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Message.
To the Senate and House of Representatives.
I have the honor to inform you that the bill for the relief of the children of William Martin, deceased, to sell real estate, and further supplement to the act incorporating the Pennsylvania Railroad Company...

The present session has been distinguished for the unpopularity of its legislation. It has become a notorious fact, that while the House is Democratic by a large majority, it is not difficult to procure the passage of laws the most outrageous, setting at defiance the public rights and the public morals.

But in the way of the enumeration of these gross wrongs, stands the Veto Power. Fortunately it is vested in a man whose highest ambition and greatest care is to guard the rights of the people from the slightest encroachment.

With the utmost disposition to co-operate with the General Assembly in the adoption of every proper measure to promote the success of the Pennsylvania Railroad, I have not been able to resist myself that duty requires my approval of this bill. Nor can I be persuaded that possession of the bill, as a measure of the State, is necessary to the accomplishment of the legitimate purposes of this corporation.

It would seem to be reasonable that she should reserve for herself whatever land may be necessary for depots, sidings, car-houses, machine shops and so forth; nor should she be unmindful of the rights and interests of individual citizens who may desire to do business on the State works.

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The third section of this bill authorizes said company to take and hold the title to several parcels in West Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia, one thereof called Powelson, owned now or late by John Hare Powell, and the other owned now or late by the city of Philadelphia, and by the Board of Health respectively.

It is, therefore, at least questionable, whether or not this double proviso, the company after the expiration of five years, could not hold and use the quantity of ninety acres for any thing they might see proper to designate as their uses and purposes, whether contemplated by their original charter or not.

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Executive Chambers.

Harrisburg, April 16, 1852.

IMPORTANT BILL.—The following bill passed finally in the House of Representatives: Be it enacted, That no warrant for the execution of any conviction by hanging shall be issued within one year after the sentence of death shall have been passed, and that after that period, if no circumstances shall have come to light to render doubtful the correctness of the verdict of the jury in the matter, the Governor shall cause the same to be executed on the day of the execution of the warrant.

SECTION 2. That upon the rendition of any verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree in any court of this Commonwealth, it shall and may be lawful for the jury rendering the same, in their discretion, to recommend the person or persons so charged and convicted to the mercy of the court— And every person duly convicted of murder in the first degree, whom the jury so convicting shall recommend to the mercy of the Court, shall be sentenced to undergo an imprisonment in one of the State penitentiaries, or in solitary confinement at labor for a period not less than fifteen nor more than fifty years.

THE BATTLE OF LEXINGTON.—The first deliberate conflict in the American Revolution—was fought on the 19th of April, 1775—seventy-seven years ago this day. The parties were a detachment of British light troops sent from Boston to destroy a depot of rebel munitions at Concord, Mass., and the Lexington company of militia, who hearing of the approach of the British, had been hastily assembled at daybreak to oppose their progress.

CHINA.—Destruction of Hong Kong.—Hundreds of lives lost.—The San Francisco Herald of March 5th, contains the following: We have the following particulars of the great fire at Hong Kong in the Tri-Pine of March 3: The bark Wm. Watson arrived yesterday, 60 days from Hong Kong, bringing a cargo of a great variety of goods, and in a few days Gen. Paine, nearly all the city is consumed. Hundreds of lives have been lost. Every newspaper office has been destroyed. The bark brings no files, and we are dependent on the officers of the vessel for the few particulars which we submit.

ANOTHER ROMAN INVASION.—The appointment of Pierre Bonaparte, a cousin of the French President to the Consulate at China, with a salary of six thousand dollars, is beginning to occasion speculation on the part of the American press. In connection with this appointment, the Paris correspondence of a morning contemporary mentions that a large number of French soldiers have been sent out to California in disguise, and that the large French fleet in the Pacific, ostensibly destined to watch Japan, is most likely intended to operate against California.

UNPLEASANT INCIDENT.—The Boston Gazette, describes a funny incident which lately took place in that city. It appears that a lady whose notions of propriety would not permit her to visit the theater, had recently visited the "Lily" at the Col. where the lady boarded, and the lady walked softly to the door and peeped through the crack. Judge of her surprise when she saw her own husband seated at the table taking a cozy supper with the object of her abhorrence.

MOVEMENTS OF KOSOVITZ.—A telegraphic dispatch announces the arrival of Gov. Kosovitz at Charleston. The Mobile papers contain long accounts of his reception in that city, which appears to have been of the most enthusiastic character.

ACCIDENT.—A boy aged about 8 years, son of Mr. Francis Whitman, of Hancock, was instantly killed on Monday morning last, by being run over by a freight train. The boy was on the platform, and as the cars started he jumped up on the motion of the cars and fell back and he fell between them; the wheels passed over him crushing his body and causing instant death.

Corpus Christi.

The American mail steamship Arctic, Capt. Loco, arrived at New York on Sunday last, after a passage of ten days and eighteen hours across the Atlantic.

FRANCE. The French Chambers have decreed an annuity of 12,000,000 francs to the President, who is the principal ornament of the French Republic. The subject was considered at the session on the 31st inst. M. Mesnard presided.

PARIS. The Paris State, that Pierre Bonaparte, the cousin of Louis Napoleon has refused to accept the post of Consul at Charleston, with 15,000 francs a year which had been offered to him. Poor as Pierre Bonaparte is, it was not probable that he would accept so mean a salary.

A TALE OF EXTRAORDINARY SUFFERING. W. M. D. DEATH.—The Frederick-burg, Va. News narrates the following extraordinary incidents in the life of a man named Watson, who, some fifteen years ago, left Alexandria, settled in King George county as a merchant, married a high-spirited but subsequently became a widower and a bankrupt.

THE TEA PLANT IN SOUTH CAROLINA.—Doctor Josiah Smith, of Greenville, S. C., is extensively engaged in planting tea, almonds, grapes, etc., on a farm of 300 acres. He announces that he has just received from China a supply of fresh tea for planting, and tea plants. Mr. S. is very sanguine in the success of tea culture in America.

THE CAPITOL AGAIN ON FIRE.—A fire broke out in the Chamber of the U. S. Supreme Court at Washington on Wednesday morning, which destroyed the old building and the interior of the Court, together with other valuable papers. It was fortunately discovered soon enough to extinguish it without much damage.

THE MURDERER EXPIRED.—Last Friday a steamboat landed three hundred and thirty Murren at St. Louis, all of whom are fresh from England and Scotland. It is known that a ship is now on her way from Liverpool with three hundred and sixty-nine more. They will reach the river in time to join the carnival made up of those who have been living in Iowa, and are only a few miles from the promised land at Salt Lake Spring.

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Chicago & Villanova in California.

There is a fixed determination among a class of people in California to introduce slavery into that State, and if they cannot accomplish their end in any other way, they will in another. They propose to divide the State, and allow slavery in the southern portion, but that required too much time, and was too doubtful of success; then they propose to divide the State into two, which declared all laws before they were brought into the state, anterior to the formation of the constitution, should be considered as null and void, and provide ample facilities for introducing slavery into any likely-looking negro, with well-knit limbs might tempt the cupidity of the light-complexioned neighbor.

Section 1. That all contracts made in any Chinese dominions, or in any of the islands of the Pacific ocean, for the performance of labor, shall be obligatory within California.

Section 2. That all contracts for labor shall be limited in duration to three years, commencing from the date of arrival in California, and for the payment of wages as agreed upon, clothing, &c.

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Legislative Barren.

Gangs of these despicable vamps—men who hang about our Legislative halls and sell their services to the highest bidder to procure the passage or defeat of pending measures—will justly be regarded as vermin, and their numbers should be reduced to their natural level. They are tolerated as necessary evils, but are they to be tolerated as vermin?

ARREST OF TWO SUPPOSED MURDERERS.—A morning two young foreigners, supposed to be German or Polish, were arrested on suspicion of having committed the murder of Adam Joseph Seabell, a German, whose mutilated corpse was found in a cypress, under the canal, about a mile from London, N. J., on Sunday last. The accused were the sons of a German, and were seen by the conductor of the line, Mr. Andrew Quinn, in the neighborhood of the murder.

MADAME JERRY LIND GOLDSTEIN'S CONCERT.—To those who share an enthusiasm for Jerry Lind as the greatest vocal artist in America, the concert of her latest concert in America will be a matter of real regret. However charming other persons may be, none can rival her unique appearance, which, as well as her voice, is not the result of cultivation, but a general impression. The concert will be three in number to take place at New York on the 18th, 21st and 24th of May.

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