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Township Elections.

We are requested by the Clerk to the County Commissioners to state for the information of election officers, that the township elections will be held on Friday the 20th inst. and on the 21st, as would appear from some of the blank election papers...

Attention is invited to the communication of our correspondent "SE-NEX:"

Gen. Cameron of the United States Senate, Mr. Stewart of the U. S. H. R., and Messrs. Hill, Sanderson and Edie of the State Legislature, have our thanks for their kind attention to us.

From Harrisburgh.

We did not receive any Harrisburgh papers by the last mail, and our latest intelligence from the Legislature is dated March 10. At that date the appropriation Bill had passed in the House and been sent to the Senate.

From the Army.

The New Orleans Picayune has accounts from St. Joseph's Island under date of the 13th February. Only two companies of the United States troops had then moved toward the Rio Grande, their purpose being to reconnoitre.

Scarcity of Provender.

In some of the Districts of Maryland, provender is said to be unusually scarce, and we have been informed that recently several farmers of Allegany county in that State, drove their cattle into Brothersvalley, in this county, for the purpose of having them fed till spring.

The Democratic State Convention nominated William B. Foster, one of the present Board of Canal Commissioners, as a candidate for re-election next fall.

THE "SMITHS."—The SMITHS are still "going ahead." An exchange paper says that there are in New York city 835 SMITHS, of whom 132 are JOHN SMITHS.

Mad Dogs!

We learn that one day last week a mad dog passed along the turnpike east of this place, and that several dogs are known to have been bitten by him. The owners very properly had them killed, immediately. Persons in the neighborhood should be on the watch, as it is possible that other dogs have been bitten.

The Right of Way.

Our Philadelphia neighbors are "going on" in a terrible way relative to the "right of way" which the Legislature of Pennsylvania is about granting to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. They seem to think that the very existence of Baltimore depends on its consumption, and the commercial standing of Philadelphia on its rejection.

OREGON.

The Washington correspondent of the N. Y. Telegraph says:

"The really important and decisive intelligence regarding the state of the Oregon matter, will not leave England until the 4th of April. The steamer of that date will bring the despatches that are to terminate the controversy for weal or for woe—we shall read the last chapter. The overture or proposition which was transmitted to Mr. McLane on the 1st. from the administration here, will have been before the Ministry, and their final purpose will have been taken, in time to communicate the result as I have stated."

The recent snow drifted greatly on the Louisa, (Va.) Railroad, and in some places lay nine feet deep.

For the Somerset Herald. OUR PUBLIC WORKS.

(DEDICATED TO THE CITIZENS OF PHILADELPHIA AND PITTSBURG.)

The utter failure of the Pennsylvania Improvements to realize the expectations of its early friends, is a subject deeply felt not only by them, but by the citizens of the state at large. It was confidently expected and predicted, that they would yield a revenue not only sufficient to pay the interest on their cost, but leave a surplus towards a sinking fund for the payment of the principal.

As observed above, our improvements were constructed mainly to preserve to Philadelphia the trade of the great west. The estimates of the costs were, in the first place, a gross and shameful deception, being hardly half of the actual cost—and their construction and management a most splendid affair to those concerned, and a most stupendous outrage upon an honest and confiding people.

And why are the Penn. improvements such a miserable failure, compared with the improvements of our neighboring states? How comes it that New York, whose canal was made half its length through a wilderness, and terminated, not at a large commercial and manufacturing city, but at a (then) little village (Buffalo) of perhaps a thousand souls, now derives the splendid revenue of 2 1/2 millions from it, and will be enabled in a few years to pay the last dollar of her canal debt?

It is in vain for the Governor and others to TALK of the "great and inexhaustible resources of the state;" it is in vain for your citizens to establish boards of trade and chambers of commerce, and in vain to cite an addition of one or two thousand houses annually to your cities, as an evidence of their prosperity or increase of business.

It is CAPITAL and ENTERPRIZE THAT IS WANTING. This is the secret which enables New York and Maryland to outstrip us and take from us the trade not only of the west, but of a great part of our state also. What is it that has built up five or six cities and innumerable towns along the New York canal, and made the wilderness to blossom as a rose? And what has made Cumberland rise out of the ashes of a burnt village, to take the rank of a CITY in a half dozen years? ENTERPRIZE AND CAPITAL, is the answer.

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No other news had transpired. The despatches for the Secretary of State are said to be very voluminous. The sloops of war Falmouth, John Adams and St. Mary's and the brig Porpoise, were all at Vera Cruz. The steamer Mississippi and brig Somers were at Pensacola, the latter to sail for Vera Cruz on the afternoon of the 2d instant.—Nat. Intel.

A Foreign Prince for Mexico. This subject is still talked of, and in some quarters, the scheme is alluded to as by no means impossible. Mexico, it is contended, is tumbling to pieces, and unless some of the monarchies of the Old World interfere, she will beyond question, be absorbed in the United States.

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DEATH OF GOVERNOR STOCKTON, OF DELAWARE.—An EXTRA received last night from the Delaware State Journal brings intelligence of the lamented death of the Hon. Thomas Stockton, Governor of the State of Delaware, who died very suddenly at Newcastle on Monday evening last.

FROM SANTA FE.—The Independence (Missouri) Expositor of the 7th ult. notices the arrival at that place of another company of traders from Santa Fe. They left Shihualua on the 1st of December and Santa Fe on the 1st of January, performing the latter trip in thirty-four days.

Riots in Montreal and Quebec. A correspondent of [the N. Y. Commercial writes from Montreal, under date of the 2nd inst., "Our annual ward elections for city councillors are held to-day, and in one of the wards (the St. Lawrence) some serious rioting took place this morning; the conflicting parties were, as usual, those of Irish extraction, opposed to the English and Scotch.

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Up to the time of the sailing of the Lawrence (about the 16th ultimo) Mr. Slidell had not been received by the authorities of Mexico, and the letter says that it is supposed he will return to the United States as soon as he receives answers to the despatches which he has now forwarded.

A scal, 50 inches long and 11 thick, and weighing 70 pounds, was killed upon the ice of Lake Champlain, between Burlington and Keeseville, on the 23d ult.

Premature Interment. The Paris Constitutionnel states; that the cases of premature interment prevented by fortunate circumstances amount in France, since the year 1833, to 94.—Of those, 35 persons awoke of themselves, of their lethargy, at the moment the funeral ceremony was about the commence; 13 recovered in consequence of the fall of coffins in which they were enclosed; 9 owed their recovery to wounds inflicted by the needle in sewing their winding sheet; 5 to the sensation of suffocation they experienced in their coffin; 19 to their interment having been delayed by fortuitous circumstances; and 6 to their interment having been delayed, in consequence of doubts having been entertained of their death.

Sale of a Wife. A few days ago, a man named Cross, a shoemaker, residing at Woodside, sold his wife and child for £500, to a person named Tyrer. Five pounds was paid down as a deposit, but when the purchaser was about to convey his bargain away, the lady refused to acknowledge the contract, and, after a long altercation, Cross walked off with his wife and child, together with what was left of Mr. Tyrer's money.

Public Sale. The subscriber will sell at public sale at his residence in Somerset, on Thursday, the 26th inst. A fine Oscar horse Colt (3 years old.) A fresh Milk Cow, a fine Heifer (springing.)

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.

Somerset County, ss. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the Sheriff of Somerset County, Greeting:

WE command you that you attach William Armstrong, late of your county, by all and singular his goods and chattels, lands and tenements, in whose hands or possessionsoever the same may be, so that he be and appear before our Court of Common Pleas, to be holden at Somerset in and for said county, on the first Monday of May next, there to answer William Fear of a plea of debt.

Flour! Flour!! Flour!!! 23 Bbls flour superfine. 7 Bags Do 2 Do Rye. 3 Do Buckwheat.

Books! Books!! O Yes!!! CORBS Series; Smith's Geography, Grammar and Arithmetic, Smith's Church Harmony; Bibles; Slates; Stationery, &c. for sale cheap by J J & H F SCHELL,

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