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S. B. ROW, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR. CLEARFIELD, PA., APRIL 25, 1860.

FOR PRESIDENT, GEN. SIMON CAMERON, Subject to the decision of the Chicago Convention for GOVERNOR, HON. ANDREW G. CURTIN.

ABUSE OF COL. CURTIN.

We believe we heretofore briefly alluded to the fact that The Pilot, a Catholic paper printed in Boston, had recently made a vile attack on the Hon. Andrew G. Curtin, our candidate for Governor. It says, "Curtin was a rank, intolerant bigot in politics and religion long before the inauguration of Know Nothingism Sheer, narrow-minded whiggery always marked him."

FAMILY SECRETS. The Covode Investigating Committee at Washington is opening up some rich veins of information, touching the Kansas policy of James Buchanan. It will be remembered that Hon. R. J. Walker, sometime Governor of Kansas, was decapitated by their President's orders while carrying out his instructions from that functionary, as Executive of the Territory.

WASHINGTON, January 12, 1857. My Dear Sir:—I duly received your letter of the 28th ult., on Friday last, and read it to the cabinet then in session. The views which it contained were not calculated to assure us of our success, though we did not despond. Hence you may judge with what satisfaction we received an account of the proceedings of the National Democratic Convention, held at Leocompton on the 3d inst.

THE POINT ON WHICH YOUR OWN SUCCESS DEPENDS IS THE QUESTION OF THE CONSTITUTION TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS; AND BY THE PEOPLE I MEAN, AND HOPE NO DOUBT YOU MEAN, THE ACTUAL BONA FIDE RESIDENTS, WHO HAVE BEEN LONG ENOUGH IN THE TERRITORY TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH ITS FATE. The Legislature determined three months ago the period of residence to entitle individuals to vote for the members of the Convention, and if the Convention should think proper to adopt the same period to entitle individuals to vote for or against the constitution, it appears to me this would be reasonable.

ON THE QUESTION OF SUBMITTING THE CONSTITUTION TO THE BONA FIDE RESIDENTS OF KANSAS, I AM WILLING TO STAND OR FALL. IT IS THE PRINCIPLE OF THE KANSAS-NEBRASKA BILL; THE PRINCIPLE OF POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY, AND THE PRINCIPLE AND FOUNDATION OF ALL POPULAR GOVERNMENT. THE MORE IT IS DISCUSSED THE STRONGER IT WILL BECOME. Should the Convention of Kansas adopt this principle, all will be settled harmoniously, and the blessing of Providence, you will return triumphantly from your arduous, important, and responsible station. The strictures of the Georgia and Mississippi Conventions will then pass away, and be speedily forgotten.

DOINGS IN OILDOM. The Citizen, printed at Franklin, Venango county, Pennsylvania, in its issue of the 12th inst., gives the following account of a visit of the editor to the oil region:—"Wearied by the monotony of 'city life,' on Wednesday last we left our sanctum to see oil and oil wells of Oil creek. Knowing that many of our readers, in common with ourselves are sorely afflicted with the new epidemic, 'the oil fever,' we have concluded to print our 'notes by the way' with a desire to interest our readers, and furnish reliable information to strangers visiting Graseland. Our route at first was along the Allegheny river. The first derrick pointing its posts heavenward, was on the farm of J. P. Hays. The well is only 25 feet deep, yet oil has been found in small quantities. The next on the river is that of Drum & Arnold, near the mouth of Oil creek. These enterprising men have not yet reached the success their energy deserves. The well is now 450 feet deep. It yields salt water of 7 1/2 degrees strength, and some oil, but not enough to satisfy the proprietors. They are still boring, but will soon again test their well by pumping. Across the river, nearly a mile above, is the well of Phillips, Frew & Co. It is 204 feet deep, and yielded during the first 65 hours of pumping 66 barrels of pure oil, 56 of which were shipped to Pittsburg immediately. We timed it carefully on Wednesday last, and found that it yielded at the rate of 28 barrels per day. In the immediate vicinity, Luther, Heald & Co., are sinking two wells, one of which is 100 feet deep. Good surface indications are abundant, and there is no doubt but both will be successful. On the island opposite these, Hilands & Covode (a brother of honest John) are operating. They have experienced some difficulty in getting to the rock, but their prospects warrant a vigorous prosecution of the enterprise.

THURSDAY, April 12th, we commenced to ascend Oil creek. The first well, just begun, is that of Judge Cross, and on the same tract, a few rods above, Wm. Cross's operating. The next well, belonging to Graf & Co., was pumped a few days, and yielded 3 barrels per day, which did not satisfy the proprietors, and they have again commenced boring. It is now 170 feet deep. The company have started another well close by. The McClintock well, reported to be a twelve barrel, is next, but while we were present it was not dug, yielding so much. The cause of the decrease was attributed to the high water. Another well is being bored in the immediate vicinity—down 100 feet with good prospects. On the farm of Buchanan, above these wells, Rouse & Benedict recently struck a rich vein. The oil, after the manner of Artesian wells, rushed up over the conductor, 3 feet above the surface. Over thirty barrels have been dipped from this well. It will be pumped in a few days. H. R. Rouse, Mitchell & S. Q. Brown are operating on the same tract, and have struck oil. The well, which was forced up the conductor in the manner last mentioned. Several barrels had been dipped when we were there, and oil was still flowing over the conductor at intervals. The ground in the vicinity was completely saturated with oil that had run so fast as to prevent the operators from saving it. Two barrels a day are dipped. A large number of men were busily engaged in putting up an engine proper to pump. The firm, satisfied of the richness of the well, are putting up the most substantial buildings, &c., we saw on the creek. No estimate can yet be made of what it will yield. It is beyond doubt one of the very best wells yet found. The company are starting another well. Martin & Co., on the opposite side of the creek, have a well down 56 feet, with some oil. Bell, just above Martin, has also found some oil. Barber & Chase, on the John McClintock farm, have a well down 130 feet. The tools are at hand. They struck oil from it ten gallons per day. The Hibbard well is a few rods above this one. It is 100 feet deep, and yields about 12 barrels per day. The barrels at this and the McClintock well are marked "Titusville, Pa.," although some 11 miles distant—a piece of semi-innocent deception, of which the oil merchants of Titusville ought to be ashamed. Honan & Webber are boring a few rods above the Hibbard well, with good prospects, and near them D. Hays & Co. have bored 150 feet, and have struck oil in paying quantities. They have dipped off several barrels. On the land of John Rynd, Watson & Kier, have a well down 50 feet, and have surface oil. Brooks Rynd is also preparing to bore on Rynd's Run.

There are 4 wells commenced on this stream, and that of Hovas & Co. furnishes some oil. Our former says "up," and we must defer to him for another week. We have ample notes for another article.

READ! READ!—Dr. Jackson, the Reformed Botanic and Indian Physician, who has proved very successful in treatment of chronic diseases, particularly those brought about by use of calomel, (he has no equal perhaps, in treating successfully, affections of the Lungs,) will visit Clearfield, Pa., and can be consulted at the "Mansion House," on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 22nd, 23rd and 24th; at Clearfield, Pa., on Friday, May 25th. The affluents should not fail to see him—and to mark well the time. For further particulars see advertiser's supplement.

A terrible affair happened recently at Shell-bank, Texas. A Mr. Stephenson sold a piece of land to Gen. Bishop, and after the purchaser had made improvements on the land, Stephenson wanted to get it back for the same amount he had paid for it, but his proposition was refused by Bishop. This incensed Stephenson, and accordingly he, with his wife, son and daughter, went to General Bishop's house, where they found young John Bishop in bed. They then proceeded to hold the sick man down while young Stephenson cut him literally to pieces with a knife, killing him almost immediately. While this was going on, Gen. Bishop knocked out the eye of the elder Stephenson with a pistol. The Stephensons were subsequently arrested.

In May the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the North will be held at Buffalo. It will be one of the most important conventions ever held by this large body of Christians. Slavery in the Church, and Lay representation in the conference, will be the topics.

Mr. Asa Warren and his son eight years old, were burned to death in Maine, on the morning of the 2d April. The house and barn were burned with furniture, three horses and a cow. He had saved his wife, daughter and infant, and was trying to save his son.

A Mrs. Stuart, of Knoxville, Iowa, recently gave her little three year old boy an Allen's revolver to amuse him with. The boy, who was loaded, and while handling it, went off, shooting the little fellow directly through the head.

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS. PREPARED FOR THE "RAFTSMAN'S JOURNAL." CAMBERIA COUNTY.—On the 13th inst., Mrs. Hurdman, wife of John Hurdman, residing in Millville Borough, discovered the remains of a female infant in the cess-pool on the premises occupied by a coroner's jury investigated the matter, and rendered a verdict to the effect that Matilda Colbert—a sister of Mrs. Hurdman—was the mother, that it had been born alive, and that it had been placed where found by some person or persons unknown. The girl was arrested and sent to the Ebensburg jail. It is stated that she subsequently admitted that the child was hers, but it was born under circumstances which prevented her from knowing whether it was alive or not. . . . The saw-mill of Frank Hurlinger in the village of Summerville, Croyle township, was carried away by the freshet on Tuesday morning the 10th inst. Loss about \$800. . . . The Ebensburg Democrat, of the 18th, says—Dr. Eberstaller of Carrolltown, and another professor of the "healing art" of the same place, were lodged in Jail on last Saturday evening. It seems that the two physicians on the morning of that day, having nothing else to do, turned their attention to tanglefoot, and soon succeeded in getting gloriously tight. It then occurred to Eberstaller that his wife Mood should be in need of a flogging, and invited his "brothers" to assist him in administering it forthwith. They did not however succeed as well as they expected. Mrs. Eberstaller who is said to be a very respectable lady, made information against the two disciples of Esculapius before a Justice of the Peace, a warrant was issued and they were immediately arrested. They will both doubtless have a "safe deliverance" at June Court, until which their numerous patients must have patience. . . . The Johnston Echo reports the death of Henry Hunter, at that place, from the effects of intemperance. When found, his wife, also drunk, was endeavoring to revive him by pouring liquor down his throat! The poisonous liquor, which was the immediate cause of this beastly demoralization and dreadful death, had been procured in quantities by the unfortunate pair, and the drunken revelry had been kept up for several weeks previous to the day upon which grim death interfered to stop its progress. The room, the bed, and the persons of the unfortunate pair were covered with vermin of the most offensive nature, and presented a scene of horrid degradation.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.—The whereabouts of the ex-Rev. Keisey, who eloped in company with a woman named Minnie Lusk, alias Sarver, from Greensburg last October, have at last been discovered. Mrs. Keisey has lately received a letter from a gentleman in Canada, informing her that Keisey is teaching school in Toronto, Canada West. It is said that shortly after leaving his home he became disgusted with the woman with whom he eloped, and abandoned her. . . . The Johnston Echo reports the death of Henry Hunter, at that place, from the effects of intemperance. When found, his wife, also drunk, was endeavoring to revive him by pouring liquor down his throat! The poisonous liquor, which was the immediate cause of this beastly demoralization and dreadful death, had been procured in quantities by the unfortunate pair, and the drunken revelry had been kept up for several weeks previous to the day upon which grim death interfered to stop its progress. The room, the bed, and the persons of the unfortunate pair were covered with vermin of the most offensive nature, and presented a scene of horrid degradation.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY.—An accident of rather a serious nature occurred at Monticello Furnace, on Thursday afternoon the 12th inst., which resulted in the severe injury of two persons, and death of one engaged at it. The furnace "hung," that is, the surface became baked or solidified, while the fuel below burned out, leaving a vacuum. During the process of smelting this immense mass became detached, and falling suddenly into the molten metal below, caused it to gush out at every opening and crevice. The three workmen being near the furnace, were struck by the falling mass. One of them, named Troutner, died on Saturday from his injuries.

POTTER COUNTY.—A frame house belonging to Wm. H. Metzger, situated near his steam saw mill in Hebron township, was destroyed by fire on the 9th inst. It was occupied by three families—Joseph Lent, John Schmelz, and Wm. V. Cone. Mr. Lent lost everything; Mr. Schmelz saved his furniture and lost his stock of provisions; and Mr. Cone, who had but recently been married and commenced housekeeping, lost all his goods. . . . On the 9th, the fire broke out at Mr. W. B. Gordon, of Coudersport, was destroyed by fire, together with most of his tools and a quantity of lumber. The loss is about \$1000.

CLARION COUNTY.—The grocery store of Mr. Samuel Arner, of Rimersburg, was broken open one night week before last, and about \$50 in cash, and several articles of merchandise taken. . . . Samuel Wilson, Esq., of Strattonville, narrowly escaped drowning in the Clarion river, at the mouth of Mill Creek. The Banner says that a son of Mr. Thos. Jones undertook to ferry Mr. Wilson and four other persons across the river, the staff capsized in the chute and Mr. Wilson and his son went under the skill. All reached shore in a most miraculous manner.

INDIANA COUNTY.—Mr. M. B. Wyncoop, of Rayne township, on the 5th inst., had about eighty pounds of bacon stolen from his smoke-house. About the same time a quantity of oats was also stolen from his granary. . . . The body of Mrs. Isabel S. King, another of the unfortunate persons who were drowned near Salsburg, on the 1st March, was found at Leechburg, a few days since. . . . Mr. Richard Burbanks, of Canoe township, had a child burned to death, some time ago, by its clothes taking fire.

BLAIN COUNTY.—A terrible accident occurred at Sabbath Rest on the 15th April. A young man named John Bush, while in the act of greasing the engine, which blows the Furnace, had his right arm torn off and terribly mangled, by being caught between the crank of the fly wheel and the pitman, making it necessary to amputate the arm near the shoulder. His friends entertain the hope that he will speedily recover.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Advertisements set up with large type or of usual style will be charged double price for space occupied. 1,000 PIECES OF CALICO, of all varieties and patters, just received and for sale low at MOSSOP'S. 50 YOUNG LADIES WANTED, to examine and reduce the large stock of Dress Goods, just received at MOSSOP'S. 50 YOUNG MEN WANTED, to whom constant employment will be given, to buy goods at low prices for cash, at MOSSOP'S. CARPETS! CARPETS!—Ingrain, Rag, and Stair Carpets. Also, Floor Oil Cloth, for sale low at the Corner Store of Wm. IRVIN, ap22 Curwensville, Pa.

NOTICE TO COLLECTORS.—The Commissioners of Clearfield county will be in session at their office in Clearfield Borough, on Monday and Tuesday, May 28th and 29th for the purpose of granting exonerations to collectors of taxes. All interested are notified to attend at that time and place. By order of the Board, Wm. S. BRADLEY, Clk. ap25

SALE OF ASHER COCHRAN'S ESTATE. By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court, granted the 17th day of April, A. D. 1860, I will expose to sale by public vendue or outcry, at the house of William A. Mason in Curwensville, on Saturday the 9th day of June, A. D. 1860, at 10 o'clock a.m., the real estate or land, late the property of Asher Cochran, deceased, in Penn township, containing 57 acres 143 perches, and described as follows:—Commencing at a post by a dead pine, thence North 38 1/2 degrees west 92 perches to a post, thence North 37 degrees west 100 perches to a post, thence North 12 degrees east 49 perches to a post by public road, thence by said road N 73 degrees east 69 perches to a post, thence by John Cochran's land South 17 degrees east to the place of beginning—being the purport set off to Asher Cochran as one of the heirs of Oliphant Cochran, deceased. JOSIAH EVANS, ap25 Adm'r of Asher Cochran, dec'd.

Attention Everybody! MOSSOP HAS JUST OPENED AT HIS CHEAP STORE ON Market Street, Clearfield, Pa., A FRESH ASSORTMENT OF DRY GOODS, BOOTS AND SHOES, And a splendid stock of Men and Boys' CLOTHING, HARDWARE, QUEENSWARE, GROCERIES, &c., &c., All of which will be sold at the Lowest Cash Price. He invites persons to call and examine his stock before purchasing elsewhere. ap25

HOSSETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS. It is a fact that, at some period, every member of the human family is subject to disease or disturbance of the bodily functions; but, with the aid of a good tonic and the attention to plain common sense, they may be able to regulate the system so as to secure permanent health. In order to accomplish this desired object, the true course to pursue is certainly that which will produce a natural state of things at the least hazard to strength and life. For this purpose, Dr. Hosstetter has introduced to this country a preparation bearing his name, which is not a new medicine, but one that has been tried for years, giving satisfaction to all who have used it. The Bitters operate powerfully upon the stomach, bowels, and liver, restoring them to a healthy and vigorous action, and thus, by the simple process of strengthening nature, enable the system to triumph over disease.

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KEEP UP THE EXCITEMENT.—Removals always cause excitement, and since the great excitement about the removal of the Court House has subsided, the community generally have been somewhat lulled upon hearing that Charly Watson had determined to put up stakes and remove to Virginia. But the latest cause of excitement is the fact that I have removed my Saddler Shop from my old stand opposite the Court House to my new shop on Market Street, nearly opposite the jail, where all who may favor me with a call can be supplied with Saddles, Saddle Harness, Double Harness, Tug Harness, Bridles, Collars, Whips, Halters, Housings, Breaches, Saddle Scraps, and in fact every article in the line of Saddling and Harness making. Thankful for the very liberal patronage heretofore bestowed I solicit a continuance of the same and a call from as many new customers as can make it suit. ap29, 30 GEORGE W. RHEEM, P. S. My being connected with the Drug business will not interfere with my shop for I have the Drug Store attended to by careful hands and intend devoting my time exclusively to my regular business. G. W. R.

ON HIS OWN HOOK!—JOHN GUELIICH CABINET MAKER.—The subscriber wishes to inform his old friends and customers, that he is now carrying on the Cabinet Making business, in his own hook, at his old shop on Market Street, nearly opposite the "old Jew Store," where he keeps on hand, and is prepared to manufacture to order, every description of Cabinet-Ware, that may be wanted in this section of country; consisting of Sofas, Lounges, Mahogany and Common Bureaus, Writing and Wash Stands, Centre, Dining and Breakfast Tables; Mahogany and Common Bedsteads; Sewing Stands, &c., &c. He will also repair furniture and chairs, in good style and on very short notice. He has come to the city at reasonable prices, as I intend to sell every thing in my line of business at the cheapest cash rates. Walk in and examine the articles on hand, and judge for yourselves, of the quality and finish. Country produce received in payment. ap29, 1859 JOHN GUELIICH, N. B. Coffins made to order on short notice, and funerals attended with a neat hearse, and appropriate accompaniments, when desired. J. G. ap29

PLASTERING.—The subscriber having located himself in the Borough of Clearfield, would inform the public that he is prepared to do work in the above line, in a neat and ornamental way of any description, in a workmanlike style. Also whitewashing and repairing done in a neat manner, and on reasonable terms. April 7, 1858. EDWIN COOPER.

UNITED STATES HOTEL.—The subscriber, and the public in general, that he has taken the above named house, located at the Railroad, in Harrisburg, Pa. He will endeavor to make this house one of the most desirable stopping places in the State Capital, by accommodating all who may favor him with their custom in the best manner possible. [July 11] BEN. HARTSHORN, Sup't.

FRANKLIN BILLIARD ROOM.—The undersigned informs the public that he has fitted up a Billiard Room, up-stairs in Dr. Loring's Building on Market Street, Clearfield, Pa., for the accommodation of all who may wish to indulge in this delightful and scientific recreation. All the billiard tables are of various sizes and adapted to supply either private individuals or Public Schools at very cheap rates. Very substantial billiard tables can be had as low as 25 cents apiece, and testaments as low as 61 cents apiece. The people of this county generally are also invited to take the latest and best pattern, and all may be pleased to make in aid of the funds of the Society. Signed by order of the Executive Committee. ALEX. McLEOD, President. Clearfield, December 21, 1859.

LOOK HERE! LOOK HERE!—The undersigned take this method of informing the public generally that they have entered into co-partnership in the Blacksmithing business, and will be found at the shop formerly occupied by Jacob Shankweiler, on the 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. Bring on your hoes, your spades, and picks, Your iron chains and iron bolts, and iron nails. Your sleds, your sleighs, your horse and mare, No three-year old, shall then go bare. Your spurs we'll work up then just right, To prunning hocks for every light, Your iron and steel, shall then be wrought, To plough-shares such as Cassius will bought, J. SHUNKWEILER, GEORGE W. ORR, Dec. 6, 1858.

FLEMING HOTEL, (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE GOOD INTENT.) CURWENSVILLE, CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PA.—The subscriber begs leave to inform his old customers and the public generally that he has recently taken the above well-known stand, and that he has entirely refitted and refurnished it in a style adapted to the age and the wants of the entire travelling community. HIS TABLE will always be provided with every luxury the markets and surrounding country will afford. HIS BAR will be supplied with the choicest liquors and STABLES, which are the best and most commodious on the road within a day's travel, will always be in charge of careful and attentive hostlers. In short, every department of his establishment will be supplied with all the comforts and conveniences a weary traveller could desire. WM. A. MASON, Curwensville, June 2, 1858.

CLEARFIELD HOUSE, CORNER OF FIRST AND MARKET STREETS, CLEARFIELD, PA.—The undersigned would respectfully inform his friends and the travelling public in general, that he has taken the above house, (formerly known as the Good Intent,) and that the house has been recently refitted, improved and newly furnished; that extensive stabling has just been completed; and that he is prepared to accommodate all who may give him a call. He is amply provided with everything to render his house a desirable stopping place, and will endeavor to entertain his guests in a manner that cannot fail to give the fullest satisfaction. The house is situated on a pleasant and quiet part of the town, and no expense is spared to be favored to make it one of the best houses in the county. A liberal patronage is respectfully solicited. His bar will be supplied with an assortment of choice liquors. [June 2-58] H. HAYS MORROW.

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