

Washington.

54th Congress—1st Session.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

FEBRUARY 29, 1846.

DEAR SIR—The Senate met on Monday morning, but after prayer adjourned over to Tuesday to pay proper respect to the memory of Washington.

On Tuesday Mr. Dickinson having the floor, went into the merits of the Oregon question from A to Z, and succeeded in sending sundry Senators to the land of Nod before the hour for adjourning had arrived. He was in favor of settling the question by compromise if possible, and to this end he would vote for the notice as being the plan to hasten such a consummation.

In the House, after the transaction of some morning business, a motion was made to go into committee of the Whole, and take up the river and harbor appropriation bill—which was agreed to.

Mr. McCullough of Alabama moved to lay aside the harbor bill, and take up the bill, introduced by Mr. Wentworth, of New York, some time ago, relative to the appointment and classification of clerks, but it was not agreed to.

Failing in this way, he attacked the bill in another form and made one of his remarkable speeches in support of his motion, which kept the house in a continuous roar of laughter.—He denounced the bill as most iniquitous, corrupt, and the part of making appropriations to Lake Michigan.

Mr. Wentworth's district. He said that Lake had grown very large of late—long, quite long, long as long as John Wentworth. He said he was opposed to the bill on sectional grounds, but he did hate log rolling.

He would as soon vote appropriations for one part of the country as the other. He was a Southern man, but he felt interested in all parts of the Union.

Mr. Dickinson concluded his remarks in the Senate yesterday morning. After he had said his say, Mr. Dayton rose, and moved the postponement of the subject for two weeks, in order to let members judge of the late news, and to get through the press of other business which is crowding upon them.

Mr. Allen was opposed to the postponement. He thought now was the time to act upon the subject. He did not, he could not regard the late news as pacific, although it appeared so on the surface. He stated when he rose, that he did not intend to make a war speech, but his remarks savored most wonderfully of gunpowder before he got through.

Mr. Cass followed. He said that he did not regard the news as pacific at all—and as to the queen's speech, it is a stereotyped one, handed down from one reign to another. He was in favor of continuing the debate at present, and although he regarded war as inevitable if the notice be given—yet we ought to give it.

Mr. Calhoun was opposed to the postponement, but hoped the Senate would let upon one of the amendments before it, so that Senators could speak directly to the purpose.

Mr. Crittenden offered a substitute for Mr. Crittenden's amendment—authorizing the President to give the notice if he thinks necessary—which was ordered to be printed. The vote was finally taken on the motion to postpone, and it was not agreed to.

In the House, after the reception of reports from committees, and some unimportant matters disposed of, the House in committee of the Whole, resumed the consideration of the harbor bill, and the debate upon its merits kept up until the House adjourned.

In the House this morning Mr. Dobson gave notice that he would tomorrow call up the New Jersey contested election case. The majority report gives Mr. Bunk, the sitting Member, the right in said report to his seat. Hamlin, the most violent and unrelenting Locofoco in the House, in a minority report favors the Bunk contest. We will see to-morrow how they act.

Mr. McCullough offered a resolution that no Member shall speak longer than ten minutes on private bills. Objected to.

The House, in committee, then resumed the discussion of the harbor bill. Some very animated speeches were made upon the subject. Mr. Rhett of South Carolina, took occasion to define his position and the position of his colleagues. He said the Democratic party for policy, ought to go with the Whigs on the tariff question, but for himself and his colleagues he would say, they would stand or fall by the Constitution—if the repeal of the tariff of 1842 would bring about such an event. The discussion was continued until the House adjourned.

In the Senate a warm discussion ensued on the amendments offered by Senators upon the original Oregon resolutions, in which Messrs. Benton, Webster, Colquhoun, Hannegan, Cass, Crittenden, and others, took part.

Mr. Colquhoun's amendment came in for the greatest share of notice. Mr. Calhoun said the question had settled down to this: that we must either assert our rights peaceably or forcibly, that is, if we do not negotiate, and that soon, that an appeal to arms would most certainly follow.

Mr. Webster was in favor of Mr. Colquhoun's amendment. Messrs. Cass, Allen, Hannegan and Bress, against it.

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Allen, as chairman of the committee of Foreign Affairs, if Mr. Polk had given his views upon this subject, except in his message? Mr. Allen said the President still maintained the same views now that he did then.

Mr. Cass rose, and said he wanted to act, no matter what the resolution may be, act now. He gave Mr. Pakenham some very hard hints, Mr. P. being in the Senate at the time, which I thought in bad taste.

After he had concluded the Senate adjourned over to Monday.

Yesterday morning Mr. Pleasant, connected with the Richmond Star, and Mr. Ritchie, Jr, of the Richmond Enquirer, met at the cotton press near that city, for the purpose of adjusting a difficulty which had sprung out of a newspaper controversy. Having no particular plan of fighting they commenced firing when about two hundred yards apart.

Mr. Ritchie was armed with two common duelling pistols, a six barreled revolver, and a small artillery sword. Mr. Pleasant had four pistols and a sword cane. They continued firing as they approached each other, Dr. Dickie's last fire taking slight effect in Mr. P.'s right breast. Both having fired their last charges—dropped their pistols, and closed Mr. P. struck Mr. R. over the head with his sword cane, and then unsheathing it, cut him severely about the face, and made one or two incisions in his body—one of Mr. R.'s seconds then cried out to him to draw his sword, which he did, and plunged it into Mr. P.'s side, who instantly fell. The second and surgeon then interfered and Mr. Ritchie left the ground.

After a little time Mr. Pleasant recovered sufficiently to walk to his carriage.—The above are the only particulars which have reached this city, and are in the main correct. There was a rumor that Mr. Pleasant was dead but it is contradicted.

Mr. Ritchie arrived in this city last night and is staying with his father.

On Tuesday, two gentlemen from Maryland, one of them a member of the Legislature, came to this city for the purpose of shooting each other—but their friends were fortunate to effect a reconciliation, and they returned to Annapolis friends.

On Monday afternoon, a young man named Young, was attacked by some desperadoes, in an eating house on Pennsylvania Avenue, and was stabbed with a large knife in four places. He now lives in most critical situation. I will give you a little gossip, and I will here observe that I never give you any rumors but what are well founded. I have it now from a good source, that within the last two days, Mr. Pakenham, has sent into this government his ultimatum in regard to the adjustment of the Oregon question.

Last night at 8 o'clock, a Cabinet Council was called, and although secrecy was enjoined as to the fact, it leaked out. The object of the meeting was no doubt the consideration of Mr. P.'s proposition.

It is further said, that instead of Mr. P. acting contrary to the wishes of his government in refusing the 49th parallel, he acted to the very letter, notwithstanding the remarks of the English Parliament.

Yours truly, S.

[From the Pennsylvania Telegraph.

The New Tariff Bill

The following is a synopsis of the new Tariff Bill, prepared by Mr. Walker, and is now before the committee of Ways and Means. The percentage is to be taxed ad valorem on the price of each article as invoiced by the foreign manufacturer, which is often at less than half what it sells for in this country. It is a fatal stab at the policy of protection, and will turn hundreds of thousands of our own citizens out of employment, and naked of the means of obtaining a livelihood upon the world:

ARTICLES FREE OF DUTY.

All goods, wares, and merchandize, the growth, &c., of the United States, exported and returned.

Argol, or crude tartar, adhesive felt.

All dye-woods in sticks, animals for breed, Brazil wood, cotton wools, coins, copper for the U. S. Mint.

Crude brimstone, copper fourteen by forty-eight inches, &c., (sheathing) gold and silver bullion guano.

Household effects, old, and in use of persons or families immigrating, if used by them, and not intended for any other person, or for sale; wearing apparel in actual use, and other personal effects, not merchandize; professional books, instruments, implements of tools of trade, occupation or employment of persons.

Ivory, manufactured, madder-root, oakum, &c.

Pearl, mother of, plaster of Paris, not ground.

Platina, unmanufactured, old junk.

Paintings and statuary of American artists abroad.

The personal effects and household of citizens of the United States dying abroad.

Salt, silver, bullion.

Specimens of natural history, mineralogy and botany, cabinets of coin, medals and other collections of antiquities, anatomical preparations, models of machinery and other inventions, &c.

Sheathing metal and copper.

Tin in pigs, bars and clocks; tumeric.

Zinc unmanufactured.

TEN PER CENT.

Barilla, Persian or blue berries.

Composition of glass or paste, not set. Cameos real or imitation, cochineal.

Cork tree bark, unmanufactured cud-bear.

Cream of tartar, furs not dressed on the skin, blankets under 75 cts.

Gunny cloths, grease, marrow, & hides, dried, & indigo.

India rubber, unmanufactured japan earth, terra japonica.

Keld, mosaic, seal or imitation, lime, Natron, nitre, crude or refined, nux vomica.

Palm oil, pastel (wood), palm leaf. Plaster of Paris, ground, quicksilver.

Rape seed, linseed and hemp seed. Rags, rattans, seeds, shoddy.

Soap stuff and stocks, soda ash. Tin in plates and sheets.

Tallow, waste watches and parts. Watch materials except glasses.

Diamonds, &c., not set and imitations.

TWENTY PER CENT.

Ale, beer and porter, arsenic, alum.

Amber, ambergris, ammonia.

Acids, sulphuric, benoxic, citric, pyro-lignious, tartaric, boracic, white and yellow muriatic, acetic, acousus.

Arrow root, anniseed, annato, (rocoa.) Antimony, aloes, animal carbon.

Asafetida, bronze liquid, bricks. Butter, barytes (sulphate of), borax.

Bones and bone stripes, beeswax, blankets costing over 75 cts.

Boards, planks, &c., sawed, pearl barley.

Barks not enumerated, bulbs burgundy pitch.

Bitumen crude, boncho leaves. Books, pamphlets, &c., of all kinds printed.

Blank books of all kinds, bismuth. Bitter apples, Brazil paste, berries not enumerated.

Blue Prussian. Buttons and button moulds, beef bacon. Beans, barley.

Cardage, yarns, twine, seines, &c. Cotton manufactures of, not embroidered laces, &c.

Curled hair, codilla, coir, coppers. Chronometers, chromate of lead.

Copper in rods, sheets, braziers, &c., Cedar, mahogany, &c. cocoa shells.

Copper, sulphate of blue vitriol.

Chloride of lime, chalk, red and French.

Chocolate, castoriums, cassia buds. Cassada, cobalt, cantharides, cubebes. Cocculus indicus, Dutch metal.

Drugs, medicinal, crude, dried pulp. Dragon's blood, engravings, emory.

Ebony unmanufactured, extracts of logwood, &c.

Earthenware, china and stoneware. Earths friable, unmanufactured firewood.

Flax, unmanufactured, and manufactures of flax.

Fish, dried, salted,—fish glue, and fish skins.

Feathers, &c., for beds and feather beds; flowers not enumerated.

Flour of sulphur, fulminating powder. Furs dressed on the skin and hats' furs dressed or not.

Gunny bags. Galvanized tin plates, gamboge.

Gold and silver leaf, gold beater's skins. Glass tumblers; plain, moulded and pressed.

do crown cylinder, &c. window. Ginger root, dried or green, glue.

Gums, crude or refined not enumerated.

Hemp jute, Sisal grass coir, and other vegetable substances.

Hemp, jute sisal grass coir, manufactures of.

Horns, teeth, bones and tips.

Hats and bonnets, &c., and flats and braids, plaits, sparterre and willow, of straw, chip-grass; &c.

Hats of wool and wool hat bodies, hams.

Hair of all kinds, uncleaned and unmanufactured.

Hair cloth and hair staling, and manufactured hair.

Ivory nuts, ivory and black, isinglass, ipeacuanana.

Iron, liquor, juniper berries.

Lead in pigs, bars, sheet, shot, pipe and old.

do white, red, chromate of and all others.

Or earths used by painters whether dry or not.

Lead, sugar of, litharge, lamp black do nitrate of.

Lace of linen thread, listings woollen. Liquorice paste jute, or root lints.

Lard, leeches, liss sulphur.

Lemons, and lines, juice of and peel do.

Leather, calf and seal skins tanned and dressed, goat skins, kid and sheep skins, and all other skins pickled, salted, tanned or dressed.

Liness of all kinds, maps and charts. Mahogany, rose wood, satin wood, &c. not manufactured.

Medicinal drugs, crude and leaves; moss for beds.

Metals not enumerated, unmanufactured.

Manganese, Magazines extracts.

Mohair, angora or other goat's hair, unmanufactured.

Mustard and seed, maize, mineral substances, and waters not enumerated, manna.

Mats and matting, Chinese and other made of flags, jute or grass, &c., nuts medicinal.

Oils of hempseed, linseed, rapeseed, castor, neat's foot, animal, and all used for painters, olive in casks.

Oil, Spermaceti and other fish oil, the produce of foreign fisheries.

Orpiment, oats, oatmeal; orris root. Potatoes, opium, putty, Plumbago, Paris white.

Paints not enumerated, dry or ground in oil.

Paper, letter, foolscap and all not enumerated.

Paper, hanging, screen, &c., also sheathing.

Patent mordant, chromate and prusiate potash, pumise-stone, percussion caps.

Potassium, plants, pitch. Preparations, mercurial, calomel, &c.

Quinine, sulphate of, quills. Roman cement, roofing slates, sponges.

Seaweed, spunk, sago sandewer. Spirits of turpentine, salammunis.

Salts, Rochelle, Epsom, &c. and all other chemical salts; &c., not enumerated.

Soda, all carbonate of do, and sal. Steel, in bars, plates, or sheets.

Silk of all descriptions, sewing, raw, floss and twist.

Sarsaparilla, shoes of India rubber. Starch smalts.

Stone, polishing, rotten, soap, &c. Seeds, garden and all not enumerated.

Rye, rhubarb, rocoa, roots. Roll brimstone, resinous substances.

Tortoise and other shell unmanufactured.

Tow of flax and hemp; tin foil, tinsel. Timber used in building wharves.

Tiles, paving, other than marble, ter. Teutenge, tapioca.

Tobacco, trees, tin galvanized.

Type metal and plates: type, new and old.

Vermillion, Verdigris, vitriol of all kinds.

NOTICE.

AND now to wit: 2d March 1846, this being the day appointed for the meeting of the Orphans' Court, the President Judge appeared and took his seat, but the commissions of the Associate Judges having expired on the 27th ultimo, and no new appointments being made, their places were vacant. Whereupon the President Judge, agreeably to act of Assembly, and for want of a quorum to do business, adjourned the Orphans' court to the 21 day of March inst., and ordered notice of such adjournment to be given in two newspapers for two weeks. Of this adjournment all persons as witnesses and other persons interested are required to take notice.

Witness my hand and seal this 2d day of March 1846.

WM. H. PICKING, Clerk.

March 2, 46.

WANTED.

AN apprentice to the Hating business, wanted. One from 16 to 17 years of age, of industrious habits, who can come well recommended, will be taken immediately.

Jan 13 JOHN C. KURTZ

Cumberland Market.

Table listing market prices for various commodities like Flour, Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Potatoes, Apples, Peaches, Butter, Beef, Veal, Chickens, Eggs, and Stone Coal.

Pittsburgh Market.

Table listing market prices for various commodities like Flour, Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, Bacon, Hams, Pork, Lard, Tallow, Butter, Cheese, Apples, Peaches, Potatoes, Seeds, and Wool.

BANK NOTE LIST.

Table listing bank names and their locations, such as Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York, and others, under the heading 'STANDARD—GOLD AND SILVER Pennsylvania.'