

Rail Road Matter.

PHILADELPHIA AND SUNBURY RAILROAD OPENING.

Having published a synopsis of the proceedings of the opening ceremonies of the railroad, we avail ourselves of the reports from the city papers for the following extracts of the speeches made on the occasion.

Hon. F. W. Hughes having the floor, spoke on the importance of rail roads generally.

But, said Mr. H., he would be more entertaining by referring briefly to a few useful facts. When he left home yesterday morning, not giving himself time to read the newspaper, he put the Philadelphia Ledger into his pocket, with a view to reading it on his arrival here.

"Michigan Railroads.—At present there are but two railroads completed, running through the State of Michigan. These are the Southern Michigan and the Central Michigan. These roads were completed and in operation early in the year 1852.

The assessed value of real estate of the State of Michigan was, in 1851, \$21,526,957. In 1852, the assessed value had risen to \$26,725,493, being an increase of over two hundred and fifty per cent. in two years.

The seventy counties of Michigan, these railroads run through only twelve, and therefore these roads were entitled to only one-sixth of the increase. But mark what the assessment discloses, viz: that the increase in the value of the real estate of the State in these twelve counties is nearly two-thirds of the entire valuation of the whole State!

In conclusion, said Mr. Hughes, permit me to submit the following sentiment:—"The Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad—second in importance only to the Sunbury and Erie Railroad."

Genl. William F. Packer, President of the Susquehanna Railroad Company, in answer to the toast, remarked that no man joined more heartily in the rejoicing of this interesting occasion than he did.

The improvement of this section of the State, by the railroad thus opened for public use, and others of a kindred character, was an object which laid near his heart, and which had occupied much of his attention during the last fifteen or twenty years.

He then proceeded to show the vast importance of the Sunbury and Erie road to the State and to Philadelphia, demonstrating conclusively the proposition assumed, and exhibiting the superior advantages presented by the Sunbury and Erie route, by way of the Sunbury and Philadelphia road, over every other, showing it to be shorter and of easier grade.

carrying coal as back freight, while upon other roads the cars were frequently to be loaded back empty; 1,000,000 of tons of coal will soon be sent yearly from the Shamokin and Mahanoy region to Lake Erie, and this fact alone establishes it as certain, that the road will out rival all possible competitors.

He most bring his remarks to a close; but he could not do so without directing attention to the great benefits to result to this immediate locality—the borough of Sunbury—from the completion of these great public improvements.

This ancient town, started by the shrill whistle of the locomotive, was about to awaken from its Rip Van Winkle sleep, and, like a giant refreshed, to compete with energy in the great race of progress, improvement and gain, where all are struggling.

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His profession enabled him to indulge complaints freely against any apparent lukewarmness of the citizens of Philadelphia in improvements calculated to benefit the city and State at large, and he was ready to confess that he frequently had done so for the purpose of inciting them to greater efforts.

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The spectacle of enterprise, energy, and prosperity presented in the Anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania, is most imposing and instructive. In the heart of a wild broken territory, amid the sharp ridges of mountains, intersected by the numerous rivers and streamlets which go to swell the tides of the Delaware and Susquehanna, in what was but a few years ago, almost a desert region, we find a numerous and fixed population, warehouses filled with merchandise, and dwellings of cultivated competency, smiling villages abounding with plenty, and a multitude of improvements in railroads and machinery, of which the most advanced people might be proud, are spread out beneath the sharp ridges of mountains, reaching up their black summits to the sky.

Judge Helfenstein was called upon and made a few excellent remarks. He alluded to the dark days of the Philadelphia and Sunbury road, and spoke of the difficulty his friends experienced in obtaining the means to effect its completion.

Table with columns: NAME OF ROAD, Miles open, Stock on hand, and other financial details for various railroads.

the stock of which sells at par, or commands a premium in the stock market. In this calculation, Mr. P. said he did not include several roads declaring dividends of over 6 per cent per annum, where no sales were quoted.

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THE AMERICAN SUNBURY.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1853.

H. B. MASSER, Editor and Proprietor.

To ADVERTISERS.—The circulation of the Sunbury American among the different towns on the Susquehanna is not exceeded if equaled by any paper published in North Pennsylvania.

DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATIONS. FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT: JOHN C. KNOX, Of Tioga County.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER: THOMAS FORSYTH, Of Philadelphia County.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL: EPHRAIM BANKS, Of Mifflin County.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL: J. PORTER BRAWLEY, Of Crawford County.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY NOMINATIONS. For Assembly. DAVID B. MONTGOMERY, of Delaware County.

FRANCIS RUCHER, of Sunbury, Commissioner. SIMON SNYDER, of Upper Augusta, District Attorney.

WILLIAM M. ROCKEFELLER, of Sunbury, Deputy Surveyor. SAMUEL YOUNG, of Lower Mahanoy, Auditor.

JOSEPH HOOVER, of Upper Augusta, Editor of the Paper.

EDITOR'S TABLE. Business Notices. GENTS LAST BOOK.—The September number of this book has already reached us.

The September number of the LITERARY COMPANION, Published at Harrisburg, by Messrs. Eagle and May, is neatly and tastefully got up, and contains much useful and entertaining matter.

LAND WARRANTS.—Persons having Land Warrants for sale, can dispose of them for cash, by applying at this office.

TELEGRAPHIC.—The building of a House Printing Telegraph line between Sunbury and Pottsville has commenced.

COL. J. B. BACHELDER, who is visiting this section of country for the purpose of taking sketches of some of our beautiful views, designs remaining in this place for a short time, for the purpose of instructing a class in the principles of perspective drawing and sketching from nature.

THE PRESENT is what may be called the sickly season of the year. There is considerable sickness in the valley of the Susquehanna.

THE RAIL ROAD CELEBRATION.—We are pleased to hear that the opening ceremonies of the Philadelphia and Sunbury Railroad, have given most general satisfaction.

FIRST TRAIN OF COAL.—On Tuesday last the first train of coal, over the new road, was brought in by the locomotive.

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NEW MAIL ARRANGEMENTS—LOW RATES OF FARE.

On Monday next will commence the new arrangement for carrying the mails and passengers from this place to Philadelphia, over the Philadelphia and Sunbury Railroad.

The proprietors of the stage-line to Pottsville have made arrangements with the company to carry the passengers to and from Shamokin in six hours. The cars will leave Sunbury at 7 o'clock in the morning, arrive in Shamokin at 8 o'clock, where they will take the coaches, and arrive at Pottsville, according to this arrangement, at 2 o'clock P. M., an hour and a half before the afternoon train leaves for Philadelphia.

These rates of fare are assuredly low enough to induce an extended travel over the road. Unlike the "old fogeyism" that controls the management of most railroads, starting out with exorbitant tolls, and tenaciously adhering to them, the directors of the Philadelphia and Sunbury Road, have been governed by wise councils in making their company a common carrier at prices to suit the times.

In addition we understand Messrs. Howard and Earle & Co., intend to extend their Express through to this place. A well regulated Express is much wanted and will prove a great convenience to the community.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION. The Democratic County Convention assembled at this place on Monday last for the purpose of nominating candidates for the ensuing election.

The convention was organized by appointing James Cameron, Esq., President, Henry Reeder and Daniel Breckly, Vice Presidents, and Dr. G. B. Weiser, Secretary. On motion the Secretary proceeded to reading the returns, which summed up as follows:

Table with columns: NAME, VOTES. David B. Montgomery, 1022; Horatio G. Taggart, 894; Majority for Montgomery who was declared duly nominated, 128.

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Table with columns: NAME, VOTES. Francis Bacher, 959; J. D. Fisher, 610; Majority for F. Bacher who was declared duly nominated, 319.

Motion, the Standing Committee remain the same as last year, with the addition of Henry J. Reader, and Hon. Geo. C. Walker.

HEALTH OF SHAMOKIN.

This town in the mountains, deservedly enjoys the reputation of being one of the most healthy locations known. An inhabitant of that place, whose leisure moments have enabled him to observe closely, informed us a few days since, that he can recall to mind the death of but two male citizens within the last seven years.

The population has, probably, during that period averaged about 700 persons. This absence of disease at least of a character unattended with serious results, independent of the other striking features of the place, is remarkable enough to attract the attention of the citizens of Shamokin to the purity of the atmosphere.

On Tuesday last the locomotive brought in behind the passenger cars, a single specimen car load, consigned to our humble self with the compliments of Messrs. Cochran and Pauley, the first from that colliery, that had yet been sent to market.

It is needless to say that the coal is a very superior article, such only as might be deemed fit for an editor. By the bye Mr. Cochran, himself, has been, until recently, connected with the Press, and is, therefore, presumed to be well-versed, as editors generally are, or ought to be.

On Tuesday night, at New York, the loss to the owners, Messrs Geo. Law & Co., will be about \$250,000, that is her cost to them. It is not yet ascertained whether the company had perfected an insurance of \$100,000 on the steamer in English waters.

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THE BURNING OF THE CHEROKEE.

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ORPHANS' COURT SALE.

In pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court of Northumberland county, will be exposed to public sale, on

Thursday the 6th day of October, next, on the premises, the following Real Estate to wit:

A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND, situated in Rush township, county aforesaid, adjoining lands of Luther Hassett and others on the north, Joseph Campbell and Peter Houghsbottom on the east, Jesse Weaver on the south, and Philip Metter and others on the west. Containing ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY TWO ACRES, and one hundred patches more or less. Whereon are erected

Two and a half story Frame House and basement story, a large frame Barn and Cow shed attached, an orchard, an excellent Spring of water &c., with the appendances. To be sold as the property of George and Jasper Metter, minor children of Spencer Metter, dec'd. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., of said day, when the terms will be made known by

LUTHER BASSETT, Guardian. By Order of the Court, J. P. PURSELL, Cl. O. C. Sept. 3 1853.—Ch.

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