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PITTSBURGH:
MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 15, 1858.

SALE OF THE STATE CANALS.—There appears to be a concerted and determined effort on foot, both in the legislature and out of it, to take advantage of the general desire to sell the remainder of our State Canals and turn the sale to the benefit of private corporations and speculators.

We have been, from the beginning, in favor of a fair and honest sale of all the public works, in open market, to the best *bona fide* bidder; and if the scheme now pending in the legislature was of this kind we should do our best to aid in its passage; but we protest against mock sales, and against all attempts to swindle, under the pretence of relieving the financial condition of, the State.

It was this feeling which induced us, last winter, to oppose the sale of the main line to the Pennsylvania road. The object of the bill under which the sale was effected was not to benefit the State but the buyer. We have the same objection to the bill now before the legislature.

Nominally, this bill designs to sell the remainder of the State Canals for $7,000,000; but its real design is to transfer them to the Sunbury & Erie Railroad Co. for $3,500,000 of its bonds, the bill providing that the other $3,500,000 shall be given back to that Company. This feature of the bill is enough to show its fraudulent intent. Why charge $7,000,000 for the canals and then give back half the amount when the honest plan would be simply to charge and take the $3,500,000? The concealed purpose of this roundabout method is discovered when we find that the $7,000,000 of bonds to be issued by the Company will be a lien upon the canals, and the Company will thus be enabled to put into market the $3,500,000 of bonds to be returned to them with the credit of the canals to back them.

The Sunbury & Erie Railroad Company is a totally bankrupt corporation. It has neither credit nor good character to fall back upon. It has issued first, second and third mortgage bonds upon its road until every available cent of the value of the road has been eaten up, and its mortgage bonds can be bought in the Philadelphia market at a few cents on the dollar. To sell the public works to a road thus bankrupt and worthless, is simply to throw them away.

There is not a legislator at Harrisburg, of either party, who would trust a dollar of his own money or property on the credit of this Company; and how any of them, with the interests of the State at heart, can have the face to trust it with the millions belonging to the State, we cannot understand.

The fact appears to be that the Sunbury and Erie road is largely indebted to divers and sundry contractors and others who, despairing of payment otherwise, are seeking indirectly, by this bill, to quarter their claims upon the State. The leaders of the scheme in the House are by no means disinterested. Its author is said to be a large creditor of the road.

The whole framework of the bill is wrong. It proposes and provides for the transfer, by the Governor, of all the State canals to the Sunbury and Erie railroad company, and to no other company or persons. Is this fair play, either to the State or its citizens? If any other company or persons will pay more for these works than the Sunbury and Erie road, why should they not have the privilege of buying, especially if their credit be better? (and it could not be worse.) Pass a bill directing the Governor to sell these works to the highest and best bidder, who is able to pay for them, no matter how much or how little they may bring, and we shall not object, nor will any one object; but let us have none of this slapping the door in the face of buyers, when we are anxious to sell, solely because a few speculators wish to benefit the most worthless buyer that could bid.

We have no hostility to the Sunbury and Erie railroad. On the contrary, we should be glad to see it finished, especially as Pittsburgh may have occasion some day to connect herself with it. But let every tub stand on its own bottom. The State is too deeply involved to undertake the task of coming to the rescue of bankrupt corporations. If the State helps one, she ought to help all; and we have some unfinished roads out here that are as worthy of her aid as the Sunbury. The amendments to the constitution adopted last year prohibit the Legislature from loaning the credit of the State to corporations, and this of itself should suffice to prevent the consummation of this scheme.

That the public works proposed to be sold are not very productive to the State, we readily admit; but that is no reason for throwing them away without an effort to obtain buyers. It is the duty of the Legislature to offer them for sale; but it is equally a duty to furnish an opportunity to buy to all who may choose to offer, and then to sell upon the best terms to the best bidder. It is not against the sale, but against the scheme to shut off buyers—*to prevent a* real sale—that we lift up our voice of condemnation. Let the State have fair play and no gouging.

VIRGINIA MONEY.—For some months, now, the main part of our currency here has been Virginia money; but it has been in all that time a currency distinguished from other currency—passing, it is true, from hand to hand, but always partially distrusted, and always quoted at 2 @3 per cent. discount more than the notes of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. The same, we presume, is true of other cities; for we notice that even in Baltimore it is quoted at 4@5 discount, and it is much nearer home there than here. In Cincinnati it does not pass as currency at all.

Nor should it here. Our dealers should at once determine to take it only at its actual value. If it is worth only 95 cents on the dollar there is no reason why they should take it at par. They cannot get rid of it upon the same terms as they take it, and they are consequently losers upon every dollar they take at par.

The true way to bring bank notes to their proper level is to take them at their actual instead of their nominal value. The banks of Virginia have had the day of resumption put off until the 1st of November next; and as they seem to care little for their own credit, they cannot maintain it our business to refuse to be taxed any longer to keep up a currency at a fictitious valuation.

We are not to be understood as throwing discredit upon Virginia. We presume that the banks issued their paper and are now ready and able to redeem it. But they refuse to do so, preferring discredited, depreciated and 3@5 per cent. and all we advise is that the community at once take it only at the depreciated value which the banks issuing it permit it to hold.

A DISPATCH from the office of the St. Louis *Republican* was sent all over the country, stating that Monday one of the Delaware Crossings judges, had been shot by the Free State men. The Lawrence *Republican* of the 4th inst., says that Munday, shot himself. He was in company with some Indians, looking at a piece of land, and from some cause, dismounted from his horse, when his gun accidentally fell and discharged its contents through his head, killing him instantly. So much for that Roorback.

THE KANSAS IMPREGNATION.—By a letter from Lawrence, February 21, to the Boston *Traveler*, we learn that at that date immigration had been steadily flowing into Kansas. While the Missouri river continued open, all the steamboats carried up large numbers of passengers.—At Kansas city there had arrived one hundred and twenty immigrants, who at the last accounts were rapidly scattering to various sections of the territory. The wagon emigration from the Western States was very large during February, in consequence of the mildness of the season, and the roads in Southern Kansas had been completely covered for weeks with trains of families. This emigration is allies seeking a home. This emigration is all Free State, and now that we have again mild weather, we shall doubtless hear of a much greater amount over all the routes of travel to and in Kansas. The present season will render all the Missouri border populous.

THE EMPEROR OF FRANCE.—The Carbonari, of which society the present Emperor of France was formerly a member, was established with every form and oath of secrecy to thwart the designs of tyrants and to promote and cherish revolution among the oppressed peoples of Europe. It is said that he who proves false to his pledges to this league, sealed with the most solemn oaths and consecrated with fearful rites, by the very act of treason dooms himself to destruction at the hands of some member or members of this Society. It matters but little, where the traitor may wander. The Carbonari ramifies into all the countries of Europe, and no persecution of tyranny, no misery of exile, can rupture the tie that binds its members together. They correspond in cipher, and, it is said, possess ample pecuniary means to effectuate whatever designs the nature of the league renders it possible for them to mature and carry out in the dark. We saw a statement a few days since in an English paper, to the effect that Rudio, Orsini, Gomez and Pierri, who endeavored recently to assassinate the Emperor, were set apart for that work of vengeance and of blood, by lot. They received the charge committed to them without any questions. The lot fell upon them, and they were to do or die. They have had their trial: they have been condemned. Without a movement of fear or remorse they learned their doom. Their intended victim, Napoleon, paces his gorgeous halls of power or rides in his guarded coach of state, carrying forever in his heart the certain knowledge that the Carbonari have 'ere this, other men sworn like the late band to take his life. Oh who would be that Emperor of France, treading each moment upon the hollow crust that veils but does not dampen the volcanic fires beneath!

There is another fearful thing connected inseparably with the government of this usurper. Each movement of his to strengthen his position only multiplies the dangers which surround him. He has now divided the empire into five military departments. Every thing like the will of the people has departed, even in name. Except such an expression at the ballot-box as we read of in Kansas, there is no such thing as going through the forms of an election even. Under the new order of military rule, the interest of the army itself is to predominate. The army is to be the iron frame work under which the French people are to creep as now a majority of our citizens do in Kansas. But over each one of these five military departments there is a marshal of France appointed. And suppose for a moment that it were to become the interest of one or two or all these military commanders with large bodies of troops at their call to abandon the usurper and set up for themselves? How much confidence can be placed in them may be gathered from the following, which we select from a letter in the *Tribune*:

"The future conduct of the five Marshals, who hate each other cordially, at a critical juncture, may be best judged from their past. Magnan betrayed Louis Phillippe; Bareguay d'Hilliers betrayed Napoleon; Bosquet betrayed the Republic, to which he owed his advancement, and to the principles of which he is known to be partial. Castellane has not even awaited a real catastrophe to betray Louis Bonaparte himself. During the Russian War a telegraphic dispatch reached him to this effect: 'The Emperor is dead.' He instantly drew up a proclamation in favor of Henri V. and sent it to be printed. The Prefect of Lyons had received the real dispatch, which ran thus: 'The Emperor of Russia is dead.' The proclamation was hushed, but the story got abroad."

Add to these names that of Canrobert, who probably only waits an opportunity to betray his master, and we have the names of the men whom this Emperor has raised up to be in a certain sense competitors. The very means which he is using to consolidate his power and perpetuate his empire, are so many weights to crush this man of destiny. Dangers thicken around his path: the recent attempt to dictate law to England has weakened his hold upon the people by diminishing his *prestige*. We think that a few years at most will see France again launched on an ocean of anarchy and blood.

LECOMPTON AND ANTI-LECOMPTON IN CONGRESS.—The following are the yeas and nays on the motion of Mr. Stephens, of Georgia, to lay on the table the appeal of Mr. Harris, of Illinois, as reported in Thursday's proceedings:

YEAS.

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Arnold, Atkins, Avery, Barksdale, Bocock, Bonham, Boyce, Bryan, Burnett, Caskie, Clark, (Mo.) Clay, Clemens, Clingman, Cobb, John Cochrane, Corning, Craig, (Mo.) Craige, (N. C.) Crawford, Curry, Davidson, Davis, (Miss.) Dimmick, Dowdell, Edmundson, Elliott, Faulkner, Florence, Garnett, Gillis, Goode, Greenwood, Gregg, Hatch, Hawkins, Hill, Hopkins, Hughes, Hupler, Jackson, Jenkins, Jones, (Tenn.) J. Glancy Jones, Owen Jones, Kelly, Kunkle, (Md.) Lamar, Landy, Letcher, Maclay, McQueen, Maynard, Mason, Miles, Miller, Millson, Moore, Niblack, Pendleton, Peyton, Phelps, Phillips, Powell, Quitman, Ready, Reagan, Reilly, Ruffin, Russell, Savage, Scales, Scott, Searing, Seward, Shaw, of N. C., Shorter, Smith, of Va.; Sickles, Stallworth, Stevens, Stevenson, Stewart, of Md.; Talbot, Taylor, of La.; Trippe, Ward, Warren, Watkins, Wheeler, Winslow, Woodson, Wortendyke, Wright, of Ga.; Wright, of Tenn., and Zollicker—97.

ANTI-LECOMPTON.

Nays—Messrs. Abbott, Adrain, Andrews, Bennett, Billinghurst, Bingham, Blair, Bliss, Brayton, Buffington, Burlingame, Burroughs, Campbell, Case, Chaffee, Clark, (Conn.,) Clawson, Cockerill, Colfax, Comins, Covode, Cox, Cragin, Curtis, Damrell, Davis, (Md.,) Davis, (Ind.,) Davis, (Mass.,) Davis, (Iowa,) Dawes, Dean, Dick, Dodd, Durfee, Edie, English, Farnsworth, Fenton, Foley, Foster, Giddings, Gilman, Gilmer, Gooch, Goodwin, Granger, Grow, Hall, (Mass.,) Harlan, Harris, (Md.,) Harris, (Ill.,) Haskin, Hickman, Hoard, Horton, Howard, Kellogg, Kelsey, Kilgore, Knapp, Kunkel, (Pa.,) Lawrence, Leach, Leiter, Lovejoy, McKibben, Marshall, (Ky.,) Marshall, (Ill.,) Matteson, Montgomery, Morgan, Morrill, Morris, (Pa.,) Morris, (Ill.,) Morse, (Me.,) Mott, Murray, Nichols, Olin, Palmer, Parker, Pettit, Pike, Potter, Pottle, Purviance, Ricaud, Ritchie, Robbins, Roberts, Royce, Shaw, (Ill.,) Sherman, (O.,) Sherman, (N. Y.,) Smith, (Ill.,) Spinner, Stanton, Stewart, (Pa.,) Tappan, Thayer, Thompson, Tompkins, Underwood, Wade, Walbridge, Waldron, Walton, Washburne, (Wis.,) Washburne, (Ill.,) Washburne, (Me.,) Wilson, and Wood—112.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING—Messrs. Ahl, Bishop, Bowie, Branch, Burns, Caruthers, *Chapman, Horace P. Clark, Clark B. Cochrane, Dewart,* Eustis, Garnett, *Groesbeck, Lawrence W. Hall,* Houston, Jewett, Keitt, Leidy, *Oliver A. Morse,* Sandidge, Singleton, Samuel A. Smith, George Taylor, and White—25.

Italics are Anti-Lecompton.

THE Wheeling *Intelligencer* says: Yesterday morning the Martinsville and Wheeling Ferry boat, Neptune, sprung a leak, and owing to stoppage to one of the pumps, she could not be prevented from making considerable water, and was run in shoal water. The owners were engaged yesterday in endeavoring to raise her, which they expected to succeed in doing in a day or two.

A Constantinople letter of January of 30th, says:

"We have had thus far the severest winter that has ever occurred in Constantinople within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The snow is more than two feet deep on a level, and has been almost continually falling for thirty-days."

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, who was appointed from Virginia for non-residence, in the divinity of slavery, and to make clearance at the Clerk county court, of the charges against him, has been decided in his favor in the jury finding, and the party who sued him will be a debtor not his creditor.

Some astonishment has been expressed at the insufferable blackguardism of the Washington Union for the last three or four weeks. This astonishment will probably cease when it is known that the chief writer for the Union is an ex-editor of the New York Herald.—*Louis. Jour.*

WORTH OF ASSETS.—At a sale of some of the assets of the Lancaster banks, nominally worth $60,000, the sum realized was $9,000. The sale it is added, exceeded the expectations of the bank. Its expectations evidently were not very extravagant.

On the 29th of January two Americans at Constantinople fitted up a sleigh, and drove around the city—an exploit never before accomplished in that place. They passed up and down by the Sultan's palace. The Turks were delighted.

OLE BULL has returned to Fatherland. He was received with great enthusiasm at Bergen, the city of his birth.

DURING the conflagration of Canton, caused by the bombardment of the British, the extensive medical warehouse of our countryman, Dr. J. C. Ayer, of Lowell, (the depot of his Cherry Pectoral and Cathartic Pills, for China) was totally destroyed. He now makes a demand upon our government for indemnity from the loss of his property, and hence will grow another nut to crack with our elder brother Johnny. Stick to it Doctor; and if our Government maintains our rights wherever your Pills are sold, we shall only be unprotected on tracts that are very barren.—*Reformer, Trenton, N. J.*

PARTIAL REPORT FROM THE LECOMPTON COMMITTEE.—We learn that the Special Committee of Congress, on the Lecompton Constitution, have determined to make a partial report in the course of a day or two. They will set forth that their final report will not be made until all the members of the Committee have time afforded them to come on to Philadelphia. The object of this visit is that each man may get himself a new suit at the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Rockhill & Wilson, Nos. 603 and 605 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

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