



PITTSBURGH SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 6, 1864.

THE PATHER AND SON.

The Pittsburgh Gazette, yesterday, drew a parallel between the character of Major Wiers, now in Liberty Prison, and that officer's father, much to the disparagement of the latter.

Without desiring to dispute the real joy which his modern MARCELLUS feels by being confined in a Southern prison, we are desirous of inquiring to whom does the Gazette allude, as having the Senate of Pennsylvania "at his heels"?

But we presume that the Gazette did not allude to any one, particularly, it merely wished to impress the reader with its own self-sacrificing spirit, which, let us assure it, was and is quite unnecessary.

Every discriminating citizen, knows that the patriots who control that paper would, at any time, much rather be incarcerated in a loathsome Southern jail, than to live upon the vapors of a dungeon, than to luxuriate upon oysters and soft shell crabs, with the Pennsylvania Senators employed to wait upon them.

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WESTERN PENITENTIARY ANNUAL REPORT.

The Report of the Inspectors for 1863, is published, and appears to be a comprehensive and satisfactory document. Some of its developments will probably astonish the unscrupulous journalists who were so busy last summer and fall in circulating false and scandalous rumors about the management and the rebel prisoners, &c.

The Report shows 228 prisoners in confinement on Dec. 31, 1863, 6 died during the year, and 89 were received, and 89 discharged—these are the State Prisoners of course.

The administration of the Prison takes just pride and pleasure in the monetary condition of the Institution. But let them speak for themselves: We have great satisfaction in calling your attention to the financial condition of this Institution. It is now entirely freed from pecuniary liability, has some little cash means, and a fair amount of stock and land.

In taking charge of the Prison, December 6, 1863, I found in much disorder, and the debt to a considerable amount, with the necessity of calling upon the country (comprising the Western district) for \$200,000 to meet the expenses arising out of that year's business.

A succinct account of the reception of the 118 rebel prisoners sent to the Prison by the War Department, the conditions upon which they were taken, and how they were, and are now, treated, is given, from which we make the following extract:

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The Detroit Tribune says: "On Thursday last, it passed through this city by way of the Grand Trunk and Michigan Central roads, that was loaded in Boston, and had come thus far direct by rail over the route of different gauges to Chicago, being its final destination. It is a new invention, by a Mr. Tisdale, and is called a 'rolling apparatus'—that should run on variously-gauged roads. The wheels are so placed upon the axle that they are almost self-adjusting, and when a different gauge is encountered, the wheels slide upon the axle, holding in their places by a groove closely fitting the rails upon the axle. The wheels can be moved laterally by the withdrawal of a couple of pins, widening and connecting the gauge at pleasure, so that, in a peculiar manner, it obviates the passage of the car from the broad to the narrow gauge."

Abolition of the Office of Surveyor General.

The proceedings of the House at Harrisburg, in relation to the attempt (which failed) to abolish the office of Surveyor General: Mr. LITZ offered the following resolution which was read twice.

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be and they are authorized to report to some other department or bureau, and that committee be authorized to report, by bill or otherwise.

On the question, Will the House agree to the resolution? The yeas were 100, and the nays 100. Mr. OLMSTEAD, Mr. Speaker, I do not propose to take up the time of the House with anything like a discussion of this subject.

The abolition of the propriety of the office of the Land office has been discussed by the public for several years; and if gentlemen will take the trouble to examine the report of the Surveyor General, they will see at once that very little is being accomplished for the Commonwealth by that office.

The Surveyor General sends forth in his report that there are several millions of dollars due to the Commonwealth from land not yet patented. Now, I have had the best evidence of it while at home within the last few days, that the very fact of the creation of a new land office, and the fact that the people throughout the Commonwealth who are holding unpatented lands, are holding them in great alarm, and a more business has been done in that office during the last two or three years than for some years previous.

In addition to the Legislature has imposed upon that department the duty of making out in alphabetical order, for every county in the Commonwealth, a list of lands which remain unpatented, or for which fees are due to the State. Every gentleman who has examined that list of lands, which remain unpatented, or for which fees are due to the State, will be struck with the magnitude of the work which is now being done in that office.

The Fenian Brotherhood. Bishop Duggan denounces the Organization. The Fenian Brotherhood, a "society of Irishmen having for its object the creation of a sentiment of unity among their countrymen, with a view of sooner or later reuniting Ireland from English rule," has met with a general opposition from the Catholic clergy. Some time since Rt. Rev. James Duggan, Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago, denounced the Fenian Brotherhood, and as such forbidden Catholics against it, and required priests to refuse absolution to any of their penitents belonging to this society.

The National Convention which met in this city last fall, denied that the association was such a secret one as is so frequently charged by the Catholic clergy. The association was a "hath-bound society, for no oath whatever is required to entitle a man to all the privileges of the order."

With this denial, the arguments by which it was sustained, and the natural stimulus of the national convention, the Fenian Brotherhood, in numbers and influence. A National Fenian Fair was the next step, and soon attracted considerable attention. It prospered again, and the reiteration of the clergy, and Bishop Duggan, on Sunday last, again warned Catholics of the danger of joining the Fenian Brotherhood.

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