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A MATTER FOR IMPEACHMENT.

One of the most serious charges against Austria is its centralization of power, the effect of which during the past ten years, has been to augment the tyranny under which the people groan, and to increase their taxation three-fold. The ill advised Concordat, by which the government surrendered much of its power to the Pope, within its own dominions, aided the work, and we find Austria in 1860 without an ally and almost without a friend among the nations of Europe.—Bankrupt, isolated and despised, her position far from enviable, may be attributed to the cause we have stated.

Is it wise to emulate such an example?—Can a Republican government do so with safety? During the Administration of James Buchanan, as the astounding Congressional disclosures which we publish in another part of this paper, reveal, that object seems to have been paramount. It is true that the step has not been taken as yet, with that boldness which characterized the movement of the house of Hapsburg in this matter; but enough progress has been made by the Administration to startle and alarm the people.

It cannot be claimed that the President has been acting ignorantly, for Mr. Wendell says plainly that the hundred thousand dollars' worth of Executive printing pays sixty-five per cent. profit, and that out of this profit came the support of the "organ" at Washington, and certain sub-organs in Philadelphia, and that all this was managed by Mr. Wendell and the President, with little regard to the heads of the Executive departments themselves, who were expected to acquiesce, and who did not destroy those well-founded expectations. The profits also went under the cognizance of the President, to organize a third party movement in 1856,—in which the leaders were dishonest, and the masses deceived—while Mr. Wendell testifies that he used money in each of the congressional districts in and near New York city, and fully demonstrates that the use of money for such purposes was general, under the President's own knowledge, and almost by his personal direction. "The fountain of free government" is, therefore, in the memorable words of the Du Quesne letter, "poisoned at its source, and we must end, as history proves, in a military despotism."

In addition to this exposure of frauds in the public printing contracts, we have the report of the Committee of Naval Affairs appointed last year to examine into the abuses of the Navy Yards, which has just been issued. "Independent" the Washington correspondent of the *North American*, writes:

"It is an instructive document, and furnishes another illustration of the manner in which every branch of the public service has been subordinated to political objects. The Administration seems to have regarded the success of its party as its first and highest duty to be performed, and acting upon that idea, has appropriated the public patronage without the least reference to the effect of the misapplication upon the efficiency of the army, navy or civil branches of the government. Here are some passages from the report.

"The Philadelphia Navy Yard has been badly governed for some years past, and may be said to have been almost given up at one time to the politicians, who exercised a great control in the number of men to be employed on the government work." * * * *

"The two persons who should do these (clerical) duties, never gave their attendance at all in the yard. They have drawn their pay ever since they have been in office, without giving the government any labor in return for it, both of them being employed in business in the city." * * * *

"Commander Carr is of opinion, that fully one-third of the men now employed can be discharged with advantage to the government, and thinks that more work could be got out of the remainder than is now obtained," &c.

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"According to an estimate made by persons in evidence, the extra number of men unnecessarily employed in the Philadelphia yard would, it cut down, be a saving of over $100,000 a year, which would add one fine ship to the navy yearly." * * * *

"The present state of things existing in the yard is no doubt owing to officers yielding from time to time to political influences, which the government alone had the power to regulate." * * * *

"The master blacksmith is a politician, and admits it; and there is evidence on record to show that he does not always employ the most efficient kind of men," &c. * * * *

These extracts furnish a fair idea of the report, and exhibit the gross abuses which have grown up under the lax rule of the present Administration.

There can be no doubt that the Administration fearful of the exposures to which these investigations would naturally lead, threw all the impediments in its power in the way of the organization of the House at the present session of Congress, and caused the vexatious delay experienced.

The corruption of the government and the hypocrisy of the President, for party purposes, tend to the creating that centralization of power to be highly deprecated in a Republic. We feel therefore, that this is a matter which the people irrespective of party, should take hold of. If the President is proven to be corrupt, how can we expect purity in any other department of the government? How are we to avoid a military despotism, if the people submit tamely, to these things? There should be public meetings. There should be a general demand for either the resignation or impeachment of the President. If not impeached, let the articles of impeachment at least, be prepared. When effeminacy and corruption found an entrance, Rome commenced her downward career. Shall the warning example be lost upon the great Republic of the Nineteenth Century?

OUR amiable neighbor, the *Standard*, lacking convincing arguments, in the ratio that it does brains, is hammering away *weakly* at the Republican party, charging it with being hostile to Protection, etc. Now, friend *Standard*, we have a way of convincing our readers that what we assert is true. It is thus —we lay before them facts. Hence, when the vote was recently taken in the House at Washington, on permitting Mr. Morrill to introduce his Tariff bill, we showed by publishing the vote, that every Republican but one voted for it, while the Democratic members, with the exception of three, voted against it. If the Democratic party is in favor of a Tariff, why don't you prove it by facts, not mere assertion? Why don't you publish that vote? Are you afraid?

In regard to the *Standard's* stale charges that Mr. Campbell was one of the authors of the Tariff bill of 1857, we will not insult the intelligence of the people of this County by deeming it necessary to re-publish the facts. Our readers will remember that we fully refuted these scurrilous charges two years since, and we wonder at the shameless audacity of the man who dares ventilate old falsehoods before an intelligent community. Verily, the stock in trade of these Democratic editors is small indeed, when lies are the principal commodity they vend.

A LETTER to the *Tribune* from Iowa says; "The popular mind here five weeks ago seemed divided between Bates, Cameron, and Lincoln. But within the last sixteen days a perfect revolution of sentiment has occurred in this section (Keokuk) in favor of Seward. That recent speech of his seems to have set our people all on fire with Republican excitement for him and his teachings."

THE annual lettings of road contracts in Montgomery, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Allegheny, during the present month, will commence on Monday next.

THE latest accounts from England say that Queen Victoria is very well, "and has taken to hoops."

EDITOR'S TABLE.

"AGNES DE DURAMER" will appear in our next. The author need not be concerned. There is nothing in our opinion, to warrant the conclusion feared.

LADIES' HOME MAGAZINE.—The April number of this publication contains a well executed steel plate, entitled "The Miller's Daughter," and a number of other illustrations of interest to the ladies. The literary contents are up to the high standard which characterizes Arthur's Magazine. A family circle is hardly complete without the monthly visit of our little favorite. Published at 323 Walnut street, Philadelphia, at $2 per annum.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE.—We have received from the publishers, Leonard Scott & Co., 79 Fulton street, New York, the March number of the American edition of this publication. The contents are—"Lord Elgin's Mission to China and Japan;" the third part of Bulwer's new poem, "St. Stephen's;" the third part of "Norman Sinclair: An Autobiography;" "Nelson and Caracciolo;" "Betsy Brown—A True Story;" "A Word about Tom Jones;" part last of "The Luck of Ladysmede;" "The Foreign Connection of the House of Bull;" "Dies Irae;" "Volunteer Cavalry Movements," and "The Anglo-Gallican Budget." A fine number this, of Blackwood.

FUNDAMENTAL IDEAS OF MECHANICS AND EXPERIMENTAL DATA. By A. MORIN. REVISED, TRANSLATED, AND REDUCED TO ENGLISH UNITS OF MEASURE, BY JOSEPH BENNETT, CIVIL ENGINEER. *New York*: D. APPLETON AND COMPANY, 346 & 348 *Broadway*. *London*: 16 *Little Britain*.—1860.

By the mechanic and engineer, this copiously illustrated work, just published by the Messrs. Appleton, will be highly appreciated. The contents are embraced under the following general heads—"Preliminary Ideas," (on extensive Simpson's formula, and quantity infinitely divisible.) "Forces, and the Measure of their Work," "Dynamometers," "Transmission of Motion by Forces," "Observation of the Laws of Motion," "Principal of Vis Viva," "Composition of Motion, Velocities, and Forces," "The Centre of Gravity and Equilibrium of Tensions in Jointed Systems," "Composition and Equilibrium of Forces applied to a Solid Body," "Motion of Rotation," "Application of the Principle of Vis Viva to Machines," "Friction," "Rigidity of Cords," "Draught of Vehicles," and "Resistance of Fluids."

This work is an able translation from "Arthur Morin's Lecons de Mecanique Pratique," by Jos. Bennett, Esq., of Brooklyn, N. Y., and is dedicated to General J. G. Swift. The manner in which the laborious work was entered upon is explained by Mr. Bennett. It appears that in the summer of 1857, he was engaged upon a survey of Lakes Squam and Newfound, with a view of making some alterations in the delivery of those great reservoirs of the Lowell water power. On completing the work, his employer, James B. Francis, made him a present of his only copy of the "Lecons;" speaking of its value in terms of the highest commendation, but expressly stating that the gift was not to be considered as involving the expectation of a translation, or as anywise imposing upon Mr. Bennett, an obligation to attempt it.

The temptation however, proved too strong to be resisted, and American engineering is a gainer by the fact. Mr. Bennett frankly acknowledges though, that if he could have foreseen the labor required in the reduction, she should hardly have ventured upon the undertaking.

The value of the translation is enhanced from the fact that some grave errors of the original have been discovered and corrected.

In making the following extract from the translator's dedicatory preface, with the sentiments of which we fully agree, we recommend the work to the attention of engineers with the greater confidence, as the talented translator has not only done ample justice to the gifted author, but great service to that important profession. Mr. Bennett remarks:

"We all acknowledge the advantage of well established practical formulæ; to them the mechanic and engineer must look for ready aid in producing harmonious combinations of strength and dimensions, ensuring to their mechanical effects and structures, agreeable forms, convenience, security and economy; it is a matter of regret that so little has been done in our country toward establishing them.

"It is not every one like Brunel can congratulate his employers upon the falling of a bridge, on the score of its preventing the erection of a hundred more on the same plan. With us, the fall of a bridge would be the hooting of the engineer with his own petard. The recent calamity at Lawrence, Mass., cries out in thunder tones against the merciless destruction of life, and most painfully shows that too much care or skill cannot be exacted of our constructors. The frequent record of loss of life or property, arising from a want of skill in those intrusted with the management of our material interests, has been creating a wide felt disgust for the too prevalent system of placing them in hands who have no other claim but that of political or partisan preference, and its evil influences have been operating upon a profession which, in point of attainment or ability, should stand second to none in the country.

"It is to be hoped that our government may yet take in hand a matter that cannot well be done at individual cost, and thus institute a series of experiments, so that for the strains of wood, of iron, for the properties of materials, and general experimental results, there may be found many an able native Barlow, Fairbairn, or Morin, to elicit valuable information, and supply the great void existing in the testing of our own materials."

In concluding this notice of "Morin's Mechanics," we again commend it as a work which every engineer in Schuylkill County should possess; proving as it will, a valuable adjunct to their professional knowledge and skill.

Next week will be moving time. Already the notes of preparation are heard. The amount of patience that will be tried next week will be awful. Our advice is, take it coolly.

Roman Catholic Missionaries.—During the week seven Roman Catholic missionaries now on a diocesan tour through the United States, have officiated in St. Patrick's Church, this Borough.—The Roman Catholic laity have poured in daily, from all parts of the County, and at the evening services hundreds of persons have been unable to gain admittance. The object of the visitation is to rouse up the faithful, and collect funds for church purposes.

Chess Tournament.—The Chess players of Schuylkill County are invited to attend a meeting at the Pennsylvania Hall, Pottsville, at eight o'clock on Monday evening, April 2d, for the purpose of taking such measures and making such arrangements as shall be found necessary for the holding of a Schuylkill County Chess Tournament. It is hoped that Tamaqua, Schuylkill Haven, Minersville, Tremont, and the rest of the County, will be well represented on the occasion.

Mr. Hause promised to send Mr. Rambo a challenge, and Mr. Rambo is anxious to cover his pile.—*Reading Times.*

A mistake. Mr. Hause promised to challenge Mr. Rambo, when the latter succeeded in beating the former's figures. As the parties stand it is Mr. Rambo's duty to challenge Mr. Hause, or by his inaction, silently, acknowledge himself vanquished. So we view the matter, friend *Times*.—Pity old Burke can be so easily "backed down."

Target Practice.—The Washington Artillerists will parade on Thursday next, April 5, for target practice, as well as in compliment to the 38th anniversary of their Instructor's birthday. The practice will be held at the old basin, Market street. The first prize will consist of a neat gold medallion—presented to the corps by a lady of this Borough—which medallion will be the property of the member winning it. It is anticipated that the ranks will be well filled on the occasion. The corps will parade at 1 o'clock, P. M.

A Gratifying Improvement.—Several ladies of Morris' Addition are having a double row of silver-maple trees planted along the Centre street side-walk running opposite to the Clay Monument. Heretofore, this space, running for several hundred feet, has been completely exposed, and in a warm summer-day, is quite unpleasant to be traversed. The improvement will add to the appearance of that part of the Borough, and to the comfort of the residents of Morris' Addition. The ladies deserve much credit for moving in the matter.

Public Schools.—The examinations will be continued next week, in the following order, viz:

April 2d, A. M., Nos. 2 and 3, Male, 3d, 4th and 5th classes—Miss Hartt and Miss McCool, Teachers.

April 2d, P. M., Nos. 2 and 3, Male, 1st and 2d classes—Mr. Lambert and Miss Dewald, Teachers.

April 3d, all day, High School.

April 4th, A. M., " "

April 4th, P. M., Grammar School.

April 5th, " "

Reduction of Passenger Fares.—It will be observed by reference to an advertisement in another column, that on and after Monday next, April 2d, commutation tickets with twenty-six coupons, will be issued between any points desired, good for the holder and any member of his family, in any Passenger train, and at any time—at 25 per cent. below the regular fares. This new arrangement will be found convenient and economical to the traveling business public; as well as to those parties who wish to ruralize in the lovely Schuylkill Valley during the coming Summer.

Death of a Mexican Volunteer.—John Steigner, a private in Company B, (Captain Jas. Nagle,) First Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers of the Mexican War, died in this Borough, yesterday, aged 48 years. He served through the Scott campaign of the War, and was honorably discharged at its close. His funeral will take place to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock, and will be attended by the surviving soldiers of the War, as a guard of honor, and by the Washington Artillery Company. The other companies of the Regiment have been invited to participate.

Correction.—We were in error in stating in our issue of two weeks ago, that the one hundred and fifty dollars, lost by one of the waiters at the Mansion House, had been recovered. We are now, however, happy to say, that a fair proportion of the whole of it being speedily returned exists, as Miss Head a day or two ago received a small portion of it through the Post Office, which doubtless came from the person who found it, and who, we have no doubt, will return the balance, for as the return of a part of the money was certainly the result of a conscientious desire to do right, the same conscience which dictated a return of the part will with equal force urge a return of the whole.

Dwarf Fruit Trees.—This description of tree is well adapted, from its size, for garden culture. They can be planted on the borders of beds in small gardens, and causing very little shade, do not interfere with the growth of other garden products. Besides being an ornament to a small piece of ground, these trees are early fruitful, bearing in two and three years after planting; some bearing fruit in even one year after. These trees produce fruit of a large and superior quality, and are peculiarly adapted to garden culture. Mr. B. Bannan at his Nursery on Greenwood Hill, has on hand the following description of dwarf fruit trees—pear, apple, cherry and plum, and we advise those desiring good fruit from trees or copying but little room, to procure some of these.

County Superintendent.—The School Directors are required to meet triennially in Convention at the County Seat, in each county, on the first Monday of May, to select a County Superintendent. The election will take place this year, on Monday, the 7th of May. A majority of the Directors present elects. Much depends upon the efficiency of the County Superintendent.—The degree of ability and fidelity with which he discharges his duties, will soon be seen in the schools. A faithful discharge of duty on the part of the Superintendent will show itself in improved schools, and the increased interest taken in them by teachers, scholars and parents. The Directors fix the Salary of the Superintendent.—The Salary now paid in Schuylkill County is $1000 per annum.

Concert of Sabbath School Pupils.—A rich entertainment for all lovers of really good music is contemplated by the Sunday School Choir of Trinity Church of this Borough, on the 9th of April next—Monday a-week. The County Commissioners have kindly tendered the use of the Court House, for the purpose. This Choir is composed of some twenty or thirty boys and girls—Sunday School pupils—who, for upwards of three years past, have been under the musical training of C. Little, Esq., in connection with his Superintendence of the School. With voices naturally clear and sweet, they have acquired a remarkably correct style; and sing with a power and effect truly wonderful for little folks! We understand they have now in rehearsal a number of choice anthems, chants, glees, rounds, etc., especially selected for the proposed concert. The proceeds are to be appropriated to the purchase of books for the School. They may be pretty sure of a full house, without our bespeaking it.

From the Philadelphia Press of March 27.

INTERESTING & IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES.

Abstract of the Testimony taken before the Committee on Public Expenditures, (John B. Haskin, Chairman,) to Investigate Corruptions in regard to the Disbursements of the Public Printing Fund.

[We are indebted to "Occasional" for the following important despatch.]

WASHINGTON, March 26, 1860.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EXPENDITURES.

I send the following extracts from the great report of Mr. Haskin, laid before the House at four o'clock this afternoon.

This evidence was contained in testimony taken before the committee, showing Wendell to have been private *de facto* but Congressional Printer Harris & Steadman, the printers *de jure* of the two Houses, some seventy eight thousand dollars for the privilege of doing the work, and that George W. Bowman, present Senate and Congress printer, pays John C. Rives, who actually does the work, sixty-six and two thirds per cent. for doing it, reserving to himself a clear profit of thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the amount paid by the Government. If the Senate and Executive printing amounts in the aggregate to as much during the sessions of this Congress as it did during the sessions of the Thirty fifth Congress, Mr. Bowman will receive from Government some forty odd thousand dollars for doing absolutely nothing.

Mr. Cornelius Wendell, who executed the entire public printing for six years, immediately preceding the election of the present Senate printer, George W. Bowman, Esq., in January last, testified that the whole public printing during that period of time might have been done fifty per cent. less than the price paid by Government for doing it. He furnished the committee with a statement, from which it appears that, under a different system, there might have been a saving effected by Congress, in printing alone, during that time, amounting to the gross sum of *seven hundred and forty-seven thousand six hundred and fifty eight dollars and forty-five cents*, not including the *Congressional Globe*, upon which an estimate of a saving of two hundred and forty thousand dollars, for the like period, might have been made.

It appears that of the profits of the public printing annually given by the President to his personal favorites and partisans, twenty thousand dollars per annum was appropriated to the support of his personal organ in Washington and his partisan presses in Philadelphia.

The committee can see no propriety in Congress continuing this fund devoted by the President to keep in existence newspapers in Washington of an exclusive and dispotic character, sinking nineteen thousand dollars per annum, which official organ of government is constantly disgracing the country by its defamation of personal character, and its scurrilous attacks upon all who choose to differ from the Administration now in power. There is not one redeeming feature about this unscrupulous journal which would justify Congress in allowing it to remain in the hands of the President the patronage with which he has heretofore sustained it.

Unlike the London *Times*, which is recognized as an exponent, in part, of the views of the British Government, and is an independent and able journal, wielding immense influence over the people of England, and unlike the *Herald*, *Tribune* and *Times*, of New York, and *The Press*, of Philadelphia, newspapers of immense circulation and position, creators and controllers of public opinion in our own country, this home organ is notoriously the servile tool of its chief employer, and is a mere tender to the prejudices of the Executive and to the political aspirations of his Cabinet advisers. Two of its editors, it appears by the evidence pertaining to the public printing, are postmasters by the appointment of the President, one of them probably receiving two salaries—one in his capacity of Assistant Secretary of State, and another as editor.

It further appears that each of these editors used the columns of this journal, nurtured and supported out of the public printing plunder, furnished by the President to justify his efforts to force the Lecompton Constitution upon the people of Kansas, his abandonment of the principles upon which he was elected, and his betrayal of the Northern Democracy. In this connection your committee deem it proper to state that the President did not carry the State at the fall elections of 1858, the same doctrine which he expressed in his celebrated Do Queene letter, written on the 23d of November, 1858. In that letter he said:

"I shall assume the privilege of addressing you, also, in reference to another growing and dangerous evil. In the last age, although our fathers, like ourselves, were divided into political parties, which sometimes ran high in conflicts with each other, yet we never heard, until within a recent period, of the employment of money to carry elections. Should this practice increase until voters and their representatives in the State and National Legislatures shall become infected, the foundation of free government will then be poisoned at its source, and we must end, as history proves, in military despotism. A Democratic Republic, all agree, cannot long survive, unless sustained by public virtue. When this is corrupted and the people become venal, there is a cancer at the root of the tree of Liberty, which must cause it to wither and die."

It appears that but a few weeks before this letter was written large sums obtained out of the profits of the public printing were used with this implied consent for the purpose of controlling the Congressional elections in Pennsylvania and New York.

In the Berks county district of Pennsylvania, a part of this year's Congressional district, the old Jackson Democracy of that district possessed an incorruptibility, for which they deserve all praise—and defeated the President's favorite and present minister to Austria—James Glancy Jones—and elected to the present Congress in his stead Major John Schwartz, the only district in that State saved from wreck by the use of the profits of the public printing and other executive patronage, being that of Colonel Florence.

These facts prove that Congress, in voting much larger sums for public printing than have been required to do the work, has placed in the hands of the President immense patronage, with which he has tried to effect the centralization of power coveted and desired by him ever since he occupied the Executive chair, which centralization was deprecated and feared by the fathers of the Republic.

Among other suggestions, the committee recommend, as an immediate reform, the adoption of a joint resolution cutting down the present rates paid for public printing forty per cent.

OCCASIONAL.

THE WAY IN WHICH THE PUBLIC PRINTING IS FAMED OUT.

Cornelius Wendell sworn—Examined by the Chairman:

Q. Question. Were you the printer *de facto* of the last Congress?

Answer. I was.

Q. Who was elected printer of that House?

A. John B. Steadman.

Q. You are the printer of the House until you are superseded?

A. Yes, sir; it is the custom. I hold over until another printer is elected.

Q. He was elected printer of the Thirty-fifth Congress.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did he ever perform the duties of that office?

A. No, sir.

Q. When did you commence performing the duties of printer to the House?

A. Immediately on his election.

Q. Will you be kind enough to state, in as concise a manner as possible, the terms upon which you became the printer *de facto* as between you and Mr. Steadman, the printer elect of the Thirty-fifth Congress?

A. I stipulated with him to do the work for sixty four cents on the dollar.

Q. Sixty four cents on the dollar?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. That is, where you received one dollar for certain printing, you got sixty-four cents out of it for doing the work?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. By Mr. Fuller. He got thirty-six cents out of the dollar and you the balance?

A. Yes, sir. Afterwards that arrangement was set aside and I gave him a stipulated sum and took the chances. He was very anxious for money, and I bought him out entirely.

Q. by the Chairman. Your first agreement with him was to do the work for sixty-four cents on the dollar paid him by the House?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And subsequently: be kind enough to state about what time you bought him out entirely for a stipulated sum?

A. He was elected in December, and in May following, I think, I gave him a stipulated sum.

Q. How much was that?

A. Thirty-four thousand dollars.

Q. That was the whole bonus you paid him for selling out to you the right of printer to the House?

A. No, Sir; subsequently to that about a year, rather than have a row in the House about the matter, I paid him $1,500. It was a black-mail operation with him; he threatened to resign, and make a muss generally.

Q. Were any other parties interested with him in the profits of the printing on the election?

A. Yes, sir. A. D. Banks, Mr. Washington McLean, Judge Walker, and some two or three others, who held minor interests.

THE PROFITS ON THE PUBLIC PRINTING, AND WHO GETS THEM.

Q. Were you the printer of the 34th Congress?

A. I was elected printer of the 34th Congress.

Q. Can you state from recollection the amount of money paid during the 34th Congress for the printing done for the House of Representatives?

A. I think it was about $250,000; I am not positive; it was between that and some twenty-five hundred thousand dollars.

Q. Can you state from recollection the profit?

A. I should think about one-third. I would state the fact I was doing the Senate and executive work, binding and all together, and I kept no distinct account of the profit. I should imagine the profit ran near forty-five cents.

Q. Forty-five cents on the dollar?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Can you state the aggregate amount paid for the printing of the Senate during the 34th Congress?

A. It was a trifle over $200,000. I think about $212,000. If my memory serves me. I have all these figures to a cent.

Q. Can you tell what was the net profit on the work done for the 35th Congress?

A. I think it ran in the neighborhood of forty cents; some of the work is not so heavy as other work. Iron is not the same style. The price depends upon the style. Therefore, we may do one hundred thousand dollars' worth of a particular kind of work and it is forty cents profit on the dollar, and other kinds may do the same kind and make sixty or seventy cents profit on the dollar. The prices are fixed by law, and the established scale is very low.

Q. Are you doing the printing for the present House of Representatives?

A. Yes, sir. That patronage the organ has commanded for years, it being impossible to keep a paper up here without Government support.

Q. Is this one hundred thousand dollars' worth of patronage you speak of at the disposal of the President personally?

A. The law provides that it shall be under the control of the heads of the departments; but if the President signifies to his Cabinet that he would be pleased to see A. B or C get it, as a matter of course they will obey his wishes. It has been a matter of custom for the President to dispose of it. Mr. Buchanan has done it, and like his predecessor, Mr. Pierce, did it. I never had any interviews, with the Cabinet in the matter; my intercourse has been direct with Mr. Buchanan, and was so with Mr. Pierce.

Q. You say the aggregate amount paid for the executive printing for a year is $100,000?

A. From $85,000 to $110,000. I think it will average $100,000.

Q. Do the profits on that printing average fifty cents on the dollar?

A. A portion of it averages much more; but the average on the whole of it is about sixty five cents on the dollar.

Q. Was there ever any understanding with you while you had that printing that a portion of the profits should be used towards sustaining the organ?

A. Yes, sir; it was given for the purpose of sustaining the organ.

Q. Was there ever any understanding between you and the President as to what portion of the profits should go towards sustaining the Government organ?

A. No, sir; I cannot say there was any direct understanding. I understood it, and I supposed he did.

Q. There was no distinct sum fixed upon out of the profits?

A. No, sir. The understanding was that the paper should go on.

Q. And that the patronage should support it?

A. Yes, sir. I never had anything to say about editing it.

THE PRESIDENT CHANGES HIS EDITORS OFTEN.

Q. Who was your editor?

A. Mr. Appleton. Mr. Wm. A. Harris, Mr. Simeon Johnson, and Mr. R. W. Hughes. They were changed often.

JUDGE BLACK, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, APPLETON, WRITE FOR THE "ORGAN."

Q. I ask whether you can state, from your own knowledge, that any of the heads of the executive Departments wrote editorials that were published in the *Union*?

A. My impression was, I may say, Judge Black wrote for it. I think he wrote several articles, but I do not know positively that any other member of the Cabinet did. That is my impression. I could not swear positively, never having taken manuscript from them. Mr. Appleton contributed as editor after he went into the State department.

Q. Were his articles on general politics?

A. On general politics.

GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON BOWMAN ON THE STAND—HE DRAWS A FINE DISTINCTION BETWEEN A SUB CONTRACTOR AND A FORE-MAN.

George W. Bowman, sworn. Examined by the Chairman.

Q. Where do you reside, and what is your occupation?

A. I reside in this city, on H street, between Tenth and Eleventh. I am editor and proprietor of the *Constitution*, and printer to the Senate.

Q. How long have you been printer to the Senate?

A. Since the 17th of January. I think that was the day on which I was elected. The 17th of January of the present year.

Q. How long have you been the editor and proprietor of the *Constitution*?

A. Since the 11th of April last.

Q. Do you perform the public printing yourself, or have you contracted it out?

A. I perform the public printing just in the way a man would who was a printer, and undertook to discharge or oversee everything pertaining to the public printing. I employ Mr. Rives to execute the work mechanically for me, for which I pay him at the rate of 67½ cents on the dollar of all printing that shall be executed and passed by the Superintendent of the Public Printing.

Q. How much money have you invested as Senate printer to execute the work required of you?

A. What money have I invested? I have. Mr. Rives, as I stated in the beginning, employed to execute the work for me mechanically.

Q. Have you invested any money? Does he not do all the work? Has he not all the materials?

A. Yes, sir; he does the whole work.

Q. He owns the present materials, and everything with which the work is done?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you made any investment for the purchase of presses?

A. No, sir.

Q. By Mr. Hindman. The presses are your investment for the present, being in your employ?

A. Yes, sir; and I have control of the office just as much as if it belonged to me for the execution of the work I have to do.

Q. By Mr. Somes. Mr. Rives is a sub-contractor under you?

A. No, sir; he is simply employed as a foreman by me.

Q. I understood you to say that he did the work for you for sixty-seven and one-third cents on the dollar?

A. He is employed by me as my foreman, just as I employ a foreman in *The Constitution* office, to superintend the composition, read the proofs, make up the forms, and attend to the business of the office. I give it all the personal attention required.

Q. By the Chairman. Where is this public printing done which you were elected to do?

A. In Mr. Rives' office, the Globe office, on Pennsylvania avenue.

Q. Who owns the building in which it is done?

A. I presume Mr. Rives does. I have never inquired.

Q. Who owns the type used in the composition, and the presses?

A. Mr. Rives.

Q. Who purchased the paper?

A. The Government. The printer has nothing whatever to do with the purchase of the paper.

Q. Who employs the hands who set the type and work the presses?

A. Mr. Rives, as my foreman; simply as my foreman.

Q. Have you invested a dollar in this concern of Mr. Rives where the printing is done, which you were elected by the Senate to do?

A. I have employed Mr. Rives as my foreman, and he furnishes the office and the material.

GENERAL BOWMAN DODGES.

Q. Are the profits of the Senate printing, or any part of those profits, appropriated towards sustaining the newspaper known as *The Constitution*, or any other newspaper?

Mr. Hindman. I object——

The witness interrupting. By my election as Senate printer, there was no appropriation made in any way to the support of any newspaper out of the profits thereof.

HISTORY OF THE POST OFFICE BLANK PRINTING.

Q. You have said that you printed the post office blanks for a number of years?

A. Yes, sir; for about fifteen years.

Q. Did you derive your contract from the public printer?

A. No, sir; for eight years I was a contractor with the Department.

Q. You say that you were for eight years a contractor with the Post Office Department?

A. Yes, sir; as the lowest bidder under the contract system.

Q. When did these eight years expire?

A. I think in 1852 or 18-3.

Q. From that time did you do the work as a sub-contractor?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Under whom?

A. I executed the work for the public printer under a sub-contract.

Q. For the public printer?

A. Yes, sir; and also as a sub-contractor under Mr. Wendell.

Q. You did the work under Mr. Wendell?

A. Yes, sir; I was sub-contractor under Mr. Wendell.

Q. At what rates?

A. My first acquaintance was at the rate of fifty-five cents. I gave them fifty-five cents and executed the work for forty five cents on the dollar, paid by the Government.

Q. Do you remember what is the aggregate annual cost to the Government for the printing of the post office blanks?

A. From $10,000 to $15,000.

Q. A year?

A. Yes, sir.

THIS PRINTING IS GIVEN UNDER GENERAL BOWMAN TO A KNOW-NOTHING!

Q. State the circumstances of the transfer of the work.

A. On the election of General Bowman, the work came into his hands.

Q. State the circumstances of the transfer, you having had the work up to that time?

A. I understood General Bowman had said that I should not be employed to do the work. I did not go near him. I went home. Some ten days afterwards I found that the work was lying idle, that nothing was done, and at the time here and made an offer to the Post Office Department to go on with the work. The evening of the day I made the offer to the P. M. General, Mr. Quail, a friend of General Bowman came to Willard's room, and informed me that General Bowman did not want to go on with the work at the same terms. I replied that I already made an offer to the Postmaster General to do the work, and that shortly the printing would be taken away by Congress to give it out by contract. I declined to make any arrangement with Mr Quail, on behalf of General Bowman. Afterwards I understood that it was given to Mr. Rice of Buffalo, New York.

Q. Who is Mr. Jewett?

A. He is the publisher of the Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser*, the leading Know Nothing organ of the State of New York.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRINTING PLUNDER.

Cornelius Wendell recalled:

Q. Has the President been in the habit of dispensing this Post Office printing?

A. It was done by contract until 1856. I think then the contract expired, and it reverted to the printer of Congress. I think Mr. Bowman was then printer and editor of the organ, and it reverted to him.

Q. That was in 1856?

A. I think it was 1856.

Q. From 1856 up to now has not the control over the giving out of the Post Office blank printing?

A. The President and Postmaster General through the Postmaster General; in December succeeding Mr. Buchanan coming into power, he gave it to Mr. Rice for a time.

Q. Did you sub-contract it for Mr Rice?

A. Yes, sir; that was the understanding that I should continue to do the work, and he undertook, and have the control of it, Rice receiving, I think, forty-three cents to the dollar.

Q. Was there any understanding when this work was given to Rice that any newspaper was to be supported out of it?

A. It was understood that it was for the support of the *Pennsylvanian*; such was the understanding.

Q. The understanding between whom?

A. The understanding between the President and the Postmaster General.

Q. by Mr. Hindman. How did you know that?

A. From conversations I held with them. I insisted upon having more of the profits of the printing to support *The Union*, as it was one of those rather unscrupulous pecuniary organs, and Mr. Rice was very clamorous to have a share for the *Pennsylvanian*, and we finally settled on forty-three cents the dollar. I then made a contract with Mr. Crowell, who did the work for me for forty-five cents, or fifty cents on the dollar. He did it a portion of the time for fifty-five cents, and a portion of the time for fifty cents. I had nothing to do with the binding, which Rice thought ought to satisfy me, but the profits on that were not so great, and the expenses of *The Union* being very large, I insisted that I should have all the profits of the post office blank printing. I could not keep it, however.

Q. by the Chairman. You stated that $20,000 were to be allowed out of the profits of the executive printing towards supporting the organ under General Bowman?

A. When I parted with it in March last, I found that I could not sustain *The Union* and support *The Union* from the profits of the executive work, and I therefore proposed to give it any to party that might be designated by the President.

Q. Why did you make this proposition to?

A. To the President; and to pay $10,000 per annum was my first proposition. Pending that proposition Mr. Baker, the ex-editor of Philadelphia, came to see me, and urged me to give *The Pennsylvanian*, and finally I had to cede to giving $20,000 per annum, $10,000 per annum of which Mr. Baker obtained for *The Pennsylvanian*. I have paid $20,000 of the $20,000 to Mr. Baker for *The Pennsylvanian*, but my obligations with Mr. Bowman for $20,000. That obligation existed, still exists; and there has been no action had in relation to it, owing to Mr. Bowman's absence in Europe and the change in management, which was that I should do the Senate printing in case he was elected printer to the Senate. I told Mr. Bowman $5,000 to advise when he took *The Union*, and the balance I secured to him by giving him orders on the post office work, which he could not draw, having no orders on it.

Q. You paid him $5,000 when he took the paper?

A. When he took *The Union*, I gave him that amount as capital to start with.

Q. Did you pay him any more on account of the $20,000?

A. I gave him orders on the Post Office Department in pursuance of an account he rendered me of what was due him, which orders I subsequently countermanded, on account of his not carrying out his engagement.

Q. What did those orders amount to?

A. If my memory serves me, I gave him orders to the amount of $8,000 or $10,000.

Q. Has he not received payment at the Post Office Department of those orders?

A. I believe not; I do not know. I do not know.

Q. Was it understood when you transferred *The Union* to Mr. Bowman that $20,000 should be diverted out of the proceeds of the Post Office printing by you to its support?

A. Yes, sir; that was the understanding.

Q. Between whom?

A. The paper was drawn up by Judge Black. It was between Mr. Bowman and myself, we being put forward as the active men.

Q. Was the President consulted in relation to it at any time?

A. I first addressed a note to the President—to Judge Nicholson who was my friend in the case) for the President, and he took it up to him. In that note I stated that it was rather onerous to me to be obliged to support *The Union*, and what I desired to do. I suggested that Mr. Bowman, a gentleman of ability, a native of Maine, should take the paper and become its editor. He was a competent man I supposed; but in the course of two or three weeks Bowman's name was mentioned. I assented to it. We met at the Attorney General's office, and Judge Black drew up the papers between us, which consisted in my conveying *The Union* to him.

Q. To Mr. Bowman?

A. Yes, sir, to Bowman, with a stipulation to pay the money also. There was a letter addressed in duplicate to Judge Black and Judge Nicholson, selecting them as the umpires in any difficulty that should arise between us. The difficulty having arisen, I have tried to have it settled by the umpires, but Bowman invariably declines. He found he could make a better thing of it, I suppose, by engaging Mr. Rives; and when he was elected Senate printer he repudiated all our agreements, for which I have commenced a law suit: it is being, as I am advised by my council the only remedy I have in the premises.

Q. How much of a losing concern is this Government organ per annum, in your judgment?

A. I say nothing; never have, it cost me, when it was under my management, $19,000 over and above its receipts.

Q. by Mr. Palmer. Did it cost you that amount per annum?

A. Yes, sir; I think it cost me about that last year. Bowman told me that he thought it would cost him about $15,000 in advance of receipts. He is a good manager, he cut down where I was disposed to be liberal. I paid pretty well for the services of those employed about the paper. I did not quarrel with the editors because I thought they should receive, but paid them a liberal salary. The editors were generally designated by the President.

Q. The editors of *The Union* were designated by the President whilst you had the management of the paper?

A. Yes, sir; whilst I was the owner of it.

Q. Was any one of these editors in the employ of the Government?

A. Not when they were appointed editors. Mr. Appleton was afterwards appointed Assistant Secretary of State, and Mr. Harris elected Senate printer.

Q. You have spoken of your liberality; be kind enough to state whether, out of the profits of the public printing, you contributed, in 1858, certain sums to secure the election of members of Congress in different districts of Pennsylvania. If so, in what districts?

A. I spent a good deal of money in politics, but with all deference to the committee, I must decline to answer in what districts.

JEHU GLANCY JONES GETS A SHARE OF THE PLUNDER.

Q. Did you make any contributions towards