



MONDAY MORNING, JAN. 16, 1860.

Appalling Calamity—Over One Hundred Persons Killed! One of the most distressing calamities ever witnessed in this country happened at Lawrence, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon last.

The fire was eventually subdued. The dead number one hundred and fifty, and the wounded one hundred and sixty-five; some of the latter will die, but by far the larger part may survive their injuries.

Congress.—No speaker yet, and no immediate prospect of electing one. The Opposition succeeded in carrying a number of members of Congress in this State upon the protective tariff issue.

The New York Tribune does not agree that the Democrats are responsible for the non-organization of the House. The Tribune puts the responsibility where it belongs.

The Milford Herald has an article in favor of the nomination of the Hon. J. C. Breckinridge by the Convention.

One Hundred Guns for Sherman.—On Wednesday week the Republican Association of Chicago fired one hundred guns in honor of the election of Sherman.

Proposition for a Temporary Speaker.—On Thursday week, Mr. Montgomery of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution to the House that the Hon. Thomas Corwin be elected Speaker for and during the period of twenty-four hours.

Mr. Montgomery—Here is a proposition—a fair and honest and just one—which will enable us to fulfill the engagements of the nation; and which, if adopted, would save more than a thousand men in this country.

No sooner was the proposition made by a Democrat to put a Republican in the chair than John Sherman, then the Republican leader, opposed it with all his power.

Now, without entering further into this question, remarks the Patriot and Union, the proposition of Mr. Montgomery showed a real desire to transact the necessary public business under a Republican Speaker.

The Republicans have it in their power to choose a Speaker. They can elect Mr. Corwin or a South American. If they refuse to move a step towards conciliation, and persist in forcing the election of a man that the House will not have, upon them must rest the responsibility of the delay.

Snow in the Rocky Mountains.—The snow in the Rocky Mountains, at the latest accounts, was very deep. Jack Robinson, a mountaineer of twenty-eight years standing, says that it has never been so deep as this winter.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in his annual report, puts down for the first time with the Oppositionists have been flooding the country in regard to the expenditures of the Government.

The Secretary shows the following as the expenses of our Government for 1858-9: Civil, foreign intercourse, and miscellaneous, \$23,635,876 94.

Why the Whig Party was Ruined. Under the lead of Webster and Clay the old whig party was a national party. They were firm friends of the Constitution and Union; they respected the compromises of the Constitution.

The extension of the Gettysburg Railroad to Weyersboro, is next advertised, and the President thinks it would be greatly to the interest of the stockholders and bondholders of the Gettysburg Railroad to have the Road extended into that fertile section of Pennsylvania.

The Hon. W. F. Boone, Judge of the U. S. District Court for the Territory of New Mexico, died at his residence in Philadelphia, on Wednesday last.

The Republicans in the New York Legislature have refused the Hall of the House for the holding of a Union meeting.

From the Auditor General's Report of the Finances of Pennsylvania, just published, we call the following items referring to our county:

Received from Adams County by the State Bank of Gettysburg, (tax on dividends), \$1,161 00 (Cont. ad.) 168 00 York and Gettysburg Turnpike Co., 57 81

GETTYSBURG RAILROAD.—Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Gettysburg Railroad, held at the Company's office in this borough, on Monday last.

The Report of R. McCurdy, Esq., the President of the Company, was read, and ordered to be printed in pamphlet form.

The entire expenses for operating the Road during the year—including the amount paid to the U. S. Railroad Co. for running in the first part of the year, repairs of road, salaries, and all the ordinary expenses—amount to \$4,499 17, or just quite one half of the net earnings.

An effort was made during the year to form a partnership with the Hanover Branch Railroad Company to run a passenger train from Gettysburg through to the Junction, to avoid delays at Union, but it could not be accomplished at the time.

The Ladies concerned in getting up the Fair complimentary to the Citizens Band have spared no effort to make it an entire success.

The Ladies are deserving of all praise, and it is to be hoped that their labors will be handsomely rewarded.

The Gas Bill Passed.—In the State Senate, on Tuesday last, Mr. McCurdy read in place a bill to incorporate the Gettysburg Gas Company.

Balance at last settlement, \$596 93 Received from stockholders, 2,741 56

By amount of orders paid, \$27,564 40 " drafts, 12,938 70 " discounts, 402 77

Receipts. From freight, \$5,032 27 " iron ore, 1,488 50 " salt sales, 400 00

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WINTER.—O Thou most beautiful of seasons, thou hast shed around the scenes of winter, glories and charms that will not fade.

Who that has carefully read and meditated upon Thomson's "Winter" is yet to be unreasonably as to rejoice and fret because the prospect of fruitful fields and blooming flowers is denied him.

At first this evening, 'till all the flakes fall broad and wide and fast, dimming the day with a continual flow.

ANOTHER RAILROAD.—Mr. Burton has stated in the papers that the people of Wagonersburg, Franklin county, with a spirit characteristic of the age, it appears are determined to construct a Railroad.

THE GERMAN LUTHERANS of this place and neighborhood have it in contemplation to erect a church edifice, and are about collecting subscriptions for the purpose.

THE LORD'S SUPPER was administered in the German Reformed Church, in this place, on Christmas, on which occasion seven or eight were added to the Church.

Mrs. J. G. GILBERT, relict of Andrew Gilbert, died in New Albany, Indiana, on the 23rd ult., aged 83 years and 6 months.

The Baltimore Sun of Wednesday says—embracing the testimony taken at the contents of the seats of the lower House of the Legislature, has been printed.

A naturalized citizen compelled to vote the Know Nothing ticket—his friend killed in cold blood.

Question—What ticket did you vote? Answer—No, sir, they didn't ask me.

Question—When were you naturalized? Answer—I got my papers this year; I would have brought them along with me, but I forgot them.

Question—What are the names of the men who forced you to vote? Answer—One is named Lowman, another is named Howe—don't know exactly how his name (Howe) is spelt.

Question—Did you vote in the second ward of Baltimore city, and if so, what ticket, and under what circumstances? Answer—I was standing before my house, at the corner of E. Center and Bank sts., and was talking to a neighbor, and there were a crowd coming of about twenty men; every one had a gun on his shoulder, and two police were ahead of them.

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