

The Susquehannah Rail-Road has made considerable progress the past season, and the importance of that work would justify a still greater share of the patronage and liberality of the State. I have not received any report from the Directors of this Company, but presume it will be laid before you, during the session.

Permit me to call your attention to the subject of the Inspection of Flour. The present law appears to be liable to some objections, and, in my opinion, no law upon this subject could be passed which would have a better effect than one similar to those now existing in the States of New York and Pennsylvania. There is no subject of more importance to the people of every class than the establishment and preservation of a proper standard, and for the inspection of the essential article of flour, and until such standard is put upon the same footing with those of our sister States, this vast staple of our State will not command abroad the price which is given for the same articles from other quarters. The standard for this article, once adopted, ought to continue the same, even should the crop of wheat from any casualty be so indifferent as not to make a barrel of Superfine Flour, for it is well known that the quality of the crop varies, and if the standard for Superfine is varied accordingly, it requires years to recover the character in foreign markets, which such alteration would cause it to loose in a single year.

The prevailing feeling in several of our sister States in regard to Lotteries, would seem to offer a favorable opportunity to attempt their entire suppression. They constitute a system of gambling which, although licensed, is extremely prejudicial. I would suggest the propriety of Legislative action upon the subject. Should you agree with me that they ought to be abolished, it would be proper, for the purpose of accomplishing the end, that the Legislature should adopt a Resolution to be communicated to the respective States, proposing to do away the system whenever the other States should do the same. The reason is evident why such a course ought to be adopted, for should any State refuse its sanction, the State so refusing would receive a vast amount from other States, for the purchase of tickets, and the object endeavoured to be gained would be entirely defeated, but should all the States agree to the proposition to take effect at the same time, there would be an end to a system tending to demoralize the people, and which often offers an incentive to corruption and fraud.