



CLEARFIELD, January 13, 1859.

THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE

Are requested to meet at the Court House in the borough of Clearfield on the Tuesday evening of Court week, to make the necessary arrangements for holding an election upon the "Crawford system," in pursuance of the resolutions of sundry Democratic conventions. By order of the Chairman.

JOHN MAGAHEY, Sec'y.

THE MESSAGE.—We publish this week the first annual message of Gov. Packer. As will be seen, it occupies a great deal of our space, leaving us but little room for comment; were we disposed to indulge in any. The message contains a practical, and a flattering, exposition of the financial condition of the Commonwealth, and will, therefore, in this respect, be read with satisfaction by every Pennsylvanian. But when the Governor enters upon national politics, as if to re-open and revive the recent angry and unprofitable controversy about Kansas and Leecompton, we think he fails to meet the approbation of any portion of the Democratic party, not even excepting those who were most earnestly—but *honest*—opposed to the course taken by Congress and the President.

For the Republican.

FACTS IN RELATION TO THE LOCATION OF THE COUNTY SEAT AT CLEAFIELD.

The Act of 26th March, 1804, (4th Sess. Laws, 179,) organized the counties of Jefferson, McKean, Clearfield, Potter, Tioga and Cambria. The 9th section of the law authorized the Governor to appoint three Trustees for each county, who should receive proposals for the grant of lands, monies, &c., as a consideration for the location of the county seat. Many of the county seats were located under this law. (See 4th Sess. Laws, pp. 368, 372, &c.)

Our county seat was located under a subsequent Act, passed 4th April, 1805, (see pamphlet laws, page 254,) as follows:

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted*, &c. That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and required to appoint three disinterested commissioners, who do not reside or own any land in the county of Clearfield, which commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at the house of Benjamin Patton, in the town of Bellefonte, on the twentieth day of May next, and from thence proceed to view and determine on the most eligible and proper situation for the seat of justice and public buildings for the said county of Clearfield, and make their report into the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth on or before the first Monday of December next:

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, &c. That the aforesaid commissioners shall have power, and it shall be their duty, to take assurance by deed, bond, or otherwise, of any lands, lots, monies or other property which hath been or may be offered for the use and benefit of the said county, either for the purpose of erecting public buildings, the support of an Academy or other public use, and for the services aforesaid.

Under this Act, the Governor appointed Roland Curtin, James Smith and John Fleming, commissioners, who filed their report as follows:

REPORT.

Sir.—By virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled an Act authorizing the appointment of Commissioners to fix upon a proper site for the Seat of Justice in Clearfield county:—We, the subscribers, appointed by His Excellency the Governor, or, agreeably to the provisions of the above mentioned Act, passed on the fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five—

REPORT, that agreeably to the provisions of the above mentioned Act, we met at the house of Benjamin Patton, in the town of Bellefonte, on the twentieth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and five, and receiving the different proposals made by several persons proceeded to view and determine on the most eligible and proper situation for the Seat of Justice and Public Buildings, for the said county of Clearfield, and do find that the Old Town of Chincleamoune, in the said county (the property of Abraham Witmer, of the township of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,) situated on the south side of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, in the county aforesaid, is the most eligible and proper situation for the Seat of Justice and Public Buildings in the said county: and that we have laid out the said town, a plan whereof is hereto annexed, and we also further report, that we have received from the said Abraham Witmer, his bond (which is also hereto annexed) for the conveyance of certain lots and the payment of certain sums of money at the time and for the purpose therein mentioned.

We are, with respect, your humble servants,

ROLAND CURTIN,
JOHN FLEMING,
JAMES SMITH

To Thomas McKean Thompson, Secretary of Commonwealth.

THE WEATHER within the last few days has undergone two marked changes; first from soft and rainy to extreme cold, and then to a spring-like mildness. On last Monday morning the mercury stood at 18° below zero, and it did not rise higher than 12° below during the day. To-day (Thursday) a balmy south wind prevails. The snow and ice are fast falling into a liquid state, and an over-coat is a superfluity. So it goes in this most variable of climates.

THE NEWS.

The last European arrival brings little news of importance.

A decline in Cotton is announced.

A New York vessel was burnt at Liverpool. No lives were lost.

The tariff negotiations in China have been completed.

The London Times charges the President's message with evincing a quarrelsome spirit.

The news from India are unimportant. Some successes have been attained by the British forces.

Mexico has another leader. Gen. Robles has deposed Zuloaga, and proclaimed himself the head of the conservatives.

The Quaker City brings one week later news, and one and a quarter million dollars of gold from California. The news are unimportant.

The Kansas Legislature met and adjourned to Lawrence city. The Governor approves this step. The Governor's message has been received.

Congress is occupied with the consideration of the Pacific Railroad bill, the acquisition of Cuba, and the pension bill. Nothing definite has been accomplished in either.

NEW COURT HOUSE.—By referring to our new advertisements, it will be seen that the county Commissioners advertise for proposals for the erection of a Court House according to specification which can be seen at the office of R. J. Wallace Esq., for ten days prior to the 29th Jan. 1859.

CHEERY TREE MEETING.—We publish the proceedings of this meeting, without the address of Mr. Kinports which accompanied it, which we are compelled to omit for want of space.

receive the same for the payment of three thousand dollars on the first day of May, which will be in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twelve; one half thereof to be applied for the use of an Academy or Public School in said town, and one half for the purpose of erecting Public buildings in said town.

Now the condition of the foregoing obligation is such, that if the before bounden Abraham Whitmer, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns shall, from time to time, and at all times, do keep and perform the aforesaid undertakings and agreements on his part, then in such case the above obligation to be void and of none effect, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

ABRAHAM WHITMER, Seal.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of

BENJN. PATTON,
ROBERT T. STEWART.

The books in the County Commissioners' office show the payment of \$1950 of this money by Abraham Witmer, as per audit on 6th January, 1816.

For the balance of the money, suit was brought by Roland Curtin, for use, in the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin county to No. 159, April term, 1831. Judgment was rendered in the case against the Executor of Witmer for \$1270 26. That case was taken up to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania by the Executor of Witmer. On the question of the construction of the bond of Witmer, the Supreme Court affirmed the judgment of the Court below, and Witmer's Executor was compelled to pay the money.

These are the facts, as fully proven by the original papers now in this place; and which, it is presumed, definitely settles the question of removal.

CLEARFIELD.

PINE COUNTY MEETING.

In pursuance of previous notice, a large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of Clearfield, Indiana and Cambria counties, in favor of Pine county, took place in the Town Hall in the Borough of Cherry Tree, on Dec. 31st, 1858, and was called to order by appointing George Gamble, of Cherry Tree, as President, assisted by Joseph Brothers, Sr., Daniel Hill, Frederick Shephard, B. A. Hamilton and Wm. Lafferty, as Vice Presidents. Dr. W. A. Platt, Wm. Langdon, Secretaries.

The object of the meeting was briefly stated by the President, which was to show why and how Pine county should be erected.

On motion, E. B. Camp, John Eason and John King were appointed a committee to take charge of the petitions that were to be handed in at the meeting.—Attached to petitions that had been circulating in the neighborhood of Cherry Tree, the committee counted 684 names.

On motion, Simon Conner was invited to address the meeting, to which he responded in a very able and eloquent manner.

D. R. Kinports being chairman of a committee to draft a preamble and resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting, read the following report which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, We have been praying our Legislature for quite a number of years, to be pleased to enact a law for the creation of a new county to be called Pine, out of parts of Clearfield, Indiana, Cambria and Jefferson, and although the leading men of the above named counties agreed that we ought to have a new county, yet we are denied year after year our prayer: Therefore

Resolved, That we are subject to much inconvenience and great expense from the great distance at which we reside from our respective county seats.

Resolved, That we should be together, and not separate in our four different counties as we are at present, that we cannot expect to be prosperous until we can concentrate our interests and transact our public business in one common centre.

Resolved, That the entire new county would be covered with the very best quality of white pine and oak timber in the State; that vast beds of bituminous coal, iron, fire-brick clay, &c., are numerous; that two large streams of water, running the entire length of the county from south to north, and fed by innumerable mountain streams, constitute water power to which there is no superior in the United States; that several hundred thousand dollars worth of sawed lumber, timber and spars are annually exported from the new county.

Resolved, That for these reasons we are in favor of a new county, and will use all honorable means to effect our purpose.

On motion, H. B. Swoope, Esq., of Clearfield Boro' was invited to address the meeting to which he responded in a very instructive and eloquent speech.

On motion, a committee was appointed, consisting of R. E. Hughes, Esq., J. M. Harter, Thos. Goorderham, Peter Beeler, A. McHaffey, to confer with the committee from New Washington, for the purpose of providing means for sending persons to Harrisburg, &c.

On motion, adjourned till candle light.

Agreeable to adjournment the meeting was called to order by the President at 9 o'clock.

On motion, P. B. Kinports repeated his former address.

H. B. Swoope, Esq. was again called upon, and responded in a very amusing speech.

Dr. W. A. Platt being called upon, made some very appropriate remarks.

D. R. Kinports was then called upon, and responded in a very neat address.

On motion, Porter B. Kinports was requested for a copy of his address for publication.

On motion, it was agreed that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the papers of Clearfield, Indiana and Ebensburg.

On motion adjourned.

GEORGE GAMBLE, Pres't.
W. A. PIATT, Sect'r.
W. M. LANGDON, Sect'r.

Mr. Morphy the chess champion has played two games with Anderson.

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