

(MODESTY OF PUBLIC MORALS)

—A most horrible outrage was perpetrated on a half demented woman at Columbia, Pa., on Monday night, by a party of boatmen. She was travelling west to see her brother at Pittsburgh, Pa., and on Wednesday night, they forced her into an engine house belonging to the railroad, and here they accomplished their most base design. After this they covered her with tar and oil, and set fire to her. Her screams attracted the attention of several boatmen, who rushed to her rescue. She died, however, so we learn, on Thursday evening. A man, named John Rotz, and three others, were arrested and put in the Lancaster Jail. Bartley Williamson, who is charged with being implicated in the fiendish transaction, was arrested in Spring Garden on Tuesday afternoon and was sent to Lancaster, Pa., yesterday. This is, briefly, a horrible murder. The rest of the perpetrators are still at large.

Rail Road Tunnel through the Alps.—The project of digging a railroad tunnel through the Alps, between Chambery in France and Susa in Sardinia, has been talked of for several years. The great undertaking is now in a way to be realized. A commission of the Piedmontese Government has unanimously decided in favor of the project, and an application is about to be made to Parliament for the means of carrying it into execution. The tunnel will be about seven miles in length, 19 feet high, and 25 feet in width—admitting a double track. The estimated cost is about three million dollars. Mount Genevre, which it is thus proposed to penetrate, rises to an elevation of about 10,000 feet. Chevalier Henry Maus, the author of this gigantic scheme, has spent five years of constant study upon the subject.

A mind conscious of its own integrity, is a most noble possession.

A new branch of industry has recently been started at Pittsburgh. It is the manufacture on an extensive scale, of Tower Clocks, by Messrs. John B. McFadden & Co. One of their instruments having been placed in the tower of Trinity Church, in that city, varied but sixteen seconds in thirty days, or at the rate of three minutes and twelve seconds a year. The clock cost but four hundred dollars, while, it is said, a similar instrument, manufactured in the eastern cities, would have cost at least two thousand dollars.

Among the patents issued during the week ending on the 38th inst., we notice one to C. Westbrook, of Washington, D. C., and Henry J. Rogers, of Baltimore, for an improvement in Electro-Chemical Telegraphs.

THE MINT—LIQUID GOLD.—The Philadelphia Bulletin states that on Tuesday last there was melted down and cast into ingots for rolling, in the melter and refining department of the Mint, about seven hundred thousand dollars worth of gold; and on the same day, of gold preparatory for assay, there was melted nearly one hundred thousand dollars more. The whole weight was about 3600 pounds; and if rolled into a sheet as thick as a half-eagle, would yield 545 square feet.

NEW COINS.—The United States mint at Philadelphia, have issued specimens of the new three cent piece, composed of three-fourths silver and one copper; also the new cent, containing a small proportion of silver. The cent weighs twenty-five grains and has a circular hole in the centre. The Spanish coins now in circulation will be received at the mint at their current value in exchange for the new coins, so as to induce a rapid and general recoinage.

POWER OF INTEREST.—The island which now constitutes the city and county of New York,

was purchased of the Indians, in 1626, for twenty-four dollars. This seems cheap; yet, if that sum had been invested at compound interest at 7 per cent., the accumulated capital would now amount to sixty five millions of dollars, or more than the city and county of New York is now worth, deducting what has been expended on the real estate since it was purchased from the Indians.—[N. Y. Sun.

DISTINGUISHED ARRIVALS.—Among the passengers who reached our City on Friday in the Crescent City are two adopted sons of Kamehameha; 111. King of the Sandwich Islands. The eldest is the heir apparent, Prince Alexander Liholiho; he is about 18 years of age. The other is Lot Kamehameha, aged about 15. They are both well educated, and speak English fluently, and in them the hopes of the nation and the affections of the chiefs center in a very great degree.

The Princes are accompanied by G. P. Judd, Esq. some years since Missionary but lately Prime Minister of the Hawaiian Kingdom. They all go to Washington for introduction and diplomatic business, and thence intend the tour of Europe. Mr. Judd is accredited Special Commissioner and Plenipotentiary Extraordinary to the Governments of the United States, Great Britain and France. [Trib. Dec. 15

A new method of obtaining loaf sugar directly from the juice of the cane, has been introduced by Sr. D. J. Ramos, of Puerto Rico, by which a saving of 20 to 30 per cent is effected.

Accounts received from New Granada, etc., state that Gen. Santa Anna had arrived with his family at Carthagena. The canal connecting Carthagena with the river Magdalena, and the towns of Popaquan and Pasto, had been completed. Large amounts of provisions were being sent to the Islands from Carthagena.