



CLEARFIELD, January 6, 1858.

The News.

The United States Senate met on last Tuesday at noon. Upon a motion to admit ladies it was negative. The report of the committee was offered stating that the new chamber was ready for the Senate. Mr. Crittenden moved its adoption in a brief and eloquent speech, in which he alluded to many associations that bound them to the old chamber, and desired parting from it an act of much less dignity.

The house met the same hour, but very little business was transacted.

A destructive fire occurred in Philadelphia on last Tuesday morning about 7 o'clock, on Lawrence street, between Fourth and Fifth. A large hat factory was burned, and a number of dwellings seriously damaged. The loss amounts to \$60,000, of which the greater portion is covered by insurance.

The news from the State Capital is, that W. A. C. Lawrence is elected Speaker of the House of Representatives. No other officers have yet been elected.

The Democratic members of the Senate met in caucus on last Tuesday morning, and nominated Hon. John Creswell for speaker, Wm. H. Miller, Esq., for Clerk, and F. M. Hutchinson, Esq., for Assistant Clerk.

A severe snow storm prevailed at New York on last Monday night.

Hon. S. A. Douglas has been unanimously nominated by the Democratic caucus of the Illinois Legislature, for re-election to the Senate.

In Mexico Guadalupe has been retaken by the government troops.

Great anxiety is felt for this government to take her in hand and restore order and peace.

THE POSTAL SYSTEM.

It is sincerely to be regretted that a system so complete and extensive in its details, and so necessary to our convenience, the postal system should not be a self-sustaining one. By the report of the Post Master General, an abstract of which we published last week, it will be seen that the expenditures of this department exceed its receipts by something more than three millions of dollars per annum;—to which extent the National Treasury has to be taxed to make up the deficiency.—The Post Master General, to remedy this defect in the operation of the postal system, recommends an increase in the rate of postage of about seventy per cent upon those now charged.

Of the policy of this recommendation we have some doubt, which we shall express in as respectful terms as possible.—The patriotism of the distinguished head of that department we have no hesitation in endorsing, but we think an increase in the rates of taxation may well be considered a question of doubtful policy. Not because the burdens of the people would be increased thereby, but it would be retarding in our progress towards a system of cheap postage similar to those of other countries which have adopted and sustained with success and great advantage to the epistolary intercourse of the masses, and has been the policy of this government for the last fourteen or fifteen years. The reduction of the rates of postage has always been received with great favor by the mass of the people, and an increase therein would be most likely to meet with corresponding disfavor.—The general abolition of the franking privilege may however be regarded in another light, and probably material reform might be effected in that direction.

Mr. Buchanan wrote a letter to the Pittsburgh celebration deplored the use of money in elections! Poor fellow, if Foreign would speak, what tales he could tell of 1856 about the use of money!—*See, Gazette.*

Bucher Swoope, one of the Know-nothings high priests in the campaign of '56 has spoken, and the tales he told were anything but creditable to some of the opposition editors in and around the Junta valley. Let him that is without sin &c.—*Holden's Star.*

It is very unkind of you, friend Truagh, thus to disturb the train of honest reflections in which the "Immaculate" have been indulging recently. Their expressions of virtuous indignation are as refreshing as the affected "holy horror" of a courtesan for the vice by which she lives.

COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET.—We see by the *Clinton Democrat* that the bar of Clinton county gave Hon. Jas. Burnside president Judge of this district a complimentary banquet during the session of their court, week before last. This is a just tribute to the merit of this able jurist, accomplished gentleman and generous friend; and we heartily commend our brethren of the Lock Haven bar for their due appreciation of their president Judge. We would insert the proceedings in full, if want of space did not forbid it.

PARADISE MEETING.—We are compelled for want of room to omit the speeches delivered at the above meeting. We hope our readers will take our word for it, that they were very good.

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In the first place, no honest representative would vote for a law submitting a question to a popular vote the only result of which would be the taking of money out of the pockets of the people of one community, and putting it into the pockets of those of another, without accomplishing the slightest benefit to the public. Every honest legislator would oppose such a measure, presented in the shape of the present one, for the reason that, to accede to the wishes of the petitioners, would be to establish a precedent that would set the people of four-fifths of the counties in the State by the ears. Endless strife and contention would be the inevitable result. With the hope of pecuniary gain, owners of eligible sites for county towns would be found in every county willing to put up the public buildings at their own expense, in order that their broad acres might be cut up and sold for town lots. Property in county towns would be unsafe, and rapidly depreciated. But few legislators desirous of a condition of things,

I admit that there may be instances where county seats might with propriety be changed; or wherein a change might better accommodate the public. But such is not the case with Clearfield. The present county seat is near the geographical centre of the county than Curwenville, and is quite as accessible to the majority of the people of the county, and to the public large; and when Fine county is struck off, and which it certainly will be within the next two years at most, it will be much more so. Then why is a removal necessary?

Where county seats have been, or should be changed, it must be first made apparent that the *public interest*—which are paramount to all others—require such removal. Hence, unless it can be shown that the *public interest* are to be thus affected, I venture to assert that no man can be found in either branch of the legislature, willing to advocate a bill favoring the removal of the county seat from Clearfield to Curwenville.

But, say the petitioners, the people of the county will be saved \$30,000 in taxes, and therefore the *public interest* will be benefited. If this were true, it would be a very lame, if not dishonest, argument.

Resolved, that these proceedings be published in the "Hartmann Journal" and "Clearfield Republican."

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

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In accordance with a previous notice there assembled at the schoolhouse in Paradise, Lawrence township, a large number of tax payers, to take into consideration the removal of the county buildings.

Martin Nichols, Jr., was called to the chair. A. Carter, Rufus Thompson, Chas. McCumber, Jacob Galieh, Philip Mullen, and George Carter, were elected vice-presidents, and A. L. Ogden and S. C. Carden, secretaries.

N. R. McMullen, Jonathan Nichols, James Shaw, R. Shaw, Jr., and G. G. Irwin, were appointed a committee to draft resolutions.

In their absence John McCumber was called on and addressed the meeting in a forcible and entertaining speech.

N. R. McMullen was also called on and in a clear and forcible style set forth their claims for the much coveted county buildings.

On motion, it was resolved that his remarks be prepared for the press.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas the efforts of our Curwenville rivals have proved an utter failure to even produce an excitement in regard to the removal of the county seat, as was fully demonstrated by the "Grand Mass Fizzle" of the 17th—and as every person seems to be in favor of the buildings remaining in "Paradise," therefore be it

Resolved, That the corporation of Paradise stands pledged to the erection of a court house, jail, and other conveniences for use of Clearfield county worth \$50,000, also a Poor-House, and pay all the expenses of the county forever; and as it has become a fixed fact that damages can be collected for the depression of property of Clearfield borough by such removal, amounting to nearly \$100,000, we also stand pledged for said amount for that purpose.

Resolved, That we are located in the centre of the county, on one of the most beautiful, fertile, and level river bottoms, to be found, extending from the river to the west and north about two miles, through which passes one of the best water powers in the county, having on it already erected a saw-mill.

Resolved, That the citizens of Clearfield borough should join hands with us and have them located here. Their place of residence being in sight, and Clearfield can be their summer country seats, to which they can retire from their labors at court.

Resolved, That the committee on Resolutions be also a committee on Excitements, to procure ammunition for the struggle.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Clearfield Republican, Hartmann's Journal, and Curwenville daily papers.

On motion the meeting adjourned with three cheers for Paradise and the County Buildings.

Like MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT, the "clive African boy" at Savannah, has had "a reception." The *News* found him a boy apparently about 13 or 14 years of age, of rather pleasing and intelligent countenance. He repeated almost perfectly everything said to him whether in English, French or Spanish, and seemed to bear his honors with commendable modesty and good humor. A great many of his visitors were unable to select him from other darkies, native born, in the same room. We learn that during the day another boy—native born—was put in his place, to allow him time for repose and refreshment, and that many persons visited the room, and came away thoroughly convinced that they had seen a real, *bona fide* African.

LAUDABLE INTENTION.—Dr. P. F. Hatch the husband of Cora L. V. Hatch, the celebrated spirit medium, announces that nine years of intimate acquaintance with spiritualism has fully convinced him of its moralizing and ruinous tendency, and he now intends to expose its sophistries, and the gross evils which flow from it.—The Elmira Advertiser remarks that the doctor means to make money out of the affair in some way.

The committee then reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, the citizens of the counties of Clearfield, Indiana, Cambria and Jefferson, have been petitioning the Legislature for a number of years, for the erection of a new county out of parts of the above named counties—and the same necessities still exist for the request of the petitioners.

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Resolved, that we have sufficient territory to erect a new county, and still leave the slow-growing counties larger than the average size of counties in the state—some of them having an area of over a thousand square miles remaining.

Resolved, that we do not approach any of the adjoining county seats with our proposed boundaries, within from fourteen to twenty miles.

Resolved, that we embrace within our proposed county, above four hundred square miles of territory, nearly all of which is susceptible of cultivation, and a population of nearly eight thousand, who would be benefited by the erection of the new county.

Resolved, that we only ask simple justice in our petitioners; that the increase of business and population demands that we should not be longer subject to the expense and inconvenience we are under in attending our courts.

Resolved, that we have all the elements of a prosperous county, good farm land is plenty of timber, good water power, and abundance of coal and other minerals, and that a new county would tend to develop these resources, and make up in a short time the equal, if not the superior of any of the existing counties.

Resolved, that we ask the aid and assistance of the citizens of the above named counties in our enterprise.

After the adoption of the resolutions the meeting was addressed by M. A. Frank Esq., Rev. C. Cleaver and others.

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pointed, to confer with the same number from Cherry Tree at the meeting there to-morrow (Dec. 31st), to make the necessary arrangements for procuring the passage of a law erecting the county.

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