



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.

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The new papers have been killing off this gentleman, very summarily. It is asserted that he died at Bogota on the 6th of January last, while his family at Wilkesbarre received letters from him dated the 12th of the same month, assuring them of his continued good health.

Mr. V. HENNING, has been appointed post master at Orwell, in the place of Henry Gibbs, Esq.

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.

We are now called upon to mourn the demise of one of the most worthy and venerable of that respected band—Captain Joseph ELLIOTT, of Wyoming—and who is believed to have been the last survivor of the memorable massacre enacted at Wyoming.

At an age such as few can hope to attain, this patriot has sunk into his grave. With the experience of near a century, he has seen our Republic suffering under the tyranny of an unnatural mother—has seen the infant colonies assert their rights and maintain their independence—and in the long and doubtful struggle which followed, played no small part toward achieving her deliverance.

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. King moved that the bill, together with the amendments be postponed for the present. Last—yeas 14, nays 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.

Mr. Small moved to amend the amendment by authorizing the Governor to negotiate a loan necessary to complete the North Branch Canal.

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EXTRACT FROM A SERMON, PREACHED 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.

They all have passed away, That noble race and brave. We are now called upon to mourn the demise of one of the most worthy and venerable of that respected band—Captain Joseph ELLIOTT, of Wyoming—and who is believed to have been the last survivor of the memorable massacre enacted at Wyoming.

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.

Joseph Elliott was believed to have been the last survivor of those who were in service in Wyoming at the time of the terrible massacre. History has enrolled his name "as a veteran distinguished for extraordinary services and sufferings."

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clinging to the knees of their deliverers, inspired them with fresh determination. Mrs. Franklin, who had been ordered to sit still, bearing the joyful cry of her children, ventured to look up, when she was instantly shot by her ruthless and savage captors. Pressing forward, the Indians were compelled to retreat, leaving two or three of their number dead, on the field. The infant was borne off in the flight, and its fate never known.

But Joseph Elliott was not only a brave and skillful soldier. It is our privilege to speak of him as a dutiful son. About 1798, 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 whose existence he had perilled his all.

How mysterious are the developments of Providence! Let us act well our parts, and be always ripening, so that in us may be fulfilled, as we humbly trust the promise has been in his case—"Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a stock of corn cometh in his season."

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.

FIRE IN NEWCASTLE.—The dwelling house of Mr. M. D. SHERMAN, of Newcastle, in this County, together with most of the furniture which it contained, was entirely destroyed by fire on Sunday last, the 1st inst.

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.

Still 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.

Mr. S. reports that the U. S. store-ship Lexington did not sail from San Francisco till Jan. 25. She carried \$400,000. The British ship of war Calypso was at Mazatlan, and had \$200,000 of specie on board, 5,000 oz. of which were in California gold; 1,000 oz. of this belonged to Mr. S. Gold was being sold at \$15 per oz. in Mazatlan; a quantity had been sold in San Francisco at \$14.50, but owing to the large arrivals of specie from San Blas, Valparaiso, &c. which has been placed in the hands of the merchants at San Francisco for investment, the price had risen.

The U. S. sloop-of-war St. Mary was the only national vessel at San Francisco. The bark United had gone to Oregon, but was expected back shortly, and would then proceed to China. Many persons in San Francisco were waiting for the Calypso, and would take passage in her to Panama.

ISAC P. WALKER RECALLED.—The course pursued by the Senator WALKER receives but little sympathy in Wisconsin. On the 23d inst, while a motion to adjourn was pending in the Wisconsin Senate, Mr. Horn a Hunker wished to introduce a resolution in justification of Mr. Walker, but was refused.

HO FOR CALIFORNIA!—The steamer Consignee arrived from Pittsburg yesterday, on her way to Independence—her flag streaming high, and her decks crowded densely with passengers, all California emigrants.

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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.

The ultra of the South claim the right, under the Constitution, to extend it into the territories, in spite of the wishes of the people of those territories, and deny the power of Congress to touch the question at all. The ultra of the North, not satisfied with prohibiting its extension, contend for the right to abolish it in the District of Columbia with regard to the wishes of those interested, and to treat the constitution which recognizes it in the States, as a nullity.

Between these two extremes, the truth will most probably be found. In the Committee on the District of Columbia, the power of Congress to legislate upon the subject of slavery, is admitted, as admitted by leading statesmen North and South, have been developed. We will cite a few of them.

Slavery is a domestic institution, belonging to the States, each for itself to decide whether it shall be established therein or not; and, if it be established, whether it shall be abolished or not. The right and power of Congress to prohibit slavery in the Territories, has been recognized and practiced in several instances, commencing with the earliest days of the constitution.

Canada.—We have private advices from Toronto of a late date, which say that the political excitement in that region, though nearly at its height, can be, is visibly on the increase. Only a spark is needed to set the whole Province in a blaze, and forcible collisions are barely avoided.

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