

THE DEMOCRAT. The Largest Circulation in Northern Pennsylvania. S. B. & E. B. CHASE, Editors. MONTROSE, PA. Thursday, February 13, 1851.

Our advertising friends should bear in mind, that advertisements must be handed in as soon as Tuesday morning to insure insertion in the paper of that week.

No news from the steamer Atlantic yet. Darkness rests upon her fate.

On Friday evening, of last week, one of the most revolting murders was perpetrated at Oswego that we have ever been called on to record. The following are the circumstances as we have learned them from the evidence before the Coroner:

It appears that a difficulty existed between Mr. Garrison and his wife, so that she left her home and went to the house of her brother John M. Thurston. She took with her their only child. Thurston went in the afternoon, to see Garrison, and invited him to his house, in the evening, to talk the matter over with his wife. He called accordingly, and Thurston, after handing him a chair, passed out to the woodhouse. Garrison took his child on his lap, and was playing with it, when Thurston, approaching him from behind, struck him on the head with the edge of an axe, burying it in his brain. He then repeated the blow, which took effect on the side of his face, severing the lower jaw. Garrison died instantly, still holding the child.

The alarm was given and the neighbors rushed in. Thurston was standing with a candle gazing at his murdered brother-in-law. To the inquiry, "who did this," he replied very coolly, "I suppose I did," adding that he could not help it; "that it was an old matter which was now settled," and they had better send for the Sheriff for he was ready to give himself up. He does not evince the least contrition for the deed; says "he served Garrison right and is not sorry for it." He is a young man and very respectably connected. Some two or three months since Thurston came to this place, in company with a young lady from Oswego, and was married by Eld. First. We are in common with several others here, were present at his wedding, and saw nothing in his appearance that would lead any one to suppose that he could commit such a crime. He is said, however, to be a person of most ungovernable passions.

The Legislature of New York has "stagnated" to elect a U. S. Senator. The "Silver Greys," or Tribune Whigs, utterly refuse to unite with the "Sore Heads," or Sevier men, in support of Gov. Fish, the nominee. It is very certain that there will be no election this winter, and it is conceded that the next Legislature will be largely democratic, which will give the Senator without doubt.

U. S. Senator is Omo.—The Convention of the two branches of the Legislature, at Co. Columbus, have adjourned sine die, without making a choice of Senator. It is probable that no election will be had until the next session.

ROBERT RAYMOND, (dem.) has been elected U. S. Senator from Massachusetts for the short term. We intended to mention it last week.

Hon. Geo. R. McMillan, of Blair county, has recently become connected with the "Key-stone" published at Harrisburg. Judge McMillan is associated with Mr. Barrett, and takes the place of the lamented Jesse Miller. He is a self-made man, a sound, honest democrat, a ready and able writer, and will add strength and reliability to the paper.

Gen. Samuel Houston.—The editor of the West Chester Republican, urges upon the Democratic party the necessity of nominating Gen. Samuel Houston of Texas for the next Presidency. The following inquiries are found in that paper of the 4th inst.—"Now, why should the Democracy of the Union be excited or distracted about a Presidential candidate? Why endeavor to force the party into the support of Cass or Buchanan, (both good men, but neither of them a favorite with the whole party), when there is a man like Houston, whose nomination would be heartily endorsed by the masses, and secure to the Democracy a triumph second only to that which they achieved under the patriotic Jackson in the ever-memorable campaign of 1828?"

REVENUE OF PROPERTY.—A Case was recently brought before the Supreme Court of this State, on a Writ of Error to Delaware county, in which it was decided that in a public sale, where a person is engaged by the owner to "run up" the property as it is commonly termed, and that none but the purchaser pay more than if found by bona fide bidders bid for it, the sale is fraudulent and void, so far that the purchaser is not obliged to receive the property, and that of him, unless it is announced at the time of sale, that there is a person bidding for the owner. As this is practiced in this region to some extent the decision of the Supreme Court may be of importance.

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SEN. CO. BANK COMMITTEE.—We learn by the New York Herald of yesterday, that the Committee, appointed to investigate the affairs of the Bank of Susquehanna county, made a report to the Legislature last Monday, which was ordered to be printed. We hope to see it this week.

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OUR BOOK TABLE. Little's Living Age, No. 351.—Contents: Lady Sale and Lady Harrieh Aaland; Simoes and Sufferers; History of the English Language; Matrices Theory, chap. 21; The Head, Phenologically considered; Public Numerics in England; Dryden's quarrel with Flecknoe; Poetry and short Articles. Published weekly by E. Littell & Co. Boston, at 36 per annum.

The International Magazine.—Contents: Thomas Chatterton, Authors and Books, The Fine Arts, Sketches of Miss Bronte and her Sisters, Old Times in New York, Russia in the Kitchen, The First Peace Society, Egypt under the Pharaohs, Camille Desmoulins, The Battle of the Clouds in England, Killing of Sir Alexander Rossell, The Late Dr. Troost, of Tennessee, Madame Paefer, Original Poetry, Scandalous French Dances in American Parlors, Theatrical Criticism in the Last Age, The French Critics of To-day, William Penn and Mather, A Story without a Name, Chas. Mickay's last Poems, The Count Monte-Leone, or the Spy in Society, Public Libraries, The Journals of Louis Philippe, The Banjara, The Mystic Vial, Berry Cornwall's Last Song, Anna Judd, The Ghetto of Rome, Henry C. Carey, My Novel, Dante, An Editorial Visit, Biographies, Memoirs, &c., Phenomena of Death, Purloines and Parodies, John Adams Upon Riches, Recent Deaths, Scientific Miscellany, Doll's Fashions for February. Published by Stringer & Townsend 222 Broadway, at \$3 per year.

We have received the January number of the American Railway Guide, in form convenient for the pocket, and containing everything in the way of information for travelers. Published monthly at the office of the N. Y. Pathfinder.

The Pittsburgh Saturday Visitor, by Jane G. and William Swishhelm, commences its fourth volume with a new dress, which much improves its appearance. The ability of its conductors is widely known; and a rare amount of the profitable and entertaining makes its weekly visit to our sanctum.

Boston Office Branch.—The 16th volume commences Jan. 1, 1851. The Olive Branch is devoted to Christianity, Mutual Rights, Political Literature, General Intelligence, Agriculture and the Arts, is issued weekly, on a large imperial sheet, at two dollars a year, in advance, to single subscribers. To companies of five or less, \$1.50, to companies of ten, and under twenty, \$1.35; to companies of twenty or more, \$1.25; in all such cases the money must be paid strictly in advance. Single subscribers, if they do not pay before the expiration of six months, will be charged \$3.25; at the expiration of the year, \$2.50, and club subscribers \$2.00 if the money is not forwarded anew at the end of the year.

Thos. F. Norris, Proprietor, Office, 5 Washington Street, Boston.

Goody's Lady's Book for March, has been on our Table for some two weeks. This number in beauty and interest, is not surpassed by anything that has preceded it. It contains four magnificent engravings, which in design and execution give high character to the book. Address L. A. Goody, Philadelphia.—Terms \$3, 10 copies \$20.

Graven's Magazine for March, is a surprise number—is at hand. This will undoubtedly be a pleasant "surprise" to the readers of Graven. The engravings, for this time, are laid aside, and their cost expended for substantial original reading, making one hundred and forty-four pages in one number. Graven stands A. No. 1, and evidently does not mean to lose his foothold.

The Scalpel, a Journal of Health, adapted to Popular and Professional reading, and the exposure of Quackery. Edited by E. H. Dixon, M. D. New York, published quarterly at \$1 per year.

The February number of this popular work, comes replete with its usual variety. Mr. Dixon writes a fearless and spicy pen; and his work has a large circulation, especially among the Profession.

Hugo, a Legend of Rockland Lake, found among the papers of the late Ernest Helfenstein. Edited by E. Oakes Smith—second edition.—New York. John S. Taylor, 143 Nassau St.

This is another of the series of works now being published by Mr. Taylor. We have not perused this, and hence cannot discuss its merits or demerits. Judging however from the general character of the publications of this establishment, we should not hesitate to recommend it.

Peterson's Ladies National Magazine, tho' much below its contemporaries in time is not in matter and appearance. Its embellishments are "High Life," "Low Life," and "Les Modes Parisiennes," and its contributors from the pen of our writers.

The Democratic Review for February, opens with a very rich portrait of Hon. Thomas B. Florence, from the first Congressional District of this State. Its table of contents is as follows: Free Trade; John Randolph; The Valley of Pompey; Vergil; and the fine old Yankee statesman at home; or secrets worth knowing found out; Edgar Allan Poe; Political portraits with pen and pencil; Epigrams; Financial and Commercial Review; Notes of New Books; Ourselves.

Holden's Magazine for February, is embellished with a wood cut of the Crystal Palace of Concord, now in process of erection in Hyde Park, London, to contain the "contributions of all nations for the great exhibition of 1851." Many of our readers will recollect that we gave a description of this magnificent building some weeks since, which to all who take an interest in Architecture must have been entertaining. Holden's visits are very acceptable, and we read no magazine that affords us more profit or pleasure.

Last of additional works received at this office during the past two weeks: The Student for February.—Fowles & Wells, N. Y.

Merry's Museum, for February.—S. T. Allen & Co., N. Y. Daguerre's Journal, vols. 4 and 5.—D. Humphrey, N. Y. Photographic Journal. American Flora for January.—Green & Spencer, N. Y. Natural History. Genesee Farmer, for January, Rochester, N. Y.

Van Court's Counterfeit Detector, J. Van Court, Phila. Bicknell's Counterfeit Detector, M. T. Miller, Phila.

Little's Living Age No. 352. E. Littell & Co., Boston. Phenological Journal, February.—Fowles & Wells, N. Y. Water Cure Journal, Fowles & Wells.

SIFTINGS.

It has been discovered that the paying Teller of the Bank of Louisiana is a defaulter to the amount of \$93,000. He is missing, and is supposed to have committed suicide. The Bank offers a reward of \$500 for his apprehension.

Solomon D. Jacobs of Tennessee has been appointed First Assistant Postmaster General, vice Hobbes resigned.

Robert M. Bard, Esq., of Chambersburg, Pa., a distinguished and successful lawyer, died suddenly on Friday morning last.

Gen. Houston, has accepted the invitation tendered him by the Democratic members of the Senate and House, and will visit Harrisburg on the 22d of February.

To injure a man's sight, says the Albany Dutchman, there is nothing worse than sudden wealth. Let a wood-sawyer draw a ten thousand dollar price, and in less than a month he will not be able to recognize even the man that is used to go security for him.

The citizens of Milwaukee have subscribed over \$7000 to secure a concert from Jenny Lind. Their northern neighbor, Sheboygan, puts in its claim, and is waking up to a determination to have the Nightingale among them, if they have to mortgage the town property, or give a draft on the town pump.

The two NARROWES.—Fonblunke, in the Examiner, says: "There is a little difference between the mole and the nephew—one gains the hearts of the army by his Campaign, and the other by his Campaigns; for Napoleon's battles, Louis sustains battles."

In China, a man condemned to death may procure a substitute, which can easily be done for money.

Suicide at Elmira.—A man by the name of Power, who had a family in Ohio, and was troubled with delirium tremens, blew out his brains with a pistol on Saturday last.

The Total population of the United States is estimated at 23,130,000—an increase, exclusive of Indiana, of 6,067,000, or about 25 per cent. in the last ten years.

An elk, weighing 600 pounds, and with antlers that measured over four feet, was killed in Potter county, Pa.

The San Francisco papers advertise a bill—admission 25; gentlemen accompanied by ladies free!

Silence is politeness, and to listen respectfully, the most definite kind of flattery.—The reason of this is, that we take a pleasure in talking and being heard.

Bank of Chenango.—This is the name of a new Banking Institution, recently organized at Elmira, with a capital of \$100,000.—Climo on Benjamin, President; Treas. Beadle, Cashier; and N. H. Robinson, Teller.

Queen Victoria.—Mrs. C. M. Kirkland writes from England, for Sartain's Magazine, concerning the Queen; that she is well understood to be a person of limited intellect, not wholly sane at present, and liable to complete aberration as she grows older.

The celebrated Judge Paine, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was induced by a friend to go to an assembly, to see a noted beauty who was to grace the meeting with her presence. When he arrived there, on being asked how he liked her appearance, "Fudge," exclaimed the cynic, "do you call her handsome? she has no more expression than a bowl of milk!"

Pittsburgh, Feb. 5, P. M.—Mr. Gough, the celebrated Temperance Lecturer, spoke last night in the Presbyterian Church. A very large audience was present. In the course of the evening one of the seats gave way; and caused much consternation. The alarm spread that the church was falling. Men, women and children tumbled over each other pell mell in their anxiety to get out. Fortunately none were seriously hurt.

North Branch Extension.—The effect of the rapid advancement of this important link of our State improvements, has been to materially enhance the price of lands along its entire route. We are informed that an acre and a half, situated near the mouth of the Lackawanna, in Pittston township, Luzerne county, at the southern commencement of the work, recently sold for \$3000; and that other lands have also been disposed of at proportionate rates, particularly coal lands.

LEAD TRADE OF CALAVERA.—The exports of lead from Calaveras for the year 1850 were 39,781,000 lbs., valued at \$1,670,802.

The London Times, in speaking of the American census, says, "that from what has already appeared, the returns will exhibit an instance of material and industrial development unparalleled in the annals of nations," and concludes an article on the subject, by the direct assertion, that ten years hence, the population of America will exceed that of the British Isles."

It is estimated that each individual averages three hours conversation daily; at a rate of a hundred words a minute, or twenty pages of an octavo volume an hour. At this rate we talk a volume of four hundred octavo pages in a week, and fifty-two volumes a year.

DEATH OF J. J. APOLO.—This eminent Naturalist died at Minneapolis, (New York), on Monday the 27th, at the age of 76.

Horace Greeley, of the New York Tribune, contemplates a visit to the world's fair, if he can, he will be the greatest curiosity of that fair.

THE FIRST PRINTED BOOK.—It is a remarkable and most interesting fact that the very first use to which the discovery of Printing was applied was the production of the Holy Bible. This was accomplished at Mentz between the years 1450 and 1455. Of the first printed Bible, eighteen copies are now known to be in existence, four of which are printed on vellum. Two of these are in England, one being in the Grenville collection. One is in the Royal Library at Paris. Of the fourteen remaining copies, ten are in England—three being copies in the libraries of Oxford, Edinburgh and London, and seven in the collection of different bibliomaniacs. The vellum copy has been sold as high as \$1,800.

Omo.—The population of Ohio, as ascertained by the census of 1850, is 1,988,140—being an increase of 464,670 since 1840, or 30 1-2 per cent.

More trouble coming, said Mrs. Partington, laying down the paper, "there's the State of Affairs; I suppose I'll soon be applying for admission into the Union; and the old lady resumed her darning with a look of patriotic anxiety."

A young dand-head the other day asked the door-keeper of the "Panorama of Bunyan's Pilgrims Progress," if Mr. Bunyan was in.—The door-keeper refused to let him pass, as he couldn't find his name on the free list.

ANTHRACITE GLASS.—Mr. E. V. White of this village has succeeded in constructing a furnace by which window glass is manufactured with no other fuel than anthracite coal. The result is so completely satisfactory that Mr. J. M. Brookfield, the proprietor of the Glass Works here, has dismissed all his wood-choppers, intending as soon as the fires are extinguished for the coming season to re-build his furnaces upon Mr. White's plan. Coal has never heretofore been used in any part of the world in the manufacture of glass.—Homesdale Democrat.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE CAPITOL.—The plan adopted by the committee of the House of Representatives for the extension of the Capitol at Washington, is that of Thomas U. Walter, Esq., of this city, the architect of the Girard College.

MINNESOTA.—The Council and House of Representatives of this Territory met at St. Paul, Jan. 1st, for organization, but several days were occupied in arriving at this result, so close was the contest between the candidates for clerkships, &c. Michael E. Ames was elected Speaker of the House, and B. W. Lott chief clerk. In the Council, D. B. Lowiss was chosen President. At our latest admiss from the capital, (Jan. 7), they were ready to proceed to business. We have not received Gov. Ramsey's message.

Pigeons.—Ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of pigeons are seen swarming their way from the South until they reach at the lake shore, when they would suddenly perform a somersault, and turn back in the direction they came. The mild weather of the last few days has no doubt decided them and when they get in sight of the snows of Canada they turn back. It is said that millions are found dead on the snows of the province.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

Hon. Truman Smith has perpetrated a pretty bon mot. Some one by way of quizzing him, asked him how many slaves were owned by his wife, (a southern lady). She has but one slave, was the gallant reply of the Senator.

In the Methodist church at Pottsville, a ragged looking man recently threw a five cent piece in the contribution box, wrapped in white paper. Upon opening the paper, it was found to contain the following: "This is the last of four thousand dollars left me by my father—Run and use it."

A distressing case of fratricide occurred last week in Haywood county. Two brothers by the name of Webb, one about 22, the other 16 years of age, quarrelled about a slave. The elder brother knocked the younger down, and as the latter arose, he drew a knife and stabbed the former back of the shoulder blade, and killed him. "He was arrested and put on trial."—West Tenn. Whig.

George W. Kendall, editor and historian, has arrived at New Orleans, after a long absence in Europe. His forthcoming history of the Mexican war is a superb affair, from accounts.

Galveston papers to the 23d ult. are received. Beyond an account of an effort by some of McCulloch's Rangers and a party of Indians, in which two Indians were killed and Lieut. King, of the Rangers, was wounded by an arrow, there is no news of consequence.

The Artesian well, at Charleston, S. C., has now reached the depth of one thousand feet, and they are now putting down the tubes to secure further operations. With the exception of occasional boulders, the whole depth of the well has been cut through a bed of marl. The last borings discovered an increase of sand, and water had risen above the surface.

The authority of San Francisco passed a law that all the bar-rooms should be closed at 12 o'clock at midnight. The keepers complied, shut at twelve, and opened five minutes afterwards for the next day.

In New York, last year there were 288 fires. Whole damage, \$1,500,000.

OVER INTEREST IMPROVEMENTS.—The Canal Commissioners, in their annual report, state the receipts from the public improvements, during the year ending the 30th of November last, at \$1,768,204; and the expenditures \$857,228—leaving \$910,976 as net income.

They estimate the gross receipts of the current year at \$1,800,000, which we think a very moderate estimate. The entire report is full of interest to the lover of statistics.

EDITOR FROZEN TO DEATH.—Clinton Hubbard, editor of the Kane County (Ill.) Democrat, was found frozen to death near St. Charles, some distance from Chicago, on the 22d ult. He had been to Chicago, and not getting up to the cars at the St. Charles junction, probably undertook to walk over the prairie, and perished in the cold. He was an exemplary young man of 25 years.

CONAN EXAMINED.—In the United States Senate, on Tuesday, Mr. Baldwin, of Arkansas,

presented a petition in favor of the acquisition of Cuba by the United States. The petition was signed by Judge Sharswood, of the District Court of Philadelphia, has decided in favor of the Commonwealth, against the U. S. Bank, for \$1,203,750; being twelve years bonus of one hundred thousand dollars a year, to pay into the School Fund of the State. Should the Supreme Court affirm this decision, the State will endeavor to make her claim take precedence of the assignments made to the other creditors.

For this result the Commonwealth is mainly indebted to the untiring energy and perseverance of the Auditor General and State Treasurer, Messrs. Purvis and Bickel.

STEAMBOAT DISASTERS ON THE WESTERN WATERS.—The annual statement of the Marine Disasters on the waters of the South and West, shows that during the year of 1850, there were 53 vessels totally lost, of which 33 were sunk, 14 burned, and 6 destroyed by explosion. The number of accidents were 117. The number of persons killed was nearly 700, and probably half that number were wounded. The amount of capital destroyed from these accidents exceeds one and a-half millions of dollars. The chief disasters befel the steamers Griffith, Antoinette Douglas, Belle of the West, Anthony Wayne, Knoxville, and the Angel-Norman. The number of lives lost by these six disasters was nearly four hundred and fifty.

A FUGITIVE SLAVE ARRESTED AND TAKEN BACK.—A slave named David Grayson, about 21 years of age, was arrested in this place, on Wednesday evening last, by Deputy Marshal, John Sanders, of Harrisburg, at the instance of Thomas Briggs of Clarke county, Va.—Grayson owned at once, and seemed very glad to see, "Mama" again. He had been working at the Montour Iron works for some time. The prospect of being carried back to "Old Virginia" appeared to brighten his sallow countenance. The affair went off quietly, and without the least excitement.—Danville Dem.

SYRACUSE AND RINGHAMTON RAILROAD.—The Syracuse Star states that \$110,000 have been subscribed to this railroad in that city, leaving \$99,000 to be raised to fulfil the amount pledged by Syracuse. Cortland county is pledged for \$100,000, and \$50,000 is expected from Oswego. With \$350,000, it is thought there will be no difficulty in obtaining the remainder of the capital from abroad. The Oswego Times thinks that the line of communication from Lake Ontario to the Southern railroad, should be eastward of Syracuse, and should cross the Central railroad in the neighborhood of Kirkville.—Deposit Courier.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE, Feb. 1.—After executive session, the death of Mr. Kaufman was announced, by Mr. Rusk, who spoke in an eloquent and feeling manner of his merits.

The usual resolutions were then adopted and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—Mr. Howard, of Texas, announced the death of his colleague, Mr. Kaufman, which took place suddenly at his residence yesterday eve.

When the deceased left the House at three o'clock, he appeared to be in perfect health. Mr. Kaufman was a native of Campbell county, Pa. Messrs. Morse, McLanahan and McClernand, spoke in the highest terms of the merits of the deceased.

The customary resolutions were passed, as also one to attend the funeral on Monday, and the House adjourned.

SENATE, Feb. 3.—The Senate met, and on petition, immediately adjourned to attend the funeral of the late Hon. David Kaufman.

HOUSE.—Mr. Kaufman's funeral took place from the hall of the House.

Rev. Mr. Butler, Chaplain of the House, read the funeral service, after which Mr. Gurley delivered a brief and eloquent sermon.

The corpse laid in the hall. There were present, President Fillmore, members of the Cabinet, Senate, Judges of the Supreme Court, Gen. Scott, and others. The body after the conclusion of the ceremonies was removed.

HOUSE, Feb. 4.—After the usual opening, business, the House went immediately into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, and resumed the consideration of the bill to establish branch mints at New York and San Francisco.

SENATE.—The report of the director of the Mint was received and read. Also the report of the Secretary of State with the correspondence relating to the position and right of the Hudson Bay Company.

Mr. Atchison presented a petition for the value of the slave hired by the Quartermaster of the United States Army, who it appears has escaped.

Mr. Hale moved to lay the petition on the table. Lost.

After some debate the petition was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Hale presented a petition for the repeal of the Fugitive Slave Law. Laid on the table.

Mr. Baldwin, of Arkansas, presented a petition in favor of the acquisition of Cuba by the United States.

HOUSE, Feb. 5.—The pending question was on seconding the demand for the previous question on the substitute of Mr. Bayley, for the bill establishing a branch mint in California and New York.

The substitute merely makes penal, counterfeiting or embezzling ingots of gold authorized to be issued at the assayer's office, in California, to be received in payment for government dues there and in Oregon, for five years. The previous question was seconded.

The substitute was disagreed to by yeas 93, 103, on ordering the original bill for a mint in New York and San Francisco to a third reading.

Mr. Strong moved to lay the bill on the table, which was decided in the affirmative—yeas, 107; nays, 92.

SENATE.—Mr. Dodge introduced a resolution of the Wisconsin Legislature, repealing the resolutions of the former session enjoining senator Walker for his amendment relative to California two years ago.

The chair presented a petition from the Rev. Mr. Gurley, asking public documents for Liberia. Mr. Spruance submitted a resolution directing the Secretary of War to report upon repairing the harbor at New Castle, Delaware. Adopted.

Mr. Mason moved, and the Committee on Naval Affairs were discharged from the consideration of changing the contract for a dry dock at California.

The bill granting land for a railroad in Missouri, was ordered to be engrossed.

The consideration of the postage bill has been fixed for Monday next.

HOUSE.—After organizing, the House went into Committee on the State of the Union on bills relating to the Territories.

SENATE, Feb. 7.—Petitions relating to various subjects were presented.

HOUSE.—After the usual opening business, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, and took for consideration the bill to establish a Board of Accounts.

LEGISLATIVE.

SENATE, Feb. 1.—The Speaker Matthias laid before the Senate the proceedings of a meeting, held in the County Court House of Philadelphia, in favor of Consolidation. Also, the 11th annual report of the Monongahela Navigation Company.

Petitions Presented.—For the repeal of the law prohibiting the circulation of bank bills of other states of a less denomination than \$5. For and against consolidation. Against the repeal of the kidnapping laws. In favor of a law giving authority to Mr. E. Filing, trustee, to sell certain real estate.

Bills Introduced.—To incorporate the Richmond Gas Company. To extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace. To authorize the erection of three bridges near Reading.

Bills Passed.—To incorporate the Philadelphia Life Insurance Company.

HOUSE.—A resolution was passed instructing the Committee on Ways and Means to consult with the Auditor General and State Treasurer, to devise some means of lessening the expenses of collecting the State, County, Local and School taxes.

A bill was reported authorizing the Governor to subscribe for 300 copies of Peter A. Browne's work on sheep wool.

Also, a bill to extend to the Commonwealth the provisions of the law which limits suits against sureties on official bonds to seven years.

Negative reports were made on the bill relative to the fees of Attorneys and Justices of the Peace, and the bill relative to voluntary assignments for the benefit of creditors.

SENATE, Feb. 3.—In accordance with a resolution of Saturday, E. Matthias, Esq., of Philadelphia, was this morning announced as Clerk in the Senate, and the usual oath of office was administered.

Petitions were presented for a bridge at Pottsville, over the Schuylkill. A remonstrance from citizens of the Sixth Ward, Southwark, against the removal of the place of holding elections in said Ward. Petitions from the county of Philadelphia, that the time of holding elections be changed from the Spring to the Fall. A remonstrance of property holders in North Penn township, against vacating streets in Glenwood Cemetery. Remonstrances of citizens of Germantown, against Consolidation.

The select committee to whom was referred the bill to re-annex Montour county, to Columbia, report back the same, with an amendment.

The supplement to the act to revise the militia system, and to provide for the training of such only as shall be uninformed, was introduced.

The Senate then passed the bill to incorporate the Pittsburgh Life Insurance Company.—Adjourned.

HOUSE.—Petitions were presented for and against consolidation; for the repeal of the laws exempting property from taxation; for the repeal of the kidnapping law; a remonstrance against the incorporation of the Steam Tug and Navigation Company; a petition from the heirs of Mary H. Haydock, for a trustee under her will, to sell certain real estate.

Mr. Reekhow presented a petition from the citizens of Great Bend for the removal of the county seat of Susquehanna county, to New Milford township.

The Select Committee, appointed on the tariff resolutions made a report; Mr. Pennington for himself, and Messrs. Bonham and Brindle together, Messrs. Killinger and Brown also together. Adjourned.

SENATE, Feb. 4.—Mr. Matthias, Speaker, laid before the Senate the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Blockley and West Philadelphia, in favor of the erection of a bridge across the Schuylkill against Market Street.

Mr. Sanderson read in place, a bill to exempt from levy and sale on execution, the homestead of a household having a family.

Bills Passed.—A supplement to the act to continue the District Court of the City and county of Philadelphia; a bill relative to weights and measures in Philadelphia county, to enable L. H. Markland, trustee, to sell certain real estate; to amend the charter of the Independent Fire Insurance Company; to authorize the executors under the will of Joseph A. Leedes to sell certain real estate; to vacate a portion of Schuylkill Second street, and relative to draining the canal.

SENATE, Feb. 5.—Petitions were presented for a Free Banking law, based on State Stocks in favor of Anthracite Bank at Tamaqua; for the construction of a Railroad through Schuylkill Valley, from Pottsville to Norristown.

Committee's Report.—The Corporation Committee reported with amendments, the bill incorporating the Richmond Gas Co.

Bill Introduced.—Incorporating a company to erect a bridge over the Schuylkill river, near Flat Rock.

Bill Passed.—A bill incorporating the Chestnut Hill Iron Ore Company.

Mr. Muhlenberg moved an amendment, extending the features of the tariff of '46, but favoring an increased duty on coal and iron—lost by a strict party vote.

Mr. Sanderson moved an amendment by inserting a new series, taking high grounds against the protective system. Discussed till the hour of adjournment.

HOUSE.—Bills Introduced.—To incorporate the Tacony Ferry Company; to provide for the registration of births, deaths and marriages; to incorporate Maternity Christi of Pennsylvania; supplement to the act enabling aliens to purchase and to hold real estate.

The Tariff.—The discussion of the Tariff was resumed and continued until the adjournment.

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