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Advertisements... not exceeding in length...

EDITORIAL TABLE.

IRA T. CLEMENT... business notices.

ORPHANS' COURT SALES... Peter Persing...

LAND WARRANTS... Persons having...

We are indebted to Hon. Ephraim Banks...

Our Court adjourned last week on Thursday...

The line of the Philadelphia and Sunbury Telegraph...

The office in this place is located for the present at Friling & Grant's store.

Ice.—Most of the citizens, who have ice houses...

DEATH OF HON. HENRY A. MUHLBERG.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of the Hon. Henry A. Muhlenberg...

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SUNBURY AND ERIE RAILROAD SUBSCRIPTION.

It is with unfeigned pleasure that we are able to announce this week...

There will be no difficulty on this score; as there are a number of responsible individuals...

The proviso that none of the two millions should be expended east of Williamsport...

The Councils, we have reason to know, are fully impressed with the importance of that portion of the route...

Mr. Smith said that there was a portion of the road lying between Sunbury and Milton...

Mr. Perkins remarked, that the Catawissa and Elmira roads have endorsed the Sunbury route...

Monday last being the day for the assembling of the Soldiers of the War of 1812...

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The Rev. Dr. P. F. Mayer offered a fervent prayer...

Justice Sutherland submitted a series of resolutions and a number of speeches were made...

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At an election held at Philadelphia, on Tuesday last...

Henry White, Charles Lennig, Charles S. Boker, J. B. Myers...

Another Terrible Conflagration in N. York.—Metropolitan Hall and Lafarge House in Ruins.

New York, January 8.—About one o'clock this morning a fire commenced in the immense block of buildings on Broadway...

The hotel had been leased by Charles Wright, was furnished in the most magnificent style...

Several other buildings on Broadway and Mercer street were more or less scorched...

The total loss by this conflagration exceeds half a million. The La Farge Hotel was insured for \$195,000.

THE ERIE RAILROAD CONTENTION.

ERIE, January 7.—The following despatch was received here to-day.

Harrisburg, January 7.—To A. King, Mayor of Erie.—The Railroad men propose that if the people will let them lay down the track for the time being...

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PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 7, 1854.

SENATE.—Mr. Shifer.—Supplement to an act incorporating the Lewisburg, Centre and Spruce Creek Railroad Company.

MR. KUNKEL.—Supplement to an act incorporating the Susquehanna Railroad Company; also, a supplement to the Wisconsin Railroad Canal.

THE following Standing Committees were announced.

FINANCE.—Messrs. Buckalew, Darris, Hamlin, Crabb and McFarland.

ACQUAINTANCES.—Messrs. Evans, Sager, Barnes, Wherry and Frick.

ESTATES AND EJECTMENTS.—Messrs. Hamlin, Hendricks, Cresswell, Price and Foulkrod.

PENSIONS.—Messrs. Barnes, Fry, Hamilton, Hoge and Ferguson.

CORPORATIONS.—Messrs. Gavin, Darlington, Haldeman, McClintock and Mellinger.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.—Messrs. Platt, Skinner and McFarland.

RAILROADS AND CANALS.—Messrs. Quiggle, Shifer, Goodwin and McClintock.

RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM.—Messrs. Cresswell, Mellinger, E. W. Hamlin, Kisser and Sager.

PUBLIC PRINTING.—Messrs. Darlington, Evans, B. D. Bamlin, Mellinger and Foulkrod.

MR. BUCKALEW moved that when the Senate adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next, which was agreed to.

MR. BIGHAM offered a joint resolution providing that the voters of this Commonwealth shall vote on the third Friday in March next...

MR. HORN moved that when the House adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next, which was agreed to.

MR. ZIEGLER, a bill for a vote of the people on the Prohibitory Liquor Law.

THE DUEL OF MR. SOULE.

A letter from Madrid gives the following account of the duel of the elder Soule.

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Valuable Property for Sale

In the Borough of Sunbury! THE HOUSE

THE subscriber offers for sale the following property in the Borough of Sunbury, viz: THE HOUSE

And two contiguous Lots of Ground, on the south west corner of Market Square, now occupied by the subscriber as a store and dwelling.

THE STEAM SAW MILL on the river bank, together with one and a half acres of ground.

Dwelling House and Lot of Ground, in Elderberry street.

A House and Lot of Ground, in Cranberry street, near the river.

A House and half Lot of Ground, on the north east corner of River and Dewberry street.

Twenty-Three Vacant Lots on Elderberry street.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.

IN pursuance of an order of the Orphans Court of Northumberland county...

THURSDAY, the 9th of FEBRUARY next, on the premises, the following described real estate, to wit: two certain pieces or

Tracts of Land, adjoining each other, situate in Point township, Northumberland county...

On Friday, the 10th day of February next, on the premises, a CERTAIN OTHER TRACT OF LAND...

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.

IN pursuance of an order of the Orphans Court of Northumberland county...

SATURDAY, the 13th of FEBRUARY next, Thirty acres off of the north east corner of the following described tract of land, to wit:

A Certain tract of Land, situate in Shamokin township county aforesaid, bounded on the north by lands of Daniel Miller...

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12th. "Should the City make the Subscription asked for, what security is there that a connection shall not be made by the Catawissa road to New York?"

I answer frankly, that if our legislature grant the right of way, I know of no power to prevent such a connection.

While this is a categorical answer to the question, I may perhaps be permitted to add a few remarks on this point.

There is no part of the Catawissa Road that is not at least 40 miles nearer to Philadelphia than to New York, and the grades to our city are infinitely superior to the roads leading to New York.

The Philadelphia and Sunbury Road will soon be extended to connect roads uniting with the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad.

13th. "Have offers been made to construct the road from Williamsport to Erie? If made by whom, and upon what terms?"

Last Spring propositions were made by responsible parties residing in the State of New York, to furnish right of way, build and equip the road from Sunbury to the city of Erie, for the sum of \$9,000,000.

14th. "What would be the probable cost of the rolling stock upon the road, to work a single track to its full capacity?"

I can only answer by an estimate; I should suppose that \$1,500,000 would fully cover such an expenditure.

15th. "Is it or is it not probable that arrangements could be made with other Companies by which the expenses of equipment could be avoided?"

I should suppose it probable that such an arrangement could be made.

16th. "Would not the Company have to incur a very heavy expense in the purchase of sites and erections of depots in this city?"

It is evident that proper depot facilities in this city would be a large item of expenditure.

17th. "Can you give any estimate of the probable amount required for these purposes?"

I should estimate that proper depots, &c., for such an immense traffic would cost not less than \$350,000.

18th. "What have been the expenses of the Company for the past year for surveys, salaries, &c.?"

The expenses paid from January 1st, 1853 to this date, for surveys and engineering expenses generally, have been \$15,151 11-100.

19th. "What has been the amount of interest paid during the same period, and upon what?"

The amount of interest paid during that period has been \$10,713 49-100, and has been disbursed for interest on the subscription to stock, and for temporary loans.

The control of such roads could only be had, I presume, by the purchase of a majority of the stock, or by a lease.

In consequence of apprehensions which have existed with some, that the Catawissa road might be used in part as a portion of a route to New York, I have recently had some correspondence with some of the leading Proprietors, and am able to state that this work, or a very large proportion of the stock, can be purchased on perfectly fair and equitable terms.

I am, Sir, very respectfully, Your obedient servant, JOHN TUCKER, Pres't pro. tem.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COUNCIL.

An adjourned meeting of City Council was held on Saturday evening. The matter of the subscription of the city of two millions of dollars to the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company was acted upon.

In Select Council, Mr. Snowden moved to take up the ordinance providing for the subscription. Amendments were offered by Messrs. Hinman, Perkins and Smith.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Philadelphia, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the Mayor of the city be, and he is hereby authorized to subscribe, at such times and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the Committee on Railroads...

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CALIFORNIA NEWS.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 7.—The steamer Daniel Webster arrived here to-day, from San Juan, with 150 passengers, and San Francisco dates to the 15th ult. She reports that the steamer Star of the West sailed on the 1st inst., for New York, with 300 passengers and \$2,000,000 in gold dust.

The general news by this arrival is of some importance. The principal item is in regard to Walker's filibustering expedition. On the 23 of December the expedition made an excursion from San Diego, where they arrived a few days previous, to capture the Governor or to forge. They were attacked by the Mexicans and defeated, with a loss of 12 or 14 men, and were obliged to fly for their lives.

WEALTH OF THE STATES.—The population of the United States is set down at 20,746,000, and the aggregate of personal and real property is estimated at \$8,294,560,000. New York is the richest State, her property being \$1,112,000,000; Pennsylvania, \$850,000,000; then Ohio, \$749,000,000; then Virginia, \$508,000,000. The remainder of the States rank as follows:—Indiana, \$384,000,000; Tennessee, \$280,000,000; Kentucky, \$342,000,000; Massachusetts, \$340,000,000; Georgia, \$320,000,000; North Carolina, \$306,000,000; Illinois, \$294,000,000; Alabama, \$276,000,000; Mississippi, \$256,000,000; South Carolina, \$242,000,000; Missouri, \$240,000,000; Maine, \$240,000,000; Maryland, \$193,000,000; Louisiana, \$188,000,000; New Jersey, \$166,000,000; Michigan, \$148,000,000; Connecticut, \$132,000,000; Vermont, \$120,000,000; New Hampshire, \$126,000,000; Iowa, \$82,000,000; Texas, \$56,000,000; Wisconsin, \$36,000,000; Delaware, \$32,000,000; Florida, \$30,000,000; District of Columbia, \$18,000,000; Oregon, \$8,000,000.

22d. "In what manner can the control of the Railroad or Railroads, from the Eastern terminus of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad to Philadelphia be obtained and secured for the benefit of Philadelphia?"

I believe that the road extending from Erie to the Ohio line, was constructed by Ohio interests, and that the road east from Erie is practically identical in interest with the other.