



CLEARFIELD, PA., JAN. 5, 1859.

PRESIDENT MAKING.

The business of President-making seems to be once more under full headway, and nearly every paper that we see is indulging in speculations and propositions relative to the matter.

The opposition, having for some time had no share in the distribution of the public funds or the bestowal of lucrative offices, are not quite so well supplied with candidates as the other party.

Some unusually cute chap, who signs himself "A True Friend," in a half column communication in the last Republican, says:

"An article appeared in the editorial columns of the Raftsmen's Journal of the 1st instant, (Dec.) endorsing an article on the outside of the same paper, styled 'A Gambling Hell,' thus giving the article a double notoriety, and consequently doing a double wrong to the gentleman named."

This great "double wrong" consists in publishing an item to the effect that Senator Pearce, of Maryland, had won \$180,000 at the aforesaid "gambling hell," which is contradicted by Hon. Thos. Corwin. We are glad to learn that Mr. Pearce is "a good man," and second he is no democrat—a being an old line Whig, according to the Republican's correspondent. The latter fact may possibly account for his being "a good man" and no gambler, and we are much obliged to "A True Friend" for correcting the mistake.

The Pension Bill.—This bill as passed by the House of Representatives at Washington gives pensions to all survivors who served for sixty days, or were engaged in actual battle in the war of 1812, or in any war or battle fought by the United States with the Indians previous to, or during the war.

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A new "organ" has been started at Harrisburg. It is called the Sentinel—supports Douglas—and is edited by a Mr. Hinelein, formerly of Camden, New Jersey.

The case of J. K. Krewson, who was removed by the State Superintendent from the Superintendency of Schuylkill county, came up before his Honor Judge Higgins, on Saturday a week. The Judge decided that Mr. Field, the appointee, could not under the circumstances hold the office, and that Mr. Krewson can be the only recognized "County Superintendent."

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

HARRISBURG, JAN. 6, 1859.

To-morrow is the day on which the Legislature convenes, and I see that most of the members are present. I observe that the members from the Clearfield District—Judge Wilcox and Dr. Boyer—are both on hand, looking as "pleasant as a basket of chips," and as accommodating as any one could desire.

The members are much annoyed by the great number of applicants for the various stations. The Speakership is, however, the all-absorbing topic at present. There are three candidates for the Speakership—Wm. C. Lawrence of Dauphin, A. K. McClure of Franklin, and Salmon P. Chase of Susquehanna.

For Chief Clerk there are six applicants—Russell Erret of Pittsburg, J. S. Rhea of Philadelphia, A. W. Benedict of Huntingdon, Judson Holcomb of Bradford, J. W. Moorhead of Indiana and A. L. Hendershotz of Berks.

Just imagine to yourself all of these "button-holing" the members whenever they can, and you can form a faint idea of the annoyance to which they are subjected.

The weather is raw and chilly. There is a little snow on the ground, but not enough to make sleighing. Yours in haste, R.

FILIBUSTERING.—Cuba, Mexico, Nicaragua and even Ireland, are now regarded, as theatres of American filibustering. The Irish alarm, so far as an expectation of men and arms from America is concerned, is very absurd. But men have landed in Nicaragua; the President has recommended a protectorate over part of Mexico, and protection means annexation, and now, even before Spain can consider the proposition to sell her ever faithful island, there is talk of a serious revolutionary movement in Cuba, in which Americans are to take part.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?—Probably the most striking item of intelligence by the last Aspinwall steamer is the announcement that two British frigates had arrived at Greytown, thus adding a hundred or more guns to the British force already there. Lord Malmesbury informs us that Sir Wm. Gore Ouseley is negotiating in Central America simply with a view to put an end to the (British) Mosquito Protectorate, but the naval force at San Juan is so vastly disproportioned to the professed object in view, that it is difficult to avoid suspecting the sincerity of the English Government.

A report was current several days since, that a revolution was impending in Cuba; that a portion of the troops were ready to join the movement; and that the authorities were so frightened that they were courting the assistance of France.

TAIPEI ALMANAC.—We are indebted to the publishers, H. Greeley & Co., for a copy of the Tribune Almanac for 1859, containing a number of interesting political articles, statistical tables, and full election returns of the different States for the year 1858.

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EXTEMPORIZING.—The Episcopal papers are earnestly advocating the practice of preaching extemporaneously. The exclusive use of the manuscript they consider as a great barrier to success, especially with the masses.

INCREASE OF POSTAGE.

The recent action of the Senate, in passing a resolutions looking to further legislation with a view of increasing the rates of postage, finds no favor with the people or the press; and it is to be hoped, says the Delaware County Republican, upon the re-assembling of that body, no effort will be made to urge further action on the subject.

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PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.—A lady by the name of Rachel Miller, living at the home of Daniel Castner, in Carroll township, having been afflicted for some time with an ulcer on her foot, kept from doing a workhouse visit, producing amputation of the leg, was induced to go to Philadelphia in order to have the limb amputated.

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EARTHQUAKE IN CALIFORNIA.

An earthquake of unusual violence was felt in California on the morning of the 20th ultimo. The San Francisco Herald thus describes it:—"At twenty-seven minutes before one o'clock yesterday morning our city was visited by one of the most violent shocks of earthquake that has been experienced since California came into American possession. It was preceded by a deep rumbling noise coming from the north-east, which sounded as if heavily-loaded teams of wagons were being driven furiously through our streets.

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TAKE NOTICE!—TAVERN KEEPERS.

And the public, that Gross & Kunkel, whole sale Grocers, Canal Street Wharf, Harrisburg, have on hand a large lot of Liquors at reduced prices, by the barrel or otherwise, to suit purchasers, consisting of the following:

- New Brand Rum, Old Rye Whiskey, Domestic Brandy, Monongahela Whiskey, Peach Brandy, Lavender Brandy, Scotch Whiskey, &c.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing or in any way meddling with the following property to wit: One yoke of black Oxen and 1 black Mare, as the same belong to me, and is only left with Wm. M. Bloom on loan and is subject to my order alone.

FOR SALE—CHEAP.—A first-rate GOLD WATCH is offered unusually low, as the owner is in want of money. For particulars enquire at the "Journal" office. N. B. Warranted to keep accurate time. January 5, 1859.

WILLIS' PATENT STUMP EXTRACTOR.—The attention of farmers and land owners generally is called to the valuable and powerful machine for the extraction of stumps, pulling down trees, removal of rocks, buildings, &c.

LOOK HERE! LOOK HERE!—The undersigned take this method of informing the public generally that they have entered into a partnership in the Blacksmithing business, and can be found at the shop formerly occupied by Jacob Shankweiler, on Third street, in the borough of Clearfield, where they will be pleased to see their old customers, and as many new ones as can make it convenient, to give them a call.

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