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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR.

WILLIAM F. PACKER, Lycoming County.

NIMROD STRICKLAND, Chester County.

Hon. William B. Reed.

The President has conferred the important

appointment of Minister to China, on the

Hon. William B. Reed, of Philadelphia.

This is a high honor well deserved, and we

are gratified that the eminent services rendered to

the Democracy in the recent struggle for the

Union and the Constitution, by the leaders of

the Old Line Whig party, are duly appreciated

by Mr. Buchanan. Mr. Reed has heretofore

occupied a prominent position in the Whig

party, but when that party was broken up

by the irascible of Know Nothingism and

Black Republicanism, he, in common with

many other true patriots of his party, rallied

in their strength to save the Union from dis-

integration, and to their noble conduct, and

we are in a great measure indebted for the

glorious triumph which crowned our efforts

in the recent Presidential election. The Old

Line Whigs, therefore, had strong claims

upon Mr. Buchanan and the Democratic party,

and that the President fully appreciates the

obligations we are under to them, is clearly

indicated by the tender of responsible foreign

missions to Messrs. Clay and Reed.

The mission to China, especially at this

particular crisis, is one of immense impor-

tance and responsibility. The President, we

doubt not, has been peculiarly fortunate in

his selection. Mr. Reed is a thoroughly edu-

cated and highly accomplished gentleman—of

great firmness, sagacity and prudence. The

best interests of our country and the honor

of the nation will be safe in his hands, and

we have no doubt that, as a Diplomatist, he

will fully come up to the standard of either of

his contemporaries.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Reed will accept

the appointment thus kindly tendered him by

the President, and that the whole country will

have the benefit of his ripe judgment and

eminent ability in that important mission.

The Chinese War.

The war which has broken out between the

English and Chinese may be one of long dura-

tion and important in its results upon the

commerce and civilization of the world. The

Chinese are self-confident and not likely to

appreciate promptly their inability to meet

the military power of England. The contest

may therefore fail of speedy adjustment, and

the British government may not obtain what

they deem honorable terms of peace until

they shall have sent a formidable army into

the Celestial Empire and thoroughly alarmed

the Emperor for the safety of his crown. It

is said that the Emperor has prohibited all

trade with the English, and all Chinese ser-

vants have been withdrawn from the service

of foreigners. Altho' British soldiers will

readily prevail over the superior numbers of

their Chinese antagonists, it would require a

considerable force to penetrate with safety

into the interior of the country and reach the

capital of the Empire.

Should England content herself with taking

possession of the Chinese seaports, it might

not speedily compel a peace, and in the mean

time her important commerce with the country

would be ruined. The affair may very likely

prove a protracted and damaging one, both to

England and all other nations having com-

mercial intercourse with China. The result

will probably tend to break down the walls of

that secluded Empire, and open it to more

familiar relations with the rest of mankind, as

England is not likely to make peace on any

other terms.

Striking Back.

Gov. Pollock has some pluck in him. From

Sale of the Main Line.

Some time since the House of Representa-

tives directed the Committee of Ways and

Means to prepare a bill for the sale of the

Main Line of the Public Works. The com-

mittee took the subject in hand and on Thurs-

day last reported a bill of which the following

is an outline:

It provides that immediately after its pas-

sage, the Governor shall advertise a notice in

the Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington,

Baltimore, Boston, New York and Harrisburg

papers, that the Main Line will be offered for

sale at the Merchants' Exchange, on a day to

be designated by him, not more than 40 days

after the passage of this act. Any person or

persons, or railroad or canal company incor-

porated by the State, may become the pur-

chaser, for any sum not less than seven and

a half millions of dollars. If necessary the

Company purchasing may increase their capi-

tal stock or borrow money and issue their

bonds in any amount not exceeding 50 per

centum above the amount of the purchase

money. In case individuals purchase, the

Governor empowered to incorporate them.—

No bid will be received unless the bidder

deposits in the hands of the Governor \$100,

000 in cash or State bonds to the order of

the Governor, to be held as a guarantee for

the highest bidder fails to comply with the

order of the Governor, if he thinks proper, to

tender the Works to the next highest bidder. If

the Pennsylvania Railroad company become the

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Pennsylvania Legislature.

HARRISBURG, April 7.

SENATE.—Mr. Crabb offered the following

series of resolutions relative to the case of

Charles B. Penrose, Senator from Philadelphia,

viz: Resolved, That the Senate has learned with

depression, that the death of its late mem-

ber, Chas. B. Penrose,

was caused by the death of Charles B.

Penrose, the Commonwealth has lost one of

its most distinguished sons, and the Senate

is most sincerely affected by the death of its

late member, and that it is its duty to

express its sympathy for the bereaved

family, and to extend to the survivors

of the family the aid and consolation

which it is its duty to afford.

Resolved, That on account of the respect we

entertain for the character and memory of our

deceased friend and brother, the members of

the Senate do hereby extend to the family

of our deceased friend and brother, the

aid and consolation which it is its duty to

afford, and that the members of the Senate

will attend the funeral of Mr. Penrose in a

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Highly Interesting from China.

THE EMBROIDERED CANTON.—SEVENTH

THOUSAND KILLED.—THE ATTEMPTS AT

POISONING.

The N. Y. Journal of Commerce, says it

has been favored with the following letter,

dated Macao, Jan. 29th, 1857. It contains

details of China news of most importance, and

not previously reported:—

All foreign business is not only suspended,

but entirely at an end, both at Hong

Kong and at Canton. Since my last letter,

the greater part of the western suburbs of the

latter city, in which were situated nearly

all the warehouses, shops, &c., and

the greater part of the population, have

been destroyed, and the remainder is

in a state of great confusion. The

foreign trade has been entirely

suspended, and the only communication

with the interior is by the military of

Yok Poo, for the distant

factories, you will have heard by my last

letter. The Chinese compute their losses

in houses, go-downs, &c., at over 4000 build-

ings, and the value of the above property,

merchandise and the value of the above prop-

erty, they state their loss at 10,000,000 of dol-

lars—which is probably not far from the truth.—

We cannot, of course, know very accurately