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Meeting of the Anti-Masonic and Whig County Committee of Correspondence.

The Delegates to the last County Convention, of the Anti-Masonic and Whig party, all of whom are members of the Committee of Correspondence, are requested to meet at the New Court House, on Wednesday, the 10th of April next, for the transaction of business.

ALEX. HILANDS, Chairman.

☞ SEE NEXT PAGE FOR LOCAL MATTER, TELEGRAPHIC NEWS, &c.

☞ Local Reporter is confined to his house by sickness. We shall make provision to supply his lack of service as soon as possible.

We spend much of our space, to day, to the dignified and impressive message of Gov. Johnston, in relation to the Slavery question. It is a document which every Pennsylvanian must read with gratification. While it shows that the State has, of late years, her emphatic testimony against opposition of every kind, and especially against the agitating of the African race, both by precept and example, yet that this Commonwealth has faithfully kept all her obligations to her sister States, and has left no room for any complaint. The Message is clear, explicit, and firm, yet mild and conciliating, and does honor both to the head and heart of our worthy Governor. We commend it to the earnest attention of our readers.

The Western Division of the Pennsylvania Canal.—Our readers will be pleased to learn, by an advertisement in the appropriate column, that another letting on the Western Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad is to take place on the 15th of April. We understand that this letting embraces the contiguous line to within forty miles of Pittsburgh, and all the difficult sections of the remainder, so that it is in effect the putting of the whole Western Division under contract, as the former Division, although let at a subsequent day, will be finished as soon as the heavy work. This gratifying and important intelligence gives assurances to contractors, that they will soon enjoy a direct communication with Philadelphia.

The Free Banking Law.

Mr. Laird, the chairman of the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred a large number of petitions from different parts of the State, unanimously signed by some of the most intelligent, active and business men of the Commonwealth, of all parties, for a general banking law, made an appropriate report, as follows:

"That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitions therefore presented.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

So long as we have such miserable and ignorant creatures, at the head of our Banking Commonwealth as at present, we have little hope, to carry any measures which are calculated to advance the prosperity of the State. We must quietly, therefore, fold our hands, and secure more active neighbors, who are disposed to regard more faithfully the interests and wishes of the people, reap the advantages which this popular system is creating in those States.

It is an acknowledged, as well as lamentable truism, that Pennsylvania, although possessing natural wealth, far surpassing any other States in the Union, is immeasurably behind many of them, in all the great elements of prosperity. While in other States, money is comparatively a drug in the market, it is hardly be obtained at any price. For this unfortunate condition of things, we are mainly indebted to that miserable party, which has for years set like an incumbus, upon the fairest of our venerable Commonwealth. It is this party, which has put out the fires of our Furnaces, and suspended the wheels of our Factories, and so long as they are in the ascendancy, it is madness to expect a change for the better. The policy of Proscription, it is very itself against every measure which is calculated to advance in any way either the prosperity or intelligence. They hate, and will ever hate, every thing, as the State becomes prosperous. Her population will naturally be increased by emigration from other States, possessing too much intelligence and honesty, to tolerate Lord Poorism. The consequent effect will be to throw them from power, and establish a different state of things. Every where, therefore, is made by the leaders of this party, to prevent, if possible, remedial which are likely to prove so disastrous to them.

Judge McClure's Charge to the Grand Jury.—This is a very able and interesting document, but is of nothing to be copied into our paper, especially after some of our contemporaries have been furnished with the document in advance of us, and paid for inserting it into the bargain. It is principally taken up with remarks upon riots and rioting houses. The law is laid down in regard to rioters very clearly, and it is recommended decidedly that the law which applies to Philadelphia county, in such cases, shall be made to apply to this. We hope the Legislature will see that this is done before it adjourns, if it has not made such an enactment already. The following extract, in relation to the adoption of the Court, in regard to the Sheriff being prompt and energetic, and *ready* to quell a mob, is to our mind exactly:—

"And so far as the question of the Sheriff's energetic or apathetic conduct in the premises may be looked to, I state here, we give him fair warning that we consider, that the court will sustain him, in the prompt, swift, severe, and effectual execution of his duty, to the utmost length and strength and limit of our judicial authority and power.——

"When a mob has trampled under foot and despised the laws of God and man, it has always seemed to me a strange absurdity and a wretched economy of time, property, and life, that the power of the county should summon itself and others by flaming paper wash over guilty heads, when it receives in return brick bats, paving stones, pistol bullets, and shrouds from dirks and bowie knives.

If the law has not grown so old and imbecile, as that it shall be shed in vain and claws, then is the time to show them and to use them too."

In regard to tippling houses, the charge of the Judge is directly to the purpose, and he gives a hint to those who sign tavern petitions, which they will do well to heed. He says:—

"The signing, or refusing so to do, is the duty of the citizen, prescribed by not ours, and we shall be very quick to supervise the mal-performance of this duty. The duty is important, and the consequences of its careless discharge are infinitely more so. We can at present certify what he is not ready and willing to swear, and we give fair warning to our good natured citizens, who sign certificates for licenses to sell spiritous liquors, that we shall not hesitate one moment to demand their attendance here, to enlighten our minds under the sanction of their oaths, in matters pertaining to freedom when they least expect it."

There's another subject which the Court notices which has been heretofore most shamefully neglected; even to the subversion of the ends of justice. Judge McClure says—

"There are thousands of forfeited recognizances, and tens of thousands of dollars due the county of Allegheny thereof, which are never extended, sued on, recognized, and levied on, and never paid. We desire the Grand Jury to investigate and report thereon. If the recognizances are worthless, we shall remedy the defects, or let the culprit lie in jail. The criminal jurisdiction of this county costs enormously, and we are determined (if by any possibility we can do it,) to make criminals pay for their own guilt, and see that the county of Allegheny stands squared in this most exorbitant account."

We hope the Court will act upon the principles thus laid down, with energy. We have often thought of speaking our views on this subject, and we are glad our new judge has reverted to it. It has become notorious, in this county, that if a rogue can procure bail, he can escape, and the forfeited bail money is never recovered. The culprit absents himself until the Court is over, and then makes his appearance as if nothing had happened, and the surety goes scot free. This is wholly wrong, and we trust a great reform will now take place.

☞ We learn from the Cleveland Herald, that the opening Agents appointed by the Directors of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Rail Road Company to negotiate the Bonds of the Company, have so far succeeded as to secure the purchase of Iron Rail for the Road, and the Directors intend to prosecute the work to an early completion.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.

HARRISBURGH, March 23, 1850.

The usual quietude, there ever since does to-day in either House. Both Houses adjourned at a very early hour: And the Legislative members, it is said, went down to a body on special invitation, to dine with Mr. Buchanan. When? or the Presidency, or the next Senatorial term, which before you go on the 5th of March, 1851, is to be the topic of discussion, has not yet been decided; half a dozen in assigning it to one or the other of these subjects.

It was thought that the Ferrett divorce case would come up, this morning; but owing to some untoward circumstances, the friends of the measure thought it impolitic to introduce it to day. Whether some member who was friendly upon for special reasons, failed them at this juncture, or not is not fully understood; but such, at least, is the prevailing opinion. It is generally thought, however, that Mr. Ferrett will succeed. If he does not, he will have expended forty or fifty thousand dollars to no little purpose, and it seems to me with very little judgment and discretion. I do not believe that there is a single Senator on the floor who could be approached with money, or any other manifestly improper influence; but every body knows how hard it is, in a case of this kind, where no principle, but only matters of fact are involved, to resist the appeals of personal and political friends, who may have received a pecuniary consideration for their influence.

In the Senate, on motion of Mr. Streeter, the bill to authorize the appointment of a Commission to investigate the conduct and affairs of the Susquehanna County Bank, was taken up, and read a second and third time and passed. The provisions of this bill, I believe, I have already sent you.

The bill from the House, providing for the election of Auditor General, and Surveyor General by the people, was taken up in committee of the Whole, on motion of Mr. Brawley; Mr. Frailey in the Chair, and after some time reported without amendment. When the committee rose the Senate adjourned.

In the House, Dr. McClintock read in his place a bill to extend the charter of the Bank of Pittsburgh, on the basis of the model Bank bill now pending in the Senate. Also a bill to authorize the Canal Commissioners to examine into, and report in the claim of Pollard McCormick.

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FROM NEW YORK.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

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The financial news to day is the failure of the Hudson River Railroad Company, which has concluded to pay its future interest in scrip, instead of its former cash instalments. An address has been issued by the Directors, in apology for this change of plan; but it is the latest affair that Wall street ever criticized. With wonderful *naiveté*, the Directors say that "the unnecessary depreciation of the value of the stock" makes it proper for them to issue stock to subscribers, and allow them to sell at the loss if they please. The truth is, the road has cost eight millions for eighty miles, and not a dollar left for eighty miles more, and no credit. The North River boats, too, cut up its business to its present northern terminus, and make its profits very small.

Business out of doors is at a stand still, owing to the most furious snow storm of the season. Goods cannot be moved, and the streets have few passengers. The number of merchants here was never surpassed, and the sales have already swollen to the amount of last Spring's business. The demand for money has measurably increased, and prices are rather higher. The banks have not been called to do all the paper offered, and the street brokers are again making the extra interest.

Contracts have been made for a steamer for the Charleston route, by Messrs. Spofford & Tileston to cost over $200,000. Her engine is to be better than any now afloat, and she is expected to put to Charleston in a trifle over forty eight hours, and beat the land route. This firm of S. & T. is another specimen of Yankee industry, and good foresight times. Both are natives of Massachusetts, and left the town of Haverhill with nothing save their reputation, and a scanty wardrobe—the common stock in trade of Yankees. By small degrees they acquired a large business in the sale of Massachusetts shoes, and ultimately entered the Cuba trade. In this they were fortunate, and now count their gold by millions—reside in houses of palatial dimensions, with the style of English noblemen. Untiring industry and economy, not parsimony, have been the sole help to a fortune which no one can say has been unfairly won.

The steamer's news has produced no effect upon the markets. The mails will not be distributed until Monday, and not until Tuesday, unless sent from Boston by Express, as, up to this time, (5 P. M.) the ship is not telegraphed at Boston. Cotton holders refuse to sell at less than yesterday's figures. Flour and grain have fallen much, but it matters not to us here; we cannot sell at present rates, to ship, and further decline makes it no worse.

Stocks close firm, especially government securities. Pennsylvania fives have changed hands to a small extent at 91¼, and purchasers ready to take more at the same. Stocks for permanent investment are scarce, and Pennsylvania are very saleable, on account of the length of time they have to run. Fancy stocks are also firm, and the market in favor of sellers. An explosion has taken place in Boston, among the rail road people, in consequence of the discovery of the issue of a large amount of stock, by the Vermont Central Road, at $30 per share, to enable the road to keep in operation. It is the first dishonorable conduct ever discovered among the rail road people of New England, and naturally alarms an interest which has millions in rail road securities. This road is one of those intended to tap the Montreal trade, which nature has secured to the East which touches the ocean at Portland, and leaves the Boston road in the back ground.

Ashes are cheaper, only $6 12—61 Pots, and $5 87½ for Pearls. Cotton is lost off, within a day or two, but not upon the steamer's mail. Provisions are cheaper, and the trade to a good extent. In articles in the second line, no change, and a dull market in consequence of the above.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

GENTLEMEN:—The Governor of Virginia and Georgia, have transmitted to the Executive Department of this Commonwealth, resolutions in reference to the proceedings of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, at its session of 1846-7, complaining of certain alleged violations of the Constitution of the United States. A respectful courtesy to these distinguished members of the confederacy, demands from the Governor of Pennsylvania an early and decisive consideration of the grievances thus proferred.

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If [illegible] law for the [illegible] of the United States, [illegible] to demand the delivery of those charged with the crime of treason, felony, or other high crime, fleeing from justice, and found within the territory of the other States, it was the duty of the latter to cause the fugitive to be delivered up, on the demand of the Executive authority of the State having jurisdiction of the crime. To do so without [illegible] recital of the events preceding, and attending the formation of the Constitution, is deemed unnecessary and proper.

Pennsylvania had been a slave holding State—The introduction and use of servile labor, and the moral and political degradation of the colored race had been engrafted upon her liberal institutions, by the cupidity of our British sovereign. While the revolution and the separation of the colonies from the mother country were in progress; and before the recognition of their independence by the government of Great Britain, her Legislature, by the act of the 1st of March, 1780, abolished slavery within her borders. A copy of this statute is hereto annexed.

The preamble to this act is strong and appropriate—language expresses an abhorrence of that condition of civil bondage to which the rights and tyranny of Great Britain were exerted to reduce us,—acknowledges the beneficent agency of the Supreme God, in our deliverance from the threatened dangers, and admits the great injustice, and wrong done to the servile race, by means whereof they had been "deprived of the common blessings to which they were by nature entitled;" and then in commemoration of our own happy escape from tyrannic and despotic power, provides that all persons, as well negroes and mulattoes as others, who shall be born within this State, from and after the date of the said act, shall not be deemed and considered servants for life, or slaves.

The further provisions of this humane law received the right of slaves,—the service of their children,—their support when left indigent,—their trial for offences; and whilst it thus declares in most express terms, that no man or woman, of any nation or color except registered slaves and all at any time thereafter be deemed, adjudged, or holden within the territories of this Commonwealth as slaves, or servants for life, but as free men, and free women, it makes provision for the protection of the property of non residents in slaves, or servants in transit, who may be sojourners for a period of six months. On the 29th of March, 1789, another act intended to cure the defects in the act of last March, 1780, was passed, and is hereto annexed.

These enactments made Pennsylvania a non slaveholding State; and in terms of the clearest and strongest character marked the determination of her people to abolish, forever, servile labor within her borders. Whilst the preamble to the first act recited, and embodied the reason for the abolition of, and expressed her feelings in relation to, the institution of slavery, it furnished notice of the most authentic kind, of her determined resistance to its introduction and extension.

The Congress of the States in session in New York, Virginia, Georgia, and Pennsylvania, being represented therein, on the 13th July, 1787, passed an ordinance with great unanimity, that slavery, or involuntary servitude, should never exist in any of the States, except for crime, within the then territories of the Confederated States. There is no exception or saving clause; no line of compromise or designation of degrees of latitude to limit the area of freedom; but an entire, absolute, and unconditional prohibition of the institution in all the territories then under the jurisdiction of the Congress.

The complaint in relation to the non delivery of fugitives from labor will be best answered by a review of the laws enacted on the subject.

The act of 1793, although it denied the use of slave property to her own citizens, with a careful regard for the rights of the slave holding States, permitted sojourners to retain the ownership of such property for six consecutive months, within the State. The frequent evasions of this part of the statute, and the effort made to extend slavery to the offspring of slaves generally, produced the act of the 29th of March 1788. The constitutional provision before mentioned for the reclamation of fugitives followed soon after, and was supposed to place all power over the subject in the National Legislature. The act of Congress of 12th February 1793, entitled an act "respecting fugitives from justice and persons escaping from the service of their masters" appeared to confirm this opinion. It was believed, however, that a concurrent jurisdiction, vested in the National and State Legislatures. At the request of a number of gentlemen of the neighboring State of Maryland, was united in the argument in the case of Prigg vs Commonwealth, the act of 25th March, 1826, was passed. Three objects were intended to be secured by the legislature, to wit: the delivery of fugitives from labor, the protection of free colored people, and the prevention of kidnapping.

The first and second sections describe the offence of kidnapping, and prescribing its punishment. The propriety and justice of its enactments cannot be questioned. The other sections of this statute relative to the reclamation of fugitives from labor, and the powers given to the owner to retake his property and the obligations to aid and co-operate with him, imposed upon the officers of this Commonwealth, was of such character as ought to have satisfied all reasonable and fair minded men. Of the duty of all State governments with the provisions of the Constitution, and the acts of Congress, completely carried into effect. While the law provided simple security for the safe keeping of the alleged fugitive, until a hearing could be had, and then took opportunity to obtain the proof of his former condition, it required only proof of this fact, than the oath of the interested claimant, or his agent or attorney. The provisions of this law were carefully framed to shield, without violating the principles were avowed and maintained? Is it a wrong in them to say that power is vested in Congress to prohibit the introduction of slavery into the Territories, and to abolish it in the District of Columbia? The federal Constitution denies to them no right to speak freely on these subjects. If it did, this Government never would have existed clothed with power so despotic and unjust.

Whether it is expedient to legislate upon the subject of the exclusion of slavery from the Territories, and of its abolition in the District of Columbia at the present time, by the National Congress, or to permit the people of the respective Territories, and the District of Columbia, to act for their own best interests and according to their own views of policy and right, is and part of our present duty to determine. Those questions may well be left to the Representatives in Congress, under the instructions of the people, to decide as may seem most conducive to the welfare of all sections of our common country; but it is nevertheless, right and proper, and a duty we owe to the people of Pennsylvania—to the memory of her early and patriotic statesmen—to the reputation of the public men of the past generation, and to those now entrusted with her destinies, to deny in due and decided terms the insinuations and charges made against her faith and integrity.

The allegation of infidelity to the national Union is best answered by the history of her devotion and attachment to this palladium of our civil and religious freedom.

The alien and sedition laws of the national Congress, while they found no sympathy in the hearts of her citizens, but roused their deepest and deadliest opposition, failed to provoke her people to enter into any arrangements for their resistance by force, even to a destruction of the Union.

The extension of slavery over portions of the vast domains of the Louisiana purchase, although in direct opposition to her united and solemn protest; and calculated to outrage the feelings of her people, produced no threats of dissolution.

The prostration of her industrial pursuits, caused by the influence of the augmented slave repro-

[illegible] same religion, and Presbyterians, and the admission of Texas; which, if duly wounded, could destroy her confidence in the love for the union of the Compact.

The compromise of the Revenue laws, made to bring a sister to the duty of obedience to the Constitution, and laws by which order is spread rich swept over her borders, wrung from her citizens no denunciations of the Federal Union.

The refusal on the part of certain slaveholding States to deliver up, although required so to do, by express provision of the Constitution, kidnappers, whose wrong doing was against the very sovereignty of the Commonwealth, furnished in her opinion, no valid reason for assembling conventions to disrupt the confederation of the States.

The act of 1750, had given notice to the other States, of the views entertained by Pennsylvania, on this important subject. The ordinance of the 13th July, 1787, was conceived in the same spirit, and gave an assurance, that the evils of human bondage should never be extended; and would eventually cease to exist among a free people.

It was in this belief of the citizens that Pennsylvania consented to a Constitution, which recognized to some extent the institution of slavery.

The Constitution being adopted went into operation on the 24 April, 1789. It contains the following provisions, directly or indirectly connected with the servitude of the colored race:

First, as regards representation; it provides, "That representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other persons."

Second, "The migration or importation of such persons as any of the States now existing shall think proper to admit, shall not be prohibited by Congress prior to the year 1808, but a tax or duty may be imposed on such importation, not exceeding ten dollars for each person."

Third, "No person held to service or labor in one State, under the laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in consequence of any law or regulation therein, be discharged from such service or labor, but shall be delivered up on the claim of the party to whom such service or labor may be due."

The provision in the Constitution limiting the duration of the slave traffic; and the act of the National Congress immediately preceding its adoption, in relation to its non extension to the territories of the Union, would seem to leave no doubt upon the mind, that it was the intention and meaning of the framers of the Constitution to prevent the extension and increase of human slavery, and at an early period to secure its entire abolition in the several States.

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It is not necessary to discuss the abstract question of slavery. If it were now to be established—if the foot prints of the bondsman, were now for the first time to mark the soil of our common country—if the Constitution were now to be formed, it would be our duty to enter our solemn protest against its introduction or recognition.—We should feel a pleasure in the adoption of a different policy from that imposed upon us by our British progenitors. Where they forged and rivited, we would strike the chains of bondage from human limbs.

The Constitution of the United States, however, having guaranteed, to a certain extent, the existence of slavery; and recognized the right of the people of the slave holding States, in their peculiar property; all such discussions in reference to the institution as it exists in those States, are properly precluded by a just sense of Constitutional duty. With slavery, therefore, in the several States, there is not now, and never has been, any disposition on the part of the Government of Pennsylvania to interfere.

1. The slave representation in the National Congress.
2. The 20 year importation of slaves after 1808.
3. The extradition of fugitives from labor.
4. The authority of Congress over the territories.
5. The authority of Congress over the District of Columbia.

Which of these provisions of the National Constitution has been encroached upon by Pennsylvania? There is no part of her history, Legislative, Executive, or Judicial, that shows any interference with the rights of representation belonging to Virginia or Georgia. No charge has been made against her faithful observance of that portion of the Constitution in relation to the importation, or non importation of slaves. The authority of Congress to establish slavery in territories wherein it does not exist, this State has denied, in mild and friendly terms; and in submitting hereinfore to the exercise of the power when new slave holding States have been admitted, no bitterness has marked her complaints and protests. The authority of Congress to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia, is apparent unless the words employed conferring it, gives less and a different power when inserted in Constitutions, than when used in other portions of the written and spoken language of the country.

All these acts, so injurious to her people, might have authorized deep and loud complaints, but her love for the Union, rendered her silent; and induced the hope, that different and more friendly counsels would prevail. Her voice was heard only in kind remonstrance. No harsh complaints of a violated Constitution and invaded rights were uttered to wound a brother's ear, and interrupt the social and kindred friendships of a united people. She remembered that we were a common people,—that a common purpose for the advancement of human rights, had produced our connection,—that a common danger had united us in fraternal bonds,—and that a common destiny awaited us. She reflected that the same soil had been red with the blood of a common ancestry, and

[illegible] courts of [illegible] I went [illegible] elected [illegible] I had [illegible] on [illegible] the [illegible] without counting it, and ran as fast as he could go, [illegible] as a timid animal that the Parkmans had [illegible] He would go with him to Cambridge the discharge's acquittance and Dr. Webster said I supposed he did, but I should be sorry to see the Register of Deeds to-day, he said this was the first he had known of it; he had read it in the Transcript; he said he was engaged to meet an unknown gentleman, and he had come to see about it; he had been to see Dr. Parkman's brother in the State street bank; Dr. Webster spoke to him of his child while in the room with his head up; he did not do so then, but looked down, and appeared confused and agitated; I never saw him look so before; he looked thoughtful and pale. I can't say which way he was at, but think it was towards Cambridge, on Hobby Lewis's road; just after his room in, make up the fire; the first I knew of the being in the college, my wife told me that she told me that Dr. Samuel Parkman had been to see Dr. Webster; I asked how he got in, seeing it at all the doors were locked; I went up the laboratory stairs and, say Dr. Samuel Parkman and Dr. Webster in the back room; they were talking about old Dr. Parkman. I over heard their conversation about some money. There is nothing particular in the balance of the evidence.

Littlefield's cross-examination was about to begin when the Court adjourned.

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