

THE LEHIGH REGISTER.

ALLENTOWN, PA.

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The Boroughs of Pennsylvania.

Unquestionably the most important boroughs in Pennsylvania are Harrisburg, York, Norris-

Our position in the list of important boroughs in the State in respect to population, it will be seen, is put down as third; but no one familiar with our local position and the constantly increasing business of our Borough would deny us the position in respect to trade and general prosperity.

The above article we clipped from a late number of the Easton Daily Express. It will be seen that Allentown is not noticed in the list of "finished, fenced in, and white washed" towns above enumerated, and probably for the very reason that it would have revealed their "small's crawl" progress, especially of Easton, if properly brought in comparison with our town, since the septennial assessment of 1849.

Table with 4 columns: Borough Name, 1849, 1856, Increase. Includes Harrisburg, Pottsville, Easton, Carlisle, York, West Chester, Norris-town, Chambersburg, Allentown.

This shows that Allentown has increased more than either of the towns named, in the period mentioned.

A bill providing for a General Registry Law for this State has been introduced in the Senate, by Mr. Lewis, of Delaware county, by which it is made the duty of assessors to make a complete list of all the voters in their respective wards or districts, enter them in a book with the place of residence opposite, ten days before every general election.

The New Coin Law. As this bill has passed both Houses of Congress, it will of course soon become a law. The bill reduces the Spanish and Mexican quarter to twenty cents, the 12 cent piece to one dime, and the 6 cent piece to half a dime.

The State Treasurer Question. There was no election for State Treasurer, at Harrisburg, on Monday of last week, both Houses in the absence of a large number of members, having adjourned without going into Convention.

When a vacancy in the office of the State Treasurer shall happen, by resignation or otherwise, the Legislature, if in session, shall, within five days after being informed of the same by the Governor, proceed to supply such vacancy by an election, conducted in the manner hereinbefore prescribed.

THE LAST FISCAL YEAR.

The year 1856 has been a very prosperous one with the United States. The agricultural, manufacturing and commercial interests were never before in so flourishing a condition.

The whole amount of exports, including every thing, for the same year was \$310,586,600, as exhibited in the following table:

Table of exports: Cotton (\$128,382,300), Breadstuffs (\$59,391,000), Provisions (\$17,656,000), Tobacco (\$12,221,800), Manufactures (\$26,580,500), Product of Fisheries (\$3,366,800), Product of the Forest (\$10,694,200), Hemp, Flax, Clover, &c. (\$640,000), Oil Cake (\$1,137,000), Coal (\$677,400), Iron (\$191,700), Manufactures, miscellaneous (\$3,559,600), Raw Produce (\$1,119,300), Gold and Silver Coin (\$15,458,000), Gold and Silver Bullion (\$28,600,000), Quicksilver (\$831,000).

There were only two years since the commencement of our government, in which the amount of breadstuffs exported exceeded that of this year: In 1847, the year of the Irish famine, \$68,701,921, and in 1854, the year when the Russian war began, \$65,941,323.

The least satisfactory part of the returns of the exports for the year ending 30th June, 1856, is that in relation to manufactures. In examining these returns we have before us the evidence that we are a great and over-grown, but still a raw nation.

Down on them. The Locofoec papers continue pitching into the 'Traitors' and 'disorganizers' of their party in the fiercest style. They print their names in big black letters, accuse them of having been 'bought,' and call them all sorts of ugly names.

Important Decision. The Supreme Court of this State have decided that a widow of a decedent is entitled to three hundred dollars out of proceeds of the sale of the husband's real estate, in preference to a judgment creditor in whose favor the husband had waived the benefit of the Exemption Act of 1849.

Pennsylvania Legislature. Mr. Laubach read in place a bill to incorporate the Northampton Iron Company. The bill relative to the Allentown Iron Company was considered and passed.

Coal Trade of 1856.

We learn from the Miners' Journal that the anthracite coal trade of Pennsylvania, from all sources of supply, amounted, during the year just closed, to 6,751,542 tons, which, at \$4.50 per ton, is equal to \$30,370,950.

We further learn from the Journal that the exportation of domestic Coal is rapidly on the increase. In 1848 the whole quantity was 9,300 tons, and in eight years it has increased to 136,590 tons valued at \$677,420.

The news from Europe by the Asia, which arrived on Monday last, wears a warlike aspect. Prussia and Switzerland are still on the verge of war. There are rumors of a mediation and arrangement, but nothing sufficiently decisive to serve as the basis of a well-founded hope of an amicable settlement.

Election of Mr. Sumner. The Boston Daily Advertiser thus describes the election of Mr. Sumner as U. S. Senator by the Massachusetts House of Representatives:

From Kansas—Gov. Geary's Message. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20.—The Republican has an advance copy of Gov. Geary's Message to the Kansas Legislature.

It is said that Gen. Sam Houston of Texas, the venerable Know-Nothing "Savior of the South," in a conversation declared that there was no other course for Americans now, except to attach to the Democrats or Republicans.

A BIG SPECULATION.—The Illinois Central railroad cost but about twenty million dollars, and the Company will probably in the end realize fifty million dollars from the sale of the lands granted to them by the United States.

Cost of Congress.—The disbursements of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, for the pay and mileage of members, amounted up to Saturday morning to \$1,401,314, or over \$100,000 per month for the assembling of the present Congress.

Coal Candles.—The editor of the Alexandria (Va.) Gazette, has been presented with a candle made of Cannel Coal. It was made at a new establishment in Kanawha co., Va., and is nearly transparent, resembling wax, and burns with a beautiful clear light.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

The following is the concluding passage in the speech of Senator Wilson, recently delivered in the Senate on the President's Message:

"If you want peace, abandon your policy of Slavery extension. Cease all efforts to control the political destinies of the country through the expansion of Slavery as an element of political power. Plant yourselves upon your reserved constitutional rights, and we will aid you in the vindication of those rights.

Philadelphia possesses real estate assessed at \$150,000,000; the total amount of personal property is assessed at only about \$20,000,000. Boston, with taxable real estate assessed at \$136,000,000, possesses personal property assessed at \$105,500,000.

Terrible Tragedy in Baltimore.—Fatal mistake of a Druggist—Two Deaths from a Poisoned Prescription.—BALTIMORE, Jan. 21.—A terrible tragedy occurred here, on Jan. 21. A druggist filled a prescription ordered by a Dr. Arnold, a German physician, for a child.

A Frog Supper was given on Thursday evening last week, by a distinguished bon vivant, to a few friends. The "game" was of his own procuring, and of the right kind—having a pond near by.

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