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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

JAMES BUCHANAN,

OF PENNSYLVANIA;

Subject to decision of the Democratic General Convention.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

WILLIAM R. KING,

OF ALABAMA;

Subject to the same decision.

MR. BUCHANAN IN THE SOUTH.

Our Democratic exchanges from the South, without a single exception, join in awarding to Pennsylvania's illustrious son, the Hon. JAMES BUCHANAN, the highest praise, for the noble and patriotic stand he has taken in regard to the Compromise measures of the last Congress.—Many of these papers hesitate to declare their preference for Mr. BUCHANAN as the Democratic candidate for the Presidency, over all others mentioned for that exalted position.

It would be impossible for us to find room for one half of the able articles on this subject with which our southern exchanges abound. The *Mobile Daily Register*, the principal Democratic paper in Alabama, thus speaks of Mr BUCHANAN'S Mendenhall letter:

HON. JAMES BUCHANAN.—We publish an admirable letter from this distinguished statesman, which in the present juncture of affairs will be read with great pleasure and satisfaction. The position of Mr. Buchanan throughout the whole agitation which has so shaken and convulsed the country, has been uniformly conservative and patriotic, and as such, we believe, has won not only the approbation, but the applause of liberal and high toned men in every portion of the Union. He is opposed to further agitation upon the slavery question, and to the modification of the fugitive slave law and condemns without reserve the factions and corrupt demagogues of his own State, who, unmindful of good faith and their obligations to the constitution, still persist in keeping open a question full of mischief and danger to the South. The course of Gov. Johnston is expressly referred to by Mr. Buchanan in terms of clear and decided condemnation. The efforts of Johnston to conciliate the free-soilers and abolitionists of Pennsylvania, and his avowed determination to evade if not destroy that feature of the "compromise" which makes it even tolerable at the South, have drawn upon very justly the indignation and the censure of patriotic men like Mr. Buchanan. With leading statesmen in the North, standing by such an attitude before the country, proclaiming such sentiments as Mr. Buchanan does and has done, since the beginning of the slavery agitation in 1835—with the glorious results which have just taken place in Pennsylvania, worthy to be known as the "Keystone State" as the South may still hope that the fatal question of slavery will soon be finally settled and placed at rest."

An able correspondent of the *Register*, who signs himself Hancock, avows his preference for Mr. Buchanan for the Presidency over Mr. Marcy or Judge Douglass. We make room for a couple of paragraphs from his letter:

Much confidence in the success of Bigler is founded by Pennsylvania politicans, upon the fact that Gov. Johnston, since he commenced canvassing tha State, has, with very bad taste, and bad policy, assaulted, in his letters and speeches, the political and private character of James Buchanan, the favored and honored son of Pennsylvania. There never was a man, whose private and political character was purer than Mr. Buchanan's. I defy any man to step forward and point to a disreputable act in his political career. He was never engaged in any political intrigue—his course has always been manly, bold, independent, and *above board*—and from 1816 to the present day he has acted with the Democratic party, and at home and abroad, in no instance has he swerved from the fealty he owed to his party. In private life Mr. Buchanan has been distinguished for the dignity of every manly virtue. The breath of *suspicion* even, never assailed him; and though immediately connected with the politics of the Union in times of great fanatical excitement, neither party spirit or party scandal raised a hand or a voice, to asperse his morality, his virtue, or his integrity. It was because of the spotlessness of his private character, that he was selected by Gen. Jackson as his confidential friend and adviser *out side* of his cabinet—and it is a remarkable historical fact that Mr. B., during the eight years Gen. Jackson was in power, possessed an influence with him, that no other man on earth ever realized. He had several opportunities of going into Jackson's cabinet, but never embraced them.

☞ NUMBER THREE of the articles of "Publicola" in regard to the Allegheny Valley Railroad, is received, and will shortly appear. By the way, we observe that a number of papers suggest the name of Gov. JOHNSTON as a suitable person for President of this Road. We would have no manner of objection to this selection.—We abhor the political sentiments of Gov. JOHNSTON, as every body knows; but if he will abjure politics, we have no doubt but that he possesses business qualifications sufficient to enable him to manage the affairs of the Allegheny Railroad to the satisfaction of the public.

Editors Elected.

We should have stated before this that Col. MARCHAND, the distinguished Editor of the *Republican*, was elected Treasurer of Westmoreland county, and Gen. BLAKELY, one of the Editors of the *Spectator*, was elected Treasurer of Venango county, at the late election. The public monies will never be improperly appropriated when entrusted to the care of Democratic Editors. We congratulate our friends of the press on their success.

☞ The Cleveland (Ohio) *Herald*, the day after the election, took down the name of General Scott, which it had borne at the head of its colums during the canvass.—*Louisville Courier, Whig.*

Since the awful disaster that has recently overtaken whiggery in Pennsylvania and Ohio, we presume Mr. Fillmore or Mr. Webster will *soup*-ercede old "Fuss and Feathers" in the affections of that party.

☞ Rev. Dr. Rutledge, Bishop elect of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Florida, was consecrated at Augusta, Ga., on the 15th inst; Bishops Elliott, Gedsden and Cobb officiating.—Rev. Dr. Williams, assistant Bishop elect of Connecticut, will be consecrated at Hartford on the 29th inst. Rev. Dr. Whitehouse, assistant Bishop elect of Illinois, will be consecrated at New York in November, and Rev. Dr. Creighton, Provisional Bishop elect of New York, probably at the same time.

A BAD SMASH.—In a recent railroad collision on the line between Monroe and Adrian, damage to the amount of $15,000 was done. The trains were running at the rate of 25 miles an hour, and although every effort was made to stop the speed in the half mile intervening after the danger was discovered, the collision was terific. Both locomotives were ended over on the track, and both trains were in ruins. When within about 20 rods of each other the engineers, &c., leaped from the engines and escaped serious injury.

In the city of Aberdeen, Scotland, the streets are swept every day, at annual cost of £1,400, and the refuse brings in £2,000 a year. In Perth, the scavengers costs $1,300 per annum, and the manure sells for £1,730.

The Cincinnati Commercial says, that there is a couple, by the name of Hill, living in that city who have been man and wife seventy-eight years! They have had 21 children, all of whom are dead.

Rev. Archibald Alexander died on Wednesday last at Princeton, N. J., in the 81st year of his age. He had been a professor in Princeton College since 1811.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

THE FALL OF POLAND, containing an analytical and a philosophical account of the causes which conspired to the ruin of that nation, together with a history of the country from its origin. By L. C. Saxton.

This desirable and seasonable work is published in two volumes by Charles Scribner, New York, in the fine style which characterizes all his publications. As the present period Europe is pregnant with great events, and as in the revolutions which are near at hand, Poland may arise from under the feet of tyrants to take its position as a nation of the earth, it is proper for every intelligent person to become informed in the history of its people and the resources of the country. To any of our readers who desire an excellent work on the subject we commend these volumes.

THE EPOCH OF CREATION.—The Scripture doctrine contrasted with the geological theory. By Eleazar Lord, with an introduction by Richard W. Dickinson, D. D. New York: Chas. Scribner.

This is one of the books which have lately appeared as antidotes to the "Vestiges of Creation," and no doubt it will command a ready sale. For our own part we have always thought the Bible should be held as a sacred book of morals, and ought not to be dragged into every controversy which scepticism may seek on the fields of the natural sciences. But to those Christians who *will* seek the warfare with the Vivians of the day, we think the volume before us will prove an excellent aid.

ESSAYS ON THE PRIMITIVE CHURCH OFFICES, reprinted by permission from the Princeton review, with corrections and additions by the same writer. New York: Charles Scribner.

This little volume contains much biblical lore, tinged with Presbyterianism. It has an able essay on what is called "Apostolical succession," claiming that the Presbyterians are really as much possessed of it as any other church whatever.

BRAGGADOCIO: a book for boys and girls. By Mrs. L. C. Tuthill.

"Brag is a good dog but Holdfast is better."

The above is the title of a pretty book from the press of Charles Scribner, New York, and is suitable for the approaching holidays when boys' and girls' libraries are to be replenished.

GULLIVER JOY; his three voyages in Kailoo, Hydrogenia and Ejario. New York: Charles Scribner.

The above is the title of a boy's book which will surely be bought about the holidays. It is got up in the admirable style which we have spoken of as peculiarly belonging to Sbribner's publications.

All the above works are for sale at the bookstore of our friends A. H. English & Co., Wood street.

THE THEATRE.

Our enterprising and idefatigable manager, Mr. FOSTER, who has been presenting to the public so much of splendid scenery, &c. in "The Naiad Queen" and "La Bayadare;" such exquisite beauty and gracefulness as Miss SINCLAIR and La Belle OCEANA; and whose whole energies seem to be directed to the public gratification and amusement,—now announces the engagement of Miss DAVENPORT. This lady is now regarded as the brightest ornament of the American stage; and we sincerely hope that her engagement may prove equally agreeable and profitable to herself and the manager, as we know it will be to all who may witness her performances. Miss DAVENPORT appears to-night as *The Countess*, in Knowle's great play of "Love," and Mr. C. FOSTER will sustain the character of *Huon*.

Secretary of State.

We see in the Democratic papers recently received, the names of a number of active and eminent Democrats mentioned in connection with the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth. Amongst these are Judge WOODWARD, of Luzerne, Judge BLACK, of Cambria, Judge WOODWARD, of Lycoming, and Judge DOCK, of Harrisburg.—*Pennsylvanian.*

☞ Either of the gentlemen spoken of would fill the office of Secretary of State with credit to themselves, and honor to the great Democratic party of Pennsylvania. In this, as in all other matters of the kind, we have no preference to express; but we are satisfied that the Governor elect will select a true and tried Democrat for the station.

Dr. Kinkel in Wheeling.

Dr. KINKEL met an enthusiastic reception at Wheeling from the Germans and Americans of that place. The *Gazette* of Tuesday contains the following description of the meeting on Saturday night:

The meeting in behalf of Germany at the Melodion, on Saturday night, was one of the largest and most respectable and orderly meetings ever held in this City. It was a throng in which there was heart and soul; the love of home, the love of liberty, the love of mankind. The Mayor was called to preside with 25 Vice Presidents and two secretaries. The object of the meeting was explained by Mr. Rodeeker in German, and Dr. Dunham in English, by whom resolutions were offered. Dr. Kinkel then addressed the meeting at length in German, eliciting by his style, dignity, grace and force of orstory, the highest admiration of all and attracting the whole attention of those who understood him. The meeting closed by the enthusiastic adoption of the resolutions, the appointment of the committee and the reception of subscriptions to the national loan.

Wisconsin.

The election in this new State takes place on Tuesday, November 4th. The Democracy have nominated Hon. A. J. Upham for Governor; Timothy Burns for Lieut. Governor; Charles D. Robinson for Secretary of State; Edward H. Janssen for Treasurer of State; Experience Estabrook for Attorney General; and Azel P. Ladd for State Superintendant. At the same time Presidential Electors and Delegates to the National Convention are chosen.

☞ Mdlle *Parodi*, the accomplished and distinguished vocalist, is giving Concerts at Detroit. When will she be in Pittsburgh?

Tea, said to have been grown by the East India Company on the slopes of the Himalaya mountains, at latitudes ranging between 2200 and 6500 feet above the level of the sea, has been recently sold in London. It is represented, moreover, to have a ready sale at prices above the ordinary rates.

The Agricultural Fair and Cattle-Show, at Baltimore, closed on Friday. It attracted an immense concourse of persons, and the Sun says surpassed anything which Maryland had ever before accomplished.

Captain Austin, of the English Searching Expedition, is generally blamed in London for having turned homewards without seeking the lost seamen in the Wellington Channel, after he had traced them to its entrance.

Madame Celeste is still at the Broadway, N. Y. Mr. Dickinson is giving Shakespearian readings at New Haven, Conn. Madame Anna Bishop is entertaining the Newark, N. J., folks.

The Sultan's liberality to Kossuth and all the other refugees continued up to the day of their departure. They cost him 80,000,000 of piastres, or $1,500,000, since their entrance in his soil.

An English Journal is of opinion that the temporary superiority of the Americans in some things is the result of a *diseased activity of the nervous system* which makes us *bright, but short-lived.* Wonderful!

A boy choked his mother to death, in Tipton county, Indiana, not long since. She tried to make him do something distasteful to him, when he threw her on the bed and held her there until life was extinct.

The Grand Jury, of Hillsborough county, N. H., have indicted the Concord and Claremont Railroad Company, for negligence at the crossing, where one Mr. Coult was killed some time since, while attempting to cross the track.

The Racine *Advocate* (Wis.) says, that the required sum of $5,000, to secure the location of a University under the patronage of the Episcopal Church, at that place, will be secured ere another week.

H. P. LAIRD'S HISTORY OF THE Passage of the Hempfield Railroad Bill.

For the Morning Post.

GREENSBURG, Westmoreland Co., Pa., September 10, 1851.

L. HARPER, Esq.—

The passage of *the "Act to incorporate the Hempfield Railroad Company,"* through the Legislature, has been largely commented upon by the Pittsburgh Press.

And the Hon. George Darsie is reported in the "Commercial Journal" of the 19th July, as having said, amongst other things, at a public meeting held in the City of Pittsburgh on the 12th of July, (over which he presided,) that the *Hempfield Railroad had been smuggled through the "Pennsylvania Legislature."*

And *"that the Bill has been hurried through the Senate during a five minutes' absence on his part attending to committee business."*

I was greatly surprised to learn that Mr. Darsie had made *such remarks.* And in as much as I am known by many to have originated and introduced that bill into the House of Representatives, a proper regard for my own reputation determined me at once to reply to these charges. But my private engagements and the delay incident to procuring the evidence, which will accompany this, has prevented me hitherto.

My recollection of the history of the passage of the *"Hempfield Railroad"* is as distinct as if it had occurred but yesterday, and I have no hesitation in saying that that man does not live who can say with truth that any occasion was sought to pass it in the absence of the Senator or Representatives from Allegheny, or by any other unfair means.

It was a *separate Bill* containing some *twenty sections* with an appropriate and significant title. (Hempfield, being the name of the Township which surrounds the Borough of Greensburgh,) and was read distinctly and plainly in the House by William S. Picking, the Chief Assistant Clerk, in the presence of Dr. Jonas B. McClintock, Robert Walker, and John Miller, Representatives from the County of Allegheny, who were all present during the whole time that it was under consideration in the House.

The Bill having passed the House, was sent to the Senate for concurrence. I passed over to the Senate Chamber, and desired Mr. Hugus, the Senator from Westmoreland, and Mr. Lawrence, the Senator from Washington, to have it brought to the consideration of the Senate, observing that Mr. Darsie, who was in his seat, would probably oppose it.

In a short time the bill was called up, and the Clerk proceeded to read it without opposition.—I remained in the Senate Chamber during the greater part of the time the bill was under consideration, and so long as I remained there, Mr. Darsie continued to occupy his seat.

For further particulars relative to the regularity of the passage of this bill, I refer to the following extracts from the Journals of the Senate and House, and to the accompanying letters of members of the Legislature, to whom I am deeply indebted for the kind and prompt manner, in which they have vindicated the friends of this project from the most unjust charges.

Extracts from the Journals.

House Journal, Vol. I., p. 1232. "Mr. Laird read in his place, and presented to the Chair "a Bill No. 1016, entitled an Act to incorporate "the Hempfield Railroad Company, which bill "was read and laid on the table."——After words on the 14th of May, House Journal, p. 1266. "On motion of Mr. Laird,

"The Rule for going into Committee of the "whole, being in this case dispensed with, the "Bill No. 1016, entitled an Act to incorporate "the Hempfield Railroad Company, was read "the second time, considered and agreed to and "ordered to be transcribed for the third read-"ing."

"On motion of Mr. Laird,

"The Rule prohibiting the reading of Bills "twice on the same day, being in this case dispensed with, the said bill was read the third time "present the same to the Senate for concurrence."

Senate Journal, Vol. 1, page 1170.

"The Clerk of the House of Representatives, "being introduced, presented for concurrence, "a Bill numbered and entitled as follows, viz: "No. 1016, an Act to incorporate the Hempfield "Railroad Company.——said Bill (No. 880 Senate "file,) was read the first time."

Same Journal, p. 1172.

"On motion of Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Hugus "the Rules were dispensed with in case of Bil "No. 880 from the House of Representatives, "entitled an Act to incorporate the Hempfield "Railroad Company. And the Bill was read a "second and third time, and passed."

In bringing forward this project, I was not actuated by any spirit of unkindness towards the citizens of Pittsburgh. The genius, the energy, the enterprise, and the industry and skill, which have built up that great city, and developed such immense industrial and commercial resources, command my highest respect. And I am sorry to think that there are some who regard the completion of the Hempfield Railroad as a calamity that will paralyze the business of that city. In my judgment, Pittsburgh will lose nothing by this Road that she would not have lost by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, while Pennsylvania will gain much.

The motives that guided me, were these—The completion of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to its terminus on the Ohio River, would make a shorter route between Baltimore and the Valley of the Mississippi, and the West and South, than the route by way of Pittsburgh and the Pennsylvania Railroad to Philadelphia. And of course the commerce and travel of that great country and the wide fields that are expanding beyond it, would be lost to Pennsylvania. To meet the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at the point of its termination on the Ohio River, and to oppose a shorter and a better route to the seaboard cities on the Atlantic over Pennsylvania improvements, would restore to Pennsylvania immense commercial advantages which she was about to lose. That object could be secured by leaving the Pennsylvania Railroad at Greensburg and passing on directly to Wheeling, where the energy and enterprise and capital of Pennsylvania could come fairly and directly into competition with her great rival, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, upon her own "*stamping ground.*"—To secure these advantages, and to make Pennsylvania improvements forever a part of the *Great National highway* that will one day unite the commercial cities of the Atlantic, with the rising commercial cities of the Pacific, the Hempfield Railroad Bill was projected and passed.

It is with great reluctance that I have been driven to the necessity of correcting the errors which have filled the public mind in reference to the passage of this bill. But to allow the potent voice of Mr. Darsie to stand without denial, would be a tame submission to infamy which conscious guilt alone must thole. I blush for no public act of mine, and stand indifferent whether they be scrutinized by the eye of the Eagle or the Mole.

Very respectfully, H. P. LAIRD.

Extract of a letter from Hon. ISAAC HUGUS, dated

SOMERSET, Pa., July 28, 1851.

MR. LAIRD—*Dear Sir:*—Your letter of the 16th inst. was received yesterday, and from a statement therein made, it appears that some kind person, who took part in a railroad meeting lately held in the city of Pittsburgh, boldly asserted that the Hempfield Railroad Bill was passed through the Legislature by the deception of those having it in charge. So conscious am I of the utter falsity of such a charge, (as far as its passage through the Senate is concerned,) that those who make it should be only answered by a contemptuous silence. Others, however, may feel differently; and for their benefit I make the following statement.

The Hempfield Railroad Bill was started in the House as an independent Bill, and on the last day of the session but one, passed, as I was then informed, without opposition. Immediately after its passage in the House, you called upon me at my seat in the Senate, and informed me of its passage there; and expressed your wishes in favor of its passage through the Senate; at the same time telling me that Mr. Darsie would oppose the Bill. In a few minutes afterwards fortune favored me. I obtained the floor and called the bill up, when it passed after *two actual* readings, no one opposing. Mr. Darsie being engaged writing at his desk at the time.

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Yours truly, ISAAC HUGUS.

BEDFORD, Pa., July 29, 1851.

H. P. LAIRD—*Dear Sir*:—Your letter of a recent date has just been received. You desire to hear from me my recollection of the facts relative to the passage of an "Act to incorporate the Hempfield Railroad Company." I was a member of the House of Representatives during the session of 1850. The Bill to which you refer was considered on Tuesday, May 14, 1850. It was taken up on your own motion, having been read in place sometime previously. The House dispensed with the first reading of Bill. It was read the second time entirely through. Read the third time by its title, and passed. This is the usual course, unless the friends of a Bill desire to amend it by going into a committee of the whole. It was the first bill considered on the afternoon of that day. During the recess of the day, I had promised Messrs. Brindle, Drum & Slifer, to aid in bringing forward a bill in which they were interested, known by the name of "Sugar Valley."

I think that I complained to you that the length of your bill would consume so much time that it would endanger the passage of "Sugar Valley." Soon after the passage of the "Hempfield Bill," I obtained the floor, which I yielded to a friend of "Sugar Valley," on whose motion it was considered. In regard to the presence of the members from Allegheny county during the passage of that bill, my recollection is quite as distinct for the same reasons: One member of that delegation, (Mr. Espy) had obtained leave of absence about two weeks previous to this time. The others were all present. We relied upon them as three votes in favor of Sugar Valley, which we had determined to bring forward at that time. I know of nothing which had the appearance of unfairness, in the passage of the bill mentioned in your letter, through the House. Of its passage through the Senate I know nothing, except what is shown by the journal of that body.

Yours respectfully, &c.,

JOHN CESSNA.

MONONGAHELA CITY, Aug. 9, 1851.

H P. LAIRD, Esq.—*Dear Sir*:—Your letter of the 4th inst. is received, in which you desire me to communicate to you the knowledge I have of the passage of the "Hempfield Railroad Bill" through the Legislature; and remarking that Mr. Darsie and others say that it was obtained surreptitiously.

My recollection of the origin, progress, and passage of the bill is distinct; and I know it to have originated as other bills of similar character, to have been read regularly through, *section by section*, in the House. Mr. McClintock of Allegheny being very near the Clerk during its reading, and at least two of his colleagues in their seats. It came to the Senate as other bills did, was called up (as the journals show) by myself; was regularly read, and passed without any opposition. *Mr. Darsie being in his seat* during the whole time, except one minute he was called to the Committee room on the left of the Speaker, which did not, as you are aware, take him beyond the hearing of the Clerk. The charge that he was induced to leave the Chamber lest he might defeat the bill, is gratuitous and without foundation. And I speak positively, for I conversed with him at his seat during the reading of part of the Bill. It was a just and fair bill; intended to benefit a portion of the State, heretofore deprived of public improvements, and was as fairly passed as any other bill. If the Allegheny members failed to notice it, certainly we were not expected to take especial pains to inform them on this subject, and they discovered it, I cannot tell what reasonable argument they could have advanced against it. I trust, after a careful examination of the public interest involved, their opposition will yield; and that the spirit now manifested by those more directly interested, will continue until the road is completed to Wheeling, as it does, the most direct communication between the East and the Great West. Our neighbors of Pittsburgh will find that their own natural advantages, the completion of the Central Road, as well as those leading westward, will always insure to them more than a sufficiency of trade and travel to cause them to grow and prosper.

With much respect and esteem,

I remain yours, G. V. LAWRENCE.

EASTON, Aug. 7, 1851.

H. P. LAIRD, Esq.—*Dear Sir*:—I received your letter of the 4th inst. in due time, and should have responded to it sooner, but for the pressure of business. I am sorry that I cannot comply with your request to give you a history of the passage of the Hempfield Railroad Bill, as I was not present during the session of the Legislature when it was passed. I was absent on account of the illness of my family, and did not return to my seat in the Senate until the session was nearly closed. I have, however, no doubt that the bill was fairly passed, as I have never heard any charge of unfairness made against it, and I was a member of the Committee of Conference on the Appropriation Bill, and I have no recollection of any opposition to the passage of the Hempfield Railroad Bill secretly or clandestinely, they do you great injustice. On the 11th of May, 1850, I read in my place; and on leave given, presented to the chair, Bill No. 1016, entitled, an "Act to incorporate the Philadelphia and Sacon Railroad Company." And immediately thereafter you read in place; and on leave given presented to the Chair the Bill No. 1016, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Hempfield Railroad Company." Both these bills were read; and as the Session was drawing to a close, were not referred to committees, but "laid on the table." (See page 1232, Journal H. R.) The bills being printed and put on file on the afternoon of the 14th May, you called up your bill and it was read the second time, agreed to and on your motion the rule prohibiting the bill being read twice on one day was dispensed with so far as regarded that Bill and it was read a third time and sent to Senate for concurrence. (See page 1266.)

At the time this bill was under consideration in our House, Mr. McClintock, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Walker of Allegheny, were in their seats; and the journal shows that Mr. McClintock immediately after your bill had passed, called up another bill which he had in charge, (No. 908,) and had it passed in the same manner and sent to Senate. And the names of Messrs. McClintock, Miller and Wather, will all be found on the yeas and nays on the report of the Committee of Conference on the Appropriement Bill in the morning of that day. (See page 1269.) And on the Sugar Valley and White Deer Turnpike Bill, on the afternoon of that day, immediately after your Bill passed. (See page 1267.)

There are two circumstances that recall the passage of your bill to my mind. The first is that in the Bill I read in place, I had made it very short referring to the general Railroad Law. If yours I think you went more into detail, and I asked you why you did so. I do not now recollect your reply, if you made one. Another was that you were more fortunate in getting yours through, than I was in getting the Philadelphia and Sancon Railroad Law passed.

Very truly yours, J. M. PORTER.

H. P. Laird, Esq.

Extract of a letter from the Hon. W. A. Crabb, dated

PHILADELPHIA, August 5, 1851.

My Dear Sir: * * * * I certainly know of no unfair means that were resorted to, to accomplish the end of the friends of the bill. * * * * * I feel convinced, that you resorted to no unparliamentary or objectionable means to effect your object.

In haste but very truly yours,

WM A. CRABB.

H. P. Laird, Esq.

Extract of a letter from the Hon. Augustus Drum, dated

INDIANA, Pa., July 26, 1851.

Dear Sir: * * * * * I was present in the Senate at the time of the passage of that Bill—(I believe on the day previous to the day of adjournment)—and I certainly do not know of any circumstances connected with its passage, which would indicate any want of fairness or regularity. My best recollection on the subject of Mr. Darsie's presence, is that he was seated at his desk, adjoining mine, engaged in writing a letter.

Very truly,

AUGUSTUS DRUM.

H. P. Laird, Esq.

Extract from a letter from Wm. Jack, Esq., Clerk of the House of Representatives, dated

HOLLIDAYSBURG, July 28th, 1851.

H. P. LAIRD, Esq.—

Dear Sir:—In reply to your letter I can state that I recollect very well the history of the passage of the Bill, incorporating the Hempfield Railroad, through the House of Representatives. It was read in place previous to its final passage, by yourself, and laid over, as is generally the case with Bills, for further action. On the day before the final adjournment of the Legislature you called it up, when it was read regularly, section by section, by Wm. S. Picking, Esq., the Assistant Clerk. The bill passed without objection—no explanation was called for, and none was given. It passed as fairly as any other Bill, during the session, and there were at least a portion of the members for Allegheny county present, when the Bill was read. * * * * *

Respectfully yours, &c.

WM. JACK.

Extract from a letter from the Hon. J. S. M'Calmont, Speaker of the House, dated

CLARION, August 4, 1851.

Dear Sir: * * * * From an examination of the Journals, I can freely say, that it (the Hempfield Railroad) was passed as a district question, the title of the Bill being enunciated by the Clerk, as well as the Speaker; and that the votes of that afternoon show that there was a general attendance of the members. The title of your act, indicates anything else than deception. It exhibits plainly the object of the act without disguise. * * * * * All I can add is, that from your uniform conduct, as a member of the House,—your frank and honorable deportment as such,—I cannot believe, that you used the slightest deception, in procuring the passage of the Hempfield act.

Very truly and respectfully yours,

J. S. M'CALMONT.

H. P. Laird, Esq.

A LETTER FROM DR. McCLINTOCK.

PITTSBURGH, Oct 18, 1851.

Messrs. Harper & Layton:—

In one of the September numbers of the Post you announced to your readers that you had received a long communication from the pen of Harrison P. Laird, Esq., of Westmoreland county, on the subject of the passage of the Hempfield Railroad bill; at the same time, promising it a place in your columns, at an early period after the election.

I have reason to believe, from statements industriously made by Mr. Laird, and repeated to me by friends, that his communication will not be celebrated for *historic truth*,—the leading objects being to inflict the grossest *personal injustice*, under cover of an impotent attempt to shield himself from the charge of *legislative intrigue*.

You are aware, that calumny once uttered is scarcely ever reached in all its points of circulation; and that vice, under the guise of virtuous indignation, often makes impressions which prove indelible, unless the public judgment is forewarned.

These considerations render it important that the antidote should accompany the poison. Yet I must forego the privileges of such an examination of the records as would enable me to publish my answer simultaneously with the charges, unless, indeed, Mr. L. has had the unexpected magnanimity to vest you with authority to extend the courtesy.

Should you have no grant of this generous nature, be kind enough to insert this note in the same number of your paper in which the "History" given by your correspondent shall appear, that the citizens of Allegheny County may know that a full and truthful, if, not triumphant, answer will follow.

I am, very respectfully, yours,

JONAS R. M'CLINTOCK.

☞ **Card.**—We, the undersigned, passengers on board the steamer JAMES NELSON, Capt. THOMAS MOORE, on her late trip from Wheeling to Pittsburgh, take pleasure in bearing testimony to the courteous treatment of the officers, and take this method of returning our thanks, and would recommend the steamer James Nelson to the traveling community, with the assurance that all that can be done to promote their comfort will be rendered them by the gentlemanly officers; and we would particularly recommend Mr. WILLIAMS, the Clerk, for his urbanity and attention:—

D S Jones, Robert Chaplin, M C Chaplin, A H Wilkins, T J Holiday, W H Lisle, S J Forre, Matthew Bentley, J C Campbell, Rev J C Cunningham, H Harden, George W Marlatt, F D Norton and lady, William Hensler, Jno Holcomb, Robert Harden, Christian Sanders, Charles J Russell, H H Carey, G A Reppert, Alexander M'Gill, Thomas Irwin, D Barrow, William R Trimble, H P Barrow, William Brown, W L Pennell, John L Myers, Joseph Sheppard, James Little, Samuel Kennedy, Peter Hufnagle, James H Peterson, David Reed, T F Carey, John Green, F D Thompson and lady, John Pickleman, Thomas Lloyd, Hugh Douglass, R S, & W Harrison, John Gilmore, Wm Bigham, J H Atkinson, Jeremiah Reese, J Bankard, Newton Calhoun, Charles M Dean, H Stockdale, George Dean, P Lucy, J B Moore.

LADIES—

Mrs Bankhere, Margaret Johnston, Mrs Dean, Mrs J H Atkinson, Mrs M'Connell, Mrs Nancy Wilson, Mrs Rivers, Mrs Mary Cowl, Mrs Holyman, Miss M'Kee, Miss Mary A Barrow, Miss Ann Gilmore, Miss Elizabeth Dean, Miss Mary Jane Stockdale, Miss Mary Burns, Miss Delilah Landsberry, Miss Harriet Byrne, Miss Mary Thompson, Miss Eliza Byrne. [oct23:1

VENISON—A choice lot just received at the BANK EXCHANGE, on Third street. [oct30:1w

WESTERN INSURANCE COMPANY,
Pittsburgh, October 29, 1851.

AN Election for Thirteen Directors of this Insurance Company, to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Office of the Com.any, on Tuesday, the 11th day of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 3 o clock, P. M.

F. M. GORDON, Sec'y.
oct30:td

BRANDIES, WINES AND GIN—
10 half pipes Cognac Brandy. James Hennessy;
10 qr. casks do do do;
10 octaves do do do;
10 half pipes Rochelle Brandy. A. Seignette;
10 qr. casks do do do;
10 octaves do do do;
4 pipes Holland Gin;
2 puncheons Scotch Malt Whiskey;
10 qr. casks Madeira Wine;
10 qr. casks Pale Sherry Wine—various brands;
20 do L T. Tenerife Wine. Carpenter's;
60 do Port Wine—various grades & vintages;
10 do Dry
30 do
In store and for sale by
MILLER & RICKETSON,
Nos. 221 and 223 Liberty street
oct30

LOVERING'S SUGARS—
20 boxes Double Refined Loaf Sugar;
30 bls. Crushed do;
30 bls. Coarse Pulverized do;
20 bls. Fine do do
In store and for sale by
oct30 MILLER & RICKETSON.

HAVANA AND PRINCIPE CIGARS—
10 M. Regalia Havana Nobles;
10 do Cilendrade do;
5 do Embassadors do;
10 do Medium Size Neptuns;
10 do Bocca Vista;
8 do London Size Dinah;
120 do Principes, Cros & Sons;
70 do of various brands, Regalia, Imperial, and other sizes. In store and for sale by
oct30 MILLER & RICKETSON.

MONONGHELA WHISKEY—
20 bls. Pure Rye;
30 bls. half Corn and half Rye; } from one to 13 years old.
In store and for sale by
oct30 MILLER & RICKETSON.

TOFFEE—250 bags Rio, Laguyra and Java Coffee.
In store and for sale by
oct30 MILLER & RICKETSON.

A Card.

THE undersigned would tender their sincere thanks to the Firemen of the City for their indefatigable exertions in the fire which destroyed a portion of their Flouring Mills, on the 28th instant.

WILMARTH & NOBLE.
oct30

CREAM TARTAR—12bls. Powdered warranted pure
for sale by
oct30 B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO.

SALAD OIL—50 baskets for sale by
oct30 B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO.

SILVER SAND—15 bls. for sale by
oct30 B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO.

VENITIAN RED—40 bls. bright English for sale by
oct30 B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO.

SENNA—1,000 lbs. prime Alexandria for sale by
oct30 B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO.

The Galt House,

NO 16 WYLIE STREET—is fitted up in first-rate style for the reception of Weekly and Day Boarders. OYSTER and other SOUPS served up in the best style. [oct25:1w&d1m

Great Inducements to Go Into Business.

AN opportunity is now offered to buy out a business that is now fully established, and will prove profitable. The stock amounts to about 12 or $1400, which will be disposed of *on time*. Any person wishing to commence business on favorable terms, the above presents a rare chance. Apply immediately.

MALAIN & MOFFITT,
No. 14 St. Clair street.
oct29:2t

THE GUARDIANS OF THE POOR of the City of Pittsburgh will hold their Monthly Meeting on Thursday, October 30th, at 2 o'clock, P. M., when there will be an election for Secretary and Agent, to supply the place of Jared M. Brush, resigned. [oct29:2t

FOR LIVERPOOL—*Packet of the 6th of November* — The packet ship LIVERPOOL, Capt. Gardner, will sail as above, her regular day. For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to the captain, on board, foot of Burling slip, or to JAMES BLAKELY,
oct27 corner Sixth and Liberty sts.

LONDON LINE OF PACKETS — To sail 8th of November—The packet ship HENRIK HUDSON, S. S. Warren, Master, will sail as above her regular day. For freight or passage having elegant accomodations, apply to the captain, on board, at Murray's wharf, foot of Wharf street, or to JAMES BLAKELY, Agent,
oct29 Sixth and Liberty sts., Pittsburgh

WHO WANTS A FARM.—For Sale—A desirable Farm of 155 acres, having upwards of one hundred in first-rate cultivation; balance in good timber, and about eighty acres of coal. This whole Farm is well watered, and can be brought into cultivation; a dwelling house, barn and stable, with other improvements. Situate 18 miles from the city, on the Kittanning road. Price $2600. Terms favorable.

S CUTHBERT, General Agent,
oct29 50 Smithfield street.

Humbug versus Science.

IMPORTANT TRIAL.—AT PHILO HALL.—On Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, October 29th, 30th and 1st November, at 72 o'clock.

"If an opinion be erroneous, it requires discussion, that its errors may be exposed. If it be true, it will gain adherents in proportion as it is examined."—*Dr. Cooper.*

QUESTIONS—Can the Mesmeric or Magnetic state be produced? Is Mesmerism or Mental Electricity a powerful remedial agent? Affirmative, I. I. KEELY Negative—The Medical Faculty, who are all unbelievers, with all the literary skepics who feel an interest in the advancement of science and the prostration of imposition. Jurors—The Sovereign People. This trial will be conducted on terms equally fair to both parties.

He will teach the Science of Mesmel Electricity to a Class of Ladies and Gentlemen, on Friday evening, October 31, at 72 o'clock. Class Tickets $10. Each invalid must procure one. The poor supplied gratuitously. The Clergy and Editors free. Admittance 25 cents.
oct29:4t

Double Reed Melodeon.

THE subscriber has just opened a very fine Melodeon, 4 octaves, with double set of reeds, made by the original inventors, Carhardt and Needham, New York. This instrument is equal in point of power and volume to any small organ, and far preferable to it for sweetness of tone, capacity to stand in tune and facility for transporting. These instruments are made expressly for church use, and owing to the lowness of price are fast superseding the organs. The public are respectfully invited to call and examine this fine Melodeon previous to its leaving the subscriber's warerooom, it having been purchased by a congregation in this city.

H. KLEBER. No. 101 Third st.
oct29 Sole agent for Carhardt & Needham's Melodeon

MACKEREL—
75 bls. large No. 3 Mackerel, (Mass. inspection)
40 bf bls. do do do do do do
10 do do 1 do do do do
10 do do 2 do do do do
In store and for sale by
oct29 MILLER & RICKETSON,
Nos. 221 and 223 Liberty street.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ **Ten Dollars Reward.**—Will be given to any person detecting boys or men in stealing the Post from the doors of the subscribers.
HARPER & LAYTON.
sep8:tf

☞ **Odd Fellows' Hall**, *Odeon Building, Fourth street, between Wood and Smithfield streets.*—Pittsburgh Encampment, No. 2, meets 1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month.

Pittsburgh Degree Lodge, No. 4, meets 2d and 4th