

OUR ALMS HOUSE.

Retrenchment... The following note was received at our office about two weeks ago, which we have not had time to notice before.

SCOTTLEIGH, CO. ALMS HOUSE, January 1, 1886.

Dear Sir: I have been instructed by our Board of Directors to inform you that you will please discontinue the issue of the Alms House.

Yours truly, CHARLES MILLER, Secretary.

Well - here is the beginning of retrenchment in 1886. It was greatly needed, in the following figures will show.

The County Statement which we publish this week, shows that the enormous sum of \$1,772,823

was drawn from the County Treasury for the support of the Alms House in 1855, which is nearly one half of the sum collected by the County for County purposes.

The statement shows that the whole amount of County taxes collected was

In 1855, \$30,667 27  
Paid to Poor House, 17,728 59  
\$12,938 68

Leaving only \$21,341 88 to defray all the other expenses of the County, the Prison, the Courts, Elections, Interest on Loans, &c., &c.

To show how these expenses have increased within a few years past, we give the following for the Alms House from the County Treasury for a series of years:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Amount, Total. Rows for 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855.

In 1849, 1850 and 1851, a barn, a hospital and buildings, amounting to over \$4000 were built, which increased the amount drawn out of the County Treasury - but within the last four years, the only improvement made was the building of a pig-pen, and the expenses have increased from \$5 to \$6000 or \$8,017, 725 in 1855. Is this not alarming?

Is it not enough to rouse the indignation of every man in the county? Is it not a most tremendous squandering of the people's money?

Is it not every other community in the whole country, that would submit a day to such a monstrous squandering of the taxes of the county, by a set of men who are said to be totally incompetent to take charge of the institution?

While the Commissioners have been laboring hard for the last two or three years, to check the expenditures of the County, with a view to the reduction of taxes, and have succeeded to such a degree as to command the admiration of the people, is it not a most disgraceful and reprehensible act, as far as it has been saved.

It really seems to us, that there is a combination of office-seekers and plunderers, leagued together to plunder everything they can get hold of - and it is high time for the honest taxpayers of the county to league together, and put a stop to this villainy and rashness.

We pay quite as much tax as any of the Directors of the Poor, or the Managers, and it has been customary to take the papers of the county, for the use of the House. Our paper has dared to speak out about the extravagant and imbecile management of the institution, while all the other papers did not breathe one word about these abuses, and they will continue quiet, until they find out that we are likely to be the strong, and they are likely to be the weak.

question - and then they will be ready to take the side of right or wrong; consequently, the Directors have ordered our paper to be discontinued - while the other papers are received, because our strictures made them feel bad, and have spoiled some of their operations - and besides, the reading of the Journal inspired a sufficient boldness in some of the inmates to complain of their treatment, and the immorality of the establishment - and the slopping off of two dollars a year in the expenses. Now we have a year in the expenses.

Use of the papers, and we think the Managers are bound to receive it for that purpose - we will direct it to be printed - and send it to the Schuylkill Haven Post-Office, where they receive their papers and letters. We will also make inquiry whether it is furnished to the pauper or not.

We will reserve further remarks until we see the report of the committee.

READING RAILROAD COMPANY. The annual meeting of this Company was held in Philadelphia on Monday afternoon, at the office, South Fourth street. The annual report was read. From it we glean the following:

TRAVEL, 27,617, equal to 1111.

Freight on coal, 2,132,292 tons, 3,604,074 80

Miscellaneous freight, 29,285

\$4,217,793 86

EXPENSES.

Transportation 1,225,238 79

Warehouse 285,642 89

1,510,881 68

Gross earnings, 82,810,912 18

Drawbacks, dunnage, &c., 216,996 93

Net profit for the year, \$2,593,915 24

Interest on bonds, and mortgages, 50,027 00

Receivable fund, 149,482 48

653,569 48

Dividend fund for the year, \$1,940,405 76

Out of which has been paid in dividends, 164,762 82

Balance of account, 95,676 52

Sinking fund for bonds, payable 1879, 25,000 00

1879, 75,000 00

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The Election of U. S. Senator. - On Monday, ex-Governor Bigler was elected a Senator in Congress, to represent this State for six years, from the fourth of March last. He received 82 votes, and E. J. Morris, of Philadelphia, the American and Republican candidate, 43 votes. Mr. Morris is a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate, and was elected to the Senate from the Greens and Washington districts. Mr. Morris was nominated at the American Caucus which was held on Saturday evening. He received a majority of the votes cast on that ballot, Mr. Parvian being next in line, and subsequently, he was unanimously elected. Joseph J. Lewis, the Senator from Chester and Delaware, presided over the Caucus, and Senator Finney and Representative McCalmon acted as Secretaries. After the nomination, a platform was read, which Mr. Morris endorsed, and which was unanimously adopted. The resolutions are as follows: 1. That we are opposed to the admission of any new Slave States into this Union - 2. That Kansas and Nebraska should be admitted into the sisterhood as Free States. 3. That we are opposed to political Corruption, the interference of any foreign ecclesiastical establishment with the political affairs of our country. 4. That the Constitution has ought to be so modified, as to correct the evils which the present system entails on the country, and that high measures should be taken to prevent the importation of foreign papers and covets.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. - The Republican National Convention has been called at Philadelphia on the 23d of February for the purpose of perfecting a national organization, and providing for a National Delegates' Convention on a subsequent day, to nominate a candidate for President and Vice President.

EDITORIAL TABLE.

THE SCHUYLKILL COAL TRADE. - Our Philadelphia correspondent, who complains at our ears on this subject, need not hesitate to communicate his sentiments and views. Every citizen has a right to be heard in this regard, and a thorough organization of the Trade and we shall be pleased to hear at length from our readers.

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THE THIRD OF THE ASSEMBLY'S SERIES. - The Third of the Assembly's series commences on the 10th of January. The series is a valuable one, and we think it well worth the attention of our readers. It is published by Messrs. G. W. Weston, formerly of Schuylkill Haven, has received the appointment of Clerk in the County Commissioners' office.

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