The Morning Post.

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PITTSBURGH:

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☞ "*No American citizen can ever cease to esteem the Union as the first of all blessings. Disunion! God forbid—Nations yet unborn would rue the rashness of the deed!*"—BUCHANAN.

Democratic State Conventions.

AT READING,

For nominating candidates for GOVERNOR and CANAL COMMISSIONER, on the 4th of June, 1851, as fixed by the Williamsport Convention.

AT HARRISBURG,

For nominating candidates for SUPREME JUDGE, on the 11th of June, 1851, as fixed by the regular action of the State Central Committee.

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Gubernatorial.

The Democracy of Cumberland county, at their regular Delegate Convention, held in Carlisle, on Tuesday, the 7th ult, appointed the Hon. John Stuart, Dr. Ira Day, and Samuel Graham, Esq., Delegates to the Reading Convention, and instructed them unanimously to support the nomination of Col. BIGLER for Governor.

The Democracy of Huntingdon county, at their county meeting, held on the 16th ult, appointed John P. Anderson, Esq., a Delegate to represent them in the Reading Convention, and instructed him to use all fair and honorable means to secure the nomination of Col. BIGLER as the candidate for Governor.

The Democracy of Potter county, at a convention of Delegates held a short time since, concurred in the nomination of Col. Barrett, of Clearfield, for Senatorial Delegate, and appointed Henry White, Esq., the representative Delegate, with instructions for BIGLER.

Philadelphia City and County.

The Philadelphia County Democratic Convention assembled on Monday last, and selected Delegates to the Gubernatorial and Judicial Conventions.

The Hon. JAMES CAMPBELL, says the *Pennsylvanian*, has clearly, distinctly and unmistakeably carried the city and county.

The following Preamble and Resolution were adopted by an overwhelming majority:

Whereas, Public opinion throughout the Commonwealth, with a degree of unanimity heretofore unparalleled, has indicated Col. WILLIAM BIGLER, of Clearfield county, as the next Democratic candidate for Governor, and

Whereas, The high reputation, distinguished services, and signal abilities with which Col. WILLIAM BIGLER has heretofore distinguished the high duties imposed upon him, is the best guarantee for the faithful performance of the executive duties to which he will soon be called—therefore,

Resolved, That there being no diversity of sentiment in the Democratic party in the county of Philadelphia, in relation to the next Governor, the delegates elected by this convention be, and they are hereby instructed to vote for and use all honorable means to secure the nomination of Col. WILLIAM BIGLER, of Clearfield county.

The City Convention met on Monday evening and elected JOHN W. FORNEY and RICHARD R. YOUNG, Senatorial Delegates to the Reading Convention, with unanimous instructions to use all honorable means to secure the nomination of the Hon. WM. BIGLER, as the next Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania.

North Carolina on the Tariff.

The following resolutions have been adopted by large majorities in both branches of the North Carolina legislature—by whigs as well as democrats:

"Whereas the southern States of the Union have, since the formation of the federal government, fostered and nourished the manufacturing and mining interests of the non-slaveholding States, by voting to impose high taxes on importations from foreign countries, which might come in competition with the productions of the labor and industry of the aforesaid non-slaveholding States; and whereas these acts of generosity and self-sacrifice have been unappreciated at the North, and the people of that section show a disposition to make unceasing attacks upon our institutions and property; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the State of North Carolina feels herself under no further obligations, by the votes of her representatives in Congress or otherwise, to protect the 'home industry' of the non-slaveholding States:

"*Resolved*, That if our industry needs protection, it can be better effected by State than by Congressional legislation.

"*Resolved*, That the present tariff is high enough to afford sufficient revenue to carry on an economically administered government, and ought not to be increased.

"*Resolved*, That the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to our members in both houses of Congress, with a request that they lay them before their respective houses, and with the further request that they vote against any change in the present tariff laws which may have the effect to protect or encourage the manufacturing or mining interest of the free States, or which may have the effect to increase the cost to the southern consumers of any of the products of foreign countries.

"After some debate, and many parliamentary movements to defeat action, the resolutions were adopted by decided majorities, as follows: the first, 105 to 2; the second, 62 to 32; the third, 75 to 18; the fourth, 84 to 3."

The Dead Letter Office.

The Washington *Republic* gives quite an interesting detail of the management and arrangements of this bureau of the Post Office Department:

The whole number of dead letters returned to the Department we can only vaguely estimate.—Thus, in one quarter, the bulk of opened letters equalled about 6,000 bushels, crammed; each bushel is supposed to contain 1,000 letters. The number returned in a quarter is therefore about six millions, or twenty-four millions a year!

Unclaimed moneys, less the discount, are handed over to the general Treasury, subject to the demands of the rightful owners; but we believe that for the half year ending June 30th, 1850, the amount of these was not more than about $1,700.

Drafts, deeds, and other papers of value, and also jewelry, mementoes, &c., are preserved in the dead-letter office. These are often recovered by their owners with much delight. In one instance, not a great while since, a gentleman for want of certain documents, believed to have been lost from the mail, found himself in the power of an unscrupulous person in a matter in which property to the amount of ten thousand dollars (all the gentleman was worth), was involved. As a possible means of obtaining the papers, he applied to the dead-letter office, and in about three minutes they were produced! The package had been improperly addressed.

Dead letters are usually unpaid letters. The custom of prepayment has become vastly more general since the reduction of postage to five and ten cents. In the fourth quarter of 1850 the number of dead letters received from Cincinnati, not prepaid, was 8,700; the number prepaid, 1,300. In the third quarter of 1850 the prepaid letters from the Boston Post Office numbered 1,012; of letters not prepaid, 9,401. These instances are taken at random.

CATTLE DESTROYED BY FIRE.—The barn of Mr. Richard Wistar, between Oxford and Frankford, near Philadelphia, was destroyed by fire on the night of the 24th instant, and twenty-one cows, one bull, a calf, and a horse perished in the flames. The cows were chiefly of the Durham breed. The fire is attributed to gangs of rowdy boys, rallying under the names of "Little Britains," and "Rollers."

From Harrisburg.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MORNING POST.]

NUMBER XII.

HARRISBURG, January 29.

This is the day which decides the fate of the applicants for situations under the Canal Board. Their impatience has become almost ungovernable, and I presume the disappointed ones will feel scarcely less relieved than those who are successful. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick," saith the good book—a truism which very many have realized at the State Capital within the last three weeks. However, the agony will soon be over, and then we shall have fewer strangers here, but more cheerful faces; for a more woe-begone looking set of applicants human eye never rested upon. To many of the disappointed ones, their discomfiture will no doubt be a matter of serious loss. They have been here *boring* for several weeks themselves, and not a few brought assistants with them, whose expenses, as a matter of course, were defrayed by the applicants. To such the disappointment will be great, as many of them, no doubt, are illy able to bear the expense they have incurred. Such is the fate of office seeking. Many of the places sought for are really not worth more than a dollar or a dollar and fifty cents per diem; and yet, for these there are more applicants than for those which pay better. It is to me a matter of some little interest to know how men support large families upon so small an income, and realize something handsome beside.—Men actively engaged in what would appear to be a lucrative business, are found willing to forsake it and accept one of these apparently unimportant situations. They spend large sums to secure them, and at the end of their term of office, retire with full pockets. By what singular process do they accomplish this? Certainly not from their stated per diem, for that would scarcely pay the expenses attendant upon the securing of the situation. Perhaps there are some perquisites, which are not taken into account by the "outsiders"—not intended for the public eye. *Perquisites* is the fashionable term—*stealing* the vulgar one. Which is the more appropriate I leave for wiser heads to decide. No appointments are likely to be made to-day.

Yesterday, I. Ellis Bonham, the newly elected representative from Cumberland county, *vice* Mr. Church, deceased, appeared and took his seat. Mr. B., although a young man, has by his talents already won for himself an enviable reputation, which I have no doubt he will fully sustain by his course during the session. Mr. Scouller, his colleague, who has hitherto been prevented from taking his seat by illness, is expected here to-day. "Old Mother Cumberland" will then, for the first time this session, be fully represented.

Felty Best's bantling of last session—Montrose county—stands in imminent danger of being ordered back to its former position, there being a vigorous effort made to have it re-annexed to Columbia county. This would be a righteous measure, as Montrose was created in direct opposition to the known wishes of a majority of the people of Columbia county. It was a scheme of the traitor Best, to promote his individual interests, and for which he was willing and did sacrifice his political—to say nothing of his moral—reputation, forever. It would be a signal and merited rebuke to Valentine Best; and the effect upon men who feel willing to sacrifice themselves and party for mere individual advantage, could not but be most salutary.

A bill prohibiting the Reading Railroad Company from declaring any dividends until the interest of bonds, &c., were paid up to January 1st, 1851, is now under discussion. There will be considerable opposition to it, as several members are prepared to speak at length against it. Mr. Scofield, of Warren, now has the floor, and Mr. Rhey, of Armstrong, is ready cocked and primed for a speech. What will be the fate of the bill I cannot now predict, with any certainty.

With reference to appointments of the Canal Board, I think I may safely assert that Mr. John Hastings, of Jefferson county, will be made Collector at Pittsburgh. Mr. Hastings is an excellent man, and will no doubt prove a competent officer.

SPRIG.

HORRIBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE.—A despatch dated Rochester, Jan. 27, says:—"A dreadful murder and the suicide of the murderer took place in the town of Penfield, about eight miles from this city, between 6 and 7 o'clock last evening. The person murdered was a young lady of respectable family, named Sarah Sharp. The murderer's name was John Everett, the husband of Miss Sharpe's sister.—They were found a few yards from the house of a Mr. Campbell, where Miss S. had been visiting. She was discovered in the agonies of death, with her throat cut from ear to ear, and near her lay Everett in nearly the same situation, with the bloody knife beside him. They expired on the spot. Great excitement prevailed in Penfield, and various rumors are afloat to account for the dreadful deeds; but we forbear publishing them until after the inquest, which Coroner Pulles has gone to Penfield to hold."

The Death of Audubon.

John James Audubon, the ornithologist, died at his residence on the banks of the Hudson, January 28, 1851, aged seventy-six years.

This celebrated man was the son of an Admiral in the French navy, who took him to France where he received a varied education. He returned to Louisiana, his birth-place, at the age of about seventeen years, and entered upon his paternal estates.

He early manifested his fondness for natural history, which he pursued through life with unabated enthusiasm, and with a success that has made him a world-wide reputation.

The life-like fidelity and beauty of delineation of the Birds of America, placed him in the first rank as an artist, whilst his minute accuracy in describing their habits, proves him to have been the closest observer.

He was as staunch as a man as he was renowned as a naturalist. The childlike simplicity of his manners and cheerfulness of temper were worthy of all imitation, and made him beloved by all who knew him.

At the age of sixty years, when he was first personally known to the writer of this sketch, he had all the sprightliness and vigor of a young man. In person he was tall, and remarkably well made. His aspect sweet and animated. His whole head was remarkably striking. The forehead high, arched and unclouding; the hairs of the brow prominent, particularly at the root of the nose, which was long and aquiline; chin prominent, and mouth characterized by energy and determination. The eyes were dark grey, set deeply in the head, and as restless as the glance of the eagle.

He used to say, he had no faith in genius; that a man could make himself what he pleased by labor; and by using every moment of time, the mind might be kept improving to the end of life. Look at facts and trust for yourself, he would say; meditate and reason; it is thus a man should educate himself.

In the finest of his works, he said, he had always described from his own observation, and that in coloring his drawings, the plumage appeared as brilliant and beautiful to his eyes, he could never get his colors to equal them.

In correcting the errors of other writers he said he always did so with tenderness, and from a sense of duty.

In recording his death, we feel he has left no equal.

The different societies of naturalists will, no doubt, take measures to pay suitable testimonials of respect to his memory.—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

COFFEE.—A good demand has prevailed throughout most of the week, and some 10,500 bags Rio have been sold at 10½@11c., including fully 4000 to-day, of which 300 ordinary at 10¼ and the rest at 10½@11c. The stock remaining in first and second hands is about 19,000 bags. The direct imports to date (including one cargo of 4450 bags this week) amount to 96,588 bags against 85,633 to same time last year. —*N. O. Delta, 19th inst.*

Scribblings and Clippings.

— The St. Louis Republican says that Nathaniel Childs, Jr., has instituted suit against the President and Directors of the Bank of the State of Missouri, for defamation of character, false imprisonment and malicious slander, in the prosecution of said Childs before the Criminal Court, in Nov. 1849.

— Captain Edward Boryey, who served as Adjutant to General Bem, during the war in Hungary, and was captured by the Russians and imprisoned at Kieve, on the Dnieper, together with Colonel Ciurel Kiving, have arrived in New York.

— Thos. Pritchard, who lately killed Lamprecht, was found concealed in the closet of a large house in New York. When discovered he was lying between two boxes, and covered with old clothes.

— The remains of the Rev. Walter Colton, late a chaplain in the U. S. Navy, were followed to the grave in Philadelphia, on Saturday, by a large concourse of friends, officers of the army and navy, and a detachment of U. S. marines.

— "Is there much water in the cistern, Biddy?" inquired a gentleman of his Irish girl, as she came up from the cellar. "It is full on the bottom, sir, but there's none at all on the top," was the reply.

— "Will you have some catsup?" asked a gentleman, of aunt Priscilla at a dinner table. "Dear me, no!" she replied, with a shudder, "I'm fond of cats in their place, but I should as soon think of eating dog soup!" The gentleman did not urge her.

— Melanchton was reproached by some one with changing his views upon a certain subject. He replied, "Do you think, sir, that I have been studying assiduously for thirty years without having learned anything?"

— A sprightly little girl being asked "what is nothing?" replied, "shut your eyes and you will see it."

— The Legislature of Massachusetts has appropriated $3,000 to pay the expenses of an Agent to the World's Fair. He is to be appointed by the Governor and Council.

— An old gentleman in Philadelphia, Geo. Swartz, recently had a supper party in honor of his 101st birthday, composed of seventeen elderly gentlemen, whose united ages were 1216 years, or an average of 72¼ each.

— Jenny Lind, it is now said, will remain in the United States another year, giving concerts in the smaller cities and towns.

— The House Committee have agreed upon a plan for the extension of the Capitol, by additional wings on north and south. The Senate Committee have not yet concurred, but they are expected to do so at the next meeting.

— G. A. Wheat, Postmaster at Cresborough, Ky. has arrested Thomas Frost, a mail-carrier, who has been committing robberies from the mail during the last three months.

— Camper, convicted of the manslaughter of Bagan, at Washington, has been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary—the extent of the law.

— The Clearfield *Dollar* calls Mr. Hemphill, the representative from that county, severely to account for his defiance of the wishes of his constituents in absenting himself from the Democratic caucus for U. S. Senator.

— Some clairvoyants in New York report that the Alaunie is under sail, with her engines disabled, and two of the engineers sick, but predicted, however, that she would arrive on Wednesday next. We hope these are not the same seers that predicted Sir John Franklin's safety so long ago.

[OFFICIAL REPORT.]

Proceedings in Common Council.

JANUARY 27, 1851.

Members present—Messrs. Bissell, Black, Cordell, Cunningham, Drum, Friend, Gribbin, Hammond, Harper, Holstein, Kayo, Lowry, Lytle, McCartney, McFarland, Mellon, Phillips, Pollock, Rice, Riddle, Andrew Scott, Shrom, Tindle, Willock, Wilson, Wrighter, Young, and President McKnight.

The minutes of preceding meetings read and approved.

The members then drew for the choice of seats.

Mr. Wilson presented a petition of sundry citizens of the Second Ward for the construction of a sewer in Cherry alley, from Third street to the Monongahela river. Read, and referred to committee on streets.

Mr. M'CARTNEY—A petition asking an appropriation of $500 to the Fairmount fire company. Read, and referred to committee on fire engines and hose.

Mr. BLACK—A petition asking for the paving of Market and Magazine alleys. Read, and referred to committee on streets, &c.

Mr. CORDELL—"An Act for the better regulating the collection of water rents, taxes on rents, and other taxes on real estate, in the City of Pittsburgh, and for other purposes;" together with the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Presidents of the Select and Common Councils be directed to forward this Act to the Representatives from this County, and request them to urge its passage by the Legislature.

Act read and ordered to be published for one week in the papers authorized to do the City Printing.

Mr. WILLOCK—A report from the Police Committee with "An Ordinance repealing an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance regulating the Night Police."

Mr. WILLOCK moved to amend the 3d section by striking out 5 and inserting 2 as the additional City Constables to be appointed by the Mayor.

Mr. REIS moved to amend Mr. Willock's amendment by inserting 3.

Mr. RIDDLE moved to amend by striking out the word "directed" and making the section read, "that the Mayor be authorized at his discretion to appoint 5 additional City Constables."

A communication from the Mayor upon the subject was then read.

On the yeas and nays being called upon Mr. Reis' amendment, it was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Bissell, Cordell, Kaye, McCartney, Rice, And. Scott, Young, and President—8.

Nays—Messrs. Black, Cunningham, Drum, Friend, Gribbin, Hammond, Harper, Holstein, Lowry, Lytle, McFarland, Mellon, Phillips, Pollock, Riddle, Shrom, Tindle, Willock, Wilson and Wrighter,—20.

Mr. Willock's amendment was lost by the following vote, viz:

Yeas—Messrs. Black, Cordell, Cunningham, Drum, Lowry, McCartney, Willock, Wilson and President—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bissell, Friend, Gribbin, Hammond, Harper, Holstein, Kayo, Lytle, McFarland, Mellon, Phillips, Pollock, Rice, Riddle, And. Scott, Shrom, Tindle, Wrighter and Young—19.

And then on the yeas and nays being called, Mr. Riddle's amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Bissell, Black, Cordell, Drum, Friend, Gribbin, Hammond, Harper, Holstein, McFarland, Mellon, Phillips, Pollock, Rice, Riddle, And. Scott, Shrom, Tindle, Wrighter and Young—19.

Nays—Messrs. Cunningham, Kaye, Lytle, Willock, Wilson and President—6.

The ordinance was then read the third time and adopted; and action concurred in by S. C.

Mr. Wilson presented the following resolution, which was read three times and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the committee on claims and accounts be, and they are hereby authorized to draw their warrant on the treasurer in favor of Thos. W. Wright, for use of Saml. R. Johnston, for $30,25; in favor of *Jos. S. M. Young*, for use of Alex. Jaynes, for $142,75; in favor of Johnston, for $76,03; in favor of Wm. S. Haven for $41,00; in favor of Luke Loomis, agent, for $59,68; in favor of J. & A. Patterson for $175,00; in full of their claims respectively, and charge the same to appropriation No. 3.

Mr. FRIEND—A petition of sundry citizens of the Seventh Ward, asking for the opening of Colwell street. Read and referred to committee on streets, &c.

Mr POLLOCK—a bill of L. Harper's for $38,00. Read and referred to committee on city printing.

Mr. FRIEND—"An ordinance repealing an ordinance regulating the drawing of warrants on the City Treasurer for the payment of money." Read and laid on the table.

Mr. Harper offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the committee on gas lighting be instructed to inquire into the cause of the delay in extending the gas into Wylie street, Penna. Avenue and other leading streets in the new wards of said City.

Mr. Scott moved to amend by adding Penn street, from the terminus of the gas pipes, through the Ninth Ward.

Mr. Willock moved to amend, by adding First, Second and Third streets.

Mr. Young moved to amend, by adding three squares on Liberty street from the canal bridge in the Fifth Ward.

Mr. Riddle moved to lay the resolution and amendments on the table, which was lost.

And the resolution, with the amendments offered, was then adopted.

Mr. Cunningham presented a communication from the Board of Guardians of the Poor, stating that the official term of Messrs. Joseph Pennock and Saml. McKelvy, members of said Board elected by C. C., will expire on the 4th of February next.

And also the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That when this Council adjourn it will adjourn to meet on Tuesday, the 4th day of February next, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of appointing two Guardians of the Poor for the present year.

Mr. Riddle offered the following resolutions, which were read and adopted:

—*Resolved*, That the finance committee be and they are hereby instructed to report at the next stated meeting of Councils a summary statement of the funded and unfunded debt of the City, with an exposition in detail of the means of the City applicable to the expenditures of the corporation, to the payment of interest on the debt, and to the creation of a Sinking Fund for the ultimate extinguishment of the debt.

Resolved, That the finance committee be required to obtain and present to Councils as early as practicable an estimate of the expenditures of the City in detail for the financial year ensuing.

Mr. CORDELL—the following, which was adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, The several standing committees have for some time past labored under serious inconvenience by reason of being called to meet at divers places where they were without access to their books and papers; therefore be it

Resolved, That the books and papers of the several standing committees, (with the exception of those of the Police Committee,) shall hereafter be kept in the room of said committee in the Old Court House, subject at all times to the inspection of members of said committee.

Mr. WILSON—The following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Mayor has, by resolution, been authorized at his discretion to appoint an additional Police; therefore

Resolved, That when any such appointments are made, that he be authorized to inform the Councils of such appointment at their next regular meeting.

Mr. CORDELL—The following resolution, which was read three times and adopted, and action concurred in by S. C.—viz:

Resolved, That the finance committee be and they are hereby instructed to draw warrants on the City Treasurer in favor of the respective Judges of Elections for the sum of $15 each, to pay expenses of elections in the different wards of the city.

Mr. DRUM—The following resolution, which was read and referred to committee on streets, &c., viz:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner of the First District be and is hereby instructed forthwith to have Morton street opened and made passable from Penn street to the Allegheny river, Ninth Ward.

The clerk of the S. C. communicated the adoption of the following resolution by that body—viz:

Resolved, That Councils forthwith go into joint election for two daily papers to do the city printing.

The C. C. having communicated their concurrence in the action of the S. C., the two Councils met in the chamber of Common Council, and the Presidents opened and read proposals from the proprietors of the following named daily papers, to wit: Commercial Journal, Gazette, Post, Dispatch, American, Chronicle and Transcript.

And the Councils then proceeded to elect two daily papers to do the City Printing. And the vote being taken, *viva voce*, was as follows: (Messrs. Harper and Riddle being excused from voting.)

Commercial Journal	23	votes.
Pittsburgh Gazette	26	"
Morning Post	26	"
Dispatch	24	"
Morning Chronicle	3	"
American	3	"
Transcript	1	"

And the Morning Post and Dispatch having received the highest number and a majority of the votes, were declared to be duly elected.

The S. C. then retired to their chamber.

Mr. DRUM presented the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Police Committee—viz:

Resolved, That the Mayor and Police Committee be and they are hereby directed to instruct the Night Police to go on duty at six o'clock each and every evening after the passage of this resolution.

Mr. M'FARLAND—A report from the committee on Aqueduct, &c.; read and referred back to the committee.

A number of petitions, resolutions, &c., from the S. C., were taken up, and the action of that body concurred in.

And, on motion, Council adjourned.

The Tariff—Important.

The following despatch to the N. Y. *Tribune* will be interesting to our readers:

WASHINGTON, Sat. eve., Jan. 25.

There was a conference of the friends of a more diversified and balanced Home Industry, at the National Hotel, this evening, to consider the subject of the Tariff. About seventy members of Congress and others took part in it. A Tariff Amendment Bill of five sections was partially agreed upon, though not perfected.—These sections provide:

1. The Valuation specified in the existing Tariff shall be the actual market Valuation at the time when and the place whence the goods were exported, except for Iron. Iron shall be assessed at the average of Foreign Values at the chief points of exportation for the last ten years.

2. Iron shall pay a duty of *forty* per cent. [instead of the present duty of *thirty* per cent.] Bituminous Coal the same. Window Glass and Linseed Oil thirty per cent. [Now twenty per cent.]

3. Wool, Raw Silk, Hemp, Cordage and Yarns, ten per cent. advance on the present rates. [Present rates: Wool, 30 per cent.; Raw Silk, 15; Hemp, 30; Cordage, 25, and Hemp Yarn, 20.]—Dyestuffs to be free. [Now variously 5, 10 and 15 per cent.]

4. A Board of General Appraisors on Mr. Winthrop's plan—[to insure uniformity of Valuation and Appraisement throughout the Union]

5. Extends the present privilege of Warehousing to a term of three years. [Now one year.]

Great Fire.

CYNTHIANA, January 24, 1851.

The Court House, the Jails' House and stable, the residences of Oxley and Dr. A. Adams are burning, and God only knows when the fire will be stopped.

J. ATKINSON,
Editor Cynthiana News.

To the Commercial, Cin.

LATER.

We saw a letter to McCALLA THOMPSON, Esq., dated Cynthiana, Ky., at 12 o'clock, M., on the 24th, stating that the town was on fire, and burning with the greatest rapidity. The fire, says this letter, originated in DILLE's stable, which, and his tavern, are destroyed. ADAMS' drug store and dwelling are burnt; OXLEY's house is burnt,—all on the opposite side of the street is in great danger. The Court House is burnt down—the Clerk's office is still safe, records all removed, and perhaps in safety. The fire commenced at 10 A. M.—every body at work. There was great excitement in the place. Cynthiana contains some 250 houses, and 1200 inhabitants. Great fears are entertained, at present writing, that much of the best part of the place is in ashes.—*Cin. Com., Jan. 27.*

Married:

On Tuesday, the 21st of January, by the Rev. Lee, Mr. R. F. MILLER to Miss SARAH JANE ROBINSON—all of Pittsburgh.

DIED:

At Philadelphia, on Saturday, the 25th ult., Mrs. SARAH GUNNING, late of Pittsburgh, in the 61st year of her age.

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WILLIAM FLINN offers his services to transact business with the Executive Departments and Congress, as an agent. He will attend to all business relative to pensions and bounty land. Charges moderate. Address William Flinn, Washington, D. C. *January 29, 1851.*

Mr. Flinn was several years a clerk in the office of the Second Comptroller of the Treasury. His knowledge of transacting business at the Departments will render his services, as agent, particularly useful to all who may employ him at the seat of Government.

ALBION K. PARRIS,
Late Second Comptroller.

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Pittsburgh, Feb. 1, 1851.—2w

East Liberty Property for Sale.

A PROPERTY of 30 feet front on the Turnpike at East Liberty, by 94 deep on a street to alley, having a brick Cottage House and kitchen, good Cellar under the House, a garden and valuable Fruit Trees of various kinds. Possession on the 1st of April. Price $800.—Terms, $200 in hand; balance at $100 a year.

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A VALUABLE PROPERTY of three-fourths of an acre, having a front of 111 feet on High street, by 60 deep on Kirkpatrick street to Herman alley, with a comfortable Dwelling House of 6 large rooms, a porch in front and good cellar, a well of fine water, coal shed and other out buildings. This property is pleasantly located, having a fine view of our three rivers and two cities. Price $1500. Terms $375 in hand; balance in 2, 3 and 4 years. S. CUTHBERT, General Agent,
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