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A Sketch of Western Travels.

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Hoosier Ridge—Iora City—State Capitol—
Iora admitted sulo the Union—Iora River
—Tour up the Mississippi-Scenery Night
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thout Granite State?—McGregor—Fathcris House—An Incident—Prayre

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Clause For Conferded.

Chein-Fort Crawford. We spent several days north of Daven. ort, on " Hoosier Ridge," Iows. A country excel this portion of the West, is seldom und. The oldest settlements in Pennaviama do not present much better improvecuts. The productiveness of the soil is of bounded fertility.

· A gentleman, formerly of Centre County, signated to this locality several years ago. chased property, and is now in a fair ay to wealth and affluones. The increase the valuation of lands would seem almost abulous. These under improvement rate om forty to one hundred dollars, while unroken Prairie cannot be purchaged at a lowr figure than twenty-five dollars per acro. From Davenport we proceeded to lowa ity, the Capitol of the State, by Railroad nothing worthy of note took place during he journey, which was accomplished in

fty four miles travel. lows City is built upon an eminence of nsiderable magnitude, near the Iowa Riv-Its population is about 6,500 and raplly increasing. The people are enterpriing and intelligent, but like many other laces of the West, have quite an aptitude

We visited the Capitol, which is built on nto the Union in 1845, and by a recent act I lagislation the Capitol has been removed ta's explorations of the Mississippi. Fort Des Moines. We ascended to the ome, and had glorious prospect for miles

and from Government to aid in its construct morning's sun beamed over the village (?)

ion, and is moving forward with a prospect of speedy completion. part of men interested in the river trade.-

the burning of the Steamer, " Effic Afton." The Mississippi rapids, at the foot of which this Mammoth bridge spans the river were ascended slowly and cautiously. The current of the stream with strong head winds McGregor with its towering walls and frownbore down heavily upon us, yet our course ing battlements. It was built under the superwas onward. Colossean columns of black smoke rolled out upon the atmosphere, while military head quarters during the celebraever and anon beliched forth the fearful pow- ted Black Hawk war. The Government er of steam that moved us " like a thing of life" upon the inky water. Who indeed can ago and the fortifications are now going to look abroad upon the villages, the cultivated fields, the peaceful homestead of the rural districts, and the herds of lowing cattie on the hills and plains along the Mississippi, without emotions of the most enthu-

steamboat cast a strange reflection on the ly, its no use ! somebody has stolen the key wildness of the scenery, and we realized an | hole !" awe-inspiring sansation that shall never be forgotten. Here sharing the Islands we retired to a state room, and for a first time any other city of its population in the get married."

BELLEFONTE, PA., THUR

AY, SEPT. 17, 1857.

produced effects most singularly pleasing.

Within the first class cabin a motly mass held social intercourse. Some discussed the prominent National questions of the times, while others engaged in playing cards, a Ladies arrayed in satin and extending hoops. graced the splendor of their special quarters watched the fortstent of some manderine urchin, lest, perchance, surrounding danger might hide him from her sight forever. Gentlemen in white cravats were moralizing on ncreasing vice and immerality, and " man's inhumanity to man" Thus you have a brief routine of the doings on board among the multitude.

We arrived at McGregor safely, in the night and through deep mud and darkness

old hotel and a few old dilapidated shanties. in one of the latter class, owing to the prin- ing report :-ciple hotel being full beyond the possibility of our accommodation. Here several men lister, appointed judges to hold the election were drunk, and swearing most profanely. A red nosed landlord gave unmistakable porating the Farmers' High School of Penn's, evidence of a long intimacy with Capt. n elevation of ground similar to the State Whisky. He claimed to be an early settler uldings of the good old Keystone of our and we doubted not the truth of his asserbuffderacy. There is less taste displayed tion from the ancient character of his premthe arrangement of its public ground ises. "Father's House," must really have han at Harrisburg, but the reader must been christened at a very early period, for car in mind that fows was only admitted to the inquiring stranger the idea of its origin is very strongly associated with De'So

By the way we might here add as an insidental occurrence that our amiable friend, Geo. H. Weaver, Esq., who was then our The lows River flowing upon the western traveling companion, had not a very favoride, could be seen wending its way through able impression of our quarters, and deemhe out spreading Prairie, sparkling beneath ing some of the "hangers on" to be rather noon-day's sun like brilliant diamonds. suspicious characters, doubted the security The country in the vicinity is somewhat of his person and property if he risked himbluffy, and the Railroad which extends west-self in bed. As an act of self protection ward to Council Bluff, a portion of which s under contract, requires at Iowa City all put the key into his pocket and requested us mmense filling. This road has a grant of to inform him when the earliest rays of the

McGregor now contains over one thousand inhabitants with num rous stores, ho-Having concluded the object of our visit sels and ware-houses. The place is evio this place, we introduce ourself to you dently destined to be one of great importagain at Davenport, setting out upon a tour anco. The Milwaukie and Mississippi Rail up the Mississippi River, on board the ele- Road has been recently completed and the ant Steamer of the Rock Island and Galena cars are running to Prairie Du Chein on the clow the finely constructed Railroad bridge ing pushed forward rapidly, westward, from

Preirie Du Chein is springing up with The winds were unusually high, and the Rail Road speed and forms a striking conwater much beyond the hight it commonly trast with historical incidents of the red attains, rendered the undertaking of passing inan. One hundred years ago Prairie Du through the draw a little frightful to the Ohein was known as an Indian trading post. timid. We, however, got through safely, The various savage tribes could meet there but it will be recollected, frequent accidents on a negative ground to sport and trade in have here occurred, one of which resulted in partial rate of the state perfect safety, although at home they might be waging an exterminating war against

each other. Fort Crawford stands on the eastern bank of the Mississippl river, directly opposite vision of Gen. Zachary Taylor, and was his troops were withdrawn nearly two years decay.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

A young fellow, from four to five years old, having perforated the knees of his trou-

It has hitherto been maintained that the ourl in a gig's tail is more for ornament than use. .. The position is no longer temable. A slumbered on the bosom of the mighty large sow was seen walking down Broadway some time ago, with a piece of red tape at-

West. Its locality is thirteen miles east of the Mississippi, in a most prolife lead refrom We took the Railroad for Dunlicht, and from the month of the St. Paul Mail Jims for McGregor. The Officege and Galean Union Hailroad terminist and the travel western the property of continuous connections. The profit of the surprise of the St. Paul Mail Jims for McGregor. The Officege and Galean Union Hailroad terminist and the property of the surprise and induced which they could not have been presented and the surprise of the

Early on Wednesday a crowd of delegates, trustees and visitors arrived on the ground, and the lands of the Farmers' High Pennsylvania, I may say, without disparage-School bore the weight of a body of men combining intellect, skill and active philanthrophy such as few other causes could customary pastime on our western rivers .- | collect together from the far corners of our State

Of the Board of Trustees there were pre with a winning smile. Anxlous mothers sent Frederick Watts, A. O. Hiester, John Allister, J. M. Snedgrass and Jas. Miles .-Absent, James Pollock (ex-officio,) A. S. Elwyn, A. S. Roberts, Wm. Jessup and power to their own want, and the axion's want.

the Legislature for the election of Trustees er of an adequate education will ever prove in the place of those whose terms expired the asfety and bulwark of all our fustitutions. night and through deep mud and darkness in the place of those whose terms expire. In the salety and outwark of all our notations, grouped our way in search of comfortable Whereupon the Board sppointed J. McK.

Nodging.

Eighteen months previously we had visitto receive and count the votes. The Board to receive and count the votes. ed McGregor and found it to contain but one to receive and count the votes. The Board then adjourned until noon, when, after redivine, all desire to combine their best char At that time we were compelled to lodge assembling, the Judges made the follow-

"We, J McK. Snodgrass and H. N. McAl-

The following is the representation which appears for the purpose of electing the members of the Bourd of Trustees, and duly accredited by their respective County Agricul

COUNTIES REPRESENTED.

Allegheny-James Reed, Moses Chess Berks-Geo. M. Keim, Solomon Kirby, S.

J. Ancone

Blair—A. M'Allister, J. A. Cunningham

Buck—W. I. Rogers, John Blackfan

Cambrid—R. L. Johnston, Wm. H. Gard-

Chester - J. K. Eshleman, Pierce Hoopes Isanc Have Chnton - G W. Halinbake, J. 5 Furst, S. R. Peal

Cumberland-Geo W Sharffer Centre-John Baily, Jos. Shirk, Sam'l Gil-Beloware-Abraham P. Morgan, Josha

Eyre, jr.
Erre-Robert Evans, John Burton Erie-Robert Evans, John Durion. Huntingdon-Johathan McWilliams, Geo Spear
Junata-Jos Pomeroy, Wilson Jameson,

lugh flamilion
Luncuster—J H Heisby, J B. Garber, L S

Mifflin—A Harshberger, Rob't Campbell Northumberland—Jus. Cameron, John M'-

which has excited so much entity on the McGregor by the people of Northern Iows. N Warden, and G R Bliss were received,

had each 44 votes.

And the Judges therefore report and certify that the said Frederick Watts, James Miles,

And let the same solerged feeling animals.

And let the same solerged feeling animals that the said Frederick Watts, James Miles,

Judge Watts was then unanimously eleced President, and Gen. James Irvin Sco count of the Treasurer. Edward C. Humes was elected Treasuremfor the ensuing year.

After the transaction of other business After the transgetion of other business as bestowed in our colleges, but there are level the Board adjourned, after which they sat down, with about two hundred visitors and friends, to an excellent dinner prepared by the ladies of the neighborhood, and laid objection, for the effect of this education is

follows:-

this community to our distinguished and well sound virtues of the agriculturalist, who at great for this Commonwealth, who, at great sacrifice of time and convenience, have ascome visitors, the delegates from many connties of this brow, receives from ties of this Commonwealth, who, at great is sortifice of time and convenience, have assumed the sembled here for active service in the promotion of an institution which we all value and who dispenses them to all an highly and in which we have an organization.

Institute your tensure you appoint a committee of its State, and the subscriptions, to space, and there is a rich and powerful to solicit, collect and forward subscriptions, to space, and there is a rich and powerful the institution must receive students from which we have an organization of the classes.

ere classified, and not by Milita. Thus, in morely and the Eastern Sintes, merchants and manufact improves t the Eastern States, merchants and want-termproves the agricultural mind; and fining turers lead in influence, for they have, as a the hands, it will do both at less expense than class, the most cultivated intelligeages. In the hands, it will do both at less expenses than the purely literary training can be obtained Pennsylvania, I moy, say, without disparagement to those in cities and some other portions who form exceptions—the learned proment to those in cities and some other por-tions who form exceptions—the learned pro-fessions leed in influence. In the south, i may be said with equal truth, that the plan ters have controlling influence, and in all these cases the amount of influence is in

There is stimplus in this idea. It shows us how executially important it is, in a state profitable, moderate, regular and varied la-stitute the broad basis of the scaled of that

David Taggart (ex-office)

President Walls amounted to the Board that this day was that fixed by the Act of the control of Thusiasa.

The provident walls amounted by the Act of the control of the control of Thusiasa.

acteristics in the institution we contemplate for the immediate benefit of the farmer and the farmer's son, and the multitude who as pire to become culturalists, hoping thus to work out great ultimate good to all.

It is impossible that any selfish motive ca actuate any one who seeks this object, and we ask that this may be looked at and believed. No other metive has animated those who have labored for the establishment of this means of education than a desire tha this institution shall have a firm and wide foundation. Let it begin in prosperity and inli efficiency, and its beneficial results will rapidly spread throughout all our counties. The institution is yours; we sak your help ing hands for its promotion.

I dare say you have all observed the movement of agricultural progress resulting from the general establishment, within a few years, of agricultural societies. The United States Agricultural society exhibits in one view the growth, the production, the stock, the men, with all their industrial achievements, from all quarters of our immense na tional territory. At its head is a man of the rarest judgment, industry, skill, science, education, and lofty virtue, devoting the most valuable time freely to the great good of a nation. The influence of that society is felt everywhere throughout the United States every where powerfully stimulating tite ables ors and most accomplished mechanics competition for the supply of every imple ment and machine most perfectly adapted to the wants of the farmer, either on the grassy plains of the distant west, or the heavy soils and rocky bills of the east, and for all objects

with power or substitution, out to gentieman appeared for Union.

Unon counting the ballot it appeared that Fred'k Watts, of Cumberland, James Miles, of Erie, and Joshua P. Eyre, of Deleware, for any common good as an arrichment for any common good as an arrichment.

ty of their common society.
Thee, as the grand basis of improvement retary, after which the Treasurer presented here our Farmers High School, founded for the account of receipts and expenditures. It is education of farmers one to a full knowledge and love and pride of their noble occurred. Hon, John Strohm and Gen Snodgrass were appointed a committee to examine the account of the bands, and the disposition, as appointed a committee to examine the account of the bands, and the disposition, as the intellect with especial reference to the calling to be entered upon.

We do not find fault with literary educate as bestowed in our colleges, but there are fee

Institution. The day passed along. The passengers on board were social, and the "unlocked whoels of time" soon drew the hours of night upon us. As the land the "unlocked whoels of time" soon drew the hours of night upon us. As the land the "Grandma must put one on obscurity, personal safety required no further propers to be made.

Never did we witness darkness more imponetrable. The Imagination cannot easily conceive a more romantic picture. Amid a group of willow Islands which so numer-could be a feet than usual, and on taking out in a table eighty-six feet long, arched out on a table e

ously stud the channel of the Mississippi, vain, for a place in which to enter it. At a meeting was organized, or which Judge we moved cautiously in search of some farmed the stream of the great back in despair, exclaiming, "By gol-vorable mooring. The lights from off the great back in despair, exclaiming, "By gol-vorable mooring. The lights from off the great back in despair, exclaiming, "By gol-vair or a stream of the great back in despair, exclaiming, "By gol-vair or a stream of the great back in despair, exclaiming, "By gol-vair or a stream or affection on the livits no use; somebody has stolen the key of the great a stream or affection on the livits no use; somebody has stolen the key of the great a stream or a ollows:—

REMARKS OF JUDGE HALE.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—I tender the thanks of ment with the strong practical usefulness and

ness or relation of practical life.

We estimate that one hundred dollars per

annum will fully cover all expenses for hoard and tuition, as we are instituting upon the farm different branches of culture adapequal ratio with the amount and quality of the to exercise, and illustrate fully the entire theory and practice of cultivation, and at the same time such as will afford cleasant and

Probably no assemblage of men of various pursuits combining so much acute intelli-gence as the one here met could be conve-ned for any other object. And I believe myself justified in saying that our object meets the unanimous and warm approval of every one present. If then it meets our views, if do? Let every man seriously consider how much be overs the world, his fellow men, and posterity, and answer by the exertion of his influence, taking care to do what he finds to do, with all his might. Let men dampen with faint praise, or make no exertion with pen, or tongue or purse, or speak evil of the cause or of its advocates, and with the downward grade in their favor, they may obunterbalance the efforts of those who strive to push

upward and onward this car.

Let there be no adverse feeling founded on local preferences. What motive equid ing there be to judges those who examined, and associates I could gladly have taken it into We have plenty of men, who, if they were my own dear valley of Cumberland, but in the exercise of a sound and clear judgment, (I speak for all as an inconsiderable one only) the board, having looked over all proposed lands, and considered all circuit stances, believed the one chosen to be the baset. It is possible that we were in fault; combined more advantages than any other offered, and I ask for myself and associates the credit at least of honest motives; and, of all, to consider how many of the most essential advantages of soil, surface, exposure, healthfulwess, and centrality, are combined in the ground we have now met upon.

For a great common good, and in a spirit of mutual confidence, let personal feelings not enter into our considerations, let us all ifflit—A time—

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Nothumberla allowed, in this great Commonwealth, to fail of such an object. The community, understanding our aims, will not let us fail. We, must obtain the \$25,000 by individual con-tribution, and I say for myself, only because I am urged to say it now, that I will be one of ten, to give \$1000 each, towards making up that amount.

Judge Watts sat down amid enthusias tic applause from the audience. Responsee to the Judge's liberal offer, and general remarks were then made by different delegates and visitors, as follows:-

GEWERAL DISCUSSION. Gen. Janes Irvin-I will give \$1000 as one of the ion.

of the len.

Hon. James Miles—Erip and Crawford counties are pledged to contribute \$1000.

Hon. James Burneide—It has been suggested that \$1000 may be expected from Clinton county, and \$500 from Cambria.

Hos. Geo. Bodi—Courte county has raised and paid in \$10,000. Without consulting any one, and without previous knowledge that this course would be taken, I pledge the county of Centre for \$1000 additional.

that at your leasure you appoint a committee of one or three in each county of the State, "Father of waters," By the early dawn of morning we were under way again. The outlet of the De Fever siver soon appeared. Before long the boat was moving up its crooked course and safely landed in Galena Illinois. This truly is a city of the hills, and contains perhaps more real wealth than any other city of its population in the

all units in action, material actions. Now is tions by which Pennsylvanis was ever set the time we have

Judge Hale -There are abundant means for such a purpose in our great common wealth. We have only to exert our interest, and fairly undertake to raise the funds. Centre county has raised \$10,000, and one of \$7000, followed by other unconditional tensive mathematical training and eximple advantages it brings to us, and have contributed very nearly one-fourth of the entire estimate of \$100,000. Yet all other counties lest development of their plans. will have an equal right with us to send pu-pils, and we feel that we have a right to ask other counties to sid in the consummation of this great State work.

Dr J R Eshleman-I have consulted with our motives are right, how much ought we to my colleagues, and we pledge Chester coun for \$500

Hon. John Strohm-The county, of Lan-caster, which I have the honor of representing, has not yet been aroused to an appreciation of the peculiar ments of the sehool ation of the peculiar ments of the school There as a prejudice against college and high school education, because it has been found ruinously unfit for sons of farmers, intended much favor shown of late to common school education, and, in a portion of the county, funds are being falled for the enabrishment of a Normal School under the late act, for the second Normal School district of York. there be to induce those who examined, and the second Normal Shoot district or rule, determined the locality for this school to do Lancaster and Lebanon. This makes a call close than right? With the approval of my for 20 or \$25,000, but chiefly in one lacality, associates I could gladly have taken it into We have plenty of men, who, if they were all the location and local course who is the location and local course. shall usite in doing our duty to inform our fellow citizens, and to raise all we cau, and I four days. trust you will hear a gratifying account, and that Lancaster, as heretofore, will do her duty will pledge at least \$500, and promise

raise it myself if there be no other way. Judge Burnaide-We should hear from Dauphin-Dauphin, which has the State Captiol, the Asylum, and is, in so many ways, the recipient of public bounty, will give us at least \$1000 (Calls fog Judge Heisier,

will say that we will do all we can do. Judge M Williams—I cannot say what we the Hon. S. T. Shugert Acting Com. of Pat-gray be able to do in Huntingdon, but we ents, for their continued altention in for-shall do our best. I trust collections will be warding valuable varieties of seeds to this taken at all our county fairs.

President-I wish to suggest before adjournauspices, and well managed, it ought to be very productive. I have conversed with its President, Mr. Taggart, lately, and he assures me that his warmest feelings are embarked with us, and he will do all in his powered create a surplus, and to secure its appropria-tion to the Farmers' High School.

Resolution offered by Judge M'Wil-Resolved. That the friender of this institu-

tion look forward to the State Agricultural Society as a valuable auxiliary lu this good GEDSE. Mr. Strohm-This School may be called a

child of the Society, with a right to look to it for what aid it may be able to deader.

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presented from Erie to Bueks, was dispalyed. S.R. Peal Esq.—Clinton county has been referred to as good for \$1000. It may be possible to raise that amount, or even more. The delegates will make every effort, but would rather not be considered as pledging ground go on uninterruptedly under the wise directions of the asting sommittee of the Board of Prostess, and there does not appear to be the smallest cloud of ill feeling on its whole horrison. Every lover of and happiness to prosperity by placing the

Centre County Agricultural Society.

Stated Meeting at the Court House, Bellefonte, August 24th 1857. The President

Geo. Boal, in the chair. Minutes of former meeting read and approved. The report of the Councittee to audit and settle the Treasurer's account, and the report of the Committee upon Agricultural Productions were severally called for

and continued : The subject of holding the 6th Autual ex-

hibition of the Society came in order. Mr. S. Gillifand stated stathe sitioens of Harris township generally were not urgent for a Fair this fall, but thes he was willing to contribute towards the. expenses. Mr. das. Alexander, also, themeles

the Fair should be postposed this year. Mr. Shirk addressed the meeting sdrocating an Exhibition. - After some discussion -Resolved, on motion of Mr. Shirk, that the uext Exhibition of the Society, be held either at Bellefonte or Centre Hall, commencing on four days.

On motion of Mr. Jno. Ristiel, Hesolved. that a committee of five from Centre Hall and a committee of three from Bellefonte, be appointed to solicit subscriptions and morion proposals from those districts, and report to the Secretary within ten days, The dis-

ceivel a variety of Seeds from the Patent

Mr. Hurshberger—We are not in a position to pledge Mifflin to any set amount, but
we will do ourduly.

Mb. Billow—As Perry has been called upon

to the Hon. Chas. Mason Cam. Patents, and the Hon. S. T. Shugert Acting Com. of Pat-Society. Adjourned. A toacher asked a bright little girl, "what country is opposite us on the globe ?" "Den't know, sir," was the answer. "Well, now," pursued the teacher, " if I were to bore a

hole through the earth, and you were to go in at this end, where would you come put?" "Out of the hole, kir," replied the pupil, with an air of trimmph. "Will you give me them pennics now ?" said a big newsboy to a little one, after giving him a serere thumping. "No, I won't." Then I'll give you another pounding "Pound away. Me and Dr. Franklin agrees; Dr. Franklin says: Take care of

Gen. J. McK. Enodgrass—As a tepresentative of the county of Allegtieny, i pledge watts—The resolution is only an expression of good feeling. We are the representatives of auxiliary county societies and the pounds will take usus of tential to the pounds will take usus of th

half forefinger. Ar a recent trial in Wisconsin the imbjec of controversy was & dendifolin of whichy, which was ordered to be brought into quest, which was orgered tried and so was the The defendant was tried and so was the the control of the whisky; in other words, the district drunk and so was the lary.