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PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.

SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 5, 1856.

Advance Payments.—Hereafter no subscription will be taken for the Daily or Weekly Gazette, unless payment is made in advance. Whenever the time is up to which the subscription is paid, the paper will be invariably stopped, unless the subscription is renewed by advance payment. All transient advertising, of every description, will be required to be paid in advance. The only exceptions will be where special monthly or yearly contracts are made. sept:daw

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OFFICE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD CO., Philadelphia, Dec. 31st, 1855.

To the Editor of the North American:

An article in your paper of Saturday, referring to the subjects that will attract the attention of the Legislature at its approaching session among other matters, alludes to the effect of certain acts said to be those of this Company, in a manner which seems to require some notice. It is therein stated "that owing to the withdrawal of the transportation companies from the Main Line, its earnings this year will be $96,000 short of the aggregate of last year," and that "the policy of the State will undoubtedly be to punish any improper interference with the business of the public works." If the acts of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company referred to, have improperly interfered with the revenues of the State, its Board of Directors will not object to the infliction of due punishment for their proceedings. To enable the public to form a correct judgment in relation to this subject, however, I will submit a few facts bearing upon it, and leave them to draw their own conclusions. These are substantially as follows:

Firstly. The purchase of the cars of the transporters—the act evidently referred to—was not made until after long and repeated importunities from them, with the positive assurance that they would withdraw their stock from the Main Line, unless a reduction of tolls was conceded to them, that it was not the interest of the State to adopt. The question was not even entertained by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company until after several consultations between the parties interested, and members of the Board of Canal Commissioners, who individually expressed themselves favorably as to its effects upon the revenues of the State.

Secondly. The *decrease* in the receipts of the Main Line, alluded to in your article, instead of following, *preceded* the withdrawal of the transporters from it.

Thirdly. The revenues of the State from the transportation of produce, &c., between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, since the withdrawal of the transporters from the Main Line, have greatly exceeded those for a corresponding period of last year.

Fourthly. The transporters had determined to withdraw their stock from the Canal, previous to the sale of their cars to the Company, for the reason that the business was not, and could not be made profitable, unless the Canal Commissioners would reduce their tolls greatly below the amount the State received from the same tonnage, passing over the Columbia and Pennsylvania Railroads.

Fifthly. For the purpose of continuing their connection with the State works, the transporters submitted to the Canal Commissioners a reduced schedule of tolls, which the Board declined to adopt. This determined them to withdraw.

Sixthly. To prevent the business which had heretofore passed over the State works, from seeking other channels between the East and the West, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company purchased the cars of the transporters, and made an arrangement with a portion of them, by which that object was secured.

The Pittston Coal Company purchased the most of their boats, and transferred them to the Susquehanna division of the Pennsylvania Canal, where they have increased and will continue to increase the business of that portion of the public works, and consequently the revenues of the State.

Seventhly. The withdrawal of the through business from the Main Line, west of Columbia, had the effect to greatly reduce the working expenses of the Portage Railroad, thus reducing also the drafts upon the public treasury. The arrangement with the transporters has, in fact, benefited the State, directly and indirectly, to a greater extent than the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Eighthly. The reasons that induced the transporters to withdraw from the contest with the railroad between the East and West, for the transportation of freights, will be appreciated by the public when they reflect upon the probable results of a competition between the Reading Railroad and the Schuylkill Navigation—there existed upon the *latter* improvement, a transhipment to railroad cars at Reading, with railroad transportation thence, say to Pottstown, then by boats to the Falls of Schuylkill, and a re-transhipment to cars to reach the Delaware.

The rates of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company must be arranged to meet the competition of other routes north and south, without reference to those of the main line, for the purpose of retaining the trade within our own State.

A careful consideration of the above facts will enable the public to judge whether the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has improperly interfered with the revenues of the State, or whether the main line—no matter how altered—can be relied upon by *Pennsylvania to compete for the trade of the West with the active rivals and superior improvements on the north and on the south of her*.

It is quite time that the State authorities should look at this question in a practical light. If the offer of this company, under date of April 3d, 1852, had been accepted by the State, she would by this time have saved fully *two and a half millions of dollars*, expended in the construction of the new road and in working the old one across the Allegheny mountains. The State has since adopted and now uses about eight miles of the Pennsylvania Road as a part of her main line, and could in the same manner have used their whole road over the mountain.

There has been no wish nor intention upon the part of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to depreciate the value of the Main Line, in any communication of the Board of the Stockholders in relation to it, or otherwise. Facts and arguments drawn from public documents, equally accessible to all, have only been presented, from which no other conclusion than those arrived at could be drawn.

The sale of the Main Line to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company having been objected to by some, I will here state that the Board of Directors of the Company have no desire to encumber themselves with the management of any portion of it west of Columbia. But as about one-half of the stock of the Company is held by Allegheny county and Philadelphia, it would be difficult to find a purchaser that could give the same guarantees that the work would be managed with a view to promote the public welfare, the object for which the Commonwealth originally constructed the work. Very respectfully yours,

J. EDGAR THOMSON, President.

The correspondence in relation to Central American affairs is published. Its salient points are as follows:

"Mr. Marcy, in June of 1854, declares in a despatch to Mr. Buchanan that this Government can never yield to the British pretensions that the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty was only prospective in its operation. After some spicy diplomatic censure of his conduct in this negotiation, he closes by declaring that, if Great Britain persists in holding Ruatan in defiance of all right, we shall know her purpose in holding it as a naval and military station, is to affect injuriously our interests. A pre-determination to interfere with our affairs, thus manifested, will render the continuance of our amicable relations with her precarious. Mr. Buchanan's discussion of this entire question is very able and thorough.

"On the 6th of August last Mr. Marcy again urges the settlement of this question, before Mr. Buchanan should retire from London, and the latter is instructed to ask Great Britain, distinctly, whether she intends to insist on holding Ruatan, and to insist on her abandoning her pretensions there.

"Mr. Buchanan addressed a note accordingly, and on the 28th of October Lord Clarendon replied, declining to re-open the general discussion, and stating that the British Government adheres to its previous positions."

The New York Evening *Post* recommends the Democrats of the State to take no part in sending delegates to the Cincinnati National Convention. It says:

"Let there be no attempt to modify what we cannot possibly control. As we can hope for nothing right from the Cincinnati Convention, let us not make ourselves parties to its results, or in any way constructive accomplices in acts at which the entire spirit of the Free States will revolt. Leave the creatures of the Administration to act freely and speak out without restraint; let them send their own men to Syracuse, frame and pass their own resolutions there, and appoint their own instruments to attend the Cincinnati Convention. We may be sure that delegates commissioned under such auspices will be received. Among other advantages of this separation of the officeholders, and their suite from the Democratic party, will be this, that it will show the real strength of the Administration in the State."

Pennsylvania Legislature.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 2, 1856.

SENATE.—The Speaker laid before the Senate the annual report of the State Treasurer, showing the financial condition of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Welsh read in place, a bill to repeal the act of the last Legislature to restrain the sale of intoxicating liquors.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth was then introduced, and presented the annual message of the Governor, which was read, and 6500 copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Buckalew, the Senate then proceeded to the election of officers.

Thomas A. Maguire, Dem., of Cambria, received 17 votes for Clerk, and Geo. W. Hammersley, American, of Lancaster, 16.

The following (all Democrats except Mr. Brady,) were selected for the other officers of the Senate, by a similar vote:—

Assistant Clerk—Henry Pettibone; *Transcribing Clerks*—Nelson Weiser, James M. Bredin, Adolphus Yerkes; *Sergeant at Arms*—Wm. Carey. Wm. P. Brady was made Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms by a unanimous vote. *Doorkeeper*—Wm. Ralston; *Assistant Doorkeepers*—George J. Bolton, Samuel Carson; *Messenger*—Henry Menold; *Assistant Messenger*—Doyle P. Hazleton.

Mr. Wilkins offered a resolution for the appointment of a page, which was briefly discussed, and adopted by a vote of 25 to 6.

Mr. Browne introduced a resolution, fixing the time for the election of a U. S. Senator to fill the vacancy now existing.

HOUSE.—Mr. Haines offered a resolution, requesting the clergy of Harrisburg to open the sessions of the House with prayer, which was postponed for the present.

Mr. Beck read, in place, a bill to repeal the act of the last session, to restrain the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Miller introduced a joint resolution, fixing the time for election of a U. S. Senator.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth was introduced, and presented the Message of the Governor, which was read.

The House then went into an election for officers, when Wm. Jack, Dem., of Blair, was chosen Chief Clerk, having received 65 votes, and A. W. Benedict, American, 32 votes.

Jacob Ziegler was appointed Assistant Clerk, and Wm. S. Pickering, of York, Isaac W. Moore of Philadelphia, Wm. B. Gillis of Elk, and G. W. R Minor of Fayette, Transcribing Clerks.

James B. Samson, of Fulton, Dem., was elected Sergeant-at-Arms, receiving 64 votes; and Isaiah Whitlock, American, 32.

The Sergeant-at-Arms appointed Jacob Glassmeyer of Philadelphia, and Geo. A. Kurtz of Allegheny, his Assistants.

Jacob Coleman of Berks, was elected Doorkeeper, receiving 64 votes, and John J. Horn 33.

Mr. Coleman appointed Perrine J. Cook, of Philadelphia, George Freeman of Westmoreland, and Wm. McClure of York, his Assistants.

John Leisenring of Northumberland, was elected Messenger, and appointed John McClay and D. A. Yarrington, his Assistants.

Mr. Montgomery read in place, a joint resolution fixing the time for the election of a U. S. Senator, which, on motion, was taken up—yeas 64, nays 29—and after debate passed finally. It fixes Monday, the 14th instant, for the election of a Senator.

From the Kansas Freeman.

THE VOTE ON THE CONSTITUTION.—From all we can learn the vote on Saturday was not so large as could have been expected, or would have been under circumstances of a more favorable character. The excitement which existed throughout the Territory, by reason of the threatened demolition of Lawrence, and the consequent call of our citizens to that point, prevented a thorough canvass of the territory—such as had been arranged.

The papers necessary for uniformity in the elections throughout, doubtless have never been received. The necessary delay in the publication of the Constitution, and the want of information as to the time of election, has all militated against a full vote.

As yet, we are in possession of but few returns, but understand there has been but one opinion in reference to the Constitution, although we have differed on the minor points more materially. From what we can learn, the Constitution will be adopted, also the Black Law proposition and Banking Law clause. Below we give the vote so far as heard from:

Topeka—For Constitution, 135; exclusion of Negroes, 68; against, 63; for General Banking Law, 127; against, 8.

Lawrence—For Constitution, 348; against, 1; for General Banking Law, 226; against, 33; for exclusion of Negroes, 134; against, 225.

Tecumseh—For Constitution, 35; exclusion of Negroes, 35; for General Banking Law, 24; against 11.

THE BIBLE BURNER ACQUITTED.—Last week, after a two days' trial, Vladimir Petcherine was acquitted of the charge of burning a volume of the Holy Scriptures. It was proved in evidence that a number of so-called immoral works was delivered up to the Redemptionist fathers stationed at Kingston, near Dublin, and that of these the accused had made a bonfire in front of the chapel on the 6th of November, in the presence of a large crowd.

It was satisfactorily shown that a Bible was among the books there burnt, but there was no evidence that Father Petcherine knew that it was there, or that he had any intention of bringing the Protestant version into contempt. Although there might have been no moral doubt upon the matter, (for we can scarcely believe the books were burnt without examination,) the jury very rightly considered the case not proved against the prisoner, and they gave a verdict accordingly. It is stated that the Roman Catholics were in a majority on the jury, but there is no reason to suppose that circumstances at all influenced the decision which they arrived at.—*London Atlas, Dec. 15*.

PROTESTANT CHRISTIANITY IN IRELAND.—Various causes have been in operation in Ireland for the last three or four years which have tended to afford greater facilities for spreading Protestantism among the people than formerly existed. The Irish Conference of Methodists having resolved on making a great effort to enlarge its missionary operations and to provide for their permanent sustenance on an extended scale, appointed the Rev. Robinson Scott, of Ireland, and Rev. William Arthur, one of the secretaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, men of high distinction and great worth, to visit the United States to ask assistance from those disposed to join in the object. Their reception has been very cordial, and the contributions which they have received in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and other places in the East, they have been quite large. They are expected to reach Baltimore to-morrow, and to hold their first meeting in this city at Light street church in the evening of that day.—*Balt. Amer.*

ARREST OF FUGITIVE SLAVES IN FREDERICK COUNTY.—The Frederick *Examiner* has the following items:

"Six slaves, four men and two women, fugitives from Virginia, having with them two spring wagons and four horses, came to Hood's mill, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, near the dividing line between Frederick and Carroll counties, on Christmas day. After feeding their animals, one of them told a Mr. Dixon, whence they came; believing them to be fugitives, he spread the alarm and some eight or ten persons gathered round to arrest them, but the negroes drawing revolvers and bowie knives, kept their assailants at bay, until five of the party succeeded in escaping in one of the wagons, and as the last one jumped on a horse to flee, he was fired at, the load taking effect in the small of the back. The prisoner says he belongs to Charles W. Simpson, Esq., of Fauquier county, Va., and ran away with the others on the preceding evening.

RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE IN RUSSIA.—No associations for religious purposes are tolerated in Russia; no printing presses are permitted to print the Bible in the vernacular tongue of the people; no versions of Scripture in the only language the masses can understand, are permitted to cross the frontier. It is stated that there has not been a copy of the Bible in Russia, printed in that country, since 1828. Colporteurs, Bible agents, tract distributers, find as little favor with the bigoted Czar as so many Red Republicans. Even to the two millions of Jews concentrated in his empire, not a copy of the Old Testament in their native Hebrew is permitted. No Christian missions to the most barbarous and distant tribes under his sway, are tolerated. The inoffensive and pious Moravians, permitted to pursue their charitable work everywhere else, have been driven from their labors in Russia.—*Missionary Register*.

BLEEDING DEVILS TO DEATH.—The Lockport (N. Y.) *Journal* relates that a respectable farmer in that vicinity recently became so insane on the subject of spiritualism, that his friends were about to send him as a hopeless maniac to the lunatic asylum. One of his delusions was that he was "possessed of many devils." A physician assured him that the only way to get rid of them was to bleed them to death—a process which the patient silently resisted, by the doctor succeeded, and as the blood oozed out, the demented farmer gradually became convinced by the doctor's logic that the devils were thoroughly bled to death, and it is said that he is in a fair way of recovery.

THE State of Maine can now boast of owning a fleet of merchant vessels, valued at fifty millions of dollars, and greater than the commercial marine of any European power, Great Britain, alone excepted.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF NEW YORK.—The imports and exports of the port of New York, as far as they have been made, and they are nearly complete, are as follows:

	Imports.	Exports.	Specie.
1854	$176,856,000	$65,442,000	$36,041,000
1855	148,050,000	70,573,000	27,060,000
Decrease	28,806,000		9,281,000
Increase		5,131,000	

Of this decrease in imports about one half is dry goods, notwithstanding that the supplies in December have been larger. The result leaves what is called a far more favorable balance than usual for the port of New York, since the exports of produce, exclusive of gold, figure for a much higher amount.

A PRACTICAL SERMON.—A few Sundays since, a certain highly popular and talented clergyman of the Methodist Church, read to his congregation the 2d chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, the 19th verse of which is as follows:

"Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers, and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God."

After reading this verse, he deliberately raised his eyes to the congregation, and remarked, "My dear hearers—*St. Paul was not a Know Nothing!*" and without another word of comment, went on with his reading. The reverend gentleman, though opposed to making political remarks in the pulpit could not let slip so favorable an opportunity of "defining" St. Paul's position on Hindooism.—*New Haven Reg.*

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY AT BABYLON.—A London paper states, that Col. Rawlinson has just discovered among the ruins of ancient Babylon an extensive library, not indeed printed on paper, but impressed on baked bricks, containing many and voluminous treatises on astronomy, mathematics, ethnology and several other most important branches of knowledge. These treatises contain facts and arguments which, in his opinion, will have no small operation on the study of the science to which they relate, and which throw great light upon biblical history and criticism, and the history of our race.

PAPER MANUFACTURE IN THE UNITED STATES.—There are in the United States 750 paper mills in actual operation, having 3000 engines, and producing in the year 250,000,000 pounds of paper, which is worth, at ten cents per pound, $25,000,000, to produce this quantity of paper 405,000,000 pounds of rags are required, 1½ pounds of rags being necessary to make one pound of paper. The value of these rags, at 4 cents per pound, is $16,200,000.

FROZEN FLESH.—Mr. A. Bronson, of Meadville, Pa., says, from fifteen years' experience, he finds that Indian meal poultice, covered with Young Hyson tea, softened with hot water and laid over burns or frozen flesh, as hot as can be borne; will relieve the pain in five minutes. If blisters have not arisen before, they will not after it is put on, and that one poultice is generally sufficient to effect a cure.

NEGRO STAMPEDE.—We understand that one of our citizens received a dispatch from Natchez yesterday, giving an account of the escape from that city of forty negroes. It is conjectured that they were carried off by some upriver boat, in the hands of abolitionists or negro thieves.—*Memphis Appeal, Dec. 21*.

THE HOUSE OF FELT.—An ingenious hatter of Paris has constructed a house of felt, made out of 24,000 old hats. This house contains parlors, dining and bed rooms, and a kitchen. It is erected upon a platform, upon the plain of St. Denis, and can be transported from place to place.

Pittsburgh Dollar Savings Institution. No. 68 Fourth Street, NEXT DOOR TO THE PITTSBURGH BANK. IS now open daily from 9 to 2 o'clock; also, on Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 8 o'clock. Deposits received of all sums not less than One Dollar, and a dividend of the profits declared twice a year, in June and December. The Trustees for the purpose of furthering the benevolent objects of the Institution, have entered into a guarantee bond, thereby giving additional security to depositors. Books containing the Charter, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations furnished gratis, on application at the office. President—GEORGE ALBREE. VICE PRESIDENTS: Hopewell Hepburn, John H. Shoenberger, George W. White, Charles Knap, William R. Johnston, N. Grattan Murphy, James W. Hallman, Theobald Umstaetter, Alexander Bradley, Isaac M. Pennock, William Phillips, William J. Anderson. MANAGERS: John G. Backofen, James Herdman, Hill Burgwin, James M. Kirkpatrick, Albert Culbertson, John D. M'Cord, Robert Chester, Robert Morrow, J. Gardiner Coffin, Walter P. Marshall, Alonzo A. Carrier, A. M. Pollock, John S. Cosgrave, Henry L. Ringwalt, Charles A. Colton, Robert Robb, E. G. Edgington, George R. Riddle, Francis Fellix, James Rhoads, George F. Gillmore, James Shidle, James S. Hoon, George S. Selden, William S. Haven, Alexander Tindle. Secretary and Treasurer—CHARLES A. COLTON. fe15-1yd

Mysteries of the Post Office. (A Mail Bag is an epitome of human life.) TEN YEARS AMONG THE MAIL BAGS: Or, Notes from the Diary of a Special Agent of the Post Office Department. By J. HOLBROOK. 12 mo.—Price $1.25. Beautifully illustrated with 16 Steel Portraits, by Ritchie and 12 Wood Engravings, from designs chiefly by Darley. THIS WORK, undertaken with the sanction of the chief officers of the Post Office Department, by a gentleman who has long been and is still, one of the Special Agents of that Department—is the first book of the kind ever issued, calculated to give the public an insight into the practical operations of the Post Office Department, and the almost certain means which skill and experience have furnished for the detection and punishment of offenders against the laws enacted for the security of the mails and the inviolability of private correspondence. Never has a volume been offered to the public under a more hearty and universal recommendation of that enlightened and powerful censor, the Press. Brief extracts from some of these many flattering notices are annexed: "This book will prove one of the most entertaining of the season, and its liveliness, interest and general truth to nature, will form a pleasant addition to our stock of popular light literature."—N. Y. Evening Post. "We are bound to concede to Mr Holbrook's narrative of his Post Office experiences, the merit of being an exceedingly interesting and suggestive book."—N. Y. Herald. "The cutest and most entertaining book we have recently seen. Some of Mr Holbrook's true, unvarnished, reliable, beat all that one finds in Reynolds' mysteries, and any one who reads them will realize at once that romance still lives and thrives amid our modern life."—Boston Post. "This work commends itself by the nature of its subject, to every person who can read a book or write a letter."—Philadelphia Pennsylvanian. "A more amusing and at the same time interesting work of its kind, has never been published in America."—Phila Bulletin. "A well written and amusing work, from which we shall make an extract or two for the benefit of the community."—Phila. Sat. Post. "It abounds with sketches of novel and instructive matter."—Phila Inquirer. "This book is indeed a novelty, exceedingly entertaining and opening a new source of amusement."—Hartford Daily Courant. "There is substance enough in the incidents, plots, and character contained in his sketches, to fill a dozen novels."—Richmond Inquirer. "No person who has ever allowed himself to harbor for a moment the idea of opening another person's letter, can read the book without shuddering at the frightful precipice on which he has stood."—New Haven Register. Published by H. COWPERTHWAIT & CO., Phila. For sale by all Booksellers and News Agents. de29-3todd

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