

anation, the grounds assumed by the ad-
ministration as presented in the letter of
Secretary Murey to the Chevalier Hulse-
man.

On Thursday, the House passed a res-
olution ordering the printing of a hundred
thousand extra copies of the abstract of
the last census. The number should
have been increased five fold, as it is a
work that has cost the people a large sum
of money, and should find a place in ev-
ery library in the Union.

Friday, Jan. 13.—The Senate did not
sit to-day. In the House, Mr. Drum
asked leave to offer a resolution inquiring
into the expediency of equipping a vessel at
each of the ports of New York, Boston and
Norfolk, to render assistance in case of
disaster to our commercial navies; but ob-
jection being made, the resolution lies over.
An important bill, securing the right of
citizenship to the children of American cit-
izens, born out of the United States, was
to-day reported by Mr. Cutting from the
Committee on the Judiciary, read three
times, passed, and sent to the Senate. The
House then went into Committee of the
whole, and Mr. Ewing of Kentucky, ad-
dressed the House in opposition to the lev-
ying of tonnage duties, or in other words,
in favor of internal improvements by the
General Government. The House then
rejected the Senate bill relating to the ap-
pointment of the Assistant Secretary of
the Treasury, after amending it so as to
defer its operation until a vacancy shall
occur. Adjourned till Monday.

The news from the steamer San Fran-
cisco, though not as bad as many antici-
pated is truly awful. 240 souls were swept
from her deck, and many died of over ex-
haustion. She was disabled in the storm
on the 23d of December, and continued
till the 31st, when she was relieved by
the ships Three Bells and Atlantic, of New
York, and abandoned, or, as one report
says, scuttled and sunk. This disaster
will give a strong impetus to the project of
building the Pacific railroad, as it shows
that even in time of peace, the track by way
of Cape Horn is a very unsafe military
road.

LOSS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO.

New York, Jan. 13.
The steamer San Francisco was lost at
sea on the 5th of January with 240 lives.
The bark Three Bells has arrived at New
York, bringing 160 of her passengers.—
The ship Kelly for Boston has also some
of her passengers. Others are aboard of
the ship Antarctic, bound to Liverpool.—
The captain and crew were saved.

SECOND DISPATCH.

New York, Evening.
The steamer San Francisco was found
and at sea, and 240 lives lost including
Col. Taylor and wife, Col. Washington,
Capt. Smith and Capt. Field. One hun-
dred and forty of the passengers saved,
arrived here to-day, including Major Wise,
Lieut. Winder, Col. Gates, Major Mc-
Gee, Col. Hark, Capt. Judd, Lieut. Fre-
mont, Lieut. Loesser, Lieut. Van Vorst,
with all the ladies that were on board.—
The troops saved, were divided between
three vessels. The 240 were lashed over-
board in a gale on the 23d inst.

THIRD DISPATCH.

Ten o'clock, P. M.
All the spars and sails of the San Fran-
cisco were blown away in a gale on the
24th ult. At one o'clock, on the morn-
ing of the 25th, the engine stopped, the
piston rod broke off, and left the vessel to-
tally unmanageable, the seas striking tre-
mendous blows under her bows, tearing
up the planking fore and aft. Both sides
at the same time began to leak. The
troops were then organized into bailing
gangs.

At 9 o'clock, on the 25th, the sea struck
the vessel amidships, carrying away both
smoke stacks, all the upper saloon, stay-
ing the quarter deck through, and wash-
ing overboard a large number of passen-
gers, including Col. Washington, Major
Taylor and wife, Capt. Field, Lieut.
Smith, two ladies, names unknown, three
civilians, names also unknown, and a
hundred and fifty United States troops.—
At the same time there were killed—Mrs.
Brooks, waiter, barber of the boat, and
Duckett, the carpenter's brother.

On the 28th the San Francisco spoke
the bark Kelly of Boston, bound for
New York, who lay by her until three
o'clock in the afternoon of the 29th, when
they commenced relieving the former of
her passengers. One hundred and upwards
got on board, consisting of men, women
and children, including the officers before
reported, with their families. Among the
number were Capt. Judd and wife, Lieut.
Fremont and family, G. W. Aspinwall and
J. L. Graham.

At night the wind increasing, with
squalls, the Kelly left her hawser.—
On the morning of January 1st the San
Francisco spoke the British ship Three
Bells, which lay by her until the 3d, when
the boats of the latter came alongside of
the former. On the same day the ship
Antarctic, from New York, bound for Liv-
erpool bore down for the San Francisco.
On Wednesday both ships commenced
taking off the passengers, provisions and
water.

At sunset on the 9th had all the pas-
sengers on board the two vessels. The
next morning the officers and crew were
taken off, Captain Watkins being the last
man on the levee of the vessel.

The Three Bells brought 230 souls, in-
cluding passengers, troops, officers and
peasants of San Francisco.

There were eleven deaths among the
crew of the steamer from the time she
was disabled to the 8th, including two
who were washed overboard.

07—The political feature of the present
Legislature of this State is as follows:—
Senate, 18 Democrats, 14 Whigs, and
one Native. House of Representatives,
70 Democrats, 20 Whigs, and 4 Natives.

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The Baseness and Inconsistencies of Nativism.

The proceedings of the Native Ameri-
can meeting, as published in our paper of
the 24th ult, as well as those to be found
in to-day's paper, betray the basest pas-
sions of the human heart, and a tissue of
inconsistencies unworthy of men claiming
the possession of natural sense—as a few
facts will abundantly establish.

The proceedings of the Bradford meet-
ing, to be found in our paper of the 24th
ult, set out by declaring "the right of suf-
frage the dearest franchise purchased by the
blood of the revolution." Do these
Natives know that much of the "blood"
of that revolution, which so dearly purchased
our blessed franchise, was shed by heroes
to whom these fanatics would deny the
right of suffrage? Do they not know that
in all our wars since, these same discar-
ded foreigners have as freely risked their
lives and shed their blood in the defence
and support of our free institutions, as the
native born citizen. If they are ignorant
of these facts, they may be excused pro-
vided they turn their attention to reading the
history of their country.

That many foreigners exercise the right
of suffrage, who are too ignorant to prop-
erly appreciate and exercise that high priv-
ilege, there is no doubt. But it is equally
true, that thousands of native born citizens
exercise that right every year, who are
just as ignorant, and yet our free govern-
ment has been steadily progressing towards
perfection with scarcely an occasional re-
verse. But if foreigners are compelled to
spend a probation of twenty-one years, in-
stead of five, will they in that time, as a
general rule, be any better prepared to ex-
ercise the right of suffrage? Will they
have educated themselves in a correct un-
derstanding of our republican institutions?
We think not, because the long time in
which they are treated as aliens, will nat-
urally excite their hatred, instead of their
love, towards our government, and they
will have but little inducement to make
themselves acquainted with the science of
government. The Natives must therefore
see, that in order to avert the danger they
apprehend, they must not extend the time
of probation to 21 years, for in that time
we would have a very large population of
enemies in our midst—and enemies of our
making—who would be very troublesome
customers to deal with in case of war with
a foreign nation—but they must prohibit
emigration to this country entirely! Let
them advocate this plan, and we will listen
to them with some degree of patience.

But these advocates of Nativism are ei-
ther knaves or hypocrites, or perhaps both;
for, with the lie sticking out all round, they
unblushingly declare that they "do not re-
gard religion as a party element, but be-
lieve and cherish the sacred privilege guar-
anteed by our Constitution—the right of
every man to worship God according to the
 dictates of his own conscience." In this
we say these Natives assert a positive
falsehood. Except for hostility to the
Catholic religion, not one of the citizens
of Bradford township who attended that
meeting, would have taken part in it.—
This fact is fully demonstrated by the
very next resolution, in which they de-
nounced Gov. Bigler and President
Pierce for appointing James Campbell,
to office. Why is Judge Campbell denoun-
ced? He is no foreigner, but was born
within our own Commonwealth. Then
why is he denounced? Alas, how glaring
the falsehood! It is because they believe
James Campbell to be a Catholic! This is
the only reason, and yet they declare they
"cherish" "the rights of every man to
worship God according to the dictates of
his own conscience." O, shame, where
is thy blush? Mark Kyles, Leo Turner,
Wm. Hoover and John Peters, are you
willing that your names shall go abroad
through the world attached to such an un-
blushing lie? If you have done this
knowingly, why, bear it, and let your
children suffer the disgrace of your infamy.
But if you have been duped, and made the
victims of intrigue and deception by a few trut-
sters in Clearfield, for the purpose of do-
ing injury to the democratic party, it be-
comes you as honorable men—as men
having respect for your character, for
truth and veracity and a proper regard
for your posterity, to seek the first opor-
tunity to wipe out the stain. If your con-
duct is dictated by hostility to Catholics,
and to the Catholic religion, say so as men
and the world will at least give you credit
for candor. But for you to declare in fa-
vor of a free exercise of the right of con-
science and in the next breath denounce
a high minded, honorable and honest man,
and true patriot, for no other reason than
that you believe him to be a Catholic, must
entitle you to the appellation of either fools
or knaves.

But again, you express great regard for
the Bible. Do you know that among the
cardinal doctrines taught in that good book
is that of "charity"? Catholics profess
to have too much veneration for that sac-
red book to allow it to be used in our
primary schools. Whether they are right
or wrong is not the question. It is a mat-
ter of "conscience" with them, and if you
only obey God's holy word, you will have
the charity "to do as you would that oth-
ers do unto you." But the Catholics are

not alone in opposing the use of the Bible
as a School book. It has comparatively
few advocates and is now seldom used for
such purposes. Children go to school to
get a knowledge of the English language,
to learn how to be useful to themselves
and to their fellow beings when they be-
come men and women, and not for the
purpose of learning the peculiar creed of
this or that christian sect. This is the
object of our excellent school system, and
if its provisions are faithfully carried out
in the selection of proper teachers, the
normals of the scholar will be much better
care for than if the scriptures were pro-
miscuously used as a school book.

We could say much more, if we had
space. Enough however has been said
to put our citizens on their guard. The
present excitement is kept up only as a fed-
eral gull trap. After the tricksters have
accomplished their work they will turn
round and mock at your credulity. Be
warned, then, and avoid the snare.

THE LATE WHIG MEETING.

The candid acknowledgement of the
monstrous doctrines of the Whig party, as
developed in the resolutions of the late
whig meeting in this place, demand a fur-
ther notice. It is very seldom that they
thus openly disclose their real principles;
and, although we suppose it was unintention-
al on their part, or perhaps owing to the
inexperience of the active spirits in that
meeting—(the old war horses of the whig
party of this section being absent) we nev-
ertheless tender them our sincere thanks.

What we particularly wish to draw at-
tention to is, the measure advocated in the
following resolution:
"Resolved, That we are in favor of a
general scheme of internal improvements
by the General Government, believing the
measure to be clearly constitutional, and
calculated to produce benefits which sep-
arate State action cannot accomplish."

If the people of Pennsylvania were not
at this time, as they have been for the
last fifty years, writhing under a debt
of fifty million of dollars, the payment of
the interest on which debt is "eating out
their substance every year," incurred in
her "general scheme of internal improve-
ments," such a scheme on the part of the
General Government might have some
claim to the support of reasonable men,
and it might then be necessary to refer to
the Constitution to see whether Congress
had such power. But the experience of
Pennsylvania on the subject of internal
improvements, will never require Consti-
tutional authority to induce her citizens
to advocate the adoption of such a system
on the part of the General Government.
That question is settled here, Constitutional
or unconstitutional. Had it not been for
the exercise of the veto power (and which
is so emphatically condemned by this
meeting) the General Government
would no doubt have long since embarked
in this grand scheme so dear to our whigs
long ago. But the scheme was vetoed by
the hero and patriot Jackson in his bud, al-
though the improvements at that time ad-
vocated, and but for him would have passed,
involved an appropriation of over
two hundred millions of dollars. The peo-
ple are therefore much indebted to the ex-
ercise of this much derided veto power for
saving them from bankruptcy, for it is not
extravagant to suppose that, had the govern-
ment been allowed to embark in these
improvements, instead of being compara-
tively free from debt, our indebtedness
would by this time amount to thousands
of millions of dollars.

We know this has long been a darling
object with the leaders of the whig party;
but it is very seldom they have the can-
dor to avow it—and if the whigs of our
county are not "read out of church" for
thus "letting the cat out of the bag" we
shall be glad.

It is a little strange that they prefer the
"Southern Atlantic and Pacific railway."
As Pennsylvanians we think they ought
to prefer the northern route. But their
reasons for advocating the making of this
road will strike the reader as very strange
as they look upon it as the "only means
by which California, New Mexico, Utah
and Oregon are to be retained in the Con-
federacy." This is strange we say, as
the whigs were so bitterly hostile to the
acquisition of all this territory, with the
exception, perhaps of Oregon; and as
they were not acquired exclusively on the
"plan of conciliation and purchase," and
as "no nation" has "prospered by a viola-
tion of that plan," we wonder that they
are not in favor of kicking them out, rat-
her than of building a railway across the
continent for the purpose of keeping them in.

Their declaration of hostility to the ad-
ministration of Gov. Bigler, would be
amusing if it was not insultingly false, and
followed by a tissue of slander and detrac-
tion disgraceful to the pot-house politicians
—and is therefore only deserving of con-
tempt. Those having charge of our pub-
lic improvements court the strictest inves-
tigation into their official conduct. They
are investigated every year, by Commit-
tees of the Legislature on which the whigs
are fully represented, and yet where is
the evidence of "fraud"—Where the evi-
dence of "swindling." Alas, for the whig
party, to find fraud they must go back to
the days of Ritten, Stevens & Co.

They close their proceedings by declar-
ing in favor of "an immediate and uncondi-
tional sale of the public works, that the
State may be relieved from the annual
burthen of two millions two hundred thou-
sand dollars." The State debt is forty
millions of dollars—the annual interest is
about \$2,200,000. The public works were
offered at one time, but no body pro-
posed to give over \$200,000,000 for them.
It sold even at this price the debt would
still be \$20,000,000, and the annual inter-
est \$1,100,000. But they say they are
in favor of an unconditional sale, and yet
require that sale to relieve the people of
the whole burthen of two millions two
hundred thousand dollars annual taxes!

What wise logic this is! How profound
Upon this question we may have some-
thing to say hereafter. For the present
we will only remark that we are opposed
to the sale of the public works, and to the in-
crease of either the number or the power
of corporations in our midst, and that if
we do consent to a sale it shall not be with-
out conditions as well as restrictions.—
But if the whigs will find a purchaser that
will take them and relieve us of the annu-
al payment of the \$2,200,000 interest we
will consider the conditions very favora-
ble.

THE NEXT GOVERNOR.

In a little over two months from this
time the Democracy of Pennsylvania will
formally designate their choice as the next
Governor. Who that candidate shall be,
no longer remains in doubt. The people,
with the exception of a very few localities,
are almost unanimous in favor of the re-
nomination, and re-election, of our present
worthy Executive WILLIAM BIGLER.—
There is a good reason for this, which is
as creditable to the discriminating judg-
ment of the people, as it is to the firmness,
integrity, and strict honesty of his Excel-
lency. He has performed his duty faith-
fully, as he solemnly pledged himself to
the people he would, and the people are
satisfied with him, and determined to hon-
or him with a second term, as they have
always done heretofore with those of his
predecessors who have behaved them-
selves well.

But there are dissatisfied spirits in
many parts of the State—which is not at
all strange, as such spirits have existed
in all ages of the world—nor is it any
more strange that these spirits should be
found most numerous in the very locali-
ties where the excellent SHUNK was most
fiercely assailed. Outside of Philadelphia
and Westmoreland counties, the opposi-
tion to the re-nomination of Gov. BIGLER
has nowhere assumed a serious aspect.

In the latter, a county, or rather a town-
meeting of the borough of Greensburg was
held, in which a few aspiring and disap-
pointed politicians succeeded in getting
resolutions passed in favor of a new man,
and in the latter, a show of opposition is
manifested by a class of politicians call-
ing themselves National Democrats, or
"Hardys," as if Gov. BIGLER is not "hard"
enough for them. In this they show as
great a want of judgment as can well be
imagined—for if Gov. BIGLER is not a
National Democrat, as firm, fixed and solid
as the hardest adamantine the Empire
State can produce, then we know nothing
of him. Gov. BIGLER was the first to en-
brace the principles of the Compromise,
and he advocated those principles from
every stump in the State. No man vot-
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this fact; and to talk of Bigler being un-
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