



Bradford Reporter

Free Soil, Free Speech, Free Men! Freedom for Free Territory.

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Towanda, Wednesday, April 11, 1849.

For the information of those who are indebted, and wish to remit their dues, we would state, that payments are authorized by law to frank money, and all persons can take advantage of the privilege of our rule—the receipt of the postmaster will be taken as evidence of payment.

Hope for the North Branch

We rejoice to learn that the House has inserted in the appropriation bill, an amendment which may effect the completion of the North Branch, but which, depending upon certain contingencies, the future alone can determine.

The amendment, which was offered by Mr. Ball, authorizes the Canal Commissioners to appoint a competent Engineer and Superintendent to construct and superintend the completion of the North Branch Canal; and whatever balance remains in the treasury appropriated, after provision is made for the payment of the August and February interest, is thereby appropriated for that purpose.

Gov. Johnson and the North Branch Canal.

Several of the federal papers are snarling sharply, at the opinion expressed by one of our Harrisburg correspondents, in regard to the sincerity of Governor Johnson, in recommending the completion of the North Branch canal.

There is much more fluttering upon this certain question, than argues well for the administration and its liegemen. Much more ink has been shed, than concerns truth and uprightiness, according to our apprehensions, would seem to require.

The question recurring on the bill years 13, says 13. The legislature has increased the number of Judicial Districts in the State from 21 to 24—thus forming three new Districts. It makes Schuylkill county separately the 21st; Wayne, Pike, Monroe and Carbon, the 22d; Berks, the 23d; and Huntingdon, Blair and Cambria, the 24th. This district is altered, by substituting for Luzerne county, Potter and McKean counties.

Appointment of Judges.

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Fighting for the Spoils.

Considerable excitement has been created in the "no spoils" party by the recent appointment of Post master at Troy, in this county. We learn that Eli Baird, Esq., was an applicant, backed by the nearly unanimous expression of the people of that region. Upon the recommendation of the Taylor elector for this district, J. S. in law, D. F. Foxworth, was appointed, to the utmost surprise and indignation of the parties of the first part. What the result will be, we know not, but the affair furnishes a beautiful commentary upon the profession of the "no-spoils" party.

Democratic Victory in Connecticut.

At the election held last week in Connecticut, three Democratic members of Congress and one Whig were elected. The Whig Governor is defeated, and the House is largely Democratic which secures the election of Col. Seymour, the Democratic Governor.

The New York Tribune.

The New York Tribune, (Whig) thus sums up the Democratic triumph in this State: Quite full returns from the State show the House of Representatives will the Loco Foco, while the complexion of the Senate is still in doubt. At all events the Locos will have a majority on joint ballot. The Congressional Delegation stands three Locos to one, Whig as follows:

- 1.—L. P. Waldo, Locos. 2.—Walter Booth, do. 3.—C. F. Cleveland, do. 4.—Thomas H. Butler, Whig.

We hear that Williamsport has been visited by a disastrous fire—but have not learned the particulars.

Another Veteran gone.

The men of the revolution are fast disappearing. The lapse of seventy-three years since our forefathers formed the Declaration of Independence has left but a few of the gallant spirits of that age, who so nobly suffered privations and endured perils and danger, and stemmed the opposition of the mightiest kingdom then on the face of the globe.

EXTRACT FROM A SERMON.

At the funeral of CAPTAIN JOSEPH ELLIOTT, BY REV. S. F. COLT. An aged patriot, a veteran soldier, has passed from among us. Another monument, (indeed the last) of the brave, virtuous and devoted race who first settled and defended the beautiful vale of the North Susquehanna, has been removed.

Enjoying peace and prosperity, little can we tell of the dangers and sufferings, and less can we comprehend the difficulties, this kind-hearted old man and his companions have, in their youth and manhood, struggled through in our behalf.

On the 31st inst., on motion of Mr. Mason the bill to revive and continue in force the bill to incorporate the North Branch Canal Company and the supplement thereto was taken up.

Mr. Mason then moved an amendment authorizing a loan not exceeding \$1,277,500 for the completion of the North Branch Canal.

Mr. King moved that the bill, together with the amendments be postponed for the present. Last—years 14, says 12.

Mr. Best offered an amendment authorizing the Governor to subscribe for 4,000 shares of stock, and authorizing the counties of Luzerne, Susquehanna, and Bradford to subscribe for an amount not exceeding 1500 shares each.

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SHILL Later from California.

Mr. Edward A. Sawerkrop formerly Danish Consul at the Sandwich Islands arrived in this City on Sunday afternoon, having left San Francisco on the 30th of January, five days later than the advice received by the N. O. Pioneer. While at San Blas, he received letters from San Francisco to Feb. 7, making the news he brings 13 days later.

But Joseph Elliott was not only a brave and skillful soldier. It is our privilege to speak of him as a dutiful son. About 1795, he moved on to the Wyoming, with his aged parents. His mother was for many years blind, and his father nearly helpless with a broken arm.

Joseph Elliott was known by all the old settlers as a kind hearted and benevolent neighbor. It is pleasing to reflect that during his later years he enjoyed a pension, and was thus convinced that his services were not forgotten by that Republic for existence he had perilled his all.

RECOVERY OF THE GOVERNMENT JEWELS.—Officer A. M. C. Smith, while in Washington July before yesterday ascertained that Henry T. Jones of this City, or his brother Philander, was in some way connected with the stealing of the Government Jewels.

RECOVERY OF THE BODY OF J. D. COLT.—It will be recalled that about the 20th of December last a young man named John P. Colt from Donaldsonville Schuylkill county, very mysteriously disappeared while on a visit to Philadelphia.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT NEAR RAILWAY.—As the New York and Philadelphia Railroad train on Saturday evening was on its way to Philadelphia, beyond Rahway, a man who was lying on the track was knocked partly off by the cow-catcher and before the train could be stopped it run over him.

TRAGEDY IN WEST JERSEY.—Messrs. Bateman and Turner two respectable citizens of Westville (the old Buck Tavern), Gloucester Co. quarreled on Wednesday about the intrusion of the chickens of one in the garden of the other.

HEALTH OF JUDGE LONGSTRETH.—We are gratified to learn by a note from Dr. Charles Noble, Judge Longstreth's attending Physician to the editors of the Pennsylvania, that Judge L. is gradually recovering his former health and that so soon as the weather becomes more settled he will be able to resume his duties in the Canal Board.

Facts on the Slavery Question.

Much is said and written on the subject of slavery in the Territories of the United States and the District of Columbia,—the slave traffic in the district,—and the power of Congress to legislate upon the subject of slavery.

Between these two extremes, the truth will most probably be found. In the Committee on the District of Columbia, the subject of slavery in the Territories, and the power of Congress to legislate upon the subject of slavery, has been discussed.

IN 1816, John Randolph, of Roanoke, introduced into the House of Representatives in Congress, a resolution for the appointment of a committee "to inquire into the existence of an inland and illegal traffic in slaves, carried on in any part of the District of Columbia" &c., and it passed without a division.

IN 1824, a memorial signed by 1200 of the citizens of the District was presented praying for the abolition of slavery there: and about the same time the Grand Jury presented the slave traffic in the District as a great grievance.

IN 1827, Mr. Bagney, of Maryland, offered a Memorial for the restriction of the District of Columbia, which was, on his motion ordered to be printed. Mr. McDuffie, of South Carolina, objected to the printing, but expressly admitted the right of Congress "to GRANT THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT A MEASURE WHICH THEY MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM THIS DEPLORABLE EVIL."

IN 1829, Mr. Miner, of Pennsylvania, offered resolutions in relation to the District of Columbia, to inquire into the expediency of abolishing slavery, &c., within the same, and they were adopted by a vote of 104 yeas to 70 nays. Mr. Mark Alexander, of Virginia, reported, in substance, that slavery could not be abolished in the District, without the consent of the people. A bill was also reported declaring negroes brought into the District for sale, free.

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Died.

On Sunday evening, the 8th inst., at the residence of C. L. Ward, Esq., in this borough, THOMAS WELLES, Esq., aged about 70 years.

[We know but little of the earlier history of the deceased, but have casually learned that he was a native of Glastenbury, in Connecticut,—that he graduated at Yale College with credit, and entered upon the active theatre of life with brilliant prospects.

Early in the present century, he went to reside at Wilkes-Barre—was admitted to the bar, and soon after appointed Prothonotary of Luzerne county. Endued by nature, with high sensibilities—some early misfortune or disappointment, clouded his visions of the future, and finally paralysed the more energetic and ambitious faculties of his mind.

He continued for many years, and to his last hour, to indulge in a partial but morbid melancholy, which rendered him careless of the ordinary aspirations of human life—without in the slightest degree affecting the powers of his fine intellect, in other respects. His taste for literary pursuits, which his early scholarship had created, he continued to indulge, but without method, or any other practical result except to store his own mind with a vast amount of various information.

During the last ten years he has been an inmate of the family where he died; and there, for the satisfaction of his distant friends and connection, we take the liberty of saying he has uniformly been treated with all that unqualified kindness and attention which his pain and worth so amply deserved. Every attention and care was tendered to him up to the latest moment. He died in the fullest profession of the christian's hope; respected by all who knew his many virtues and blameless life.

THOMAS WELLES, the deceased, was a lineal descendant of Thomas Welles, the fourth colonial Governor of Connecticut—who, during his twenty years of public service, evinced the possession of a large portion of the characteristic virtues of our eastern forefathers. Having been Deputy Governor during the absence of Governor Hopkins from the colony—he succeeded the latter in 1655. This was the same year Cromwell's fleet was sent out from England to reduce the Dutch in their possessions about New Netherlands—now New York.

From the same ancestor, descended, with others, Hon. Samuel Welles, one of his Majesty's Council for Massachusetts, and member of the Congress, which met at Albany in 1754; Samuel Welles, the late eminent banker at Paris—the Welles of Boston—one of whom (Arnold) married the daughter of Gen. Warren, who fell at Bunker Hill; General Henry Welles, formerly of Athens in this country; and Gideon Welles, now of Washington city. Rowell Welles, of Wilkes-Barre, well known to the earlier settlers of this county—was an elder brother of the deceased Thomas Welles. He has also many relatives in Connecticut. The paternal estate of the family in Glastenbury, is a singular fact, has never left the family, since the time of the Governor—and is now, it is believed, occupied by Thaddeus Welles. The Hales of Glastenbury; the Chesters of Weathersfield; the Cowles of Farmington; the Saltmasts of New London; and the late Chief Justice Pratt of New York, and the Sergeants of Boston—are all found closely united in the same genealogical category of proud Puritan ancestry.]

In Smithfield, on the morning of the 7th inst., Mr. EMMA ALLEN, aged 84 years, 17 days.