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THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS--Second Session

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.

House.—The House, on assembling, went into Committee of the whole, on the state of the Union, and took up the bill to reduce and modify the rates of postage.

The question pending was a motion of Mr. Fowler to strike out five and insert two cents paid on letters, instead of the amendment of Mr. Carter, to make a uniform rate of five cents paid.

Mr. Williams would not vote for less than five cents paid. This, he said, would obviate the necessity of so large a clerical force to attend to mails received and sent.

Mr. Fowler's amendment was rejected—yeas 67, nays 89.

Mr. Sackett proposed an amendment on letters not more than five hundred miles, two cents; not more than one thousand miles, three cents; nor over two thousand miles, five cents; all over, ten cents. Rejected.

Mr. Vinton offered an amendment, with a view of establishing a uniform rate of three cents, if prepaid, and expressed himself in favor of the abolition of the franking privilege.

Mr. McLane, of Kentucky, was votedly opposed to the prepayment, for thereby the amount of letters would be curtailed.

Mr. Vinton's amendment was rejected.

Mr. Duer offered an amendment, which was rejected, to make the rate two and a half cents after the 1st of July, 1852, and a six-cent rate thereafter.

Mr. Clegg began to apprehend that if any bill be passed, it will be the one reported by the Post Office Committee, and therefore he proposed to amend it by changing double the rates on letters transported by twice Atlantic and Pacific ports. Rejected.

Mr. Caldwell's of Ky., amendment was adopted—that no postoffice now existing shall be discontinued, nor any mail service be discontinued or diminished, in consequence of any diminution in the revenues that may result from this act, and it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General to establish new post-offices, and place the mail service on new mail routes established, or that may be established, & provided that the compensation of Postmasters shall not be diminished in consequence of the passage of this act.

Mr. Gerry proposed to charge for half ounce letters under five hundred miles, two cents; less than a thousand, five cents; and a half cent beyond, ten cents. After ineffectual efforts to amend it, was rejected.

The amendment of Mr. McKisson, charging printed circulars and pamphlets with letter postage, was adopted.

Mr. Ashmun moved to strike out the first section of the bill and insert the uniform rate of two cents, prepaid, provision similar to that adopted this morning, on the motion of Mr. Caldwell, of Kentucky. Rejected—yeas 63, nays 92.

Mr. Brown of Indiana, moved in amend by substituting a uniform rate of two cents.

Mr. Stewart's amendment to Mr. Brown's, providing a uniform rate of three cents, was adopted—yeas 58, nays 64.

Mr. Ashmun proposed to amend this by charging five cents on letters not prepaid.

An accidental debate of advocacy on the proposition followed, when Mr. Ashmun's amendment was adopted—yeas 85, nays 69.

The question was then stated on agreeing to the amendment of Mr. Brown, as amended by Messrs. Stewart and Ashmun, but without taking the vote, the Committee rose and the House adjourned.

BENTON ON AD VALOREM.

In a speech in the Senate, the other day, Mr. Benton held the following language in regard to *ad valorem* duties. It will be remembered that the *ad valorem* principle of levying duties is the distinguishing feature of the present tariff. We commend his remarks to the attention of our free trade friends:

WOULD'NT DO IT.—We saw a drunken man last evening, trying to get a watchman to arrest his own shadow. His complaint was that an ill-looking scoundrel kept following him.—*Boston Bee.*

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

List of Letters.

REMAINING IN THE POST OFFICE AT SUNBURY, DEC. 31, 1850.

J S Bright	2 Daniel Herb	WILLIAM HOOVER	GREAT ARRIVAL OF NEW GOODS.
Louis Bowersacks	Samuel Hunt	Business will be promptly attended to in the counties of Schuylkill, Northumberland, Union, Columbia and Montour.	
Solomon Bender	John W. Hooper	Attorney at Law.	
Benj Brosius	Frank Kline	Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.	
Samuel P Bright	Adriene Kanderman	Business will be promptly attended to in the counties of Schuylkill, Northumberland, Union, Columbia and Montour.	
John Brown	Joseph Kriegbaum		
John Cannon	Jas F. Lurey		
Sarah Culp	David W. Malick		
John Carl	Ish Morgan		
John Christ	U B Mans		
J D Eichberger	Henry C Martin		
Wm Farmer	Benj Robins		
Joseph Folk	Carr John Ray		
Samuel Farmer	John Snyder		
Henry Finston	J A Snyder		
Henry Gass	M H Shaffer		
A J Goff	Benj Schilder		
Wm Heison	Geo Scutts		
Thos Hastings	S Taylor		
Daniel Hammel	John Wendt		
Hill Housewalt	Leonard Wagner		
Geo. Harrison	Susannah Yarnall		
	R B Pecker, P. M.		

Estate of MARY M. EISELY, Dec'd.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters testamenteary have been presented to the subscriber on the estate of Mary M. Eiseley, late of Sunbury, d/cd.

All persons indebted to said Estate or having claims against the same are requested to call on the subscriber and settle the same. For this purpose he will attend at the late residence of the dec'd.—Tuesday and Wednesday the 4th and 5th of February next.

FRANKLIN A. CLARK, Executor.

Shamokin township, Jan. 11, 1850.—5.

TREVORTON HOUSE.

TREVORTON, PA.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public

that he has opened a Public House, in the new town of Trevorton, Northumberland county, and that he is well prepared to accommodate his guests in the best manner. His house is located nearly opposite the Company's Store. He is also provided with good stabling sufficient for 20 horses.

He trusts by prompt and careful attention to business to meet a share of the public patronage.

HENRY B. WEAVER.

Trevorton, Jan. 11, 1850.—6.

A VALUABLE FARM AT PUBLIC SALE.

THE Subscriber offers at public sale, on Thursday the 13th of February, 1851, on the premises, as follows:

WILLIAM KERCHURCH, Esq., Adm'r.

Lower Mahone twp., Jan. 4, 1851.—5.

A Great National Picture.

WASHINGTON!

From Stuart's most celebrated Painting.

THIS LARGE AND MAGNIFICENT PORTRAIT OF WASHINGTON, from the hand of an American artist, is considered by all who have seen it to be one of the most beautiful specimens of art ever published, and a genuine portrait of Washington. The size of the picture is eighteen by twenty-eight inches, which will make a handsome Picture for the Parlor, and should be in the hands of every AMERICAN citizen.

It is a correct copy from Stuart's celebrated original Painting, now at the State House, Hartford, Conn.

It is finely engraved, and printed on superior plate paper. That it may be within the means of all, the publisher has reduced the price to ONE DOLLAR!

All persons remitting the amount may rely upon receiving a perfect copy by return of mail to any part of the United States, carefully packed in a case, with a camel's hair brush and covered with old silk or some similar substance, will produce a blister in three hours' time; or when exposed in the usual time of about twelve hours.

Physicians and others may depend upon its being a safe and reliable article.

JOHN W. PRILANG.

Sunbury, Dec. 28, 1850.—5.

A VALUABLE FARM

ON THE BANKS OF THE TUNKHANON.

Frame Stabling and a good Stone Spring House, with a never failing supply of water.

Also a small ORCHARD.

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