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The Boroughs of Pennsylvania.

Unquestionably the most important boroughs in Pennsylvania are Harrisburg, York, Norristown, Pottsville, Easton, West Chester, Carlisle, and Chambersburg.

Table with 2 columns: Borough Name and Population. Harrisburg: 2,323; Pottsville: 2,174; Easton: 2,030; Carlisle: 983; York: 2,019; West Chester: 1,014; Norristown: 2,019; Chambersburg: 739.

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 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. Harrisburg: 1703, 2023, 320; Pottsville: 1291, 2174, 883; Easton: 1399, 2030, 631; Carlisle: 969, 983, 14; York: 1598, 2010, 412; West Chester: 596, 1014, 418; Norristown: 996, 2010, 1014; Chambersburg: 659, 739, 80; Allentown: 802, 1868, 1066.

This shows that Allentown has increased more than either of the towns named, in the period mentioned. Taking five persons to equal one taxable, the population of our town at present would be 9,340; and of Easton 10,450, or 1,110 in their favor, whereas at the assessment in 1849, they had an excess of population over us amounting to 2,985.

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.

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 with 2 columns: Commodity and Value. 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.

Total Exports, \$310,586,600. 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.

Cotton is the heaviest production of the United States, and constituted the largest item of exportation. This is owing to the fact that the Southern States have no competitors of consequence in the production of the article.

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. We cannot be beat in shipping the crude productions of the earth; we are great in the cotton, wheat and lumber line; but for the finer achievements of civilization; for the triumphs of manufacturing skill, we have as yet comparatively not much to show.

Down on Them. The Locofoe 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 \$30,370,930.

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.

What is true of Philadelphia applies to the whole State. The assessed value of property, and the return of personal property to the assessors, is but a poor indication of the real wealth of the State. We appear to be enormously taxed to all neighboring people, thus scaring the timid away.

The Boston Daily Advertiser thus describes the election of Mr. Sumner as U. S. Senator by the Massachusetts House of Representatives: "In the Massachusetts Legislature, the election of U. S. Senator on the part of the House, was made by a viva voce vote. The great novelty of this mode of voting, added to other circumstances, invested the proceedings with unusual interest.

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. In laying down the principles which are to guide his administration, he says a jealous regard for the elective security and sanctity of the ballot box, with an adherence to the doctrine of popular sovereignty, as guaranteed in the organic act establishing the territory.

It is said that Gen. Sam Houston of Texas, the honorable 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. Gen. Houston's word was law before the election, how far it is authority now is hard to tell.

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.

AN ARTIFICIAL TULAW.—A gentleman named Hall proposed to lay a steam pipe, 6 inches in diameter, from Troy to New York, and through out the line of the Erie Canal. Thus he expects to have been navigation open through the pipe, and is petitioning the Legislature for permission to levy tolls.

A CURIOSITY.—The Jackson Mississippiian says:—"A snake was recently caught in the town of Tully, with a head at each end. The reptile exhibited its venomous instincts with its two tongues and double hiss, to the astonishment of the captors, who attest the veracity of this fact."

SONS OF FREEDOM.—It is said that there exists in this country a secret order called "The Sons of Freedom," whose object is to wrest Cuba from the mother country. The headquarters are at New York, and the organization embraces the principal sea board towns from that city to New Orleans.

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. Turn your attention from the forbidden fruits of Cuban, Central American, or Mexican acquisitions, to your own dilapidated fields, where the re-vegetating forests are springing up, and where, in the language of Governor Wise, 'you have the owners skinning the negroes, the negroes skinning the land, and the land grow poor together.'"

Our young friends will practice "sliding down hill," for the fun of having to draw their sleighs up again. To such, the following misapp may prove a timely and agreeable admonition:

On winter's night, when the moon shone bright, And the snow was crusted o'er, With a maid as fair as seraphs are, I slid from a hill down lower.

Since the above was put in type it commenced raining, which if it should continue any length of time, will put an end to sleighing for the present.

Digging for Hidden Treasures.—Some time since a report got current in our midst, that Levi New, a man who some years ago lived in this vicinity, and who was suspected of dealing in counterfeit currency, had lately died in some distant prison, and that he on his death bed had made a disclosure to the effect that in a certain place known as the "Devil's Cave," under the "Big Rock," about three miles from this place, on the Lehigh Mountain, some \$300,000—half of it good currency, were buried under a large stone, together with plates, &c., for the manufacturing of counterfeit money.

Easton Court.—In the case of JOSEPH K. SMYK, of Catasauqua, arrested and imprisoned at Easton some time since for passing counterfeit money, and subsequently released upon \$1000 bail, a true bill was returned by the grand jury. Seem not making his appearance at the calling up of the case by the court, the recognizance was declared forfeited.

Arrested.—On Saturday afternoon last, a man named JAMES McPETERIDGE, was arrested at Hokenandqua, where his father resides, upon a U. S. warrant, for counterfeiting, the post office at Chemung, where he was formerly employed as a clerk. The crime was perpetrated in June last, and the accused arrested therefor at the time that place but being released upon bail, he made his escape.

The Contested Judgeship.—As we stated in a few words in our last, the Supreme Court confirmed the appointment recently made by Gov. Pollock, of Hon. Henry D. Maxwell, as President Judge of the Judicial District composed of Lehigh and Northampton, until the first Monday in December next. Judge Lovrie delivered the opinion of the Court—Judges Lewis and Black dissenting. It affords us much pleasure to announce this result, which settles the question of the illegality of the late election of the President Judge, by a portion of the citizens of the District, who voted for Hon. John K. Findlay, of Philadelphia—and sustains the appointment made by Gov. Pollock. Judge Maxwell is an able lawyer and an excellent Judge—and during the short period he has been upon the bench, has departed himself so as to give entire satisfaction to suitors, members of the Bar, and the community generally; by all of whom he is held in the highest esteem.

Dr. Kane's Illness.—Dr. Kane's disease is inflammatory rheumatism. It has attacked the heart and his friends have but little hope that he will be spared to them and the country.

A Reasonable Man.—one who takes a paper five or six years and when he is asked to pay the subscription, flies into a passion and discourses. Such subscribers are worth having.

What They Died Of.—Of the ten thousand persons deceased in Philadelphia in 1856, 873 died of scarlet fever, 162 of disease of the heart, 287 of small pox, 159 casualties and 37 committed suicide.

Cheaper Than Cat's Meat.—Seventeen horses were sold in Cincinnati last week, at auction, and brought exactly—twenty-two dollars and fifty cents! A French chemist would double his money at least four times on that lot.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

The publication of another series of interesting letters descriptive of a whaling voyage, &c., in the Pacific, by our young friend and brother "typo," D. H. H. STUBBS, formerly of this place, now residing at San Francisco, Cal. His graphic descriptions of trials, hardships, and various phases incidental during the voyage, as described in letters published by us some months ago, were eagerly read by our readers, and we have no doubt this new series will prove equally interesting. They are well worthy of attentive perusal.

The Extreme Cold.—We have of late had extremely cold weather. Saturday last, however, was the coldest day experienced here for a period of 22 years,—the thermometer indicating 20 degrees below zero. Everything is frozen up, and a large number of fruit trees, in different parts of town, were cracked by the cold—something that seldom occurs. On the same day the thermometer stood 26 degrees below zero at Wilkesbarre, and 30 below at Mauch Chunk. The sleighing, however, is excellent, and the busy world does not appear to care for the state of the thermometer.

Norristown and Allentown Railroad.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company was held at the Montgomery House, in Norristown, on the 12th inst. The following officers were selected for the ensuing year: President.—Dr. M. T. Wickersham.

Concert by the Easton Brass Band.—On Friday evening next Pomp's Easton Cornet Band will give a Concert at the Court House. Their reputation as musicians of the first class is well known to our readers, which renders it unnecessary for us to say anything more in their praise. Their programme embraces some of the choicest musical gems. We trust they will be greeted with a large and appreciative audience. Tickets 25 cents.—to be had of any of the members of the Allentown Brass Band.

The Lecture.—ROBERT E. WHITNEY, Esq., delivered a lecture in the Presbyterian S. S. Room, on Thursday evening, to a good audience. The subject was "What are we in 1857." Other engagements provided our attendance, but we have been informed by some who did attend, that it was presented in the lecturer's usual happy style, with originality of thought, elegance of conception, and eloquence of delivery.

Balls.—Surely the devotees of Terpsichore are offered plenty of opportunities to enjoy themselves during the present season. On Friday evening, February 20th, the Allentown Brass Band will give a ball at the Odd Fellows' Hall, for which event extensive preparations are already in progress. On Friday evening, February 13th, the Cordwainers of this place will also have one at the same place.

Delayed.—Owing to the impassable condition of the roads in the upper part of the county, in consequence of the great snow storm, one of our post riders, Mr. Diehl, was prevented from delivering his papers last week. We hope our subscribers, owing to this circumstance, will make full allowance for the delay.

Lehigh County Agricultural Society.—The annual meeting of the Society, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, will be held at the American Hotel, in this borough, on Tuesday the 3d of February.

Change in the time of the passenger trains on the Lehigh Valley Railroad has been made, as will be seen by reference to the advertisement in another column.

Adjourned Court.—An adjourned Court for Lehigh county will commence on Monday the 2d day of February next.

Girard College, at Philadelphia, now supports and educates regularly 315 boys, all indigent orphans.

The expenses of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, during the year ending Nov. 30, 1856, amounted to \$5,377,142 22.

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Lobster Juice is much relied on by the physicians in London in curing rheumatism. Three table-spoonsful per day is a dose for a man.

Curious.—The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of the book of Ezra, contains all the letters of the alphabet.

Large Turkey.—A turkey weighing twenty-eight pounds, was shown in Faneuil Hall Market, Boston, on Saturday.

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