

Local Intelligence.

RAILROAD MEETING.—A meeting of the citizens of Centre, Union, Huntingdon and Blair counties, was held at Aaronsburg, on the 23rd ult., for the purpose of devising a plan to secure the early completion and completion of the Lehigh Valley and Spruce Creek Railroads. The attendance was unexpectedly large, representing the industry and the wealth of the counties mentioned, and the disposition manifested indicated a certain desire to render every aid to secure the success of this great improvement.

The meeting was called to order by the appointment of Gen. George Buchanan, President. On taking the chair, the President congratulated those present, on the cheering prospects which encourage the movement. He said that it was no longer a mere matter of local interest, but that it was a matter of national importance, and that it was a matter of national interest, and that it was a matter of national interest, and that it was a matter of national interest.

After the organization of the meeting, the President read an address, which our correspondent failed to send us. G. F. Miller, Esq., of Lewisburg, was then loudly called for, and addressed the meeting in an able and forcible manner. He clearly proved the utility of the road, and demonstrated the great benefits which it would confer upon all concerned. To the people of the valley, its worth would be incalculable. It also urged the speedy building of the Tyrone and Spruce Creek Railroads, as neither would interfere with the other, and thereby cause any of the comparing distances, that this road would be the shortest between the Atlantic cities and the Great West.

The amount of stock taken along the route was then called for and reported as follows: Lewisburg, \$10,000; Millburg, \$10,000; Union, \$20,000; Aaronsburg, \$10,000; Milltown, \$20,000; Spring Mill, \$10,000; Old Fort, \$20,000; Holsburg, \$30,000; Pine Grove, \$10,000; Miles Township, \$10,000; Franklin Township, Huntingdon County, \$10,000; Hollidaysburg, \$20,000; and Townships not represented, \$10,000. Making a total of \$310,000.

The following committees were then appointed to make a pro rata distribution among the counties interested of the whole amount required along the line: Messrs. Fick and Halfpenny of Union; Hon. Geo. Coal of Centre, and Messrs. Hallist and Johnson of Huntingdon counties.

Win. C. Duncan, John Hosterman, Peter Wilson, James Dantap, Dr. Wm. J. Wilson, Henry Keller and Samuel Frank, to make a pro rata distribution among the townships in Centre county.

Samuel Heaps, John J. Wilson, Sam'l Kaufman, James H. Dantap, John Hosterman, James Moore, Samuel Barber and David Watson to make a similar distribution among the townships in Union county.

The report of the committee appointed to ascertain the whole amount is as follows: Union county, \$125,000; Centre, \$70,000; Huntingdon, \$65,000; Blair, \$30,000. Making \$300,000, the amount required. Subscribed, \$310,000. Leaving \$10,000 to be raised, which has been approved by the committee before named to the respective townships in each county.

On motion, the respective collecting committees in the different counties and townships along the line are required to report their success to the executive committee on or before the 15th of February next.

On motion, George F. Miller, Esq., of Lewisburg, was appointed one of the executive committee in place of David Duncan, deceased.

A Powerful Appeal to Democracy.

At a late mass meeting held in Saline county, Arkansas, S. H. Hempstead, Esq., delivered an able speech against Know-Nothingism, which concludes with the following powerful appeal to Democrats to adhere to their time-honored principles and organization:

"And what reason is there to leave the Democratic party? It is now the only one that can pretend to a national organization? On the question of slavery, so much important to the South, we have some things more than profession—we have practice consistent with profession. The Kansas-Nebraska bill faithfully carries out the great principle on which the Democracy in its platform have stood, and on which the South must stand in defence of its constitutional rights."

"The principle is non-intervention as to slavery in the States and Territories—the entire exclusion of that exciting question from the halls of the National Legislature—to come to the people of the Territories to elect the Union, with or without slavery, as they shall deem most expedient for their own interests—in a word, the right to establish such Government, Republican in its features, as shall seem to them fit for their wants. On these doctrines the National Democracy of the South and the North can and will stand, and preserve this our glorious Union, and maintain its Constitution as the best inheritance which can be left to future generations. Know-Nothingism cannot do it. It has already weakened the bonds of society and of government—marked its local triumphs by trampling on the rights of others—introducing, as in Louisville, riots and bloodshed—the murder of men, women, and children as substitutes for peaceable and orderly conduct in elections. Afraid to trust to honor, they bind each other by horrid oaths; but as an illegal oath is not obligatory in the sight of God or man, and ought to be renounced without scruple, they have renounced their cast-off self-imposed yoke, and they may, and give us, if they will, a fair, open, and manly contest."

"How inviting are the principles of our party? They are, in short, equal and exact justice to all men, of whatever States, parties, religions or political; the right of States and Territories to administer their own domestic affairs without question from any quarter; the right of every citizen to the equality of the people and the right of the majority to rule when their will is constitutionally expressed; freedom of religion and freedom of the press; opposition to all secret political organizations; the preservation of naturalization laws; a sacred preservation of the Federal Constitution, and no religious test for office; respect and protection for the rights of all. This, in short, the Democratic creed, and is it not fit to be embraced? Is there anything in Know-Nothingism or Native-Americanism, or any other ism, that can compare with it?"

"Our cause is just—our mission a noble one. The protection of human rights, the protection of Constitutional privileges, and resistance to policy that would weaken, and, if successfully carried out, virtually destroy, that Constitution, are surely inducements enough for every Democrat to rally under that good old Democratic flag, emblematic of the Constitution and triumph of republican principles and of law and order, and demand from him, in this emergency, activity and vigilance, patriotism and firmness, against a party the most dangerous of any that ever sprung up in America."

THE KNICKERBOCKER for January is, if possible, more complete than any of the preceding numbers. The contributions are of high order which have given it a prominent rank among the popular magazines of the day, and the editor's noble efforts with wit, sentiment and poetry. No library is complete without the Knickerbocker.

COAL TRADE OF 1855.—The shipments of anthracite coal from the Pennsylvania mines for the year ending December 1st, are estimated at 4,502,000 tons, being an increase of 700,000 tons over the previous year. The aggregate value is about twelve millions of dollars.

MR. Appleton, the American Secretary of Legation at London, has, in consequence of present business matters, resigned. This will probably prolong the stay of Mr. Buchanan, should not a new Minister and Secretary be promptly appointed.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA Senate has passed a bill repealing the usury laws.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 22d, of Consumption, MARY ANN BATES, adopted daughter of Mr. WILLIAM LEONARD, of Graham township, and daughter of Mr. ALLEN BATES, of Washington Furnace, Centre Co. Pa. aged about three years.

Business Record.

PRODUCE AND PROVISION MARKET. Reported for the Watchman by W. J. Keath.

RECEIPTS, January 1, 1856. The market for flour and wheat for the past week has been dull. FLOUR is worth \$9.50 per bushel. WHEAT from \$1.25 to \$1.37 per bushel as to quality.

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Table with columns: NAME, DISCOUNT, and various bank names like Bank of Northampton, Bank of Northumberland, &c.

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BOOK AND JOB PRINTING OFFICE.

The Publisher of THE DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN has, in connection with his Newspaper Establishment, the following list of articles for sale: BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, CARDS, TICKETS, &c., &c., &c.

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LOOK HAVEN MARBLE WORKS.

HIGHEST PREMIUM AWARDED BY THE CENTRE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR. The subscriber has a large stock of marble, and is prepared to execute any order for marble work, such as monuments, gravestones, &c., &c., &c.

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