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ANTIMASONIC AND WHIG COUNTY CONVENTION.

In pursuance of the established usages of the party, the Democratic Antimasons and Whigs of Allegheny county, will assemble in primary meetings, in their several Election Districts, on Saturday, the 23d day of June, 1849, to elect two persons from each district, as Delegates to a County Convention to meet at the Court House on Wednesday, the 4th day of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to put in nomination suitable candidates to be supported by the party at the General Election in October next. The Antimasons and Whigs of the townships [Pitt excepted,] will meet at the usual places for holding primary meetings, between the hours of 2 and 6 P. M., and those of the Wards and boroughs, and Pitt township, between the hours of 7 and 9, P. M.

ROBT. CAROTHERS.

Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence.

April 27, 1849.

Projected Railway.

The Cincinnati Gazette says that charters for a Railway from Toledo, through Southern Michigan and around the Southern bend of Lake Michigan, to Chicago, have been secured by a company of New York capitalists. A railway from Chicago west to the Mississippi is being constructed, and arrangements are nearly completed to place the concerns of the company under the control of men who will "push the work in the quickest possible time." It is expected that the "Ohio Railroad company" will be soon revived, under its charter, and the line from Toledo to Bunkirk completed at an early day. There was quite a contest for the route from Toledo westward, between the Boston owners of the Central Michigan road, and the New Yorkers, but the Gothamites carried the day. They propose also to extend the track from Monroe to the pier in Lake Erie.

This arrangement is exceedingly opportune for Pittsburgh, just commencing as she is, her great Western Railroad; for she has only to extend her road to Toledo, distant from Mansfield, the present point of termination, some seventy-five or eighty miles, to reap all the benefits of this great enterprize of the New Yorkers, and to secure direct and continuous Railroad communications with Chicago and Galena. What a magnificent field for enterprize does this open up! Where a more direct via the Union open to it and which can be more easily entered upon and completed? Our understanding—the construction of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad to Mansfield or even to Toledo—is, comparatively, a small one, that it will open up to us some fifteen hundred miles of Railroads, passing through all thickly settled and eminently fertile countries. It will unite the Upper Mississippi and the Upper Ohio and the Great Lakes by hooks of steel—the iron region with the lead region—the consumers with the producers.

We fear our wealthy, entertaining men, do not see the great importance of this work as they ought. If they did, they would rise up and say, "here is the money, let this work be commenced without delay, and prosecuted with every worthy of its great importance." Our large property holders, with the least consideration, would discover that the erection of this road would enhance materially the value of their property, and they would hasten to place a portion of the subscription in the hands of the Directors of the road and feel that they had made a good speculation by the arrangement. Or one thing, however, we feel assured, that many of them will live to see our expectations fully realized. The road will no doubt at once produce effects little short of miraculous upon the prosperity of the city.

"THE SCENERY OF THE CATSKILL MOUNTAINS," is the title of a neat Pamphlet of some 10 pages, descriptive of the magnificent scenery of these fashionable mountains, from the pens of Irving, Cooper, Bryant, Willis, Gaylord Clarke N. P. Willis, Miss Macdonald, Tyrone Power Pare Benjamin, Theodore, and other eminent writers. Most of our readers probably are aware, that very fine accommodations are prepared for the entertainment of visiters at the Catskill Mountain House, on the summit of these far famed mountains where thousands assemble during the Summer months to breath pure air and enjoy the glorious scenery, stretched out on every hand. The visiter lands at the village of Catskill, from one of the splendid North River Steamers, where he finds coaches always ready to take him twelve miles up the mountain road, to the place of destination. Here is thus enabled, at small expense, and without fatigue to enjoy a treat not often afforded to the seekers of recreation, health, and grand natural scenery. The pleasure of the jaunt is no little increased, by perusing the delightful descriptions of the gifted writers, mentioned above.

GOLD MINES OF ARKANSAS.—Colonel Black, of Van Buren, Arkansas, has fitted out an expedition for the purpose of gold hunting on the Arkansas. From a statement in the Intelligencer it would seem that a rich placer has been discovered. The editor expresses entire confidence in the statement.

"Third Annual Report of the Board of Agriculture of the State of Ohio, to the 47th General Assembly."

This is a most valuable publication, of some 269 pages, containing an immense amount of matter in relation to agriculture and agricultural statistics. It must tend greatly to promote the farming interest in that State, we should rejoice to see such a public work undertaken in this State.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL MONUMENT.—George Watterson, Esq. the secretary, repeats his previous notice, that the Board of Managers of the Washington National Monument Society will be pleased to receive a block of marble, granite or any other suitable stone, from every State in the Union, to be placed in an appropriate position in the monument.

These blocks should be the following dimensions viz *four feet long, two feet high and eighteen inches in depth*. As it is intended to place these stones at every landing of the 24 recesses, and as Dental material will answer, worse materials of inferior cannot be found. The name of the State from whence it comes should be engraved upon it in letters sufficiently large to be easily read. The will be laid in the wall in the order of time in which they may be received in Washington city.

ZINC PAILS FOR MILK.—An article recently appeared in a French paper, called the Orleans, stating that several experiments have been tried to find out whether zinc could not be advantageously substituted for pewter or tin for milk-pails. The result was proved that milk kept in zinc pails will sour four or five hours later than that kept in pails of *different* materials, which allows all the cream to separate. In one of the trials, three zinc pails each containing two gallons of milk, have been compared with three tin pails containing an equal quantity of milk.

The zinc pails were filled with new milk on a Monday afternoon at three o'clock, nine on the following Wednesday, the milk in the pails was found almost entirely curded, while the curding in the zinc pails had scarcely begun, and the cream could not be removed before two in the afternoon. The cream taken from the tin pans yielded two pounds of butter, and the other two pounds and a half. The butter made from the cream taken from the zinc pails proved sweeter and more agreeable to the taste than that which had been made from the cream preserved in the tin pans."

CHOLERA IN RICHMOND.—The Richmond Enquirer says, that two deaths from cholera occurred in that city on Thursday—one, a negro hack driver, who was seized at 6 A. M. and died at 10 A. M.—and a young lady in Mr. Freeman's family—The total number of cases reported is seven, and four deaths.

In the House of Delegates there was a worse panic than ever. Two motions to adjourn from Richmond were lost by a small vote—and when the House adjourned, a motion was pending to adjourn *sine die*.

CREVASSE.—This is a French term signifying a breach. Along the Mississippi it is applied to the breaches sometimes made in the levee or artificial embankment, by which the waters of that mighty stream are confined within its bed. The Mississippi at the spring flood rises to a considerable height and the overflow of its banks is prevented by artificial barriers called levees. This is given for the benefit of such as are unacquainted within the habits and history of old Mississippi.

CALIFORNIA EMIGRATION.—The St. Joseph Adventure, of the 18th, says that up to that date 2,850 wagons had crossed the ferry opposite that landing, and at the ferries a few miles above the town; and about 1,500 had crossed at ferries above Savannah Landing and at Council Bluffs. That paper adds—"The average is about four persons and eight oxen or mules to each wagon, making the number now on the plains, that have crossed the Missouri river at St. Joseph, Council Bluffs, and intermediate ferries, 4,350 wagons, 17,400 men, and 34,800 animals. There are but few arriving, or remaining on the eastern bank of the river."

SPECIFIC FOR CHOLERA.

At this time, when more or less alarm exists in every community, in reference to Cholera, the above heading will attract universal attention. A specific for Cholera will be hailed with as much delight as the famous discovery of Jenner which has robbed the Small Pox, which used to scourge the nations, of nearly all its terrors. We pretend not to say that a specific for Cholera has really been discovered, but the following art cle, which comes from a high source gives hope that a means of combatting the destroyer, has at length been discovered. The remedy, the reader will see, is *Sulphur*, and the discovery of its utility originated from the previous discovery, by a careful chemical analysis of the atmosphere, of the supposed noxious agent which caused cholera. If this theory proves to be correct, the peculiar examination of Pittsburgh from the disease, may be accounted for by the presence of large quantities of sulphur in the atmosphere from the consumption of coal.—We learn from the *Chicago Journal*, from which paper the article is copied, that the discovery has produced a great sensation, and says, that "the excitement caused by the discovery, has been heightened by the success it has met with, in cases where almost every citizen has witnessed or experienced its effects, in the premonitory symptoms of cholera."

Editor of the Chicago Journal

Dear Sir—In compliance with the request of my friend, Dr. J. H. Bird, I have made the following brief synopsis of a letter from him, sent to me for publication in the North Western Medical and Surgical Journal, which, together with the few additional remarks which I have made, you will please publish; in order that the members of the medical profession, and our citizens generally, may have the means of testing, and the benefits to be derived from what is supposed to be a newly discovered remedy for cholera.

The facts stated in the letter referred to above, are briefly as follows:

About six months since, Dr. Bird and myself were led into a conversation upon the effects of atmospheric influences in producing epidemics from reading an article from a German physician, in one of our periodicals in which it was contended, that influenza depended upon the presence of *ozone*, and that the severity and number of the attacks, as shown by chemical analysis, was always in proportion to the amount of this substance in the atmosphere. Taking this statement in connection with the fact that cholera is generally preceded by influenza, as shown by its history, we were led to the conclusion that both diseases might be dependent upon the same influence, and in degree according to the severity and virulence of this deleterious agent present in the epidemic at the time. The next step in the investigation was to determine *what agent* would most rapidly destroy ozone, and destroy the deleterious influences it produces. The most prominent knowledge of the kind rendered it very probable that the well known substance *sulphur* would be among the property of acting upon it in such a manner as to neutralize its influence.

In searching for facts to support this conclusion, we found that cholera had never prevailed in the vicinity of sulphur springs, or in districts where this substance abounds; hence the conclusion, that sulphur might be and probably was the antidote for cholera.

In one of our recent Medical Journals, an article appeared describing the method of detecting ozone in the atmosphere, thus supplying the means of determining whether or not it was present at the very time when cholera was beginning to make its appearance among us.

Dr. Bird's experiments as well as by me and subsequently by himself and by Dr. Bird, frequently and myself from day to day, since that time, show that *ozone* is present in our atmosphere, and that its amount is in proportion to the severity of the disease from time to time. About a week ago Dr. Bird discovered to his surprise that ozone was no longer present, and on the same day I found it to be present in large quantities. The next day there were a great many cases of cholera, and there have been more or less of it, with many aggravations, eight days. As in the days of ozone. The result was entirely satisfactory so much so that Dr. Bird came immediately to my office and expressed himself as a friend to the efficacy of my practice, but to say nothing to others with regard to the ingredients used in it, lest should interfere with the public announcement as a discovery. The beneficial effects result from its use in my practice was such as to convince me at once that in the class of cases described, above, that in the last few days Drs. Bird, Blayney, and myself obtained to use this apparently simple remedy without exception of nearly all, either in all cases with severe symptoms. The result has been wonderful. All the prominent symptoms, such as vomiting, cessation of diarrhea, &c., have immediately ceased, and the patient's condition *at once*, and when used in a few hours to *dissipate entirely chances by symptoms*.

So far as its efficacy has been tested in the early stages of collapse, most satisfactory results have been obtained. In two or three cases of the last the effect of the remedy has been [illegible] pulse to the wrist, restore warmth of the surface and stop the profuse diarrhœa and vomiting. In truth the results obtained so far, have been such as to convince all of us, who have administered it, and witnessed its effects, that *it may reasonably claim the appellation, that to the specific for cholera.*

It having been determined that I should make this statement, I expected in return that no hasty conclusions will be made, either for or against what appears to be a preparation to comprise so much by very simple means. Although the results, so far as obtained in a short space of time by a few individuals, seem to justify our confidence, it is hoped that physicians will continue to depend on what they consider the most efficient practice, in bad cases of cholera, until they shall tested the matter themselves, and formed their own conclusions; and also, that while we may be the confidence of individuals in this or any other remedy, they will not depend upon their own judgment in any case, even of slight symptoms whenever it is possible to consult their physician.

It is suggested by Dr. Bird, that a combination of powdered charcoal, in part to four of sulphur, may has seemed to make the remedy more efficient.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette

WASHINGTON, June 1, 1849.

The first day of summer is a little more becoming the season and climate of latitude 38, and the shores of the Atlantic, than the weather which prevailed during the past spring was in that period of the year.

Of current news I have little to add to my letter of yesterday. Every thing and rates that the friendly struggle over the most desirable and important appointments under the government, is close at hand. I spoke yesterday, did I not, of the arrival of a deputation from New York, to support Col. Webb in his designs upon the Spanish Mission, during the best part of the day they were closeted with the Secretary of State.

This morning Senator Truman Smith, Hon Mr Rockwell, of Conn., and some other influential New Englanders, arrived. Whether they come to advocate the affirmation, or to request the change of grey mare are suggestions concerning the objects of disappointments, I have not learned.

It is supposed by some that Mr. Whittlesey will decline the nomination of First Comptroller, and that it will be given to Mr. Rockwell.

Col Burke Peyton has left the city and will certainly go to Cuba. Judge Reese, of Texas, will probably succeed Donnelson, at Frankfort, unless unfortunately, the German confederation should break up too soon.

THE BRITISH NAVIGATION LAWS.

There appears to exist a great deal of misapprehension in regard to the effect of the bill which has probably passed the British Parliament before this time, for the repeal of the Navigation Laws. The following abstract, which I have been at some pains to prepare for the Gazette, will be found interesting and useful for your readers.

The bill is long, and rather clumsily worded. It consists of 21 sections. The first section repeals existing laws upon the subject. The next provides that the coasting trade of the British Islands, in the United Kingdom, as they are called, shall continue as heretofore, confined entirely to British ships. Section fourth protects at the same way, the coasting trade of each of the British possessions in favor of British shipping. But the next section provides that in a particular case it may be relaxed, and the trade thrown open to the vessels of other nations, as it now is in the possession when the Governor in Council shall declare the trade to be so thrown open. Section 6 authorizes the Governor in Council to [illegible] upon the consular trade of [illegible] ports [illegible] section 7 provides that [illegible] shall not [illegible] Section eight provides that [illegible] Queen to establish a system of regulating in the privileges of any port, or by imposing upon the vessels of [illegible] ports [illegible] section 9 provides that [illegible] British ships in the ports of such other nations. By the concluding section, the time for the commencement of the operations of the act is the 24th of July.

The effect of the passage of the bill will probably be to do away in the first section, with the necessity to remove [illegible] and repeal [illegible] navigation laws of every kind whatever. But the effect of the [illegible] will be to [illegible] directly between the ports of [illegible] and Britain, whatever [illegible] may be imposed upon [illegible] ships of the nation [illegible] along the coast [illegible] ports [illegible] ships [illegible] ports [illegible] ships [illegible] ports [illegible] ships