same reason. All looked forward to a system of canals which would accomplish this desireble object, and experience has fully demonstrated their wisdom in that great design. About 1790, General Washington and the great financier, Robert Morris, traveled on horseback from Philadelphia to the Susquehanna river, with a view of deciding whether a canal could be built

over that route. Shortly after this, some gentlemen near Philadelphia actually began builing to the West, did some work on the eastern end, built one or two locks on the dividing ridge near Lebanon, and for want of sufficient funds and knowledge of the subject the work stopped. The money expended on the enterprise

But the progressive men of the country, keeping their minds on the subject, continued to agitate the popular mind upon it till 1820, when the Legislature of Pennsylvania chartered the Union canal company, and appropriated one million dollars to aid its construction. In a few years the canal was completed between the Schuylkill and the Susquehanna. Although very small, this improvement did a great deal of good. But the most remarkable thing about it, was its an popularity with the masses. Not only the members of the General Assembly who passed the bill, but Governor Heister, who signed the act of incorporation, were driven from office at the first opportunity legally presented for testing public opinion, and the party to which they belonged went into a minority. - ] remember well what a mighty sum a million of dollars then seemed to be; and the political revolution caused by this appropriation showed me that the

idea of its vastness was not confined by any means to myself. Like all great projects intended for the public good, that of internal improvement progressed. In 1823, the N. York canal—which had been pushed through against the prejudiced opposition of the people, by the genius of De Witt Clinton-was opened. Its success all over the country. The effect was so marked in this State, that in 1825 a Convention was called to consider the subject. Every county in the State was represented, I believe. That body pronounced in favor of a grand system of nublic works, which should not only connect the East and the West, but also the waters of the Susquehanna with the great lakes, the West and the Northwest. Appropriations were recommended to the amount of three millions of dollars, and in 1826, I think, the work began. This sum seemed to be enor-

mous, and the estimates of the engineers reached a total of six, millions of Meeting an ardent friend of the system one day, he declared tdat a sum of that magnitude could never be expended on these works. I ventured to re-

dustry languished. The interchange of her products was difficult. Population was sparse. Intelligence was not generally diffused. Manufacturers struggled weakly along. Work was not plentiful. Wages were low. When they were finished, the busy hum of industry was heard on every hand. Our population had grown until we numbered millions. Our fron ore beds were yielding their precious hoards for human use. Coal mines, unknown or uséless until means were provided for transporting their wealth to market, now sent millions of tons in every direction. Progress in every walk of advanced civilization was realized, and we were on the high road to permanent prosperity. But in the mean time a new and better means of communication had been discovered, and the buildipg of railroads quickly reduced the value of our canals; and the works we had completed at so much cost and with such infinite labor, were suddenly superseded. We lost nearly all the monew they had cost us, but the investmean was wisely made. The return to our State was many times greater than the outlay. In the Convention of 1825 there were

two gentlemen who voted for railways nstead of canals. One was Professor Vetheke, of Dickinson College, Carworld: and reagon tome all retine

ailroad system lind been commenced, nd the Pennsylvania railroad, under the charge of a man of extraordinary ability, J. Edgar Thompson, was rapdouble victory is greater than the suc-

the Pennsylvania railroad and the lesser ones of improvement running thro' the coal region, cost over \$207,000,000! The Reading railroad will serve to illustrate the struggle of these great schemes. Its stock, now worth over par, once sold for twenty cents on the dollar; and at one time it was forced to sell its bonds at forty cents on the dollar to pay operating expenses. The vindication of the sagacity of the pioneers in these great enterprises is complete. All these lines are new profitable. It has been demonstrated everywhere in the United States, that every new railroad creates the business from which its stockholders receive their dividends. It seems therefore scarcely possible to fix a limit to our profitable railroad expansion. . They open up new fields of enterprise, and this enterprise,

in turn, makes the traffic which fills

the coffers of the companies. I cannot now look back to the struggle to impress the people with the advantages of railways, without a feeling of weariness at the seemingly hopeless struggle, and one of merriment at the general unbelief in our new fangled project. Once, at Elizabethtown, in his State, a public, meeting had been called for the purpose of securing subscriptions to the stock of the Harrisburg and Lancaster railroad. This road was intended to complete the railway between Philadelphia and Harrisburg, 105 miles. A large concourse had gathered. Ovid F. Johnson, Attorney General of our State, and a brilliant orator, made an excellent speech; but the effect was not in proportion to the effort. I determined to make an appeal, and I gave such arguments as I could. In closing, I predicted that men were now a lingering, tiresome development, inwhen a man could breakfast in Harrisburg, go to Philadelphia, transact a fair day's business there, and, returning, eat his supper at home. Great applause caused a revolution in the public mind followed this, and some additional subscriptions. Abram Harnly, a friend of the road, and one of the most intelligent of his class, worked his way to me, and taking me aside, whispered to me, "that was a good idea about going to Philadelphia and back to Harrisburg the same day;" and then, bursting with laughter, headded, "but you and I know better than that!" We both lived to see the road built; and now people can come and go over the distance twice a day, which Abram seemed to consider impossible for a single

daily trip. The peculiar condition of the States then known as "the West," was the riculture. Lacking a diversified indusexperience, that I thought it would be ways; nor were the States in a condisary. Looking at me steadily for a few the bonds of Illinois, issued to raise momoments, he closed the conversation by ney to build her canals, sold as low as d-d fool!" I was thus left in full pos- diana. Both those States were supposession of his opinion of me. But after sed to be bankrupt. It became therewe had spent \$41,698,594 74 in the con- fore an important problem as to how ficult to convince many people, who extensively in Europe, visiting all the Rock river affords an excellent water struction of these works, I found my means of communication should be supestimate of his judgment was singu- plied to the people of the West. Conlarly in harmony with my opinion of gress, in 1846, gave a grant of land to nounce to the people of Wellsboro and vicinity that he has re-opened the rooms formerly occupied by H. C. King, over Eastman's den-Our system of canals was completed, the company, and each alternate sec- the story. The cheap plane is a fraud same time they should, like his other which the country supports. The city and the benefits derived from them tion was reserved by the government, and the purchaser knows it and he is instruments, be found to improve with is built in good taste, and many of its were incalculable. When they were The road was built; and the one-half ready for something better. It is our use. That he has been successful is residences are built in the native forest

all was worth before the road was donown State.

less through the competition of rail- structing the piano par excellence. In cert grand. The ear is astonished by roads. This is paradoxical, but it is true saying this we wish to be distinctly un- the volume and superb quality of tone liste, and the other was Jacob Alter, a our people a needed knowledge of our has no superior; more than this, it has piano-forte species. We really see no min of very little education, but of vast resources. It familiarized them no rival. Possibly other pianes can be weak point in Mr. Steck's newly patstrong understanding. The Professer with large expenditures when made for found that when new are equally as was looked upon as a dreamer, and was the public good. And it showed them pure in tone, equally as well balanced, supposed to have led his college astray how a great debt may be beneficially in- and for the time equally good. Among in his vagaries. But they both lived curred, and yet not break down the en- the many different manufactures there to see railroads extended over the whole terprise of the people. We owed at one may one or two that will compare, lime \$41,698,595 74. By a steady atten- when new, with the Steck. But, as we As a part of our system of public im- tion to our finances, it is now reduced said before, time is the true test, and strong competition of the instrument provements, we built a railroad from to \$31,000,000, with resources—the pro- we know of no other piano, that, like that is now become its musical superthe Delaware to the Susquehanna, from | ceeds of the sale of our public works- | the old Cremona violin, grows better Philadelphia to Columbia, and one from on hand amounting to \$10,000,000. And with use. Said a gentleman recently: the eastern baseof the Alleghany moun- while we have been steadily reducing "My daughter has just returned from tains to their western base. They were our State debt, we have built five thou- Europe where she availed herself of originally intended to be used with sand two hundred and eighty-four miles every musical opportunity. Seating herdorse power. In the mean time the of railways on the surface of the earth, self the other day at the piano and and five hundred miles underground in playing a few moments, she turned aour mines, at a cost of not less than round abruptly and said, Pa, I have out as it is possible to turn out per-\$550,000,000, for a mile of railroad in heard no piano in all my travels like fect in every part, and no more. If he Pennsylvania means something. We ours." That instrument had been in dily pushed to completion. Another have steadily reduced taxation. We constant use five years. Robert Gold- not hurry. A workman who slights great railway, the Philadelphia and sent 367,000 men to the federal army .-Reading, was built to carry anthracite And our credit stands high on every decision of that question seems to have doal from the Schuylkill mines to mar- stock exchange. Gratifying as this been made solely with reference to a ket. A railroad was also built on each progress is, it is only a fair beginning. side of the Lehigh river, that another There is a large part of our territory great wilderness of the West. All the part of our coal territory might find a rich in timber and full of iron, coal, sagacious men then in public life look- market in New York. Another was and all kinds of mineral wealth, so en- ringing in the treble—I consider it a in every peageful home where a Steck built from the north branch of the Sus- tirely undeveloped by railways that we circumstance of no inferior importance piano finds a place there is established duchanna, connecting with the New call it "The Wilderness." To open it that they have resisted so nobly, and an advertising centre. The pure liquid brought under subjection by industry, York roads, and leading to the northern up is the business of to-day, and I sin- with full success, the trying influences ripple of a Steck will satisfy any neigh-

own, near, and now a part of Phila-Irond, was \$95,250,418 10, as shown by I give them the returns of a few of our delphia, was actually decided on as the official reports. Their earnings last leading lines. Five of these last year proper location by a majority of one .- | year is officially given at \$24,753,065 32. | earned \$38,989,043; the Pennsylvania The first of these was favored because Each of these was forced to contend railroad earned of this sum \$17,250,811, of tone. All manufacturers desire to evening. Standing in the shrubbery It was believed to be a favorable point with difficulty and prejudice. All were the largest earnings of any railroad in achieve this; but rarely do they suc- any evening, near the house, listening

what its value lies. It teaches me to sound; and place the same instrument and if the room had been in good order, devote time and labor for the advance- in the concert room and its notes are the waiting would not have been so unment of all public improvements; and heard distinctly to the remotest parts. pleasant. I trust it may have a like effect on all Some pianos have a great overbower-

### what I have here written.

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the future verdict of the people.

During the last five years there has

manufactures the best plane; and the the Paris Exhibition. Those who knew | ved in enduring marble, that future controversy has cost money enough to the man, and how conscientiously he generations might read who in Tioga equip an army. Two or three manufac- had worked, knew also that he had county died that our country might turers have been enabled to engage pub- nothing to fear, but everything to gain live. lic attention to such an extent as to in- by competition with American and Eighto'clock at last arrived, and with duce multitudes of music loving people European manufacturers. All that is it the expected train, and, with the othto believe that, in order to obtain a necessary to be said, at this late day, is er waiting travelers, we took seats in really good piano, they must apply to the simple statement that Mr. Steck the cars; some destined for this place. one of these well advertised manufac- applied to the commissioners for room and others for that. But it was a relief turers. In the meantime, the market to exhibit his pianos six months before at that late hour, to be taken from the has been glutted with worthless instru- the exhibition and his request was dark, dingy depot, where most of four ments, offered at prices so low that granted. As the time approached he hours had been spent in re-reading old people in moderate circumstances could was informed by the commissioners railroad advertisements and conversing subject of anxiety to many. They had afford to buy. These pianos too have attracted a large population, but the been so apparently good, in the beginpeople were exclusively devoted to ag- ning, that they who really sought good instruments have been beguiled into try, they were without accumulated their purchase in consequence of their arer room for four. It is not difficult CHIARLES WILLIAMS offers for sale his ply, with great deference to his age and wealth to enable them to build rail- extraordinary cheapness. But time tests the piano as nothing else can. These insufficient, and before they were com- tion to undertake such an onerous du- showy, cheaply made, low priced pianos plano forte manufacture Mr. Steck has in adding to the population of that new pleted I would not be surprised if ten ty, although several of them made a have had their day; and, although the given us a perfect American upright. State. I must confess, that from the million dollars would be found neces- feeble attempt to do so. At one time money expended on them has, in many The upright plane, so long popular in glowing descriptions i heard of Kaninstances, been more than thrown away | Europe, has never been a success with | sas and its advantages, I almost got the -they having proved themselves bad us; for while it could be imported for "Kansas fever." exclaiming, "Young man, you are a thirty cents on the dollar. So with In- teachers—there is little doubt but that a less cost than it could be manufactured Rockford is a city I always admired. on the whole they have done good. for here, it has failed to stand in our Its/location is most beautiful, and its They have created a market. It is dif- changeable climate. After traveling business advantages are very good.

sold for a great deal more money than that better plano and its manufacturer. Steck upright with those of any other structed. This idea was original, I know just how many Mr, George Steck York paper in speaking of this instruthink, with Mr. Whitney, of Massa- came to this country from Germany, ment says: "The Steck Boudoir conchusetts, who spent two winters in the where he had been employed as a work- sists of three distinct parts: the case, city of Washington, about 1845, endea- man in a piano manufactory. As he the body, and action, all of which are voring to induce Congress to adopt that was a master workman, he found no separately constructed, and will unite plan for the construction of a trans- difficulty in obtaining employment, continental railway. He died before with one of the best American manuseeing his scheme succeed. Others have facturers. He continued working as a built a road across the continent on the journeyman until 1857. The financial central route. Another on the north- storm which swept over the county ern route is now progressing, and the that year affected seriously the piano wealth and enterprise of those having trade, and Mr. Steck found the amount it in charge render its completion cer- of wages he was receiving unsatisfacttain. And it yet remains for us to give ory, and so determined to begin busto the people of the southern route a iness for himself. This was the occasion road to the Pacific, which shall devel- of the Steck piano. It began in necesope the magnificent region thro' which sity. Mr. Steck believing himself thorit will pass, and give the country one oughly competent to construct a first route to the great ocean protected from class piano, in every part, gathered tothe ordinary difficulty of climate with gether the materials and completed a which railroads must contend over so single instrument, every part of which large a part of our territory. But I am he made with his own hands. This he admonished by the value of your space sold at once, and, with the proceeds, to confine myself to the limits of my purchased the material for two more. And so, from this small and seemingly greater than in any "Square," and the I have said that the outlay we made insignificant beginning, has grown up in building our public works was of the magnificent business of George duzed is of the noblest quality-full, great benefit to us, even when the ca- Steck & Co., who have the reputation musical, singing, and possessing all nals had been rendered almost value- to-day, among musical critics, for con- the exquisite timbre of the finest con-

nevertheless. That expenditure gave derstood as saying that the Steck piano | produced from this smallest of the beck, of the Chicago Conservatory of

Music, says: "Greatly pleased and satisfied as I am with their beautiful tone-so deep and so the firm goes quietly forward, innowerful in the bass, speaking and sym- creasing their manufacturing facilities pathetic in the middle, brilliant and only as they can do perfect work, while of constant use by a very large number | borhood as to who is professor of the on the destiny of the country. Colum- along the Susquehanna, through the Of the income and the tonnage of our of players. They have lost nothing in rightful claim for being the best piano bia, in the State of Pennsylvania, was southern coal basin to the city of Baltiat one time within one vote of becom- more. The total cost of these roads, with exactness. Your readers will read is as good now as it was at first; that is ant suburb of Chicago where a Steck Ing the site of the capital; and German- independent of the Pennsylvania rail- dily believe that it is enormous, when to say, quick, clastic, responsive and has been in constant use for four years. Probably the most notable feature of the Steek piano is its surpassing purity | amateur and music is the order of the

from which to begin a slack-water route, unpopular, and all were looked upon the Union. There was carried last year, ceed. Purity of tone is obtained by so to the tide of melody borne out on the to the West. Germantown, situated with suspicion until they actually forced of coal alone, the vast amount of 22,- construction that the vibra- summer air, you would not hesitate in their usefulness on the public mind.— 277,719 tons. I do not know how this tions produced by the concussion of the pronouncing your opinion that the Those who had made the fight for ca- total may strike you, but it is marvel- hammer shall not be unequally distribmals were forced to go over the whole ous to me, for this reason, among oth- uted. It is possible to make a thousand ground again for railroads, and their ers: Forty years ago, George Shuma- experiments for the accomplishment of ker, a young tavernkeeper, of more vi- this purpose and fail at last. Even i cess generally vouchsafed to the pio- gor and enterprise than his neighbors, one were to attempt duplicating one of neers in any cause. These roads, with came to the conclusion that anthractic Mr. Flook's or Mr. Steinway's plates he coal could be used as fuel. He went to would fail; because the iron dontracts the expense of taking a wagon load of under heat; 'and' if one point is not it to Philadelphia, a hundred miles right into the thousandth part of an away, and, after peddling it about the inch the labor is in vain: The difference streets for some days, was forced to give between a pure and an impure tone can it away, and lose his time, his labor and be demonstrated by a practical test, and gloomy. I asked the depot agent his coal. He afterward saw a great rail- Take for instance an old Cremona vioway built to carry the same article to lin. Heard in an ordinary room, beside to Rocford, and he replied, "not till the same point, and enriching thou- a modern instrument, it sounds weak, eight o'clock this evening." So I tho't sands from the profits of the traffic. | perhaps, by the comparison. But sit But his experience did not end there. in the remote corner of the large opera | what was to be seen. Freeport is a large He saw a thousand dollars paid eagerly house You hear the old Cremano, place, and has much business. It has for an acre of coal land, which, at the every note, but you cannot hear with good railroad advantages, which always time of his venture to Philadelphia, no any distinctness its rival There is the add much to the prosperity of any place. one would have, and he could not give same difference that one finds in pub- But I cannot speak very well of its de-I have thought that a retrospective voice, you can hear and understand on found during my journey. The floor survey of our wonderful development the remote edge of a crowd of ten thous- and the walls were as black as Illinois might point plainly to the duty of the and people, while another, who possessfuture. For if the experience of what es a powerful voice, is utterly unin- And the man in charge of the lights. has gone before is not useful to cast telligible. Now, if you take a Steck allowed those who were waiting for the light on what is yet to come, then it piano and place it in the parlor, it does trains to "sit in darkness" for some

> who have the time and patience to read | ing tone. Stand off a little way and you perceive it to be noise, not music. ancell. The treble is not buried by a flects better taste. It is square, with a powerful base and middle part. The projection about fifteen feet high, on three are in harmony. Then there is which stand four soldiers in bronze staone-feature which distinguishes them tuary, representing four arms of the vice was employed for preventing an stone blocks, and I should judge it was upward movement of the strings called about 100 feet high. It is just such a the agraffe. Instead of the string memento of the services of "our heroic passing over a bridge, it is made to pass | dead" as I would like to see in each of through a pin anchored into the plate, the counties of the States. It is putproduced that is to be found in no other instruments. The *agraffe* is employed throughout in the upright, the parlor soldiers have rendered their country, grand, the grand pianos, and in the

> treble of the square pianos. somewhat singular by Mr. Steck's adbeen no little controversy as to who mirers that he was unrepresented at of "our herdic dead" would be preserthat the room was all taken up. There with strangers. And let me here state New York monufacturer was granted tion seemed to be Kans s. There is no room for five, and a Boston manufact- State, perhaps, receiving such an influx to see how the thing was done.

> purchase a piano for the first time, that principle manufactories. Mr. Steck re- power, and men of large capital have there can be much difference in the cost turned and set about the work of pro- improved it. It is a place of much of manufacture between a piano that is ducing an upright piano that should manufacturing, embracing a large range nctually not worth house room and one combine all European excellencies in of articles. But the largest part of this that is good. Six months or a year tells depth and purity of tone, while at the kind of business pertains to agriculture,

A number of years ago, we do not manufacturer in this country. A New perfectly to form any one instrument. That is to say, the body and action will fit any case at will. There is an economy of manufacture in this idea which tells very satisfactorily to the purchase when the price of the plane is named. frames, or plates, which firmly sustain

The body consists of two distinctive the whole fabric. The immense strain of the strings, which are fastened to the inner one of these plates, is relieved, or counteracted by the opposite tension of the outer frame, which necessarily secures to the instrument the power of The stringing is effected on the

standing in tune for an usual period. "grand" principle, three strings and the affairs being used throughout the scale. The area of the sound board is vibration seems freer. The tone proented improvement. Its effects are marvellous. His success is the very first move towards redeeming the discarded boudoir is indeed surprising, and the result will be that the demand for Square Pianos will lessen under the

Mr. Steck's popularity is maintained by the same means that originally gave him success. He gives his personal attention to all the details of his vast business. As many pianos are turned is behind five hundred orders he does his work in the least degree is immediately discharged, and the best man that can be found is put in his place. And

In conclusion we desire to say that

The children practice on it six hours each day regularly. The mother is an piano was fresh from the manufacturer. Prof. I. G. Hoyr, Agent, Mansfield, Pa. 1.

# [For the Agitator.]

A VISIT WEST, NO. 2. MANSFIELD, Nov. 15, 1870. Mr. Editor: - The cars in due time whirled us to Freeport, where we arrived at about four o'clock. The afternoon was rainy, and the city looked sad how long before there would be a train I would stroll about the city and see lie speakers. One, with only a medium | pot, for it was the most filthy one I mud and coal smoke could make them. will be difficult indeed to discover in not deafen and overpower you with time. At length the gas was lighted,

> Near where there is being built a new court house, I saw a monument "to our heroic dead," which is worthy of The Steck piano is admirably bal- note. I have not seen one which refrom all others. A few years ago a deservice. The monument is built of metal, and the results have been very sacrifices which have been made for the fortunate as a peculiar resonance is perpetuity of our beloved republic,-Why not in Tioga county thus express our esteem of the services our departed in the erection of a similar memento to their memory? Could the county spend ·For a long time it was regarded as a few thousand dollars more to its credit? On such a monument, all the names

of population as Kansas. There were three familles at Freeport bound for Among recent improvements in that State. Illinois is doing her share