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MONDAY MORNING, MAY 11, 1857.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.—Rev. S. P. BOLLMAN was elected County Superintendent in Indiana county—salary $650. In Fayette, J. V. HENDRE re-elected—salary $500. In Venango, WM. BURGWIN was chosen—salary $500. Erie elected WM. H. ARMSTRONG—salary $1000 per annum.

With one or two exceptions, the counties, in fixing the salaries of Superintendents, have shown a niggardliness which would excite anger if it was not so provocative of contempt. To elect a man to an office which requires his whole time and to be constantly on the move throughout the county, the cost of conveyance from point to point being a serious item, and then fix his compensation at a sum that will not suffice to keep body and soul together, is so outrageously mean that we cannot contemplate it without losing a portion of our faith in human nature.

In this category we place Allegheny county foremost. This is a county with a population of about 200,000. It contains 61 school districts, embracing 320 schools, the number of scholars attending which is in round numbers 30,000. The County Superintendent is expected to visit all these schools during the year, to examine all who apply to become teachers; and to exercise a general supervision over the whole subject of Education in the county. For this laborious duty—enough to engage all the time of an industrious man capable of much physical endurance, and requiring considerable talent as well as tact in its faithful fulfilment—the Directors have, in the hugeness of their stinginess awarded him the meagre salary of $1000! Deduct from this sum what he must necessarily pay for conveyance from point to point throughout the county, and there will not be enough left to maintain him decently. The inference is clear—he must maintain for himself, in connection with this office, some other means of live lihood; and whatever time he gives to the latter must necessarily be subtracted from the former.

Now, if it is worth while to keep up this office at all, it ought to be done in the spirit as well as the letter of the law. Either abolish it altogether, or attach to it a salary that will make it efficient. If the Directors will not do justice to their Superintendents, it is time for the legislature to interfere.

In other counties, very generally, the same spirit is manifest as here. There are some honorable exceptions; but they only serve to make more prominent the shortcomings of the rest.

THE BURDELL CASE is hurried forward with commendable zeal towards a conclusion, and we shall rejoice when it shall have been dismissed and the guilty parties fixed upon and punished. The case has become an eyesore, hateful from its detail and doubly so from the horribly insecurity to life which it urges continually upon the thoughts. The defence opened on Thursday, and on that side Dr. Uhl was examined at great length. In his opinion the drops of blood in Dr. Burdell's room, as well as those in the hall and basement, came from the assassin, who might have been either right or left-handed. He thought it improbable that a person of even equal strength with Dr. Burdell could have inflicted all the wounds without bearing marks of violence. Under this impression, and with strong suspicions against Mrs. C. on his mind, he looked carefully at her neck and arms on Saturday evening, but saw no marks. He had never examined a body where so many accurate wounds had been given, nor had Dr. Carnochan, called later in the day. In estimating the value of this testimony, it must be borne in mind that the latter of these gentlemen is Professor of Surgery in the largest hospital in the country, and that the former has attended 1,500 post-mortems within five years. Dr. Carnochan also thought that any person of less size and strength than the deceased would have borne marks of the encounter, particularly if a female, and inclined to the opinion that the assassin was right-handed and at least as tall as Dr. Burdell.

The evidences in the case closed for the defence—the prosecution having previously rested—at 4 o'clock on Friday. The only facts which we deem worthy of note in the latter part of the testimony are these to wit:

The reason why Eckel left the house at an earlier hour than usual, on the morning after the murder, was explained by a merchant, who said he met him on business, at 8 o'clock, in accordance with a request left by the witness at Eckel's residence on the previous night. The odor noticed by Dr. Parmly and others in Bond street, on the night of the murder, was accounted for by a witness living in a house near the Doctor's residence, who said that on that night he had burned leather and woolen cloth, in a room in which he was trying chemical experiments.

P. S. Since writing the above we have received dispatches which may be found in our telegraphic columns that Mrs. Cunningham has been acquitted.

WHERE'S WALKER?—We begin now to watch with some interest for the return of this prospective champion from Nicaragua, or for news that he has gone to his long home which, perhaps, would be better for himself and for the world. No man ever came nearer to being made a hero and escaped it. We could put our finger upon at least one leading New York journal which rivals Mr. Peckinniff in talking moral propriety, which stood by ready to recognize the mission of Walker just as soon as the fruit of his villainy should be well in his grasp. He would have been the "man of destiny" provided he could have procured a fuller supply of short boys and garoters from New York and a few more ship loads of gamblers and cut-throats from New Orleans to help out the "designs of Providence." The world's virtue is easy. If a man is successful, it does not stop to inquire by what means, but crowns him asking no questions. If he fail, even in a good cause, it is always urged with much caution that his case is a new lesson on the instability of human affairs. We believe that in the case of Walker's success he would have been considered, if held in just estimation, a greater rascal than now, that shorn of his power, he is probably a fugitive if not a *caput mortuum* in the land he has desolated and drenched with human blood. The last scenes in the act are now coming on. The denouement has been too plainly foreshadowed to leave room for a doubt, now these two months The latest and most decisive indication is that the recruits which went forward recently from New Orleans returned last week in the steamer Empire City to the place whence they set out. Of these articles of pugnacity New Orleans has always been until now a place of export. When no one can be supplied from its purlieus, the end is nigh.

THE NEWBURGH MURDER.—This bloody tragedy seems to have been brought nearer to our doors by the fact that we received and published in the *Gazette* of Saturday morning the letter of the Coroner giving a full description of the unfortunate young woman who has been so foully dealt with, the said coroner having acted in obedience to a hint contained in the following:

CORONER
Dear Sir: If you Publish a description of the body of the murdered female in the Pappers of Pittsburg, Pa., you will be likely to find her friends but the murderer you cannot find.
BY SOMEBODY.

P. S. My revenge is sweet,
catch me if you can.
New-York.

The Coroner of Newburg received this letter through the Post-Office, post-marked at New York City on Wednesday. We trust that our city papers will give as wide publicity to the description we published on Saturday morning, as possible. We add that the Coroner and others lashing to the view that the party or parties to this murder came from one of the adjoining towns, probably from one farther north; at all events not from Newburg.

The body of deceased still lies in the vault of St. George's Church, Episcopal, and will be kept there as long as it remains in a condition to be identified, unless sooner recognized.

CONSTRUCTION.—The Legislature assembled at Hartford on Wednesday last. The Senate was organized by the appointment of Hon. Ammi Giddings of Plymouth, as temporary president; E. B. Trumbull of Norwich, as clerk; and Wm. E. Learned, of Hartford, as door keeper. In the House, Eliphalet A. Bulkley, of Hartford, (Republican) was elected President, receiving 121 votes to 92 for Gen. James T. Pratt, of Rocky Hill, (Democrat.)

The Governor's Message was then read. It is a short and well written document, principally taken up with discussions of matters pertaining to the interests of the State. There are, however, in its conclusion, reference to the late decision of the Supreme Court in the Dred Scott case, from which we make the following extracts:

It is apparent that this decision not only greatly limits the sphere of Congressional action, but that it involves many questions of state authority. It is not too much to say that if the principles laid down as the opinion of the majority of the court be followed to their legitimate issues, slavery becomes a national institution.—Not only is the federal government made subservient to its interests, but all legal power is taken from the several states to resist its encroachments. It is a duty which we owe alike to ourselves and our children to stand firmly by the constitution and maintain it in its purity.—I believe, gentlemen, that we are all of the one mind in affirming that freedom is the law of our land, and servitude the exception. Wherever slavery exists it must be by positive enactment; our national constitution does not carry it into our territories.

If every successful aspirant for place and power is at liberty to pervert this sacred instrument to the purposes of sections and parties, the time has surely arrived when men seeking the perpetuity of Republican institutions must determine whether they will stand by this time honored charter as it was expounded by its intelligent authors, or whether it shall be permitted to become the exponent of every new doctrine which may be inaugurated for the advancement of individual or sectional interests.

A wide departure from the principles and practices of the framers of the constitution has obtained in the action of the judicial, executive and legislative departments of the Federal Government, and surely no apology can be necessary for bringing to your notice as the representatives of one of the sovereign States of this Union a matter so vital to our prosperity in business as well as to our happiness in the social conditions of life.

The national heart is still loyal to its ancient constitution of government, and beats in unison with the spirit of liberty which provaded all hearts in the day of its adoption.

Free labor is the corner stone of our political fabric upon which has been reared that prosperity which has peopled the hills and valleys of Northern states with an independent and intelligent population while free soil has been the incitement to that unwonted flow of immigration which has covered the fertile plains of the broad West with enterprising and industrious inhabitants.

Let your enactments be such as will encourage free labor—such as will aid in preserving the integrity of our national soil—such as will warm the hearts of your children's children with a glow of purer patriotism at the mention of your names in connection with the legislation which shall have perpetuated New England institutions—such as will be designed to secure the best grod of your fellow men, and will redound to the honor of our beloved commonwealth—then it will be approved of Him to whom we must all at last render an account of our stewardship upon earth.

THE CINCINNATI FIRE DEPARTMENT.—The *Price Current* of Cincinnati, sums up the expenses of the Department in that city for the past year, from which the astonishing fact appears that the total loss by fire in that city, during the past year, was only $184,119, all of which, except $26,630, was covered by insurance.

The paper above quoted, very justly remarks that it seems strange that other cities are so slow in adopting the steam engines for extinguishing fires.

NEWSPAPERS IN NEW ORLEANS.—A new daily has been started in the Crescent city, to be published by an association and called *The Times*. The *Commercial Bulletin* remarks that the *Times*, makes the thirteenth daily paper published in that city, including two German papers. There are but ten daily papers in Boston and only thirteen New York. Who says we are not a reading people?

TAXATION IN BOSTON.—The Boston tax book for the year 1856 has been made up. It shows that there are thirteen individuals and firms in the city of Boston who are assessed for half a million of dollars and upwards. Eighty-four individuals, firms and corporations pay taxes on sums varying from $250,000 to 500,000. The largest individual assessment is to David Sears. Real estate $688,000, personal estate $350,000.

THE Bank of France is to double its present capital of $17,250,000 and to advance to the Government on French Rentes the additional amount thus raised. This proceeding will be tantamount to a loan. In consideration therefor the charter of the bank to be renewed for thirty years.

THE Philadelphia *Sun*, which has henceforth held off, comes out very warmly for Wilmot, and recommends the formation of "Wilmot Clubs" in every Ward, Township and precinct. The suggestion is a good one, and we hope to see it fully carried out—especially in Philadelphia.

OFFICE DECLINED.—Col. George P. Kane, of Baltimore, has declined a lucrative office under Buchanan. How does it happen that Buchanan never offers an appointment to any old-line Whig except such as are sure to decline?

Special Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.
HARRISBURGH, May 8, 1857.

Editors Gazette:—The Senate has progressed steadily upon second reading from the third section upon which that body rested last night up to the 11th when it began in the night session of to night. The provision will satisfy your people are more interested than any other concerning the western division of the canal has been passed upon. Mr. Cresswell, of Blair, moved to substitute for that section of the bill which gives the purchaser under this bill the right to vacate that division when the Western Canal shall be finished to Freeport, a new section requiring the purchaser to keep open the whole line forever. This was rejected by a vote of 14 to 16.

A motion from Judge Wilkins made to compel the purchaser to issue it to parties who should be able to keep it open forever, or if the lessee should prove irresponsible then that the purchaser himself shall do so. This amendment both he and Dr. Gazzam sustained in able speeches. It was lost by a vote of fifteen to sixteen.

An amendment offered by Mr. Browne, that the cities of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Allegheny shall retain their right to elect the same number of directors that they now do even if they dispose of the stock in the Pennsylvania brought up a spirited discussion.

A new section offered by Judge Wilkins, required the Vice President of the Pennsylvania Railroad to open an office, and reside in the city of Pittsburgh. He spoke to this new section. The vote was as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brewer, Browne, Cresswell, Ely, Evans, Fetter, Gazzam, Knox, Laubach, Walton, Welsh, Wilkins and Wright—Yeas 12.

NAYS—Messrs. Coffey, Finney, Flenniken, Fraxer, Gregg, Harris, Ingram, Jordan, Killingsar, Lewis, Scofield, Sellers, Shuman, Souther, Straub and Taggart. *Speaker*—Nays 16.

So the question was determined in the negative.

Mr. Browne offered an amendment, pledging in strong terms the faith of the State, the application of the funds derived from the sale to be applied to the Sinking Fund. The act already did pledge the State faith, and the friends of the bill deemed it a side motion, ingeniously made to separate the friends of the Sunbury and Erie Road from the majority in favor of the bill. Mr. Scofield denounced it as the act of a Jesuit. Upon this motion the vote stood thus:

YEAS—Messrs. Brewer, Browne, Cresswell, Ely, Evans, Fetter, Gazzam, Knox, Laubach, Walton, Welsh, Wilkins, Wright—12

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So the question was determined in the negative.

The debate is progressing upon the 13th section as the night closes, and the attempt on the part of the minority is to speak out the balance of the night session. It is nine o'clock, and they have but an hour to consume until the hour of adjournment comes. Unless the bill goes entirely through to-night, and goes up to a suspension of the rules, the bill cannot pass tomorrow finally, but must go over until next week. It is only a question of time, however.

Dr. Gazzam reported as committed to-day the bill authorizing the laying out a State road in Allegheny and Butler counties.

The bill to establish high and low water lines on the Ohio, Monongahela and Allegheny rivers in Allegheny, the bill to authorize the Pennsylvania Railroad to subscribe to the stock of or endorse the bonds of the Chartiers Valley Railroad bonds, the bill concerning the eastern and western Houses of Refuge, giving the managers the power to bind out the white children.—R.

Did they pass? [Editors Gazette.]

INSURANCE.—The New York *Times* notes the fact that the fire insurance Companies of that City have determined to make a reduction of 5 per cent. from the premiums heretofore charged on such stores and warehouses (including contents) as have parapets or fire-walls erected at not less than five feet above the roof, so as to protect more effectually the roofs and skylights in case of the burning of adjacent buildings. In consequence of this reduction in the premiums, nearly all new buildings are having their walls run up to the additional height proposed, and alterations are making upon a large number of old buildings. In the walls are left holes to let through the hose of engine companies so as to play water easily upon buildings adjacent in case of fire.

Mr. Barnum is holding forth in England, with limited pecuniary results, in favor of the Maine liquor law.

THE depression in business in New York is loudly complained of by the shipping interests. It is estimated that vessels to the value of twenty-five millions of dollars are lying in New York harbor, most of them without employment, and those that have found something to do, have accepted it at rates ruinously low.

LIBEL SUIT DEFERRED.—The case of Erastus Brooks agt. Stevens and Blake, of the Kennebec Journal, for libel, now before the United States Circuit Court for the district of Maine, is continued to the next term, which meets in September.

LANDS SOLD AND LOCATED IN WISCONSIN.—The quantity of lands sold and located in the state of Wisconsin up to the 30th of June, 1857, exceeds nine millions of acres.

The London Times has two part editors and owners in the new Parliament, Mr. Walter, is chief, and the Right Hon. Robert Lowe.

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