

THE LEHIGH REGISTER.

ALLENTOWN, PA. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1857.

Republican State Convention. Hon. Charles Gibbons, chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee, has issued a call for a State Convention, at Harrisburg, on the 24th of March next, for the purpose of nominating a candidate Governor and other State officers.

Northampton and Lehigh. The Easton Argus publishes a letter from a Harrisburg correspondent relative to the number of taxables returned from these counties, by the recent assessment, as a basis for the apportionment of the State into Senatorial and Representative districts.

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The Common Schools of this State, Philadelphia not being included, have an attendance of 531,726 pupils, the average cost of whose tuition, including building and everything, is 62 cents per month, or \$7.50 per year.

Walker, the filibuster, who has been figuring in Central America for the past twelve months, as a sort of land pirate, is likely to be used up man. The arrival of the Steamer Illinois, at New York, lately, puts a new phase on Nicaraguan affairs.

An effort will be made to modify the Liquor Law of last session in certain particulars, during the present session, but will probably fail of success. A bill has already been introduced in the House to repeal the third section of the act of 1856, and that hereafter brewers and distillers in all parts of the State shall be returned, assessed, and licensed agreeably to the provisions of the act of April 10th, 1849 to create a sinking fund, &c.

Gov. Pollock, as we learn from the Harrisburg Telegraph, declines a re-nomination. If the people were not so thoroughly indoctrinated with the one term principle, we have no doubt a re-nomination would be tendered him notwithstanding, for all candid men admit that we have never had a more able and worthy man in the executive chair than he.

The payment of the semi-annual interest of the funded debt of the State was commenced at the Bank of Pennsylvania, on Monday morning, by Mr. Fenimore, the State Agent. On that day \$610,000 was paid out, and on Tuesday about \$20,000 more making in all some \$630,000, of which amount of interest about two-thirds go to foreign holders of the bonds.

"In Union there is Strength."

The last Lebanon Courier—a paper noted for its judicious course—has some timely remarks in view of the establishment of a union between the Republicans and Americans in this State. It says:

"The question is now before the people whether they are going to allow factionists to distract them in another contest with Locofocoism, and by divided action make their efforts for success hopeless and futile. We know, and every body must by this time know, that we have men in Pennsylvania, professing to be hostile to Locofocoism and claiming to direct the councils of the opposition, yet whose whole sympathies are with that party."

We sincerely coincide in the above remarks of the Courier, and trust that the opposition press throughout the State will commence to apostrophize harmoniously upon the prospects of the future, and endeavor to bring about a thorough union of the Republican and American forces in the ensuing gubernatorial campaign. Let there be union and an end to the suicidal policy pursued in the late Presidential campaign, entailed upon us mainly by the dishonest and corrupt officious leadership of Philadelphia politicians and Philadelphia newspapers—who, as they were the first to raise the breeze, will of course be the last to assist in allaying it. But little is to be expected in the way of compromise and conciliation from that quarter.

A New Tariff. It looks not unlikely that the present Congress will favor the country with a new tariff and without its being asked for by any considerable number of people.

The Bogus Legislature is still in session at Lecompton, the members quarrelling over the Governor's message, which does not suit them—a fact which most clearly shows that when the Executive of the territory proposes to do right he comes in direct conflict with the Ruffians.

The Kansas Relief Committee has sent over eighty thousand dollars' worth of clothing and provisions to the suffering settlers of that territory.

A pro Slavery convention has been sitting in Lecompton, which is under the control of the notorious Stringfellow, for the purpose, it is said, of influencing the Ruffian members of the Bogus Legislature to resist the measures recommended by Gov. Geary.

A bill has been submitted to the House, at Harrisburg, which provides that "executors and administrators, to whom letters testamentary and of administration have been duly granted, shall have full power and authority, in the settlement of the estates for which they have been so appointed, to administer oaths and affirmations to the appraisers of the personal estate of the decedent under the existing laws of this Commonwealth, and also to all persons who shall present claims and demands for settlement against the estate which they have been so appointed to settle, and that the effect of said oath or affirmation be the same as if administered by a judge, alderman, or justice of the peace."

The examination of witnesses, to determine who was legally elected District Attorney in Philadelphia, is still continued from day to day, and is likely to occupy some time before the matter will be determined. Some rich dissemblers have been made showing how they do up things in Philadelphia. They do not seem to have much regard for the purity of the ballot box.

What Rum Making Costs.

From the last census are compiled the following important facts relative to the quantities of grain malted or distilled, per annum, in the United States:

Bushels of Corn distilled - 11,067,661
Bushels of Rye distilled - 3,143,927
Bushels of Oats distilled - 56,517
Bushels of Apples distilled - 829,840
Bushels of Hops malted - 3,787,193
Tons of Hops malted - 1,294
Hogsheads of Molasses distilled - 61,675

The aggregate value of these products, at average prices, will not vary much from \$14,643,727. The capital employed in the entire country in liquor manufacture is \$8,334,254; number of workmen employed, 5,487. Ratio of distilled grains, compared with the quantity grown. Of Corn, there is distilled 1 bushel in 54; of Rye, 1 bushel in 5; of Oats, 1 bushel in 2.618; of Barley, there is malted 3 bushels in 5. From these products are manufactured, 42,133,955 gallons of whisky; 6,500,500 of rum; 1,777,924 of ale.

Important Bill. A bill has been introduced into the Senate, by Mr. Penrose, to provide for the sale of the Main Line of the public works, the completion of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, and to reduce the State Debt. It provides for the sale of the Main Line to the Pennsylvania Central Railroad Company, for the sum of \$9,000,000, payable in their own stock; authorizes them to increase their stock for that purpose, and also takes off from that Company all the present taxes on tonnage, dividends, &c.

Late from Europe. The steamship Baltic arrived at New York on Thursday last, from Liverpool, bringing four days later news from Europe. On the night of the 17th the Neufchatel prisoners were escorted to the Swiss frontier by a detachment of Swiss troops, and expelled.

The New Coinage Bill. The currency doctors at Washington seem to be in a dilemma in their endeavors to get rid of the Spanish coins. They first passed a bill, reducing their value 20 per cent. when received in payment at the government offices.

Pennsylvania Legislature. The supplement to the act incorporating the Reading and Lehigh Railroad Company was laid over, after passing second reading. The bill to incorporate the Carbon Iron Company was negatived—yes 14 nays 19.

Supreme Court Decisions. The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, in banc, has decided a case in which the following points were ruled: A guardian is not guilty of such negligence as to render himself liable for money which might have been received as his ward's share of an intestate's estate, because he did not proceed against the administrators of that estate at the earliest possible day; and this especially where the administrators did, within a reasonable time, file an account which was not finally passed upon until after the ward came of age.

Col. Fremont is preparing a revised edition of his explorations.

DESERTIVE LEITCH, A WHALING VOY.

(Continued from our last paper.)

San Francisco, July 12, 1856. Upon Wednesday, October 19th, '53, we came in sight of a sail which we closed in a few hours; she proved to be the whaling-bark "La Grange." She was what is naively termed a "Plum Pudding crew." She had on board a crew of 30 men, also had been out two years and eight months, had taken but 600 blubs of sperm oil, and lost four men, one of whom had died on board the ship and three having absconded. She was honorably bound and I took advantage to see a few busy lanes for home.

The aggregate value of these liquors, at wholesale prices, will be about \$19,946,807. Besides the above, there are made 221,221 gallons of wine, and an inconceivable amount of "bad liquors," that draw heavily for their constituents upon domestic and foreign drugs in their manufacture, but which are not counted in the manufacture, though their effects are felt, sadly felt, in the use.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Agricultural Meeting.—The annual meeting of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society was held on Tuesday the 3d of February, 1857, at the public house of John Y. Bechtel, in the borough of Allentown.

Resolved, That Messrs. J. M. Line, Christian Pretz and Charles Wittman be appointed a committee to audit the same and report to the next stated meeting. Application was made before the meeting by John J. Thomas, for an additional pay for extra work done by him in excavating and grading the Trial Course.

Resolved, That inasmuch as great imposition has heretofore been practised upon the society by the transfer of season tickets, no season dollar tickets shall be hereafter issued for admission to the exhibition.

Resolved, That the present tenant (Mr. Brinker) shall occupy the dwelling house for under conditions and restrictions as before. The business of the past year being closed, the election of officers was now in order.

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Allestown and Auburn Railroad.

The Allestown and Auburn Railroad.—The last readers upon the prospect of having this road, which is to pass through that borough, commenced at an early day. It says that at a recent meeting of the Company in New York, a committee, consisting of D. B. Kutz, David Kutz, David Fister and Francis Fisher, was appointed to wait upon the land owners between Kutztown and Auburn, to purchase from them the right of way.

The query of the Valley Times, relative to the pecuniary circumstances of our self and friend Gurr, of the "Trioli," while with a slighting party to Bethlehem, on Wednesday, easily answered, on our part. It was altogether owing with us to the thought we had for two weeks previous to the "orful" things we could muster up about the depreciation of the old silver coins, which as we expected, caused the farmers and other named men throughout the country to stir up their coffers, and bring the "condemned" currency to town, a large portion of which fell to the printer's lot, causing with us quite a "flush" time.

Franklin Fire Insurance Company.—An immense amount of property in the borough of Allentown and surrounding country is insured in the above named Company, which is, without doubt one of the safest in the United States, and is noted for its prompt liquidation of losses. In another column we give a statement of the assets of the Company, on January 1, 1857, published in conformity with an Act of Assembly, which shows that besides a capital of \$400,000, all paid in, it has property to the amount of over a million and a half of dollars, and is in the most undoubted real security for the additional income of its insureds.

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