



Harrisburg, Wednesday, April 22, 1857.

Democratic Nominations. FOR GOVERNOR, WILLIAM F. PACKER, of Lycoming County.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONERS, NIMROD STRICKLAND, of Chester County.

SALE OF THE MAIN LINE.

In the degenerate days of Rome, for the sake of the Empire, the Emperor sold the provinces to the highest bidder. In our day the elements of corruption are only bold enough to propose that we shall sell the backbone of the State...

Next winter it will be found to have been cruel and unwise to sever the main trunk from the ministering and feeding limbs of the public works, and the cry will be "for mercy's sake unite them!"

The power that is strong enough to wrest the main body of them from the State will be strong enough to procure discharges of its debts from subsequent legislatures.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company at present pays some \$200,000 a year as tonnage tax to the State, and from this the bill now in the House would relieve the Company.

As to the merits of the bill, it is not necessary to say much more than that it is a fair and equitable one, and that it is a relief to the State.

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THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS' CONVENTION.

It is just that the public should know that the present Superintendent of Common Schools does not ask or desire a re-election to that office.

If the pay had been three times as large we could not have served the cause any better. It so happens that there are only about two months and a half—from the middle of December to the first of March—in which school visitations can be made.

But the most benefit resulting from a supervision of the public schools is in the work at home; where almost every day some teacher, director or citizen comes for information or with a bill of complaint.

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Sale of the Main Line.

A bill providing for this object was reported, on Wednesday last, in the House of Representatives, by the Committee of Ways and Means, under a resolution, passed by a large majority, instructing the committee to prepare a bill for the sale of the Public Works.

It provides that immediately after its passage, the Governor shall advertise a notice in the Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Washington, Baltimore, Boston, New York and Harrisburg papers, that the Main Line will be offered for sale at the Merchants' Exchange, on a day to be designated by him, not more than forty days after the passage of this act.

Any person or persons, or railroad or canal company incorporated by the State, may become the purchasers, for any sum not less than seven and a half millions of dollars.

If necessary, the Company purchasing may increase their capital stock or borrow money and issue their bonds to any amount not exceeding 50 per centum above the amount of the purchase money.

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The Late Election in England.

Our transatlantic cousins, who were lately deeply interested in our election, and whose sympathies were so intensely enlisted in behalf of Fremont, Black Republicanism and "Freedom," have just passed through the ordeal of an election themselves.

In alluding to this event, it may not be uninteresting to consider for a moment what an English election is, and who participate in it.

They are important, but they led to a skirmish with the troops.

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Arrival of the Ericsson.

By the arrival of the steamer Ericsson, Liverpool dates to the 18th inst. have been received.

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THE WIDOW OF EX-PRESIDENT FOLK is about to take up her residence at Washington city.

"Marrying in Fun."

Another instance of the folly of "marrying in fun" is just now exciting the good people of Fonda. It seems that a banking officer in that town met at a ball a young lady from this neighborhood, who was very good looking, sprightly, and attractive.

At an election held in the borough of Berwick, on Saturday last, for borough officers, the following gentlemen were elected:

ONE BULL was brought before the Superior Court of New York on Saturday last, on an affidavit, which set forth that he had in his possession violins and jewels which he refused to apply to a satisfaction of a certain judgement.

OPUM.—The imports of opium into the U. S. last year amounted to 157,814 pounds; value \$485,486.

THE CONSTRUCTION of the towers for the suspension bridge over the Ohio, at Cincinnati, is progressing.

A COAL-BURNING locomotive in Illinois recently ran 234 miles, saved \$22 in cost of fuel by burning coal instead of wood.

A NOVEL SUNDAY SCHOOL.—In Iowa City, a large population having recently sprung up in the vicinity of the Railroad Depot, a Sunday School, which is attended by about fifty children, is held every Sabbath in a Railroad car at that place.

FELL OF A TOWER.—The Chinese Herald confirms the report, that the famed porcelain tower at Nankin was destroyed in November during a bloody massacre of some 5,000 to 6,000 Imperial troops by the insurgents, who had gained possession of the city by treason.

THE PHENIX IRON COMPANY manufactured last week, at their works in Phenixville, Chester county, seven hundred and thirty-two tons of railroad iron—upwards of 120 tons per day.

Holloway's Pills and Ointment.

Mortification may always be prevented, by the timely use of Holloway's Ointment, and look-paw has never been known to supervene in any case of external injury where it was used as a dressing.

"WOODLAND CREAM"—A Pomade for beautifying the Hair.—Eighty perfumed, superior to any French article imported, and for half the price.

On the 9th inst., by Rev. Wm. Goodrich, Mr. HIRSH PALMER, of Bloomsburg, and Miss ADALINE TITTLE, of New Columbia, Montour county.

On the 15th ult., by Rev. W. W. E. B. F. M. O. JACKSON, Jr., and Miss ANNIE M. LONK of Philadelphia.

On the 18th of March last, Mrs. MARGARET ANN, wife of Amos Frazier, aged about 37 years.

THE SUBSCRIBER having erected a large new brick Foundry and Machine Shop, in place of the old one, is prepared to make all kinds of CASTINGS AT THE LOWEST PRICES.

ALL KINDS of Spouting made to order. JOSEPH SHARPLESS, Bloomsburg, April 16, 1857.

A NEW NOVEL by the Author of 'Zandee' MAGDALEN HEPBURN, A Story of the Scottish Reformation.

A NEW DEMOCRATIC PAPER AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Daily, Tri-Weekly and Weekly.