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Lancaster, January 29, 1850.

The Democrats of the City of Lancaster WILL meet on THURSDAY EVENING, January 31, at 7 o'clock in the Court House, for the purpose of selecting candidates for Mayor, Assessor and High Constable, to be supported at the ensuing city election, on Tuesday next.

Our Democratic friends of the city will bear in mind the meeting to be held in the Court House, on Thursday evening, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for Mayor, Assessor and High Constable. We hope there will be a general turn out of the Democracy, and that such a ticket will be placed in the field as will triumph over all opposition and be elected by an old-fashioned majority.

S. E. Ward Meeting. The Democrats of the S. E. Ward met at Henry Nauman's, on Saturday evening last, and elected to represent the ward in the City Convention, viz—Frederick Miller, J. M. Westheffer, John Yeagley, Jacob Gumpf and Henry Gorchet.

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Decision of Judge Lewis. We copy from the York Gazette, a portion of the very able opinion delivered by Judge Lewis, at York, on the 14th inst, in a case involving the legality of a will made on the Sabbath day. We have inserted it on our first page, and invite a careful perusal. It is replete with sound morality and elaborate investigation, and does great credit to the head and heart of our distinguished townsman.

A Message from the President. On the first page we publish the Message from General TYLON, in reply to a resolution of the House of Representatives, asking for certain information in regard to California and New Mexico, and making inquiry about the mission of T. Berziza King and other whig politicians, sent out at the public expense, during the recess of Congress, to control affairs in California so as to make it a Whig State.

The Balance of Trade. Among the arguments, or rather the assertions, of those who endorse the theory of the Secretary of the Treasury, in favor of a high restrictive tariff on imports, is that which constantly proclaims that we import enormously more than we export; that the balance of trade is against us; that there is, therefore, a constant drain upon us, carrying the precious metals out of the country. Our general readers will be surprised to learn, that this theory is disproved by the figures of the Treasury Department itself. From the Official Report of the Register of the Treasury, recently laid before the Senate, it appears that during the year, ending June 30, 1849, the value of imports was \$1,470,000, (omitting fractions), and the value of exports was \$1,460,000, making but the slight difference of two millions between the exports and imports.

Philadelphia Advertisements. We direct public attention to the "Wholesale Tin Ware Manufacturers" of Messrs B. & W. No. 291, Market Street—also, to the "Patent Linoleum and Linen Oil of Packets," which sell regularly once a month throughout the year from one city to the other. See advertisements.

Hon. James Buchanan is now on a visit to Washington City.

The Past and the Present.

With this number commences the fifty-first volume of the "Intelligencer;" and now that it has weathered out the storms of half a century, and, through sunshine and clouds, has ever been the advocate of democratic men and democratic measures, it may be profitable to take a retrospective glance at the past, and note some of the important events that have taken place since the fearless DICKSON first launched his bark upon the political tide.

In the fifty years that have passed away, what rapid strides have been made by our country in its onward march to greatness and to glory! A half a century ago, we were comparatively a feeble nation, just emerging from the colonial state, and had but commenced the experiment of governing ourselves. Since then we have maintained our national prowess in two bloody wars, in which the superiority of our arms were abundantly manifested—we quadrupled our population—we have bound the different States together by thousands of miles of railroads and canals, by telegraphic and other means of international communication—and now stand prominently forward as one of the greatest, most powerful and most modern nations of the world.

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Common School Convention.

The proceedings of the State Educational Convention which met at Harrisburg week before last, are too lengthy to publish in full. We make the following synopsis, which embraces the principal changes in the Common School System recommended by the Convention.

1st. That a department of education be established, the head of which shall devote himself exclusively to this important subject, visiting the various School Districts occasionally, by way of stimulating them to more vigorous exertions in the cause of education.

2d. That a State Common School Journal be established, as a means of communication between the department and the schools, school directors and teachers.

3d. That two Normal Schools be established for the preparation of teachers to impart knowledge to the youth of the Commonwealth, in the most improved manner.

Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools.

The 16th Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Common Schools of Pennsylvania, has been made to the Legislature. It discusses at length the imperfections of the present system, and suggests various important modifications and amendments, with a view of remedying the defects and imparting to the system greater usefulness.

1st. Imperfect state of the Reports to the State Department, which presents a fair statement being made to the Legislature.

2d. Frauds on the Department, by which the State appropriation is drawn without the necessary tax being collected.

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The Territorial Bill.

The Washington Union of the 13th inst, publishes Senator Forz's Bill to provide for the organization of the territorial government of California, Deseret and New Mexico; and to enable the people of Jacinto, west of the Arroyos and the State of Texas to form a Constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union upon an equal footing with the original States in all respects whatsoever.

Table showing the geographical position of each division, with columns for North, South, and Total area, and population.

From the above table it will be perceived, that considerable more than one-half of the territory acquired from Mexico by the late war, is now the far-famed Missouri Compromise line, which, if it were adopted as the basis of a settlement of the present existing question of the Free States of the Union, even leaving out of question the fact that the people of California have already, by their solemn act in Convention, excluded slavery from the entire territory.

Gen. Cass' Great Speech.

The speech of Gen Cass in the Senate upon the proposed measure to legislate for the Territories, and against the Wilcox Power, was one of the most clear and statesman-like arguments that has ever been delivered in that body, and our only regret is that its almost interminable length precludes its insertion in our columns.

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FINANCES OF THE STATES.

We have before us the Annual Message of the Governor of Pennsylvania, New York, and Maryland. They are all interesting documents, as furnishing an exposition of the financial affairs of the respective States. All are indebted, but all have made or are making preparations to liquidate their indebtedness as rapidly as possible.

Table showing the gross indebtedness of Pennsylvania amounts to \$40,511,173, and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hold the sum of \$113,500, which, if deducted from the aggregate, would leave an amount of public debt at \$40,397,673 00-100.

The amount of interest paid on account of our State Loans for the year 1849, was \$2,007,616. This is an enormous sum to raise, in addition to the extraordinary expenses of Government; but it should be remembered that the greater portion of the debt was incurred in the construction of our Canals and Railroads, and the tolls on these received last year, amounted to \$1,628,800.

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Washington Correspondence.

Since my last, not a few changes have occurred at the capital of the nation—11 men of almost every political name. The exciting subject of Congressional elections, (in the House) has been disposed of in a most summary and anomalous manner—positions of parties upon important subjects seem to have become somewhat better defined—and the knowing spirits of both the North and the South are very fast assuming an attitude before the country, which, until now, to say the least, has been very equivocal.

The great contest of the present session was opened in the Senate on Wednesday last by General Cass, upon the resolution offered by Mr. Forz, of Mississippi, to provide territorial governments for all the country ceded us by Mexico; notwithstanding all the country, California and Deseret have formed State Constitutions, and desire to be admitted into the Union at once.

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COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.

Comm. vs. Martha Minster—Surety of the Peace. Ordered to find security in the sum of \$50, for 2 months. County for costs.

Comm. vs. Henry Ryder—Burgamy. Plea not guilty. It appeared in evidence that the deft. had been married to Susanna Fetter on the 23rd of February, 1848. Afterwards, on the 18th of Dec, 1849, he was again married to Sarah Lutz, his former wife being still alive. It appeared that Susanna Fetter made complaint against Ryder for fornication and bastardy on the 18th of February, 1849—1849—1849—but never lived with her.

Comm. vs. Joseph Hughes—Larceny; stealing a silver watch, the property of John Stauffer, of Columbia. Plea not guilty; verdict guilty. Court order the deft. to pay a fine of 6 cents and costs of prosecution, and undergo an imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary for the period of one year and two months.

Comm. vs. John Nagle—Surety of the Peace on complaint of Balster Peifer. Ordered to find security in the sum of \$100 for 3 months, and pay costs of prosecution.

Comm. vs. Albert Seidel—Larceny; Stealing two shirts and pocket handkerchiefs, the property of John B. Muller. Plea not guilty—verdict guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of 6 cents, costs of prosecution, and undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for one week.

Comm. vs. Isaac Ratee—Charged with committing an assault and battery upon the body of Jacob Hall. Plea not guilty—verdict guilty. Court sentenced the deft. to pay a fine of \$25 and costs of prosecution.