

REPORTER

Wednesday, February 26, 1845.



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

A PHILANTHROPIST.—A memorial has been addressed to the Legislature of this State, on the subject of an Insane Hospital for the Poor, by Miss D. L. Dix, a copy of which is now before us. The memorial is drawn up with much ability, after a personal inspection of every jail and hospital in the state but two, and exhibits a great mass of fact, illustrated and enforced with strong argument, which will go far, we trust, toward ameliorating the condition of the unfortunate lunatic.

Miss Dix certainly deserves great credit for her labors in which she is engaged. The project of providing a State Asylum for the lunatic poor, commends itself to the attention of the charitable. Guilty of no crime, and depending upon the precarious charity of the benevolent, their life is one of suffering and hardship, precluding the possibility of the return to reason, which kind and well-directed treatment might accomplish. Miss D. is a lady of fortune, sister to the Hon. John A. Dix, recently elected U. S. Senator by the Legislature of New York, and has visited several of the States in her generous work of alleviating the condition of the Insane poor, bearing her own expenses, and appealing in her own person, to the Legislature of the States.

We find the following notice of the jail of this County in her memorial:—

BRADFORD COUNTY JAIL. at Towanda, is an old, inconvenient building, gone much out of repair. Here were three prisoners in October. My visit was made in the morning before breakfast. I found the prisoners, who had already arranged the apartment, and were themselves clean and neat, reading and talking in a quiet manner. I understood, that the food was supplied three times a day from the kitchen of the keeper. Insane persons have been kept in the jail—there are none at present.

In this county is no poor-house, the old system is still followed for supporting the poor—"Let out at the lowest rates." The estimated number of insane and idiots is nearly twenty; there is no provision for these adapted to their necessities.

One insane female wanders constantly from Troy, in Bradford county, to Elmira, in New York, and south returning to Williamsport. When her garments fail, she shows the ragged gown, and another is given by some kind-hearted person. She asks food only when hunger compels her to enter the wayside dwelling; and is supposed to lodge sometimes in out-buildings. She is harmless and silent.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN NEW YORK.—The block known as the Tribune-buildings and several of the contiguous buildings were destroyed on the morning of the 4th inst., by the most destructive fire which has occurred in New York for some time.

About 4 o'clock in the morning the fire was discovered to be raging, and every effort was made by the fire companies to master the flames, but all to no purpose. Owing to the great quantity of snow which had just fallen, and which blocked up the street, the engines were long in reaching the fire, and by the time they commenced working the whole building was in flames.

The materials of the Tribune newspaper was almost totally destroyed, and other persons suffered severely.

DENTISTRY.—In our advertising columns will be found a notice, that Dr. SOLYMAN BROWN, of New York, has taken up his residence at the LeRaysville Phalanx. The Dr. is, we understand, an experienced dentist, and will be happy to receive the visits of all requiring his professional assistance.

SPRING, is fairly here, though it may not tarry long with us; and the warm weather has started the ice on a voyage "down the river." The roads have been horribly muddy for a week past, almost defying loco-motion in any shape.

OUR LEGISLATURE have not agreed upon a day to adjourn. The "hundred days," will probably find them trudging laws "to rule mankind and guide the state."

PRESIDENT POLK IN WASHINGTON.—The Nashville Union of the 4th inst. says:—"The President elect, accompanied by wife and private secretary, Mr. Walker, left Columbia on Tuesday last for Washington city. A large number of Mr. P.'s friends and neighbors were in Columbia to take an affectionate leave of the President elect of the Nation. It was an affecting scene. He was surrounded by the companions of his youth, the sons of his early friends, and the grey-headed pioneers of the country, who had aided in elevating him through the several offices to which he had been from time to time elected, until he has finally reached the highest position known to the government."

Col. Polk, as he passed through the principal towns, received the warmest demonstrations of applause.

Washington, Pa., the President and his lady left on the 11th inst., in the new coach *President*.

The President and Vice President elect of the United States, arrived at Washington, on Thursday evening, about 8 o'clock. Committees of Congress, and the Democratic Clubs and Associations of the District, met them at the Relay House, and escorted them to Washington, where they were received with the greatest enthusiasm, amid deafening cheers and the roar of cannon—the Democratic Associations directing the ceremonies.

On Friday Mr. Polk accepted the office of President conferred upon him by the people, in reply to the committee of the House and Senate, informing him of his election. He said "in executing the responsible duties which would devolve upon him, it would be his anxious desire to maintain the honor and to promote the welfare of his country." Vice President Dallas also accepted the office to which the people have elected him, in equally eloquent and appropriate terms.

FOREIGN NEWS.—The steamship *Hibernia* arrived at Boston on Wednesday last. The news is not of much importance.

The Pope of Rome was dangerously ill, at the latest advices.

The Repeal movement is at its ebb, we fear. The news by the *Hibernia* is that "Repeal in Ireland is going out—dying. So say its enemies. Mr. O'Connell has returned from Derry, but he has been unable to infuse any fire into the movement. The expenses of the Repeal staff have been cut down, and every thing denotes that a phase has been reached when economy is absolutely necessary. Mr. O'Connell proposes to pay a visit to Belgium in the course of a few weeks."

TEXAS.—The Texas measure is dragging its slow length along. It is high time that the "lone star" formed one in the bright constellation of this republic. But it has too many bitter opponents, ready to sacrifice right and interest, to permit its speedy consummation. The session is drawing near a close, and we should not be surprised if no definite action was had upon a measure upon which the people have declared affirmatively.

REVENUE COMMISSIONERS.—This body, we predict, will not accomplish anything, unless it be to make a still greater deficiency in the revenue, in which respect they are rightly named. They have appointed a Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, and sent over the State printed interrogatories, to be answered and sworn to, and be sent back, probably. Their operations will occupy them some time, from present indications. They can sit thirty days.

THE NEW POST OFFICE BILL, does not receive as prompt attention in the House, as it did in the Senate. The public have expressed their will in terms too direct and loud, to warrant such procrastination of their rights.

ANOTHER FIRE IN BINGHAMTON.—A fire occurred in Binghamton, N. Y., on Friday night last, destroying a cabinet and chair factory, and the ten pin alley. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

THE SENATE.—Our Harrisburg Correspondent, furnishes us with a well drawn and faithful sketch of the members of the Senate of this State. It will be found in another column.

NO MAYOR YET.—Boston is still without a Mayor. The seventh attempt was as unsuccessful as the previous ones.

Correspondence from Harrisburg.

As there has not been much business of general interest transacted in the Legislature, I will devote this letter to a brief "Penciling" of the character of the members of the Senate, not doubting that it will prove interesting to your readers. I will proceed alphabetically.

Mr. B. ANDERSON, of Perry, 'yclept "Perry Anderson" while a member of the other branch, is a medium sized man—with a good physiognomy—large grey eyes, and a phiz expressive of good sense, good humor, and good democratic principles. His name being called first here, as in the House, he votes first on all questions, and I believe he always votes right. He has the confidence of his constituents, and the confidence and esteem of his brother Senators.

Mr. BABBITT, of Erie, is a very good member—has a strong mind, and speaks with force and effect. Demosthenes once said that *oratory* consisted in *action*;—if this be correct, Mr. Babbitt is unquestionably the greatest orator in the Senate.

Mr. BAILEY, of Chester, is what can be safely pronounced a first rate practical man. Although he is not a *speaking* member, he can speak well. He has, *phrenologically*, a first rate head—large language—enormous perceptive and reflective faculties—and is marked out for an engineer in which he would doubtless have taken the first rank.

Mr. BIGLER, of Clearfield, is an able and efficient Senator. His *unanimous* election as Speaker at the last session was a beautiful testimonial of the respect and regard of his fellow members, and his triumphant re-election to the Senate, is a sufficient manifestation of confidence on the part of his constituents. He does not speak often, but when he does take the floor, he is listened to with respectful attention. His manner is earnest and impressive. He takes a sound and correct view of his subject, and expresses himself fluently, though deliberately.

Mr. BLACK, of Greene, is a young man of talents—but too modest and unobtrusive for his own good. In the busy round of politics and legislation, a man must be possessed of a goodly share of *assurance* to take a prominent part. *Self-esteem* and *assurance* enable a man to make more of a figure in the world than genuine talent without these important accompaniments. Hence arises the circumstance of our having so many of what may be aptly termed *over-estimated* men! A dashing politician, who assumes to know *everything*—and talks incessantly about that of which he knows least—one who claims to be the originator of every great political movement—one who pretends to have been the first to have brought forward the successful candidate for political honors, is the very man to succeed best! It is a strange fact, but every day's development attests its truth, that while he who has really brought forward some great and popular measure—who has been first in discovering, appreciating, and advancing true merit, is left totally neglected; these empty-headed, conceited and inflated parasites are enjoying the genial smiles of patronage and preferment! Senator Black is a sound, clear-headed and efficient member, and might be a leading Spirit if he would!

Mr. CARSON, of Franklin, is a plain, practical, business man, of sound and discriminating mind, with an eye directed to the business of the Senate, and the interests of his constituents and the people generally.

Mr. CHAMPNEY, of Lancaster, "the old Guard," as she is denominated by the Whigs, is one of the most talented and useful members of the Senate.—His worth and abilities are duly attested from the fact that his District has given as high as four thousand majority for the Whig ticket; and yet he was elected by a majority of over five hundred! Judge C. is always in his seat—always attentive to the business of the body—always prepared to act intelligently and promptly upon every question. His desk is full of Law Books and Journals—the top and the vacant place underneath are crowded with them.—Scarcely a question comes up, that he does not refer to some one of the books for information; and he most always holds one in his hand when addressing the Senate. As a debater, he is ready, fluent, nervous and eloquent. He commands the respect of all who know, and

his influence in the Senate is seen and felt. The Judge is a most worthy and estimable man in all the relations of life.

Mr. CHAPMAN, of Bucks, has a marked physiognomy. His bearing is remarkably dignified. His eye, and the general expression of his countenance is indicative of a fiery and impetuous temperament. Yet, I believe he is moderate and self-possessed. He is beyond all question a man of fine talents, of varied attainments, and polished manners. When he engages in discussion, he commences with a slow, dignified and impressive utterance.—But as he progresses, he becomes more rapid, energetic and vehement. He is an excellent member, and an honor to the Senate.

Mr. CORNMAN, from the county of Philadelphia, is the "Native"—and being a new member, never having been in the Legislature before, cannot be fully estimated. He seems to have considerable talent—is a ready and fluent speaker, and will prove doubtless a good member. It is to be hoped that the Anti-Democratic, Anti-American, and intolerant spirit of *Nativism* will be repudiated for all time to come by all good citizens. If there have been abuses in the Naturalization laws, they may be corrected in future; without resorting to the persecution of all those not born upon our own soil.

Mr. CRABB, of the city shows largely of the respect and confidence of the members and of his constituents. Although among the youngest men, he is the oldest member of the Legislature. He was in the lower House five or six years consecutively, and was elected Speaker by the Whigs and Democrats united. He was then elected to the Senate, and is among the most prominent and active members of the opposition. He is liberal in his views, however, and votes with the Democrats frequently. He is a very good debater—possesses much tact and ability.

Mr. CRAIG, of Washington, is a tall, spare thin faced man, somewhat bent with years, with a strongly marked intellectual countenance, indicative of an active and vigorous mind. He has superior abilities—is a ready and able debater, but seldom takes the floor, unless some question of retrenchment and reform meets with opposition, in which case, he raises up like a lion, and supports the proposition with great energy and effect. He is a reformer in every sense of the term. When the question of instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress, during the session of 1843, to vote for refunding to Gen. Jackson the fine imposed upon him by Judge Hall, at New Orleans, was under discussion, Mr. Craig, to the surprise of all parties, came out and made a most eloquent and powerful speech in favor of the Resolutions. It was a beautiful and brilliant vindication of the course pursued by the Old Hero, on that memorable and glorious occasion. Mr. C. was present at the battle, and was well acquainted with all the facts. His speech was published in the Reporter, and copied into the Globe, with a merited eulogium, and found its way into nearly all the leading papers of the country. Mr. C. was a prominent member of the late Reform Convention. He acts generally with the Whigs, but if there is such a thing as a "Democratic Whig," Mr. Craig is one of the species.

Mr. DARRAGH, of Beaver, is a venerable looking old gentleman, possessing a sound judgment, and business qualities. Being a new member, he has not fully developed himself. He is a Whig.

Mr. DARSIE, of Allegheny, is one of the most active members of the Whig party in the Senate, and is a rapid, fluent, energetic and able debater. He has considerable talent—long experience—having been a member of the other branch, and a re-elected member of the Senate. He speaks more frequently than any other Senator, and always well, and to the purpose.

Mr. DIMMICK, of Wayne, is the youngest member of the Senate, and is a new member. He however takes a prominent part in the proceedings—speaks well, and gives promise of becoming a leader. He has acknowledged talent, and experience is only wanting to enable him to rise up rapidly. He is highly esteemed by his fellow-members.

Mr. EDGEMOND, of York, is a plain, straight-forward, business man—pos-

sessing a strong and well balanced mind, and makes a very good member.

Mr. ESUE, of the county of Philadelphia, is a fine looking, sensible man, somewhat advanced in years, but yet full of mental and physical vigor. His head indicates a strong intellect—more solidity than brilliancy. He is a good member, and represents his constituents with much credit.

Mr. EVER, of Union, is a man of strong capacity—attends to his duties faithfully, and is an excellent member.

Mr. FEGELY, of "Old Berks," is a plain, good old man, full of jokes and good humor, and seems to be a general favorite with the Senators. He is always in his seat—often apparently in a "brown study," and sometimes seems abstracted. He is a faithful, attentive and useful member.

Mr. FOULKROD, of Philadelphia county, is a strong minded man—plain manners—altogether unassuming, but possessing much merit. He attends to his duties assiduously—always watching with a vigilant eye the interests of his constituents and the welfare of the Commonwealth. He is a clear headed, quick sighted, honest and fearless; and is almost always consulted on questions of importance, and his counsels commend as much respect as those of any member of the body.

Mr. GIBBONS, of the city, is a young gentleman of brilliant talents—radical in his politics—Whig to the core—and gained considerable notoriety during the recent political campaign. He is an energetic and impassioned declaimer, and is eloquent when excited. He has a sparkling black eye, and a handsome face and person. He is amiable and affable in his social intercourse, and very much liked.

Mr. HECKMAN, of Northampton, is a strong, vigorous, and vehement speaker—possessing much ability, and is a good member.—He is a thorough reformer.

Mr. HILL, of Westmoreland, is a strong man—with pleasing manners—a good speaker, and an honest and energetic reformer. He is a very useful member, and has rendered great service to the people, by opposing every useless expenditure, and advocating every measure of retrenchment and reform.—He is very attentive to his duties.

Mr. HOOVER, of Venango, is a new Senator—with good abilities—excellent business capacity, and makes a useful member.

Mr. HORTON, of Northumberland, is probably the most jovial, humorous, and social member of the Senate. He is a man of talents—takes an active part in all Legislation, and is a good member.

Mr. KLINE, of Lebanon, is a first rate man in every particular. He has fine talents—is an animated debater, always speaking with great force and effect, and always listened to with pleasure and attention. He is young, and it may safely be predicted, if he aspires to political preferment, that he will take the first rank among the Whig politicians of our State. He is an eminent lawyer, and seems not to be titching after political honors. He is popular with all parties.

Mr. MORRISON, of Huntingdon, is a large, portly personage, with a pleasing and benevolent countenance, and has a strong and vigorous mind. He is a useful member.

Mr. QUAY, of Clinton, is a tall, eccentric sort of a man, relishing a joke as well as any man living. He has a good mind, and serves his constituents faithfully.

Mr. RAHN, of Schuylkill, is a large man, with fine social and business qualities—has a sound head, and although a new member, already takes a prominent part in the business of the Senate.

Mr. ROSS, of Luzerne, is also a new member, and in the discussion on the removal question, the removal of the seat of Justice of Columbia county developed fine talents as a debater. He is naturally an able man, and will make a useful and efficient Senator.

Mr. SHERWOOD, of Tioga, is a perfect giant in physical strength, and is behind none of the Senators in strength of mind. He speaks with much ease—always ably, and to the question—takes up no time uselessly, and devotes himself vigorously to the discharge of his duties. He is very popular and influential among the members.

Mr. STERIGERE, of Montgomery, is an able man—speaks frequently and

well—has an eye to every thing going on—understands every movement, is always in his seat, and always prepared to act. He has the unbounded confidence of his constituents—having been elected a member of the lower House of the Reform Convention, and to Congress, and twice to the Senate. They have never found him wanting.

Mr. SULLIVAN, of Butler, is one of the ablest men in the Senate. He is a man of splendid talents—a powerful speaker, and one of the most industrious and indefatigable members of the body.

He is the champion of Retrenchment and Reform, having been the first to move in the great work, and it is doubtless his persevering efforts that have carried those great measures through. He is not the representative of a party, but of the people—and regards the welfare of the Commonwealth, rather than that of any political party, in every vote he gives. He has doubtless done more to lessen the expenditures of government, and lighten the burdens of taxation, than any other member of the Legislature, although he has been ably seconded by many members of both parties. He is identified, however, with the opposition.

Mr. Speaker WILCOX, of McKean, is a man of excellent capacity—affable and winning manners, and makes an efficient presiding officer. He possesses the high regard of all who know him.

HARRISBURG, 18th Feb., 1845.
To-day the Board of Revenue Commissioners met in the Supreme Court Room, and were called to order by the State Treasurer, Col. JAMES ROSS SPOONER, who is by law constituted President of the Board. The Seventh Judicial District is not represented, the Commission, Hon. Samuel D. Ingham, having lost a son recently. No good is expected to be accomplished by this Board, and the House has been guilty of a wanton disregard of the true interests of the people, by refusing to take up and pass the Senate bill repealing the law establishing the Revenue Board.

Yesterday the Bill providing for the removal of the seat of justice of Columbia County from Danville to Bloomsburg, by a vote of the people of the County, if a majority can be obtained in favor of the removal, passed the Senate by a vote of 17 to 14. The Bill providing the new County of Blair, passed in Committee of the whole, in the Senate.

The Bill erecting a new County of parts of Lycoming and Bradford, passed Committee of the whole, in the Senate. A Bill requiring the State Treasurer to bring suits in the County of Dauphin County, against all public Defaulters, passed second reading in the Senate.

Friday Feb. 21, 1845.
The nomination of Jonah Brewster as Associate Judge in Tioga County, Gov. Shunk, has been unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

The Bill allowing the people of different townships of Susquehanna County, to decide by ballot whether Taverns shall be licensed or not, taken up in Committee of the whole in the Senate, and passed Committee, an amendment requiring six months' notice in a township, to entitle a man to vote on that question.

To-morrow has been fixed upon for both Houses, for repairing into the House, to listen to the reading of the Farewell Address of the Father of his Country. That address ought to be engraven upon the heart of every American. In that case, Nativism would hide its diminished head!

No important business has been transacted of a public character.

TEXAS ANNEXATION.—The Globe says that their confidence of the sage of Benton's annexation bill is stronger and stronger. It will not (if the whole Democracy of the State vote for it) at least thirty votes in the body, and a majority of fifty will return to the House. The only Democratic Senators whose votes are not to be counted are the two from Ohio, who under instructions. The loss of these would leave 28, being one more than necessary.

WINTER SPORTS.—An American Englishman ran a foot race in stocking feet, in the snow, at the last week, for ten dollars. They were six miles in an hour and three quarters in the American winning by half a mile. The snow was a foot deep, the thermometer below zero, and the blowing strongly from the north.