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GEARY'S VETO.

Read the veto message of Gov. Geary, in another column, by which he slays the metropolitan police bill, an iniquitous monster, passed by the radical legislative ring at Harrisburg, by which the people of Philadelphia were to be divested of their rights and subjected to the control of a corrupt clique.

Bill Brown thinks bitters and gets the "poker." His paper is the thermometer and sure indicator of an attack of these fits, as his issue of that week is full of the "court house ring," which is the snake that invariably gets after him; or late, however, we notice that "Wolfe gets after him too, when he gets the "poker." Poor, poor, Brown.

Look Haven wants to make a city out of itself by swallowing up Pflimington and other little places. If it gets as hungry as Williamport once was, it may want to swallow up the village of Bellefonte. The act to incorporate the city of Look Haven, is before the Legislature.

President Grant, last week, sent the name of his father, Jesse R. Grant, to the Senate for confirmation as Post Master at Covington, Ky. It indicates a great deal of modesty in that son and father, as nothing higher was offered or asked for. Hurrah for the Grants and Dents!

THE RAILROAD MEETINGS.

The meetings held last week and this week, along the line of the L. C. & S. C. RR., commencing at Spruce Creek on 9th inst., and continuing at the different towns along the line from day to day, were generally well attended and successful. These meetings were all ably addressed Hon. Geo. F. Miller, who so plainly laid bare the practicability of our contemplated railroad, its cheapness of construction, its lessening the distance between the east and west, the great trade and travel which would be destined to go over it, its certainty to be profitable and yield a handsome dividend to the stockholders, guaranteed the honest intentions and good faith of the Penn'a RR. in the offer they make our people, or rather, in accepting the offer made by our people, and last, but not least, the incalculable benefit the road would prove to our valley in greatly enhancing the value of real estate, and affording us better markets, all this so clearly demonstrated by Mr. Miller, that no one can longer doubt that we should have the road, that we are able to grade it, that it will be a good investment and enrich our valley and that we will be acting very foolishly against our own interests if we do not at once, now, as the last hour of grace is inviting, proceed and subscribe the means to pay for the grading of the road. This argument in favor of railroads cannot be gainsaid, as no one can point to a railroad in the country, that did not produce all these good effects.

Citizens of Penn and Brush valleys, will you longer hesitate, can you longer remain blind to your own interests, and will you let this last opportunity slip, and only awake to your folly when it is too late? We trust not. Arouse, you of large means and you of small means, and do your duty in aiding this improvement, according to your circumstances. There are not many who are too poor to subscribe one, two and three shares of stock, let these be subscribed; let the richer no longer hesitate, but step forward and subscribe their ten, twenty and forty shares. All stock subscribed by our citizens to grade the road, stands upon same footing and receives the same dividends as the stock owned by the Penn'a RR. for milling and stocking the road. Citizens of Pennsylvania, if you come up to your duty in this matter, inside the next four weeks, then you can rest assured, that in less than twelve months the Penn'a RR. Comp. will have the cars running through your valley.

The citizens of Harris township are alive upon the railroad. The meeting at Donaldsburg, on the 11th, was well attended. Mr. S. H. Stover was chosen President, Dr. C. W. P. Fisher and

Rev. Geo. Secoy; and Joseph Baker, Henry Keller, and John Foster, were elected Vice Presidents. Hon. Geo. F. Miller addressed the meeting, at considerable length upon the railroad question; he was followed by several other gentlemen, when the meeting resolved that another effort be made to obtain subscriptions by again circulating the township. Harris, we are assured will do what is expected of her, and thus far has not stood among the hindmost.

LET THE PEOPLE REJOICE.

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

GENTLEMEN: Having carefully considered Senate bill No. 29, entitled, "An act to provide for the appointment of a Metropolitan Police for the city of Philadelphia," and although actuated by a sincere desire to conform my action in regard thereto to that of the General Assembly, I am constrained to withhold the executive sanction, and proceed to the constitutional duty of giving my reasons for disapproval.

In the first place the title is not in conformity with the eighth section of the Eleventh Article of the Constitution, which declares that "no bill shall be passed by the legislature, containing more than one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in the title." As I read the bill one of its most important features is the election of five police commissioners; and yet this idea is neither clearly expressed, nor even remotely indicated by the title.

Another objection to the bill is that the whole sixteen pages are jumbled together into one section. It is usual and proper to divide bills of such length into sections, each embracing some marked feature, and to have the sections arranged according to some natural order. Although this is only a matter of form, I am aware of no good reason for this departure from usage, and utter disregard of all sound precedent.

Much has been said about the character and inefficiency of the police of Philadelphia; and I am fully persuaded many of them are not such as the good officer of the city demands. But whilst this is an acknowledged evil, and a proper subject for legislative consideration, I more than doubt the wisdom of the remedy proposed by this bill. It is manifest, however, that it is the most important one, and that it contemplates an entire revolution in this branch of the city government.

The constitutional authority of the legislature in a period of profound peace, to create a power such as is contemplated by the "Metropolitan Police Bill" to operate over the whole State, or any part thereof, is a question of great magnitude, and one which, under a republican form of government, deserves serious consideration, as it involves inherent and inalienable rights and other fundamental principles in a government established for the benefit and happiness of the people.

The bill under consideration is fraught with momentous consequences to the citizens of Philadelphia and of the State. And the position that the power can be taken away from so large a portion of the people of Pennsylvania, without their consent, for a period of years, and lodged in the hands of five persons, is to me extraordinary, untenable, and in violation of the spirit, meaning and intent of the first and second sections of the Twelfth Article of the Constitution.

To recognize the right to legislate thus specially for one city is virtually to acknowledge that the legislature has authority to make similar enactments in every other city, borough, village, county and township within the State; and that by the same reasoning Congress possesses like power to legislate for the different States, enact a grand Metropolitan Police Bill, and secure plenary executive, legislative and judicial powers in the hands of a few persons, and thus exclude the masses of the people from all participation in the government of themselves.

I must confess that I am entirely unprepared to sanction any legislation so mischievous in its tendencies, and so anti-republican in its character, and which is calculated to uphold and destroy the clearest principles and privileges of the people, which under the institutions of our well regulated Commonwealth, Justice and the dictates of sound public policy require that the citizens of every political and corporate division, however great or small, should be permitted, as an inherent right of self-government without "official interference" from any quarter, to manage their own local affairs in their own way, through officers selected at the ballot box by themselves.

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the execution of the law, should be submitted to a direct popular vote, and I caused to be printed the people of Philadelphia, should be made an exception to this rule, and be deprived of the right of choosing by their own votes those who shall constitute the commissioners of police, as well as who shall be their mayor, select and common council, or their representatives in the legislature.

It is an elementary axiom, that every government should have some responsible head, and that responsibility should be to the people, the source of all political power.

Heretofore the mayor of Philadelphia has occupied the position of trustee and responsibility. To him the people looked, and had a right to look, for the proper execution of the laws and the preservation of the peace and good order of the city. If he has failed to meet their just expectations, they have their remedy at the ballot box; and it is fair to presume they will avail themselves of it at the first lawful opportunity.

Would it improve the existing condition of things, to divide this responsibility among six commissioners of whom the mayor would be but one? To whom would they be responsible for a proper discharge of duty? Had they to the legislature of the whole State which changes annually. Not to the qualified electors of the city, for they did not elect them and cannot, under the machinery of the bill, choose a majority of their successors for three years, nor a new board for five years.

Divided responsibility in government is a political heresy, and nearly related to anarchy. What kind of an army would that be which had six commanding officers, all of equal rank? And what sort of a State administration would that be emanating from six Governors, all of equal power and authority? And what good could be expected of that police organization which is to be governed by six equal and irresponsible commissioners?

If the people of Philadelphia desire a Metropolitan Police Bill let the commissioners be of their own choosing at the ballot box, let them be of the people, for the people and by the people. To my mind these objections are insuperable, and the bill is therefore returned for further consideration.

From the tone of Gov. Geary's late annual message, the judicial legislation of Pennsylvania, is seeking with corruption, and from the speech of congressman Dawes, of Mass., also a strict radical, the Grant administration can compete with any in corruption. O beautiful radical rule! how it is improving the morals and condition of the country!

It is said that there is a man living in the mountains of North Carolina, no more than forty miles from Greenville, S. C., who has reached the extraordinary age of 143 years. At the time of Braddock's defeat he was 23 years of age, and had a wife and three children. A gentleman at Greenville says that this man, whose name is not given, is of a moderate generation, has always been in moderate circumstances, and has lived upon a plain, coarse vegetable diet; that he has never drunk any liquid but pure spring water, and has said to five many years longer. He enjoys perfect health, possesses all of manhood's attributes, and wants to marry. He has survived seven wives, and, having lived the last one about 60 years ago, he now naturally begins to feel quite lonely.

A HORSE WANTED. The undersigned having a GOOD NEW TWO HORSE WAGON, offers to trade the same on a good horse, not under 16 nor over 8 years old. Apply immediately to Centre Hall, Pa. GEO. HARTPETER.

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