Letter from Lehigh—Shall it do better?

[Correspondence of The Press.]

ALLENTOWN, Aug. 30, 1859.

Wearied and worn down with the sweltering monotony of city life in midsummer, I started a few weeks since for the purpose of familiarizing myself with the interior of at least a portion of our State; and in my journeying it but a short distance from the city I could not retain the thought that too little was known by those who annually seek the sea-shore and the fashionable watering places, of the attractions that are offered within fifty miles of their own homes. Why, there are more objects of substantial interest to the sight-seer or to him who seeks relaxation from the cares of business in a little trip, in this good old Keystone State of ours, than can be found in all the fashionable resorts of folly in Christendom—and to find them it needs but a trifling expenditure of time or money.

But I am digressing. My chief object was to ask the unsophisticated readers of *The Press*, that if they wish to have larger views of the immense wealth and resources of Pennsylvania—if they wish to see the source whence flow nearly all their supplies of the "solid comforts" which make up their existence—let them (as I did) take the Reading cars, travel up the sunny hill to that pleasant little inland city; there take the cars on the new East Pennsylvania Railroad for Allentown, which latter town will be found the key to all the untold treasures of the Lehigh Valley.

On my arrival here I found the signs of preparation—what usually precedes the meeting, for the holding of a political party—the monthly meeting of the Democracy of Lehigh—and gladly did I avail myself of the invitation of a friend to attend it. We left Allentown, and traveling one of the most luxuriant sections I have ever seen, reached the village of Rushville in about one hour and a half. Here we assembled, quite a concourse of the hard-fisted, honest yeomanry, as I was informed, the usual number of ale-leaders, whose chief business seemed to be to earn some reward by inducing the crowd to believe that they had assembled for the purpose of lauding Mr. Buchanan. I witnessed the great mass meeting held in Lehigh in 1856, and could not but contrast the hopeful devotion to principle which characterized it, with the sad task of applauding those who had violated the faith of the party, which now seemed incumbent on these self-constituted leaders. Then, the masses listened with intense interest to the eloquence of the intrepid Chapman; to-day—presided over as ably as the stirring words of Douglas on popular sovereignty," as applied to the Territories; now, those same masses were called upon to shout hosannahs to the praise of an Administration who had trampled with its iron heel upon those cherished doctrines, and which had thereby well nigh crushed out every energy of the Democracy. You have seen the effect of a sweet tune when the name of which I thought I remembered) had assumed. I had a striking appreciation here of the justice of your editorial a few days since, in which you deprecated "the curse of party leadership in the counties." The thought came up involuntarily, that but for those vexed local schemes of power which would not be an obstacle to a solid union of the Democratic masses of Pennsylvania upon the rock of their old-fashioned principles."

My companion was a gentleman well "posted" in the affairs and men of the county—a circumstance which gave me a good purpose in associating. In the course of the conversation at the meeting, he told him I learned that the individual who seemed most busy in arranging matters was a certain Connecticut Yankee, who drifted into Lehigh some years ago, and had earned for himself at one time a seat in Congress by making capital for *Federal* purposes in one of which it suited him, [name illegible] upon his tomb-stone that he "voted for Harrison," and did all in his power to overthrow the Democracy. About two dozen others, of all shades of opinion, hovered around this precious leader, in hopes thereby of securing the appointment of deputy marshal, and these constituting the active element of the meeting, seemed but too glad to do his bidding. Among the officers of the meeting was one whom I was informed had been announced as a *Republican* candidate for office, but the week previous and another who had, until within ten days, been one of the most bitter leaders of the party in the county. The fact is, about every fourth man that my companion pointed out had been identified more or less with the Federal party, and had always opposed the elevation of Mr. Buchanan.

I give you these facts, as a fair sample of the material composing the meetings which, under the drill of unprincipled leaders, are passing resolutions endorsing an Administration which the whole Democratic heart of the country condemns. No man who witnesses them regards them as any indication of the popular sentiment. The fact is, the fiat has gone forth that, unless the honest sentiment of the people is suppressed—unless the Administration is lauded in these meaningless gatherings—postmasters may tremble for their safety, and expectant census-takers may seek some other calling. I have heard no man pretend that the Lehigh meeting was a reflex of popular sentiment—none so foolishly as to justify a resolution recommending the Cincinnati platform, and in the next seeding one applauding the Administration of James Buchanan.

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IMPORTATIONS.

[Reported for The Press.]

BRIG—From Cardenas—Daniel T Willetts, Miller—3037 gallons whale oil 1334 do penguin do Shober, Bunting & Co.

SCHR—LONDON—Schr Alida, Carlson—14,783 gallons whale oil 1334 do penguin do Shober, Bunting & Co.

PASSENGERS SAILED.

In steamship State of Georgia, for Savannah—E J Moses and lady, Miss Moses, Miss Levy, C S Cheiff, H Schlesinger, W Thomas, F W Thomas, Miss Curtis, W Rhines, Mr S E Hersey, Miss A A Stevenson, Dr A Clark, L Eiseman, E Paulus, J F Paulus, L Jacobs, R M Crawford, Jacob Lorsh, and 10 in the steerage.

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE.

WM. R. THOMAS, } COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH.
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LETTER BAGS

AT THE EXCHANGE NEWSROOM, PHILADELPHIA.

Ship Tonawanda, Julius ..... Liverpool Aug 29
Bark Warren Fisher, Crowell ..... Barbadoes, soon
Bark Thos Dallett, Dill ..... Rio Janeiro Aug 20
Brig Ella Reed, Tuzo ..... St Jago de Cuba, soon
Brig Charles H Frost, Hewitt, Cardenas

Schr Mary E Smith, ... and Matanzas, soon

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 1, 1859.

SUN RISES ..... 5 32 | SUN SETS 6 23
HIGH WATER 9 53

ARRIVED.

Schr Daniel T Miller, Willetts, 4 days from New London, with oil to Shober, Bunting & Co.

Schr Alida, Carlson, 4 days from New London, with oil to Shober, Bunting & Co.

Schr Thos Potter, Glover, 3 days from New York, in ballast to C Miller & Co.

Schr Lloyd Woodnutt, Sherman, 4 days from New Bedford, in ballast to C Miller & Co.

Schr S L Crocker, Presbrey, 4 days from Taunton, in ballast to D Miller & Son.

Schr Geo. Yates, Nickerson, 4 days from Providence, with mdse to Crowell & Collins.

Schr Wm Penn, Lewis, 2 days from Portland, with 140 tons plaster to Jairus Baker.

Schr Starlight, York, 2 days from Portland, with 180 tons plaster to Jairus Baker.

Schr Alvira, Grinnard, 3 days from New York, with mdse to Crowell & Collins.

Schr Ann Eliza, Smith, 4 days from New York, with cement to captain.

Schr Penistone, Cambrin, 3 days from New York, with ice to captain.

Schr M J Gause, Smith, from New York.

Schr W H Rowe, Wiggins, from New Bedford.

Schr Chas Hilling, Hilman, from Fag Harbor.

CLEARED.

U S M steamship State of Georgia, Garvin, Savannah.

Alex Brown, jr.

Str Roanoke, Delaware, Capes, New York, via Cape May.

J Addicks.

Brig Lamar, Cole, New Orleans; Pettit, Martin & Co.

Brig Ida, Hallett, Charleston; Eyre, Hazlehurst & Co.

Brig J D Lincoln, Webber, Portsmouth, C Miller & Co.

Schr Thos Potter, Glover, Fall River ..... do

Schr Daniel Bell, Bell, New Bedford ..... do

Schr Jane Gut, Mann, St John, NB, E A Souder & Co.

Schr Jonathan Cone, Mehaffey, Middletown, Conn, Master.

Schr S L Crocker, Presbrey, Taunton, Van Dusen, Norton & Co.

Schr Wm Penn, Robinson, New Haven, H Rowe.

Schr M J Gause, Smith, Pawtucket, Noble, Hammett & Caldwell.

Schr S Whiting, Inman, Providence, Rothermel & Co.

Schr Wm H Rowe, Wiggins, ... do

Steamer R Willing, Carroll, Baltimore, A Groves, jr.

(Correspondence of The Press.)

NEW CASTLE, Del., Aug. 31, 1859.

The Kingston left here this morning with 5 boats, laden and consigned as follows:

Schr Wm Cramp, Cramp, Rising Sun, do.
do M Tripp & Sons, Boneharas, Ellen, and Dr I S Filbert, coal to Delaware City.

(Correspondence of the Philadelphia Exchange.)

LEWES, Del., Aug. 31.

The brig Katahdin, from an eastern port, has put in here this morning for coal, and four light schrs passed up this morning, viz: Brig Spring Garden, Rice, Salem; schrs Mary Sarah Lavinia, Mohawk, Eli, Rebecca, Capt Moore; W H Mueller, Harriet, Diamond, Miantonette, and Lizzie Maria, Hamilton, Jno Keene, Wm Taylor, Rio Grande; D Hopkins, and H E Jacobs, Wind NE.

Yours, WM. M. HICKMAN.

MEMORANDA.

Steamship City of Richmond, Mitchell, hence, arrived at Richmond 30th ult.

Steamship Keystone State, Marshman, hence, arrived at Charleston 29th ult.

Steamship Roanoke, Parsons, hence, arrived at Liverpool 29th ult.

Ship Westmoreland, Decan, hence, via New Orleans, at Marseilles 15th ult.

Bark Frederick Leonig, Sumner, for Philadelphia, was towed up reg from New Orleans 17th ult.

Bark Orinoco, Hall, arrived at Boston 29th ult.

Brig Alfred Exall, Brock, was waiting at Matanzas 27th inst.

Brig Geo Gray, Bard, hence for Sagg, at Holmes' Hole 27th ult, and sailed next day.

Brig Emma Reeder, Reeder, hence for Philadelphia, at Holmes' Hole 28th ult, and sailed 29th.

Brig Aladdin, Cate, hence at Wilmington 27th ult.

Brig Delaware, Rowley, cleared at Jacksonville 20th ult. for Philadelphia.

Schrs Triumph, Farnesay, Albert Price, Ella, I. A. Baumbaugh, Wm. Penn, Lewis, Wm. F. Anderson, Mary Miller, John R Plater, Flight, Edwin Reed, J H Moore, A H Wilson, and Pequonnock, hence, arrived at Boston 30th ult.

Schrs J L Redner, David Smith, Adeline, Sidney Price, Alice, and E J Smith, hence, arrived at Boston 30th ult.

Schrs Jas. Cunningham, Robbins, for Philadelphia, sailed from Providence 29th ult.

Schrs Mary E Smith and F J South, hence, arrived at Salem 29th ult.

Schrs Aiken, Jesse, Williamson, and M J Carlton, sailed from Salem 29th ult. for Philadelphia.

Schr Yankee Boy, Risley, hence, arrived at Hartford 29th ult.

Schr Wm F Williams, Aiken, hence, arrived at Bristol 29th ult.

Schr Globe, Jones, from Delaware City, at Bristol 29th ult.

Schr Matanzas, Crocker, cleared at Calais 18th ult. for Philadelphia.

Schrs Sarah, Taylor, Young, hence, arrived at East Greenwich 29th ult.

Schr Chas Rogers, Ingersoll, sailed from East Greenwich 29th ult. for Philadelphia.

Schrs John Lancaster, Willetts, and Larkin, Lincoln, sailed from Providence 29th ult. for Philadelphia.

Schr T Worthington, Worthington, for Philadelphia, sailed from Fall River 29th ult.

Schr Ann Eliza Brown, Endicott, hence, arrived at Warren 29th ult.

Schr Chas S Fessler, Foster, cleared at Wilmington, NC, 29th ult. for Philadelphia, with 1320 bbls rosin 148 do spirits turpentine, 17 bales yarn, 11 do sheeting, 73 empty casks, and 29 000 feet lumber.

Schr Henry Berry, Lowe, at Baltimore 30th ult.

Schrs Polly, Price, Adams, Francis Edwards, Babcock, Eliza, Holsecoe, Price, Alabama, Vaughlon, Hannah Matilda, Pountney, and Lewis Mulford, Daley, hence at Boston 30th ult.

Schrs Reed, Dill, R M Browning, Risley, Talbot, Brown, Caroline, Bradley, Mary, and Uniatyo, Vankilder, hence, Sally A Chester, Chester, hence for Pawtucket, and Mary Ellen, Hoover, from Delaware City for do, at Providence 30th ult.

Schr Lamartine, Johnson, hence, arrived at Weymouth 29th ult.

Schrs Ada Barnes, Farnes, hence, arrived at Braintree 29th ult.

Schr Sarah, Nickerson, cleared at Boston 30th ult. for Wilmington, Del.

Schr John Silliman, Cain, hence, arrived at Norfolk 30th ult.

Steamer Thomas Sparks, Grumley, hence, arrived at Hartford 1st inst.

HOLMES' HOLE, Aug. 31, P M.—At schrs S P Sollers, Saunders, Philadelphia for Boston; Maryland, Smith, Baltimore for do; Portsmouth, Sarah A Hammond, Pike, Philadelphia for do; Johnson, Johnson, Salem for do; Sarah Eliza, Hillsman, New York for do; Ann Eliza, Coleman, for do; S M Bailey, Haverhill for do; W Carvill Chipman, Sydney, NS, for do.

Sailed, brig Geo Gray, Bard, for Sagg; schrs Jesse Carlton, Fred Perry, Emily Fowler and Spokane.

Sailed 30th ult, schrs Thompson Corson, Philadelphia; Sarah Ann, Dennis, Weston, Amelia, Reeves, Lake, and Robert Corson, Corson, Boston for Philadelphia; Courier, Holmes, Edwards, Lynn for do; Daniel Webster, Nickerson, for do; Daniel Ball, Rockport for do; Mercury, Harrington, Portland for do; Ann Eliza, Brown, Salem for do.

Arrived, schrs Wm A Baxter, Babcock, Philadelphia for Bangor; Mary Hannah, Burke, do for New Bedford; Ann Eliza, Brown, Charlestown, Gretchen, Mackey, Pottsgrove, for Salem; Ann Eliza, Coleman, Philadelphia for Boston; Courier, Holmes, Edwards, Lynn for do; Daniel Webster, Nickerson, Portland for do; Daniel Ball, Rockport for do; Mercury, Harrington, Portland for do; Ann Eliza, Brown, Salem for do.

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