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SATURDAY MORNING FEB. 10, 1877.

Local and Personal.

—Valentines are now ripe.

—Are your gutters cleaned out?

—Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22.

—Next Tuesday will be Shrove Tuesday or Fasnacht.

—Out of 441 small pox cases in Reading 102 proved fatal.

—The Lock Ridge furnace, at Alburtis, is running on full time.

—Last week work was resumed in the Allentown Rolling Mill.

—The Lenten season will commence on Wednesday next, the 14th inst.

—In Reading they are discussing the question "Are pretzels intoxicating?"

—Henry Bender, an old and well know citizen of Easton, Pa., died Sunday.

—Bring your sale bills to this office if you want them done cheap and quick.

—50 lb. lard cans—best tin—only 75 cents at D. F. Rickert's, East Weissport, Pa.

—The day's length just now increases about one minute per day or thirty-five minutes to the month.

—Extra fine nickel-plated Harness for $35.00 For sale by M. Florey, near canal bridge, Weissport.

—On Monday night the steel rail mill at South Bethlehem rolled 136 tons of rails—the largest day's work ever done there.

—The Lehigh Slate Company has declared a dividend of 3 per cent., payable on and after February 15th at the office of the company.

—It speaks for itself; is what a lady said of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup the other day, for a single bottle cured my child of a most dreadful cough.

—For handsome sale bills and other descriptions of job printing, at knock-down prices, call at this office. A lot of new and fashionable type just added.

—The Governor has issued a warrant for the execution on the 4th of April of Thos. Duffy, convicted in Schuylkill County of the murder of Benjamin F. Yost.

—A locomotive house on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Trenton, N. J., was burned Sunday and eight engines were damaged. The loss is estimated at upward of $50,000.

—Henry D. Boas, Secretary of the Citizens' Building and Loan Association of Shenandoah, in Schuylkill county, was convicted on Saturday of having embezzled nearly $7000.

—David Ebbert's horses and carriages are in steady demand, at his popular prices, notwithstanding the bad condition of our roads. The reason is that David always keeps good stock.

—We see it stated that Mr. E. W. Clark, the president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company has consented to accept the chairmanship of the Board of Directors of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company.

—Joseph F. Rex, near Canal Bridge, East Weissport, will supply you with best family flour, feed, candies, apples, potatoes, tobacco and cigars, at lowest possible prices for CASH. Try him and be convinced. 4*

—J. K. Rickert has still a few of those eligible lots in Rickertstown to dispose of. If you feel like securing a good home call and see him He is also supplying flour, feed, lumber and coal at the lowest rates.

—STOP A MOMENT.—Have you used Dr. Coxe's Santonine Worm Syrup. Try it. It is delightful to the taste, health-giving to children; but death to worms. Price 25 cts. For sale at A. Durling's drug store. 28

—Recommended by the Faculty.—KELLER'S Strengthening Cordial and Liver Pills. They have cured thousands of hopeless cases where all other remedies have failed; this too, without any of the horrors that attend surgery, the home medical treatment. They are worth a whole army of doctors. Try them and be convinced. For sale by all Druggists.

—The Allentown Chronicle says four men were buried alive at Hensingersville, Lehigh County, on Monday, by the caving in of an ore mine in which they were digging. Two of the men, named Hunsburger and Lewis, were known to be killed and the other two were thought to be. A fifth man had both his legs broken but escaped other injury.

—The Hazleton Daily Sentinel, in addition to being the most neatly printed, is the spiciest little daily outside of the large cities. Fact!

—In the items from Weissport it will be seen that Rev. S. Neitz will preach a sermon on "The Millennium," tomorrow (Sunday) at 3 p. m., in the Evangelical church.

—The old Bethlehem Lehigh Bridge Co. pays a yearly dividend of 33 per cent. The par value of the stock is $120, and it recently sold as high as $555 per share.

—Mr. Alexander Jacobs, of Reading, the other day purchased a half interest in the extensive slate quarry of Mr. Henry Kuntz, of Slatington, for $12,000.

—The store of Hildreth & Co. and four other buildings in East Nanticoke, near Wilksbarre were burned Wednesday morning. Loss $50,000, it is supposed the fire was incendiary.

—E. F. Luckenbach's stock of wall papers and window blinds beats all in this section of the state. If you go to Mauch Chunk, call and inspect his stock. See card in another column.

—Some half a dozen young men (?) were before Esq. Beck on Thursday, charged by Wm. Leuckel with purloining sausage &c., from his butcher wagon. William not wishing to push the matter, the 'Squire read them a lecture and dismissed them with costs.

—"Bertie," Mahoning.—Your communication received. We cannot publish letters unless accompanied by real name of writer, not for publication, but for our own safety and as a guarantee of good faith.

—Bread hereafter is to be sold in Reading by the pound instead of the loaf. Those failing to comply with the ordinance will be fined $10, and those found using improper or unwholesome material in preparing bread will be fined $25.

—It is believed that that portion of the proposed new South Mountain railroad running through Lehigh, Northampton and Berks counties will be put under contract for grading next summer. The officers of the company passed over the route last week.

—Nathan Ullman, late bar-tender at the American Hotel in Slatington, was arrested one day last week by a constable from Reading on a charge of having issued fraudulent bank checks. He and taken to the county seat of Berks, was after a hearing was committed to prison in default of $1000 bail.—Allentown Democrat.

—We have received from G. W. Childs, Esq., of the Philadelphia Ledger, his almanac for 1877. Like its predecessors it is chock-full of good and useful things—statistical, and historical. Mr. C. presents one of these very useful Almanacs to every one of his subscribers, not forgetting the press of the country.

—The Miners in the Stanton Colliery, at Mahony Plane, in Schuylkill county, struck Tuesday against a slight reduction in their wages. Eleven hundred men are idle from the strike. It is stated that for some time past many unemployed men have been leaving Schuylkill county to seek work elsewhere.

—A man who will take and read a paper for two or three years and then decline to pay for it, is about as mean as a member of the Louisiana Returning Board, so says the Allentown Democrat. We have a few of this kind, and before long we are going to print their names and the amount due us by each.

—Joseph F. Dengler, ex-cashier of the Pennsylvania National Bank of Pottsville, convicted of embezzlement, was sentenced on Saturday to imprisonment for two years and two months in the penitentiary. When asked if he had anything to say before receiving sentence, he burst into tears. The amount embezzled was about $8000, of which $5000 has been paid back by Dengler's friends.

—There are in Pennsylvania twenty-three incorporated cities, as follows:—Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Allegheney, Scranton, Reading, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Erie, Wilkesbarre, Williamsport, Allentown, Altoona, Chester, Titusville, Meadville, Lock Haven, Corry, Carbondale, New Castle, Oil City, Franklin, Parker, and Monongahela City.

—Patrick Butler, convicted with seven other Molly Maguires, of conspiracy and abetting murder, was released from jail, at Pottsville, Monday, on his own recognizance. He has given the State much information in regard to his associates, and will be used as a witness against Patrick Hester on trial at Bloomsburg, Columbia County for the murder of Alexander Rea.

—At Wilkes-Barre, on Saturday James M. Cortwright, Republican County Treasurer, convicted of embezzlement, was sentenced to two years and six months imprisonment in the county jail. His default was nearly $20,000. A. J. Williams, a Democratic County Commissioner, convicted of extortion was fined $100 and the costs of prosecution. T. M. Nagle and Patrick Lynch, late Clerks in the Commissioner's Office, who plead guilty of four indictments of conspiracy to defraud, were each sentenced to four month's imprisonment in the county jail and pay a fine of $1,625 and costs. The court also passed sentence of death on Thomas Campbell, for a murder committed in Carbondale on the 4th of July last.

—RAND'S NEW YORK CITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY—This is the title of a valuable work of commercial reference, just issued by Walter Heugh & Co., Printers and Publishers, of 14 Park Place, New York. It contains a full and complete list of all the Importers, Jobbers and Manufacturers doing business in the great metropolis, classified and arranged trades and occupations, and giving their street and number address. It is an invaluable work for the country merchant. It tells him where to obtain anything from a needle to a steam engine, of first and second hands. The work will be sent by the publishers to any address postage paid, upon the receipt of the price, which is as follows: Cloth, full bound Edition, per copy one dollar; flexible cloth bound, seventy-five cents, paper cover, fifty cents.

From Mauch Chunk.

—"Who d'ye think will be our next town council. I'ave worries just now on almost everybody's lips, and if that ambiguous personage were only wise, they'd say nothing about it, for surely they can't expect others to do better than the persons that we and have been, so long at the head of affairs here, be they Republicans or Democrats. Why not let well enough alone?

—That the Phoenix Cornet Band should have treated our fellow townsman Geo. Wolf to a serenade on his return from his wedding tour, will not, of course, be strange news to you, as serenades are rapidly becoming one of our fixed institutions; and although nothing has transpired concerning the termination of the matter, you and your readers will be perfectly safe in the conclusion that the party thus honored on Tuesday night came down handsomely.

—Mr. August Obert and Miss Annie Dick were on Monday forenoon last declared "one in flesh" by Rev. Father Heinen of St. Joseph's R. C. Church. Our congratulations, etc.

—And now—would you believe it? James R. Struthers sports a new hat, and 'tis no exaggeration to say that the oldest limb of the Carbon county bar looks by 25 years his junior.

—Just at present the Sheriff, and the minor stars in the constellation, the Constables, are said to be excessively busy.

—Monday last, the day set for their departure, eight young and middle aged men left this place for the land of promise—Texas. They were booked for Columbus, and consisted of the following: Wm. Sweeney, Chas. McGeady, Jno. McGinley, Edwin McKilroy, Frank Coyle, Jno. O'Donnell, and Dennis McGinley; all Irish or of Irish descent, but all good fellows, and as such deserving good luck. Capt. Scudder, who set out a few hours after the first party, is also aiming for the Lone Star State. The wish that their example might find imitators appears to be universal; and why shouldn't it be, when this region of country is accursed with a population far in excess of any reasonable demand.

—No matter how much to the contrary may have been said upon the subject, a majority of the Jersey Central Company's employees still continue unpaid for November, and the L. & W. Coal Co. has not yet settled the back pay due boatmen for last season's services.

—Judging by the diminished number of mourners, both at St. Paul's M. E. Church and the Evangelical church of Upper Mauch Chunk, I consider myself safe in the assertion that "sinners" are getting more scarce than they have been, to which all should say: Amen!

—A man named Jno. Cummings, machinist by trade, employed at the Weatherly shops, having got chuck full of bad whiskey, was, on Tuesday evening, run over and badly mangled by the 6.20 p. m., L. V. R. R. down passenger train. When picked up, his left leg was found to be almost severed from his body, necessitating subsequent amputation. He never rallied, and at 3 a. m., breathed his last.

—And now a third candidate for the office of constable appears on the surface in the person of Mr. John Kreider, and if general predictions may be relied on, he is likely to be the successful man.

—Mr. Paul Hughes still continues confined to his residence, to ill to move about.

—Admission to the county jail is no longer the easy matter it used to be under previous administrations, as visitors are no longer admitted except on Wednesday's, and even then none but persons known to jailor, or vouched for by such, may enter. Strict this, but then the sheriff probably knows his own business best.

—Mr. J. W. Reed, formerly proprietor of the American House, and late of the Eagle House, Summit Hill, is said to have rented the Columbia House of which he will take possession on his vacation by Judge Behler, who will succeed John Schabo as proprietor of the Mauch Chunk hotel.

—Much as has been said concerning a possible concert by the Orpheus Singing Society, we now learn that when submitted to a vote of the members at Wednesday evening's meeting the project was voted down, and thus the concert is doomed to end—in smoke.

—To avoid the necessity of borrowing a machine of the kind, our county authorities have entrusted Mr. Josiah Sendel with the construction of a gallows for the accommodation of whom it may concern.

—A "Pound Party" held on last Tuesday evening at the Packer residence, was numerously attended, and is said to have netted some $50 which will be given to the poor.

—Small-pox no longer existing here all fear of a further spread of the contagion may be abandoned.

Items from Weissport.

—On Tuesday Mrs. Simon Brown died. She leaves a large family which has the sympathy of the community. Burial to-morrow (Sunday) at 9.30 a. m. The services will be held in Ebenezer church by Rev. J. K. Kuerr.

—Mr. Henry Geisel, the brewer, is seriously sick.

—Lately Mrs Solomon Yeakel visited her sick mother in Montgomery county. She entertains poor hopes for her recovery.

—Mr. Edwin Brown and family will soon depart in search of Western clime and food. Our best wishes and prayer will follow them to their new home in Illinois.

—On Sunday (to-morrow) at 3 p. m., Rev. S. Neitz will preach a special sermon in Ebenezer church. Theme: "The Millennium." It will be a treat to hear this great pulpit orator.

—Who was David's mother? is one of the important questions proposed by one of our young parsons to his class of catechumens. The learned McClintock says: "His mother's name is unknown." We are anxious to learn what the parson discovered in David's line. If, however, we should die before he sees fit to disclose it, we are positive we can get to glory without knowing it.

—Mr. Frank C. Knipe has left town in search of an occupation.

—Those that attend the Ebenezer Sunday School observe that Mr. John Krause knows how to put things on the black board, and Mr. W. C. Weiss knows how to spread himself in explaining and applying the exercises on the board. It will do a person good to go and *see, hear* and *feel*.

—Some of our merchants are inclined to discontinue business and amuse themselves in collecting their bills—this would, undoubtedly, prove a delicious luxury to them in these hard times.

—J. G. Zern, our skillful physician, is very busy. AMICUS.

Fashionable Winter Clothing.

T. D. Clauss, the merchant tailor, is almost daily receiving additions to his large and elegant stock of winter goods, comprising cloths, cassimeres, and vestings of the latest designs and the best manufacture, which he is prepared to make up in the most fashionable and durable manner, at prices fully as low as the same material and workmanship can be obtained for in any other town in the State. Also, a full line of gent's furnishing goods, hats, caps, boots, shoes and gaiters suitable for the wear of this section, and manufactured expressley to his order. The entire stock has been purchased on an entirely cash basis, and as he is selling for cash only he is able to sell at such prices as will astonish purchasers. Call and examine goods and prices before purchasing elsewhere.

Borough Election.

The following ticket has been handed us for publication. The names presented are, for the most part, undeniably good, and perhaps, as a whole, no better material could be found to accept the positions. There being no salaries, the anxious ones are scarce—'tis simply a labor of love:

Burgess—F. P. Semmel.
Councilman—Tilghman Arner, Wm. Waterbor and H. J. Kuntz.
School Directors—William Zehner and Frank Longstreet.
Judge of Elections—E. H. Snyder.
Inspectors of Elections—Geo. Newhard and W. H. H. Moulthrop.
Constable—Henry Kostenbader.

—The trial of Hester, Peter McHugh, Alexander Graham and Patrick Tully, on the charge of having murdered Alexander Rea, nine years ago, was commenced in Bloomsburg, Pa., Wednesday evening. They pleaded not guilty. Hester entered a special plea that he ought not to be tried, on the ground that he was indicted and held in jail on the same charge for over two terms of the Court nine years ago, and was not granted a trial although claiming one, but was discharged.

Echoes from Mahoning.

—Valentine's day next Wednesday.

—The din and clatter of the wagon is again heard throughout the land.

—A grand raffling match will come off at the Pleasant Corner hotel on Friday and Saturday, 2nd and 24th inst., for two new sleighs and a second-hand spring wagon. All those desiring a cheap sleigh or wagon would do well to procure a tickets at once.

—Last Thursday Mr. R. F. Hofford, C. S., visited some of Mahoning's schools, and, if we are permitted to judge from the appearance of Mr. H., our teachers can rest assured that, their good work is not in vain.

—Some people are like eggs—too full of themselves to hold anything else.

—Some politicians publicly announced last Saturday that George Washington was a rebel in his time. Well, they say so because George was a federalist.

—The singing school that met alternately at Pleasant Corner and McDanielsville, under the leadership of J. C. Kunders, exposed last week. What combustible material got under the foundation of that institution we have been unable, so far, to ascertain.

—The Newmeyers are still peddling oysters, fish, sweet potatoes and lemons, and are doing a pretty fair business—Ga nem, Heinrich and Valentine, die geld ish gute.

—We had the pleasure last Wednesday evening to get inside of Mr. Balliet's school, and after keeping myself invisible for short time I came to the conclusion that I had better leave, owing to the fact that Messrs Kistler & Miller, had so many words ready for the occasion (a spelling school) that your reporter made up his mind not to indulged in the exercises.

Yours, learnedly, HOMO.

—Centre Square Sunday school next Sabbath at 2 p. m.

—Rev. A. Bartholomew delivered an able sermon at the Ben Salem's church on Sunday last. Text: "Speak unto the children of Israel they go forward." Exodus XIV., 15th verse.

—A four-year-old daughter of D. S. Longacre, and a member of of the Centre Square Sunday School, died on Saturday morning last of scarlet fever. Interment which took place on Tuesday afternoon was largely attended by the friends of the family and the members of the Sunday School.

—The little daughter of J. T. McDaniel is fast recovering from a severe attack of scarlet fever.

—Miss Sarah Mack, an amiable young lady of this place, lies seriously ill. Disease I was not able to ascertain.

—Sol. Sittler, the old pioneer, and Valentine Newmeyer, are candidates for supervisors.

—The road leading from Boss Hontz's, over the Mahoning mountain, which has been impassable for many weeks on account of the drifted snow, is now passable again.

—The detective force lately organized in the valley for the purpose of detecting thieves and other miscreants are on duty now. From official sources we have been able to learn that the notorious "Homo" is the first on the programme wool to his hide, if he should fall into their hands.

—Mr. L. Kochren arrived at his home on Monday last from his Eastern trip. Mr. K. looks well. JUMBLES.

Our Philadelphia Letter.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Feb. 6th, 1877.

DEAR ADVOCATE.—Here I am again with my budget of items, for the ADVOCATE. I'm glad to hear your excellent paper is increasing in circulation and only hope you'll not blister your fingers in counting and handling the stamps and specie as the same comes pouring in over your Editorial mahogony!

On Arch street last Monday a thief and his "pal" cabbaged the caba of an elderly lady and were making off with it, when she made so vigorous an outcry that the roughs were soon cabbaged and the caba was found in their possession. They will now "do the State some service."

The latest thing out, is a pocket gymnasium (sometimes called a flask) you just unscrew the top and apply the opening to your mouth and if the apparatus has been properly charged, it will not be long before you'll be able to stand on your head, take up the whole of the sidewalk and have a nice little circus all to yourself.

John Staver, of Pine Run, Lycoming county, is busy putting 900,000 feet into the water. (I mean that number of feet of boards and logs.)

Jack Frost, Esq., expects soon to leave us for a trip to the North Pole. The coal men will miss him sadly.

Strawberries, luscious strawberries will be here—when it is time for them to come.

There is much depression in the "ice creeper" business at present and the market for sleighs and skates seem quite inactive. Ulsters are from fair to middling. Furs, below par.

Ah Wung and Ah Fung, two Chinese gentlemen, quarreled in New York the other night, and Ah Wung killed Ah Fung. Now it is thought that Ah Wung will be hung for the murder of Ah Fung.

Out in a Western city a drunken loafer called a saloon proprietor "a liar," and the saloon man responded by calling the rough, "a gentleman," whereupon the saloon man was shot dead by the rowdy. This shall make us all careful as to whom we address as gentlemen.

The old song, "The rain upon the roof" has given way to—"The mud upon the hoof."

Some old topers never drink their "Blue Grass" except out of a blue glass. They say it is unhealthy to drink whisky otherwise.

Last year's (1876) diaries are selling at less than cost.

Black eye artists are always joyful at the near approach of an election, for then their business is apt to be good and they have many blackened optics to paint.

Gold has fallen considerably of late, I have not been able to pick any of it up as yet.

They had a "little unpleasantness" during a ball, did Liza Jane Johnson and Amanda Eliza, two colored damsels, and after Liza had struck Amanda in the head with a stove plate Manda drew a dirk and cut Liza severely on the side of her head. The one who survives will doubtless have to stand trial for murder.

"Ground hog day" is supposed to be the day on which sausages are served.

A fortune awaits the inventor who will get up something to keep the bed covering on children at night.

This week you could have gone "Across the Continent" at the Arch Street Theatre, To "Our Boarding House" at the Chestnut, or paid a visit to "The Hunchback," or "As you Like it" at the Walnut.

$55,000 will buy 1500 pounds of malachite. Messrs. Betanelly & Co., of our city have such a lump for sale. I hope all of your readers will not speak for it at once.

An assistant editor is often addressed as "Scissors." This should not be considered as a cutting remark.

The tradesmen of Washington have been considerably worried, not knowing whether to address their circulars to Samuel J. or Rutherford B. Though I suppose in some instances, each candidate has been solicited for the custom of the White House.

The Evening *Telegraph* of Feb. 5th published nearly twelve pages of closely close. This plainly shows the great depression in business of all kinds.

Murderers whose victims cry for mercy but receive it not, are always the very ones who expect it most themselves. For instance, in New York, a few morning's since James Flood chased his wife through the streets and having cornered her in a door-way, he heedless of her cry for mercy: "For the love of God James don't strike me!" stabbed her to the heart. Yet it this vile wretch is cement, as is hoped soon will be, the first thing he will expect will be *mercy*, or what is better: an acquital on the plea of insanity!

BIRTH.

On the 2d inst., at Germantown, Pa., the elephant "Betsey," of Forepaugh's Circus, of a baby elephant. Both doing well.

932 clubs and belts used by the Centennial police were sold on Monday last, for seven cents each. They were knocked down to Justice—but Miss Justice, who holds the scales, put to a gentleman who has the cognomen of Justice, and with whom, at present, clubs must be trumps.

It seems only a few weeks since that the good folks "up country" were saying "How's the ice crop?"

The presidential question may be settled before my next letter, but—

Yours, patiently, MASCUTIO.

—Work was suspended at the Public Printing Office in Washington on Saturday, throwing six hundred persons out of employment.

—A statement made by the York benevolent association indicates that there are 351 persons dependent upon charity for food in that place.

—Two women were arrested in Meadville last week for circulating counterfeit half dollar coins. About $25 was found upon the person of one of them.

—Curiosity is sometimes laudable and sometimes lamentable. Peter Norke, of Shenandoah, had a laudable desire of unravelling the mystery of a pistol cartridge and a lamentable method of doing it. He pricked the cap with a pin and found out what was in it, but his hands are both gone, and his fingers were shortened and lacerated.

The Capitol Removal.

We present to our readers the able speech of Hon. W. M. Rapsher on the Capitol Removal bill, delivered by him in the House of Representatives, on Tuesday, January 30th:

MR. RAPSHER. Mr. Speaker, I think, if my memory serves me correctly, that it was scholarly Emerson who said, "Let us be silent, that we may hear the whispers of the gods," and while silence is golden, and the patience of the House is well nigh exhausted, I nevertheless desire to make a few observations upon the bill now pending.

In the first place, Mr. Speaker, I am in favor that the resolution, or the question rather, now before the House shall be voted down; I think the motion for an indefinite postponement should be voted down. The friends of this bill should put it in constitutional shape, so that it may be amended, and I think the argument of the enemies of this bill does not come with a very fine grace in making a constitutional objection while a motion for indefinite postponement is pending before the house. The bill cannot be amended while this motion is pending, and, therefore, it is unfair to raise that question at this time, and that was the object I had in view when I gave notice, at an early stage of this debate, that I would offer such amendments as would bring it within the purview of the Constitution. However, preliminary to touching upon that question, I am in favor that this motion should be voted down, and this bill amended properly to meet all the objections which have been urged against it, to bring it before the people of this Commonwealth, and stop this agitation. This question has been agitated upon the floor of this House for years, and I apprehend that if we do not now settle the question it will continue to consume the time and attention of future Legislatures. I submit, Mr. Speaker, that if we settle this bill now and here, and submit it to the qualified electors of the Commonwealth at a general elections, that that will settle the question, and it will not do for gentlemen to say that that will not settle the question, that a bill can be proposed at a future meeting of this Legislature. I think that if the people of this Commonwealth once put upon it their approval or rejection that will settle the question, and no representative upon this floor will attempt to revive this agitation. Therefore, I am in favor of settling this question now, to stop agitation, to save time and money, which is valuable to this Commonwealth. Now, Mr. Speaker, I submit that there has been no good reason given why this question shall not be settled in a fair way at this time and if this motion to postpone this bill indefinitely prevails the question cannot be settled, because the bill is not in the proper shape in my judgement, to meet the purpose for which it was designed. Therefore, I appeal to the members of the House, to vote down the question for indefinite postponement, to allow the bill to be properly amended, so as to meet all of the objections which have been made against it, and let it go before the people of the Commonwealth, and if they say, leave the capital at Harrisburg, I am content; and I would say right here that I am not prepared at this time to say how I should vote at the polls as an elector when the question comes up in that shape. Some gentleman here has suggested that he don't care what the sentiment of the people is, I have a great respect for public sentiment, and I think the gentleman from Fayette [Mr. Schnatterly], when he gave utterance to that remarkable doctrine—that he cared nothing for the sentiment of the public—he did not mean what he said. I want to remind the gentleman of the maxim, centuries old "Vox Populi, Vox Dei," or in other words, the voice of the people is the voice of God, and I think that the gentleman from Fayette and every other gentleman upon the floor must recognize that voice There are a number of reasons, Mr. Speaker, for the removal of this capitol, and one of the main reasons is that the buildings at Harrisburg are inadequate and unfit for the purposes they are used.

Mr. Schnatterly. I wish to ask the gentleman a question.

Mr. Rapsher. I will listen to the gentleman.

Mr. Schnatterly. I ask the gentleman if he will allow me to interrogate him?

Mr. Rapsher. Yes, sir.

Mr. Schnatterly. I understood you to take the position that if this question were voted upon at a general election that it could not be again submitted at the next general election! Do I understand you to take that position.

Mr Rapsher. I did not take that position.

Mr. Schnatterly. I understood you in your remarks to say that it could not be voted upon again. What is to prohibit a second vote upon the same question?

Mr Rapsher. I will answer the gentleman. The position I took is this: that if this question is once submitted to the vote of the people—to the popular vote, and is either rejected or approved that that will virtually settle the question, because I do not believe that any member of this House, or any other House—of any future House would get up at any succeeding Legislature, and again introduce the same identical thing which the people had rejected or approved, I think popular sentiment would control that among members and representatives generally, although I am not prepared to say what effect popular sentiment would have upon the mind of the eloquent gentleman from Fayette [Mr. Schnatterly]

Mr. Schnatterly. I should like to interrogate the gentleman again, so that we will get to an understanding upon the question—

Mr. Rapsher. With pleasure.

Mr. Schnatterly. Under that clause of the Constitution, which provides for the submission of this question to the qualified voters of the Commonwealth, do I understand the gentleman to take the position that the people have a right to pass upon this question, or the power that is vested in us as legislators to submit it to the people at our discretion?

Mr. Rapsher. I think that the purport and intent of the article in the Constitution is that it shall be—that it is the intention that the people shall decide the question rather than the Legislature. Philadelphia had been the capital of this Commonwealth a long number of years, and at the time when the capital was removed from Philadelphia to the city of Harrisburg there were potent reasons why it should be done; and that just makes me think of the argument of the gentleman from Mercer [Mr. Jackson], who says that most of the States of the Union have their capitals in the interior of the States, in the small towns. Mr. Speaker, it must occur to the gentleman from Mercer—

Mr. Jackson (Mercer). I did not say anything about the geographical—

Mr. Rapsher. I think it was the inference of the gentleman from Mercer [Mr. Jackson] desired us to draw that capitals were in smaller cities.

Mr. Jackson (Mercer). I did not say anything about the geographical location; I did say that the capital of a State should never be in the commercial metropolis if there was any other city to make a capital out of.

Mr. Rapsher. Mr. Speaker, I was about to say that there were great and weighty reasons why these selections were made in our early history. The geographical position of the capital in those days was one of the first and most vital considerations.

The distance—a question of a hundred miles, or fifty miles, or two hundred miles, was something of the greatest importance, because it was a question of two, three, or four days' travel—or five—in those days, and at the time when the capitol was removed to Harrisburg from Philadelphia, I have no doubt that that was one of the considerations, on account of the accessibility of the place; and about the year 1810 or 1812, when that removal was made—I do not recollect the year—a great many of the counties which some of the learned gentlemen who oppose this removal now occupy or reside in, contained perhaps not five hundred souls for a population, but with the telegraph, the railroads and all these modern improvements and progress—time has changed these things and the argument of geographical position is now no longer available. Philadelphia is the great centre; the railroads and telegraphs annihilate time and space so that the old argument of selecting the geographical centre of the State is of no weight or consideration in this argument, in my judgment. There is another small reason which I think is of some consequence. If the Legislature were at Philadelphia there are many of our constituents, merchants and business men who visit the city of Philadelphia, who could and would come to see their representatives in the capitol, who no man hardly ever thinks of making a special trip to the city of Harrisburg simply to see the representative, and to see the House in session. While that is no great consideration, I submit that it is a consideration of some weight, because I think that the constituency of a member has some weight in governing his life and rules of conduct. Now, Mr. Speaker, for the information of the gentleman from Northampton—

Mr. Summerville. Mr. Speaker, I would like to have this question answered—whether it has been agitated by the people of the State—if the question has been agitated by the people of this State—if so in what way, or rather has it not been agitated by the people or by the representatives of the city of Philadelphia and not by the people at large; then whether the gentleman being here to represent his constituents and the people of the State—I would like him to answer the question whether the people of the State have asked him to vote for such an act for them to act upon, it, and if the people have not asked for such an act whether it is not an experiment in the Legislature?

Mr. Rubin. I submit that this speech making is out of order entirely. I raise the point of order that speech-making is not in order as an interrogatory.

The speaker (pro tem Mr. Morgan). It is not a speech; the gentleman is amplifying his question. The point of order is not well taken.

Mr. Rapsher. I should like to try and answer it. I think it would be a reflect on upon the members of this House and upon the members of past Legislatures to assume that their constituents would agitate and discuss a question which did not meet with the approval of their constituents. I think that answers the whole question. The fact is patent that this discussion has been going on for years, and it will continue to go on unless we put it in a position to settle it. Give the people a chance either to approve of it or put upon it the seal of condemnation. I was about to say, Mr. Speaker, for the information of the gentleman from Easton [Mr. James] and others in a similar position, that I propose, if the House vote down the motion for indefinite postponement, to offer the following amendment to the bill, and I will read the amendment now simply as a matter of information. I propose to amend the title of the act so as to read as follows: "An act changing the location of the capital of the Commonwealth with a provision to submit the same to the qualified electors thereof for their approval or rejection at a general election." Then I propose to amend the first section by inserting the following words after word "same" in the enacting clause, third line:

"That the present location of the capital of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby changed from the city of Harrisburg to the city of Philadelphia, to take effect as soon as the said change or removal is ratified or approved by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth at a general election as hereafter provided for, namely."—Then I propose to amend by adding after the word "Commonwealth," thirteenth line, the following words:

"Provided That said understanding or contract shall be specific and in detail, and be approved by the Attorney General as soon as the same is satisfactory and in accordance with the spirit and meaning of this act."

I am entirely clear in my mind, and, I think, it must be evident to every lawyer upon this floor that the bill in its present shape is not in accordance with the spirit and meaning of the Constitution. Article three, section twenty-eight of the constitution reads as follows:

"No law changing the location of the capital of the State shall be valid until the same shall have been submitted to the qualified electors of the Commonwealth at a general election, and ratified and approved by them." What does that mean, Mr. Speaker? No law changing the location of the capital shall be valid until the same—the "same", what? Why, the law of course shall be submitted to the people. I think the intent of this section of the Constitution is that the Legislature shall pass a law changing the location, and in the same law provide for a submission to the electors of the Commonwealth. I think that is very clear, and needs no argument. Now Mr Speaker, I do not wish to consume the time of the House, and did not rise for the purpose of making a speech, but I hope that the representatives of this House in their wisdom, will see fit to vote down this motion for indefinite postponement and give a fair chance to meet this subject, and discuss it in a statesmanlike and better way.

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