



THE COMPILER.

"LIBERTY, THE UNION, AND THE CONSTITUTION."

GETTYSBURG, PENN.A.

Monday Morning, Feb. 16, 1857.

Hon. Geo. W. Brazer has our thanks for legislative favors.

No election for State Treasurer took place on Tuesday last—the Senate having refused to concur in the House resolution fixing that day.

Committees have been appointed by the Legislature to apportion the State into Senatorial and Representative districts.

Adams has 5,746 taxables, and Adams and Franklin combined have 14,127.

In the Senate, a bill has been reported to erect a new county, to be called "Monongahela."

On Monday last, Mr. Musselman read in place a bill for the relief of Mickle and Biesecker, of Adams county.

The votes for Auditor General and Surveyor General were counted by the Legislature on Wednesday last, with the following result.

Table with columns for Auditor General, Surveyor General, and their respective majorities and vote counts.

There is just now a swarm of leading Know Nothings and Black Republicans at Harrisburg, maneuvering for a fusion against the Democracy such as they had last fall.

The Electoral Votes for President and Vice President of the United States were counted in a convention of the two Houses of Congress, on Wednesday last, and Buchanan and Breckinridge were of course found to have received a majority over all others.

Corruption Committee.—The committee investigating charges of corruption against Congressmen are preparing to report at an early day.

During Washington's administration three new States were admitted into the Union—two slave and one free.

Sam and Sambo.—In the Legislature of Ohio it is proposed to disfranchise white men born in foreign countries, and enfranchise negroes.

Young Adventurer.—Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, the Arctic Explorer, who has done and endured so much, is not yet quite thirty years of age.

We learn from the Fulton Democrat that W. B. Seylar has disposed of his Foundry and Machine Shop at McCunellsburg to W. C. McNulty.

The investigation of the Bardel murder in New York is being continued, but the deed is still a mystery, and it remains yet to be told who were the principal actors in its perpetration.

The Legislature of Ohio has repealed the prohibitory liquor law, but will be no new enactment, so that that State is virtually without any liquor law.

Other Unanimous.—The official vote of Paso county, Texas, is given as 1922 for Buchanan, for Fillmore none, for Fremont none.

Mr. Buchanan's Cabinet. The Washington Union of Thursday week says:—We have no intention of indulging in any conjectures or speculations as to the probable composition of Mr. Buchanan's cabinet...

Revenue Commissioners. The Revenue Commissioners met in the Supreme Court room at Harrisburg on Wednesday last.

- List of Revenue Commissioners: 1. Alex. Cummings, Philadelphia. 2. Joseph Konigsmacher, Lancaster. 3. Jacob Erdman, Lehigh. 4. John S. Mann, Potter. 5. Robert C. Walker, Allegheny. 6. J. M. Sterritt, Erie. 7. Robert Kelley, Perry. 8. Wilson Todd, Armstrong. 9. Hendrick B. Wright, Luzerne. 10. Isaac Mumma, Dauphin. 11. D. D. Warner, Susquehanna. 12. Wm. D. Doughty, Chester. 13. Wm. T. Dougherty, Bedford. 14. Wm. Henry Benner, York. 15. Edwin C. Wilson, Venango. 16. Henry Reilly, Adams. 17. James Turner, Mifflin. 18. Jackson Woodward, Wayne. 19. S. L. Young, Berks. 20. Alex. C. Millon, Cambria. 21. G. B. Goodlander, Clearfield. 22. John M. Reynolds, Columbia.

Wrong.—We notice that the Committee on Mileage in the House, have agreed unanimously upon a bill fixing the penalty of voluntary absence by a member of Congress at \$25 a day.

According to a correspondent of the New York Herald, the following projects are now pending before Congress: Pacific R. R. (120,000,000 acres), \$150,000,000; other State and Territorial railroads, \$20,000,000; return of iron duties, \$1,000,000; Chaffee, Hayward & Woodward, patent extension, \$500,000; Hudson's Bay and Puget's Sound Companies' possessory rights, \$1,000,000; private land claims in California, \$3,000,000; bounties to speculators in claims of Revolutionary officers and soldiers, \$2,500,000; French spoliation claims, \$5,000,000; interest on the same, \$15,000,000; miscellaneous, \$10,000,000.—Total, \$211,000,000.

Her Jewels.—It is stated that when John Bigler, late Governor of California and brother of Senator Bigler of this State, was a member of the California Legislature, his wife washed the clothes of some of the members for so much a dozen: Her industry and frugality, and her husband's talents and honesty, in due time brought them wealth and distinction.

The Union says: "There is one thing not to be forgotten—if under the operation of the laws, Kansas is a free State, it will demonstrate the folly and wickedness of the sectional agitation which has endangered the peace of the country ever since the passage of the Kansas law."

The seat of John Ramsey, Democrat, of Philadelphia, in the House at Harrisburg, was contested by Geo. R. Surran, Know Nothing. The dark lantern journals talked about frauds on the part of Ramsey and his friends.

A mother and four daughters, all of whom reside in Northampton, Massachusetts, have, collectively, approached the altar of Hymen seventeen times. The mother has had four husbands, one of her daughters four, and the others three each.

Gov. Marcy will take up his residence in Washington.

Singular Suicide. A lamentable affair occurred near Emigville, in York county, a short time ago. It seems (says the York Pennsylvanian) that a young man had been paying his addresses to a lady whom he desired to marry, but could not gain the consent of his mother.

Run on the Montgomery County Bank. NORRISTOWN, Feb. 10, 9 A. M.—Considerable excitement exists here on account of a run on the "Montgomery County Bank."

Serious Charge.—LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 12.—B. C. Bachman, late president of the Lancaster Bank, was arrested this afternoon on the charge of an embezzlement of the funds of the bank, and held to bail in the sum of \$12,000.

Fatal Explosion.—Seven Lives Lost.—BYFALD, Feb. 11.—The boiler by which the pumps were driven on a section of the canal enlargement, near the Black Rock dam, exploded this afternoon, demolishing the building, and killing John Slaughter, the engineer; John Rider, the fireman, and five laborers at work on the canal near by.

The Approaching Inauguration. In another part of the paper this morning will be found the programme of Col. Selden, the marshal-in-chief, in relation to the civic and military procession, which is to precede the inauguration of the President elect of the United States on the 4th of March next.

It will also be seen that the inauguration ceremonies will be followed, as usual, in the evening, by a grand ball; and from the note of preparation we may safely add that it promises to exceed, in the essential elements of numbers, brilliancy, and possibly expense, anything in the shape of a political-festive gathering that has ever taken place in this country.

From the York Gazette. The Traitor's Reward. DILLSBURG, York county, } February 4, 1857. } MESSRS. EDITORS:—On last Saturday evening, the TRAITOR Mearns passed through this borough on his way home, being the first time he has done so since he consummated that villainous, treacherous and disgraceful act of betraying the Democratic party, by selling himself to the Black Republicans and voting for the apostate Simon Cameron.

They are designing to build a new hotel at St. Paul, Minnesota, which will cost \$150,000. Within 24 hours after the subject was broached \$30,000 were pledged as a bonus to the builders.

The Illinois Central Railroad Company has appointed a clergyman as superintendent of "truck literature," to suppress all magazines, newspapers, and books having an immoral tendency.

The remains of the Hon. Preston S. Brooks, of South Carolina, reached Richmond, Va., on Tuesday evening, in charge of a committee of gentlemen from Mr. Brooks' congressional district.

Novel Charitable Project.—A concert has been originated in Cincinnati for the relief of the poor, to which the price of admission is one ready-made garment, either new or second-hand.

PEN AND SCISSORS.

Those Clarke, of Mason county, Ky., emancipated by his will thirty slaves. Scarle fever is still very fatal in Boston. There were 30 deaths from it last week.

Mr. de Steeckl, the Russian chargé d'affaires, at Washington, has been raised to the rank of full minister. Two hundred persons are said to have been frozen to death in the United States during the present winter.

There are in the State, according to the official returns, 787 deaf and dumb, and 700 blind persons. One slave is returned from Lancaster county.

The committee on the Militia System in the Legislature have authorized the call of a Military Convention, to assemble in Harrisburg on the 26th inst.

There is every reason to believe that Spain will immediately proceed to invade Mexico, in consequence of the inhuman treatment of Spaniards there.

Counterfeit \$50 bills on the Bank of Georgia, and \$10 bills on the Bank of Georgia, S. C., are in circulation. A counterfeit \$20 note on the Bank of Kentucky has made its appearance.

The following is the average value of the worn Spanish coin at the United States mint in Philadelphia: Quarters, 23 1/2 cents; eighths or levis, 10 9/10 cents; sixteenths or fips, 6 1/2 cents.

Catwaba brandy, made at Cincinnati, Ohio, has recently been purchased, it is said, at \$5 per gallon for exportation to France, for the purpose of flavoring foreign liquors.

It is stated that a Russian agent is on a visit to this country to examine our most approved sub-marine diving apparatus, with a view to its employment in re-building Sebastopol and raising the hulks sunk in the harbor.

A new tunneling machine has been put in operation on the east side of the Hoosic tunnel. It weighs 40 tons, and its builder predicts that it will work through at the rate of 50 feet per day.

The Louisville Journal states that it is estimated that upwards of 1,000 young hogs have perished from cold in the northern part of Kentucky during the present winter—a loss that will seriously affect the hog crop of 1857, particularly if the same unfortunate result has occurred in other sections.

Later advices from China state that the Chinese authorities continuing obstinate, the British had taken and destroyed the "French Polly Fort," and were bombarding Canton.

Mr. Buchanan.—The Wrightsville Star states that the President elect "footed" that part of his journey from that town to Lancaster on his return from Washington on Tuesday week.

A letter from Sebastopol states that the city is gradually becoming re-peopled. It now contains about 7,000 inhabitants; Kamiesch 2,000.

It is stated that Col. John Preston, of Louisiana, has lately made \$360,000 from one year's crop of Molasses at 60 cents per gallon.

The old York County Prison was sold on the evening of the 31st ult., to Mr. Christian S. Gerber, of Dover township, for the sum of \$3,500.

Letters received from Kansas say that the joint committee of both Houses of the Territorial Legislature have reported in favor of taking a census, preparatory to a Convention for a State Constitution.

It is stated by the Niagara Falls Gazette, that an unusual number of persons are making preparations to be present at the inauguration of Mr. Buchanan.

More of the Freshets.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—The freshest consequent upon the recent thaw has done immense damage in this vicinity to railroads, bridges, telegraph wires, mills, &c.

The Rock Island Railroad bridge and the Morris bridge are gone. Also the Michigan Central Railroad bridge at Ypsilanti and the bridge at Niles, together with several over the St. Joseph's and Kalamazoo rivers.

Both branches of the Chicago river rose several feet on Saturday. The southern portion of this city are submerged, but the river is now falling.

ROCHESTER, Feb. 10.—A serious freshet has occurred on the Genesee river, in which several bridges and buildings were carried over the falls. Only one bridge is now remaining in the centre of the city, and pedestrians are using the canal aqueduct.

ST. JOHN'S, Feb. 10, P. M.—The water receded considerably last night, but it is still high. No mail has been received by the Hudson River Railroad. It is reported that two families on the island opposite the city have perished.

St. John's church, in this city, is badly damaged, the pews having been ripped up by the water and otherwise injured.

There is much suffering from a want of drinking water. All the pipes in that part of the city are either frozen or submerged. Large quantities of grain stored in the second stories of warehouses were flooded.

The relief committee are actively engaged in striving to alleviate the wants of the destitute, and soup houses have been opened near the flooded districts.

HAVER-DE-GRACE, Md., Feb. 10.—The Susquehanna river at this point presents this morning a majestic but destructive spectacle. A large portion of the Port Deposit bridge passed down this morning, showing that above this place great damage has been done.

THE COINAGE BILL. There seems to have been an unnecessary panic amongst the people in regard to the effect of the new coinage bill before Congress, and speculators will find a pause in their progress if the House should concur, as doubtless it will, in the amendment adopted by the Senate on Thursday.

A New Excitement in Prospect. BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—An eminent New York physician has, according to the Buffalo Republic, written an elaborate work in favor of the practice of burning the dead, which is to be published after his own death.

Should anything occur to prevent the due execution of the will, the bulk of his property is to be at once transferred to a charitable institution in Philadelphia.

Fail of a House in St. Louis. Three Persons Killed and Several Wounded.—The St. Louis Republican of Saturday last has the following account of a distressing accident in that city:

Most of our citizens are acquainted with a block of two story houses on Chestnut street, just below Fourth, in one of which was formerly the noted barber shop and baths of the Clamorgans.

In the various establishments in the first story were the proprietors, their employees, and in some instances, their customers.

Edwin Cassidy was in the barber-shop getting shaved at the time of the accident, and was the first person extricated.

A young lady who was urged to study French, replied, that she thought one tongue sufficient for any woman.

Mr. Buchanan and Senator Bigler.

Some of the opposition papers are laboring hard to create an impression on the public mind that the President elect and Senator Bigler are not on the most friendly terms, and that, therefore, the former was anxious for Cal. Forney's election, so that he might have an reliable friend from Pennsylvania in the Senate.

Now, we do not like to spoil the calculations of our political opponents, especially as, with them, in this case, the "wish is father to the thought," but yet, we consider it our duty to say that there is not a word of truth in the entire allegation of the Telegraph and other Black Republican journals.

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THE SNAKE CHARMER.—They have a man in California who is a marvel among snakes. The Alta California says:

It is well worth while for our readers to look in and judge for themselves of his omnipotent power over the fiercest and most venomous of reptiles.

While Rev. E. H. Havens, a Methodist minister, of Steuben, N. Y., was making a balsam in which turpentine was used, an explosion took place, scattering the burning fluid over himself, his wife and three children, and firing the room.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., at Onowago Church, by the Rev. Thomas Lilly, Mr. JOHN L. JENKINS to Miss JANE E., eldest daughter of Henry Reilly, Esq., all of Mount Pleasant.

On the 5th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Van Wye, Mr. JOHN IRVIN, of Cumberland township, to Miss SARAH, daughter of Capt. Victor McHenry, of Franklin township.

On the 6th inst., in this borough, by Geo. Arnold, Esq., Mr. AMOS COLLISON to Miss REBECCA SNEYDER—both of Franklin township.

On the 29th ult., by the Rev. G. Roth, Mr. JEREMIAH ROTH to Miss ELIZA ANN DEARDORFF—both of Butler township.

On the 12th inst., by the Rev. Jacob Giegler, JOHN MICKLEY, Esq., of Hamilton township, to Miss HARRIET HEINTZELMAN, of Cumberland township.

Very suddenly, of apoplexy, at Papertown, on Friday week, Mr. JONATHAN MITCHELL, of Huntington township, aged about 60 years.

On the 2d inst., Mr. HENRY STAM-BACH, of Huntington township, aged 43 years and 24 days.

On Thursday week, in Oxford township, Mr. ELLAS O. LYNCH, (son of John Lynch, Esq.) aged 24 years 11 months and 25 days.

On the 22d ult., Mr. GEORGE BOLTON, of Meadon township, aged 63 years.

On the 4th inst., at his residence near Grindstone Hill, Franklin county, Mr. JOHN ESSICK, (formerly of this county,) aged 77 years 7 months and 26 days.

- List of Letters at Gettysburg, Feb. 14, 1857. Baker Miss Eliza, McIlheny Miss Mary E., Bailey Mrs. Nancy B., Metz Jacob, Bailey Mrs. Nancy, Miller Col. John or Barber John, Capt. James White, Boner Mrs. Mary, Moritz Charles F., Bruin Mrs. Hannah, Musser George, Brown Mrs. Sarah, Norris Susan C., Butler Daniel, Phillips Rev. Samuel, Dierl Daniel, Reiling Valentine 2, Eukins Miss Mary, Rinecker Cornelius, Forney Hannah E., Riser Mrs. Margaret, Frow Archibald, Russell Nathaniel, Goldsmith M., Sell Henry, Green Wm., Sell Miss Eliza, Herman Marg. Ann, Sneak John, Hauer Margaret Ann, Scott Mrs. Jane, Hossler Henry II., Scott Abraham V., Irvin Joseph, Snyder James, Johnson J. R. M., Straley Abraham, Kepner Joseph, Stratton Joseph B., Kerrigan Andrew, King William, King William, Kloepper Adolph, Labman John D., of C. 2, Little Peter, Little Samuel W., Long Henry, Lower Henry, Wm. GUILLESPIE, P. M. Persons calling for Letters in the above List will please say they were advertised.