

## NOTICES OF MR. C. M. STRAUB, OF SCHUYLKILL.

**On the Bill authorizing the sale of the remainder of the State improvements to the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company.**

**Mr. Speaker.—** It was my intention until a few minutes ago, to have given my reasons more fully, why I favor the sale of the improvements to the Sunbury and Erie railroad company, being administered that the time is precious, the friends of the measure desiring a vote to be taken to day, in consequence of this, I shall be brief; what I will say, shall contain no statistical statement, nor will I repeat much, if any, of what the Senate has already so eloquently heard, from Senators on both sides of the question. I agree in the main with those Senators who have taken the affirmative side of this question, simply, because I am convinced that a large majority of the people favor the sale of the remainder of our State improvements; the principle points to arrears being, how much ought they to bring? and who ought to be the purchaser? As to the price named the bill, I can see no serious objections, shaped as it now is, by an amendment, which in the event of purchases from the Sunbury and Erie company, the State is to receive seventy-five per cent on the amount realized; when the same amounts to more than three and a half millions, previous to the final settlement, and one extending to \$1,000,000, as under, I would not have voted for the bill. If the sale be fair, and the conditions carried out to good faith, on the part of the purchaser or purchasers, I can see no substantial reason, why any one in favor of the sale, ought to object to the bill under consideration, or to the price or terms thereto indicated.

The people I have the honor to represent in this house, have, to my mind, a direct pecuniary interest, in preferring the Sunbury and Erie company, to any other as purchaser, should the bill pass, receive the signature of the Governor, and the party just named become the purchaser. It will, in my opinion, result in immense value to the miners of Schuykill county. Men devoutly do I believe, that the completion of the Sunbury and Erie, will benefit that interest more than any improvement now contemplated, in any part of this glorious Union. A single line, a few miles only, of the chain of railroads between Pottsville and Sunbury, will complete the connection. We have passed this session, two bills authorizing the building of its link, to wit: from the western terminus of the Shamokin road, Northumberland county, to a point at or near Ashland, Schuykill county.

**Mr. Speaker—** I predict that in less than four years from to day, unless an avenue be opened to the western forests, the coal mines of a great measure, in Schuykill county, must be abandoned. That to many, may appear hasty, but previous to closing these few remarks, I will furnish my reasons for saying so. A great deal has been said about the artlessness of the barren wilds of Western Pennsylvania, that no good could possibly derive to the public by the completion of such a magnificent project. The history of every wild spot in Pennsylvania, or her State, after being reached by the inclemency of winds or rains, or both, contradicts the opinion so palpably, that I consider it too simple to offer any remarks in contradiction. Great as has been the improvement in the West, so far as a single colony is concerned, Schuykill has equalled, if not exceeded in improvements the West, far as a single county is concerned. Schuykill has equalled, if not exceeded in improvements any other in the commonwealth, if not the United States—east of the mountains. Retrospective view but for a few years will prove that H. I. am right in memory, the anthracite canal was finished about 1827; first census I have been able to find of it, was taken in 1840—Schuykill then had 29,000 thousand inhabitants, in 6,600,000, an increase of 100 per cent, in years. About the year 1826, the president of the canal, for the first time noticed coal trade in his report, in which he stated that coal would probably become in time of considerable consequence to the being trade on the canal, then having a few hundred tons transported on, now the quantity has run up to millions and millions.

o Col. Peter Fraley, dead, of Schuykill, the honor of conceiving this great stupendous project. He was what is called "self-made man" a practical and far-sighted statesman, a man, too, of sterling integrity notwithstanding his, at that time ill-founded and somewhat unscrupulous character, he was a successful exponent of his skill before the Queen, the Prince Consort, the Princess Royal, the Prince of Wales, Prince Alfred, and other members of the Royal family, and the ladies of the Court, and most of the foreign Princes and distinguished visitors now in London, including Prince Frederick William of Prussia, the Prince of Prussia, and a large number of foreign companies.

The Speaker called upon the Sergeant-at-Arms to conduct Hill to his seat, and order was soon restored in the Hall.

Mr. Stephens, who prides himself upon his frankness and courtesy, of which he boasted openly in debate to day, was so disturbed by this interruption, he retired to filibusterize to compel an adjournment and gain time to work upon refractory members so as to re-consider the vote to postpone.

Mr. Bright, however, did not give up his effort to postpone, and after a long and tedious debate, he was successful in his efforts to postpone the vote to postpone.

He quoted Garrott turning his head to ward him.

"I object," replied Garrott turning his head to a very hasty manner.

"Where is your graveyard?" exclaimed Hill rushing at him with great fury.

He was interrupted however and Garrott merely said "We will talk of graveyards."

By order, F. L. JOHNSON, Secy.

April 17, 1858.—etm.

**NOTICE:**

**A MEETING** of the Stockholders of the Traction Coal and Rail Road Company, will be held at the Grand Hotel, in Philadelphia, on THURSDAY, 11th MAY, proxime, at eleven o'clock.

By order,

F. L. JOHNSON, Secy.

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**NOTICE:**

**I** HEREBY give to the taxable inhabitants of Northumberland county, that an appeal will be held by the Commissioners of said County at the Commissioners' Office in the borough of Sunbury, on the 27th, 28th, and 29th inst. (April 1858) for the purpose of rectifying mistakes in any of the Assessments, if any, for the present year. Those meetings and hearings on the 27th and 28th, will be held in the town of Cameron, in the township of Cameron, in the town of Zerbe, Jordan, Northumberland, and the 29th in the town of McEwensville, Turbot, Mt. Carmel, Lewis, McEwensville, Turbot, Mt. Carmel, Lower Mahonoy, Chillisquaque, Shamokin, Union, Lower Augusta, Sunbury respectively.

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