

# REPORTER

Wednesday, March 26, 1845.

## REMOVAL

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

### U. S. Senator.

Our readers were informed last week of the election of Gen. SIMON CAMERON to the U. S. Senate for the unexpired portion of Mr. Buchanan's term, just made vacant by his elevation to the office of Secretary of State. They were also informed that the election of Gen. Cameron, was accomplished by a union of Whigs and Natives & pliable Democrats over the Hon. Geo. W. Woodward, the nominee of the Democratic Caucus.

We suffered the matter to pass last week, without comment, for want of full information on the subject, and we cannot now express ourselves as highly pleased as we might have done under other circumstances. We feel mortified deeply that such a nominee as G. W. Woodward should be defeated in a Democratic Legislature; and more especially that his defeat should be accomplished by Democratic representatives. We cannot give the least countenance to disorganization or disorganizers of any grade or character, and we feel it a duty we owe to the Democracy of the Commonwealth to denounce it wherever it appears or in whatever form it presents itself. Entertaining these views, we do not hesitate to say that we disapprove, most unequivocally, of any violation of nominations, made by caucus in conformity with the usages of the Democratic party, and such we consider the conduct of some of our Democratic representatives in the recent election for U. S. Senator. It is true that the caucus which made the nomination was not full, yet more than two thirds of the Democratic members were present, and it was well known that several gentlemen who were not in the caucus would support the nominee, whoever that might be.

But the deed is done, and although we may differ from some of our friends on points of policy, by which we ought now to be governed, yet we cannot feel that any possible good can result from a system of crimination and recrimination upon the conduct and motives of individual members of the party, although all may agree they have erred. "To err is human."

As to General Cameron we need say nothing. He is well known to the people of this Commonwealth, and has ever been a Democrat. Although the whigs chuckle greatly over his election and claim him as an advocate of their principles and measures, we believe he will disappoint most grievously all their boasted expectations, and array himself boldly in the ranks of Democracy under the gallant leaders now at the head of the National and State administrations.

Mr. Woodward, although defeated, needs not the sympathy of any. He is exalted still higher on the pedestal of fame. His lofty and incorruptible integrity—his splendid talents, and his unbending democracy, secured the confidence of his fellow-democrats, and alone procured for him the nomination which he received at their hands, and which was so gloriously wrested from him by those who ought to have been first in sustaining him.

While we regret, as we do the result, we are proud to record the fact that the Representatives and Senator from this district could not be swerved from the true Democratic course, but on every ballot voted for the nominee of the party.

JOHN W. FORNEY.—This enthusiastic and talented Democratic editor, we are pleased to learn, has been appointed Deputy Surveyor of the port of Philadelphia. His interest in the Lancaster Intelligencer and Journal is disposed of by his former partner, Mr. Holbrook.—Mr. F. still continues, however, as its editor. Success to him wherever fortune may cast his lot.

Hon. SIMON CAMERON, U. S. Senator from Pennsylvania, took his seat on Monday the 17th inst.

**THE WAY IT IS DONE.**—A gambling house was entered by the police in New Orleans lately, and a faro-table investigated. The Pteayune says, the officer seized the whole paraphernalia of the concern, consisting of the cloth, a nicely contrived dealing-box, made of silver, with concealed springs, by means of which the dealer can at all times issue a card to suit himself or the player, and a desk containing a number of checks. A document was found in the desk with full directions for placing the cards in the dealing-box, and for preparing them for (gambling) use. We copy the prescription for the benefit of the uninitiated:—"Take an eight ounce vial of water, dissolve three grains of gum-Arabic—soap the upper ends of the cards and brush them lightly over with the mixture. When dried, they are fit for use."

**A TERRIBLE OPERATION.**—The Lowell Advertiser speaks of a terrible surgical operation at the Massachusetts General Hospital, performed by Dr. Warren: "No less than the complete removal from the head of nearly one half the upper jaw, that is from the mouth to the ear. The skin and flesh of the cheek were first turned up over the eye, and then the use even of the chisel and mallet. The whole occupied an hour and a half, and the unfortunate patient bore it with firmness. He is an elderly man, (not robust) from the eastern part of Maine and a brother of one our wealthiest and worthiest merchants. Dr. Warren is of the opinion that though it may remain in the head, the sufferer will live several years longer than he otherwise would."

**RUIN! RUIN!**—This was the favorite cry of the Whigs before the election, as to what would be the condition of the party should Jas. K. Polk be elected. From every section we have evidence of the increased prosperity and activity of the business of the country. The Spirit of the Times, says:—"Business never was so brisk before in Philadelphia. The hotels are crowded with strangers and merchants from abroad, and every mail brings hundreds who are compelled to seek private lodgings. The stores are full—Market street is like a bee-hive—boxes and bales through the pavements, and every thing wears the air of enterprise and rare prosperity."

**SUCCESS OF A YANKEE.**—Mr. Coleman, the inventor of the Piano attachment, which has attracted the admiration of the musical world, is among us, having returned in the Hibernia. The New Bedford Bulletin states that he has disposed of his entire right in the invention in Europe for six hundred thousand dollars, cash down. Before leaving this country he had sold the right for Massachusetts for ten thousand dollars, and for New York for one hundred thousand. He has thus received seven hundred and ten thousand dollars—a pretty fair sum for a Yankee not yet 30 years old. Mr. C. has a handsome estate in Saratoga, where he resides.

**FIRE IN BUCKS COUNTY.**—The large cotton factory of W. C. Osborne, situated on the Neshamony creek, at Milford, Bucks county, Pa., about five miles northwest of Bristol, was, with all the machinery, destroyed by fire on Tuesday night. The building belonged to the estate of Anthony Taylor.

**MR. BOOTH'S LECTURE.** on Monday evening last, was delivered to a very large and respectable audience, who seemed highly gratified at the able manner in which the subject was treated.—Mr. B. will lecture on Friday evening, April 5.

**CONJUGAL AFFECTION.**—William Blair, member of the Illinois Legislature, died at the capital on the 18th ult., and his wife, on hearing of his severe illness, was so much affected that she sank and died about the same time.

**HENDRICK B. WRIGHT.**—The Philadelphia Spirit of the Times of Wednesday last says:—"It was confidentially rumored yesterday, that Hendrick B. Wright had been appointed Collector of this port."

**A TEMPERANCE ELECTION.**—The election for City Council in Burlington, N. Y., came off on Tuesday, and resulted in the election of the temperance ticket by 48 majority.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF A VOTE.**—The democratic candidate for Mayor of Rochester was elected by a majority of one, out of about 3,000.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTION.**—The Boston Post, says that Steele, the democratic candidate for Governor of this State, will lead the Whig candidate seven or eight thousand votes, and have a majority of about 1,500 over Whig, Abolition, and scattering combined, in the State.

Three of the four democratic candidates for Congress are elected by a larger majority than the Governor received. Mr. Woodbury, the remaining democratic candidate for Congress, did not receive a plurality of the whole number of votes, and consequently is not elected.

Mr. Woodbury, it will be remembered, was substituted for John P. Hale, after the latter had proved recreant to his constituents. Mr. Hale was nominated by the Convention which nominated the other three gentlemen, but he having betrayed the confidence reposed in him, another convention was called, and Mr. Woodbury substituted. Mr. Hale then set up for himself, and took off enough democratic votes to defeat Mr. W., but not enough to do himself any good.

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.**—President Polk seems disposed to take his own time, in disposing of the offices within his gift. Consequently, many of the office-seekers have left Washington. A few appointments have been made, however, of which the following are the principal ones:—

Gen. John Davis, of Bucks Co., as Surveyor of the Port of Philadelphia.

S. D. Patterson, late editor of the Pennsylvania Reporter, as Navy agent at the same port.

Elijah F. Purdy, as Surveyor of the port of New York.

Prosper M. Wetmore, as Navy agent at the same port.

William M. Parmenter, as Navy agent at the port of Boston.

Benjamin F. Butler, as United States District Attorney for the southern district of the State of New York.

**FOREIGN NEWS.**—The steamship Cambria arrived at Boston on Tuesday evening, 18th inst., after a passage of 14 days, bringing one month later news, though unimportant.

The news of the payment of the Pennsylvania interest has given great satisfaction. Rev. Sydney Smith the celebrated defamer of Pennsylvania faith, died on the 23d ult., after an illness of several months, aged 77.

Mr. Laman Blanchard, the popular writer; The Earl of Mornington, brother to the Duke of Wellington; and the Marquis of Westminster, have also deceased.

Sir Robert Peel has laid a proposition before Parliament to take off the duty on cotton, to enable British manufacturers to compete with American, in the various markets of the world.

**POSTAGE.**—This State paid for the postage of the two branches of the Legislature, from April 1st 1841, to January 6, 1845, the sum of \$62,991 55.—For the House, \$42,670 93; for the Senate \$20,320 62. A resolution has been offered requiring the members and officers to pay their own postage.

**U. S. SENATOR DEAD.**—The Hon. Isaac C. Bates, a member of the Senate from Massachusetts, died at Washington city, on Sunday evening, after an illness of two weeks. Mr. Webster, his colleague, announced the melancholy fact, on Monday, with some feeling and appropriate remarks.

**M'CURRY CONVICTED OF MURDER.**—In the Baltimore city Court, on Wednesday, 12th inst., M'Curry charged with the murder of Paul Roux, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. The penalty is death.

**MEXICAN MINISTER.**—The Mexican Minister, has not yet left that country, though he demanded his passports. It is said he is waiting advices from Mexico, to learn how the new dynasty receive the Texas resolutions.

**THE FUR DEALERS AT MONTROSE.** have got up quite a warfare about Shipping Furs, Sheep pelts, and painted Fox skins. They make the fur fly with a vengeance, in their belligerent personal advertisements.

**COL. ASA DIMOCK.** has been appointed Cashier in the Treasury Department at Harrisburg. The Col. will make an efficient officer.

**MR. CLAY** has returned to the bar, and is now practicing his profession in Kentucky.

### News from all Nations.

We regret to learn that the wife of the Hon. James A. Pearce died on Saturday. Mrs. P. had been dangerously ill for some time, which had kept Mr. P. from his seat in the U. S. Senate.—The city of Nauvoo, it is said, will not give up its charter, notwithstanding the legislative act of its repeal.—A robber who entered the house of a gentleman named Wilds, living in 12th street, Philadelphia, was caught in the act of stealing, and received a sound horsewhipping from the owner.—Dr. Lardner is about to return to Europe. We expect to hear that he is preparing a work on America.—A fire broke out at Memphis, Tenn., on the 28th ult. which destroyed the "Appeal" printing office, the stores of Messrs. Browning, Jennings and Joyner, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Wells, Mr. Miller, Slaughter & Jones, Bon & Madis, and of Mr. Keating. Total loss about \$15,000.—In firing a cannon at Canandaigua, N. Y., on the 4th inst. in honor of the inauguration, there was a premature discharge, by which David Keller was seriously and perhaps fatally injured. His arms were so mutilated as to require the amputation of both above the elbow.—The anti-Indian in Delaware county, N. Y., have tarred and feathered Mr. Lasher, for cutting timber contrary to their wishes.—Two thousand broom handles were lately shipped from down east to London.—A Mrs. and Mr. Dealy, of Jackson county, Missouri, have 27 children.—The Whigs of the 12th ward, New York, have selected Horace Greely as their candidate for assistant alderman.—The revenue of the Province of Canada, for the past year, is stated at £631,288; the expenditure at £448,001, leaving a balance in the treasury of £183,197.—The New York Express says, on Saturday, at the public stock exchange, a resolution was passed, forbidding members from doing any business for J. G. Hamilton, colored, under penalty of expulsion.—The planting of rice, says the Courier of the 6th inst., has already commenced, being two or three weeks earlier than usual.—Among the donations to the German societies of New York during the past year, was one from John Jacob Astor of \$4,302 50, being the balance of the sum of \$20,000 bequeathed to the Society by his will, but which has been paid before to enable it to establish an agency.—We perceive by a card in the National Intelligencer, of Tuesday last, that Mr. Burton has been obliged to close the Olympic Saloon, in Washington city, on account of its not being sufficiently patronized.—The Newport (R. I.) Mercury states that Dr. Saterlee, of the U. S. army, met with a serious accident on Thursday last, while on his way to Fort Adams. He was thrown from his horse, and while on the ground his thigh was broken, and his side injured, by kicks from his horse.—The Canton Register announces the death of Mrs. Shuck, wife of the Rev. J. L. Shuck, on the 28th November.—It is stated as a singular fact that since the formation of our government, no Speaker of the House of Representatives has been absent a day from his post.—The English papers call the Siamese twins and their helpmates the "quadrupler alliance."

A Philadelphia paper says one or two of our friends who went into the country a week ago "to pass the summer," came back yesterday "to pass the winter."—Samuel Appleton, of Boston, has presented fifty thousand dollars to the Boston Athenaeum for the purchase of a library.—The Lehigh Coal Company have contracted to deliver 128,000 tons of coal the coming season, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the payment of the interest due in London.—The Ohio Legislature has passed a new militia bill, which requires every man to turn out, pay a fine of fifty cents, or work one day upon the public roads.—Property in Boston, called the Union Wharfs; has been sold to a company of gentlemen for \$360,000.—The Bill providing for a Late Lunatic Asylum has passed the New Jersey Senate by a great majority.—In Alsace township, Berks county, about five miles from Reading, a large body of magnetic iron ore has been discovered. It is found in great abundance.—Governor Wright, of New York, has pardoned Benjamin Lett, who has been in the State Prison at Auburn for several years, under a conviction for arson in burning the steamer Great Britain.—Mr. Rockwell has retired from the "New Star."

### Correspondence from Harrisburg.

**HARRISBURG, 18th March, 1845.**  
I have delayed forwarding my letters for a week or two past, as nothing of any particular public interest had been transacted in either branch.

The Board of Revenue Commissioners adjourned to-day sine die—the time they were allowed to continue their session—thirty days—having this day expired. They have doubtless endeavored to effect some good, by equalizing assessments in different counties—adding to those which are assessed too low. Bradford has had about \$200,000 added to her present valuation. They have added in all about \$8,000,000, which will add to the revenues of the State \$24,000. The Philadelphia project to increase the taxes of the counties has failed signally—as those counties opposed to the repeal of the law creating the Revenue Board have had about \$7,000,000 added to their valuation. It was fully proved before the Board, that while nearly all the counties most distant from Philadelphia, were assessed too high—those most contiguous to it were assessed too low! Some good has been accomplished by the Board, notwithstanding the general misgivings as to the utility of its establishment. I understand they are to make an able report to the Legislature, in which many excellent suggestions will be made relative to the present Tax laws.

The Blair county Bill has been killed in the Senate by a vote on its final passage of 16 to 16. A bill has been read in place to erect a new county out of parts of Huntingdon and Bedford to be called Penn, substantially the same as Blair, except in name.

Great efforts have been made in the House to repeal the law making appropriations to Common Schools. It is thought the appropriations will be continued.

The Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Bill has passed first reading in the Senate. It will, I fear, pass the Senate.

The New York and Erie Rail Road Bill is still pending before the House. The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company are spending thousands of dollars to defeat it. They have their borers here, and their agents traveling all through the northern counties, obtaining names to their petitions remonstrating against allowing that road to be made if it tends to their injury! An agent traveled through Susquehanna county, and being a Deacon—succeeded in obtaining, by fraudulent and false statements and representations, the names of the most respectable citizens of that county to these petitions. I saw a letter a day or two since from a Lawyer in Montrose, whose signature was thus obtained, setting forth these facts.

MARCH 19.

The Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Bill has just passed the Senate by a vote of 17 to 15.

The Speaker laid before the Senate, the Report of the Revenue Commissioners, and on a motion to print 1000 copies of the same, a spirited debate ensued, in the course of which the Senators from the Eastern counties expressed great disappointment and dissatisfaction with the result of the action of the Board of Commissioners. The object of creating the Board is now seen to have been to increase the valuation of the Northern and Western counties, and reduce that of the Eastern counties. It was believed that the former counties did not contribute their just quota to the Treasury, and that the latter supported nearly the whole burden of government. It was a sad disappointment to their hopes, when it was ascertained that four fifths of the increased valuation fell upon those counties which had clung to the Board as to a last hope! The motion to print 1000 copies was agreed to.

MARCH 20.

Mr. Sherwood called up the Bill to erect a new Judicial district out of the counties of Tioga, Potter, M'Kean and Warren. The Bill was advocated by Messrs. Sherwood, Dimmick and Babbitt, and opposed by Messrs. Sullivan, and Heckman, who occupied the floor until the Senate adjourned.

MARCH 21.

The new District bill was again taken up in the Senate, and defeated by a vote of 10 yeas to 17 nays.

The Bill providing for the erection of a new county out of parts of Bradford and Lycoming was defeated in the Senate by a vote of 12 to 14. Mr. Sherwood opposed it.

A Bill to erect a new county out of the Northern part of Luzerne co., to be called Lackawanna, has passed the House.

The Appropriation Bill is still under discussion in the House, the great effort having been to discontinue the appropriation of \$200,000 to Common Schools.

**NEW POSTAGE BILL.**—The following is a synopsis of the principal features of the new post office law, which goes into operation, the first day of July next:—

1. All single letters, for a distance less than 300 miles, shall pay five cents postage—over 300 miles ten cents.
2. Every letter weighing no more than half an ounce shall be deemed a single letter, no matter how many pieces it may contain, and between that and one ounce shall be deemed double and so on.
3. Members of Congress to receive and send letters free, all the year round.
4. No one else to frank, except Ex. Presidents and their widows.
5. All letters and packets, &c. which pass free through the mail, as all government postage to be paid out of the Treasury.
6. Newspapers to go out of the mail, without subjecting the readers or carriers to any penalty.
7. Private posts for carrying newspapers to be allowed.
8. All deficiencies between the revenue of the Department and the expenses (limited to four and a half millions, to be paid out of the public treasury).
9. No private mails for the regular transmission of letters over mail routes to be allowed under heavy penalties.
10. All newspapers of 1000 square inches or less, to go free for 30 miles from the place where printed; between that and 100 miles, half a cent postage over 100 miles one cent.
11. Newspapers are to have a free exchange as heretofore.

**GEN. ROSS'S BILL.**—Gen. Ross has brought before the Legislature a supplement to the act of 1842, incorporating the North Branch Canal Company.—The Danville Democrat, speaking of this bill, says:—"Mr. Ross's supplement extends the time for taking stock in the Company, which has now nearly expired, and makes certain alterations in the charter, in relation to dividends &c. If this bill should be passed by the Legislature—and we see no good reason why it should not—the stock of said Company will soon be taken, and the line finished to connect with the New York improvements. The State in her present financial condition, is unable to complete the canal, an extension of which is so imperiously demanded by the rapid increase of the iron and coal business along its line."

**REVENUE COMMISSIONERS.**—The body terminated their duties Tuesday March 18, after a session of thirty days. The tax in some counties has been increased, whilst in others it has been diminished. Bradford County has met with an increase on her three mill item, of 8 per cent., making \$226,160.

**EARLY NAVIGATION.**—The Sunbury American informs us that the first packet boat of the season arrived at Northumberland from Harrisburg, on Friday 14th inst., being the earliest navigation of the Canal since their construction.

**SUDDEN DEATH.**—Patron Ross, Esq. for many years Recorder of Lancaster city, was found dead in his office a few moments after he had entered it in the usual health. It is supposed his death was occasioned by a fit of apoplexy.

**CANAL COMMISSIONER'S CONVENTION.**—The State Central Committee has fixed upon Thursday, the 4th of September next, for holding the state convention to nominate a democratic candidate for Canal Commissioner.

**WAR WITH MEXICO.**—Mr. Coulburn late Minister to China, has written a letter, in which he expresses his belief in the improbability of a war with Mexico.

**ADJUTANT GENERAL.**—Thomas F. Brington of Owego, has been appointed by the Governor, Adjutant General of the State of New York.

**THE LEGISLATURE.** will not adjourn before the middle of April, though the House has passed a resolution to adjourn on the 28th inst.

**ADJOURNED.**—The United States Senate adjourned on Thursday last.