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THE PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD.—*Messrs. Editors:* In my first article on this subject, a few typographical errors occurred, one or two of which I wish to correct. I am made to ask, in one place, "Is it not better to save a part than the whole?" It should have read, "than *lose* the whole;" for the whole is better than a part, while it is better to save a part by making judicious sacrifices, than to lose the whole in a vain attempt to accomplish an impossibility. In the second item of the plan for the future conduct of the road, the first word of the paragraph should be "*That*" instead of "*shall.*" I know that my chirography is none of the plainest, and I know how to make excuses for errors of this nature, in the hurry of getting up a daily paper.

I am glad to see it announced that J. Edgar Thompson, Esq., has consented to undertake, as Chief Engineer, the completion of the P., F. W. & C. Road to Chicago. Under such auspices we augur success. It is of as much interest to the Pennsylvania Railroad as to our Company, that this work shall be speedily completed. The Pa. road will never be able to compete with New York roads on equal terms, until we have an independent line to the great north-west.

I am, also, gratified to observe that the receipts of the road for 1857 are at a handsome advance over those of 1856, amounting to the sum of $156,182 89. The whole receipts of the road for the year are $1,653,739 95. We think there can scarcely be a worse year for railroading than the past, and we think when the road is completed its receipts may be safely estimated at $2,000,000. This is not an over estimate—it is less than facts would warrant. It is always the safest, however, to look at questions such as these with an eye of cautious prudence. The road being finished at both ends, and immediately connected with the Pa. road in Pittsburgh, and with the great North-Western net of roads in Chicago, has only to earn thirty thousand dollars per month additional to what it did last year—a year of depression, of high rivers, and with an unfinished road—to yield over $2,000,000, or, in exact figures, $2,013,739 95. We think this is a safe calculation. Now, allowing 60 per cent. of the gross earnings for running expenses, and for keeping up the road, and the rolling stock, we have $800,000 with which to pay interest, which will be amply sufficient, unless we have under estimated the debt.

It is very evident, therefore, from these data, that if the plan of funding the floating debt can be carried out, the creditors of the Company will be amply secured, and the holders of the floating debt will be fully paid, having only borne the sacrifice of a year's delay. But if the floating debt is not funded, and remains an incubus upon the company, we see no relief or safety from financial ruin.

The right closing of the construction account, and the resolute avoidance of all further indebtedness, is essential to the success of this plan.

If the road is placed 10% in condition to meet from its accruing receipts all accruing liabilities, the stockholders may begin to look forward with hope to some remuneration for their investment. We have traveled over this line, as far as it has been finished, and we are satisfied it must become a very popular through line, as it is safe and speedy. From Pittsburgh to Crestline it passes through an agricultural district not exceeded for wealth and fertility any where, and thickly populated, with several large and thriving towns on the route. From Crestline to Chicago the country is not so populous, but it is much more so than appears to a casual passenger on the road. We understand that the local trade and travel on the western division is within 75 per cent. of that on the eastern division. This proportion will be nearly equalized when the road is finished. The line of the road furnishes inexhaustible quantities of coal and wood, so that the Company can always command cheap fuel. The country is also steadily settling up, towns are growing in population and business, and there can be no question that the business of the road will steadily increase.

We, therefore, the road can be brought into a condition to meet accruing expenses by accruing revenues, and no construction account be suffered to remain open, and no indebtedness of any kind be suffered to be created, the steady advance of the business of the road, growing out of the steady growth of the population and business of the country, will soon yield an income for the stockholders, gradually increasing as the business advances.

As a warm friend of this great work, we sincerely hope that the Directors will be enabled to carry out the plan devised for funding the floating debt of the Company, and insisting it to Chicago. We can conceive of no other course for all parties, nor any other one which promises success.

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MR. BELL, with whom we have had a conversation, informs us that he left Salt Lake City on the 5th November, and after two days' traveling, short stages, encamped for a day or two. While encamped, an express arrived from the city, who informed them that Colonel Johnson had arrived at Ham's Fork, and taken the command—that the result of which was that Colonel Johnson had positively refused any terms but unconditional surrender. Ham's Fork is about a hundred miles from the city. The Mormons were fifty miles from Echo canon, about fifty miles from the city, through which the troops must pass. A collision, therefore, was inevitable. As the Mormons were in great numbers, and were being rapidly joined by several bands of two or three days would bring the troops in front of their opponents.

With regard to the Indians east of Salt Lake, it is more than probable that Colonel Johnson has propitiated them, and they will be found, if not on the side of the Government, at least neutral.

In case of resistance to the troops, there is every reason for confidence that Colonel Johnson will force his passage of the canon, and make his way in advance to the city

The force of the Mormons has been greatly over-estimated; almost every available man has been enrolled. In passing through the settlements, Mr. Bell found that the men generally had been called out to the mountains; and yet the whole force fell far short of ten thousand men.

The winter had set in with severity. In the city the snow was two inches deep, and in the mountains, where the Mormons were encamped, it must have been from six to twelve inches deep.

The Mormon army was in a very poor condition, badly clothed, poorly armed, and with very little provisions.

The families are represented as being in a suffering condition—wanting in provisions and wood; the winter already commenced, and the men all called off to the camps.—*Los Angelos Star, Extra, Dec. 8.*

A DESPERATE PRISONER.—At York, Pa., on Monday, four persons were arrested on a charge of creating a disturbance. One of them, named Fisher, made a desperate resistance, and assaulted High Constable Ruby and several citizens with a long-bladed knife, but without doing them any injury. The York *Republican* says:

"It was with much difficulty that he was tied, thrown into a wagon and conveyed to jail. When he arrived there he managed to get a bar of iron, with which he assaulted one of the keepers, injuring him somewhat. When in the cell he tore off the spiggot of the hydrant, which he threw with much force at those outside, who narrowly escaped feeling its weight. He then broke up some of the wood work inside, with which he made a club, and swore he would knock out the brains of any person who should enter the cell. His conduct was such that the sheriff ordered him to be shot, and two balls were fired at him, one of which grazed one leg, and the other ball took effect in the other leg. He then submitted—the ball was extracted, when he asked to see it, and *swallowed* it immediately.

CONVENTION OF SUGAR GROWERS.—A convention of agriculturists, interested in the cultivation of the Chinese sugar cane, was held in Springfield, Ill., on Thursday last. About one hundred delegates were present, including a number of gentlemen from other States. Specimens of syrup, sugar, vinegar and rum, from the new cane, were submitted, and plans for expressing the juice, were discussed. The Messrs. Lovering, sugar refiners of Philadelphia, forwarded samples of several kinds of sugar manufactured by them—loaf, crushed or clarified, and two qualities of brown sugar, all of excellent quality. The result of the meeting was considerably highly favorable to the success of the sugar cane experiment.

BUSINESS IN RHODE ISLAND.—The Providence Journal of Wednesday says:—"The Banks resume specie payments to-day, but no one would know the difference, probably, if the change was not formally announced."

Th Journal also says:—We still hear of mills that are starting on partial time, and at reduced wages. We are glad for the sake of the help; but we do not see the prospect of remuneration for the mill owners. The indications of a reviving demand for goods are, as yet, very light, and what hope there is of a fair business in the spring is founded on the small stocks and diminished production. Nevertheless, we do not think that the starting will be sufficient, at present to greatly increase the production."

THE POTATO ROT AN OLD DISEASE.—A friend sends us the following "extract from a German paper," which says that "potatoes were first introduced in Europe in 1586—59 years after its introduction no good seed was to be had. In 1696 new seed was imported from Peru; 45 years after the rot commenced; 50 years after its introduction no good seed was to be had. In 1795 new seed was imported from Peru; 45 years after the rot again commenced, and in 1770 no good seed was to be had. In 1795 new seed was again imported, and it did not get into general use till 1802 or 1803." If this is a fact, we have it fully proved, and that would prove the necessity of frequently renewing the seed from the original locality.

LATEST ELECTION NEWS FROM KANSAS.—The Leavenworth City *Ledger* of the 7th, has the following:

"If the free state party polled their full strength, we can safely assert that they have elected all the state officers, and a majority of the state senators and representatives.

ELECTION NEWS—LAWRENCE OFFICIAL.

For the Lecompton constitution.....2
Against the Lecompton constitution.....602
Majority for free state ticket.....221

The returns received elect the free state delegation, with two large precincts to hear from. The free state party will poll a larger vote than in October."

THE N. Y., Evening *Post* says that Hon. Eli Thayer has already commenced the organization of a company which is expected to send enough emigrants to Central America within the year to found two substantial sea ports at either extremity of the Nicaraguan routes.

THE Legislature of Kansas met in regular session on the 4th, and adjourned to Lawrence, which awful, doleful and sanguinary "Abolition hole" they thereby constitute Capital of the Territory. The Ruffians of Lecompton will take this bereavement hard.

THE Empress Eugenie, of France, recently appeared at a ball, wearing jewels whose value was estimated at $800,000, and having flounces of lace on her robe that cost $120,000.

Miscellaneous.

SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 7th, 1858.

To HON. PATTERSON, Esq., High Sheriff of Allegheny county.

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred in the representation from the county of Allegheny, in the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, occasioned by the death of James B. Barkdoll, a member elect of this said county.

And as directed by said 14th section of the Act of July, 1839, I hereby give notice, that every person (excepting Justices of the Peace) who shall hold any office or appointment of profit or trust, under the Government of the United States, or of any city, or incorporated district, whether a commissioned officer or otherwise a subordinate officer or agent, who is or shall be employed under the legislative, executive or judiciary department of this State, or of the United States, or of any city or incorporated district, and also that every member of Congress, and of the State Legislature, and of the select or common Council of any city, or commissioners of any incorporated district, by law incapable of holding or exercising at the same time, the office or appointment of Judge, Inspector or Clerk of any election of this Commonwealth, and that no Inspector, Judge or other officer of any such election shall be eligible to any office during the time he is elected.

And further, that by the 15th section of the Act of April 10th, 1851, it is provided, that the aforesaid 14th section of the Act of July 2d, 1839, shall not be so construed as to prevent any militia officer or borough officer from acting as Judge, Inspector or Clerk at any general or special election in this Commonwealth.

The electors of the Third Ward of the city of Pittsburgh to meet at the house formerly occupied by Henry Bennett, on the corner of Fourth and Ferry sts.

The electors of the Fourth Ward of the city of Pittsburgh to meet at the Public School House in said Ward.

The electors of the Fifth Ward of the city of Pittsburgh to meet at the Public School House on Second street, between Market and Wood streets.

The electors of the Sixth Ward of the city of Pittsburgh to meet at the Public School House on Penn street, between Cherry Alley and Wood street.

The electors of the Seventh Ward of the city of Pittsburgh to meet at the Public School House in said Ward.

The electors of the Eighth Ward of the city of Pittsburgh to meet at the Public School House in said Ward.

The electors of the Ninth Ward of the city of Pittsburgh to meet at the Public School House in said Ward.

The electors of the First Ward of the city of Allegheny to meet at the house of J. Woodhouse, in Robinson street.

The electors of the Second Ward of the city of Allegheny to meet at the house of widow Thompson, north-west corner of Ohio street and the public square.

The electors of the Third Ward of the city of Allegheny to meet at the Public School House in said Ward.

The electors of the Fourth Ward of the city of Allegheny to meet at the house of T. Smith, at the corner of Robinson and Anderson streets.

The electors of the borough of Birmingham, first precinct of Pitt Township, to meet at the