

REPORTER

Wednesday, January 15, 1845.



The Office of the Bradford Reporter has been removed to Col. Means' Brick Store, (up stairs,) entrance on the North side.

Governor's Message.

The crowded state of our columns prevents our giving the Message of Governor Porter to our readers this week. Below is a condensed view of the matters of general importance treated of in the message.

The Governor first alludes to the embarrassing position of the State, when he was inducted into office and contrasts it with its previous and present comparatively healthy condition. He mentions the enormous aggregate of banking capital swallowed up in the interim by insolvent speculation—the peculiarly crippled state of the commonwealth, owing to her connection with banks, the progress of her state improvements, her inability to obtain loans and promptly liquidate obligations.

The unproductive State Improvements, essayed for political purposes, cost nine millions of dollars.

A system of economy was recommended and enforced, new works were suspended. Urged by necessity the Executive suggested the imposition of a state tax. The whole amount assessed for 1841, 2, 3, and 4, amounted to \$3,013,723 12. Of this there were collected only \$1,825,050 21—less exonerating and other deductions. There are outstanding yet, \$800,000 of the assessment for 1841, 2 and 3, leaving an estimate of about \$1,260,000 to be collected on tax of 1844.

The Governor thinks that if the act of 1844, be enforced in all its details, the annual revenue from the state tax will amount to a million and a half of dollars, which with her other resources will enable Pennsylvania fully and promptly to redeem all her engagements. He also suggests a means of securing the collection of taxes.

The public debt is stated to be at this time \$40,835,013 60. The increase within the last six years, owing to the non-payment of interest, &c., is \$15,006,526.

The annual interest on the funded debt, exclusive of interest, on certificates for unpaid interests, is \$1,777,039 02, of which \$873,515 06 is payable on the 1st February next.

The receipts for the fiscal year of 1844 were \$2,511,237 03, the expenditures \$1,847,385 15, including cancelled relief notes. The balance in the Treasury on the 1st February, it is estimated will be \$763,030 11. The Commonwealth, therefore, will be prepared to pay the semi-annual interest due on that day.

The Governor insists that there will be ample means to pay the interest also, due next August, and that due in February, 1845, and anticipates that there will be no delay nor suspension in future. He congratulates us on this ability to wipe off the stain upon the character of our state, and conceives that the abiding confidence we have felt in her honesty, &c., will be fully realized.

An appropriation to aid in re-erecting the Cumberland Valley Railroad Bridge over the Susquehanna, in which the State holds stock, is recommended.

The Public Schools are favorably noticed, and attention asked to the unfixed character of the appropriation to them.

The militia system and its fines are suitably noticed. The sale of the main line of improvements on the 20th inst., is briefly alluded to.

The Governor recommends the continuance of our present District Court, which expires by limitation very soon. The subject of the public printing is lightly touched.

The Tariff question is treated at length, as one of vital importance to Pennsylvania. The Executive expresses himself decidedly in favor of the present tariff laws, and their continuance "substantially as they stand."

He closes with an expression of gratitude for the support extended to him by the honest yeomanry of the state, and of confidence that the day of Pennsylvania's redemption from reproach is close at hand.

FIRE.—We learn that Mr. *Alanson B. Shaw*, of Uster township, met with a severe loss in the destruction of his house by fire, on Saturday night last at about 8 o'clock. The house with its entire contents was destroyed. The fire was communicated from a candle in the hands of the children. This is a severe loss to Mr. S., rendering him without a home in the midst of an inclement season.

JOHN I. ALLEN, Esq., has retired from the editorial chair of the Wayne county Herald.

ANNEXATION OF TEXAS.—This subject has been discussed in Congress for the two or three last days of which we have information. The editor of the Globe seems to think that the Annexation will be effected immediately.

Speaking of the prospect he says: "It is well ascertained now that a majority exists in the House, and probably in the Senate also, in favor of re-annexing Texas to the Union. The conditions alone remain to be adjusted. The treaty scheme of last session, as presented in joint resolutions, it is understood will not pass in either branch."

The proposition of recognising our obligations to Texas under the treaty of Mr. Jefferson in 1803, and entitling it to admission as a State at once, or as a Territory, with a view to subdivision for admission in several States, with the principle of the Missouri compromise engrafted, seems to meet with most favor. It is possible, however, that the act of the present Congress may take the shape of that under which Mr. Jefferson secured Louisiana, being an appropriation to enable the President elect to effect at once what he may be instructed to accomplish in some form or other; submitting the alternatives to his discretion, and the confirmation of the next Congress. We think the simpler mode will be found the best.

LAMENTABLE ACCIDENT.—We learn from the Montrose Democrat of Thursday last, the particulars of a most distressing and unfortunate accident:—

On Monday evening last, about 8 o'clock, as Dr. E. Lyman, of Great Bend, was returning home from this place, (Montrose,) he stopped at the house of a relative about three-fourths of a mile from his residence for his wife. After assisting her into the wagon and getting in himself, he found the reins dropped upon the shafts, and while in the act of leaning over the dash-board to recover them, it broke and precipitated him against the horse, upon which the horse kicked and ran about half a mile and then stopped.

During this time Mrs. L. remained in the wagon unhurt, and supposing that her husband was left behind at the place where the horse commenced running. On a neighbor coming to her assistance, she expressed fears that her husband was hurt, when to the astonishment of both they beheld the mangled body of her husband still hanging from the forward spring in which his foot was unfortunately caught, and by which means he had been literally dragged and horribly bruised and mangled until life was extinct. We understand his jaw was perfectly torn off, and his head, shoulders, and arms dreadfully bruised and lacerated. Dr. L. was a highly respectable citizen, of temperate habits, in the prime of life, and in successful practice in his profession. His untimely death will not only be severely felt by his immediate family and friends, but by the community in which he resided. But the feelings of the heart-stricken widow on beholding the mangled and lifeless form of the partner of her bosom thus suddenly and forever torn from her embrace, language is inadequate to express. Verily, "in the midst of life we are in death."

OREGON.—If the following account of emigrants from the United States to Oregon be not overdrawn, the question of jurisdiction will soon be disposed of by Americans overrunning the country. The *Penny* says: "It appears, from the last advices from beyond the Rocky Mountains, that the emigrants from the United States, amounting to two thousand persons and more, have formed for themselves a government, elected their legislative officers, and established their courts of justice and other necessary offices. Schools, churches and have been erected; farms are in cultivation, and fisheries established. Money has been sent to New York to procure a printing press and steam engine. It is said that there are very few British settlers under the treaty for the joint occupancy of the Territory; that the fur trade is the only pursuit that takes them there, whilst the American citizens who enter the country establish themselves on farms."

APPOINTMENT BY THE COMMISSIONERS.—M. S. WATTLES to be clerk to the Commissioners of Bradford County for the present year.

J. B. BRATTON Esq., has retired from the Democratic Union.

Officers of the Legislature.

SENATE.
Clerk—Elisha S. Goodrich.
Assistant Clerk—A. B. Hamilton.
Transcribers—J. Zeigler, Jesse Kline.
Sergeant at Arms—J. Hutchinson.
Door Keeper—R. M. Maddock.
HOUSE.
Clerk—Wm. Jack.
Assistant Clerk—T. J. Gross.
Transcribers—Geo. M. Lauman, Peter C. Ward, J. G. James.
Sergeant at Arms—Thos. P. Simmons.
Door Keeper—Andrew Kraule.

FORTUNE'S FREAKS.—A poor, but sober and industrious shoemaker, of the name of Hoover, residing at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, Pa., received information lately, that a relative of his wife, who lately died in Germany, had bequeathed to her father, of the name Shaeffer, who formerly lived at Orwigsburg, and was also in indigent circumstances, money and property to the amount of one million and a half of dollars! Mr. Shaeffer has been dead for some time, and Mrs. Hoover, his daughter, being the only child, Mr. Hoover thus falls heir to this immense fortune. The necessary documents, establishing the validity of the will, &c., have been received.

NEW PAPER.—We are sorry to learn that a new paper is about to be established at Wilkes-Barre, to represent the Wright portion, or those opposed to the Farmer. Without presuming to judge between the parties, we regret to see this paper established, for the distracted and unhappy feeling now existing in several neighboring counties may be traced to the fact of two democratic papers being established in counties, where the support rendered is but sufficient for one.

HUMOR AND POLITICS.—The editor of the *Niles* (Michigan) Courier, a Whig paper, thus humorously alludes to his losses on the recent election:—"The Loco Focos round this town are getting quite dressy, while the Whigs look as poor as church mice. Well, we won't growl; but it grates considerably hard, to rig a fellow out from head to foot, and then have him cut your acquaintance."

TEMPERANCE PAPER.—"The Advocate and Day Spring" is the title of a paper devoted to the glorious cause of temperance, printed at Milton, Pa. It is a large, well printed sheet, edited with great ability by W. H. T. Barnes. We commend it to the support of those desiring to dethrone King Alcohol.

MORMON AFFAIRS.—The Governor of Illinois has sent a special message to the Legislature relative to the recent "Mormon Difficulties." It is a long document, and gives a complete history of the occurrence which led to the death of Joe Smith. The Governor takes ground against the repeal of the charter of the city of Nauvoo, but is in favor of modifications. Notwithstanding this, it is supposed that the charter will be repealed—the bill to effect having unanimously passed the Senate on the 19th ult.

"THE BEACON LIGHT," published for a few years past at Hollidaysburg, Pa., has been discontinued, for want of patronage. The editors say, in their valedictory, that "three papers cannot exist in Huntingdon county, and that the one which quits first will lose least."

ABNER PARKE ACQUITTED.—Abner Parke, who was tried last week at Belvidere, N. J., charged with the murder of John Castner, the Warren tragedy, it will be remembered, has been acquitted. Peter Parke, charged with the same offence, has been put upon trial.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT.—Gen. SAMUEL HAYS of Venango county to be United States Marshall for the Western district of Pennsylvania, in the room of Henry C. Boesler, Esq., deceased.

APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR.—Hon. THOMAS BURNSIDE of Centre, to be a Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, vice the Hon. Charles Huston, whose term of office has expired.

Gov. WRIGHT and Lt. Gov. GARDNER, of New York, took the oaths of office at the Executive Chamber in the Capitol at Albany on the 1st inst., and received calls during the day.

News from all Nations.

The N. Y. Sun says—for a week or two past it has been whispered—loud enough for any body to hear—that a certain fashionable dry goods merchant was victimized by a lady, not long ago, to the tune of \$1000. She alighted at the store from an elegant equipage, selected a \$250 shawl, mislaid her purse, found it again in the store, tendered in payment for the shawl a counterfeit \$1000 bill, received \$750 in change, and vanished. The story is true, and the scene of the trick was Stewart's in Broadway.

The Providence Journal says the committee to whom the petitions for Dorr's release have been referred, will report favorably, and that the General Assembly will pass an act liberating Thos. W. Dorr, upon his taking the oath of allegiance to the State, and not even requiring of him to petition himself for this act of clemency.

In the Legislature of Illinois, resolutions are pending "calling upon the Judges of the Supreme Court and Governor, to remit to the State at least one-fourth part of their salaries, or to resign, so as to enable the Legislature to reduce their salaries!"

Thomas Barrett, for the murder of an elderly lady in Lunenburg, Mass., was to have been executed in the jail yard at Worcester on Friday last. All efforts made by the friends of the abolition of capital punishment, with the pardoning power, were unsuccessful.

The Paulding (Miss.) Clarion says that at the Circuit Court of Newton county, a few days ago, an Indian was indicted for an attempt to violate a young lady, but his trial was postponed owing to the want of a correct interpreter of the Choctaw language.

Gen. Samuel Hays, of Venango, member of Congress from the 22d District, has been appointed by the President, U. S. Marshall for the Western District of Pennsylvania, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Henry C. Boesler, Esq.

A ball will be held above the dome of the Depot of Charts and Instruments, on Camp Hill, Washington, every day (Sundays excepted) ten minutes before noon, and dropped exactly at noon, mean time, as a signal for regulating time.

Next Monday will be observed as a day of fasting and prayer in the churches belonging to the Old School Synod of New Jersey, by appointment at the last meeting in New Brunswick.

The Senate of Ohio have imposed upon themselves a poll tax of a dollar a head to pay for opening their daily meetings with prayer. The House had refused to tax the State for the purpose.

On Friday the Hon. Willis Green took his seat in the House of Representatives, from which he has been detained by illness ever since his arrival in Washington.

Gov. Seward has not yet recovered from his accident. He is quite ill near Hudson. Ex-president Van Buren has called upon him.

It is said that bets are freely made in New York, for and against the payment of the February interest on our State Debt.

The inhabitants of Lowell, in town meeting on Saturday, voted in favor of a railroad from that city to Andover.

Hon. John Y. Mason, Secretary of the Navy, is at Norfolk on official business.

Hon. Willis Green has recovered his health and taken his seat in Congress.

The Governor and Council have appointed the first Monday of February next, for a third trial for an election of Representatives to Congress in the first Congressional District of Maine.

Mr. Benjamin Hutchinson, whose death was recently announced, was not one of the band of singers, but an elder brother of these popular vocalists.

The Secretary of the Navy gives notice, that "Assistant Surgeons on board all national vessels are entitled to mess and have quarters with ward-room officers, and to receive the usual courtesies of such officers."

The Frankfort (Ky.) Commonwealth states that Gov. Owsley, has refused to pardon Delia Webster, she will therefore be sent to the Penitentiary for the term specified in her sentence.

In the Indiana legislature lately, a Mr. Jamison introduced a resolution inquiring into the expediency of restricting physicians within reasonable bounds, in their charges for visiting the sick.

APPROPRIATION BILLS BEFORE CONGRESS.

Three appropriation bills have been reported in Congress.
The Pension Bill makes the following appropriations:—Revolutionary and other Pensions, \$186,200; Invalids, \$184,800; Under the act of 1836, \$120,500; Under the act of 1837, \$180,000; Widows for 1843, \$80,000; Act of July, 1844, 1,096,000; Arrearages, &c., \$25,000—Total, \$1,872,500.

For the Military Academy at West Point:—Officers, Instructors and Cadets, \$56,944; Commutation and Subsistence, \$38,600; Repairs and Improvements, \$23,768; Forage, &c., \$6,800—Total, \$126,112.

Post-office Bill.—Postmasters, \$975,000; Ship and Steam Letters, \$12,000; Wrapping Papers, \$16,000; Advertising, \$30,000; Mail Bags, \$16,000; Blanks, \$22,000; Locks, Keys, and Stamps, \$6,000; Mail Depredations, \$30,000; Clerks in Post-offices, \$200,000; Miscellaneous, \$55,000—Total, \$1,371,000.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Thomas Wilson, a hand in a rolling mill at Pittsburg, met with a distressing accident on Saturday week. As the red hot iron was passing through the rollers, it curled up and struck him in the right eye, and then wound around his arms and body, burning them in a horrible manner. Some moments elapsed before the red hot iron could be removed, so completely had it wound itself around him. He is still living.

ISAAC N. BULLARD, has purchased the interest of Geo. Fuller Esq., in the Northern Democrat, and the paper makes its appearance under the firm of Turrell and Bullard.

ST. JOHN GOODRICH has disposed of his interest in the Warren Advocate, and vacated the chair editorial, to Messrs. JAMES.

COUGHS, COLDS AND CONSUMPTION. It should be remembered that a Cough is always an evidence that some impurity is lodged in the lungs, which, if not speedily removed, will so irritate those delicate organs, as to produce inflammation of the lungs—a disease which we all know is the high road to consumption.

Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills are a most delightful medicine for carrying off a cold, because they expel from the system all morbid and corrupt humors, (the cause of every kind of disease,) in so easy and natural a manner, that the body is relieved of all its sufferings as if by magic.

Four or five of said Indian Vegetable Pills, taken every night on going to bed, will, in a short time remove the most obstinate case of cold, at the same time the digestive organs will be restored to a healthy tone, and the blood so completely purified that inflammation of the lungs, consumption, or any other form of disease will be absolutely impossible.

For sale at the store of J. D. & E. D. Montanye, in Towanda, and by agents published in another column of this paper.

Caution.—As counterfeiters are abroad, avoid all stores of doubtful character, and be particular, in all cases, to ask for Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills.

Married.
In Elmira, N. Y., on Tuesday 7th inst., by Rev. Mr. Van Zandt, WILLIAM C. RHOADS, Junior Editor of the Gazette, to Miss FANNY P., daughter of Hon. Thos. Maxwell, all of Elmira.

Well, brother RHOADS, we can't say but you have "chosen the better part," and we hope you will find the blessings of life enhanced and the draught of bliss made doubly sweet, when received from the hand of Affection. So mote it be.

Towanda Bridge Company.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the President and managers of said company held this 13th day of January, 1845, it was unanimously resolved that all persons who have commuted or may hereafter commute for tolls, shall have the privilege of drawing coal, stone and sand across said Bridge on their own account without paying any additional toll therefor.

That the said company are now ready to enter into commutations with any persons for the privilege of crossing the bridge from this till the first of March 1846.

That the company continue to charge toll but one way to all persons crossing into the borough with produce for market but with no right of carrying passengers. That Harry Morgan Esq., and Daniel Brink be a committee to make out a list of names and rate of commutations and report the same to the board.

By order of the board,
M. C. MERCUR, Secretary.
Towanda, January 13, 1845.

LAW PARTNERSHIP.

D. WILMOT & STEPHEN PIERCE, having formed a copartnership for the practice of law in Bradford and the adjoining counties, will give prompt and careful attention to all business entrusted to their charge. Their office will be found in Towanda, No. 2, "Brick Row," on the second floor, where one or the other may be found at all business hours.
Towanda, January 6, 1845.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued from the court of common pleas of Bradford county, to me directed, I shall expose to public sale at the house of Wm. Briggs in the borough of Towanda on Saturday P. M. the following described piece or parcel of land situate in Wysox township bounded on the north by lands in the possession of V. E. Piolet, on the east by Alanson Whitney, on the south by lands of Samuel Owen and George Davidson, on the west by Isaac Bull. Containing one hundred acres more or less with about four acres improved.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of Harry N. Spalding surviving partner of the firm of J. N. Spalding to the use of Elizabeth Noble vs. Jeremiah Whiting & Orin Noble. J. N. WESTON, Sheriff.
Towanda, February 8th, 1845.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

By virtue of sundry writs of Vend. Ex. issued from the court of common pleas of Bradford county to me directed, I shall expose to public sale at the house of Wm. Briggs in the borough of Towanda, on Monday P. M. the following described piece or parcel of land situate in South Creek township and located on the east by land of Samuel Pettigall, south by Bingham lands, on the west by Isaac Wells, and on the north by land of Cornelius Haight. Containing one hundred and forty acres more or less with about forty acres improved, two log houses and one framed barn thereon with an apple orchard, with some scattering fruit trees thereon.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of John L. Webb vs. John Campbell & Stephen Stiles, also Philo Fassett vs. John Campbell, also H. Potter & co. to the use of John L. Webb vs. Stephen Stiles & John Campbell, also Hannah Mitchell and John L. Webb administrators of S. W. Mitchell dec'd vs. John Campbell & Stephen Stiles.

ALSO—The following piece or parcel of land situate in Wysox township bounded and described as follows, on the north by lands belonging to the estate of Elliott Whitney dec'd, on the west by lands in possession of E. B. Myer, on the south by lands of Robert Spalding, and on the east by lands lately claimed by Whitney, Bennett and others. Containing one hundred acres more or less, about eighty acres improved, with a dwelling house and barn thereon erected.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of Jas. H. & Wm. B. Hart vs. Elijah R. Myer and Harry Morgan administrators of Wm. Myer dec'd with notice to Lamira Myer widow of Wm. Myer, Elijah R. Myer, Helen Myer, Wm. L. Myer, by his guardian Robert Spalding & Ann Elizabeth Sweet by her guardian Thomas Sweet, heirs at law of the said William Myer deceased.

ALSO—The following described piece or parcel of land situate in Wysox township, bounded and described as follows: on the north by the Pond hill road, and lands belonging to the estate of Wm. Myer dec'd, on the west by lands of Jacob Myer, Harry Stowe and John Owen, on the south by lands of David Easton and W. C. Green, and on the east by lands of S. Coolbaugh, Patrick & others. Containing two hundred acres more or less with about one hundred acres improved, two dwelling houses, one barn, one wagon house and wood shed thereon erected.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of Henry Welch, David Longnecker, Wm. E. Evans & David Schriener partners under the firm of Welch, Longnecker & Co. vs. Elijah R. Myer & Harry Morgan administrators of Wm. Myer dec'd, notice to Lamira Myer widow of the said Wm. Myer, Elijah R. Myer, Helen Myer, Wm. L. Myer by his guardian, Robert Spalding, and Ann Elizabeth Sweet by her guardian Thomas Sweet, heirs at law of the said Wm. Myer.

ALSO—The following piece or parcel of land situate in Ridgbury township bounded on the north by land of Ira C. Hill on the east by land in the possession of Squire Squires, on the south by land of Israel Bickel and Belvidere Burt and on the west by land of Ira G. Hill & Wynkoop. Containing one hundred acres or thereabouts about fifty acres improved with a hewed log house, a framed barn, two log barns, two apple orchards, and some other fruit trees thereon.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of John L. Webb administrators of A. A. Backus who survived H. W. Backus vs. Peter Squires.

ALSO—The following piece or parcel of land situate in Granville township bounded and described on the north by Wm. Benly, on the east by Luther Clark, on the south by William Smith and others and on the west by Isaac Shoemaker & M. Ayres. Containing about forty acres, two acres improved.

ALSO—One other lot in Granville township, bounded north by lands of David Cecil, the east by lands of Leonard Ayres, south by Marcus Ayres, west by lands of Wm. Benly. Containing about fifty-five acres or thereabouts about fifteen acres improved with a frame house thereon.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of O. P. Ballard vs. Gilbert Ayres.

ALSO—The following described piece or parcel of land situated in Leary township bounded on the north by Jacob M. Farr, on the east by Sterling Holcomb, on the south by the Towanda creek, on the west by Seely Holcomb supposed to contain one hundred and fifty acres with twenty-five acres improved with a log house and saw mill thereon.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of O. P. Ballard vs. Sterling Holcomb, Seely Holcomb & Orison Royce.

ALSO—A lot of land situate in Leary township bounded on the north by lands of John English on the west by lands of Sterling Holcomb, on the south by Towanda creek, east by Isaac Hugh Holcomb. Containing two acres and a half more or less, with a frame house, wood shed, corn house and three barns and a large apple orchard thereon with about one hundred acres improved.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of O. P. Ballard vs. Sterling Holcomb, Seely Holcomb & Orison Royce.

ALSO—The following piece or parcel of land bounded on the north by William Knox, east by Roswell Dunbar, south by L. R. Stiles, on the west by estate of Almond Bickel dec'd. Containing eighty seven acres or thereabouts with about five acres improved with a house and frame of log barn thereon erected situate in Troy township.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of O. P. Ballard vs. William Bentley.

ALSO—The following described lot of land situated in Troy township bounded on the north by Roswell Dunbar, on the east by Wm. Knox, on the south by J. M. Scott, on the west by Wm. Ross. Containing about fifty acres with about twenty-five acres improved with a log house and five apple trees thereon.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of O. P. Ballard vs. Zina L. Scott.