

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5, 1856.

I need not inform you that at last we have a Speaker. The intelligence has gone with lightning speed to the remotest corner of the country, and ere this every body almost who takes an interest in public affairs is aware that Hon. Nathaniel P. Banks, of Massachusetts, is Speaker of the thirty-fourth Congress. He may thank certain "twelfth section" Know Nothings, who professed to be his uncompromising opponents, and who did oppose him through eight long and weary weeks, for his sudden elevation from the "slough of despond" to the Speaker's Chair. The Democrats were resolved not to permit the adoption of the plurality rule so long as it was certain that Mr. Banks would be chosen under its operation, and at the opening of the session on Friday they voted it down. During the day resolutions declaring this and that member duly elected Speaker were offered and voted upon. These were "feelers." Mr. Banks' strength was ascertained to be 102 votes, whilst the resolution declaring Mr. Aiken (dem.) Speaker received 103, Mr. Whitney of New York, one of the "scattering," changing his vote to Mr. A. under the erroneous impression that the change would make an election. The chances appearing to be equal, or slightly in favor of Mr. Aiken, the Democrats yielded to the plurality rule on Saturday and got beaten—Brook and Fuller of Pennsylvania, and Clark and Whitney of New York, whose votes for Mr. Aiken on Friday had influenced the Democrats to consent to the adoption of the plurality rule, throwing away their votes and permitting Mr. Banks to triumph. These gentlemen, from the best light before me, cheated their Anti-Nebraska constituents at home. They have jangled their political account by changing the Democrats in Congress. I should not wonder if they were to ascertain, when the next Congressional election takes place, that they have cheated themselves.

Great interest was manifested by the public in the proceedings of Saturday. The galleries were packed to their utmost capacity and the "closing scene" was quite brilliant. Hundreds of ladies were present, many of them evincing the highest interest in the contest. One was heard to declare that she "would die if Gov. Aiken was not elected," whilst others gave vent to enthusiastic expressions in favor of Mr. Banks. But the feeling both in and out of Congress is really excellent. I don't think the Union will "slide" this year.

Gen. Cullom, of Tennessee, was run through for Clerk yesterday at a killing pace. The office that sought him had no trouble whatever in finding him. It is universally believed he will accept!

Last night the anti-administration members had a caucus—Col. Edie, of Pennsylvania, who appears to be Caucus Crier for that side, having given the necessary notice.—The object was to nominate candidates for the various offices yet to be filled. Morris, of Philadelphia, was nominated for Postmaster; Evans, of this city, for Sergeant-at-Arms; Darling, of New York, for Doorkeeper; and Follet, of Ohio, for Printer. A number of members favorable to the nomination of Nathan Sargent for Printer, withdrew from the caucus.

If you have any "weakly" Lutheran, German Reformed, Unitarian, Congregationalist, "Blue Stocking" or "Hard-shell" Baptist Clergymen in your region, send them here immediately. My reason for making this request is because a strong effort is being made to convert the halls of Congress into a Hospital for weakly Clergymen, and I can find no clause in the Constitution entitling Methodist Clergymen to all the benefits of the institution.

Since the completion of the organization of the House, the spectacle in that end of the Capitol is really humiliating. It is said there are over five hundred applicants for the forty or fifty posts at the disposal of the officers of the House, and I am inclined to think that this is not an over-estimate. The rotunda and the passages leading to and around the hall are crowded to excess, and members and others who have "the privilege of the floor," have to fight their way in and out. Not only are men there endeavoring to get appointments for themselves, but mixed up with the crowd are women, who tell sorrowful tales and beg with tearful eyes for the appointment of their boys as pages. The tears of some of these women is unquestionably genuine, whilst those of others is just as certainly of the crocodile sort. Of the men who are seeking places, many are meritorious, no doubt; but a large number of them live on just such crumbs as they are trying to pick up here, and would feel insulted if asked to go to work. One of the numerous unsuccessful applicants to the anti-administration caucus for a nomination has been here seven months, and he seems to think that, in view of the time and money he has spent, a great wrong is done him by his rejection. I give the caucus credit for throwing him out. After losing seven months, it will do him good to go to work.

Hon. George M. Dallas, our new Minister to England, has been here some days, conferring with the President and Secretary of State, preparatory to his departure for the scene of his mission. Mr. Buchanan will await Mr. Dallas' arrival in London, after which he will proceed to Paris and spend a couple of months on the continent. He may be expected home about the first of May.

There is no concealing the critical nature of our relations with Great Britain, and it is fortunate that Mr. Buchanan, whose management of the Central American question is warmly eulogized by every distinguished statesman now at the National Capital, is to be succeeded by so wise and experienced a diplomatist as Mr. Dallas. Unless a change comes over the spirit of the leading men in both branches of Congress, England will have to abandon her schemes in Central America or fight. The feeling against her is very strong.

Col. French, the Minister appointed by "Walker's government," as it is called, is again here, endeavoring to obtain from our State Department a recognition as Nicaraguan Minister. He may not succeed at present, but I think it certain that our government will eventually have to recognize the Walker government, or suspend diplomatic relations with Nicaragua. The present government of that country is the best it has had for many years, and may be regarded as firmly established. Mr. Wheeler, the United States Minister, gives a good account of it.

The election of Printer "hangs fire" in the House. The public printing is what types call a "fat take," and a number of gentlemen evince considerable anxiety to take it. Mr. Wendell thought he had it all right some days ago, but when a ballot was taken he found it all wrong. The Speaker's Chair was the "south side" of Sebastopol; that is taken.—The Printing is the "north side"—it remains to be seen who will capture it.

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Yesterday the House adjourned over to Monday. This will give the Speaker time to arrange the Committees. HUNTINGDON.

A Night with the Know Nothings; OR, UNCLE JAKE'S EXPERIENCE.

That never was a better dimmicrat than Uncle Jake Rodgers on the yearth, allers attendin barbecues and speechifins every chance, and like the Parson, could give a reason for the faith that was in him—he has allers been looked up to as a sort of oracle in perilous matters, and noes the history of the United States Bank and its orful iniquities, the tariff and its oppressors, the distribution of the public lands and all them measures the old Whigs used to try to fix on the people so hard. In fact, Uncle Jake was a dimmicrat from the top of hed to the sole of his feet, and from one side all thro' to the other, and Aunt Nancy, his wife, was just as rambunctious on the subject as himself, only a little more so.

Now, Mr. Eastman, I don't like to expose Uncle Jake, but the thing is so good, I'll have to tell you all about it. Last Summer thar cum into our settlement a nice young man, sent out, as I larnt, from your place, to make No-Nothings, but he didn't let us all know what he cum for at first.—Howsomever, he linked in quite a lot on 'em, principally Whigs, and I larnt that sum on 'em intended tryin' thar hands on Uncle Jake. Thinks I, old fellers, you'll be barkin' up the rung tree, sartin, but the fust thing, I need they got hold of the old man, treated him, told him that the Dimmicrats was all a jinin' on 'em—that it warn't no Whig trick, nor nuthin' of that sort—that the Pope of "youm" was a cummin' here to use up our Government, to make preests of the boys an' nuns of all the gals—that all the other denominations would have to cave in, an' wear crosses and kiss the Pope's big toe—that the No-Nuthins were going to stop all these evil things—goin' to regenerate the land, and bring things back to the days of General Jackson—that Gov. Jackson's folks war all fur 'em, tooth and toe nail, and what with one thing and another, the fust thing Uncle Jake need he was a reglar ringtailed No-Nothin. They dun the old man at nite, and arter it was all over he started home, an' as he went along his mind was full of misgivings, how could he face the ole 'oman? What would Giral Jackson say if he was alive? How could he meet his old Dimmicrat friends agin' and he suddenly recollected that The Union, (the old watchman on the tower of our political Zion, as he used to call your paper) was opposed to it. All these things begin to work in Uncle Jake's mind, till by the time he got home he was in a powerful swivet.

He found Aunt Nancy a sitting up fur him, an Uncle Jake he never was ashamed to meet afore.

"Well Jake, says she, "what on yearth has kept you out so late to-night?" for Uncle Jake was very regular in his habits.

"W'y Nancy, I been round—attendin a meetin to-nite," says he, quite hesitatin like.

"What kind of a meetin," says she.

"W'y—a sort of party parliamentarian," says he, shiverin all over, fur he was powerful uneasy by this time.

"Well," says she, "if you've been tryin to had these no-nuthins, I aint got no more to say, fur you couldn't be in better business, fur I learn that sum as call themselves dimmicrats, have jined 'em. I don't like 'em no how Jake, fur they don't cum out open an above board, but ar pokin round at nite in alleys and dark places; but I think the Lord you aint wun of 'em, fur no I couldn't live with one on 'em to save my life. But what makes you look so, Jacob? are you sick? Bless my life if you aint got a chill on you, and your hands as cold as ice. What's the matter, Jake?"

"Nuthin much," says Uncle Jake "I don't feel very well to-nite, ole oman, an' I'll go to bed," so sayin he slipt into bed, and the old oman arter him.

Bimeby Uncle Jake, arter tossin and rollin about, gits to sleep, and dremt that all his Dimmicrat friends he used to be with so much wouldn't have nuthin to do with him, and that he couldn't no longer vole his old ticket, for his old friends and his old principles, and he groaned in spirit.

Aunt Nancy waked him up, skeered to death, an Uncle Jake had to out with the hole thing. Aunt Nancy jumped out uv bed and declared she shouldn't stay thar, that a no-nuthin couldn't cum a nigh her. Uncle Jake at last told her of she would forgive him, he'd go early in the mornin and git out of the thing, but she told him no, she couldn't stand him till mornin, and directly Uncle Jake hauls on his close, and went out and got the President and sum more on 'em together, and swore he must git out afore mornin or kill sum body on 'em. They let him out—and when he got loose, he sung, he shout-ed, he danced, and capered like a boy—he run home and like to as squeezed Aunt Nancy to death; she, good old soul, was miltly riled about it an' powerfully distressed, but sealed his pardon with a kiss of forgiveness, an' let by-gones be by-gones.

One man soon arter hinted to Uncle Jake that he heard he was a no nuthin, when he pitched into the feller an' like to a walloped him to death; since that time nobody has ever accused Uncle Jake of being a no nuthin.—Vicksburg Sentinel.

A Picture for the Abolitionists

The capacity of the African race for self-government is forcibly illustrated in the subjoined extract from the Philadelphia Ledger:—"A letter written by a gentleman in Hayti has been recently translated, giving the gloomiest possible description of the social, political, and commercial condition of the inhabitants as fast regressing into African barbarism. A contemporary fortifies the letter by showing the decline in Haytian exports in sugar, coffee, and cotton since 1789, when the island was a French dependency. Some of these statistics we quote. For example, while the export of raw sugar in 1789 was 93,573,000 lbs., in 1850 it had totally ceased. The export of coffee had fallen in the same period from 76,735,219 lbs. to 30,608,343; that of cotton had declined from 76,835,219 lbs. to 664,156; while that of white sugar, which was 47,516,531 lbs. before the island became free, had terminated fifty years ago. In like manner, indigo and tobacco, which had formerly been lucrative products to the Haytian planter, no longer appeared on the list of exports. In short, while the exports of the island as a colony had risen as high as two hundred and five millions of francs; they had been gradually falling since Haytian independence was declared, till they had now sunk as low as three millions and a half."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES Of the County of Huntingdon, from the fifth day of January, 1855, up to the seventh day of January, 1856, including both days.

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditures. Receipts include County tax received from Collectors, Att'y General, Proty, Sh'ff, and witness fees, Constables, advertising spring elections, Grand and Traverse Jurors, Court Crier, Judges, Inspectors, and Clerks of Elections, Assessors Orders, Inquisitions on dead bodies, Road and Bridge views, Damages J. McCahan, David Hawn, Philip Silkknitter, Mary Wilson, R. B. Myton, B. L. Megahan, Valentine Hoover, Eliza Blair, Witnesses fees in the case of Damages claimed by David Blair, Bridge Orders, George Couch for Bridge at Neff's mill, J. Covert for Bridge at Black Log Creek, Repairing bridge at Hawn's, Commissioners, Samuel Wigton in full, Thomas Hamer, Benjamin K. Neff, Jacob Baker, Auditors for 1854, Clerk to Com'rs in full for '54, John Reed, Esq., Attorney to Com'rs in full for '54, Directors of Poor for the year '54, Interest on County Bonds, Executors of Conrad Bacher, William Orison, Esq., William B. Lea, Thomas Fisher, Henry Feokler, County Printing, William Brewster, William Lewis, Africa & Whitaker, John A. Nash, Medical attendance on prisoners in jail, Repairs to Court House and jail, Merchandise for same, Washing for prisoners in jail, Scrubbing and sweeping court house, Blank books, stationary, postage, Treasurer of State Lunatic Asylum, For David Brotherline, For John Madden, Treasurer Hunt. Co. Ag. Society, Ground rent bought for court house lots, Att'y fees to D. Blair, Esq., J. Sewell Stewart, Esq., T. P. Campbell, Esq., Refunding Orders, Sh'f. Greenland for summoning Jurors, conveying persons to Penitentiary, Boarding prisoners, Fuel for court house and jail, T. H. Cremer, Proty's fees, stationery, M. F. Campbell, for same, Lyeomg Insurance Co., Isaac Lyingner, coffin for E. Harker, Wild Cat and Fox Scalps, School tax on unseated lands, Redemption money paid out in '55, Balance due Treasurer at last settlement, Percentage on \$37728.34 at 1 1/2 per cent, Balance in hands of Treasurer at settlement.

Directors of the Poor in account with the County of Huntingdon.

Table showing amounts received on orders of the County Commissioners for the year 1855, By amount paid Jas. G. Lightner in full for the erection of the poor house, amount paid for keeping out door paupers, amount paid for Medical attendance on out door paupers, amount paid Treasurer of Insane Asylum for the keeping of three persons, delivering paupers, stone coal, Merchandise, amount paid for Merchandise in Philadelphia by Samuel Matern, amount paid sundry persons for Merchandise, amount paid sundry persons for provisions, amount paid sundry persons for delivering paupers, amount paid for support of out door paupers, amount paid Dr. J. G. Lightner for Medical attendance at poor house, amount paid Yingling & Co. for Blacksmithing bill, amount paid Maize S. Harrison for tin ware, amount paid J. Junkin for harness, amount paid John H. Lightner for lettering doors, amount paid Jno. Grafius per order, amount paid Directors of the Poor for services, as follows: James Saxton, John Brewster, Samuel Matern, Dr. J. A. Shade, Kenzie L. Green, amount paid John A. Doyle for services as Treasurer, amount paid D. Blair, Esq., for services as attorney, amount paid H. Brewster, Esq. for one ton of plaster and justices fees, Outstanding Debts up to January 1st, 1856, To sundry persons, James Murphy, Stewart, on account of Salary, Proceeds of Farm for the year 1855, 389 bushels wheat, 210 bushels of corn, 20 bushels oats, 22 1/2 bushels rye, 20 bushels winter apples, 22 loads hay, 4 loads corn fodder, 400 heads cabbage, 300 bush. potatoes, 5 bu. beets, 2 barrels sour kroust, 2 barrels pickles and 600 pounds pork, Articles Manufactured by the inmates of the Poor House for the year 1855, 40 dresses, 48 chimises, 75 aprons, 25 sun-bonnets, 100 pair socks, 30 pair stockings, 10 sacks, 10 skirts, 18 night-caps, 12 fine caps, 8 shrouds, 10 pair men's pants, 12 boys' pants, 56 shirts, 14 pair mittens, 6 dozen towels, 150 lbs. hard soap, 400 gals. soft soap, 576 lbs. butter, 20 gals. apple butter, 14 chaff ticks, 287 lbs. candles, 15 bread baskets, 19 axe handles, 2 coal baskets, 4 handle baskets, 3 large baskets, 3 rugs, 1 kroust knife, 24 split brooms, 2 pair shoes, Stock on hands January 1st, 1856, 2 horses, 6 cows, 4 head two-year old cattle, 5 do. one year old, 3 calves, 10 hedd stock hogs, 2 breeding sows, 170 1/2 bush. wheat, 200 lbs. flour, 150 lbs. corn meal, 150 bush. oats, 12 1/2 bush. corn, 200 bushels potatoes, 200 heads cabbage, 3 bush. beets, 4013 lbs. pork, 4585 lbs. beef, 20 cords wood, 15 tons stone coal, 1 two horse wagon, 1 cultivator, 1 windmill, Paupers remaining in the Poor House 1st January, 1856, 27 men between the ages of 27 and 80; 24 women between the ages of 18 and 65, and 6 children, Of the men, 4 were born in Huntingdon county, 12 in the United States, 4 in Germany, 6 in Ireland, and 1 in Austria, Of the women, 13 were born in Huntingdon county, 6 in the United States, 1 in Germany, 1 in Ireland, and 9 in Scotland, Insane, 1 man and 9 women, blind, 3 men, Of the children, 2 are insane, Colored, 1 man, and 1 woman, Average cost for 70 out door paupers for the year, 16 57, Average cost for 57 in door paupers for the year, 76 83 1/2, Average cost for 24 paupers in the Lunatic Hospital, 154 80, We the undersigned Auditors of the County of Huntingdon, do hereby certify that we have examined the orders of the Commissioners and the receipts for the same, for and during the past year, and find a balance due the County of Huntingdon in the hands of the Treasurer of four hundred and seventy four dollars and eighty-six cents, And also that we have examined the account of the Directors of the Poor of said County, and find it as above stated, HENRY BREWSTER, P. MOORE, WILLIAM MOORE, Auditors, ATTEST: HENRY W. MILLER, Clerk to Auditors.

TO IRON MEN.

THE subscriber has recently discovered an ORE BANK which will yield an abundant supply of Iron Ore. This Ore Bank is on a small tract of land, belonging to the subscriber, containing about twenty acres, situated in Walker township, about one mile and three quarters from the station on the Broad Top Railroad near McConnellstown. Specimens of the Ore may be seen in Huntingdon at the ticket office of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad. The subscriber will either sell or lease the above tract of land. JOHN LEE, McConnellstown, Dec. 26, 1855.

Norcross' Rotary Planing Machine.

WANTED—To sell the Rights and Machines for a Rotary Planing, Tonguing and Grooving Machine, for boards and plank, under the Norcross Patent. Also, the attachment of the Moulding Machine, which will work a whole board into mouldings at one operation. The Machine has been tried, and decided in the Supreme Court in Washington, to be no infringement, being superior to Woodworth's Machine. Apply to J. D. DALE, Willow Street above Twelfth, Philadelphia, where the Machine can be seen in operation. January 16th, 1856.—3m.

GEO. GWIN.

WILL sell off his Summer stock of dress goods at reduced prices. August 14, 1855.

List of Outstanding Balances due at settlement with the Auditors for the year 1855.

Table with columns for Year, Townships, Names of Collectors, County Tax, State Tax, Militia Fines. Includes entries for 1840, 1844, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855.

*It appears from receipts on Mr. Conrad's Duplicate that the above amount was paid to Mr. Neff, former Treasurer, and not credited on the Treasurer's book. *The amount outstanding against Mr. Kough, is said to have been collected by Shif. Crownover, and not paid over to the Treasurer. †Since paid in part. ‡Since paid in full. Given under seal of office January 23d, 1856.

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ATTEST.—HENRY W. MILLER, Clerk. Feb. 6, 1856.

HUNTINGDON AND Broad Top R. R.

MAP OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.

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EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters testamentary on the will of John W. Barkstresser, late of Hopewell township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the estate of said deceased, are requested to make payment and those having claims to present them for settlement. JACOB S. BARKSTRESSER, Executor. December, 5th 1855.*

A FARM FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers for sale the farm upon which he now resides, in Henderson township, about three miles from the borough of Huntingdon, containing 210 ACRES, and 112 perches, and allowance, having thereon erected a good frame house, bank barn, and other out buildings. The farm is in a good state of cultivation. Possession will be given on the 1st April next. For further information apply to the subscriber on the premises. SAMUEL SANKEY. January 21, 1856.*4t.

PROPERTY FOR REWT.

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