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PITTSBURGH:
WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 31, 1858.

THE TONNAGE TAX.—We observed in some of Monday's papers a letter from the President of the Pennsylvania Road in reply to the Pittsburgh Board of Trade.

Leaving out of view the personal allusions and imputations, which should have had no place in such an answer, the only points made in it are as follow:

First—The Pennsylvania Road is carrying freight from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia at rates low enough for any one, and therefore Pittsburgh men have no right to complain.

Second—These rates are twice as low as the rates of transportation on the Canal, before the Pennsylvania Road became a transporter.

Third—Pittsburgh merchants have agencies in western cities for the sale of their manufactures at Pittsburgh prices, thus directly discriminating against Pittsburgh, and hence Pittsburgh has no right to complain if the Pennsylvania Road does the same.

We reply in the same order:

First—That it has never been alleged that the rates between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia are not, in themselves, low enough; that is not the question at issue. We are free to admit, all things else being equal, that they *are* low enough, especially when the interests of the road are concerned. But the question is, why, *if* they are low enough, the road carries for other parties, at *lower* rates, and so discriminates against us? Our merchants have no objection to the rates, provided others pay the same; but they object, and the objection is an unanswerable one, that the road carries for other parties, their competitors in business, at much lower rates, thus injuring and destroying their business. The managers and the advocates of the road take good care to give the arguments on this point a wide berth. We take leave to call their attention to it. Either the rates between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia as charged to Pittsburghers are low enough or they are not. If they *are* low enough, then the rates charged to others are *too* low and ought to be raised, so as to bring our people upon an equality with their competitors if they are *not* low enough, then they ought to be reduced to the level of those charged to our competitors. There is no logical escape from these conclusions.

Second—We are assured by a gentleman who was very familiar with the business of transportation on the canal, that the President is mistaken in his allegation on this point. This gentleman assures us that freight was carried on the canal as cheaply, if not cheaper, than it has been since on the railroad.

Third—It is true that, at one time, Pittsburgh manufacturers did maintain agencies in western cities, and sell their wares there at Pittsburgh prices; but they found, eventually, that it was a ruinous business, both to themselves and Pittsburgh, and with a few exceptions the practice, we believe, has been abandoned—an example we urgently recommend to the Pennsylvania Road. But, supposing it were true—what then? Does it warrant the inference drawn in the President's letter? Not at all. An individual, whose capital is limited, and whose capacities for mischief are comparatively small, may safely be allowed to do as he pleases with his own, and sink his capital, if he chooses, in a ruinous competition with others; his money is his own, and he is not a proper subject of legislative restraint, however injurious, commercially, his case may be; but it is different with a railroad company. It is not only the creature of the legislature and subject to its control, but, as in the case of the Pennsylvania road, its capacity for mischief is so great, through its immense capital of twenty millions and the gigantic powers it possesses, that it ought not to be permitted to use those powers injuriously. It has no right to do us a wrong. It may, unrestrained, not only crush the life out of the business of this city, or out of that of any other town on its route, if it chooses to concentrate its powers upon it by discriminations in its rates of toll. No company should be allowed to possess or exercise such powers. Unlike an individual, it should not be allowed to do as it pleases, because when it pleases to do an injury its power to do so is unlimited.

We will not follow up these arguments, just now. We throw them out as hints, merely, or rather as suggestions, which our readers can amplify for themselves. We may be allowed to say, however, that it is a marked compliment to the able researchings of the report of our Board of Trade, that no one has yet successfully undertaken to reply to them. Out of the numerous attempts at reply, not one has touched upon the points at issue. There has been abundance of personal abuse, unwarranted imputations, unkind allusions and unmitigated sophistry; but the facts and arguments of that report stand, not only impregnable, but virtually unassailed.

INSUBORDINATION.—A telegraphic dispatch to the associated press, bearing date of March 27, says that one hundred of the students of Columbia College, S. C., have been suspended until October, for insubordination.

In a Southern exchange paper we find the following:

"A SCHOOL TEACHER KILLED BY A PUPIL.—Mr. Brawmer, a school teacher, was fatally stabbed, near Berlin, Ala., on the 15th inst. It appears that Brawmer undertook to chastise one of his pupils, a lad named Collins, about twelve years old, when the latter drew a knife and inflicted a wound upon Brawmer. After he was stabbed, he pursued the lad for a short distance, but his strength very soon gave out, and he fell dead. Collins made his escape."

A Kentucky friend once told us of a school he undertook to teach in Helena, Arkansas. The first operation almost, on commencing his session, was to search the desks of his pupils for deadly weapons. We think that the number of loaded revolvers, which he said he found in the course of his scrutiny, was thirteen. The number of knives, dirks and slung-shot, we do not pretend to remember. It was horrible to think of, however. There "tender" youths' pistols were more ready to shoot than their ideas. The poet had not such a school in his mind's eye when he pictured the pleasing task of "teaching the young idea," &c. Think of a school house full of boys, each an embryonic ruffian, loaded with knives and pistols, reeking, doubtless, with corn whisky, and ready to knife a "nigger, a Yankee schoolmaster or an abolitionist, on sight."

Mr. Olmsted, in his valuable history of a Journey through Texas, gives an account of a boy twelve years old, whom he encountered, who became painfully intoxicated, and by his horrible oaths and cursings, kept the "public house," where Olmsted was stopping, in an uproar until midnight. At length a traveller in an other room, cried out to the boy and told him to stop or he would come in and take care of him. Mr. Olmsted then details the conversation which ensued, and which the boy accompanied on his part by the clicking of his revolver and opening and shutting his knife, all the while swearing in oaths, we dare not repeat, the most terrible vengeance upon any man or person who should approach his door. So this boy, 12 years old, raved until he raved himself into stupor, broken ever and anon by dreamy blasphemy as he rolled about in his sodden sleep, as we may well imagine just on the verge of hell from which one might suppose him an emanation.

The horror with which the news was received some years ago in all parts of the country that a Yale Professor had been murdered by a young man from the South, who was a student in that College, will not soon be forgotten. This youth, who was sent to weary out four years among the classic shades of venerated Yale, was one of Olmsted's boys grown up. Fortunately for that great institution of learning, she has now got rid of a large proportion of her Southern patronage. This is an excellent thing, and we have no doubt the College, with its hundreds of youths reared in our free Schools and Academies at the North, feels a relief in having thrown off the cumbrous load of insubordination and wilfulness which the South poured upon her from year to year. The determined stand which the faculty of Yale has taken against Slavery and the "atmosphere of treason" which hangs around Bunker Hill, Boston and Cambridge, have turned the Southern "seekers for knowledge" back upon their own colleges. We hear of increasing numbers of "students," and also of protests from the Virginia University against an address of Henry Winter Davis, who dared to speak in Congress against border ruffianism; wo hear of 100 students suspended in one institution of South Carolina. Who is so foolish as to expect obedience to rules and regulations in a Society where might makes right, and where the law of the red right hand prevails over the statutes in a majority of cases where the law comes in collision with the will of the individual?

THE *Post* permits itself, without knowing anything about the facts, to say that the informal meeting of the Senate appointed to be held tonight on the subject of the Tonnage Tax, was brought about by the Pittsburgh Board of Trade. Nothing could be more unwarranted.

The original agreement to hold the meeting, proposed to hear only the representatives of the Council and Board of Trade of Philadelphia on that subject; and it was only when the agreement was offered to Mr. Gazzam to sign that the Pittsburgh Board of Trade was added, and that would not have been done had not Mr. Gazzam refused to sign it otherwise. The scheme originated in Philadelphia, and was intended as a one-sided affair, in which none but Philadelphia was to be heard; and the first knowledge had of it by the Pittsburgh Board of Trade was in the letter of Dr. Gazzam notifying that he had made it a condition of his signature that Pittsburgh also should be heard and both sides have fair play.

The probability is that the meeting spoken of for to-night has been abandoned. We do not believe there is any intention on the part of the advocates of the Tonnage Tax repeal to give such an opportunity for a full and free discussion of the question. A partial and one-sided hearing would have been more to their taste.

☞ We are indebted to Hon. S. A. Purviance for a copy of Emory's report on the Mexican boundary, together with sundry other documents which it has given us pleasure to receive.

[For the Pittsburgh Daily Gazette.]

PITTSBURGH, March 28, 1858.

Dear Sir: A communication from Mr. J. Edgar Thompson, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which was published in the *Journal* of this morning, informs us that if he thought the gentlemen who signed that *singular* document, endorsed the views it sets forth as their individual convictions, * * * it might be worth while to reason with them on the subject. In this communication, it is not necessary for us to reply to the insinuation that we have sent forth a Report expressing views differing from our convictions.

We hasten to inform *Mr. Thompson* that the report to the Board of Trade not only expresses our own views, but also those of the Board, and as we believe nine-tenths of the business men of this city, who have paid any attention to the subject. We are really open to conviction, and invite Mr. Thompson to contradict or controvert the facts we have stated.

It would be well enough for Mr. Thompson at the same time to adduce some *proof* of the assertion in his letter that "the rates between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are *certainly low enough* after deducting foreign competition" and that *they are not more than half what they were before the Pennsylvania Railroad became transporters.*" Also to show *some just reason* why the citizens of Pennsylvania are made to pay for the loss "incurred in what he calls the "*ruinous competition*" of the Penna. Road with other companies, which like it, he says, are suffering under the "*existing mania.*"

F. R. BRUNOT,
ISAIAH DICKEY,
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WASHINGTON, March 28, 1858.—The Democrats had a caucus last night, the practical object of which was to bridge over a chasm for the retreat of Mr. English and others, if possible.

Mr. Stephens made an urgent and imploring speech to the Anti-Lecompton men present to save the party from disruption by "conquering their prejudices."

Mr. English proposed the appointment of a Committee of ten Lecompton men to confer with the like number of Democratic Anti-Lecompton men, for the purpose, if practicable, of agreeing upon some basis of arrangement acceptable to both.

This was carried unanimously, of course, the design being understood beforehand.

The caucus was thinly attended. This movement has produced no visible impression, and will meet with no response.

Mr. English's equivocal attitude has been fully appreciated for a week past, notwithstanding his recent speech, and his conversion was expected. He will carry no one with him.

The Union to-day has several articles disuading the Republicans from adopting Mr. Crittenden's amendment, which every hour shows to be the measure most formidable to and most dreaded by the Administration.

The hesitation among Republicans as to the bill, supposing Mr. Crittenden's amendment to be engrafted, is disappearing, and every probability will be of a solid vote if this contingency occurs. The only hope which leading Lecompontites now have is of a possible distraction in the Opposition. It is so confessed in private conclave.

The Kansas debate on the Deficiency bill will proceed till Friday. If the Anti-Lecompton forces are assured on Thursday of strength, they will allow the Senate bill to be taken from the Speaker's table, out of its regular order, on Mr. Stephen's motion. If there be ground for serious embarrassment then they will not agree.

Mr. Harris is still feeble and prostrate. The purpose of removing him to Mr. Douglas's residence is relinquished. He is temporarily poised with Mr. Bishop of Connecticut, but will appear in the House at any hazard on a test vote, unless Mr. Cameron's generous example should be imitated.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—John Cochrane was Chairman of the Democratic caucus on Saturday evening. Stephens, of Georgia, made a strong speech to show that the only safety of the Union was in the unity of the Democratic party, and that everything possible should be done to preserve this harmony.

English, of Indiana, an Anti-Lecompton democrat, seconded Stephens, and made a speech in a similar vein, suggesting the propriety of adopting some amendment to make the bill acceptable to Democrats who wanted to support the Administration, but could not agree to the unadulterated swindle.

Stephens moved for a Committee of twenty, half Lecompton and half Anti, to devise some plan of agreement, and to report on Tuesday evening. English seconded the motion, and it was carried. John Cochrane appointed the Committee.

This move on the part of English is evidently designed to afford a pretext to enable the fishy Anti-Lecompton men to go for Lecompton.—English has been looked upon as doubtful for some time back.

The Lecompontites to-night boast confidentially that English and Foley, of Indiana, and Shaw of Illinois, have agreed to go with them, and that McKibben will probably do the same.

Cochrane's Committee have agreed upon an immaterial amendment, which is to furnish the platform for this treason.—*Disp. to N. Y. Times.*

A REBEL REPRESENTATIVE.—One Smith of Virginia (not Capt. John,) is a conspicuous whipper-in of the recalcitrant Democracy at Washington. On Friday last he found it necessary to crack his last scourge over Mr. Davis, of Indiana, who dared to rise in his place and declare that, although he was a Democratic member of Congress, he had yet a right to his own opinion on matters of public policy. "When the President," said Mr. Davis, "changed his front in regard to the Kansas question, I changed my position in regard to supporting him." "Exactly," cried Smith, "*that is the language of rebellion.*" To which just admonition Mr. Davis, having, no doubt, been corrupted in early youth by too much familiarity with the story of the American Revolution, and with the principles of English liberty and parliamentary independence, audaciously answered that his language "was the language of a freeman." Smith, of course, had nothing to advance in reply. A man who avows himself a freeman, clearly does not belong to the company of Smith. He is organizing puppets for the support of a Presidential policy, not statesmen for the settlement of a great national question, and in his ranks "rebels" have no place.—*N. Y. Times.*

ANOTHER Illinois prisoner has been defying his keepers, hacking his own bare arms and legs with a razor, declaring his intention to die by this slow torture, and threatening to brain with a stove leg any man who should enter his cell. At sundown he threatened to cut his throat, set fire to his cell, and perish in the flames. The keepers threw a quantity of cayenne pepper in his eyes, and thus blinded and thrown off his guard he was secured. He then threatened to starve himself, but at last accounts was penitent, and had concluded not to kill himself. Intemperance was his greatest temptation and his only fault before confinement.

GOOD MEASURE.—The Maryland Legislature has passed a bill authorizing the Mayor and City Councils to appoint a measurer and inspector of gas meters. It was clearly proven that the meters used worked falsely.

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CEMENT.—We are now prepared to comply to contract for the delivery of Connellsville Hydraulic Cement either, in barrels or bags. The quality is equal if not superior to any ever offered in this market, and the price low. [mr30] WATT & WILSON, No. 268 Liberty st.

SEEDS.—200 bush prime new Timothy Seed,
150 do do Clover do,
25 do Orchard Grass Seed, &c., Seed.
mr30 WATT & WILSON.

COTTON—52 bales now landing from steamer Economy for sale by ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

TENN. WHEAT—106 sacks White, 120 do Red now landing from steamer Economy for sale by
mr30 ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

TENN. GROUND NUTS—25 sacks new crop, 1 bbl. and 2 bbls. now landing from steamer Economy for sale by ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

LARD—30 bbls. now landing from steamer Economy for sale by ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

SUMAC—20 sacks now landing from steamer Economy for sale by
mr30 ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

POTATOES.—50 bush Nershannock Potatoes, 50 do Red, received and for sale by
mr30 HENRY H. COLLINS.

STARCH.—300 box Rochester Pearl Starch received and for sale by HENRY H. COLLINS.

POTATOES—500 bush choice for sale by
mr30 D. HERBST, cor. Liberty and Hand sts.

CHOPPED OATS—2000 lbs in store and for sale by D. C. HERBST.
mr30

CORN MEAL—100 bush in store and for sale by D. C. HERBST.
mr30

RYE FLOUR—50 bbls extra in store and for sale by D. C. HERBST.
mr30

APPLES—100 bbls, choice green fruit, in store and for sale by D. C. HERBST.
mr30

DRIED PEACHES—50 bush, sun-cured, very choice, in store and for sale by
mr30 D. C. HERBST.

CIDER—Extra Romanite, in store and for sale by D. C. HERBST.
mr30

SACK FLOUR—50 bgs, extra family, in store and for sale by D. C. HERBST.
mr30

School for Young Ladies.

WM. J. BAKEWELL intends to open his school on Monday the 4th of April. Terms $15 per quarter. Residence at his son's house, 107 Second st. Rooms Smithfield st., N. E. corner of Diamond alley.
mr22:3t

NOTICE.—The Partnership heretofore existing between Wm. Graham and the undersigned, under the name and style of GRAHAM & IRVINE, in the business of manufacturing and selling Fire Brick, &c., is this day dissolved. O. M. IRVINE.
Connellsville, March 24th, 1858—mr29:4tm

POTASH—6 casks rec'd on consignment and for sale by SHRIVER & DILWORTH.
mr29

BEANS—22 bbls and 24 sks; for sale by
mr29 SHRIVER & DILWORTH.

16 KEGS LARD, 34 kegs packed Lard and 5 bbls crock Butter for sale by
mr29 SHRIVER & DILWORTH.

8 BAGS D. APPLES, 8 bags Buckwheat Flour, 3 bbls Timothy Seed and 1 sack do, for sale by
mr29 SHRIVER & DILWORTH.

FRUIT TREES—Choice Pear, Peach, Apple, Cherry and Fruit Trees of all sorts of the most approved and tested varieties for sale at the Seed Warehouse, 47 Fifth street. mr26:3d JAMES WARDROP.

RHUBARB ROOTS—300 strong Plants of Myatt's Victoria or Mammoth for sale.
mr29:3td JAMES WARDROP.

ONION SETS—16 bus. in store for sale by
mr26:3td JAMES WARDROP.

MAGNESIA—Husband's, Henry's' Murray's and Chirata, constantly on hand at
JOS FLEMINGS, cor Diamond and Market st.
mr24:d31 WM. NOBLE.

DISSOLUTION.—The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the style of Robinson and Minis, was dissolved by mutual consent on the first day of January, 1854. The business of said firm will be settled by their successors, Robinson, Minis & Miller.
W. C. ROBINSON,
BENJAMIN MINIS,
P. H. MILLER, Jr.

THE partnership of the undersigned was dissolved this day by mutual consent, (the same to take effect from the first day of January, 1858.)
W. C. ROBINSON,
BENJAMIN MINIS,
P. H. MILLER,
WILSON MILLER.
Washington Works, March 10th 1858.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.—The undersigned having formed a partnership under the name of ROBINSON, MINIS & MILLERS, (the same to date from the 1st day of January, 1858,) have taken the establishment formerly occupied by the firm of same name and will continue the business of Founders and Machinists at the old stand, South Pittsburgh. Office, No. 21 Market street.
W. C. ROBINSON,
P. H. MILLER,
WITHROW DOUGLASS,
WILSON MILLER.
mr24:1md

PAINTING.—As the season for repainting is now commencing, the undersigned wishes to inform their customers and the public that they are prepared to do any amount of painting that may be required of them at short notice, and at as low prices as the same quality of work can be done by any shop in the city.

To our customers who have had graining done by us we would say we are prepared to do more of the same kind. To those who have not seen our graining we invite to call at our shop and see specimens, which we would simply say cannot be equaled by any shop in the State of Pennsylvania.
mr26:1ydwd. DAWES & CLULEY.

NEW CROP SUGAR AND MOLASSES—
100 bbls prime and choice N O Sugar,
25 bbls Loaf and Crushed Sugar,
250 ☞ prime Plantation Molasses, in cooperage;
25 ☞ St. James Sugar House Molasses do,
Rec'd and for sale by WM. MITCHELTREE, Jr. & BRO.,
mr26 No 509 Liberty street.

COFFEE—80 bags prime Rio Coffee, with an assortment of Groceries, for sale by
WM. MITCHELTREE, Jr. & BRO.,
mr20 No 509 Liberty street.

New Advertisements.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Grading, Paving and Setting with Curb Stone of Webster street, between Fulton and Arthurs streets.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Recording Register be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the grading, paving and setting with curb stone of Webster street, between Fulton and Arthurs streets, and to let the same in the manner directed by an ordinance concerning streets, enacted, &c., the 21st day of August, A. D., 1847.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils, this 29th day of March, A. D., 1858.

JAMES McAULEY,
President of Select Council.

Attest: JOHN T. WHITTEN,
Clerk of Select Council.

SAMUEL McKELVY,
President of Common Council.

Attest: HUGH McMASTERS,
Clerk of Common Council. mr31:3td

AN ORDINANCE Supplementary to an Ordinance concerning Streets, passed on the 31st day of August, A. D., 1857.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the time for furnishing the City Solicitor with a certified copy of the assessment, and the time for filing a duplicate copy of the assessment in the office of the City Treasurer, (provided for in the second section of the ordinance to which this is supplementary,) be and the same is hereby extended to the tenth day of May next.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils, this 24th day of March, A. D., 1858.

JAMES M'AULEY,
President of Select Council.

Attest: JOHN T. WHITTEN,
Clerk of Select Council.

SAMUEL M'KELVY,
President of Common Council.

Attest: H. M'MASTERS,
Clerk of Common Council. mr31:3td

To Stage and Omnibus Owners.

PUBLIC SALE IN PHILADELPHIA.
THOMAS & SONS, Auctioneers.
45 OMNIBUSSES, HARNESS, EXTRA WHEELS, &c.
On Wednesday Morning, April 14th,
AT 10 O'CLOCK,
At the Stables of Fifth and Sixth Street Railroad Company,
FIFTH AND CAMAC STREETS,
Will be sold at Public Sale, without reserve,
45 Omnibusses, Large quantity of Harness, Extra Running Gear Wheels, &c., &c.
☞ SALE PEREMPTORY.
May be examined on the morning of sale.
M. THOMAS & SONS, Aucts.
mr31:2ostd 139 and 141 South Fourth st., Phila.

Coal by Weight.

THE subscriber is prepared to deliver in Allegheny or Pittsburgh,
CANNEL OR BITUMINOUS COALS
Of the best quality. As all Coal delivered by me is weighed, purchasers can rely on getting full measure. Also,
COKE, LIME, FIRE BRICK AND CLAY.
W. A. McCLURG, Allegheny Coal Depot,
Corner Anderson st. and Railroad.
mr31

HENRY GERWIG,
No. 489, corner Penn and Walnut Streets,
Pittsburgh, Pa.,
MANUFACTURER OF HEMP AND MANILLA BED CORDS, HEMP AND TARRED ROPES from ½ in. to 4½ inch, Fine and Common Packing, Yarn, Tarred and Spun Yarn, Sash and Bell Cord, Wool Twine, Broom, Tying and Sewing Twine, Flax and Cotton Seine Twine, &c.
☞ A full supply of the above articles constantly on hand or made to order at the lowest cash prices. ja27:1yd

DRESS SILKS, Black and Fancy Bareges, Organdies Twisted Silks, Chintzes, Threads, Laces, Silk Mantles, White Goods, Mourning Goods, Needle Work, and a large and cheap stock of Domestics.
CHANNON LOVE,
mr31 (Formerly Love Bros., No. 74 Market st.)

RYE FLOUR—20 bbls extra for sale by
mr 29 J. V. CUNNINGHAM.

PEA NUTS—40 sacks just received and for sale by
mr29 JAMES WARDROP.

HOMINY—20 bbls in store and for sale by
mr10 D. C. HERBST.

APPLES—15 bbls choice Apples rec'd and for sale by
mr31 HENRY H. COLLINS.

BROOMS—50 doz. rec'd and for sale by
mr31 mr31