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DEMOCRATIC WHIG STATE TICKET

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Of Bucks County.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,
HENRY W. SNYDER,
Of Union County.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL,
JOSEPH HENDERSON,
Of Washington County.

Antimasonic and Whig Nominations for Allegheny County.

FOR THIRTY SECOND CONGRESS,
THOMAS M. HOWE,
OF ALLEGHENY.

FOR SECOND SESSION, THIRTY FIRST CONGRESS,
HARMAR DENNY,
OF PITTSBURGH.

FOR SENATE,
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MORGAN ROBERTSON, Pittsburgh.
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EDENEZER BOYLES, North Fayette.

FOR AUDITOR,
WM. PLYNN, Lower St. Clair.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR,
D. N. COURTNEY, Ohio.

SARATOGA REGULATIONS.—It is now beyond question that the Cholera now prevails in this city to some extent. Is it not high time that some energetic measures were taken to purify the city, and to obtain accurate reports of the extent of the malady. Most extravagant reports are abroad, which are of more injury to the public than the truth.—Let us, then, have a Board of Health, and regular daily reports, until all danger is overpast.

CONTINUATION OF OUR GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD.—A correspondent gives us some cheering information in relation to the progress of our Great Western Railroad through Ohio and Indiana. It will soon, also, be in progress through Illinois. The preliminary survey of the route for the Terre Haute and Alton Railroad was commenced at Alton on the 5th inst. The principal difficulty, it was thought, he would have to encounter, was at the Bluffs, in the vicinity of Wood river, near Milton. We learn that this has been avoided—Mr. Crocker having found a way to the table land in all respects satisfactory, both as to the grade, and the line of the road. He is now in the neighborhood of Bunker Hill, and progressing rapidly towards the Wabash. Mr. C. has a strong party, and is expected to complete his work within fifty days.

An Explanation.

Opinions and remarks are frequently made in our telegraphic despatches, to which we dissent. Of this character are the comments in the despatches of this day's paper, in relation to Mr. Pearce, and the defeat of the Compromise bill.—

We have no doubt, as we understand the case, that Mr. Pearce will be fully sustained by the people. How these comments originate, we do not know, but suppose them to be deduced by the reporter for the press, in Philadelphia, from despatches received from Washington, from persons of a peculiar cast of opinion. The authority should be given, or the comments left out. This is one of the defects alluded to in another article which we hope time will remedy.

Ohio and Indiana Railroad.

Although we have already directed the attention of our readers to this now, and, to us, very interesting railroad project, yet its importance to this city calls for another, and more definite and particular notice.

At the last session of the legislature of Ohio, the Ohio and Indiana Railroad Company was chartered, to construct a railroad from the western terminus of the Ohio and Pennsylvania railroad, to Fort Wayne in Indiana, a distance of about one hundred and forty one miles. This road will form part of the great north western line, from Pittsburgh to Chicago. The company is organized, and Crawford county has subscribed one hundred thousand dollars to the stock. Another county on the line has voted to subscribe an equal amount.

Jesse R. Straughan, Esq., has been chosen the Chief Engineer of the company, and he has already located the road from Crestline to Bucyrus. It is expected that sufficient means will shortly be provided to grade and bridge sixty miles of the line. The country is remarkably favorable for the construction of a good railroad, and the flourishing town of Fort Wayne is a most important point to reach.

Evidences of the foresight of those who planned the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad are constantly accumulating. Our western railroad, from Pittsburgh to Crestline, will be a grand trunk line, 185 miles long, from which will extend two vast arms, one leading to Indianapolis, Terre Haute, and Saint Louis; the other to Fort Wayne, Chicago, and Galena.

The trade of the north western States, which is growing with unexampled rapidity, will be a new trade to Pennsylvania, and our western railroad will be its shortest route to Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and New York.

Our Telegraph Arrangements.

Some little controversy has taken place between two of our city papers in relation to the present Telegraphic arrangements of the press. Without wishing or designing to take any part in the controversy, we deem it but fair and right for us to say, that we consider the present Telegraphic arrangements, imperfect as they are in some things, the very best the western press has ever enjoyed, and decidedly superior to the arrangements which it ever superseded.

We have been conversant with the business of telegraphing, as connected with the press, from the beginning, and are fully aware of the great difficulties to be overcome, and know, therefore, how to appreciate the advantages which the present arrangement confers upon the press. The present plan, we are decided in believing to be the only one fair and just to the press at large, placing all on an equal footing, and preventing the operation which might result from a private monopoly. The imperfections still apparent, are the result of difficulties almost inherent in the telegraphic system, and which time, and experience, and patience may finally overcome.

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RISE IN THE RIVER.—The late refreshing showers, which have been very heavy, have caused quite a rise in our rivers, which will give us, what is rather unusual, a season of excellent navigation in Mid Summer. We have not had very low waters as yet, and probably will not this season.—Travellers will find no want of the commodious steam boats, leaving our wharves daily, for points below, and carrying passengers at extremely low prices.

ALLEGHENY.—Our Allegheny friends will find the proceedings of the Councils of that flourishing city, in another column, more than usually interesting.

We are indebted to Hon. Jas. Cooper for public documents.

The New York Herald, says that the fine packet ship Ticonderoga, of 1,000 tons burthen, from Liverpool for New York, is ashore at Pachaque, 10 miles east of Fire Island Light. The T had 64 passengers all of whom, it is supposed, will be got off in safety.—The had also a general cargo of dry goods and iron.—Six of the passengers, with the first mate, had with great difficulty landed on the beach, from one of the ship's boats, in accomplishing which the mate was severely injured, having been knocked senseless by a blow on the head from one of the spars of the boat.

For the Pittsburgh Gazette.

MR. WHITE—It is vain, as well as wrong, to conceal the melancholy fact that the Cholera, in a very malignant form, broods over certain sections of our city—but very few cases of cure being recorded among those who have been attacked by the disease, so far as I have been able to learn.—I am no alarmist—but it is *seen*—it is *felt*, throughout the whole community, that cholera atmosphere and its influences are abroad—and how dreadful must be the mortality, should it become epidemic! This being the state of the case, the inquiry naturally arises, what have the public authorities done? What are they doing to avert so awful a calamity? So far as my information and observation go—nothing—absolutely nothing!

In my humble opinion, a great weight of responsibility rests upon the public authorities at this time—the lives of thousands of valuable citizens may be sacrificed by the neglect of proper sanitary regulations. The disease is upon us—time is precious—life and health are precious—then let those who regard their own lives and health—or the lives of those who have invested them with the administration of public affairs, act promptly and efficiently in the premises.

S.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

State and National Law School.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, July 28, 1850.

MESSRS. EDITORS—As a member of the Bar, I feel inclined to give you a brief description of an Institution that has been established by the Legislature of New York, the "State and National Law School" located in Ballston Spa, Saratoga county. It has long been felt that the legal student, in his efforts to qualify himself for his profession, is exceedingly embarrassed for want of adequate aids and facilities. Even in the acquisition of legal knowledge he is confined to the dull process of unassisted solitary reading, a method by which we should not think it possible for our youth to make any desirable advances even in the study of grammar and geography. But this is by no means the worst of his case. In the great *art* of his profession—in the prosecution of suits and trial of causes in which the ability to deliver a forcible argument, an easy, fluent, impressive, extemporaneous address, is the great power to be gained, the great desideratum he receives not a word of instruction—he makes probably not a solitary effort until he is actually admitted and offers himself to the public as a master, ready as such, to do what he has never attempted in his life. And why should not this art, like all others, be acquired before it is publicly assumed? Without it, no desirable success can be gained. And why should it be left untouched till the profession is entered, when, in any other, such a course would be deemed ridiculously absurd? The Painter, who after having merely studied the rules of drafting, shading, and perspective, and without ever having touched a brush to canvass, should present his claims to public confidence and patronage as a master, would be regarded as a silly pretender. And it is this total neglect of previous training that has caused that singular anomaly in the legal profession—singular as compared with other pursuits—viz, the fact that not more than ten in every hundred members of the Bar are accustomed to conduct, before our Courts, the trial and argument even of their own causes, to do which the chief power and glory of the profession consists. And to increase his difficulties, after the profession is entered, an array of learned Judges, of a host of experienced Lawyers, as opposing Counsel or ridiculing and taking advantage of his blunders, and an anxious Client trembling at his inexperience, and cursing his mistakes, are embarrassments which but here and there a novice has the nerve to encounter, and against which fewer still possess the indomitable energy and determination to persevere in the formation of a mighty and difficult habit like that of correct and forcible offhand speaking.

Now, to remove all these embarrassments by making the student familiar with the whole routine of the legal practice, and the great art of extemporaneous oratory, and thus giving him a bona basis of experience on which to start in his profession, is the object of the "State and National Law School." Its plan is essentially new, and embraces, besides critical, elaborate, daily recitations, a complete system of Courts, with Judges, (Professors,) Sheriffs, Clerks, Jurors, Witnesses, &c., in which the pupil is constantly engaged in the trial and argument of causes, and all the business details of the profession. It also has a department devoted exclusively to extempore speaking, comprising drill speeches, historical and legal debates, congressional discussions, &c., in all of which a competent Professor is present to criticise and apply the rules of Rhetoric and Elocution, and all the arts and embellishments of a finished oratory. The views and explanations thus presented, I have drawn principally from the Circular of the Institution, which presents a powerful argument in favor of a radical reform in the preparatory department of the legal profession, and which I am informed will be sent to any who may direct a request to that effect to the President, the Hon. J. W. Fowler. In visiting the school, I was delighted with its plan and operations, and the very important advantages it affords to the aspirants of a profession which, while it has been more neglected, is by far more intimately connected than any with the clearest interests and highest welfare of our great and happy country. As a member of the Bar, in your behalf and when at home a constant reader of your excellent journal, I felt inclined to trouble you with this brief communication, on a subject which I deem to be of great public interest. You will please pardon the liberty I have taken, and believe me to be

Your obedient servant,

X.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

The Great Western Rail Road.

MARION, OHIO, July 29, 1850.

MESSRS WHITE & CO—It will gratify you, and all the friends of the "Backbone Rail Way," to learn that the negociations of Mr. Godman, President of the *Bellefontaine and Indiana Rail Road* for the sale of $11,000 of the rail road bonds of Shelby county, have proved successful. The Bonds were sold in the city of New York, upon more favorable terms than the company had anticipated—even more advantageously than those of Marion county which Mr. G. had previously disposed of.

This is good, on two accounts—one, as showing to the confidence which eastern capitalists entertain in the entire success of the great enterprise destined to connect the Atlantic and Mississippi, through Pittsburgh; the other, as enabling this company, having in hand one of its important links, to prosecute their work vigorously to completion.

The good crops, to which, in a former letter, I referred, in *anticipation*, have been amply *realized* throughout this region of country, and this happy result has inspired fresh energy into all classes of our people.

At one period, there were serious apprehensions that the crops would fail, and thus cripple the means of the rail road stockholders, many of whom are farmers and merchants. But now the despondency thus created has vanished, and given place to new life, cheerfulness, and activity.

Our people notice with great satisfaction that Gen. Robinson and S. W. Roberts, Esq., the indefatigable President and Chief Engineer of our Ohio and Pennsylvania," or he it is familiarly termed in the west, your "Pittsburgh" Rail Road, have completed contracts for 11,000 tons of heavy T Rail for that road, to be delivered this season—sufficient to lay the road as far west as Massillon; and observe with much gratification the cheering accounts of the progress of the road on that line, which gives them their eastern connection with Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. May speedy success attend all your efforts in behalf of this vast public improvement!

You will have noticed, like wise, that our vigilant neighbors in Indiana, working eastward from Indianapolis, are pushing their road forward with great rapidity. They will open 34 miles this way from Indianapolis this year. At the same time, they are energetically prosecuting the grading on the remainder of the line, extending to Ohio, and the route from Indianapolis to the Wabash River. In two years from this fall, we must have the iron horse running from Pittsburgh to Terre Haute—and *par consequence*, from Philadelphia. Nothing but difficulties almost inherent in the telegraphic system, and which time, and experience, and patience may finally overcome.

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For the Pittsburgh Gazette.

MR. EDITOR—I notice several deaths by cholera announced in your paper, of yesterday.—Would it not be well, in future, to notice the whereabouts of all deaths, reported to have been by this disease? It might lead to some discoveries that would be of importance.

In the year '32 and '33, when the cholera made its appearance here, it was confined mostly to the outskirts of the town, along Sook's Run and Boyd's Hill, above Sixth street, and in what is now the Sixth Ward. Last year, these same districts furnished more cases of cholera than all or any other portion of our city; and now, if I am correctly informed, the disease at this time is mostly confined to these same districts. It may be recollected, also, that the largest amount of cholera last year, in this vicinity, was beyond our city limits, and was confined pretty much along the foot of coal hill, on the opposite side of the Monongahela river, commencing at Temperanceville and extending to the upper end of Birmingham, a distance of about two and a half miles.

One thing is worthy of notice, in these frequent and partial visitations of cholera—it has been mostly confined to locations where the inhabitants use *well* and *spring* water, and that where *hydrant* water was used the disease seldom came. This fact should lead to the inquiry, whether it would not be prudent for all families residing around the city, where hydrant water is not yet extended, to use the Allegheny river water during the prevalence of cholera, even should they be under the necessity of having it hauled to their doors. It may be possible that the quality of water used, may have much to do with rendering one more or less susceptible of an attack from the formidable disease.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, July 30.

THE OMNIBUS.

Another day has come and gone, and still the Omnibus blocks the common highway. I said last night that I hoped, most confidently, that this day would end the struggle. Not only have there expectations been disappointed, but the symptoms point to the waste of several more days of time over this most unlucky, if not unwise and ill considered measure. Your readers will probably be interested in the following notes upon the day's proceedings in Senate, notwithstanding that some of them will have come out on the telegraphic report of them, before these observations will set out upon their journey.

Mr. Dawson introduced a modification of Bradbury's proposition for a joint commission which was instantly seen to be of great importance.—This was a proviso that until the boundary dispute between Texas and the United States, or New Mexico, should be terminated by ag. cement, all that portion of the territory lying east of the Rio Grande, should be excepted from the operation of the territorial government, intended to be erected under this bill. Now this part of New Mexico comprises nearly all its population, and their exclusion from the operation of the act, is almost a complete abandonment of the whole scheme of territorial government, which has formed so distinguished a feature of the compromise plan. Here, then, we have two of its three most provisions virtually repudiated and deserted.—They were, as the bill was originally reported,

1st—The admission of California, with her present boundaries and constitution.

2d—The organization of civil governments for the territories.

3d—The establishment of a definite line of boundary between the State of Texas and New Mexico, and the settlement of the dispute between them by the payment of a sum of money to Texas.

The two last have been formally abandoned, and as to the first, Foote has a proposition pending which contemplates the very same end at last also.

Well, after debate, the amendment of Dawson to Bradbury's amendment was adopted—30 to 29; Mr. Pearce probably voting aye, in the expectations that by fastening Dawson's to Bradbury's, the latter would be smothered. He was egregiously mistaken. Walker said he appeared they could never come to any issue upon the bill, and moved to lay it on the table. His motion was rejected—ayes 28, noes 32; only eight southern Senators voting for the motion, and twenty of them against it.

Then, after further debate, Bradbury's amendment was voted on. If it been lost, the bill would have failed beyond any question, but its success was not an equally decided augury of that of the bill. The amendment was lost—ayes 29, noes 29, but was carried again, by Gen. Shields changing to the affirmative, making the result stand ayes 29, noes 28, and now the Compromise is safe—safe! Ay! Safe!

The Senate seemed to have got past the crisis, with the exception of the division of California. But Mr. Norris interposed with another facetic and ugly question. For the benefit of himself, Gen. Cass, and non intervention in general, he asked a review and reversal of the decision, that the local legislatures should possess an act for or against African slavery. Hereupon arose a great debate, wherein Gen. Cass deprecated and resisted intervention, and earned his electioneering doctrines to such length, as to show their utter absurdity, and set every body smiling at his simplicity, in supposing that any body believed in them beside himself, now that they have served their turn. Jefferson Davis took the floor, in a thundering speech upon Cass, when the Senate, in great alarm, adjourned just in time to avoid a night session.

They will resume the consideration of the bill to morrow, and may get through with it, but that does not seem likely.

The Committee on the Foote and Benton frauds reported this morning, strongly censuring both parties to that disgraceful affair. After a little fuss from Foote and others, the report, with the evidence, was ordered to be printed. It was very long.

The House refused to take up California by the vote of 68 to 95, and went on with the appropriation bills. Two of them were passed, outright, and another, the fortification bill, nearly disposed of. This is very gratifying progress, indeed, and if kept up for a fortnight, will enable us to pass all the necessary supplies within that time.

Mr. Bates arrived to night. He accidentally saw his appointment mentioned in a country paper, and with a proper respect for the President and his colleagues in the Cabinet, immediately started for the capital. He promptly called upon the President, and signified his acceptance of the appointment. It is yet doubtful whether he will enter the War Department or that of the Interior. He is considered peculiarly well qualified for the former, being a man of decided energy, as well as firmness of character, and quite ready to take the responsibility of suppressing treason and violence with the strong hand, if necessary. It is expected of that Mr. Conrad will come into the Cabinet, should Mr. Bates take the Interior.

JUNIUS.

From the Uniontown Democrat of Thursday last

CHOLERA.

On Monday morning last three or four persons were, said to be, attacked with something resembling cholera and before night the worst apprehensions were fully verified as the number had increased to seven or eight cases, five of which had terminated fatally. Two persons died about ten o'clock at night, and the seventh on Tuesday morning. Our physicians pronounced it at once to be the cholera in its most unmitigated form, as it defied the power of medicine—not one surviving who was attacked on that day. The names of those who fell victims were Major John Jones, Elijah Huzzard, Samuel S. Smith, Mrs. Ruth ett, Johnathon West, Jr., a boy named Cropp, and Nancy Webster, a colored girl.

It is somewhat remarkable that this fell destroyer should come thus suddenly upon us. No such case had been introduced, nor had those who fell victims been exposed to a cholera atmosphere away from home. It was no doubt occasioned by the peculiar state of the atmosphere. There had been frequent showers of rain, preceded by excessively hot weather, causing those noxious exhalations which produce disease of the stomach and bowels. That, and imprudence in eating unripe fruit and vegetables, contributed much to produce those melancholy results.

On the first appearance of sickness, our Borough authorities and citizens immediately set to work to counteract and arrest its cause. All the filthy receptacles were cleansed, and lime plentifully scattered on our streets, and such places as were supposed to produce noxious air; and our citizens immediately abstained from eating vegetables, or unwholesome food. Thus, by the blessing of Divine Providence, has had its desired effect.

Nearly all the cases, and all the deaths which have occurred, except one, were confined to one locality—the northwestern part of our village—and mostly confined to Pittsburgh street.

From Tuesday morning up to this writing, (Wednesday noon) no more deaths have occurred, and but two or three cases, and those not virulent. Tranquility and confidence is again restored, and we hope our calamities are at an end.

The recent orders for recruiting in the United States army will raise it from 8870 to 14,650 men.

Ex-President Tyler has been selected by a meeting of citizens of Charles City county, Virginia to accept a nomination for the State Reform Convention—He declines the honor, and "says it makes no difference to him whether he is not looks for public station."

Blessed is he that don't expect nothing, for he shall not be disappointed.

For the Pittsburgh Gazette.

Civil War again prevails in Ecuador. All efforts in Congress to elect a President of the Republic proved unsuccessful, and, at the end of the session, the office fell upon the Vice President, who changed the personnel of the Administration, and conformed his general policy to the views of the Oligarchists. The Liberals soon began to array themselves against the successors of the Vice President, as not warranted by the Constitution. The two unsuccessful candidates for the Presidency put themselves at the head of the garrison of Guayaquil, and openly raised the Administration. The Vice President soon perceiving that public opinion was against him, resigned his trust into the hands of the President of the Senate; but afterwards, a combination was effected with some of the old party leaders, and the Vice President resumed his functions, and earnestly addressed himself to the task of suppressing the revolt. He immediately published an order prohibiting the enlistment of the militia; but in spite of all his efforts, it is highly probable that the revolution will succeed.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY LOAN.—The New York Tribune has the following notice of the affairs of this county. The loan which the Commissioners are endeavoring to effect, and probably have effected before this is to the purpose of redeeming the outstanding scrip

"The county of Allegheny, Pa., is in the market for a small loan, proceeds of which are to be used for paying off a debt of the County.—The loan is to be $100 to $200 per cent. interest, having ten years to run, principal and interest payable at the latter half year—(at of January, each for $1,000, with coupons attached; and shall receive for the same issued in pursuance of an act of the Legislature, approved April 1st, 1850. The County Commissioners are authorized by law to levy an annual tax of ten mills on the $100 of property assessed value, which would yield an annual revenue of $210,000. The present tax is but three and a half mills, yielding a revenue of $81,000, which is sufficient. The County debt of real estate, exclusive of bank stock, is $680,000, and has good debts due her to $444,431 12. The entire debt of the County, including about $50,000 of floating debt, is $97,000. It is believed to be one of the most wealthy inland counties in the United States. This loan presents certainly a most remarkable instance of discrepancy between liabilities and assets, showing a very small amount of the former to be a very large amount of the latter. The loan is being negotiated by Messrs. Winslow, Lanier & Co. the Agents of the County, who have disposed of one half of the Bonds."

The Joking Clergyman.

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On May, 1777, Dr. Byles was arrested, as a tory, and subsequently tried, convicted, and sentenced to confinement, on board a guard ship, and to be sent to England with his family in forty days. The sentence was changed by the board of war, to confinement in his own house. A guard was placed over him. After a time, the sentinel was removed, and afterwards replaced, and again removed, when the Doctor exclaimed that he had been grandson, regarded, and disregarded. He called his sentry his *ab sentee tory*.

On coming one morning, that the sentinel, a simple fellow, was asleep, and seeing Dr. Byles himself, pacing before his own door, with a musket on his shoulder, the neighbors stepped over to inquire the cause.

"You see," said the Doctor "I begged the sentinel to let me go for some milk for my family, but he would not suffer me to stir. I remained the matter with him, and he has gone himself to get for me, on condition that I stepped as I do for half an hour. It is now December night, he called his daughters from their bed, simply to inquire if they lay warm.

He had a small collection of curiosities. Some visitors called one morning; and Mrs. Byles, unwilling to be found at her morning board, and, in the emergency, desiring to hide herself, as the doctor had not let on which, by the ladies expressed a wish to see the Doctor's curiosities which he proceeded to exhibit, and after entertaining them very agreeably for several hours, he told them he had kept the greatest curiosity to the last, and was going to show it unbottled the Mrs. and children.

He had complained of sore throat, and finally, to the selectmen of a quagmire in front of his dwelling.

One morning two of the fathers of the town, after a violent rain, passing with their chaise, became stuck in the bog. As they were striving to extricate themselves and putting in the right and left, [illegible] each for $1,000, issued in pursuance of an act of the Legislature, approved April 1st, 1850. The County Commissioners are authorized by law to levy an annual tax of ten mills on the $100 of property assessed value, which would yield an annual revenue of $210,000. The present tax is but three and a half mills, yielding a revenue of $81,000, which is sufficient. The County debt of real estate, exclusive of bank stock, is $680,000, and has good debts due her to $444,431 12. The entire debt of the County, including about $50,000 of floating debt, is $97,000. It is believed to be one of the most wealthy inland counties in the United States. This loan presents certainly a most remarkable instance of discrepancy between liabilities and assets, showing a very small amount of the former to be a very large amount of the latter. The loan is being negotiated by Messrs. Winslow, Lanier & Co. the Agents of the County, who have disposed of one half of the Bonds."

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On May, 1777, Dr. Byles was arrested, as a tory, and subsequently tried, convicted, and sentenced to confinement, on board a guard ship, and to be sent to England with his family in forty days. The sentence was changed by the board of war, to confinement in his own house. A guard was placed over him. After a time, the sentinel was removed, and afterwards replaced, and again removed, when the Doctor exclaimed that he had been grandson, regarded, and disregarded. He called his sentry his *ab sentee tory*.

On coming one morning, that the sentinel, a simple fellow, was asleep, and seeing Dr. Byles himself, pacing before his own door, with a musket on his shoulder, the neighbors stepped over to inquire the cause.

"You see," said the Doctor "I begged the sentinel to let me go for some milk for my family, but he would not suffer me to stir. I remained the matter with him, and he has gone himself to get for me, on condition that I stepped as I do for half an hour. It is now December night, he called his daughters from their bed, simply to inquire if they lay warm.

He had a small collection of curiosities. Some visitors called one morning; and Mrs. Byles, unwilling to be found at her morning board, and, in the emergency, desiring to hide herself, as the doctor had not let on which, by the ladies expressed a wish to see the Doctor's curiosities which he proceeded to exhibit, and after entertaining them very agreeably for several hours, he told them he had kept the greatest curiosity to the last, and was going to show it unbottled the Mrs. and children.

He had complained of sore throat, and finally, to the selectmen of a quagmire in front of his dwelling.

One morning two of the fathers of the town, after a violent rain, passing with their chaise, became stuck in the bog. As they were striving to extricate themselves and putting in the right and left, [illegible] each for $1,000, issued in pursuance of an act of the Legislature, approved April 1st, 1850. The County Commissioners are authorized by law to levy an annual tax of ten mills on the $100 of property assessed value, which would yield an annual revenue of $210,000. The present tax is but three and a half mills, yielding a revenue of $81,000, which is sufficient. The County debt of real estate, exclusive of bank stock, is $680,000, and has good debts due her to $444,431 12. The entire debt of the County, including about $50,000 of floating debt, is $97,000. It is believed to be one of the most wealthy inland counties in the United States. This loan presents certainly a most remarkable instance of discrepancy between liabilities and assets, showing a very small amount of the former to be a very large amount of the latter. The loan is being negotiated by Messrs. Winslow, Lanier & Co. the Agents of the County, who have disposed of one half of the Bonds."

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Office of Ohio and Penna. R. R. Co. Third st. } PITTSBURGH, June 15, 1850.

THE Stockholders of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Rail Road Company are hereby notified to pay the sixth instalment of five dollars per share, at the office of the Company, as hereafore, on or before the 30th day of June next, and the remaining instalments of $5 per share, on or before the 30th day of each succeeding month, until the whole are paid.

jel0-dtd WM LARIMER, Jr., Treasurer.

BY AUTHORITY.

PUBLIC ACTS

Passed during the First Session of the Thirty First Congress.

[PUBLIC—No. 14.]

AN ACT to provide for recording the conveyances of vessels, and for other purposes:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation or conveyance of any vessel or part of any vessel of the United States, shall be valid against any person other than the grantor or mortgagor, his heirs and devisees, and persons having actual notice thereof, unless such bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance, be recorded in the office of the collector of customs where such vessel is registered or enrolled: *Provided*, That the lien by bottomry on any vessel, created during voyage, by a loan of money or materials necessary to repair or enable such vessel to prosecute a voyage, shall not lose its priority, or be in any way affected by the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the collectors of the customs shall record all such bills of sale, mortgages, hypothecations, or conveyances, and also all certificates for discharging and cancelling any such conveyance, in a book or books to be kept for that purpose, in the order of their reception, noting in said book or books, and also on the bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance, when the same was received, and shall endorse on the bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance, or certificate of discharge, the number of the book and page where recorded; and shall receive for the same issued in pursuance of such act of the Legislature, approved April 1st, 1850. The Treasurer of the Counties of Pittsburgh, Allegheny City, &c., it has a population of over [illegible] shall keep an index of the names of the [illegible] mortgagor, and of the vendee or mortgagee, and shall permit said index and books of records to be inspected, during office hours, under such reasonable regulations as they may establish, and shall, when required, furnish to any person a certificate setting forth the names of the owners of any vessel registered or enrolled, the parts or proportions owned by each, (if inserted in the regis er or enrolment) and also, the material facts of any existing bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or other incumbrance upon such vessel, recorded since the issuing of the last register or enrolment, viz: the date, amount of such incumbrance, and from or to whom, or in whose favor made; the collectors shall receive for each such certificate one dollar.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the collectors of the customs shall furnish certified copies of such records on the receipt of five cents for each bill of sale, mortgage, or other conveyance.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the owner or agent of the owner of any vessel of the United States, applying to a collector of the customs for a register or enrolment of a vessel, shall, in addition to the oath now prescribed by law, set forth in the oath of ownership the part or proportion of such vessel belonging to each owner, and it shall be inserted in the register or enrolment that all bills of sale of vessels recorded shall set forth the part of the vessel owned by each person selling, and the part owned by each person purchasing.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the [illegible] section of the act entitled "An act [illegible] to the several acts regulating the [illegible] charge of seamen, and for the [illegible] of [illegible] around July twentieth, eighteen hundred [illegible] to be so amended, as that all complaints [illegible] ing, to the consul's or commercial agent's office, shall be [illegible] provided, that a vessel is unseaworthy, all be signed by the first, or the second and third officers, and a majority of the crew, before the consul or commercial agent shall be authorized to notice such complaint, or proceed to appoint surveyors as therein provided.

SEC 7. *And be it further enacted*, That any person, not being an owner, who shall on the high seas wilfully, with intent to burn or destroy, set fire to any ship or other vessel, or otherwise attempt the destruction of such ship, or other vessel, being the property of any citizen or citizens of the United States, or procure the same to be done, with intent aforesaid, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall suffer imprisonment to hard labor, for a term not exceeding ten years, nor less than three years, according to the aggravation of the offence.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force from and after the first day of October next ensuing.

Approved, July 29, 1850.

HOWELL COBB,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM R. KING,
President of the Senate pro tempore
MILLARD FILLMORE.

[PUBLIC—No. 15.]

AN ACT to suspend an act entitled "An act for the better organization of the District Court of the United States, within the State of Louisiana," approved the 31 of March, eighte en hundred and forty nine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act for the better organization of the District Court of the United States within the State of Louisiana," approved third of March, eighteen hundred and forty nine, be so amended that it shall be the duty of the Judge of the Western District of said State to hold a term of the court at St. Joseph's, in the parish of Tensas, on the first Monday in December in each year, for the parishes of Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia, and to appoint a Clerk of the Court for that place, and it shall be the duty of the clerk of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Louisiana, to transmit to the clerk of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of said State, all writs, process, records, and papers on file in his office, appertaining to the causes so transferred to the docket of the Western District, together with a transcript of the minutes of the court at St. Joseph's, by himself or deputy, and to perform all the duties of his office for that District court as appertain to the business of the Western District.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That writs of error and appeal shall lie from decisions of the District Court of the Western District of Louisiana, exercising circuit court jurisdiction, to the Supreme Court of the United States in the same manner as from a Circuit Court to the Supreme Court, and under the same regulations.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the parish of Bienville shall form a part of the Western District of Louisiana, and be one of the parishes for which a court is to be held at Shreveport; and that the parish of Caldwell shall be one of the parishes for which a Court is to be held at Monroe; and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, July 29, 1850.

[PUBLIC—No. 16.]

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," approved March second, seventeen hundred and ninety nine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation or conveyance of any vessel or part of any vessel of the United States, shall be valid against any person other than the grantor or mortgagor, his heirs and devisees, and persons having actual notice thereof, unless such bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance, be recorded in the office of the collector of customs where such vessel is registered or enrolled: *Provided*, That the lien by bottomry on any vessel, created during voyage, by a loan of money or materials necessary to repair or enable such vessel to prosecute a voyage, shall not lose its priority, or be in any way affected by the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any person, not being an owner, who shall on the high seas wilfully, with intent to burn or destroy, set fire to any ship or other vessel, or otherwise attempt the destruction of such ship, or other vessel, being the property of any citizen or citizens of the United States, or procure the same to be done, with intent aforesaid,