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☞ No North, no South, no East, no West, under the Constitution; but a sacred maintenance of the Common Bond, and true attention to the Common Brotherhood.—FRANKLIN PIERCE.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT,

FRANKLIN PIERCE,

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,

WILLIAM R. KING,

OF ALABAMA.

Democratic Electoral Ticket for Pennsylvania.

SENATORIAL ELECTORS:
GEORGE W. WOODWARD, WILSON McCANDLESS,
GEN. ROBERT PATTERSON.

REPRESENTATIVE ELECTORS.

District.	District.
1. PETER LOGAN,	13. H. C. ETTE,
2. GEORGE H. MARTIN.	14. JOHN CLAYTON.
3. JOHN MILLER.	15. ISAAC ROBINSON.
4. T. W. HOCKER.	16. HENRY FETTER.
5. R. MCCAY, JR.	17. JAMES BERGNER.
6. A. APPEL.	18. MAXWELL M'CALEB.
7. Hon. N. STRICKLAND.	19. Gen. JOSEPH M'DONALD.
8. A. PETERS.	20. WILLIAM S. CALAHAN.
9. DAVID FISHER.	21. ANDREW BURKE.
10. E. E. JAMES.	22. WILLIAM DUNN.
11. JOHN M'REYNOLDS.	23. JOHN S. M'CALMONT.
12. P. DAMON.	24. GEORGE R. BARRETT.

Democratic County Ticket.

FOR CONGRESS—TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT,
P. C. SHANNON, Pittsburgh.
FOR STATE SENATOR,
JOHN BARTON, Pittsburgh.
FOR ASSEMBLY,
SAMUEL FLEMING, Pittsburgh,
A. J. GUTHRIE, Pittsburgh,
GEORGE P. GILMORE, Lawrenceville,
SAMUEL M'KEE, Birmingham,
J. C. STEWART, Plum Township.
SHERIFF,
CHARLES KENT, Pittsburgh.
COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
JACOB TOMER, Pittsburgh.
CORONER,
JACOB M'COLLISTER, Pittsburgh.
AUDITOR,
STEPHEN WOOD.
PROTHONOTARY,
EDWARD M'CORKLE, Indiana Township.
ASSOCIATE JUDGE,
PATRICK M'KENNA, Pittsburgh.

Re-Assembling of the State Democratic Convention of 1852.

In pursuance with a resolution adopted by the Democratic State Central Committee of Pennsylvania, the delegates to the State Convention of March 4th, 1852, are requested to reassemble at the Capitol, at HARRISBURG, on THURSDAY, the 26th day of August, A. D. 1852, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of nominating a Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM CURTIS,
WILLIAM H. WELSH, } *Secretaries.*

W. L. HIRST, *Chairman.*

Democratic County Committee of Correspondence.

☞ There will be an adjourned meeting of the Democratic County Committee of Correspondence, on next MONDAY EVENING, August 23d, at 7½ o'clock, at the St. Charles Hotel. Punctual attendance is requested.

DAVID CAMPBELL, Chairman.
JAMES BLACKMORE, Secretary. au21

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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

CONGRESS HALL, ALBANY,
Tuesday Evening, August 12, 1852.

Dear Phillips:—Here I am at the Capital of the Empire State, after a truly delightful ride up the Hudson river. I left the City of New York at 7 o'clock this morning, on board the beautiful steamer "Reindeer," Capt. FAHNHAM, and arrived at Albany at 4 o'clock, P. M.—distance about 150 miles. The trip is usually made in eight hours, but since the recent terrible calamity on board the "Henry Clay," the owners and commanders of boats have shown a disposition to have a little more regard for human life. The "Reindeer" is now, I believe, the only morning boat leaving New York for Albany, and having no opposition to "run against," travelers patronize her freely. The captain is very much of a gentleman, and pays the utmost regard to the comfort and safety of those who place themselves under his charge. There are two evening boats on the Hudson river, which are deadly rivals, and I learn that their officers within the last few days have been engaged in the outrageous business of racing, thus showing that they are willing to murder travelers by the wholesale. The names of these boats are the "Francis Skiddy," and the "Alida," and I would advise all persons who have any regard for their personal safety to avoid them as they would flee from a pestilence.

The Hudson—the glorious Hudson—how shall I describe it? If the Germans love the Rhine, "their own imperial river," certainly the Knickerbockers should be strongly attached to the Hudson, which is truly the Rhine of America. For many years I have had a warm desire to take a trip up the Hudson, especially after seeing the magnificent panorama of that stream, which was exhibited in Pittsburgh a little over a year ago. It is impossible to enter into a minute description of each scene of interest and beauty that presents itself to the eye of the traveler between New York and Albany. Indeed a person should have Argus eyes to see all that is to be seen; for while gazing upon one object of attraction, another and, perhaps greater, is lost sight of entirely.

After leaving the city of New York, for many miles the Hudson river is lined on either side with a succession of gorgeous mansions, where the "merchant princes" of Gotham have their abode. Every style of architecture, especially the Grecian and Gothic, is here seen. Hoboken and the Elysian Fields on the Jersey side, are celebrated places of resort for the New Yorkers, especially of summer evenings and on the Sabbath day. There are three or four ferry boats constantly running over the Hudson at these points, which are crowded with persons of all ages and sexes. About 16 miles north of New York, on the east side of the river, is the village of Yonkers, where the steamer "Henry Clay" was burnt. All those who pass by are sure of looking towards the fatal spot, although no trace of the wreck, with the exception of the bowsprit, (which was run into the bank,) is now to be seen. On the other or west side of the river, the Palisades present themselves to the view. They consist of a succession of bare, perpendicular rocks, from 20 to 50 feet high, the veins of which run in a vertical direction. All along the eastern bank of the river up as far as Tarrytown, the residence of Washington Irving, which is some 30 miles from New York, there are beautiful villas and country seats, which are seen amidst the primitive forests. Sunnyside, the property of Edwin Forrest, the tragedian, of which so much has been written, is built like an old baronian English castle, and very much resembles a prison, "dark, gloomy and peculiar," The grounds around look the very picture of desolation. The village of Sing Sing, 36 miles from New York, is noted for the State Prison, which is so liberally patronized by the Gothamites. The prison was erected a few years ago by convict labor.—It is under admirable management. A little above Sing Sing the river is wider than at any other point between New York and Albany, and has much the appearance of a little lake. Anthony's Nose, a few miles further north, is the next object of attraction. The river makes a bend here, resembling the letter S, but the nose part of the business is all a matter of romance. The christening of the mountain is thus described in the story of the Dutch Governor's first voyage up the Hudson, (see Irving's Knickerbocker:)

"Just at this moment the illustrious sun, breaking in all its splendor, from behind one of the high cliffs of the highlands, did dart one of its most potent beams full upon the refulgent nose of the Sconce of Brass. The reflection of which shot straightway down, hissing hot into the water, and killed a mighty Sturgeon that was sporting beside the vessel! When this astonishing miracle came to be known to Peter Stoyvesant (the Governor,) he, as may well be supposed, marveled exceedingly, and as a monument thereof gave the name of Anthony's Nose to a stout promontory in the neighborhood, and it has continued to be called Anthony's Nose ever since."

The Highlands of the Hudson begin at Anthony's Nose, and continue some 40 miles to the North. They are really grand and wild, and much resemble portions of the Allegheny mountains. West Point is right in the midst of the Highlands, and is one of the most romantic spots I ever beheld. The military school at this place has become celebrated over the world, as it has turned out some of the first military men of our country. The fortress is situated on a rocky promotory, which is almost inaccessible from the river. Newburgh, 8 miles from West Point, and 61 miles north of New York, is a beautifully situated town of nearly 10,000 inhabitants. This place was the head quarters of Gen. Washington during the Revolutionary war. The old stone building is still seen from the river, where the "Father of his Country" planned his glorious campaign. The Democracy of New York have taken possession of the old building, where they recently had one of the most enthusiastic rallies which has taken place in this State for many years. They erected a towering mast, from the top of which floats the "starry flag of victory."

Between Newburgh and Catskill there are no objects of special attraction. The Catskill mountains rear their dark blue peaks away towards the west, and seem almost beyond the reach of man. Away up in the solitudes of these mountains has been erected a spacious hotel, which entertains hundreds and thousands of people during the summer season. It is 2212 feet above the river. Hudson is a place of considerable trade, and is beautifully located. It has a population of about 3000. This is the head of *ship* navigation on the Hudson, although sloops and schooners run constantly to Albany. Some 20 miles below Albany we passed three steamers which were lashed together, and having on board an immense crowd of ladies and gentlemen, going on an excursion, with music and flowers, and all the other accompaniments of love and pleasure.

The business done on the Hudson river is immense. There are constantly in sight hundreds of sailing vessels, loaded with all sorts of freight, principally coal, lumber and hay. The towing business is also very heavy. Above Peekskill we passed by a tow-boat which was pulling after her no less than 35 canal boats! These canal boats are thus conveyed from New York to Albany, where they take the great New York Canal to Buffalo.

The Hudson River Railroad runs from New York to Albany on the eastern side of the river. It is doing a very large and profitable business, notwithstanding it finds strong competitors in the swift and beautiful steamers of the Hudson. This road has been admirably constructed, and the cars make on it from 30 to 40 miles an hour. I shall perhaps return by this route. I may speak of it more fully again.

Albany is a much larger and finer looking city than I expected to find in the interior of New York. It is built on the side of a hill which has a descent for a mile about equal to our Monongahela levee. It contains a population of about 60,000. Some of the streets are positively beautiful, and are lined with fine old elm trees which spread their branches over the house-tops. The public buildings present quite an imposing appearance. The State House is built of stone, with fluted marble pillars in front, and is situated in the midst of a lovely park which is filled with elm and sycamore trees! North of this is another park, which occupies an entire square, and in front of the latter are the public buildings, made out of pure white marble. Congress Hall, where I am stopping, is situated on Park Place, immediately adjoining the State House, and is surrounded with groves of trees, which make it a desirable place of resort. The Albanians are a staid, quiet people, who appear to live comfortable and independent as did their Knickerbocker ancestors.

I have seen some prominent Democratic politicians in this city, and they confidently declare that the State will be carried for Pierce and King by a large majority. There will probably be some difficulty in forming a good State ticket, owing to the difference of opinion on the Canal question, but this difficulty will not extend to the Presidential nominees, as I am informed by the best authority.

I find by referring to my watch, that I am writing in the "we short hours ayont the twal," so I shall bid you good night. L. H.

Mr. Watson G. Haynes protests, through the New York Tribune, against the nomination of Hon. John Hale, by the free-soil convention.—He says every thing was rushed through under the gag of the previous question; and that if a fair expression of opinion could have been obtained, Gen. Wool, or even Haynes, would have been the nominee. He goes for another convention, and alleges that not over 1,000 delegates attended at Pittsburgh.—*Balt. Sun.*

This is *the* Haynes who made a fool of himself and also made a speech in the Convention which had been prepared for him by Greeley. But Greeley and Seward are not satisfied with the manner in which he discharged his mission and they now compel him to repudiate the Convention and recommend that another should be held. The anti-Catholic Speech which Greeley conceived and Haynes was delivered of, has not accomplished the purpose for which it was intended, and the Scott leaders are now willing to sell Haynes for a mere trifle if by doing so they could get clear of the consequences of the foolish speech they instructed him to make. If we had not a special regard for his health, we would advise him to go back to Connought, but we are apprehensive that he would die from the same cause that kills the snakes in the Emerald Isle, for it is now admitted by his masters that he is "one of them."

Clinton County.—The democrats of Clinton County have nominated the following excellent ticket:

Congress—James Gamble.
Senator—James W. Quiggle.
Prothonotary—Thomas McGhee.
Register and Recorder—Philip Krebs.
Commissioner—George Hartman.
Auditor—Nathaniel Hanna, jr.

Dauphin County.—The democratic county convention of Dauphin county met at the Court House on Monday last, and nominated the following ticket:

Congress—Dr. C. Seiler.
Assembly—Lieut. S. Waterbury, James Horning.
Prothonotary—C. O. Zimmerman.
Register—Val. Hummel, Jr.
Coroner—George J. Shoemaker.
Auditor—John Enders.

The Whig Review's Opinion.—The *Whig Review*, the national organ, no longer ago than 1851, thus expressed its opinions upon Gen. Scott's fitness for the Presidency:

"We much question Gen. Scott's qualification for the position to which some of his admirers would elevate him. The exigencies of the times require abler hands and wider views, and more of a statesman."

If his qualifications were questionable only one year since, we hardly think he has improved much since.

Gen. Quitman's Opinion of Gen. Pierce.—Gen. Quitman, of Mississippi, whom the federal papers have been claiming for Scott, in his card denying that story, thus speaks of Gen. Pierce and declares he shall vote for him:—

"I knew General Franklin Pierce personally while we were in the service together, and since. His high intellectual qualities, his quick perception and accurate judgment of men secured my respect, while his nice sense of honor, his sincerity and his pure minded, disinterested integrity won my warm regard and friendship. His nomination was highly acceptable to me."

THE WHIG MEETING.

This affair, which was to have been a "grand affair," came off on Friday evening. It was grand in the ridiculous. It was extremely noisy on account of the managers having employed several brass bands to perambulate the streets and endeavor to frighten the quiet citizens from their ordinary propriety to go to the Whig meeting to avoid the brazen clamor made upon the streets. But our local powers for making discordant sounds were not deemed sufficient in the estimation of our Whig friends, and they had to send to a distant county to bring in nine fifers and five kettle drummers to aid in an effort to raise the enthusiasm of the Whigs of Pittsburgh. On Friday evening, these "foreigners" were marched round the city in grand array by Major W., and the nine fifers almost blew their brains out in an effort to raise a wind that might create a little Whig enthusiasm. But they could not succeed; their efforts were unavailing, and the meeting convened under the most gloomy forebodings as to the fate of the party.

C. Darragh, Esq., one of the most complacent gentlemen in our community, and, as his conduct evinced on the occasion, opened the meeting by an enthusiastic address to the fifes, drums and horns then present, which was entirely complimentary to the fifes, &c. He was followed by Mr. Swartzwelder, who, we are informed by the Gazette, made a practical speech. If he did, he must have advised the fifers and drummers then present not to be deceived by the knavish course which the editor of the Gazette now desires to pursue. Mr. S. is a good, open minded Whig, and he was the same in 1844, when the editor of the Gazette was advocating Native American principles, and as he did not object to those principles then, we do not think that he will back out from them now. He, and Mr. Darragh, are both devoted Scott men. They take him and his fuss and feathers as Scott takes soup, and don't "care a d—n" for a "fire in the rear."

The next speaker was the Hon. George Darsie. He was more politic. When he saw what an abortion the meeting turned out to be, he caught a very bad cold, and, after a few remarks, retired. With this, the meeting went into the proper proceedings to fix up the ordinary amount of humbug to make up the conclusion of a Whig meeting. The last we saw of it was a parade on the next morning, of the fifers and drummers from an adjoining county, marshalled by a man about the size of 'Haynes,' and they all looked as if they wanted some person to invite them to breakfast. But, there were no Whigs about to notice them, and most likely they went home fasting.

The Holy Places.

We extract the following paragraphs from a letter in the National Intelligencer:—

"The possession of the *Holy Places*, or sites in and about Jerusalem, designated by tradition as the scenes of the principal events in the drama of the crucifixion, has for ages been the subject of angry and most unchristian dispute between the sects of christians who have in the course of time established themselves in that interesting portion of the Ottoman dominions. This dispute has repeatedly given occasion to grave and urgent diplomatic negotiations between the ministers of the Porte and the representatives of the foreign powers, to whom belongs or who have assumed the protection of the various sects litigant. A word or two upon this subject, considering the character of the dispute and the religious interest which attaches all over christendom to the Holy Land, and particularly to Jerusalem, will, I think, be acceptable to most of your readers. The sects of Christians, leaders in these broils, and most important by their numbers, wealth, and influence, are the Latins, or Roman Catholics; the Greeks, or members of the Greek church; and the Armenians, a branch of the latter, and who side with them in their disputes with the Latins. The members of the Latin church found here are chiefly Franciscan monks, established in the Holy Land by Pope Alexander IV., about the middle of the thirteenth century; though it was not till near a century afterwards, in 1542, that they commenced the performance of divine service in the church of the Holy Sepulchre. France has possessed for hundreds of years the undisputed protectorate of the Latins. It is toward France that the Franciscans always stretch their hands when they have wrongs to be avenged, or rights to be maintained or restored. This protectorate seems clearly admitted in the successive diplomatic acts touching the Holy Places, passed in 1673, 1690, 1740, 1757, 1808, 1812 and 1851. The emperor of Russia is of course the protector of the Greek church, and of its pretensions respecting the Holy Places is diligent. The French accuse English diplomacy of interfering in these disputes, and of embarrassing by its intrigues the settlement of the mooted questions of possession and enjoyment. The following is the list of the Holy Places in litigation:

1. The large Cupola of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, or, as it is otherwise called, of the Resurrection.

2. The small Cupola which is in the interior of the same Church, covering the entrance of the Tomb of our Saviour.

3. The descent from the Cross.

4. Golgotha.

5. The seven arches of the Holy Virgin Mary.

6. The great Church of the village of Bethlehem.

7. The cave at Bethlehem in which Christ was born.

8. The birth-place of the Virgin Mary.

9. The tomb of the Virgin Mary.

10. The cave and the garden of Gethsemane.

Singular Delusion—Kossuth, King of America.

Mr. Kendall, in his last letter to the Picayune from Paris, tells the following very singular story:—I will close this letter by mentioning the fact that a most unaccountable whim, if whim it can be called, has recently entered into the heads of the lower classes in Posen Galicia, and has even spread in some parts of Bohemia and Hungary, if all accounts be true. According to the papers—you may have already seen the report—it would seem that a story had got out, and that it flew abroad with the greatest rapidity, to the effect that the richest of all the Rothschilds was under sentence of death, and that his only chance of saving his life was through the means of a lottery. For this purpose he offered what our lottery ticket venders would call a brilliant scheme, the main features of which were as follows: His entire property was to be divided in sums of 3,000 florins, and any and all who chose to take a ticket in the lottery, gratis, of course, would certainly draw that amount in hollow gold, or silver, and another substituted, reducing the rate of fare to 2 cents and 3½ mills per mile. When asked if this was the lowest offer, he replied that it was. On the day after this transaction, the Superintendent acknowledged that he was not of the nature of the business before the Board. It will thus be seen that both of the officers of the Company, who transacted their business with the Canal Department, knew that the subject had been for some time under consideration. If they failed to communicate so important a fact to their Company, it was a dereliction of duty for which the Canal Commissioners cannot be held responsible. Should the Directors require further proof on this point, it will be furnished at my moment.

2. What injustice is done to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company by the new arrangement! Their pecuniary interests will not be injured by it, for they acknowledge that the passenger business over the Philadelphia and Columbia railroad has been most profitable. During the last season, the Superintendent laid before the Board an abstract of their passenger receipts and expenditures over that road, which showed a net annual profit of about $200,000, according to the statement of the President of the Company, in reference to an intimation that some change was about to take place in carrying the passengers over the road, to which he replied, that "if we could have a guarantee that the work would be performed satisfactorily, it would be a matter of indifference to us who done it, as it has not yielded a profit." Where then is the injustice. They have lost money by carrying the passengers over the State Road. The Board have adopted a mode of conveyance by which the Company cannot possibly lose on their passengers carried over that road. It is injury, as has been shown, can result to their pecuniary interests, where, then, are we to look for it? Are any apprehended obstructions to be thrown in the way of a prompt transit of the passengers intended for their own road. Any such apprehension would be preposterous. It is not only the positive duty, but it is the settled design of the Canal Board to afford every possible comfort and food accommodation to passengers going to points westward of the State road, and to facilitate their speedy transportation by every possible means. If that design should not be fully carried out, it can only result from obstructions thrown in the way by the Pennsylvania railroad company. Advances have been made to their President to arrange this part of the business, but so far those advances have been treated with neglect. But, it is said, that the Company purchased the core of the old Eagle Line, and hence an injury will be sustained. To this there is a very simple and satisfactory reply, and that is, that Messrs. Bingham & Dock made an offer to the company to purchase, on fair terms, their cars running on the road, which offer was not accepted. If, therefore, they sustain loss from this cause, the fault is theirs alone.

The allegation that on this, or on any other occasion, the Canal Board were actuated by feelings of hostility to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, is devoid of the shadow of a foundation. Every application for the passage of freight, from the commencement of the business over the State works, the privilege of transporting goods over their road, on fair prices. The consequence was—that the freights of those transported between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, were sent by the way of Baltimore and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The loss of revenue, in the shape of tolls, over the Philadelphia and Columbia and the Allegheny Portage Railroads, by this movement and illiberal course of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, amounted to about $25,000.

These facts go to show that there was cause for hostility, but that any such feelings ever controlled the action of the Board, is totally unfounded. The last annual report of the President and Directors effectually discredits any such allegation. The board do not view the Pennsylvania Railroad, if its affairs are managed in a liberal and enlightened spirit, as a rival of the State improvements, and they are always ready to afford to it all facilities not deemed detrimental to the interests of the canals and railroads under their charge.

3. It is a fact well known to every one in the least conversant with the transportation of passengers over the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad, that competition has not existed, nor never can exist in that business, for any length of time. The parties having the carrying of the mails, possess advantages which enable them to drive off or buy out all competitors, and the practical fact is, that one party monopolizes the carrying trade. The arrangement of the Board does not change the result. If, as some persons who are interested in the continuance of the old system contend, the Commonwealth has no right to derive the largest revenues that she can from her own works, still, it is a matter, she will not assume the position heretofore occupied by an association of a few individuals, or by a chartered company.—Passenger transportation over this road has always been, in effect, a monopoly. The charge, therefore, that the Board are about to create such a monopoly, may answer very well for the use of political partizans; but, when the travelling public and the tax-payers come fully to understand, the one that the measure adopted will reduce the fair and add to their comforts and facilities in their transit over the road; and the other, that much of the profits that have heretofore gone into the pockets of a few, will hereafter come to the benefit of the public treasury, they will regard that change as a phrenzied effort to put down, by the use of clap-trap, a measure founded on reason, and justified by public exigencies.

☞ The Lowell Courier attempts to blacken the character of the late brave Gen. Worth, by declaring that he changed his politics to get nominated for the presidency. This is the charge of the Courier:—

"The late Gen. Worth was a whig up to the close of the war, when an intimation was given to him that if he would come out on the Polk side he would stand a fair chance of receiving the democratic nomination for the presidency in 1848. He did come out, and wrote a good locofoco letter, which was published in Washington. The convention, however, did not feel disposed to take up a new convert for the highest office, however brilliant his military career, and he received only a few scattering votes—not enough to compensate him for the wear of conscience which a sudden abandonment of principle could hardly have failed to occasion in the breast of so gallant a soldier."

Gen. Scott's friends appear to think it necessary to sacrifice the reputations of the gallant officers with him in Mexico to increase his glory—they see only Gen. Scott—the officers and soldiers who did the work must not be mentioned, when the glories achieved by their valor and sacrifices are needed to keep a partizan material for electioneering in behalf of his idol—Major General Winfield Scott.

"A more gallant man, or a more honorable man" than Gen. Pierce, both in public and private I never knew."—Gen. Scott to Col. Gorman.

"Gen. Pierce possesses as generous, brave, honorable, and pure a heart as the Almighty ever placed in the bosom of man."—Hon. E. V. Bell of Massachusetts—a Delegate to the Federal National Convention.

Pierce on a National Bank.—"I believe such an institution one of deadly hostility to the best interests of the country, dangerous to our republican institutions and the liberties of the people."

Scott on a National Bank.—"*I have long been under conviction*, that in peace as in war, something in the nature of a Bank of the United States is not only *necessary* and *proper* but *indispensable* to the successful operations of the treasury, as to many of the wants of our commerce and currency."

On Both Sides.—The London *Times* at first spoke well of General Pierce and his party. In speaking of the two parties: "Our own sympathies and opinions must ever lean to the more moderate and enlightened of these parties, who are guardians of Federal tradition, the friends of peace, and the opponents of slavery. The Whigs won't thank the *Times* for this puff and expression of its sympathy.

Trade with the Canadas.—At the opening of the next session of Canadian Parliament a bill will be introduced providing for a reduction of the duties on imports via the St. Lawrence, and a protective duty on imports from the Atlantic ports of the United States. Facilities will be granted on some articles of western produce.—The Montreal Courier says that on this hangs the question "how long will this colony belong to Great Britain?"

A Rascal Caught.—A young man named J. H. Powers, late of New York, who had been clerk in Johnston's drug stock at Louisville, has been detected in stealing a lot of drugs from his employer, with which he had fitted up quite a nice little store of his own at West Point, Ky.

IMPORTANT OFFICIAL DOCUMENT.

Canal Commissioners' Office,
Harrisburg, July 23d, 1852.

The President laid before the Board a statement in reference to the various mis-statements which have been made in relation to the arrangement adopted for the conveyance of passengers over the Philadelphia and Columbia Road.

Which was read, approved, signed by each member, and directed to be published.

Extract from the Journal.

THOMAS L. WILSON, Secretary.

THE CONTRACT FOR CARRYING PASSENGERS OVER THE PHILADELPHIA AND COLUMBIA RAILROAD.

The Board of Canal Commissioners having had under consideration, for more than a year, the question of the propriety and the expediency of assuming the control of the passenger travel over the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad, unanimously determined, on the 19th of May, in favor of the measure. To enable them to carry out the arrangement, fully and effectively, and with a view to the best interests of the Commonwealth, they entered into a contract with Messrs. Bingham & Dock, (an old and well known transportation house) to furnish the cars and to run or instruct the transportation, without any control over the fare to be received. For this service they are to be paid a stipulated price per passenger per mile.

An attempt has been made to mislead the public mind in relation to the course of the Board, by the insertion of numerous anonymous communications in the columns of the press of Philadelphia, several of which it is now acknowledged was paid for either by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, or by its officers. To these mis-statements, coming before the people of the State in the manner in which they do, no official reply could have been expected; and it was not until after the appearance of the authorized publications of the President and Board of Directors of the Company, that it was deemed proper to anticipate the Annual Report to the Legislature, and to place the facts connected with the question at issue before the tax-payers of Pennsylvania, to whom strong appeals have been made to join in denouncing the action of the Board.

The objections which have been urged against the Contract, entered into for the purpose of enabling the Board to carry out the measure which they had adopted, may be summed up as follows:

1. That no public notice was given to invite competition, either to the Pennsylvania Railroad or to others.

2. That it does injustice to that Company, and evinces a hostility to its interests.

3. That it drives off competition, and creates a monopoly.

4. That it is a lease of the Road to individuals.

5. That the Canal Commissioners exceeded their legal powers in employing persons to carry the passengers.

6. That the arrangement will result in a loss to the revenue of the Commonwealth.

These objections will be noticed in their order as briefly as is consistent with the subject.

1. It is true that no public notice was given inviting proposals for the performance of the service to be required—but the Board were fully convinced, after mature deliberation, would neither subserve the comfort of travelers, nor the interests of the Commonwealth. If proposals had been invited, the Board would have been compelled to refer to give the preference to the lowest bidder, without any reference to the qualifications of the bidder. A large sum would be received will not be considered, by men acquainted with the business, as too high for the risk to be run and the duty to be performed.

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2. What injustice is done to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company by the new arrangement! Their pecuniary interests will not be injured by it, for they acknowledge that the passenger business over the Philadelphia and Columbia railroad has been most profitable. During the last season, the Superintendent laid before the Board an abstract of their passenger receipts and expenditures over that road, which showed a net annual profit of about $200,000, according to the statement of the President of the Company, in reference to an intimation that some change was about to take place in carrying the passengers over the road, to which he replied, that "if we could have a guarantee that the work would be performed satisfactorily, it would be a matter of indifference to us who done it, as it has not yielded a profit." Where then is the injustice. They have lost money by carrying the passengers over the State Road. The Board have adopted a mode of conveyance by which the Company cannot possibly lose on their passengers carried over that road. It is injury, as has been shown, can result to their pecuniary interests, where, then, are we to look for it? Are any apprehended obstructions to be thrown in the way of a prompt transit of the passengers intended for their own road. Any such apprehension would be preposterous. It is not only the positive duty, but it is the settled design of the Canal Board to afford every possible comfort and food accommodation to passengers going to points westward of the State road, and to facilitate their speedy transportation by every possible means. If that design should not be fully carried out, it can only result from obstructions thrown in the way by the Pennsylvania railroad company. Advances have been made to their President to arrange this part of the business, but so far those advances have been treated with neglect. But, it is said, that the Company purchased the core of the old Eagle Line, and hence an injury will be sustained. To this there is a very simple and satisfactory reply, and that is, that Messrs. Bingham & Dock made an offer to the company to purchase, on fair terms, their cars running on the road, which offer was not accepted. If, therefore, they sustain loss from this cause, the fault is theirs alone.

The allegation that on this, or on any other occasion, the Canal Board were actuated by feelings of hostility to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, is devoid of the shadow of a foundation. Every application for the passage of freight, from the commencement of the business over the State works, the privilege of transporting goods over their road, on fair prices. The consequence was—that the freights of those transported between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, were sent by the way of Baltimore and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The loss of revenue, in the shape of tolls, over the Philadelphia and Columbia and the Allegheny Portage Railroads, by this unwise and illiberal course of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, amounted to about $25,000.

These facts go to show that there was cause for hostility, but that any such feelings ever controlled the action of the Board, is totally unfounded. The last annual report of the President and Directors effectually discredits any such allegation. The board do not view the Pennsylvania Railroad, if its affairs are managed in a liberal and enlightened spirit, as a rival of the State improvements, and they are always ready to afford to it all facilities not deemed detrimental to the interests of the canals and railroads under their charge.

3. It is a fact well known to every one in the least conversant with the transportation of passengers over the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad, that competition has not existed, nor never can exist in that business, for any length of time. The parties having the carrying of the mails, possess advantages which enable them to drive off or buy out all competitors, and the practical fact is, that one party monopolizes the carrying trade. The arrangement of the Board does not change the result. If, as some persons who are interested in the continuance of the old system contend, the Commonwealth has no right to derive the largest revenues that she can from her own works, still, it is a matter, she will not assume the position heretofore occupied by an association of a few individuals, or by a chartered company.—Passenger transportation over this road has always been, in effect, a monopoly. The charge, therefore, that the Board are about to create such a monopoly, may answer very well for the use of political partizans; but, when the travelling public and the tax-payers come fully to understand, the one that the measure adopted will reduce the fair and add to their comforts and facilities in their transit over the road; and the other, that much of the profits that have heretofore gone into the pockets of a few, will hereafter come to the benefit of the public treasury, they will regard that change as a phrenzied effort to put down, by the use of clap-trap, a measure founded on reason, and justified by public exigencies.

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5. The legality of the action of the Canal Board has been called in question. If the Board understand the constitution, they are bound to regard the law as construed by the Supreme Court, to be paramount to the opinions of the attornies employed by a private corporation. In December, 1842, the then Board of Canal Commissioners entered into a contract with Cameron & Wilson for the carrying of all the passengers over that same road. The party who had previously, by their pecuniary resources, enjoyed a monopoly of the passenger trade, brought the case by mandamus before the Supreme Court. After a full and able argument by counsel on both sides, the Court decided that the contract was legal. In their opinion delivered on that occasion, they say, in relation to the contract, that "The State did no more by becoming a party to it, *than form it right to carry*; and in framing the bargain, it had a right to consult its executive interest." This, then is the law as laid down by the highest judicial tribunal of the Commonwealth. The Board have not violated it in a single particular. If they have the right, which the court say they have, to "*form*" out the carrying of passengers, no sane mind would doubt their right to enter into a contract by which the State becomes bereft the carrier: Messrs. Bingham & Dock being merely contractors to perform a specified service. But it is unnecessary to argue the legality of the measure. The Supreme Court has set that question at rest. Nor is the sanction of the Legislature wanting either negatively or positively. At the session of 1843, the subject of the contract with Cameron & Wilson (ing house) to furnish the cars and to superintend the transportation, without any control over the fare to be received. For this service they are to be paid a stipulated price per passenger per mile.

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The objections which have been urged against the Contract, entered into for the purpose of enabling the Board to carry out the measure which they had adopted, may be summed up as follows:

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