Packer Challenged. and he Backs Out.

Hon David Wilmot has addressed the following letter to Mr Packer, challenging him to meet him on the stump:

TOWANDA, July 14, 1857.

HON WM F PACKER—*Dear Sir:* I purpose to spend some time, during the summer and fall, in canvassing before the people of the State the principles and issues involved in the pending State election.

Party meetings bring out only that portion of the people to whom the call is made, and the addresses are necessarily all on one side, whereas it is desirable that the whole people, so far as may be, should have both sides fairly presented before them at the same time.

If it should meet your views, I propose that we canvass so much of the State as is practicable, in company, addressing alternately the same meetings. Should this meet your assent, please to inform me at your earliest convenience, so that we may arrange the times and places of meeting, order of speaking, &c. &c.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

D. WILMOT.

This letter is over two weeks old, and has not yet been answerad. Why? The Harrisburg *Telegraph* says that General Packer, instead of answering the letter promptly, as the honest candidate of any honest party would have done, laid it before the locofoco State Central Committee, and that body, instead of advising their candidate to accept the challenge, gave the letter the go-by, refused to put it in on their minutes, and vouchsafed no answer whatever to it or about it. Thus Packer, like a craven, slinks behind the committee, and the committee plays the artful dodger to screen him.

This is silly trifling. If the party was not led by the veriest cowards it would either accept a challenge or give some decent reason for declining it. As it is, it has given abundant evidence that it is afraid to meet our candidate before the people and discuss with him the great issues of the campaign. It prefers to skulk and hide, and sneak through "side doors," depending for success upon a distinctive "Know Nothing" organization, which it is doing its best to foster in a private way.—*Pitt. Gazette*

A DESERTED CITY.—The N. O. *Times* represents that city as being even more desolate than the "Deserted Village" sung of by Goldsmith. The editor says:

We can look out of our windows at noon to-day on the once bustling Camp street,—and see no one. Who opens the stores we know not,—but we expect it is done by machinery, as we never find any body in them. It is our intention to number the persons in town, and give their names, and address in a short paragraph. Money is said to be so awfully scarce, that the man of business remaining here, thinks of dismissing his collector, and hiring burglars in his place. We are the only editor left in charge of the city interests, and we have serious thoughts of letting out the streets as fine pasture grounds for sheep. Any body in want of grass will please apply.

THE HAY FEVER.—The severe Winter we have so recently passed through, and the consequent high price of hay, has learnt our people a lesson that they are not likely soon to forget. For everybody and his family seem cut after hay. The hay is unusually good and is constantly growing. Our prairies are covered in every direction with shanties and teams. We expect to see it down to four dollars per ton in this city, at which price a very large profit can be made to the cutter, as he pays nothing for the use of the land. It is now being cut at *$1.50 to $2 per ton.* This price gives a very large margin for profit to the man who draws it to town. Reasons having idle teams cannot put them to better use than in sending them out to buy hay of the stackers, who are always ready to sell.—*Chicago Democrat, July 25.*

A PARIS LETTER says the Sultan of Turkey has ordered Eroment Meurice to make him a splendid mirror, set in diamonds; it will cost above $100,000, and is destined *to the favorite of the harem*—a beauty who not only exhausts the immense allowance given her by her lord, but manages to run up bills in Constantinople to the amount of half a million of dollars yearly.

MORE OF THEM.—The sloop-of-war Cyane arrived at Boston the 29th with fifty-three forlorn wretches, a portion of the manifest destiny troops of Walker, who intended to extend the area of freedom in Nicaragua, but the deluded natives of that country seemed to prefer their own domestic liberty to the imported article, and so destiny was defeated.

☞There are occasions when even the healthiest people need medicine, the changes of the diet, of the weather and hundreds of other causes, produce a laxity in the system that needs correcting or in other words, the liver becomes slightly deranged, and needs a stimulator. If all who find themselves in this situation will use Dr. Sanford's Invigorator, they may be sure of relief, as we can testify to its efficacy in curing Headache, Indigestion, Sour Stomach, and other ills so common in a family. It acts as a medicine, easier and better than any dose of pills we ever swallowed, and is so mild that the smallest infant can take it.

☞Sold by Dr. O. Cunningham, Beaver, and Druggists generally.

☞WOOD'S HAIR RESTORATIVE.—We refer the reader to the advertisement of this popular remedy. It is highly recommended by all who have used it, and has effected wonderful results by its magic influence. We know of gentleman in this country who have been almost bald for years, had their hair entirely restored to its former luxuriance and beauty, by the use of Wood's Hair Restorative.

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To the Republicans of Beaver County.

I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for Poor House Director, at the October election; and if elected, pledge myself to an honest and faithful discharge of the duties pertaining to said office.

JOHN HESSON.

New Sewickly Tp., July 15.—

BEAVER MARKET.

BEAVER, July 28, 1857.

(Corrected Weekly.)

FLOUR—Per hundred	$3.75
RYE FLOUR—per cwt	2,75
WHEAT—per bushel	1,40
RYE—per bushel	70
CORN—per bushel	80
OATS—per bushel	40
BEEF—round	7
BUTTER—per pound	12
EGGS—per dozen	10
POTATOES—per bushel	75

PITTSBURGH MARKET

PITTSBURGH, July 28, 1857

FLOUR—Ex $6,75a,6,87 Family	7.12a7,25
WHEAT—per bushel	1,30a1,35
CORN—per bushel	70a80
RYE—per bushel	80,a85
OATS—per bushel	55a60
HAY—per ton	$10a13
POTATOES—per bushel	50a62
BUTTER—per pound	12a14
EGGS—per dozen	10a11
BACON—should's 11; hams 13 sides 12½	

MARRIED

On the 29th ult., by Rev. J. Murray, Mr. MILTON J. DAVIS, and Miss HARRIET MOORE, both of Fallston.

On the 30th, by Rev. R. M'Quatty, J. M. D. NESBIT, Esq. *formerly of Beaver*, to Miss SARAH L. GARVIN, of Mercer, Pa.

Adjourned Orphans' Court Sale.

PURSUANT to an order of Orphans' Court of the county of Beaver, will be exposed to sale by public vendue or out-cry, on the premises, on Thursday, the 27th of August next, the following described real estate, the estate of Henry Small, late of said county, dec'd, viz. Purpart No 3, lying and being situate in Brighton tp., in said county, at 10 o'clock A. M., of said day, bounded and described as follows, viz: Commencing on the east end of said tract near the road, thence S. 67°, W. 49 perches, N. 87°, W. 13 per, N. 86°, W. 16 per, N. 11°, W. 68 per, N. 20°, E. 122 per, S. 88½°, E. 18 per, S. 14°, E. 7 per, S. 41°, W. 26 per, S. 16°, W. 42 per, S. 26°, E. 31 per, S. 34°, E. 67 per, S. 1°, E. 14 4 10 perches to the place of beginning, containing 41 acres 9 perches—nearly all of which is cleared and under fence, and in a good state of cultivation—there is also coal and limestone.

Also, The undivided one-half of a lot in the Borough of New Brighton, being No 255 in the plan of said Borough—to be sold at 4 o'clock, P. M. of said day.

TERMS.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on the confirmation of the sale by the Court, one third in one year thereafter, with interest from same time, and the remaining one-third in two years thereafter, with interest to be secured by [illegible] confirmation.

For [illegible] administrator.

Aug. 1, 18[illegible]

BEAVER C[illegible]

IN the Orphans' Court of Beaver county. Judges of said Court [illegible] tate of Job Harvey, John Caughey, Adm'r [illegible] fey, dec'd, the Court appointed [illegible] liu, Esq., an Auditor to make distribution of said assets in his hands, to adjust disputes, and make distribution of said assets, June 30th, 1857. The appointment continued.

[L. S.]. A true extract. Attest.

W. K BODEN, Cl'k.

NOTICE.—The undersigned will attend at the Court House, in the borough of *Beaver*, on Thursday, the 27th of August, at 9 o'clock, A. M., for the hearing in above case, of which all parties in interest will take notice.

B. B CHAMBERLIN, Auditor.

Aug. 5, 1857.

Better than Bank Stock!

A Valuable Farm and Coal Land for Sale on the Monongahela River, 22 miles from Pittsburgh.

This Farm is well improved, and the land is of the best quality: 45 bushels of Wheat to the acre have been raised upon it. Also, adjoining it will be sold a TRACT OF COAL LAND.—This property has the key to the Coal laying back for more than a mile along the river.—There is no better property along the river. For particulars address Box 535, Pittsburgh Post Office.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—*In chronic dyspepsia*, where the stomach has become callous to all ordinary remedies, and stimulants fail either to provoke appetite or facilitate digestion, these Pills, by their simultaneous action upon the fluids, will quickly impart a healthy tone to the whole physical machinery. Innigestion, general debility, liver complaint, nausea, pains between the shoulders, head-ache, low spirits, a feeling of oppression after meals, sleeplessness, languor, flatulence, bowel complaint, etc., are among the ailments invariably cured by a course of this inestimable remedy.

TO CASH BUYERS.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES.

THE season has arrived when our stock of Summer Goods *must and will be sold.* Cold weather in the early part of the season has left us with a stock of Summer goods, by far too large for this advanced time of Summer, and as we are determined to carry over *no goods* to another summer—thereby losing the use of our money for nearly a year—we will for Thirty days to come, sell at EASTERN COST, our stock of

Lawns,	Mantillas,	Fancy Silks,
Brilliants,	Shawls,	French Collars,
Challies,	Bonnets,	Mohair mitts,
Debeges,	Ribbons,	Parasols,

and variety goods generally.

As a further inducement to purchasers, we will also sell at a *reduction* our stock of Domestic and Staple goods—such as Calicoes, Muslins, Tickings, Checks, Table Linens, and all goods usually kept in a dry goods store. As we are determined *to close out our stock—particularly light goods*—some good bargains may be expected.

T. M. TAYLOR,

July 22, '57. Rochester 'on the hill.'

Seminary Lesson.

QUESTION. How many Ladies are there in the Female Seminary in *Beaver?* ANSWER. One Hundred.

QUESTION. Would it be a desirable location for an Oculist or Eye Doctor? ANS. *No, sir.*

QUESTION. Why not? ANS. Because the Ladies all wear fine Ear Drops, which they get cheap at the establishment of WM. PLATE, in Bridgewater. He also deals largely in Finger Rings, Pins, Gold and Silver Watches, all cheap, very cheap, for Cash. July 22, '57.

AMBROTYPES,

MELAINOTYPES & SPHEROTYPES.

J. H. DOUGLASS

WOULD say to the citizens of Beaver and vicinity, that he has fitted up in the Hall of the PORTER HOUSE, and *is prepared to furnish* those who will call on him, with an elegant likeness; in any of these improved styles.

These pictures can be taken almost in an instant, and in all kinds of weather, which is a great advantage in taking likenesses of children.

He is also prepared to take pictures on leather and paper, which are convenient to send by mail. Also Spherotypes which is a wonderful improvement in the art. He has on hand a variety of Fancy Cases, Gold Lockets and Breastpins. Ladies and Gentlemen are respectfully invited to call and examine specimens at his room.

P. S. Call soon as he purposes remaining but a short time. July 15, '57.

PERFUMERY and Flavoring Extracts can always be found at P. B. YOUNG'S.

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13th. Six examples of Books opened with special conditions.

14th. Dissolution and winding up partnership Book.

15th Sale and transfer of interest from one partner to another.

See test problems on the above—circular p. 20.

Penmanship, Mercantile Arithmetic, Commercial Law, Correspondence, Commercial Ethics, Political Economy and Detecting Counterfeit Notes, are all included with our College Course of Book-keeping.

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[illegible]ted Universalist questions are [illegible]ts in this Institution; nor no [illegible]eaching" is advertised in the [illegible]n Sundays, on the "doctrines [illegible] of the Presbyterian, Methodist, [illegible]er Churches. jy22'57.

[illegible]k Notice.

[illegible] given, that in pursuance of [illegible]y relating thereto, for the [illegible] approved May 5, 1857, [illegible]s to receive subscriptions to the Capital stock of the *BANK OF BEAVER COUNTY* will be opened, and remain open as follows—

At the Pavilion House, in the borough of Rochester, on Monday and Tuesday the 3d and 4th days of August next, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 p. m.

At the Porter House, in the borough of *Beaver*, on Wednesday and Thursday the 5th and 6th days of August next, during the hours above named.

At the Huron House, in the borough of New *Brighton*, on Friday and Saturday the 7th and 8th days of August next, during the said hours, and to continue at the latter place, from day to day, or adjourn from place to place, as circumstances may require.

The Commissioners named in the act—or a duly appointed committee of their number—will attend with the *books, &c.*

B. R. Bradford,	Archibald Robertson,
Walter Chester,	Silas Merrick,
S. M. Darragh,	Thos. Cunningham,
E. Stowe,	William Henry,
B. B. Chamberlin,	M. H. Robertson,
Edward Hoops,	Thomas L. Power,
Wm. Kennedy,	Harrison Mendenhall,
Joseph H. Dickson,	Matthew T. Kennedy,
Wm. L. Dickinson,	Wm. R. Sterling,

July 8, 1857. *Commissioners.*

NOTICE.

Office of New Brighton Man. Co.)
New Brighton, July 1, 1857.

The Share-holders of the New Brighton Manufacturing company, are hereby notified and required to pay to the Treasurer of the Company in New Brighton, the unpaid balance of the stock subscribed by them respectively, as follows, viz—

1. An instalment of Four Dollars per share, on the 15th day of August next.
2. An instalment of Four Dollars per share on the 15th day of September next.
3. An instalment of Four Dollars per share on the 15th day of October next.
4. An instalment of Four Dollars per share, on the 15th day of November next.
5. An instalment (final) of Four Dollars per share on the 15th day of December next.

By order of the Board of Directors.

EDWARD HOOPS, Sec'y.

Bridgewater Drug Store.

THE subscriber having just received a new and large assortment of Drugs, Patent Medicines, &c., respectfully informs the citizens of Bridgewater and adjoining villages, that they can now obtain anything in his line as cheap as they can be purchased in Pittsburg or any other city west of the mountains. Having his Drugs selected by a careful and experienced person, he cannot fail to give satisfaction. Thankful for past favors he solicits the custom of both friends and strangers, feeling that he can both supply and satisfy he asks your patronage. He has this day received a large assortment of paints, oils, turpentine and dye stuffs, which he can sell cheaper than they have ever been offered to the public before. Also a large assortment of pure wines, brandies and liquors, for medical and sacramental purposes only. A large stock of cigars and tobacco kept constantly on hand, which will be sold, wholesale and retail, cheaper than they can be bought elsewhere. A full assortment of all the Patent Medicines, hair oils, fancy soaps and perfumery constantly on hand, at Smith's old stand, Bridgewater. SAMUEL MILLER.

July 15 1857.

M. B WELSH,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

(District Attorney,)

Office in the Court House, Beaver, Pa.

July 15 1857, 1y.

NOTICE.

MY wife Nancy, having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, all persons are hereby forbidden to trust her on my account, as I will pay no debts of her contracting after this date. JOHN ROB.

Fallston, July 22, 1857.

DENTISTRY.

DR. W. F. FUNDENBERG Having returned from Europe, has resumed the practice of his profession. Office and residence No. 148 Third Street, two doors above Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

June 11 1y.

CASH paid for Butter and Eggs, by

A. S. HARVEY,

July 15 '57 No. 3, Stewart's Row.

BOERHAVE'S HOLLAND BITTERS

THE CELEBRATED HOLLAND REMEDY FOR

DYSPEPSIA,

DISEASE OF THE KIDNEYS,

LIVER COMPLAINT,

WEAKNESS OF ANY KIND

FEVER AND ACUE,

And the various affections consequent upon disordered

STOMACH AND LIVER.

Such as Indigestion, Acidity of the stomach, Colicky Pains, Heatburn, Loss of Appetite, Despondency, Costiveness, Blind and Bleeding Piles. In all Nervous, Rheumatic and Neuralgic Affections, it has in numerous instances proved highly beneficial and in others effected a decided cure.

This is a purely vegetable compound, prepared on strictly scientific principles, after the manner of the celebrated Holland Professor, Boerhave. Because of its great success in most of the European States, its introduction into the United States was intended more especially for those of our fatherland scattered here and there over the face of this mighty country. Meeting with great success among them, I now offer it to the American public, knowing that its truly wonderful medicinal virtues must be acknowledged.

It is particularly recommended to those persons whose constitutions may have been impaired by the continuous use of ardent spirits, or other forms of dissipation. Generally instantaneous in effect, it finds its way directly to the seat of life, thrilling and quickening every nerve raised up the drooping spirit, and, in fact, infusing new health and vigor in the system.

NOTICE.—Whoever expects to find in this elevevage will be disappointed, but to the sick weak and low spirited, it will prove a greatful aromatic cordial, possessed of singular remedia properties.

CAUTION.—The great popularity of this delightful Aroma has induced many imitations, which the public should guard against purchasing. Be not persuaded to buy anything else until you have given Boerhave's Holland Bitters a fair trial. One bottle will convince you how infinitely superior it is to all these imitations.

☞Sold at $1 00 per bottle, or six bottles for $5·00, sold by the proprietors, Benjamin Page, Jr. & Co. Manufacturing Pharmaceutists and Chemists, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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SIR JAMES CLARKE'S

Celebrated Female Pills.

Prepared from a prescription of Sir James Clarke, M. D. Physician Extraordinary to the Queen. This invaluable Medicine is unfailing in the cure of all those painful and dangerous diseases incident to the female constitution.

It moderates all excess, removes all obstructions, and brings on the monthly period with regularity. These Pills should be used two or three weeks previous to confinement; they fortify the constitution, and lessen suffering during labor, enabling the mother to perform her duties with safety to herself and child.

These Pills should not be taken by females during the FIRST THREE MONTHS of Pregnancy as they are sure to bring on Miscarrige, but at any other time they are safe.

In all cases of Nervous and Spinal Affections, pain in the Back and Limbs, Heaviness, Fatigue in Slight Exertion, Palpitation of the Heart, Lowness of Spirits, Hysterics, Sick Headache, Whites and all the painful diseases occasioned by a disordered system, these Pills will effect a cure when all other means have failed, and although a powerful remedy, do not contain iron, calomel, antimony or any other mineral.

Full directions accompanying each package. Price, in the United States and Canada, One Dollar.

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TUTTLE & MOSES, Auburn, N. Y. General Agents.

N. B. $1,00 and 6 postage stamps enclosed to any authorized Agents, will insure a bottle of the Pills by return mail. For sale by C. L. KAISER, Rochester, Pa.

Wholesale Agents FLEMING BROTHER. Pittsburgh Pa. Dec. 12

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Of the Real Estate of Mary and Sarah Stockman, dec'd.

BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Beaver County, will be exposed to sale at public vendue, on the premises, on Saturday, the 29th day of August next, at 12 o'clock, M. the Real Estate of Mary and Sarah Stockman, late of Beaver county, dec'd., being the undivided two thirds of one hundred and six acres and seventy-five perches of land, devised to them and Eliza Stockman, as tenants in common by the last will and testament of John Stockman, dec'd., situate on the road leading from Beaver to New Castle, on the West side of the Big Beaver Creek, about six miles from New *Brighton*, in Big Beaver township, in said county; Bounded on the North by lands of Smiley, East by Big Beaver Creek, South by William Beatty and West by Robert Stinson, upon which is a dwelling house, barn or stabling, apple orchard, a number of never failing spring, streams of running water, about seventy-five acres cleared and under fence, balance well timbered; soil productive and veins of coal underneath; location pleasant and healthy.

TERMS—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on confirmation of sale, one third in one year and the remaining one-third in two years thereafter, with interest. For information enquire of Samuel Blair, near the premises, or of M. B WELSH, Trustee.

Attest, WM. K. BODEN, Cl'k

Beaver, July, 15th, 1857.

W. R. STERLING,

Banker, Dealer in Exchange Bank Notes and Coin; New Brighton, Pa.

COLLECTIONS of Bills, Notes and Drafts, promptly attended to. Par and current funds received on deposit. June 11,'54

NOTICE.

ALL persons interested are hereby notified that the undersigned Commissioners, appointed by the Court of Quarter sessions of *Beaver* county, to inquire into the propriety of erecting a new School District out of parts of Raccoon, Green and Hanover townships, to be called Mechanicsburg District will meet on Monday the 24th of August, 1857, at the village of Mechanicsburg, to discharge the duties enjoined by order of Court. W. A. THOMSON.

DAVID PATTON,

July 8. DAVID REED.

TO THE PUBLIC.

THE subscriber having taken charge of the Sharon Steam Flouring Mill, would respectfully inform the public that he is prepared to accommodate all who may favor him with their custom. His facilities for grinding are fully equal to any in the county. If good wheat is sent to this mill, he will insure good flour, and a good yield.

may 27 1857. JOHN H. POWELL.

FAST Colored Lawns, from 6¼ cents up.
White Brilliants, from 10 cts up.
Figured do from 12½ cents up.
Embroideries, and all kinds of white goods at greatly reduced prices, for 30 days, at

July 22, '57. TAYLOR'S.

RESOLUTION

Proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met: That the following amendments are proposed to the constitution of the commonwealth, in accordance with the provisions of the tenth article thereof.

First Amendment.

There shall be an additional article to said constitution to be designated as article eleven as follows:—

ARTICLE XI.

OF PUBLIC DEBTS.

SECTION 1. The State may contract debts, to supply casual deficits or failures in revenues, or to meet expenses not otherwise provided for; but the aggregate amount of such debts direct and contingent, whether contracted by virtue of one or more acts of the general assembly, or at different periods of time, shall never exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and the money arising from the creation of such debts, shall be applied to the purpose for which it was obtained, or to repay the debts so contracted, and to no other purpose whatever.

SEC. 2 In addition to the above limited power the State may contract debts to repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to redeem the present outstanding indebtedness of the state; but the money arising from the contracting of such debts, shall be applied to the purpose for which it was raised, or to repay such debts, and to no other purpose whatever.

SEC. 3. Except the debts above specified, in sections one and two of this article, no debt whatever shall be created by, or on behalf of the state.

SEC. 4. To provide for the payment of the present debt, and any additional debt contracted as aforesaid, the legislature shall, at its first session, after the adoption of this amendment, create a sinking fund, which shall be sufficient to pay the accruing interest on such debt, and annually to reduce the principal thereof by a sum not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; which sinking fund shall consist of the net annual income of the public works, from time to time owned by the state, or the proceeds of the sale of the same, or any part thereof, and of the income or proceeds of sale of stocks owned by the state, together with other funds, or resources, that may be designated by law. The said sinking fund may be increased, from time to time, by assigning to it any part of the taxes, or other revenues of the state, not required for the ordinary and current expenses of government, and unless in case of war, invasion or insurrection, no part of the said sinking fund shall be used or applied otherwise than in extinguishment of the public debt, until the amount of such debt is reduced below the sum of five millions of dollars.

SEC. 5. The credit of the commonwealth shall not in any manner, or event, be pledged, or loaned to, any individual, company, corporation or association; nor shall the commonwealth hereafter become a joint owner, or stockholder, in any company, association, or corporation.

SEC. 6. The commonwealth shall not assume the debt, or any part thereof, of any county, city, borough or township; or of any corporation, or association: unless such debt shall have been contracted to enable the state to repel invasion, suppress domestic insurrection, defend itself in time of war, or to assist the state in the discharge of any portion of its present indebtedness.

SEC. 7. The legislature shall not authorize any county, city, borough, township, or incorporated district, by virtue of a vote of its citizens, or otherwise, to become a stockholder in any company, association, or corporation; or to obtain money for, or loan its credit to, any corporation, association, institution, or party.

Second Amendment.

There shall be an additional article to said constitution, to be designated as article XII, as follows:

ARTICLE XII.

OF NEW COUNTIES.

No county shall be divided by a line cutting off over one-tenth of its population, (either to form a new county or otherwise,) without the express assent of such county, by a vote of the electors thereof; nor shall any new county be established, containing less than four hundred square miles.

Third Amendment.

From section two of the first article of the constitution, strike out the words, "of the city of Philadelphia, and of each county respectively;" from section five, same article, strike out the words, "of Philadelphia and of several counties;" from section seven, same article, strike out the words, "neither the city of Philadelphia nor any, and insert in lieu thereof the words, "and no;" and strike out "section four, same article," and in lieu thereof insert the following:

"SEC. 4. In the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and in every seventh year thereafter, representatives to the number of one hundred, shall be apportioned and distributed equally, throughout the state, by districts, in proportion to the number of taxable inhabitants in the several parts thereof; except that any county containing at least three thousand five hundred taxables, may be allowed a separate representation; but no more than three counties shall be joined, and no county shall be divided, in the formation of a district. Any city containing a sufficient number of taxables to entitle it to at least two representatives, shall have a separate representation assigned it, and shall be divided into convenient districts of contiguous territory, of equal taxable population as near as may be, each of which districts shall elect one representative.

At the end of section seven, same article, insert these words, "the city of Philadelphia shall be divided into single Senatorial districts, of contiguous territory as nearly equal in taxable population as possible; but no ward shall be divided in the formation thereof."

The legislature, at its first session, after the adoption of this amendment, shall divide the city of Philadelphia into senatorial and representative districts, in the manner above provided; such districts to remain unchanged until the apportionment in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

Fourth Amendment.

There shall be an additional section to the first article of said constitution, which shall be numbered and read as follows:

SEC. 26. The legislature shall have the power to alter, revoke, or annul, any charter or incorporation hereafter conferred by, or under, any special, or general law, whenever in their opinion it may be injurious to the citizens of the commonwealth, in such manner, however, that no injustice shall be done to the corporators.

IN SENATE, March 27th, 1857.

Resolved, That this resolution pass. On the first amendment, yeas 24, nays 7; on the second amendment, yeas 23, nays 8; on the third amendment, yeas 24, nays 4; on the fourth amendment, yeas 23, nays 4.

[Extract from the Journal.]

GEO. W. HAMERSLY, Cl'k.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
April 29, 1857.

Resolved, That this resolution pass. On the first amendment, yeas 78, nays 12; on the second amendment, yeas 57, nays 34; on the third amendment, yeas 72, nays 22; on the fourth amendment yeas 83, nays 7.

[Extract from the Journal.]

JACOB ZIEGLER, Cl'k

Filed in Secretary's office, May 2, 1857.

A. G. CURTIN,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
HARRISBURG, June 22, 1857.

Pennsylvania ss:

I do certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original "Resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth," with the vote in each branch of the Legislature upon the final passage thereof, as appears from the originals on file in this office.

[L. S.] In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to to affixed the seal of the Secretary's Office, the day and year above written.

A. G. CURTIN,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

IN SENATE, March 27, 1857.

The resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth being under consideration,

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the first amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, and were as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Brewer, Brown, Coffey, Ely, Evans, Fetter, Flenniken, Frazer, Ingram, Jordan, Killinger, Knox, Laubach, Lewis, Myer, Scofield, Sellers, Shuman, Steele, Straub, Welsh, Wilkins, Wright and Taggart, *Speaker*—24.

NAYS—Messrs. Crabb, Cresswell, Finney, Gregg, Harris, Penrose and Souther—7.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the second amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, and were as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Brewer, Browne, Cresswell, Ely, Evans, Fetter, Finney, Flenniken, Ingram, Jordan, Knox, Laubach, Lewis, Myer, Sellers, Shuman, Souther, Steele, Straub, Welsh, Wilkins, Wright and Taggart, *Speaker*—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Coffey, Crabb, Frazer, Gregg, Harris, Killinger, Penrose and Scofield—8.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the third amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, and were as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Brewer, Browne, Crabb, Cresswell, Ely, Evans, Flenniken, Frazer, Ingram, Jordan, Killinger, Knox, Laubach, Lewis, Myer, Scofield, Sellers, Shuman, Souther, Steele, Straub, Welsh, Wilkins and Wright—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Coffey, Gregg, Harris and Penrose—4.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the fourth amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, and were as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Brewer, Brown, Coffey, Cresswell, Ely, Evans, Flenniken, Frazer, Ingram, Killinger, Knox, Laubach, Lewis, Myer, Scofield, Sellers, Shuman, Souther, Steele, Straub, Welsh, Wilkins and Wright—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Crabb, Finney, Jordan and Penrose—4.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
April 29, 1857

The resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth being under consideration,

On the question,

Will the House agree to the first amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, and were as follows viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson Arthur, Backhouse, Ball, Beck, Bishop, Bower, Brown, Calhoun, Campbell, Chase, Cleaver, Crawford, Dickey, Ent, Eyster, Fausold, Foster, Gibboney, Gilden, Hamel, Harper, Heins, Hiestand, Hill, Hillegas, Hoffman, (Berks,) Imbrie, Innes, Jacobs, Jenkins, Johns, Johnson, Kauffman, Kerr, Knight, Leisenring, Longaker, Lovett, Manear, Mangle, M'Calmont, M'Ilvain, Moorhead, Mumma, Musselman, Nichols, Nicholson, Nunemacher, Pearson, Peters, Petriken, Pownall, Purcell, Ramsey, (Philadelphia,) Ramsey, (York,) Reamer, Reed, Roberts, Rupp, Shaw, Sloan, Smith, (Cambria,) Smith, (Centre,) Stevenson, Tolan, Vail, Vanvoorhis, Vickers, Voeghley, Walter, Westbrook, Wharton, Williston, Witherow, Wright, Zimmerman and Getz, *Speaker*—78.

NAYS—Messrs. Backus, Benson, Dock, Hamilton, Hancock, Hine, Hoffman, (Lebanon,) Lebo, Struthers, Thorn, Warner and Wintrode—12.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the second amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, and were as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Brewer, Browne, Crabb, Cresswell, Ely, Evans, Fetter, Finney, Flenniken, Frazer, Ingram, Jordan, Killinger, Knox, Laubach, Lewis, Myer, Scofield, Sellers, Shuman, Souther, Steele, Straub, Welsh, Wilkins and Wright—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Coffey, Gregg, Harris and Penrose—4.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the fourth amendment?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, and were as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Brewer, Brown, Coffey, Cresswell, Ely, Evans, Flenniken, Frazer, Ingram, Killinger, Knox, Laubach, Lewis, Myer, Scofield, Sellers, Shuman, Souther, Steele, Straub, Welsh, Wilkins and Wright—23.

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NAYS—Messrs. Arthur, Augustine, Backus, Bishop, Carty, Dock, Gilden, Hamilton, Hancock, Hine, Jenkins, Knight, Leisenring, M'Ilvain, Ramsey, (Philadelphia,) Roberts, Struthers, Thorn, Walter, Warner, Wharton, and Wintrode—22.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,

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NAYS—Messrs. Dock, Hamilton, Hancock, Struthers, Thorn, Wintr