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H. B. MASSER, Editor and Proprietor.

To Advertisers: The circulation of the Sunbury American among the different towns on the Susquehanna is not exceeded if equaled by any paper published in North Pennsylvania.

DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATIONS.

FOR GOVERNOR WILLIAM BIGLER, Of Clearfield County. FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT. JEREMIAH S. BLACK, Of Somerset County. FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER. HENRY S. MOTT, Of Pike County.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

GRANBY'S PICTORIAL, published at Boston at \$3 per annum, is progressing in interest. Each succeeding number seems to be the result of an effort on the part of the enterprising publisher to excel in every respect, and the pictorial attractions are increasing every week. This Pictorial is worthy of the immense patronage it enjoys.

WALL PAPERS.—Parsons & Hough of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, in our edifice a complete stock of wall paper, &c.

PLAIN OIL CANS.—The end of C. M. Bailey, Philadelphia, manufacturer of floor oil cans, will be found in another column.

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SPRING ELECTIONS.—The following persons were elected in this borough at the election on the 17th inst. Constable—Martin E. Bucher. Overseers of the Poor—Peter W. Gray, Augustus Clement. School Directors—Dr. D. W. Shindel, S. R. Peale. Judge of Elections—Elias Brocius. Inspectors—P. M. Shindel, S. J. Fry. Assessor—William Bruner. Auditor—C. Boyd Pursell.

LETTER FROM THE HOTEL, DATED U. S. HOTEL, Philadelpia, March 20, 1854.

The weather for the last few days has changed from cold, only moderate, but warm, to extremely hot. Not only sudden changes and variability of climate that operates so seriously upon invalids and persons of frail constitutions, a few days since it was so warm that persons walking in the streets, would seek the shady side, now it is so cold that over-coats are indispensable. Philadelphia is now doing a brisk business. Merchants are doing as much business as in any other place. Manufacturers, mechanics, and all, are doing a flourishing business. Yet in New York, it is said, that business is extremely dull. This, of course, is owing to the superior facilities of Philadelphia in sending goods to the west by railroad and canal.

The New York canal will not be opened for some weeks, and the harbors of Buffalo and Dunkirk are still locked up in ice. The Pennsylvania Railroad is crowded with business. These things are opening the eyes of even the most incredulous to the importance of the Sunbury and Erie road. There is now but one opinion, and that is the road must be made and that as soon as possible.

The Harrisburg and Reading rail road was laid a few days since. A gentleman by the name of Reilly got three-fourths of the whole and the other fourth was allotted to George M. Lammiman & Co. This road will be one of the principal links, connecting the Sunbury and Erie to Philadelphia.

The Sunbury and Erie is the most favorable one, and the highest grades does not exceed twenty three feet to the mile. This road, in connection with the Susquehanna, will, when finished, bring Sunbury within five hours of Philadelphia, a consumption devoutly to be wished for.

The City Councils met this evening for the purpose of adopting measures in relation to the subscription to the Sunbury and Erie road. The committee, however, was not ready to report, and the matter was adjourned until Thursday week. There was some little dissatisfaction with some, who intimated that the Councils wished to evade making the subscription until the new Councils were elected. There is not, I think, any foundation whatever for such suspicions. I know that a number of the Councils are as zealous in favor of the subscription, as the best friends of the road can be, and one of them informed me this evening, that all would be right beyond any question or doubt, but there were certain matters that could not and would not be hurried.

The nomination of Judge Pollock for City Corporation will be well received in this city, and many of the whigs have sanguine expectations of his election. One of the whig delegates of the city said to me a few days since that elements were now at work, that would produce that result. These elements, I presume, are what is called the "American Party" who hold principles similar to the Native American party—and also the Temperance party—one of the leaders of which intimated to me that there would be no temperance candidate. The contest will be no doubt a warm one.

The Nebraska Bill. Washington, March 21. The reference of the Nebraska bill, to day, to the Committee of the Whole, was not resisted by its friends, who hoped to have it pushed through. The opponents of the administration and the enemies of the bill are well pleased—the former considering the course taken as a rebuke to the President, and the latter feeling confident that the measure will die under protracted discussions. Under ordinary circumstances, the bill cannot be reached until some time next session, if then.

Gale at Albany—Fifty Buildings Unroofed. ALBANY, March 19. A terrible gale occurred here yesterday, causing an immense amount of damage throughout the city and its vicinity. Not less than fifty buildings were unroofed, including foundries, school houses, mills, passenger depots and asylums. Innumerable chimneys and walls were blown down. Ferry boats, canal boats and steamboats at the docks were damaged. Nearly all the chimneys in the city were either injured or blown down.

A complete panic occurred among the citizens, and the workmen fled from the job-shops in dismay. Many persons were injured—but so far, none were killed. The damage has been immense. All the trains and boats were delayed.

The Gale at Boston. Boston, March 19. The gale continued to rage here for twenty four hours, doing immense damage in the city and its vicinity. Many buildings were unroofed and chimneys blown down.

The Steamship Arabia, and the ships Parliament, Bell Rock and others parted their cables, but were subsequently secured without material damage.

The bark Yuba went ashore on George's Island, but got off again and proceeded to sea.

The gale was very violent down East, accompanied with snow.

Pacific Railroad.—The Washingtonian learns that Mr. Allen, the President of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, has just closed a contract for the construction of its road from St. Louis, south westerly through Springfield and Newsho, to a point on the western boundary of the State, but a few miles north of Arkansas; the western terminus is at the southeastern corner of Kansas Territory.

RIOT IN NEW HAVEN. On Friday (St. Patrick's Day) night, a riot occurred at New Haven, which is thus related in the Journal:—

A number of students, who attended Homan's Athenaeum last evening, were followed from the Exchange, after the performance was over, by a crowd of men and boys, who, on account of a disturbance that occurred among them the night previous, were exasperated at the Collegians, and took the occasion to vent their spite by hootings and hissings, and the throwing of stones. The crowd proceeded up Chapel street, as far as Temple, when a general fight with stones and bricks ensued. Capt. Biswell, who was on the spot with his assistants, did all in his power to quell the riot, but had not a sufficient force to accomplish his purpose.

During the melee, a number of pistol shots were fired. Several were hit with stones and other missiles, but no one was seriously hurt, until the crowd arrived in front of the bookstore of Mr. L. W. Eitch, when O'Neil was seen to stagger and fall upon the pavement. He was picked up and immediately conveyed to the Police Office where he expired in a few moments. Drs. Knight and Jewett were called in, and upon an examination found that the deceased had been stabbed in or near the heart. It is not yet known by whom the murder was committed, and no arrests had been made up to 12 o'clock.

Loss Nearly Half a Million. Loss of Life. NEW ORLEANS, March 17. A disastrous conflagration commenced at midnight in Perry's furniture store, and the flames rapidly extending to Natchez and Gravier streets, consuming thirteen buildings, mostly stores, together with their contents. The loss is estimated at from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

It is feared that several persons were killed by the falling walls, although only one body has yet been recovered.

Mr. Woodruff, an old citizen, and foreman of Exempt Company, and Mr. McLeod, foreman of another company, were dangerously injured, and are not expected to recover.

The three other foremen were rescued from the falling walls, but their injuries are not considered fatal.

A DARING ROBBERY.—One of the most atrocious robberies that we have heard of, was committed in our city yesterday. Miss McNeil, daughter of Gen. John McNeil, deceased, and a niece of President Pierce, was met in one of the public streets by a ruffian, knocked down, and robbed of her purse, containing about thirty dollars, certificates of stocks amounting to about two thousand dollars, and a valuable diamond pin. The blow was so severe that she was rendered insensible, and whilst in this condition, was robbed, and it is believed that she was much injured, but that her injury is not dangerous.

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AN AFFEYING INCIDENT. The New Albany Ledger says:—"An affeiving gentleman was related to us this morning, by a gentleman who was an eye witness to the dreadful scene on board the Reindeer, after the recent explosion. Two families, one of five and the other of six persons, were removed from Ohio to Missouri, were all so badly scalded by the steam that they have since died. A little girl of five or six years of age, who belonged to one of these families, and whose tender flesh was literally boiled, was laid alongside of her mother, whose spirit was passing, in an agony of pain, from its earthly tenement. Turning her eyes toward her mother, she said: 'Ma, it is so dark; will we not soon get home?—Poor child! Her eyes were darkened by the haze of death, and soon afterward her spirit was unfettered, and did go home to live forever with angels.'

BURNING OF THE MONOCACY BRIDGE.—The bridge of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad over the Monocacy river, this side of the Frederick junction fifty-eight miles from Baltimore, was, we regret to say, burned on Thursday evening. The train of cars on the West had passed over it, and it is supposed that the sparks from the engine getting into the wood work, supporting the roof, kindled into a blaze. The bridge was formed of six arches, and was about three hundred and thirty-four feet across. A temporary bridge was rigged up to supply its place.

SALE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS.—The bill which passed the Senate, on the 7th instant, for the sale of the Public Works of Pennsylvania, by a vote of 19 to 11, fixes the price of the Main line at \$10,000,000; the Delaware Division, \$3,000,000; the Susquehanna and North Branch Division, \$6,000,000; and the West Branch Division, \$500,000; in the aggregate, \$19,500,000.

DEATH IN THE PELLET.—Rev. W. S. Loyd, the pastor of two Baptist churches a few miles west of Montgomery, Ala., died on Sunday last while performing service. He had commenced his discourse, and, after speaking a few moments, exclaimed: "I feel, brethren, I am going," and instantaneously sank down and expired.

FIVE OF THE PASSENGERS OF THE steamer Asia were left at Halifax on her last trip, and the following circumstances: A man on board had been detected in stealing, and up, on the arrival of the boat he was put on shore and pelted with snow balls. A complaint was lodged against him in the police office, and while five of the passengers were in court to testify against him the steamer sailed.

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A full attendance is respectfully urged. DAVID TAGGART, Secy. WM. I. GREENOUGH, Secretary.

Treasurers' Sale.

A list of the unacted lands advertised for sale by Francis Bucher, Treasurer of Northumberland County, agreeable to an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, passed the 12th of March, 1845, and the supplement thereto entitled, an act directing the mode of selling unacted lands for taxes and other purposes, is set on file at the office of the Treasurer at the Court House, in the Borough of Sunbury, on the 12th day of June, 1854, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the following described tracts of land for arrears of Taxes due and the costs accrued on each tract respectively, unless previously discharged, to wit:

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