



RIGHT OR WRONG. WHEN RIGHT, TO BE KEPT RIGHT, WHEN WRONG, TO BE SET RIGHT.

EBENSBURG.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The partnership heretofore existing between the firm of Bolsinger & Hutchinson, in the publication of The Alleghanian, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

G. W. N. BOLSINGER, J. TODD HUTCHINSON.

Ebensburg, February 10, 1860.

The Death Penalty.

A few weeks since, in the legislature of New York, a bill was introduced for a change in the law in relation to capital offences. This bill provides that no person, convicted of a capital crime, shall be executed until the expiration of one year from the time of such conviction, and not then, unless the Governor shall issue his warrant directing such execution.

If there is but one black spot upon the escutcheon of our glorious old Commonwealth, its cause may be traced to the fact that our laws still sanction the infliction of capital punishment. We regard this peculiarity in our criminal code as unworthy of our people; unworthy of the age in which we live; unworthy of any Christian community.

The history of Pennsylvania proves that she has done much to bring about enlightened criminal legislation, not only within her own borders, but elsewhere. It was in Pennsylvania that improvements in the penal laws of England first originated.

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MINERAL OIL.—From the accounts in our Western Pennsylvania exchanges, it appears to be a fixed fact that the oil produced in Venango and other counties along the Allegheny river, is destined to become a great and permanent source of wealth.

George D. Prentice, the witty editor of the far-famed Louisville Journal—a paper sufficiently pro-slavery for the latitude of Kentucky—lets off the following spicy article on the rant and threats of Southern extremists about dissolving the Union and refusing to trade with the people of the North.

Our good friend of the Richmond Whig cordially approves the idea of the formation of voluntary associations throughout Virginia and the South, bound together by a common pledge among themselves neither to eat, drink, wear, buy, or use any article manufactured at, or imported from, the North.

Col. A. G. Curtin.

The People's State Convention is rapidly approaching, and the claims of the various aspirants for the gubernatorial nomination are being duly considered, extolled and set forth. Our readers well know that we have long since enlisted under the banner of Col. Andrew Gregg Curtin.

John W. Forney.

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A heart-rending affair came off recently at Mount Vernon. A lady was found weeping bitterly at the ice-house, having mistaken it for Washington's tomb.

Quite a discussion is now going on between numerous Opposition journals, as to the proper mode of selecting delegates to the National Convention; some contending that they should be appointed by the coming State Convention, and others that they should be chosen by the PEOPLE of the several districts.

Letter of Declination of Hon. A. H. Reeder.

The subjoined letter of Hon. A. H. Reeder to Charles Albright, Esq., formerly of this place, but now of Carbon county, we clip from a late number of the Mouch Chunk Gazette.

EASTON, February 6, 1860.

MY DEAR SIR:—Yours is received. I cheerfully give you all I have to say in regard to the gubernatorial nomination. I say now, as I have said from the first suggestion of my name, that I do not desire it, and would decidedly prefer that it should be conferred on some one else.

I nevertheless recognize fully the obligation resting upon every man, to sacrifice personal considerations to any reasonable extent, when called on by his party to become a candidate, for their sake, and not his own and, recognizing this obligation, I would respond to it whenever such a state of circumstances should occur.

Do not infer from this that I am indifferent to the great struggle which is coming, and will soon upheave the political community. I only ask to fight as a private in the ranks.

You are a delegate to the nominating Convention, and I would impress on you the necessity of selecting a standard bearer who is sound upon the two great questions on which our future hangs.

build up, enlighten and dignify labor, is to deepen and strengthen the foundations of self-government, and to increase and extend the blessings of intelligence, good order, well-regulated liberty, national wealth and power.

Intimately, perhaps inseparably connected with this, is the other question, whether American Labor shall be protected through our revenue laws against foreign competition. Pennsylvania demands this protection and ought to have it.

Very Truly Yours, A. H. REEDER.

CHAS. ALBRIGHT, Esq., Mouch Chunk, Pa.

MR. PENNINGTON'S SPEECH.—On being conducted to the chair by Messrs Sherman and Boocock, the newly elected Speaker delivered the following address:

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—I return you my grateful acknowledgments for the distinguished honor you have been pleased to confer upon me in electing me Speaker of this House.

Coming here for the first time at the present session, to be associated with you as a member, no event could have been more unlooked for than that I should have been called upon to preside over your deliberations; and my friends will do me the justice to say that I never desired it.

Again thanking you for your kindness, I now enter upon the discharge of the arduous and complicated duties of that station. (Applause.)

THE TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN, which will take place on the 18th of July of this year, will be a very important one to the scientific world. It will commence in California and terminate on the borders of the Red Sea.

An extraordinary case of a girl concealing her sex for many years has been brought to light at Peitiers, France. Augustine, alias Augustus Bandoin, a young person of 17, was known in the town and neighborhood as an active lad, and had been in place in respectable houses as "old boy."

Read new advertisements. Numerous—candidates for the office of County Superintendent.

Bricks were plenty in town on Tuesday last. They were chiefly in lots.

From statistics published, it is inferred that the income of the Sheriff of New York is at least \$60,000 per year!

The Republicans of Connecticut have nominated William A. Buckingham for Governor, and Julius Catlin for Lieutenant Governor.

Several stingy tax-payers are grumbling about the express charges which the Commissioners had to pay on the last invoice of blanks from Johnston.

A gentleman asked his friend the other day, "How do you like the new minister?" He replied, "First-rate—never meddles with politics or religion."

A bill was finally passed in the House of Representatives, last week, fixing the standard weight of clover-seed at 60 pounds per bushel, instead of as before 64 pounds.

Bitters finds fault with us for spelling Mordical with two i's. Dampfool, however, says our orthography is correct, and insists that there are two eyes in Mordical.

Ex-Gov. Chase, Rep., has been elected to the United States Senate by the Ohio Legislature, in the place of George E. Pugh, Dem., whose term expires this session.

If we may credit our neighbors of the Cambria Tribune—and why not?—our good friend of the Democrat & Sentinel was "smiling" the last time he was in Johnston.

There are some very good citizens on the Loco-Foco Borough Ticket, but our private impression is, that that fact will not save them from an inglorious defeat on Friday next.

It is said to be in contemplation for the Legislature of Massachusetts to invite the Legislatures of Maine, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, to visit Boston on the 22d of February.

There is a couple residing at High Bridge, N. J., whose united weight is 1300 pounds—the husband weighing 700 and the wife 600. They are respectively 45 and 40 years of age, and keep a hotel.

Dampfool assures us that the Commissioners have determined to receive proposals for the transportation of blanks from Johnston to Ebensburg. We presume a bid from the Express Company will be in order.

In some towns they have got to holding what they call "five-cent societies"—being an indirect way of promoting benevolence by connecting it with the pleasures of social intercourse, every comer donating five cents to charity.

At the request of a number of citizens of Blair County, without distinction of Party, Hon. Samuel Calvin has consented to deliver a series of lectures, in Hollidaysburg, on "American Labor and a Home Market."

The right to lay down and operate passenger railroads in the city of New Orleans, has been sold by the city, for thirty years, for the sum of \$130,000. Baltimore, it is said, will receive under the present grant, not less than \$1,000,000 in thirty years, for the same privilege.

The lottery system in Maryland will be broken up by the "new code" adopted by the Legislature. The fact has caused, it is said, general rejoicing in Baltimore. Delaware appears to be the only state which braves public opinion in this matter, and there gambling is encouraged to build churches, though it ruins families and prostrates industry.

The gold coinage of the United States Mint for January, 1860, was \$1,024,563, nearly the whole of which was in double eagles, and nothing less than three dollar pieces. The silver coinage for the month was \$42,000—all in quarters, dimes and half-dimes. The coinage of cents, which is a profitable speculation on the part of the Mint, reached the very large number of 2,400,000.

We have been credibly informed that one of our County Commissioners, in a recent conversation relative to The Alleghanian, called it "a mere ephemeral concern." We have no doubt in the world that the remark was made whilst the Commissioner was in a passion—most likely at a time when his gall had gone up several degrees above Fahrenheit.

We stated two weeks ago that we had understood that The Alleghanian had put in the lowest bid for the County Printing, and called upon the Commissioners to explain why they had awarded the contract to another party. We have not seen our statement denied by anybody, nor have the Commissioners offered any explanation whatever.

A bill has been introduced into the Legislature, having for its object the securing of a better class of men as engineers for locomotives and stationary engines than those generally employed in this vocation. The bill provides for the erection of a Board of Engineers to examine applicants, two of whom shall be practical machinists, and the third a practical locomotive engineer, to be appointed by the Governor, and hold their term of office for three years.

DARING ESCAPE.—A daring escape was made from the Ohio Penitentiary, last week, by a girl named Mary Fuller, who, with a man named Cheeseman, had been committed for counterfeiting. Her term had expired, and Mary's was but half.

Cheeseman served out his time and was discharged on Saturday last. On Sunday night the girl made her escape from the fifth story of the prison, by passing out of her window, and passing along the side of the building upon the cornice. Passing along the building at the immense height of fifty or sixty feet from the ground, with nothing to hold to, and the projection scarcely visible from the ground, she reached, at a distance of about forty feet from her room window, a place where it was necessary for her to jump about twelve feet to the roof of the building. The leap was taken, proved a success, and the dauntless woman next stepped to the corner of the roof of a room which she made of her bedding, from the roof, passed down on the outside of the wall over the windows where other convicts were sleeping, and down to the firm, where at a distance of forty feet below the roof, she alighted in the arms of her confederate in guilt.

PENNSYLVANIA'S ARMY.—The annual report of Adjutant-General Wilson, lately printed at Harrisburg, gives some useful information regarding the militia of the State, with some rather fine writing, showing that the General is as proud of his pen as of his sword. For instance, after speaking of the better comprehension and improved operation of the military law of 1858, the report says:

"An empire like Pennsylvania, strong and powerful in all that constitutes greatness, should always be ready at the tap of the drum, to marshal her forces, strike a decisive blow, when necessary, without delay or procrastination. To secure this, she needs the discipline of the drill-room, the education of the camp, and a ready obedience to the regulations of its organization. We would then have in our midst a powerful army, organized, enrolled and disciplined, collected together in a day, exhibiting a strength not easily broken."

It is evident that if England is really content to learn a lesson from us on military matters (which, by the way, is very gratifying, if true,) she will not be content to learn a lesson in the English language from Gen. Wilson, nor to marshal her resources according to his orthography. We doubt, too, whether England will thank the Adjutant-General of Pennsylvania, by suggesting that a time may come when England's regular army shall "give way and desert her flag."

GIRLS RESCUED FROM AUSTRALIAN SAVAGES.—The Sydney Herald gives an account of the rescue of two European girls from Frazier Island, believed to be the only survivors out of all the passengers wrecked in the Sea Belle. They were rescued from the natives of the Island on the 22d of October—were found sixty miles inland. The Herald says, "the girls appear to be about the respective ages of fifteen and sixteen years; their appearance is heart-rending; their bodies, emaciated from long suffering and exposure to the weather, are covered with a coating of hair, the skin, stained by their tormentors to simulate with their own, has become spotted and wrinkled, as if from old age; the nose has been flattened by force, the limbs distorted, and the vacant stare of idiocy, has left these poor creatures scarcely in appearance human, and although they recognize such things as they must have been in the habit of seeing hourly before they fell into the hands of these natives, their acquaintance with their mother tongue is, as yet, apparently quite gone. Other Europeans are believed to be prisoners of the blacks on Frazier Island."

It is much easier to properly raise a lead than a ladder.