The Daily Post.

MONDAY MORNING:::::::: FEB. 18.

PITTSBURGH, FEB. 6, 1861.

THE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE met at the St. Charles Hotel, and was called to order by James Salisbury, Chairman.

The Chairman stated the object of the meeting to be to make arrangements for calling a County Convention, to elect 21 delegates to represent the County in the State Convention to be held at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, the 21st day of February, 1861.

Mr. J. S. Murray, of South Pittsburgh, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Democracy of the various election districts be requested to meet at the usual places for holding elections on Saturday, February 16, 1861, to elect delegates to a County Convention to be held at the Court House, on MONDAY, at 10 o'clock, the 18th day of February. The meetings in the townships to be held between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock, P. M., and in the Wards and Boroughs between 5 and 7 o'clock, P. M., four delegates to be elected from each district.

On motion adjourned.

JAMES SALISBURY, *Chairman.*

SAMUEL HARPER, *Secretary.*

THE TONNAGE TAX AND THE SUNBURY & ERIE RAILROAD BILLS PASSED IN THE HOUSE.

On Saturday, the bill repealing the Tonnage tax upon freights passing over the Pennsylvania Railroad, passed the House by a vote of 60 ayes to 38 nays. The bill for the relief of the Sunbury & Erie Railroad also passed the House, on Saturday, by a vote of 72 ayes to 25 nays.

THE NEW TARIFF.

The Republican party have now the decision of the Tariff question in their own hands. If the Morrill Bill does not pass, the Republican party must assume the responsibility of defeating it. The Republican papers of New York are many of them bitterly opposing it, and those of Pennsylvania do not seem to be inclined to give it any very warm support. The New York *Times*, in a recent article, has the following:

"The tariff is not only exceedingly complicated in its details, but is so excessive in its rates as to be in many cases entirely *prohibitory*. Take, for example, the article of steel, of which very little is manufactured in this country. The duty on this has been increased all the way from 54 to 241 per cent., according to the kind of article, as will be seen by the following comparative statement of the duty under the present and proposed tariffs:

Description of Steel	Present duty per ton.	Proposed Duty per ton.	Increase per cent
Best cast and shear steel	$29 16	$56 00	92
Second quality cast & shear steel	25 44	56 00	120
Extra axe temper steel	30 24	56 00	85
Table b'ade steel	30 24	56 00	106
Common hoe and hoop steel	16 20	44 80	176
Round machinery steel	17 64	44 80	154
Best German steel	16 20	56 00	246
Second quality German steel	9 84	56 00	221
Best sheet cast steel	39 25	56 00	64
Hoe and shovel cast steel	28 45	44 80	102
Best quality blister steel	17 64	56 00	218
Second quality blister steel	13 40	44 80	234
Gun saw steel, 1st quality	25 15	70 00	178
Gun saw steel, 2d quality	25 15	56 00	122

Steel is an article of universal use and of absolute necessity. Only a very small amount is manufactured in this country, while the best kind of *cast steel* is hardly produced at all, owing to a want of suitable ores, or the requisite skill in its manufacture. Under such circumstances, till it is demonstrated where our inability lies, an excessive rate of duty should not be imposed. It is certainly a remarkable feature of a system of protection that articles of luxury, such as tea and coffee, which we do not produce, should be free, while one of prime necessity in nearly all the arts and industries of life should be taxed almost to prohibition."

The editors of the *Times* show a singular and inexcusable want of knowledge of the manufacturing interests of this country, when they say that only a small amount is manufactured in this country. In the city of Pittsburgh alone very large amounts of steel are manufactured: some of our large establishments manufacture nothing else: and the product of steel at this point, alone, amounts to millions of dollars annually. We have the skill here, the capital here, the material here; and, already, the manufacture of steel is carried on here to a large extent, and a vast amount of capital is invested therein. We beg that the editors of the *Times* will correct their assertions in accordance with the facts. With the requisite protection, Pittsburgh and its vicinity would be able to supply the country with steel, and of all the qualities which the market requires.

In 1857 the steel mills of Pittsburgh produced 10,850 tons of Blister, Plow, Spring and Cast Steel, of the value of $1,747,850; Axles to the amount of $80,500; and Springs to the amount of $135,000. This amount of product has probably been more than doubled in the last three years, some heavy iron houses having devoted their attention exclusively to making steel since that date. For a single locality these cannot be regarded as small amounts of product, the editors of the *Times* to the contrary notwithstanding.

THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

Our Republican friends in Cincinnati do not seem to have been satisfied with the manner of their reception in Pittsburgh, if we may judge by the tone of an article in the Cincinnati *Commercial*. The reporter says:

The less that is said about the reception in Allegheny City the better. A more perfect fizzle was never witnessed. The pouring rain doubtlessly contributed much to the failure, but a good deal of just censure is nevertheless due to the negligence and rudeness of those appointed to receive the Presidential party.—The suite was hustled about and forced to find their own way in a very discreditable manner. The representatives of the press were likewise exposed to much rudeness by a mounted blackguard wearing regimentals and the epaulettes of a staff officer, who purposely threatened them with the hoofs of his prancing nag. The turn out in this place was very large in spite of the rain and the late hour of the President's arrival. The Monongahela House has been crammed all the evening with a mass of males and females impatient to see and hear Old Abe, but owing to his great fatigue he did not gratify them any farther than to thank them briefly and pleasantly for the ovation, and promise a speech for to-morrow morning.

Now the reporter aforesaid is all wrong. The Pittsburgh Committee had made every preparation to receive the President elect, and his reception, barring the rain, was a very satisfactory one. Gen. Negley, the officer referred to, as we presume, is a gentleman and remarkable for his courtesy, and as an officer has no superior in the staff. The reporter of the *Commercial* must have had a tough beefsteak on his stomach, for nothing except a bad digestion could have induced such a remark as that given above.

The military under Gen. Negley, turned out upon invitation, not under orders. The companies decided by vote whether or not they would turn out. Some did not choose to turn out, but those which did parade did their duty well, and there was no such discourtesy or roughness, and much less blackguardism, as the *Commercial* complains of.

THE ULTIMATUM OF THE PEACE CONGRESS.

Mr. Guthrie's proposition—which is the same as Mr. Crittenden's, but shorn of some of its features objectionable to the Republicans—it is said, will be adopted by the Peace Congress by a decided majority. There will be a minority report from the Committee of the Peace Congress, on the part of ultra Republicans, recommending the calling of a National Convention and the adjournment of the Peace Congress for thirty days.

SPEECH OF GEN. WILL A. STOKES.

At the meeting of the Democracy of old Westmoreland, held at Greensburg, on the 11th inst., to chose delegates to the State Convention, Gen. Will A. Stokes, one of the most thorough representative men, and one of the truest patriots in the State, was called upon to address the assembled masses of the people. Gen. Stokes is a most eloquent orator, a deep thinker and an earnest and untiring friend of the popular institutions of his country. No man in the State has a deeper interest in its welfare: no man is more willing to sacrifice his personal opinions for the general welfare.

His speech at Greensburg has attracted marked attention throughout Western Pennsylvania. It was a great speech, and we exceedingly regret that the crowded state of our paper precludes us from publishing it entire. The following extract will however show the enlarged, liberal and patriotic view of public affairs which this distinguished Pennsylvanian holds and promulgates.

"He said that we had now met not, as in past times, to consider of the policy of the government, but to aid in preserving, if possible, the government itself. It was an unparalelled crisis, in which each citizen was bound by the most awful obligations to forgot party, prejudice and passion—to sacrifice personal predilections, heal past animosities, and engage in the holy cause of the salvation of the country —*all* the country—irrespective of discordant interest, of locality, or of domestic institutions. It was no time for hypocrisy, for irresolution, for denunciation or aggression: it was a time —a single moment, yet vouchsafed us on the very verge of eternal ruin—to determine whether the bonds which had once bound the political family together as a band of brothers should be renewed and strengthened, or whether we should imbrue our hands in fratricidal blood.

It was impossible not to revert to the past, for the experience of the past was the sure safe guide for the action of the future. And of the past, speaking on political questions, it would be impossible to avoid speaking of party politics. But he would do so correctly and prudently, for while he thought that the leaders of the Republican party had much to answer for, he well knew that the vast body of the Pennsylvanians who voted for Mr. Lincoln, were honest in their action. He (Gen. Stokes) saw hundreds of them in the assemblage, and he considered *them* especially, and with candor and respect. Discussion would develope truth, and he knew they had the courage to face the truth, and the patriotism to act on it. Now (said Gen. Stokes) I submit to you whether all our troubles have not been caused by your interference with slavery, but slavery in the States and Pennsylvania. Why then should you meddle with it? We abominate slavery here in 1780—no man in the Southern States say. We have exhausted our powers on the subject, because, being a purely domestic question, our powers are circumscribed by our territorial boundaries. As we were not interfered with, why should we interfere with others?

"It is idle for you to say that you have no power: a right to interfere with it in other States, if, as the same moment, you do not in fact, by denunciation, or by indirect means, by countenance of others, or by encouraging sympathy, or even by giving any sanction to slavery, whether abstract or practical, encouraging societies or persons who are in their aggressive and active hostility to slavery, in such manner as to impair the security of any portion of the people of any of the States. Nay, you screen, countless if you encourage, by your silence and by contrivance, the utterance of sentiments either by tongue, tree utterance of sentiments either by tongue, tree utterance of sentiments either by tongue, tree