

STAR AND BANNER.

Gettysburg, January 17, 1832.

Brother Boaz gave in his last Sentinel a notice of the "decided" stand taken by an Anti-Masonic Editor in favor of "Clay and the Constitution"...

"CHOOSE YE THIS DAY!"

The Northern Argus has an address, intended for effect, "to the opposers of anti-masonry in Vermont," in which Mr. Walker says: "It must be obvious that any attempt to keep up the organization of the Clay party will not only end in failure but will be worse than useless..."

Bellevue Falls Intel.

The Morristown N. J. Palladium unfurls the Clay banner, and professes "aversion to the principles of speculative Free-Masonry." The men who disapprove of the use of ardent spirits, and take a morning dram, are much in the same predicament.

What think you of that, brother Boaz?

We congratulate the "friends of the supremacy of the laws," on the favorable prospects of the cause in every part of Pennsylvania. The county meetings are held with admirable spirit.

Of course nothing certain can be said of the anti-masonic candidate for the office of governor, until settled by the State convention. Whoever the man may be, he will receive our support.

THE OPINION OF A DELEGATE TO THE CLAY CONVENTION.

The following is the statement made by one of the delegates to the Baltimore Convention, which nominated Mr. Clay. This man it seems, was contending rather for principles than men, and could not see the propriety of the course adopted by his Masonic colleagues.

"I am still, Mr. President, of the same opinion that I expressed last evening. I do not think it possible to elect Henry Clay President; and although I entertain as exalted an opinion of him, as does the gentleman from New York, I will not, under these circumstances, give him my vote to place him before the people as a candidate."

"The above is the language of 'truth and soberness.' What rational man, even of the Clay party itself, supposes that Clay can be elected when there are three candidates in the field? No one. Why then will the unhoodwinked portion of that party be longer led by the nose indirectly to elect Gen. Jackson by a blind alliance to Mr. Clay?"

they not see that they are made mere "cat's paws" to Masonry?—They will if they reflect.—Middlebury Free Press.

QUITE APPROPRIATE.—The Jackson papers are quoting opinions from the Canadian papers to show that the President's last Message is the best one of the kind the country has ever seen, and that consequently the opinions of his Britannic Majesty's subjects being the proof—the present is the most republican administration that ever blessed a republican people.

DECREASE OF DUTIES.

We publish the following rates, which go into operation from the 1st inst., together with a statement of the probable effect that the same will have upon the revenue of the past and present year:

Decrease of duties on Teas, Coffee & Salt, from and after the 1st January, 1832.

Table with columns: Item, Rate Present duty, Rate New duty, Decrease of duty. Includes items like Bohea, Souchong, Gunpowder, etc.

Total decrease of duty in 1831, \$2,843,979 45

Total decrease in 1832, 3,765,430 35

Total decrease 1831 and 1832 \$6,609,409 80

The preceding statement is made up from the official documents of the fiscal year, commencing 1st Oct. 1829, and ending 30th Sept. 1830. As the reduction of duties on all the articles embraced, for 1831, with the exception of molasses, did not commence until 1st Jan. 1831, it may be argued that the duties of the first quarter of the year commencing 1st Oct. 1830, and ending 30th Sept. 1831, should have been calculated at the rates of duty then existing.

A STRAY FIG.—James Pro, of Nashville, advertises his wife as an absentee from his bed and board.

CONGRESS.

Twenty-Second Congress—First Session.

From the United States Telegraph.

TUESDAY, JAN. 10.

In the Senate, yesterday, among the memorials presented, was one from the President and Directors of the Bank of the United States, praying for a renewal of their charter, and it was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Dallas, Webster, Ewing, Hayne, and Johnston.

In the House of Representatives, a memorial was presented by Mr. McDuffie, from the President, Directors and Stockholders of the Bank of the United States, praying for a renewal of their charter.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11.

The Senate, yesterday, on motion of Mr. Clay, postponed to-day the consideration of the resolution introduced by him directing the committee on Finance to report a bill to abolish the duties on imported articles which do not come into competition with those of American manufacture.

In the House of Representatives, all the unfinished business before the committee of the District of Columbia, during the last session of Congress, was on motion of the Chairman, Mr. Doddrige, committed to the present committee on that subject.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 12.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Benton's four resolutions, calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information respecting the Bank of the United States, were considered and adopted.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Cambreling, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill regulating our commercial intercourse with the French Islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe, which was read twice and committed to a Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

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presented by Messrs. Silsbee, Smith, Prentiss, Webster, Ruggles, Holmes, Pitt-ton, Seymour, Wilkins, and Moore. A report was received from the Secretary of the Treasury, containing the names of the applicants under the act for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States, and the amount of the debts due from each; also, of the names of those who have obtained a release, together with the terms of compromise made in each case.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Jenifer introduced a resolution for the appointment of a select committee to inquire into the expediency of a removal from the country by the general government, of the free colored population, which, after some discussion, was postponed till Monday.

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Both houses adjourned over to Monday.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

Session of 1831-32.

FRIDAY, JAN. 6.

Little else was transacted yesterday, in the Senate, other than the presenting of bills and petitions—among the latter, was one for a supplement to an act to incorporate the Philadelphia and Juniata Rail Road Company.

In the House, yesterday, a number of petitions were presented; among which were several for new Banks in Philadelphia and elsewhere; five for a new county out of parts of Northampton and Pike, to be called Fulton; one for a Rail Road from the eastern termination of the Columbia rail-road to the river Delaware; six for a Rail Road from Norristown to the Beaver meadow rail-road; one from Ann Welding, for a divorce from her husband, Jno. Welding, an habitual drunkard; for an alteration in the location of the Columbia Rail-Road within the limits of the city of Lancaster; for a Rail-Road from Decatur street, in Marietta, to intersect the Columbia Rail-Road; several bills were read a third time and passed.

The following bills were considered in committee of the whole: "An act authorising the Governor to purchase 53 copies of Hazard's Pennsylvania Register," Mr. Goodman in the chair. "A supplement to an act incorporating the Borough of Waynesburg, and changing the name thereof to Waynesboro," Mr. Marshall in the chair, which was on motion, read a second time, and ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Fullerton presented the petition of citizens of Franklin and Cumberland Counties, for a law authorising the construction of a Rail-Road, by the Commonwealth, from Harrisburg to Chambersburg, through Carlisle and Shippenburg. Several petitions were presented praying for new Banks in the city of Philadelphia, some against Lotteries, &c.

of the State; for abolishing Lotteries; for a new County to be called Penn, out of parts of Lancaster and Chester; &c. Several bills were reported and acted on. The bills entitled "A supplement to the act reviving an act incorporating the borough of Waynesburg and changing the name thereof to Waynesboro," and "An act appointing trustees to the Providence Preparative meeting of the society of friends," were read the 3d time and passed.

MONDAY, JAN. 9.

On Saturday, in the Senate, Mr. Packer, from the committee on corporations, reported a bill to incorporate the Adams County Rail-Road. Several bills were read a third time and passed.

In the House, on Saturday, several petitions were presented of a private nature. Those of a public character were as follows: for the York and Maryland railway; from the President of the Union Canal Company, praying to be heard before any laws were passed relative to the abolition of lotteries; seven to alter the location of the Columbia railway; two for the abolition of lotteries, and one for the removal of Britton Evans, a magistrate; six for a new county from Lancaster, Chester and Berks counties, to be called Conestoga; for a railway from Marietta to the Columbia railway; and remonstrances against the Strasburg railway.

From the Harrisburg Reporter.

TUESDAY, JAN. 10.

In the Senate, yesterday, petitions were presented by Messrs. Burden, Hassinger, Boyd, Patrick, Smysor, Drummheller, Kern, Livingstone, Blythe and Krebs—among them were several for the incorporation of the Girard Bank; one from citizens of Schuylkill county, for authority to the Schuylkill Bank of Philadelphia, to establish a branch bank at Port Carbon; one for the incorporation of the Philadelphia Exchange company; one for the incorporation of the York and Maryland line rail road company; several for the removal of Britton Evans, a justice of the peace; one for a new county out of Northampton and Pike; and one for legislative provisions to carry parts of the will of Stephen Girard into effect.

The bill relative to a State road in Luzerne county, and the supplement to the act incorporating the Codorus Navigation company, were severally read a third time and passed. Mr. Ringland offered a resolution relative to heading the acts of assembly. Mr. Livingstone offered a resolution relative to the law on pensions, which, after some discussion between Messrs. Livingstone, Miller, Sullivan, Krepps, Morris and Ringland, as to the committee it should go to, was finally sent to the committee on claims. The resolution offered by Mr. Krepps, on Saturday, relative to Captain Lynn, was read the second time, and after some explanatory remarks by Mr. Krepps, was ordered to be transcribed for a third reading. A number of local bills were passed on second reading, and in committee of the whole.

In the House, a number of petition were presented for banks, roads, bridges, &c. The bill for the relief of Catharine Curry, widow of an old soldier, and the bill for the erection of a toll bridge over the Schuylkill above Poplar neck, in Berks county, severally passed. Mr. Ashmead offered a resolution, that a committee be appointed to confer with the constituted authorities of Philadelphia and with the executors of the will of the late Stephen Girard, with a view to ascertain what Legislative provisions the said authorities expect or desire to be made, in order to entitle the State to receive the bequest of \$300,000, specified in the said will and to report the result to the Legislature as soon as expedient, which was adopted, and Messrs. Ashmead, Bayne, and Weyand were appointed said committee. Mr. Shannon, from the judiciary committee, to whom was referred the petitions of citizens of Philadelphia, praying that provision may be made for submitting to the people some plan for amending the constitution, reported against the same, and against the right of the legislature to interfere, and were discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The resolution offered a short time ago, relative to making some further provision by law against the expected influx of free blacks into the State, was considered, and elicited an animated debate, in which Messrs. Vansant, Davis, Greenough, McCulloh and Shannon advocated its adoption, and Messrs. Valentine, Wallace, Oliver and Weyand opposed it. The resolution was finally referred to the committee on the Judiciary system.

HARRISBURG, JAN. 10.

We are pleased to state, that Gen. Robert T. Stewart, of the House of Representatives, who received considerable injury from the upsetting of his carriage near Mountjoy, Lancaster county, a few weeks since, has so far recovered as to be enabled to reach this place. He took his seat in the House of Representatives this morning.—Reporter.

JANUARY 12.

York and Maryland Line Rail Road.—The bill to incorporate a company for making a Rail Road from the town of York to the Maryland line, has been before the House of Representatives, in committee of the whole, Mr. Felton in the chair, since Monday, and the discussion of the first section has occupied all the time of the House, except what was taken up with the presentation of petitions, and reports of committee, and election of State Treasurer. Mr. Ashmead, Mr. Smith, Mr. Davis, Mr. Ashbridge, spoke in opposition to the bill, and Mr. McCulloh, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Birdway, Mr. Waugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Furrow supported it. When the committee rose yesterday, no question had been taken on the first section, or in any way to indicate the sense of the committee of the whole. The first five sections of the bill, passed the house this morning.—Reporter.

SATURDAY, JAN. 7.

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In the House, yesterday, the Speaker laid before the House a letter from the State Treasurer, with a statement of the contingent expenses of his office. A variety of petitions were presented, some for turnpike roads; for the relief of certain insolvent debtors; for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States, and the amount of the debts due from each; also, of the names of those who have obtained a release, together with the terms of compromise made in each case.