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## PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 18, 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. sepl:d&w

Pittsburgh Weekly Gazette.—The extensive circulation of our Weekly Gazette offers to our business men a most desirable medium of making their business known. Our circulation is between four and five thousand, reaching almost every merchant, manufacturer and shop keeper in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio.

### The Steubenville Guarantee.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Gazette—

I am glad to see that the question of municipal subscriptions is at last awakening some little degree of public attention. It is too late perhaps to repair the errors which have been already committed, but it is not too late to prevent the further mischief which is yet meditated, if our credit is not already so far destroyed as to render further mischief impossible.

The proposal now is to make a further investment in the Steubenville Road. The original estimate of its cost was about $800,000. The amount already expended is about *twice* that sum, inclusive of discounts. The Bonds issued by us have been realized at a very heavy loss. It is now computed that it will cost to *finish* the road about as much more as it was to cost *entire* in the beginning. We stand therefore in the same position as if we were asked to commence the enterprise anew, with a depreciation in our securities of about 35 cents on the dollar, and we are asked therefore, in effect to undertake the building of a new work *on credit* with paper that will sell in the market for not more perhaps than one half its nominal value. And this we are asked to do, and this is recommended by our faithful Councils and Commissioners, as a means of saving that which is already lost, and the tax payers stand by without remonstrance, and newspaper editors have the modesty to inform our Representatives that they have nothing to do but to obey the will of these public advisers.

The effect of this movement, or in other words of the mere *threat* of further undertakings of this sort by our communities, has been already to carry our present securities still lower than before. Some of the eastern presses affect to wonder at this, because they suppose that a further investment will secure what has been already expended, and that we are altogether sufficient for the whole. These speculations show that, like too many of our indolent and confiding tax payers, they know nothing about either the condition of this Company, or the extent to which our corporations are already, I am sorry to say, most hopelessly involved. The wonder is only that, amongst astute and sagacious men, as money dealers are supposed to be, the credit of our securities could have been maintained even at their present elevation.—With a railroad debt of *five and a half millions* resting upon the shoulders of a community of about 140 or 150,000 souls, it could scarcely be expected that the proffer of another million, when there is no provision for the payment of the interest upon the amount already outstanding would have any other effect than to plunge those securities into a still lower deep; and it is only surprising that any body should be found to defend or excuse a measure which looks to still further sacrifices in the present state of our credit, and still more surprising to find it defended as a measure of relief. The last annual report of the Connellsville Railroad Company shows that our Commissioners have been authorizing, and that too without consulting us, the sale of our bonds issued to that Company for *seventy-five* cents on the dollar, and that the price is still greatly too high for the market. Is it any wonder then, that public opinion abroad should indicate that it is time to stop, even if we are fools enough not to see it ourselves, or desperate enough to rush on blindly and recklessly under our blind guides, who have so often cheated us by their assurances.

But suppose we would advance the additional million, would it be anything but throwing good money after bad? Will any body venture to assure us now that this Road without bridges at its extremities, will pay the interest even on that amount? There are sanguine men of course, the same who were deluded in the first instance themselves, and helped to delude others, who will say so, and to whom experience will ever preach its lessons in vain; but they have been trusted already and found to be, if honest, at least in their judgments utterly unreliable.—One of these men is even now indulging, through the columns of a city paper, in the stale, but whilom popular cry against old *fogyism*, and is apparently as confident as ever, after every hope has been disappointed, and bankruptcy has actually fallen upon us. He speaks sneeringly of prophets of evil, who are pluming themselves upon their own wisdom as though the worst of all these prophecies had not been actually fulfilled. Is there any remedy for such blindness and presumption as this? Could Father Abraham send a messenger from the dead who would make any impression on men who are so obstinately in error?

The plain English of the proposal is, that a creditor whose reputation has been already destroyed by the extent and extravagance of his emissions, shall be allowed to indorse the paper of a bankrupt debtor for the purpose of enabling him to raise money at a discount of fifty per cent, and this in the vain hope of saving that which is already lost. In a case between individuals so ruinous a step would never be thought of. Where our Corporations are a party, it seems to be supposed that it can be done with impunity.

The only answer to this is, that desperate as it may be, our situation is equally so, and desperate diseases require desperate remedies.—We lose a million and upwards, it is said, unless we do it. Well, this is the old argument, but it is lost at any rate; and the only question is whether we shall take the risk of losing as much more. To suppose that a road of forty miles so situated can pay the interest of *two and a half millions* of dollars, after deducting expenses, requires a degree of simplicity and credulity and ignorance of Railroad statistics, which is ill-fitted for one assuming to be a public adviser.

But are those who brought us into this condition to be allowed to cover their delinquencies by such prescriptions as these, considering that the patient will die at all events, and if he dies it is but a gone case for the Doctor? Granted that it is hard to lose a million by taking bad advice; it is still harder to lose two of them. But are our advisers sure that this is all? Will the loss end with the Steubenville Road? How long will it be till they discover that this is but the beginning of trouble—that there are other losses, not threatened only, but actually incurred; although, perhaps, unknown to them, even more disastrous than this? When they are told that they have placed not one million only, but *three or four* in this predicament, are we to be treated with more desperate nostrums from the same quarter?

The truth is, Mr. Editor, disguise it as we may, that we are already in a condition from which such short-sighted expedients, which only feed the flame and aggravate the disease, cannot relieve us. We have the question to meet now. It is no longer to be evaded—whether we are able and willing to provide for this enormous debt, which was to be only a mere loan of credit, by taxation. If we are not, and that I think is the sentiment of these communities, is it honest to contract any further liabilities of this description, if it be even possible to find any body simple enough to trust us? My own humble opinion is, that our very powers of self-destruction are now so far exhausted, that if the measure proposed were even enacted, the credit of our Corporations would descend so low as to render it but a dead letter. The creditors of the Company would, of course, accept the guaranty, but to raise money upon the residue on any terms which would be regarded as admissible by any *sane* man in the community, would be utterly impossible. Give them our indorsement however, and they will deal with it as they have already done with our Bonds—borrow at any price however ruinous—expend the money, and leave the people to meet the consequences.

A TAX PAYER.

### Letters from Senators Wilkins and M'Clintock.

SENATE CHAMBER, March 8, 1856.

*To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburgh.*

GENTLEMEN:—We have the honor to say to you, that yesterday we received a communication from your respective Clerks, covering a resolution adopted by you in recommendation of the passage of an enabling Act of Assembly, and transmitting to us the draft of a bill for that purpose.

That bill was read in the Senate this morning, and it is referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The import of the bill is of so grave a character, and its enactment into a law may lead to such serious consequences to your constituents and our own, that we cannot let the opportunity escape of communicating to you frankly (you may probably say) very boldly, our sentiments in reference to the subject.

The serious and important object of the law you desire to have passed, is to give to the corporations of the City of Pittsburgh and of the County of Allegheny, the power to assure, and guarantee the mortgage bonds of the bankrupt Steubenville and Pittsburgh Railroad Company, to any amount not exceeding the capital stock subscribed for by the said City and County respectively in said road.

It is true that the bill in question if it becomes a law, would only invest you with authority further to involve your fellow-citizens in pecuniary responsibilities and liabilities to taxation, already carried to an extent which severely tests the patience and calls forth complaints, which fill our entire community. In this movement and in the present emergency we do not mean to question your sound judgments, and the care and watchfulness which must distinguish your every action in reference to the power and confidence calculated by the bill to be reposed in you. But we must say to you—frankness and justice to ourselves require it—that at this moment we are beset and pressed upon by doubt and hesitation.

You must be well aware, gentlemen, that amongst all the investments of corporate powers, that which authorizes the expenditure of public money is most apt to be imprudently and lavishly employed. It is the more generally to be ascribed to the fact, that there is no personal responsibility, and no special individual interest. This common observation in the present instance is not applicable to you—your control would end with your guarantee of the mortgage of the Road Company—a very grave and responsible act—but the useful or wasteful expenditure of the people's money, the fruit of hard taxation, would depend upon others, not specially responsible to you or the tax payers. Would not the expenditure and use of the money raised upon your credit depend upon those, or certainly upon the same unthrifty corporation, who have in all reasonable probability spent and disposed of funds sufficient to have put the road in running order.

Allow us to ask, with impressions of all proper respect—for our votes must throw upon us some share of responsibility—what security can be exacted for the proper use and application of the proceeds of the indorsed bonds? Will they be applied to the payment of old debts, or, rigidly to finishing the road? Can your additional responsibility meet the joint object, the completion of the work, and render it productive? If you shall think we have a right to hesitate and deliberate, to consult and advise with you, allow us further to ask—will skill in management and rigid economy mark the future conduct of the road corporation—or will additional loss follow in the footsteps of additional liability? If you do take the responsible step to bind your community to further-most serious objections, can you retain by any arrangement in your power any practicable and salutary control over the use and disbursement of the funds raised by the pledge of the credit of your constituents? By the bill transmitted to us you ask for authority "to guarantee the payment of principal and interest of mortgage bonds of the "Pittsburgh and and Steubenville Railroad Company to any amount not exceeding the "capital stock subscribed for by the city and "county respectively in said road."

It is unnecessary for us to name the aggregate amount of those subscriptions, to make you aware of the very extended authority. Nor need we say to you how frequently and how earnestly you will be importuned, let your vigilance and integrity be what they may, still further to advance and give for the relief of a deeply embarrassed debtor until you reach the full limit of the law.

We have neither the wish or the intention to impeach the correctness, or assail the calculations of the report of the Board of Managers of the road or of, its Officers. But we all know that when road companies hold out allurements, their calculations are and must be conjectural, founded on sincere wishes and sanguine hopes. The road report of 1856 testifies to anticipations never realized, and to calculations which have turned out to be erroneous.

By that report the expenditure of construction has been............$1,070,164
For engines and cars for equipments.. 19,260
$1,089,424

This sum you will observe does not include the amounts expended for interest, discounts, land damages and expenses of company other than engineering expenses. This circumstance is merely cited for the purpose of showing that expenses are not always (probably cannot well be) stated with accuracy, and are therefore omitted.

This report also shows that the cost of construction has proved to be $285,000 more than the original estimate. That is 22 per cent over the computed cost. By the same report you now have another estimated cost of the *future*, confined to the cost of the work required to be done to complete the road from river to river.—This estimate, which is $512,720, does not include the running equipments, and makes no allowances to the bridge over the Ohio and Monongahela rivers; and is equally silent as to a most serious difficulty—the right of way through the territory of Virginia. Is the rumor a true one that the application for a cession of that privilege has again been recently refused? It is unquestionably true, gentlemen, that Virginia, in the exercise of her sovereign State authority, may put forth a positive interdiction to the working and use of a railroad and the levying of toll, by a corporation of a sister State. The preparatory removal of this obstacle is well worthy your grave consideration.

We are already called upon and cautioned as Representatives by resolutions of the councils of our sister city of Allegheny, to beware and not to aid in the passage of a law authorizing the County Commissioners to guarantee the Mortgage Bonds, the subject of their communication.

And we now request that we may not be misunderstood in our object in addressing this letter to you on a subject of common concern, of deep interest, relating to the entire population of both city and county. We intend it as a conference, a consultation, an interchange of sentiment between the Legislative representatives and those into whose hands are placed the municipal affairs of our community. In no other light must it be viewed, in justice to ourselves. We cannot conclude without remarking to you that the application comes from the County Commissioners to us under more peculiar circumstances, and requiring more serious deliberation.

The Board of County Commissioners is composed of but three members, and but *two* of them have signed the call made upon us for the passage of the law, and the grant of the dangerous power it is intended to bestow. Whether the third member of the Board was absent, or more cautious than his colleagues, we cannot tell. But, does the community to which we belong demand of its representatives for its interest and its safety from loss, that they should lodge in the hands of *two* individuals only, the extraordinary power of binding their fellow-citizens and their estates for years, in hundreds of thousands, and that too, in a matter foreign to all the common interests and concerns of County Commissioners?

We apologize for the rough and hasty manner in which this letter is written. We send it as it is, not wishing to lose the mail of the day.—And we should be much obliged for the same reason if you can conveniently and with propriety permit your clerks to make a copy and deliver it to the County Commissioners. We have advised them by a mail of this request.

There will be ample time for you to communicate with us, should you think proper to do so before any material action be taken on the bill.

With high respect, gentlemen,
Your fellow citizens,
[Signed] WM. WILKINS,
J. R. McCLINTOCK.

SENATE CHAMBER, March 10, 1856.

*To the Select and Common Councils of the city of Pittsburgh.*

GENTLEMEN:—Pursuing the very interesting subject common to our entire community, the proposal for the enactment of a law authorizing the city of Pittsburgh and the county of Allegheny to guarantee the payment of mortgage bonds of the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad Company. You must bear with and excuse us for addressing you again so immediately after our communication of a day or two since.

To enable us to come to a correct judgment ourselves, and properly to communicate with the members of the Legislature, we beg leave to ask from you information in reply to the following inquiries:

What is the amount of the city and county subscriptions of stock to Railroad Companies?

What is the amount of mortgage bonds executed by the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad Company?

How many are issued? How many prepared to be issued, and especially to what *extent* do our two corporations intend or propose to render themselves liable?

What is the amount of indebtedness at present of the Steubenville Company? and will the proposed liability of our corporation be applied to the liquidation of that indebtedness or rigidly to the construction of the road and its running equipments? Can you control its application.

We have in our communication expressed our opinion in reference to what we believe to be a vital matter. The cession by Virginia of the right of way to use territory for the purposes of the road. Have you or the Railroad Company any assurance on the subject? Have you anything further than the simple hope that that State may be induced to release and grant this indispensable privilege.

Further—We beg leave to call your attention to the indefiniteness of the language of the bill you have transmitted to us for our advocacy.—Its purpose is to authorize you and the County Commissioners to guarantee "Mortgage Bonds" of the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad Company. There is to be sure a limit, but it is a very enlarged one. We believe (there may be however a mistake in our impression) that the limit does not stop short of $1,050,000. But premising there is no intention in any quarter to proceed to the extent of this limit, permit us to ask, almost in repetition of what is said in our second preceding inquiry, will your proposed liability be confined to mortgage bonds already issued and sold at a very depreciated rate, or will it be attached to bonds hereafter to be issued and to what amount? And can any guard be thrown around your endorsements to prevent their being sacrificed and sold far below their value?

We beg, gentlemen, that a proper construction may be put upon our thus importuning you, and requesting your attention to our peculiar and very responsible position.

We must repeat that we will be held responsible for the *enactment* of this law, certainly a doubtful policy, and you will be called upon for its *execution*. We shall be obliged to take the first step upon this interesting question. Should the power sought by the Bill be granted to the two corporations, can they, will they, resist all action in pursuance of it? Should you deem it inexpedient to use this great power, can you answer for others, your successors in office? Can corporations quietly suffer this authority to *grant money, public money*, to lie in their hands unemployed when continually importuned, called upon and pressed by a needy and deeply embarrassed public corporation, engaged in the construction of a work presumed to be of great public utility.

In the hope that proper appreciation be given to our motives in thus conferring with you,

We remain with high respect
Your fellow Citizens,
[Signed] WM. WILKINS,
J. R. M'CLINTOCK.

THE STEAMER PACIFIC—The following from Willmer & Smith's European Times, March 1st, would seem to show that the importance to be attached to the report of the Edinburgh, concerning the floating doors in the ice at sea, is even less than the little which was given to it when it reached here on Thursday last. The Times says:

A good deal of needless alarm has been caused by a statement which comes from Glasgow, to the effect that the Edinburgh steamer, which plies between New York and the Clyde, saw, on the 7th of February, a good deal of broken ice, and a quantity of cabin furniture, such as might be supposed to belong to a first-class steamer like the Pacific. The people on board of the Edinburgh have taken abundance of time before they gave this statement to the world. The vessel reached Glasgow on the 14th, and nearly a fortnight after they publish a piece of news which at any time would have been remarkable, but is most remarkable after the Arabia has arrived with the intelligence that when she left Halifax, N. S., the Pacific had not reached New York. No doubt, the anxiety about the Pacific is extreme; but, under the circumstances, we attach very little importance to this statement of the "Glasgow bodies."

It appears that the statement respecting the fragments of the steamer supposed to be lost, rests exclusively on the testimony of one of the passengers by the Edinburgh, uncorroborated by any other evidence. The Edinburgh has since returned to New York, and the captain, when in Scotland, made no official report of the circumstance. The Liverpool consignees, in a communication with which we have been favored, say:

FRIDAY, Feb. 29, 1856.

*Gentlemen:*—All we know of the report about the Pacific amounts to this: That the Edinburgh reports to have seen in the ice, longitude 45.50, latitude 40.36, on Feb. 7 some furniture belonging to the cabin of a ship.

The handles of the doors of the Pacific are similar to those described; but so we believe are they in almost every large vessel sailing out of New York. We do not attach much importance to the report, as we think there would have been a much larger quantity of wreck about had it been the Pacific. Still we are not in a position to deny that it may have belonged to her. BROWN, SHIPLEY & CO.

*Messrs. Wilmer & Smith.*

In addition to this, we learn from one of the most respectable Scotch merchants in this city, that he received by the Arabia, a letter from a gentleman who was a passenger on board of the Edinburgh to Glasgow, and that in the letter there was not the slightest allusion made to any such wrecks as that referred to, or any other wrecks, having been seen from on board the Edinburgh. The informant thinks that if they had been seen, his correspondent would have mentioned the circumstance.

Editorial Correspondence of the N. Y. Tribune.

SENATOR DOUGLAS A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY.—WASHINGTON, Friday, March 14th, 1856.—The attitude assumed by Senator Douglas leaves no room for further doubt as to his aspirations. He is a candidate for the next Presidency, subject to the choice of the Democratic National Convention which is to meet on May 2d at Cincinnati. I have this from persons who cannot be mistaken. There will be no lack of effort to give him the nomination; and, since his bold bid for Southern favor, in his Kansas Report, he is visited by and has proffers of support from many more Slavery propagandists than formerly. The candidates for the Cincinnati nomination are Pierce, Buchanan and Douglas. The first has no chance at all. His friends should tell him so, and induce him to withdraw, while he can with some grace. I still think that Buchanan has the probabilities strongly in his favor, as there is no present likelihood that Pierce will throw his strength or weakness on to Douglas's side; but if the author of the Nebraska act should be nominated for President, I trust Senator Mason, the author of the Fugitive Slave Law, will be his Vice. Let us have the whole platform emboded in the ticket. H. G.

A LETTER from the Paris correspondent of the *Independence* of Brussels says: "I have just read a letter addressed to a member of the Leislative Body by the Archbishop of Avignon, in which I find an interesting piece of news.—The Archbishop has arrived form Rome, and before quitting that city he went to take leave of the Pope, who told him that he should visit France in case a Prince was born to the Emperor. PIUS IX, promised that, should he take the journey, he would stop two days at Avignon, after which he would proceed to Paris to baptise the Imperial child."

THE Philadelphia *Presbyterian*, asserts that the doctrinal differences between the Old School and the New School are as great and as many now as they were at the disruption of the church twenty years ago. The paper adds:—"In the present state of the churches, their reunion would be an utter impossibility—a thing not to be thought of or entertained for a moment. On a right basis, we should hail such a reunion as one of the happiest events which could occur; but great changes must take place before such a consummation can be effected."

MADISON COUNTY TO KANSAS.—On Tuesday next a County meeting is to be held at Peterboro, to raise and equip from 50 to 100 choice men, to go to Kansas as settlers. They will carry rifles with them, as well as implements of husbandry and mechanics' tools. Gerrit Smith will address the meeting, and will give $1,000 to its objects. The donation by this gentleman of $4,000 within the space of five days to secure Freedom to Kansas, is a testimony of devotion to Liberty, that can not be mistaken, and will not soon be forgotten.—*Alb. Eve. Jour.*

THE *Fremden Blatt* learns from Bucharest, that on the 21st of January (old style,) the freedom of the press was proclaimed in Maldavia, and laws for its regulation published. On the 7th of February, the question of the emancipation of the Wallachian gipsies was decided by 11 voices against 10. There are 70,000 gipsies in Wallachia, and their present proprietors will receive an indemnification for them from the State.

LOUISIANA POLITICS.—The following dispatch from the Louisiana Democrat State Convention has been received at Washington, from a private source:

*Baton Rouge, La., March 13.*—The State Convention has elected anti-Buchanan delegates to the Cincinnati Convention. In the contest for delegates for the State at large, Soule led one ticket and Slidell the other. The Soule ticket is elected by about 50 majority.

END OF THE SLAVE CASE NOT YET.—The Cincinnati *Commercial* of this morning says—We learn through Col. John Finnell, of Covington, that Mr. Gaines has determined to bring "Peggy" back from Arkansas, and deposit her in Covington, subject to requisition. Whether the rest of the family required as accessories, are to be returned we are not informed.

THE people of Lake county are moving in the Kansas aid matter; and their efforts have thus far been crowned with complete success. They have contributed a considerable sum of money, and will send out a company of well armed men in the spring.

IT is said the annual consumption of Ivory in the town of Sheffield, England, is about 180 tons. The number of tusks to make this amount, is said to be 45,000, and accordingly to this estimate 22,500 elephants are annually killed to supply the demand. This is rather too big a story.