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DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATIONS.

FOR SUPREME JUDGE,  
**WILLIAM A. PORTER**  
OF PHILADELPHIA.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER,  
**WESLEY FROST**  
OF FAIRVIEW COUNTY.

THE WEEKLY POST.

Our weekly issue, published this morning, is a super number, containing more matter than any other weekly in the city, and surpassing by none in the west. It consists of twenty-nine columns of clear readable type, and comprises all the latest news, foreign and domestic, political and local. The following comprises a portion of the contents of the paper:

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**TOLLING RAILROADS.**  
The proposition introduced into the New  
York Senate to toll upon the transportation  
over the great east and west lines of rail-  
roads in that State is denounced by the leading  
papers of that State as equally inconsistent  
with sound principles and with wise policy.

The proposed amendment is precisely similar in  
its nature and effect to the Tonnage tax upon  
the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the arguments  
which would apply against the latter would  
apply with equal force against the former.

The New York Evening Post in speaking of the ques-  
tion says:

"A special tax on any one kind of business  
is unjust in itself. A special tax on transpor-  
tation, and indirectly on travel, is the most op-  
pressive—next to a tax on light and knowl-  
edge—which the human wit has ever devised."

"The right of way," said one of the wisest  
statesmen New York ever produced, "is the  
right of the million: the sovereign holds it in  
trust, and can exercise it only for the benefit  
of the State."

For the State of New York, the right of way  
and the right of navigation are the two great  
advantages of this harbor—the Hudson is  
connected, by canal and by railroad, with a  
thousand miles of lake navigation, almost  
as cheap as that of the ocean; these are cir-  
cumstances which make our destiny.

Are we to impose a special tax on transpor-  
tation through that pass? Are we to have  
a discrimination duty on the natural advan-  
tages which constitute the prosperity and  
greatness of the city and State of New York?

The same course of reasoning, *mutatis mu-  
tandis* will apply in favor of the repeal of the  
Tonnage Tax upon the transportation over the  
Pennsylvania Railroad. The object to be  
gained in New York is the repair of the Erie  
Canal—a design similar in its nature to that  
which originated the Pennsylvania Tonnage  
Tax. This is a burden which is not right to  
impose upon the great interests of trade and  
transportation. The Post sums up its argu-  
ment as follows:—If the Erie Canal is to be  
repaired,

1. Let the money to do it be got honestly.  
2. Let its expenditure be strictly confined to  
the object of making the Erie Canal a good  
navigation.

And, above all, let the State preserve its  
private interest in that work, by making it  
work better, and not by making rivals of the  
state owners, and giving rivals out of the state  
an advantage over both, thus practically  
using its sovereignty to divert transport and  
trade from our state and city.

This kind of regard for the interests of  
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have great weight with our legislators, in  
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tions upon the bill now before them, for the  
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**Hunt & Smith.**  
Everybody who can read can find some-  
thing to please their tastes at Hunt & Smith's  
The London Illustrated Times, and News, Har-  
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**REMOVED.**—W. H. Smith & Co., whole-  
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old place of business on Front and Second  
Streets. We are glad to note the increased  
prosperity of this solid firm, occupying as it  
does the front rank of high-toned merchants  
and business men, for of such is the city of  
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The Legislature of Virginia has passed  
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