

The Potter Journal
AND
NEWS ITEM.
COUDERSPORT, PA., Feb. 28, 1873

State Aid for the Centennial.

We hope the people of Pennsylvania are not to be taxed to raise funds to enable Philadelphia to hold her great Centennial exhibition in 1876. If that is a Philadelphia affair then Philadelphia should sustain the burden and expense of preparing for it. If it is a national affair the nation may foot the bills. In no way can it be shown to be right to compel the people of the State at large to contribute to it more than other citizens of the U. S.—*Montrose Republican.*

Those are true words fitly spoken, and we trust the country papers will speak at once. There is a strong lobby influence already at work to push this scheme through regardless of the wishes of the people—an influence as demoralizing as any ever brought to bear on the members of the Legislature, and yet the very men and newspapers of Philadelphia which denounce the Legislature most fiercely for its corrupt legislation are endorsing and approving the champaign suppers and lobby influences put in motion to secure an unconstitutional appropriation of a million of dollars of the money of the people.

If the Legislature has any self-respect this scheme will fail.

By all means let every man and woman in the State contribute according to their ability and disposition to the success of the Centennial. But let the Representatives of the people keep their hands out of the State Treasury.

We are glad to know that Hon. C. S. Jones, Representative of this District can, neither be coaxed, dined nor threatened into the support of this scheme to divert a million of dollars from the Sinking Fund into the hands of the gentlemen who run the Centennial. We say out of the Sinking Fund, for there is not a dollar in the Treasury, except what is required to pay the ordinary expenses of the Commonwealth, which is not constitutionally pledged to the sinking fund for the purpose of paying the State debt.

Every member who shall vote for this scheme will not only deliberately violate the Constitution of the State, but he will vote to increase the burdens of the people for the benefit of the wealthiest portion of the State.

An article in last week's JOURNAL "Making Honest Politicians," was, by mistake, not credited. It is from the N. Y. Tribune.

As the present term of our school will soon close, people who are interested in it, whether by its teachers or scholars or by its influence on the well-being of the community, or all these, should make some effort to visit it and be able to judge for themselves of the work it is doing.

There being three departments it takes some time to become well acquainted with its workings; but who that has children there does not feel that it is one of the best places to go—one of the most pleasing and important visits to make?

A LETTER from "A Friend," in this paper gives some good suggestions. If our friends in various parts of the County will kindly send us what they have of information useful to outside readers as well as to our own people, we will hope to do something toward making this region of country better known.

The New Mill.

The old chrysalis so long known as "the old tannery," has at last been transformed into a steam sawmill, where one can hear the whirl of machinery, the driving of teams, unloading logs, and loading and piling of boards and timbers.

The smell of the fresh cut pine and hemlock wood is pleasantly familiar to us old settlers of Potter County who can remember when "every second house was a sawmill," while the rolling volumes of white vapor shining in the sun along the hillside and the whistle that betokens the engine inside are equally pleasing to those who come from older places where steam machinery has long been naturalized.

A correspondent of the Beaver Radical says:

Politicians are beginning to agitate the question of calling a State Convention to nominate candidates for Supreme Judge and State Treasurer. The Legislature has not yet passed a bill for the election of a State Treasurer, but will doubtless pass one providing for an election in October. The present able State

Treasurer is strongly pressed to be a candidate, and if he consented, would have no opposition; but he declares emphatically that he will not be under any circumstances. It is not known as yet who will be candidates. Hon. James L. Graham of Allegheny, is spoken of, and the party can present no better man for the position. He is probably the only man in the west who could get the nomination, owing to the fact that the west has had the office for six years, but it is very doubtful if he would accept as it is understood he is a candidate for Congress when his term expires in the Senate. If he is not a candidate the convention should take Coleman of Lebanon, Judge Olmsted of Potter, Brooks of Delaware, Hoyt of Luzerne, Lilly of Carbon, or some men of like character who would command the confidence of the people, and unite the whole party in his support. For Supreme Judge, Hon. W. H. Armstrong of Lycoming, is often spoken of, and the selection would be so fitting and popular that there is little doubt he would be nominated if a candidate.

We beg leave to suggest that the latter nomination would be the more suitable for "Judge Olmsted of Potter." His eminent legal ability, and his experience of judicial duties would seem more fitting for a Supreme Judge. We hope the nominating convention will see that they cannot do better.

EDITOR JOURNAL & ITEM.—I thank you for your notice in the last number of your valuable paper of the birds—those happy enliveners of our forest homes. Can you not induce the citizens of our County to watch the coming of those which pass only a portion of the year with us and report their first appearance.

The gay tones of the Blue Jay attracted my attention on the 1st of February, and on the 2nd I heard the cheerful notes of the "Phoebe" bird. Have they spent the winter with us, or were they harbingers to notify us of the coming of their fellows? *

We are glad of our friend's timely suggestion about the birds, and hope our young readers will give their attention to this subject, and send us the results of their observations. Last winter about this time flocks of small brown birds came to our doors, ate the crumbs we scattered, and cheered us with their lively twitterings, for they did not sing. They were more slender than any snowbird with which we are familiar; in size and shape resembling the yellow birds of summer—that feed on thistle down. Subsequent observations convinced us that they were the yellow birds, but having never seen them before in such numbers or at that season, it may have been a mistake. Who can tell?

DEAR JOURNAL.—As I have known you for many years and feel pretty well acquainted, I trust you will bear with me for a little while. It gives me great satisfaction to notice what a good substantial newspaper you are becoming; continually progressing in your usefulness, you are taking firm hold of the hearts of the people of Potter. But your influence does not end within the borders of that Forest Land. The "Outside World" is commencing to realize that you are fighting with the foes of truth. Yet the field of battle has been so long hidden from its sight by Nature's obstructions, that now, as by the invention of man, it is being brought into a closer connection, its first important demand is for a clearer representation. Many have inquired of me what kind of a land or country it was, and in what way it was favorable for settlement; how much the land was worth and what kind of soil; what kind of timber; how much cleared land, etc., etc. Those few descriptions in the ITEM a short time ago were good in their way, but rather short, and consequently did not give a very good idea of either the superficial or latent wealth of Potter. Would it not be a great aid to the settlement and building up of the County to have each township fully described in their regular order? No doubt you have often thought of this, but what we need in this day and age of the world is action and earnest, heartfelt work.

May it not be possible for you to so attract the attention of the people to this matter that they will, of their own free will, furnish you with good, thorough descriptions, so that you will be able to give the inquiring ones a full map of GOOD OLD POTTER? And I think that after they had been published in your columns, it would be a good thing if the County should print them in pamphlet form and send them through the country. Would it not bring forth an hundred-fold?

Earnestly hoping that Potter will not be divided nor deprived of any of her land, I am ever your true FRIEND.

ONE keep-clean is worth two make-

The Poland Committee's Report.

In accordance with previous instructions the Poland Investigating Committee has reported a resolution for the expulsion from Congress of Messrs. Oakes Ames and James Brooks. The Committee found Ames guilty of selling stock of the Credit Mobilier Company at much below its real value to members of Congress with the manifest intent of corruptly influencing their legislative action. And it found Brooks guilty of causing fifty shares of Credit Mobilier stock to be conveyed at a low price to his son-in-law for his own use and profit, while a Government Director of the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

In regard to the other members implicated, the committee makes no recommendation for Congressional action. It finds that they were not aware of Ames' corrupt motive in offering them the stock. They were not aware, moreover, that there was such a connection between the Credit Mobilier Company and the Union Pacific Railroad, that an interest in the former would influence their official action in regard to the Union Pacific Road. The different degrees of impropriety on the part of the members who invested in Credit Mobilier stock is alluded to, but the general sentiment of the committee excels nearly all such members, and does not feel at liberty to express a decided opinion as to the one or two doubtful cases.

The Poland Committee is composed of two Democrats, two Republicans and one Liberal. It has performed its laborious and trying duties conscientiously and thoroughly. As the sentiments of a majority of the committee are adverse to the Administration, it is evident that their decision is not based on partisan grounds. It is clear that Ames deserves expulsion, and as Brooks was certainly the most guilty of all the Congressmen connected with the Credit Mobilier Company it is right that he should be expelled if any one is. But the whole subject is now in the hands of the House. We must wait for a full report of the committee and for the debate on the subject before making any extended comments on the justice of the committee's views. It seems plain to us, however, that the committee were as severe and comprehensive in their recommendations as the evidence before them warranted.—*Buffalo Express.*

Schuyler Colfax.

This is a dark time in Schuyler Colfax's life, but if there be such a thing in the world as charity, and if men are bound to stand loyally by a friend in trouble he ought not to lack sympathy and support. Not that any man is bound to defend a friend who is proved a scoundrel, but that every man is bound to see that his friend is proved a villain before he deserts him. As we often said about this very case—a life above reproach ought to count for something, even against circumstances heavy with suspicion. The whole question now, resolves itself into this: Does Schuyler Colfax deliberately and systematically lie? His political enemies say he does, and thus easily dispose of him, as they think. The *World*, in a most brutal article, distinctly so says this morning. The *Tribune* at least intimates that it thinks as much. But not having ourselves any political or personal reason for hunting Mr. Colfax to his ruin, and finding in his statement nothing inherently improbable, and that it is backed by other good testimony, and that some of the evidence of the accuser has been greatly weakened, and that the character of the latter is indubitably bad,—we feel bound to believe that Mr. Colfax tells the truth. We say this not merely because we want to think so, though we deem it no shame that we do want to see the man vindicated. We should hope to be capable of despising ourselves if we should ever be found wishing for the disgrace of any man. But we say we believe Schuyler Colfax upon the plainest and most commonly accepted principles of evidence and justice. We do not claim that he has disproved all the charges against him. It is frequently impossible for a man to prove a negative. But it is sufficient in the case of a man of good character that he should prove another hypothesis under which he will stand innocent. Mr. Colfax does this, and, if his strong and solemn denial of the charges made by one witness of doubtful veracity is not enough, his assertion of a theory which accords with the idea of innocence should be sooner believed than one which accords with the idea of guilt. We do not expect to convince Mr. Colfax's enemies or the enemies of the Republican party, that Mr. Colfax is an injured and maligned man. But we rejoice to be able to announce our own thorough and unshaken belief that Schuyler Colfax is not a liar, but a man of honor and truth; that he is not a villain, but the victim of a villainous conspiracy.—*Patterson Press.*

Proceedings.

REPUBLICAN ELECTORS.—At a meeting of the Republican electors of the county of Potter, held pursuant to the call of the County Committee, at the Court House in Coudersport on Thursday evening, February 20th 1873. John M. Hamilton was chosen to be chairman of the meeting and A. B. Mann secretary.

On motion Dan Baker was elected chairman of the County Committee for the ensuing year, and the chairman of the meeting was instructed to appoint six other persons to constitute the balance of said County Committee.

Under the above instructions the chairman, J. M. Hamilton, named the

following five persons: George W. Colvin, R. K. Young, R. L. Nichols, C. G. Cushing and Hon. John M. Kilbourne; the chairman of the committee desiring to appoint the sixth as his secretary.

The committee were then authorized to select a delegate to the State Convention, when such convention shall be called, and the meeting adjourned.

J. M. HAMILTON, Chairman.
A. B. MANN, Secy.

POTTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—At a meeting of this Society held at the court house in Coudersport on Thursday evening, February 20th 1873, the president of the Society John M. Hamilton, in the chair. A. B. Mann was chosen secretary *pro tem.*

On motion it was resolved that a fair be held this coming fall by the Agricultural Society. A committee of arrangements to consist of nine persons to be appointed by the president.

Under the above resolution the president appointed the following committee: R. L. White, Chairman; S. P. Reynolds; J. M. Spafford; N. H. Goodsell; O. J. Rees; L. W. Lyman; Chas. Knickerbocker; Edgar A. Hall; Benjamin Rennells.

The proceedings of this meeting were then ordered to be published in the JOURNAL and ITEM, and the meeting adjourned.

J. M. HAMILTON, Pres.
A. B. MANN, Secy., *pro tem.*

Pen and Scissors.

HAVANA, Feb. 14.—The news of the abdication of Amadeus and the proclamation of the Spanish republic was published this afternoon. It had the immediate effect of unsettling business and advancing the premium offered for gold to 23 per cent., but there were no sellers. Gen. Ceballos will issue a proclamation on the new condition of political affairs, declaring that everything will remain as hitherto respecting Cuba's relations with Spain, and he, as well as other Spanish officials, will obey whatever government is constituted in Spain. The most intense excitement exists among the people. The city, however, is tranquil, and as yet there are no indications of any disturbances.

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ROBERT EMMETT, for many years a lawyer in this city, and nephew of the celebrated Irish patriot, died at New Rochelle to-day, aged 81.

EXTENSIVE sponge beds have been found at La Jolla, on the San Diego coast. Most of the sponge of commerce is procured from the Mediterranean Sea, more especially about the islands of the Archipelago and in the Levant. The new discovery in California will no doubt be of importance to commerce.

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The charades published last week have brought some answers, for which we return thanks. Hope to be favored with some questions, puzzles, etc., also, as we prefer original to selected ones.

CHARADE.
My first is damp; my second is more so; my third is a natural weapon, and my whole one peak of the Alps.

TRANSPOSITIONS.
Fill the blank spaces with the same letters, making different words.

1. That — is of the right —
2. There is — of that — getting into the —
This — was just driven into the —

ANSWERS.

MR. EDITOR.—I cannot find in our Bible just the exact words you used in question; am not able to answer them all correctly. I cannot find a proper name signifying a "mountain of strength," but will send what I have, guessing that the word Zion may mean the said mountain.

Abel-nego, 'servant of light'; Ab-la-Abi, 'my Father'; Abel, 'God, my Father'; and a great many other names signifying the kind of father. Zion, 'Monument raised up'; Abraham, 'father of a multitude'; Drusillah, 'watered by dew'; Abel, (a city), 'mourning.'

Very respectfully,
GERTRUDE BOYINGTON.

I AM not good at guessing but yet I surmise
That for cunning a type your first always applies
Whilst the loss of the head—from his name not from him—
Supplies an apt symbol of the stupid or grim—
In your second, when daintily handled
Of words,
There's a charm which the hand of a belle may adorn
And the wight who beholds, is not guilty of theft
If beholding the name he secures what is left
Of your whole let me say 'twill milleniums above
To pleasures and rabbits when Foxes wear Gloves.

TO THE ITEM: I send you the answers to charades, if not mistaken.

No. 1. Foxglove.

No. 2.

"Dear Grace" is a woman's name
Quite pleasant to the ear,
When dead, it often shelters man
By nature held most dear.

The "WOOD" when living, is the home
Of creatures wild and free,
When dead, it often shelters man
From cold and from heat.

The lady I have never seen
Yet know and love right well
The first, second, third and whole
I'll "be the first to tell."

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