



Mining.

The Miner's Express says: "We understand that mining, to a considerable extent, is carried on in the neighborhood of Patrie La Port, in Clayton county. Indeed from the discoveries which have recently been made, there is every reason to believe that the country above us possesses as much mineral wealth as any other in the lead mine region. Some valuable discoveries, we understand, have recently been made in the vicinity of the place above named; and mineral is said to be found by almost all who are engaged in the business of mining.

Embarrassments of the Iron Trade.

The Puddlers of the Phoenixville, Pa., Rolling Mills, recently held a meeting to oppose the reduction of their wages that has been made in some of the machine shops of Pottsville.

The factory operatives at Fall River ceased work last week, in consequence of a reduction of wages. Nearly all the Mills have stopped. It is a hard case on both sides; the operatives and owners both complain of hard times. Four hundred workpeople are thrown out of employment by the failure of Robison and Co., at that place.

Iron Works Stopped.

The Boonsboro' Odd Fellow says, that the Antietam Iron works has again been stopped, not, however, by the chilling of the furnace this time, but by the more precious metal becoming scarce. The present owner of the works, Mr. Gilmore, of Baltimore, finding affairs badly managed, and not yielding a sufficient amount to justify operations, sent an individual up a few days ago, who promptly paid every dollar due the hands and then discharged them. We learn that the works are to be sold.

Telegraphic Extension.

The opening of the Lake Erie Telegraph (one of the sections of the Atlantic, Lake and Mississippi line,) was signalized last week by an "exchange of compliments between the Niagara and Mississippi, per streak of lightning between Buffalo and St. Louis. This Lake Erie line is a glorious one, opening up a new lightning route between New York and the Western States.

Ohio and Indiana Canals.

The board of public works of Ohio and the trustees of the Wabash and Erie canal in the State of Indiana, have agreed to unite in an adjustment of the rates of tolls on the Miami and Erie and the Wabash and Erie canals, on such reduced terms as will, it is supposed, make it an object to transport from Cincinnati all articles designated for the upper Wabash country, by way of their canals, instead of the route by way of the Ohio and Wabash rivers.

Philadelphia and Charleston Steamship Line.

The merchants of Philadelphia have organized a company for a line of steamers to run between that city and Charleston, S. C. One splendid steamer called the Columbus is now nearly ready for sea, and another is to be immediately constructed.

The steamboat Columbus made her trial trip last Saturday afternoon. She gave great satisfaction. Her average speed was 12 miles an hour with 600 pounds of coal expenditure.

Medals for Soldiers.

Mr. Cass moved a resolution in the U. S. Senate for the issue of a silver medal of large size to officers of the army, and one of smaller size to the soldiers of the regular force who have distinguished themselves in any of the battles in Mexico. Also, honorary certificates on parchment. A board of officers to be appointed to examine the merits and report the names of those worthy of the proposed honors. In the case of an officer or private killed in battle, the medal shall be given to his family or nearest relatives.

New Rotary Engine.

The London Builder, states that Mr. E. Galloway has patented what has hitherto been esteemed much more as a philosopher's stone of steam power than a practical invention. It is said to be so wonderful portable as not to weigh more than two or three hundred pounds and not to occupy more than half the space of an ordinary hat-box. A steam pipe from the boiler brings the steam into this little receptacle; an eccentric crank is turned by the rotary motion within it; and this is all the machinery said to be necessary to propel the largest engines, whether mining, marine, or locomotive. The Admiralty are said to have ordered an estimate for supplying the *Menai* war sloop with a fifty horse power one.

We have seen a drawing of Mr. Galloway's engine. He is the author of the best work ever published on the rotary engine, yet we deem his inventions and enthusiasm on that subject of more value as buoys and lighthouses to direct the mechanic in his pursuits to avoid his shoals and quick-sands than any benefit his rotary will be to, or any reform it will make in, the world.

The Current of Manufacturing Skill.

We see it stated in some of our foreign exchanges that several Scotch manufacturers have gone to France to engage in the spinning of flax, a branch of business recently undertaken in France.

Now this is very singular. The French Huguenots first introduced the art of flax spinning into Scotland, and the superiority to which the Scotch have since attained in manufactures must be owing to the persevering disposition for which that race are so distinguished. Chlorine Gas was first discovered in France and applied there to the purposes of bleaching cotton and linen, and James Watt was the first person who introduced it into Scotland from France—yet strange to relate, thirty years after that period hundreds of Scotch bleachers were sent for to France and got good wages in teaching the French the art of bleaching and dressing bleached goods. There is undoubtedly a great difference between the two branches of the Celtic race.

That Railroad in Mexico.

The contemplated Railroad between Vera Cruz and Mexico, (says a correspondent of the New Orleans Picayune,) passes over no mountains, and crosses no swamps; the ascent though great, is very gradual—not more than a yard and a quarter in every hundred—and the nature of the ground extremely favorable.

Alabama Gold.

The Alabama Planter says "we were not aware until lately that any efforts were making in this state to collect gold, but we understand that during the past year, dust and bars to the value of \$20,000 were sold in Wetumpka. The gold was obtained chiefly in Tallapoosa county, and has thus far proved to be remarkably pure. A merchant of this city (Mobile) sent to New Orleans Mint, a few days ago, 568 dwts. 7 grs. in bars for coinage and received in return after paying commission and postage, \$518.

Death of Cole.

Thomas Cole, the distinguished landscape painter, died on Saturday at his residence near Catskill, from what disease we are not informed. He leaves a wife and a numerous family to mourn his loss, a sorrow in which a large number of devoted friends will share. To art, his death is a great calamity.

Important Discovery.

The London Literary Gazette, states, that Mr. Harris, of Alexandria in Egypt, has purchased a papyrus in Greek characters, which is the oration of an accuser, apparently Hypereides, against Demosthenes, for taking the bribe, or rather embezzling the 760 talents of Aarpalus.

Fashion vs. Feeling.

A little girl hearing her mother say that she was going into half mourning, inquired; "are any of your folks half dead?"

The great and valuable water power of the Shenandoah river, at the upper terminus of Harper's Ferry, Va., was sold on the 2d inst. to an Eastern company, with 145 acres of land, for \$9000.

A Salutary Thought.

There was a man who was universally reported to be a very liberal man and uncommon liberal in his dealings. When he had any produce of his farm to dispose of, he made it an invariable rule to give good measure, over good, rather more than could be required of him. One of his friends observing his frequently doing so, questioned him why he did it, told him he gave too much, and said it would not be to his own advantage. Now, my friends, mark the answer of this Presbyterian:—"God Almighty has given me but one journey through the world, and when gone I cannot return to rectify mistakes. Think of this, friend; but one journey through the world."

Strange Meteor.

A remarkable phenomenon was witnessed on the 21st of last month, in some of the counties of Missouri. A correspondent of the Montgomery Journal, Butler county, says:

I have lived to see over forty years and have never witnessed so remarkable a phenomenon as took place in this neighborhood to-day, (Friday, 21st. ult.) at half-past ten o'clock in the morning, a ball of fire about five or six inches in diameter, passed swiftly through the air at a considerable height from the ground, from east to west, with a tremendous crashing noise, sounded as though a great horse had been passing over a bridge, and as it retired still farther westward, it kept up a dull rumbling noise.

Tripoli.

A short time ago we published an extract from the Cambridge, Mass. Chronicle, setting forth that a valuable vein of Tripoli had been discovered in this country, and requested more information regarding it. Since that period we have received a package of the mineral and tested its qualities. We have no hesitancy in pronouncing it to be equal, if not superior to the Italian Tripoli so much used in Europe. Only a narrow bed of it has been discovered near Saco in Maine, which is owned by the Mount Eagle Company, who manufacture it for use. The principal Depot is Cheever & McBurney's, Boston. For polishing plate and glass, it has no equal and for reflectors, and sword blades, &c., it is superior to every other article, and is not expensive being sold in packages from 10 to 15 cents each.

Ewbank's Hydraulics.

No. 4 of this valuable standard work has just been issued from the press of Greely and McElrath. This is a work which we again take occasion to say, should be in every man's possession no matter what business he may follow after. No mechanic at least should be without it, as it is a little library in itself, full of good and sound information, and written in a chaste and forcible style.

If smoking, says the Scottish Temperance Review, continues to increase, it will ultimately destroy the energy, and thoroughly practical character of the nation, and induce the dreamy, speculative, unpractical, and inert character of the German mind.

A bill has been reported in the Massachusetts Legislature, to incorporate a company, with a capital of \$200,000, to manufacture bed quilts and petticoat robes.

It is stated that 69,000 pairs of shoes were sent from Haverhill week before last, for the South and West, by order of purchasers, and large orders are continually filled by the manufacturers.

The editor of the Pittsburg Despatch has seen a beautiful copy of the Declaration of Independence—signatures and all—engraved upon one side of an American dollar.

The Pope has lately suppressed nine convents, viz: two at Rome, two at Gubbini, and five at Urbino: their incomes are to be applied to benevolent purposes.

A Gen. O. H. Knapp, has just put in operation at Sylvania, Ohio, an extensive machinery for finishing staves.

The French Ministry propose to confer on Jerome Bonaparte, ex-king of Westphalia, a life annuity of \$30,000.

The steamboat Montgomery, says the Alabama Planter, brought down to that city ten bales of domestic goods from Prattville, Autauga county. This is some of the first fruits of the domestic manufactures of Alabama.—It is but a small beginning, but in ten years hence, with the present progressive disposition of the citizens of that state, it may be of some interest to look back and see how and when her start in the great manufacturing race began.

A sheep which disappeared from its home in Salem county, on Christmas day, was accidentally found in a hollow log, alive, after 26 days confinement. It worked its way in the log, to secure a shelter from the snow, until its forward progress was stopped and not understanding the science of "backing out," remained a close prisoner as above stated.

Another Land Slide is expected, in the hill back of Troy, New York. A large crack has opened, and the earth seems preparing to move—which has caused several families to beat a hasty retreat.

There is a beautiful gothic cottage on the top of the hill, which will yet disappear. The hill is a deposit of gravel.

Silver Goblets, suitably inscribed, have been presented by the British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, to H. C. Merriam, H. Terry, and H. W. Robinson, of Boston, for services rendered to the steamer Britannia, on her arrival at Boston in distress, on the 18th Sept. last.

The Aurora Borealis was distinctly visible at Weldon, N. C. on 28th January, three times during the same evening. It is described as having been very brilliant. It was also seen in this city in unusual splendor, on Sunday evening.

Adversity exasperates fools, dejects cowards, draws out the faculties of the wise, and ingenious, puts the modest to the necessity of trying their skill, awes the opulent and makes the idle industrious.

A Rail road from Mount Holly, to Camden N. J., has been projected, a company organized, the stock subscribed for, and the charter now before the Legislature, has passed the lower house.

One of the Nasmyth Patent Direct Action Steam Hammers, built by Merrick and Town, has been put up at the Washington Navy Yard. Weight of hammer 30 cwt., and weight of block in two pieces, 36,000 lbs.

At a late meeting of the Scotch antiquarian Society there was exhibited the original death-warrant of Mary Queen of Scots, and an autographic letter of her stern monitor, John Knox.

Immense beds of coal are said to have been discovered in the vicinity of Obed river, Tennessee. In Fentress Co., in the same state, inexhaustible beds of coal have been traced out.

The snowplough ran off the track, on the Maine Railroad lately, scaring half a dozen of Irishmen who were on board, half out of their skins; but doing no other harm.

An iron steamer was recently carried from this country to Canton, in the ship Eliza Walker. She is to run between Canton and Whampoa. An entirely new kind of freight is a steamer, we think.

The steamboat Allen Glover recently exploded her boilers, on the Warrior River, but there was fortunately no loss of life by the accident.

The engine of the New York Steamboat train broke down, on Wednesday the 9th inst, when within eight miles of Providence.

The machinery for two factories, to be erected in Lima, recently arrived from the U. States, also for a paper mill, and a cotton manufactory.

The Emperor of Russia will not permit American newspapers to circulate in his dominions.

A wise man endeavors to shine in himself, a fool to outshine others.