

THE VOLUNTEER.

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Standing Committee Meeting.

Agreeably to notice, the Standing Committee of Cumberland county met at the public house of C. M. Glenblin, in Carlisle, on the 9th inst., and organized by appointing David Smith, Esq., as Chairman, and Peter Howard, Esq., Secretary.

Resolved, That the Democratic citizens of Cumberland county be requested to meet at their usual place of holding ward, township or borough elections, on Saturday the 21st day of January inst., between the hours of 1 and 6 o'clock P. M., and elect two delegates to represent said ward, borough or township, in County Convention, to be held at the Court House, in Carlisle, on Tuesday the 24th inst., at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of appointing one Senatorial and two Representative Delegates to represent said county in the next Democratic State Convention.

Resolved, That these proceedings be published in the Democratic paper of the county.

P. Howard, Sec'y.

TAKEN.—We are indebted to the politeness of Hon. Ephraim Banks, Auditor General, and to Samuel Wherry, Esq., of the Senate, and to H. G. Moser and David J. McKee, Esq., of the House, at Harrisburg, for valuable public documents.

DEATH OF HON. GEORGE STROOP.—Hon. George Stroop, editor of the Perry County Democrat, died at his residence in Bloomfield, on Thursday evening last, after a sudden, brief and severe illness. Mr. Stroop was, at the time of his death, one of the Associate Judges of Perry county.

IMPORTANT TO CAPITALISTS.—It will be seen by an advertisement in to-day's paper, that the Carlisle Borough Loan, &c., will be disposed of at present to the amount of \$12,500, to applicants at par. Application to be made at the CARLEISLE DEPOT BANK.

PROPOSALS FOR BIDS.—The President of the Carlisle Gas and Water Company gives notice that proposals will be received until the 20th inst., for furnishing to said Company 300,000 Brick, well burned and shaped, to be delivered on or before the 1st day of June next.

MILITARY PARADE.—On Saturday last, the 7th inst., the Carlisle Light Infantry company, under the command of Capt. SAMUEL CRAB, paraded through our streets, and made a very handsome appearance, attracting much attention. Although the turn out was small (numbering but twenty-one musketeers) it was larger than the company has for some time mustered. The men looked well and behaved like soldiers, and the evolutions they went through were performed in a manner to reflect credit upon themselves and officers. It is hoped that this old and favorite company will continue to increase in numbers, until it shall attain the pre-eminence it enjoyed in days "long since."

MELANCHOLY CASUALTY.—We regret to learn that on Friday afternoon last, a child of about three years old, a son of Mr. JOHN BRANNON, jr., residing on East-Louther street, in this borough, was so shockingly burned, that it died in a few hours. During the absence of the mother, who had just stepped out to the pump for water, the child commenced playing with some coals of fire upon the stove hearth, where his clothes became ignited, and before assistance could be rendered, it was so dreadfully burned as scarcely to be recognized. It lingered in great agony for about two hours, when death kindly terminated its sufferings.

VILLAINOUS.—We learn from an advertisement in the last number of the Democrat, that our neighbor Cornman has been recently annoyed by some male persons named or reveals removing the door-steps from the front of his residence, and by which a member of his family received a severe injury. He offers a reward of five dollars for such information as will lead to the detection and conviction of the offenders. We sincerely sympathize with Mr. Cornman, and hope the perpetrators of such wanton and fendsible mischief may be detected and brought to condign punishment.

RECOVERING.—JOHN HUNTER, the colored man who was waylaid and so badly maltreated in Chapel alley, on the night of the 31st ult., by a gang of cowardly ruffians, is, we are glad to learn, recovering. No clue has as yet been obtained as to the identity of the cowardly miscreants who perpetrated such an audacious and cold-blooded outrage.

COUNTY TREASURER.—On Monday the 2d inst., N. W. Woods, Esq., our newly elected County Treasurer, after giving the required security, and being duly qualified, entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office. Mr. Woods is an experienced business man, of courteous and obliging manners, and will make a popular officer. Mr. COXAN, the retiring Treasurer, has, in the performance of the duties of his office, given universal satisfaction, and carries with him into private life the good wishes of all those who transacted business with him.

COURT APPOINT.—On Monday last, the Judges of our several courts appointed PHILIP QUIGLEY, Esq., of Carlisle, one of the Auditors for Cumberland county, to serve for two years, in place of George Z. Benz, Esq., resigned. Mr. Quigley is a practical business man, an excellent penman and good accountant, and will make a most capital officer.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE POOR of this county convened recently, and elected the following officers, viz: Attorney—Thomas M. Biddle, Esq. Physician—Dr. Alfred J. Herman. Steward—Joseph Lobsch, Esq.

WEDDED.—On Tuesday the 3d inst., the Commissioners of Cumberland county elected for the ensuing year the following named officers: Clerk of the Board—William Riley. Attorney—Lemuel Todd, Esq. Keeper of the Public Buildings—Jacob Finer.

COURT WEEK.—The January term of the several courts of Cumberland county, commenced in this borough on Monday last, and will continue for two weeks. Should anything transpire during the course of its proceedings worthy of note, we shall lay it before our readers in our next issue.

NO DOUBT a large number of our country patrons will be in attendance at Court during this and next week. It will afford them a good opportunity to "step up to the captain's office" and liquidate their respective accounts.

RAIL ROAD MEETING.—We invite the attention of our readers to the proceedings of the friends of the York, Dillsburg, and Greenacres Railroad, published in another column, which was held at the Bolling Springs, in this county, on the 17th ultimo. The friends and advocates of the enterprise are confident of the practicability and success of the project, and judging from the character of the gentlemen who are its promoters, we have no doubt that its early construction is a "fixed fact."

THE NEXT GOVERNOR.

For the last few months we have carefully watched the political "signs of the times," the movements of wire-workers, and the operations of selfish and designing politicians. We have, within that time, seen a bold attempt made by certain men, claiming to be democrats, to defeat the re-nomination of William Blaker, and to place before the people in his stead, as the democratic-candidate for Governor, a man notoriously destitute of every qualification requisite to enable him to fill that high office with credit to himself or honor to the State. Although we were grieved to see this suicidal course pursued by professed democrats, we never for a moment doubted that when the proper time would come William Blaker would again be selected by the State Convention as the standard-bearer to lead on the great democratic phalanx to a certain and glorious victory. In this opinion we are sustained and strengthened by the result of the recent delegate elections in the city and county of Philadelphia, where the opponents of Gov. Blaker have been everywhere defeated and prostrated. This was the headquarters of the factionists, the seat of their power, and the home of their candidate, yet notwithstanding all their public and secret hostility, their machinations and maneuvers, they have been most signally rebuked. These desperate and unprincipled politicians, caring nothing for the interests of the State or the welfare of the party, seek only their own aggrandizement; their cry is continually "give! give!" and when disappointed in their selfish ends, they resort to the "rule or ruin" policy. These men, for the most part, are federalists at heart, adventurers in politics, bankrupt in character, who fight for the party which pays them best, and like the mercenary Swiss, when their pay is stopped, they at once desert to the enemy, and revenge themselves by turning their arms against their former friends. They have for a long time hung like an incubus upon the skirts of the democratic party, rendering it no efficient aid, but, on the contrary, by their dissolating and disorganizing course, doing it much and lasting harm. When the little war has been fought, and when they are the first and loudest in clamor for the victor, and when disappointed, solace themselves by denouncing and traducing the ablest and purest man in the party. Such dishonest and selfish politicians are an injury and disgrace to any party, and should be discontempered by all honorable men.

SOMETHING WRONG.

We think the Board of Revenue Commissioners, or the Legislature or somebody else, should pay some attention to the manifest inequality of our system of taxation in the different counties, as well as the great disproportion drawn from the general school fund of the Commonwealth, some counties of nearly the same population drawing double the amount received by others. As an illustration we will take the two counties of Crawford and Cumberland, as exhibited in the report of the Auditor General, recently submitted to the Legislature, showing the valuation of real and personal estate in the several counties of the Commonwealth, taxable for State purposes, the assessment thereon for the year 1851 as fixed by the Revenue Commissioners at their triennial meeting, and the amount assessed for the year 1853, with the number of taxables, as also the population of each county according to the census of 1850—and also the payments at the State Treasury, from December 1, 1852, to Nov. 30, 1853, for common schools.

THE RAILROAD TROUBLES AT ERIB, PA.

Our readers are no doubt already aware that great excitement has for some time existed in the city of Erie and vicinity, caused by the high-handed conduct of a number of New York speculators, stock-jobbers, and railway capitalists, who have undertaken, without authority of law, to alter the grade of the Erie Railroad, thus drawing to the city of Erie the entire trade of the West, and rendering Erie, comparatively speaking, a "deserted village." So intense had the excitement become, that the people of Erie, headed by their Mayor, Councilmen, &c., turned out en masse, and tore up and destroyed the rails of the road running through the city.—They say they ask for nothing but what is right, and will submit to nothing wrong; and appear determined to guard well their own interests as well as the interests of their State generally. In doing so, they will be upheld and supported by every honest and patriotic Pennsylvanian. Our State has already too long submitted to the arrogant demands and insolent exactions of Eastern speculators and sharpers, and it is high time that our Legislature should cease to legislate for their peculiar advantage, and attend more particularly to the interests of Pennsylvania. In this matter, the people of Erie have pursued the proper course, and they deserve the thanks and countenance of every lover of right and justice.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

The message of Governor Blaker to the Legislature, which we laid before our readers last week, is indeed a most capital one, and has elicited from the press of this State almost universal commendation. It is written in a plain, business-like style, and gives a complete and satisfactory exhibit of the finances of the Commonwealth. Least some of our readers have been deterred from a perusal of it on account of its length, we make for their benefit the following synopsis of the message: The message makes a full exhibition of all kinds of liability against the State, funded and floating. This was not done by his predecessors. It shows that the funded debt has been virtually, and the floating debt actually, reduced since the present Executive came into office. That \$9,143,000 was paid in the two years of his administration to new improvements commenced by his predecessor. That \$165,000 of extraordinary expenditures, in addition, has been paid in pursuance of laws passed prior to his induction into office.—That the debt could have been reduced two millions but for these expenditures. That the revenues of the State will hereafter exceed the ordinary expenses about a million per annum. That \$505,000 were paid to the Sinking Fund.

Railroad Meeting.

An adjourned meeting of the Commissioners and friends of York, Dillsburg and Greenacres Railroad, was held at Bolling Springs, Cumberland county, on Saturday, December 17th. Addresses were delivered by Gen. T. C. Miller, and James M. Sharrer, showing conclusively the importance and the practicability of the construction of the said road. On motion it was Resolved, That Thomas B. Craighead and Col. Chestnut be added to the Committee of Finance of Cumberland county.

Latest Foreign News.

The Canada, from Liverpool, December 24th arrived on Wednesday at Halifax. The Turkish war shows no signs of relaxation, though the diplomatists in London and Paris are said to be at work to secure a truce. A bloody engagement has taken place in the Balkan Peninsula. The Russian troops repulsed the Russians with great slaughter on both sides. From Asia there is nothing decisive, though it is reported that the Georgians and Armenians are still fighting. The Russian troops have declared against the Porte is confirmed; the Shah is to furnish 30,000 soldiers to Russia. On the other hand the Russian provinces of the Caucasus and Kars are said to be in the hands of partial insurrection. It is credibly asserted that the British French and Turkish fleets entered the Black Sea on the 10th December, their supposed destination being Sebastopol. Three vessels of each squadron were left to guard Constantinople. The Czar having frequently declared that the only way to the Black Sea would be considered by him equivalent to a declaration of war—the withdrawal of the Russian Ministers from Paris and London were immediately looked for. An extraordinary rumor was also about the naval battle at Sinope. The Turks imagine the affair was planned with the consent of the British to intimidate them into a peace. It appears that the Russian Admiral observed the Turkish flotilla at anchor in Sinope on 23d November, and although already outnumbering the Turks, he sent for three more iron-plated ships, which joined him on the 27th, and the battle was fought on the 30th. The news that the Turkish fleet was at Sinope, was carried to the Russian Admiral by an Austrian steamer. Mr. Soule, the United States Minister, had fought a duel with the Marquis de Torgot, the French Minister, owing to a certain remark of Lord Howard on Mrs. Soule's dress, before referred to. Lord Howard acted as the second of the Marquis de Torgot. A duel had also been fought between young Soule and the Duke of Als, growing out of the same affair. In neither case had any harm been done. The majority of the House of Commons caused by the resignation of Lord Palmerston remains open. It is said that he was invited to resume office, the reason being that Lord Clarendon would resign if Palmerston was not excluded from the Cabinet. The people seem anxious that Lord Aberdeen should resign, and that Parliament should be summoned. From China we learn that the insurgents keep firm possession of Shanghai, but had been defeated by the Imperialists at Anuy.

LOSS OF THE TRANSPORT SHIP SAN FRANCISCO.

The intelligence of the loss of the U. S. transport ship San Francisco, comes to us from Rio de Janeiro. She left New York on the 21st of December, with some five hundred soldiers, besides a large number of officers, their families, and other passengers, and on the 29th was taken in with by the borzone Maria Freeman (since arrived at Liverpool, N. S. in lat. 38, 20, long. 63), completely disabled, her decks swept and boats gone.

The San Francisco was a new and staunch built vessel and well officered—circumstances that would strengthen the hope that those on board would eventually reach their homes in safety. She was destined for San Francisco, via the Straits of Magellan, touching at Rio Janeiro, Valparaiso and Concepcion. She had on board companies A, B, D, G, H, I, K and L of the third regiment of United States Artillery.—Five companies, with the non-commissioned staff and band of the regiment, constituted a force of about five hundred men. Among her passengers were Mr. George Arpwall, Capt. J. W. T. Gardner of the first dragoons, who intended to join his regiment in Callifornia, and Lieut. F. K. Murray, of the same, who intended to join the squadron at Rio, also the following list of army officers and their families: Col. William Cass, commanding regiment. Major and Brevet Lieut. Col. J. M. Washington. Major Charles S. Merchant. Surgeon R. S. Satterlee. Assistant Surgeon H. R. Wirtz. First Lieutenant J. F. Casse, Regiment Quarter Master and Acting Adjutant. First Lieutenant L. Casser, Acting Assistant Commissary. Captain and Brevet Lieutenant Col. M. Burke, commanding Company I. Captain and Brevet Major F. O. Wynn, commanding Company D. Captain H. B. Major, commanding detachment of recruits to constitute companies H and L. First Lieut and Brevet Capt. H. F. Blunt, commanding Company K. First Lieut. C. F. Winder, commanding Company E. First Lieut. R. H. Smith. Second Lieut. J. Von Voest. Brevet Second Lieut. J. G. Chandler. Officers' families—Mrs. Gates and two children, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Merchant and two children, Mrs. Valeria Merchant, Mrs. Chase and son, Mrs. Freeman and three children, Mrs. Lester, Miss Eaton, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Lee and child, Mrs. Judd.

We annex a list of the officers of the San Francisco:—J. T. Watkins, commanding, Edward B. Hellea, first officer, Gratton, second officer, C. Barton, third officer, John Mason, fourth officer, J. Marshall, chief engineer, A. Aushnick, first engineer, J. Fainworth, second engineer, David Danahy, second engineer, C. Hoffman, third engineer.

After publishing the telegraphic account received from Nova Scotia, the Boston Journal, whose editor is an old sea captain, says—"The San Francisco is known to be a strong and excellent boat, and Capt. Watkins is one of the ablest seamen afloat. We have little doubt of the safety of the vessel."

Boston, January 5.—The revenue cutter on this station has been ordered to take part in the search for the steamer San Francisco, for whose safety so many hearts are anxious in every part of the country.

The Custom House Building in Portland, Meigs, took fire on Sunday morning last, the 8th inst., and the entire block was now a mass of ruins. It was occupied also by the Post Office, Reading Room, the Atlantic Bank, U. S. Courts, Natural History Society &c., &c. There was also an Odd Fellows Hall in the building, all the books and records of which were lost.

S. P. Townsend, the Sarasparilla man, is building a residence in New York City which is to cost \$100,000, and will be one of the finest in the city. He has made an immense fortune from the sale of his newspapers.

State Legislature.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania met at Harrisburg on Tuesday week, as the Constitution prescribes. Both branches organized without unusual delay, by the election of the officers agreed upon previously in the Democratic caucus.

The Senate elected Hon. Maxwell McCain, of Green county, Speaker; Thomas A. McGuire, of Cambria, Clerk; Henry Pettibone, of Luzerne, Nelson tent Clerk; A. L. Hunsheiler, of Berks, Nelson Weiser, of Lehigh, William H. Blair, of Centre, and Samuel Stehley, of Dauphin, Transcribing Clerks; William B. Cummings, of Westmoreland, Sergeant-at-Arms; William Abberger, of Bucks, Doorkeeper; Wm. Ralston and George A. Bolton, Assistant Doorkeepers; Henry Wendle, Messenger; and Daniel Von Neida, of Philadelphia, and Wm. Brady, of Dauphin, Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms.

England and France.

What will be the final course, says the Harrisburg Union, of England and France on the Eastern question, is a problem which seems to have puzzled the brains of men both great and small in this country and Europe. We shall not endeavor to settle that question, or even to intimate an opinion on the subject. Those powerful nations, having at command fleets enough to sweep the ocean, may or may not take a more active part in the contest between Russia and Turkey. Of course we hope they may.

It seems to be cruel, after all the assurance of aid and comfort which they have given, to leave the Ottoman government to its own resources at the moment: and we trust that interest and inclination may lead them to take an active part in the contest, which otherwise must result, however protracted the war may be, in the success of the Czar and the total subjugation, or dismemberment of the Turkish Empire. The latest news we have, is that the combined fleets have entered the Black Sea; and as the Czar is represented to have frequently declared that such a movement would be considered by him as a declaration of war, we shall probably soon have a solution of this knotty question. All our sympathies are with the Turks, and we hope, even against hope, that the next arrival may bring news of the active interference of France and England.

Nebraska.

The Committee on Territories of the Senate will, it is believed, shortly, make a most important report upon the subject of the establishment of a territorial government over Nebraska. The report will refer to the compromise measures, including the fugitive slave law, and so associate the Nebraska territorial organization as to bring up the compromise question on practical and substantive proposals, requiring a distinct vote now either for or against the principle of that adjustment.

News.—The Convention of the surviving soldiers of the war of 1812, met in Philadelphia on Monday the 9th inst., and organized by appointing Hon. Joel B. Sutherland, of this State, President, and the selecting of twenty-four Vice Presidents and eleven Secretaries. Among the Vice Presidents we observed the names of General Thomas C. Miller and General Willis Foulk, both of this county.

The Fishery Question.

The Washington correspondent of the Courier and Enquirer, states that a report is current that despatches from Mr. Buchanan, to the effect that the British demand for a participation in the coasting trade in exchange for the Fishery concessions, has been modified so as to comprise only the round voyage between our Pacific and Atlantic ports.

Chief Justice Black.—We are pleased to state, positively, says the Philadelphia Argus, that Chief Justice Black, of the Supreme Court of this State, will be a candidate for re-nomination before the democratic State Convention. Judge Black has added much to his reputation since his advent on the Supreme Bench, and his numerous friends, in all parts of the State, will hail with delight his determination to allow the use of his name in connection with a re-nomination and re-nomination.

The Russian Minister.

Among the latest news from Europe, says the New York Tribune, the most striking feature is the rumor concerning the fall and disgrace of Prince Menchikoff, with whom it may be said the whole Turkish parcel originated.—Should this prove true, it would point to a complete ending in the policy pursued by the Czar, as well as indicate the downfall of the ultra orthodox party in Russia, of which Menchikoff has been the leader since the war of 1828.