

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS:

CANAL COMMISSIONER, THOMAS H. FORSYTH, OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

AUDITOR GENERAL, EPHRAIM BANKS, OF MILFORD COUNTY.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL, J. PORTER BRAWLEY, OF CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Appointments by the Governor. Charles A. Black, Esq., of Greene county, to be Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Francis W. Humes, late Secretary, to be Attorney General.

This change in the administration is consequent upon the vacation of the office of Attorney General by the appointment of Judge Campbell to a place in the Cabinet of General Pierce.

The position of Attorney General is assumed by Mr. Humes because it is better adapted to him to pursue his extensive practice in the courts of his county, and the Supreme Court.

Mr. Black, who becomes the principal confidential adviser of the Governor, is a lawyer of ability, a fine writer, a courteous gentleman, and a man of considerable experience in Pennsylvania.

He occupied a seat in the Senate of this State with Gov. Bigler, and was always one of his most intimate friends and warm supporters.

In that body he was well schooled in the financial and political affairs of Pennsylvania, and the experience he there acquired will add greatly to the value of his services to the Governor and the public.

Canal Commissioner. Thomas H. Forsyth, Esq., our candidate for Canal Commissioner is a carpenter by trade and a most excellent and popular man.

He is a native of New Britain township, in this county, and served his apprenticeship with Jacob Keppeler. He worked as a journeyman carpenter and afterwards moved to Philadelphia County, where there was a more extensive field opened for his business in which he was engaged.

He is now an efficient and active member of the Senate of Pennsylvania, a station that he has held for several years as the representative of the County of Philadelphia.

He is every way respected as an honest, upright and capable man, and will make an unprecedented run at the ballot box on the second Tuesday of October next.

Although Black has a most worthy candidate, in the person of Mr. Edwards Nicholson, who warmly responds to the nomination of Mr. Forsyth, and will roll up a monstrous majority in his favor.—Daytonian Democrat.

Hon. James Campbell. No man at this time occupies a prouder position before the American people, than the new Post Master General.

His rapid rise affords another illustration of the fact that the man who is directed against a good man, instead of crushing him, receives a nomination for the Supreme Bench, a small band of guerillas in this way have been doing all in their power and exerting their feeble influence to the full extent, to injure and break him down.

Not satisfied with this, after he had been nominated by an almost unanimous vote in the Democratic State Convention, they continued their system of slander and detraction and finally made a grand charge on President Pierce, to prevent his selection as a member of his Cabinet.

In this they were unsuccessful. His nomination was unanimously confirmed, and Judge Campbell is now discharging the responsible and arduous duties of the Post-Office Department, with a degree of dignity and courtesy that do him great credit.

He has every qualification to fill the place the President has assigned to him. He has capacity, industry and integrity. To an enlightened and well-balanced mind, he unites affability and integrity. We predict that he will be one of the most popular officers that has ever filled the Post-Office Department.

—Eaton Argus.

THE DEAF AND DUMB.—From the annual report of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Institution for the deaf and dumb, for the year 1852, we learn that the Institution is in a more flourishing condition than it has ever been heretofore.

The number of pupils is larger than at any former period. During the year 1852, thirty-three pupils—sixteen boys and seventeen girls—were admitted, and twenty-five—eleven boys and fourteen girls—were dismissed, and one girl died.

There remained in the Institution on the 31st day of December, 1852, seventy-eight boys and sixty-five girls—total one hundred and forty-three. Of this number ninety-seven are supported by the State.

By a rule of the Institution, deaf and dumb children are not received under ten years of age. The annual charge is one hundred and sixty dollars, for which sum everything necessary is provided, including the usual clothing of the Institution, medical attendance, or one hundred and thirty dollars per annum in case the clothing is furnished by the parents or friends of the pupil.

Applicants for the bounty of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, must be between the ages of ten and twenty years, and before they can be admitted satisfactory evidence must be furnished from respectable persons in the neighborhood of the pecuniary inability of the parents, and of the good nature and intellect of the child, and its freedom from any constitutional malady that might incapacitate it for instruction.

The number of pupils on the State fund is limited. New pupils can only be admitted when vacancies occur. The term allowed is six years.

LATE INTELLIGENCE FROM CALIFORNIA.—The two weeks later California intelligence, brought by the steamer Uncle Sam, which arrived at New York on Tuesday morning, is of far more cheering character than anything previously received from the Pacific side for some months.

The weather had been settled and pleasant, the roads were in a passable condition, and supplies of provisions had gone forth from San Francisco in all directions.

The hungry had been fed, the naked clothed, and the sick cared for. The markets remained about the same condition as per last accounts, with the exception of flour, which had again slightly declined in price.

No better evidence is wanting that the miners are in a most flourishing condition, than the announcement that two steamers sailed from the empire city of the Pacific on the 15th and 16th ult., with over three millions, seven hundred and thousand dollars' worth of gold, destined for the Atlantic States. Not satisfied with mere gold, the treasure-seekers have turned their attention to diamonds!

It is asserted that one of these precious brilliants is larger than that of the Crown diamond of England, which is valued at ten millions, has been picked up near Columbia, in Touloume county. What next?

We were gratified to see in good health and excellent spirits, our old friend, Mr. R. M. Porter, formerly of this city, but for the last four years a resident of Marysville, Yuba county, California.

Mr. Porter left Marysville, on a visit to his family, on the 10th of February, and arrived at New York on the 15th inst., being but twenty-eight days on the passage, including a detention of seven days on the Isthmus.

In this connection, we are happy to inform the Editor of the California Express, that the "ruby necklace," who in former years was the "fish flesh," will, if life be spared, be very soon again at his old post—and that the same "thorn" will also be there, only an inch or two longer.

Col. John J. McCann, of Philadelphia, Saturday last, aged 46 years.

Comparative Statement of the Tonnage and Gross Receipts on the Columbia and Philadelphia Railroads, for the Quarter ending Feb. 28—1852 and 1853.

Table with columns for Year, No. of Freight Cars, Tons of Freight, and Passengers. Data for 1852 and 1853.

The above table shows an unparalleled increase in the business of the Columbia railroad, during the last three months.

The trade and travel is already immense over it; but this is trifling compared to what it will be when the inclined planes on the mountain are avoided, and a large portion of the immense trade of the Mississippi valley thrown upon it after the western railroads leading to Pittsburgh and other points, now in process of construction, are finished.

To prepare for this, the Legislature should, without delay, make the necessary appropriations to place the road in a complete state of repair.

When that is done, instead of this important link in the chain of our public improvements yielding 10 per cent. on the original cost of its construction, over and above the expenses of motive power, ordinary repairs, &c., as it did during the last year, it will yield from 15 to 20 per cent., and instead of the net profit to the Commonwealth being \$507,254.20, (as stated by the Governor in one of his recent veto messages,) it will amount to nearly double that sum.

Even at the present time, with so many drawbacks, the amount of trade and travel are so largely increased that, in the first three months of the present fiscal year, as seen in the above table, the excess of tolls received, over the corresponding portion of last year, is nearly \$53,000.

Should this hold good during the remaining nine months, and we have no reason to doubt it, the increased revenue derived from the road during the year 1853, will be about \$200,000.

So much for the prosperity of the Columbia railroad, for much of which we are indebted to its excellent management for the last twelve months.

THE EASTERN PENITENTIARY.—The annual report of the Inspectors of the Eastern Penitentiary, just issued, furnishes some interesting statistics.

On the first of January, 1852, there were 310 prisoners, being the year's total number of the year 1851, leaving on the first of the present year 283 prisoners, viz: 219 white males, 12 white females, 48 colored males and 4 colored females.

Of those discharged by expiration of sentence, 100 were white males, 10 white females, 2 colored males and 3 colored females. Those discharged by pardon were 40 white males, 2 white females, 2 colored males and 1 colored female, and 14 prisoners were removed to other prisons, and 1 to the almshouse, an imbecile old man who was deemed an unfit subject for penitentiary discipline.

All the inmates were employed except 15, some of whom are insane and others too feeble to work. Of the whole number 220 may be considered as productive laborers, or those from whom the income of the prison is derived.

The expenditures for the support of the convicts were \$1,875,775, and the product of the convicts' labor was \$1,810,000, leaving a balance of only \$1,547,711. The physician reports that there has never, during the history of the institution, been so great an amount of disease as during the past year.

In February, the small-pox appeared among the inmates in a mysterious manner, and one died; and from that time, the only other death was an old colored man, who had spent twenty-three years of his life in various prisons, including two in the penitentiary—his death was caused by consumption.

The Moral Instructor in his report, adverts to the hopes of pardon entertained by almost every prisoner as interfering with his attempts to produce good habits, and to the fact that the more he is punished, the more he is determined to resist.

He is unwilling to converse on any other subject. Of the persons sentenced, 13 for passing counterfeit notes, and 13 for passing or making counterfeit notes, and coin, horse stealing, 5; arson, 2; arson and burglary, 1; bigamy, 4; manslaughter, 0; and murder in the second degree, 9. The term of sentences was 3 years and under; 25 between three and seven years; of those above, 1 was for 7 years, 6 months; 1 for 7 years, 11 months; 2 for 8 years; 1 for 10 years; 1 for 11 years, 9 months; 2 for 12 years, and 1 for 14 years.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.—The following nominations have been confirmed by the Senate: Charles Gordon Greene, Naval officer at Boston.

Charles H. Peaslee, Collector at Boston. George L. Peaslee, Collector at Boston. Henry Crocker, Appraiser at Boston.

Jacob Coster, Postmaster at Concord, N. H. M. A. Osborn, Receiver at Havana, Cuba. N. G. Dale, Receiver at Edwardsville, Ill.

Thomas Hayes, District Attorney for Illinois. Geo. E. Baird, District Attorney for Michigan. Robert J. Chester, Marshal, West Tennessee.

Theophilus F. Toulin, Postmaster at Mobile. George A. W. Curry, Collector at New York. Fernando Moreno, Marshal for West Florida.

G. S. Hawkins, Collector at Apalachicola, Fla. This bill proposes to enable land and building associations to purchase and sell real estate to their members, and to create a corporation, to be known as the National Land and Building Association.

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CITY AND COUNTY ITEMS.

We are pleased to learn that our friend Geo. W. McElrath, Esq., recently of Meadville, has again returned to this City and resumed the practice of the law.

His office, for the present, is in the building where his old friends and acquaintances can at all times find him ready and prompt to transact any business that may be entrusted to his care.

Mr. CHARLES A. TWINE has been elected a Teacher in our public schools, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Mr. Price.

The ball given by the Independent Blues, on Monday night last, was largely attended, and every thing passed off very pleasantly.

The music and dancing were excellent.

Mr. DEMETRIE, the popular ballad singer, gave one of his original entertainments, at Fulton Hall, in this City, on Friday evening. Those who were present were themselves delighted with what they heard.

It was a rich musical treat.

Samuel Steward, the negro who committed the rape on a white woman, in East Earl township, a few weeks ago, has been arrested, and is now awaiting trial. He was arrested by Jacob Souders, Esq., near Mount Joy.

The M. W. G. M. PETER FRITZ, intends making a grand visit shortly to the Lodges and Encampments of this City, of which due notice will be given.

The Vestry of the Lutheran congregation, of this city, met on the evening of Monday, March 7, and elected Rev. Dr. Baker, resigned, and the selection was ratified by the congregation at a meeting held on Wednesday.

We understand that GEORGE W. HAMBLETT, Esq., forwarded to the Department, on Saturday last, his resignation as Postmaster of this City. Mr. H. is desirous of being relieved from the duties of the office, for the purpose of engaging in other business.

UNCLE'S Clothing Store, nearly opposite Michael's Hotel, in North Queen street, is an admirable place to supply one's self with a good and fashionable article of dress. His assortment is very extensive, and his prices moderate to suit the times.

Call and see.

The M. W. D. G. M. JAMES B. NICHOLSON, of Philadelphia, will deliver a lecture on the unwritten word of the Order, before the several Lodges of Odd Fellows, of this City, on Thursday evening next, (the 24th inst.), commencing at 7 o'clock, at the residence of the Order in the City and County respectively, invited to attend.

THE TAVEN BURN.—The tavern house at Lemon Place on the Philadelphia Railroad, 12 miles from this city, was set on fire by sparks from a locomotive, on Monday evening of last week, and destroyed. The house was occupied by Anthony W. Lutzner. He succeeded in saving most of the furniture.

DEATH OF AN OLD PAVER.—James McElrath died at the Hospital last week, at the age of 80 years. He was a native of Pennsylvania, and had spent the first one-third of his life in the employ of the Poor and House of Emptment, over 50 years ago. Until within the last year or two, he labored to the city almost every day, and was a source of amusement to the boys about town by his eccentricities and witticisms.

DISASTROUS ACCIDENT.—Peter Reidsbaugh, an engineer on the Columbia and Philadelphia Railroad, met with a painful accident near Dillerville, on Monday morning of last week, when the engine making some repairs of the machinery, and another train running against his, contrary to the regulations of the road, as we learned, moved on, crushing him under the wheels of the latter. He was killed on the spot, and his body was found by the engine crew. He was a native of this city, and his death is a great loss to the railroad.

ADAM AND EVE.—These celebrated paintings, by Dufay, are perhaps the most perfectly finished specimens of the art in this country. They are now on exhibition at the residence of Mr. J. M. Clayton, and are well worth a visit to see. They are a pair of paintings, and represent Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. They are executed in oil, and are of a size of 18 inches by 24 inches. They are a fine example of the artist's skill, and are well worth a visit to see.

MESSAGE OF GOV. BIGLER.—The following is the Message of Gov. Bigler on returning, without his signature, the bill relative to Land and Building Associations:

GENTLEMEN.—I herewith return to you House Bill No. 111, entitled "An Act to amend the Act in relation to Land and Building Associations, &c.," without my approval, and with reasons for withholding the same.

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