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FROM THE STATE CAPITAL. Correspondence of the 'Raftsmen's Journal.' HARRISBURG, FEBRUARY 4, 1860.

A SPEAKER ELECTED.—After a protracted struggle of more than eight weeks, William Pennington, of New Jersey, was on Wednesday last elected Speaker of the House of Representatives at Washington—within two days of as much time having been consumed as in 1856 when Banks was elected Speaker.

Also, an act supplemental to an act to establish an Academy in Brookville. Also, an act supplemental to an act to incorporate the M'Kean County Railroad Co.

Mr. Pennington was formerly a Whig, was elected by that party Governor and held the position of Chancellor of the State, and is now attached to the People's Party, by whom he was elected to Congress. He is represented as moderate, though firm in his views, possessed of a strong mind, good judgment, and superior business capacity.

There have not been any questions of general interest before either house during the week. Hence there have been no spirited or exciting discussions, with the single exception of one in the Senate relative to a bill introduced by Miller of Washington, intended to stay the collection of all taxes to pay the interest upon the county bonds given to the Hempfield Railroad company.

We congratulate our friends upon this most satisfactory result. It ends the disorder that the Disunion Democrats were keeping up in Congress, and stops the whining of factionists and demagogues outside. It shuts down on the twaddle of Democratic editors, who were charging the Republicans with the non-organization of the House, because they did not vote for Mr. Smith, of N. C., on Friday a week, at which time the Representatives of the great National Democratic party, after some had declared they would not vote for Mr. Smith because he was an American, a member of the 'dark lantern' party, as they but lately called it, got down on their marrow-bones, before the sound of their voices had fairly died away, and changed their votes from Boocock and other Democrats to this same 'bloody Know-Nothing.' Such a humiliating sight was never before witnessed, and we can scarcely fault the Democratic editors for trying to throw the blame of non-organization upon the Republicans, who however did organize the House before the ink on some of their dirty sheets had become entirely dry.

It always has been customary heretofore to proceed to nominate candidates for State officers first and any attempt to change the programme will meet with determined opposition. Such an attempt, as a matter of policy, should not be made, as it will only embitter the main battle.

Mr. Bigelow, of the New York Evening Post, writes from Paris, January 4th, that there will be no European Congress. None of the parties seem ready for it; no results promise to be reached by it, and it will be abandoned or postponed by general consent. The Napoleonic pamphlet against the temporal power of the Pope has had much to do with developing this feeling, and breaking up the meeting. Affairs will drift on, therefore, as for the last few months, everything favoring the strengthening of the Italian people in their independence. Mr. Bigelow believes that Napoleon never was in as much danger as now, of falling by the hand of an assassin. The circle interested to be rid of him is greatly widened by the results of the Italian war, and to political or personal enmity is now added the fanaticism of religion, as represented in the Romish Church, and in the continuance of its supremacy.

It is to be fought upon the ground of appointment of the delegates to the National convention by the members of the State convention. The party opposing this, desire to see the delegates to that Congressional Convention appointed by the people of the several districts. From present appearances the latter sentiment will prevail in the convention. Its victory will be won, however, only after a hardy contested battle.

KILLED.—We learn by a citizen of our town who was at Lock Haven, Clinton county, that Wm. Housler, who is well known here, met with a sudden death in that place one day last week. He had just returned, it seems, from Philadelphia to Lock Haven in company with two other men. The three were out to a late hour at night. When they returned to their hotel, Housler's 'friends' allege that he accidentally fell down the basement steps and was so seriously injured about the head that he died the next day. One of the men left the next morning; the other remained till after the death of his 'friend.' Housler, it is said, had with him two or three hundred dollars that day, but the morning after the accident only a few dollars were found on his person. This circumstance, taken in connection with some others, have given rise to the suspicion that he was foully dealt with.

The trial of Stevens, at Charlestown, Va., was concluded last Saturday. The speeches of counsel were mostly of a political character—Mr. Sennott, counsel for the prisoner, going in to a history of the rise and progress of the Republican party. The Jury was out fifteen minutes, and returned with a verdict of guilty on all the counts. The prisoner was unaffected by the announcement.

THIRTY-SIXTH CONGRESS. Jan. 30.—In the Senate, Mr. Grimes, Rep. Iowa, corrected the statement made the other day by Mr. Toombs, to the effect that Iowa had passed unconstitutional laws. Mr. Brown, Dem., Miss., resolutions relative to the organization of Territories were taken up. Mr. Wilkinson, Rep., Minn., moved an amendment that Territories are the common property of the people; that Congress has power to legislate for the interests of free labor in them; and that a clause be inserted in the bills organizing Territories prohibiting slavery therein.

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS. PREPARED FOR THE 'RAFTSMAN'S JOURNAL.' ARMYSTROCK COUNTY, Pa., Tuesday, January 24th, Elias Deemer and his wife, (colored) while attempting to cross the Kiskiminetus river, near Saltsburg, upon the ice, broke through and were drowned. Another person who was with them narrowly escaped. . . . About ten days ago, Miss Ananda King of Cowanshannock township, whilst going on an errand to a neighbors, accidentally fell in such a position as to break her thigh. She was about 70 years of age. There alone, in her disabled condition, she lay suffering the most excruciating pains for an hour and a half, when a neighbor passing near the spot was attracted by her cries for succor. Not being able to convey her home herself, he placed her in as comfortable a position as possible, and hastened to her friends, who soon came to her relief, conveyed her home, and called in physicians who set the broken limb, and she is now recovering as fast as nature will permit. . . . Several nights since, a man named Stewart who had missed his way on the Worthington road, near Mr. David Beatty's, in North Buffalo township, fell over a high bluff, of over a hundred feet, landing at the edge of the creek. Having sustained bad injuries, none of a serious nature, he hallooed lustily for help, when Mr. Beatty went to his assistance, and had considerable difficulty, owing to the darkness, in finding him. Had he lodged a little further out from the foot of the bluff, he would, in all probability, have been drowned, as he would have got into the deep water of the dam. . . . George Hanes and W. S. Boardman escaped from the Kittanning jail on the night of the 25th January.

INDIANA COUNTY.—A large she-bear, that had for some time been committing depredations in Canoe township, was shot recently by Mr. Sabin. The table of Dr. McMullin in Mechanicsburg, was destroyed by fire, together with a quantity of hay and oats, on Tuesday morning, Jan. 24th. . . . Mrs. Catharine Duncan, wife of John Duncan of Brushyville Tp., died suddenly on the evening of the 24th January, at the house of her son-in-law, James Hazlet, in Montgomery township, whilst on a visit there. She was 63 years of age. . . . On the 7th January, a daughter of Levi Fry, of Cherryhill township, aged 5 years, died of an anomalous disease, and was buried next day in the grave-yard on Adam Helman's farm, in White township. The second night after the funeral, the mother had a remarkable dream about the body being removed from the grave. Becoming distressed and almost distracted, the father, assisted by some neighbors, went before last, and agreed to commit the grave to satisfy the mother that she was right, but to their utter astonishment the presentation of the mother proved to be too true—the child was gone—the grave robbed of its dead. Mr. Fry then went to Indiana borough and made information before Esquire Reed, against Dr. St. Clair, remarking that he would rather have the body to take home to the distressed mother, than to prosecute any man or set of men. The body was not found, but delivered up, but slightly mutilated, and that, it is alleged, simply for the purpose of ascertaining the disease of which the child died.

CHESTER COUNTY.—On the 18th January Mr. Dwigth Coleman was drawing a saw-log to Coleman's log-slide, near Port Allegheeny, M'Kean co., and was passing a small dry beech tree which was leaning against a hemlock, when the log slid around and struck the foot of the beech and knocking it down, it fell on the neck and shoulders of Mr. Coleman, breaking several of the bones. He called a young man who was with him to his assistance, and gave some directions as others came to the spot;—when some one spoke of sending for a doctor he said it was useless to do so, as he had received his death blow. He died within half an hour of the accident. He was a son of the late Dr. Coleman of Port Allegheeny, and was about 35 years of age. He leaves a wife and two children.

FR. 1.—In the Senate, Mr. Hale, Rep., of N. H., moved an inquiry into the expediency of paying the officers of the Army a gross annual instead of a monthly salary. Motion of Mr. Grimes, Rep., of Iowa, marines were included, and the resolution adopted. Mr. Gwin, Dem., of Cal., introduced a bill granting the right of way to a company for a line of telegraph to the Pacific. Mr. Rice, Dem., of Minn., moved instructions to the committee on Territories, to report a bill organizing the Territory of Dacotah. Mr. Greene, Dem., of Cal., gave notice of a motion to lay on the table a bill to amend the act, of Feb. 11, 1857, which of Minnesota was not included in the boundaries of that State annexed to Nebraska. The resolution was laid over. In the House, upon the absence of several Democrats, members of that party sought to delay the vote for Speaker, which it had been agreed upon, was taken promptly on meeting this morning. The Republicans insisted upon the vote, which was after explanations by members, proceeded with, and resulted as follows: For Mr. Pennington, 117; for Mr. McClernand, 85; necessary to a choice, 116. Mr. Pennington was declared elected, and was then sworn in; after which the members took the oath of office in the usual manner and then adjourned.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.—A young man, named Almoner Lyman, son of John Lyman, Esq., of Roulet township, was seriously injured one day week before last by a saw-log rolling upon him, while unloading at a landing on the Allegheny Portage in this county. He is, however, getting better at last accounts.

FR. 2.—In the Senate, Mr. Gwin, Dem., of Cal., gave notice that he would move to take up the Pacific Railroad Bill on Monday next. Mr. Sumner, Rep., of Mass., moved an inquiry into the expediency of abolishing the hospital tax on seamen, and also the system of marine hospitals, which was adopted. Mr. Wigfall, Dem., of Texas, noticed a bill for a Railroad and Telegraph from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Mr. Lane, Dem., of Oregon, moved an inquiry into the expediency of establishing a station on Puget's sound. Adopted. Mr. Davis, Dem., of Miss., offered a series of resolutions relating to the obligations imposed on the States by the Constitution, the rights of the people in the Territories, &c. They were made the special order for 1 P. M. Wednesday next. Mr. Wilson, Rep., of Mass., introduced a bill appropriating a million of dollars to public lands for the benefit of free schools in the District of Columbia. Mr. Foster, Rep., of Conn., moved an inquiry whether the appropriation for the new Post Office at New York is now in force, and whether further legislation is necessary. Adopted. Mr. Brown's resolutions, relative to Territorial Governments, were then taken up, and Mr. Fitch, Dem., of Ind., introduced a bill for the relief of the House was not in session.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. DRIED APPLES—for sale at the Store of Wm. F. Irwin, Market street, Clearfield, Pa. CLEARFIELD RIFLE COMPANY.—You will meet for parade drill, at the Mt. Joy School house in Lawrence township, on Wednesday, Feb. 22d, at 10 o'clock A. M., with your arms and equipments in good order, and ammunition sufficient for 10 rounds. By order of the Captain. S. ALEX. ELLIOT, 1st Serg't.

FR. 3.—The Senate was not in session. After some opposition on the part of the Democrats in the House, Mr. Fenton's, Rep., of N. Y., resolution to notify the Senate of the organization of the House was adopted. Also, a similar motion by Mr. Grow, Rep., of Pa., to notify the President, was carried. Mr. Washburne, Rep., of Ill., gave notice of a bill amending the Steamboat Law, and also a River and Harbor bill. On motion of Mr. Sherman, the House proceeded to the election of Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms. John W. Forney, of Pennsylvania was elected Clerk, and H. A. Hoffman, of Maryland, Sergeant-at-Arms. The Speaker was authorized to appoint the usual Standing Committees. Mr. Covode, Rep., of Pa., gave notice of a bill for the purpose of raising revenue to meet the current expenses of Government, for the prevention of frauds on revenue, and for the protection of iron, coal, and other articles, to which several Democrats objected. Mr. Phelps, Dem., of Mo., introduced a bill, making appropriations for the Post-Office Department, for the last fiscal year and the present year.

PHILIPSBURG AND SUSQUEHANNA TURNPIKE ROAD COMPANY.—Notice is hereby given to the stockholders in this road, that an election will be held at the house of J. Shadman, in Philipsburg, on the 1st Monday of March next, between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock, P. M., to elect Managers for the ensuing year. By order of the Board of Directors, Secretary. Philipsburg, February 8, 1860-p.

THE GREAT TRIBULATION.—He must be a very careless reader of the signs of the times who does not see that we live in a most remarkable period of the world's history. Every day, and on every hand, some great event is turning up, that, in any former age, would have filled the world with wonder. So frequent have these startling events become that they have almost ceased to excite surprise.—It is well, therefore, that there is found at least one sentinel on the watch-tower, who slumbers not or sleeps; who stands always with open eyes, and with becoming fearlessness is ever ready to give the alarm. We refer to Dr. Cumming of London. In that great metropolis of the world he stands and cries, "Behold and see the signs of the coming of the Son of Man." And, and see the beginning of His last work, The Great Tribulation. Dr. Cumming speaks out plainly and tells us that we are suffering the blighting effects of the 7th vial, which began to be poured out in 1848, and will continue to be felt until 1867. He says, too, that some of those who scoffed and sneered at his announcement, when originally made, are beginning to see that it is probably true. Among his converts he numbers Lord Carlisle.—Dr. West, S. C., Telescope.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.—By virtue of an order, issued out of the Orphans' court of Clearfield county, dated the 14th day of January, 1860, there will be offered for sale at Public Auction, on Saturday the 31st day of March, 1860, in the Borough of Curwensville, in said county, all the interest of decedent in that certain tract or parcel of land, late the estate of John S. Curry, deceased, situated in Pike township, said county, and bounded by land of Richard Curry's heirs on the south, by lands of Levi Bloom on the west, by lands of Frederick Bloom on the north, and by lands of Fitch & Boynton on the east, containing about Seventy-five Acres, more or less, having thereon a two story plank house, stable, a young orchard of grafted fruit trees, and water conveyed; with about forty-five acres cleared and in a fair state of cultivation. Sale to commence at 2 o'clock, P. M. TERMS—Cash. WILLIAM A. BLOOM, Adm'r of John S. Curry, dec'd. Feb. 8, 1860.

LETTER FROM HARRISBURG. Correspondence of the 'Raftsmen's Journal.' HARRISBURG, FEBRUARY 4, 1860. DEAR ROW.—Although the Pine county project appears to be abandoned, I am told that a new effort will be made to dismember Clearfield of some of its territory. Some of the residents of Tyrone city, and its immediate vicinity, want a new county, to be called Logan, and the City to be the county seat. A few townships are to be taken off Clearfield, a few of Huntingdon and Centre, one from Cambria, and the remainder from Blair. A very early arrangement—but, sir, that each would fight, and I'll tell you why—it can't be carried out to meet the requirements of the new constitution. There continues quite a sprinkling of military men about the capital—Generals, Colonels, Majors, and Captains. If I am rightly informed they want the militia law of the State modified.

Talking about military affairs, the Report of the Adjutant General has been published, and according to its statements, the military of the State are in a very flourishing condition—barring that they require 22,000 muskets, and the Adjutant General has only about 1,000 of the quota of 1860 to deal out. In filling requisitions for arms, this officer has shown a particularity which has made him not a few enemies. He talks feelingly of the small salary received by the Adjutant General, but I doubt whether the present Legislature will increase it. Quite a number of College Presidents have visited the Capitol this week, and on Wednesday held a meeting, the object of which transpired in the Senate yesterday, where a petition was presented from them praying for an annual appropriation to the Colleges of this Commonwealth. This is as cool as a Polar sea iceberg. Colleges are only supposed to be reached by those who are able to stand the charges. An appropriation, therefore, would virtually be taking from the poor and giving to the rich. A supplement to the law prohibiting the passing of small notes of other States has been introduced in the Senate, and I consider it altogether a good thing. It requires that all dealers who take out license to make oath before the Treasurer of the county not to take or pass any note of a less denomination than five dollars. This is the law in Virginia, where it is said to work well. Certainly the law in this State as it now stands, is a dead letter.

THE Head of the Susquehanna Shear Boom is now opposite Samuel Carothers' house, a distance of about eighty rods below the Railroad Bridge at Lynden. AMBROTYPES.—The undersigned has opened out an Ambrotypic Gallery up-stairs in Shaw's row, where he will be pleased to take Likenesses for all who may favor him with a call, on short notice and reasonable terms. February 1, 1860-4t. CHARLES HOLES.

SOMETHING NEW IN THE PEACE. FULLY ILLUSTRATED.—The undersigned having entered into partnership in the Foundry Business, under the name and style of Robison & Denmark, respectfully announce to the public that they have constantly on hand or will make to order, Stoves, Plows, and other Castings commonly used in the country, which they will sell at the lowest rates for cash, or exchange on the most advantageous terms for old metal, or approved country produce. JACKSON ROBISON, D. J. DENMARK. February 1, 1860.

LEGAL NOTICE.—In the matter of the Estate of Abram Hess, deceased, late of Boggs township, Clearfield county, Pa., application being made to the Orphans' court of Clearfield county, at January term 1860, to wit: on the 16th day of January, 1860, the Court appointed the undersigned an Auditor to ascertain the respective shares of the estate, and the said Auditor has notice that all persons interested will be present at a public sale of the estate, to be held on Friday the 9th day of March next, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the office of Larimer & Test, in the Borough of Clearfield, to hear the claimants and execute the duties of his office. There is an orchard of large grafted trees, and a young orchard on place, all choice fruit. It is convenient for pasturing droves. ALSO, one containing 90 acres—10 cleared and under fence—balance well timbered. The house and stable thereon. For terms apply to J. H. LARRIMER, Aud. Feb. 1, 1860-4t.

BIBLES.—The Bible Society of Clearfield co., Pa., hereby gives notice that their books, namely, Bibles and Testaments, are deposited in the office of James Wrigley, Register and Recorder at Clearfield. The books are of various sizes and adapted to supply either private individuals or Sunday Schools. Every cheap rate. Very substantial Bibles can be had as low as 25 cents apiece, and Testaments as low as 6 cents apiece. The people of the county generally are also invited to leave with Mr. Wrigley any donation they may be pleased to make towards the funds of the Society. Signed by order of the Executive Committee. ALEX. McLEOD, President.

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JOSHUA S. JOHNSON, CABINET MAKER.—The undersigned has opened up a shop a few doors east of the Old Jew Store, on Market street, to make and repair all kinds of CABINET WORK, at his shop, and that he manufactures to order, (of superior finish,) every description of Household and Kitchen furniture, among which are Centre, and Dining Tables; Mahogany and Common Bureaus; Common and Fancy Bedsteads; Stands, Stairs, Cupboards, Sofas, Lounges, &c., which he is determined to dispose of at as cheap rates as any other establishment in the sort in the county. Persons wishing to buy furniture are invited to come to his shop and examine his articles, and judge for themselves of its quality and price. He is also determined to furnish, as he feels confident that he can suit them in price and quality. Country produce will be taken in payment for furniture. November 10, 1859. N. B. He is prepared to make COFFEENS to order on the shortest notice. He attends to families with a hearse, when called upon. J. S. J.

NEW FIRM AND NEW GOODS.—The undersigned, having become sole owner of the store of Eliza Irwin & Sons, in Curwensville, Pa., would respectfully inform the public, and the old customers of the establishment, that he has just received from the East a large and extensive assortment of SPRING SUMMER GOODS, which he will dispose of at the lowest prices. He desires to call particular attention to the great variety of LADIES' DRESS GOODS, which have been tried and approved in view to meet the wants of the community. He has also received and Casimeres of the latest styles, and a large stock of Ready-made Clothing, Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes, Ladies' Bonnets of the latest fashion; Hosiery and Herring; Sugar, Tea and Molasses; Hardware, Queensware, &c., all of which he will sell at prices to suit the times. Lumber and country produce of all kinds, taken in exchange for Goods. He invites purchasers to give him a call before supplying themselves elsewhere. JOHN IRWIN. Curwensville, Pa., May 18, 1859.

LATEST NEWS FROM HARPER'S. L. FERRY.—Brown, the leader of the Insurrection, found guilty of Murder and Treason in the First degree.—The above named "insurrection" caused a great deal of uneasiness among the politicians and the political press of this great country, and in fact the majority of the people of all parties, were more or less excited on reading the first account of the insurrection—some of the papers trying to make political capital out of the affair and others making light of the matter. But if it had been an Italian strike for Freedom against their lawful sovereign, led on by Mazzini or Garibaldi, the press of this country, with but one exception, would call meetings and pass resolutions and solicit subscriptions to aid them in their so-called patriotic work; but amidst all this inconsistency there is one man that is not the least interested in the fate of Brown or his companions, and that one is Frank Short of the Short Shoe Shop on Second street, where he will be found at all times ready and willing to wait upon persons calling on him for anything in the Boot, Shoe or Gaiter line. Thankful for past favors he only asks a continuance of the same, and will sell as cheap as for each or hides as any other man in the county. November 9, 1859. FRANK SHORT.

THE imports of dry goods from New York, for the last four weeks, were larger by upwards of one million dollars than the aggregate for any previous January in the history of the trade.