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## FINANCES OF THE COUNTY.

By reference to the Commissioners' statement in another column, it will be seen that the present liabilities of the County exceed the assets by \$1,695 02. The receipts for the past year exceed the expenditures \$8,971 13. The amount of county orders outstanding is \$6,730 02, over one-half of which the county is paying interest. Notwithstanding the favorable aspect of the financial condition of the county as exhibited by the report, the assets are not immediately available, and as a consequence the orders issued will remain in their present depressed condition. At the present value of orders, (75 cents on the dollar), the County, as well as individuals suffer an enormous loss. For every article purchased, or every contract given by the county, it is compelled to pay an increased price to make up the deficiency, while the county is obliged to redeem the orders, or receive them in payment of tax at their par value, and those who render service to the county, whose fees are fixed by law, such as Jurymen, and the like, must take the orders at par, and in many instances their pay is inadequate to meet their necessary expenses. This state of things ought to be remedied. Let the people of the county petition the Legislature to pass an act authorizing the Commissioners to borrow money and pay off its liabilities, and then instead of paying interest on one half the county debt, as at present, and paying a bonus of say 20 per cent. on at least one-third of the yearly expenditures, the county would only have to pay an interest of say six per cent. on the money borrowed; and the large saving, together with the maturing assets, would enable the county soon to pay up the entire amount borrowed. This, we imagine would be the most effective way of remedying these evils, and placing the county in a sound financial condition.

## HENRY CLAY'S RESOLUTION.

In 1837, more than twenty years ago, Henry Clay introduced into the United States Senate the following resolution, which was warmly supported and voted for by such Democrats as Benton, Calhoun and Wright: "Resolved, That any attempt of Congress to abolish slavery in a Territory of the United States in which it exists, would create serious alarm and just apprehension to the States maintaining that institution, would be a violation of good faith towards the inhabitants of any such Territory who shall have been permitted to enter with and hold slaves therein, and because when any such Territory shall be admitted into the Union as a State, the people thereof shall be entitled to decide the question exclusively for themselves." To think with the question of slavery at any other time, would be a violation of good faith towards our southern brethren. Here is another proof of the wisdom of President Buchanan, and of the extreme folly of the Republicans and seceding Democrats who resist the policy of the President. Twenty years ago, (before every man who went to Congress claimed the right to be regarded a very great man), the leading minds of the Democratic Party, as is the case now, were opposed to interfering with slavery in the Territories, and that is the real position of the Democracy at this day, according to the resolutions of the Cincinnati Convention.

## BETTER TIMES.

The Washington Union, at the close of a long article on the financial condition of the country, takes an encouraging view of the future. We quote as follows: "What is now the condition of affairs? The great financial systems of America, and Europe which have been the object of such immense outlays of money in their construction have at length ceased to be the objects of expenditure, and become the agencies of production. Machinery and skill in manufactures have been brought to the highest degree of perfection; improvements in steam locomotion and navigation have apparently reached the ne plus ultra of progress; maritime knowledge in tides, winds and dangers to navigation, has attained to marvelous thoroughness and proficiency; and with all these facilities for material and financial progress, we have supplies of gold setting in upon us from Australia and California, in streams profuse and prodigious than mankind ever heretofore imagined in their wildest dreams. In view of all these propitious circumstances, we repeat, it is fair to presume that the next ten years will probably be the most prosperous which the world ever knew."

## RETRENCHMENT.

In the late report of the Auditor General we find the following item, under the head of "Expenses of Government": "Lodging Room, for assigning and filing papers in the Senate, under the act of May 18, 1857, and February 10, 1858. \$200 00. As the sheet which carries this gentleman's name at its head is particularly loud-mouthed with regard to government expenditures just at this time, we make the extract just to give a practical illustration of the editor's self-sacrificing devotion to the public interest. The time required to perform the arduous duties specified would be, at a liberal calculation, about two months.

The annual election of the board of Managers of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad will be held at Philadelphia, on Monday, the 14th inst.

A COMPLIMENT TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.—Mr. Washburne, of Maine, one of the leading and most noted Republicans in the House of Representatives, in his late violent and sectional speech, passed the following compliment to the Democratic party. He said: "Let us, Mr. Chairman, learn wisdom from our opponents. Look at the Democratic party and note its policy. It has held possession of the government, with short interruptions, for more than a quarter of a century; not because it has been always earnest and has dared to trust itself. It has never paid court to its opponents, or stooped to speculate upon their weaknesses and divisions; always bold and uncompromising, it has never doubted its own suzerainty and invincibility, and so it has ever been a mighty power in the land."

A chap, boasting the cognomen of Buffalo Bill, visited this place last week, and on his departure on Sunday morning, took occasion to exchange overcoats with another person—his own being somewhat small and rather the worse for wear. The exchange being satisfactory to himself, he started on his winding way, and was pursued shortly afterwards by some of our citizens, and brought back, when, on a hearing before Justice Backus, he was committed to jail, in default of \$200 bail.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company refuse to pay the tonnage tax, imposed by their charter, to the Commonwealth, and intend to contest its constitutionality in the courts, as advised by their counsel, Messrs. Cuyler, Meredith, and Crittenden, in an opinion recently published. The amount due at the present time, for the six months, is over one hundred thousand dollars.

In the U. S. Senate, the Pacific Railroad bill was finally disposed of by the passage of a bill providing for the publication of an advertisement soliciting proposals or estimates for the construction of roads on the routes. Northern, Southern, and Central. The warm friends of the bill were evidently much disappointed by this result.

New York Mercury.—We have received a copy of this mammoth paper from the publishers, Claudwell, Southworth & Whitney; in which is the commencement of their prize tale, "Seawolf, or the Terror of the Coast," by Ned Duntline. The paper of its class it has no superior.

The Abolitionists.—The Society held a public session on Saturday evening, 7th inst. The exercises were listened to with marked attention by a large and intelligent audience, and appeared to give general satisfaction. The "Literary" bids fair to become a living institution.

Divine Services.—We are requested to say that Rev. J. Wynkoop, a Presbyterian minister, from Cuba, N. Y., will preach at the Baptist Church, in this place, next Sabbath at 2 o'clock P. M.

Abolitionism.—The Abolitionists who held their annual meeting in Albany, on Tuesday, resolved that "the Union is a covenant which a just God cannot permit to stand." But, as the Union has been permitted to stand a good long time, and, in spite of its enemies, the disunionists of the North as well as of the South, is in a fair way of standing a good while longer, the inevitable deduction of the Abolitionists, as Dame Quickly said to Jack Falstaff, in his last moments, "A' must not call upon God." Having resolved that a just God cannot permit the Union to stand it was a piece of supererogation to add to their resolution "that it is the paramount duty of all to seek its overthrow."—N. Y. Times.

The negro who eloped with Mr. Judson's daughter, from Pontiac, Mich., a short time since, made an attempt to visit her last week. With this intention he went to Pontiac, when a large crowd assembled for the purpose of lynching him, with the intention of hanging him. Finding how matters stood he made himself scarce, and will not probably again visit the place.

Kansas Legislature.—Both Houses of the Kansas Legislature have passed a bill, providing for the formation of a Constitution and State Government. The bill provides for an election on the fourth Monday in March to decide for or against the holding of a Convention. If the decision is favorable an election of fifty delegates will be held on the first Tuesday in July, at Wyandotte City. The Constitution to be submitted to the people on the first Tuesday in October, and the State officers under the Constitution to be elected on the first Tuesday in December.

DEATH OF W. H. PRESCOTT.—The distinguished American historian, William Hickling Prescott, died at his residence in Boston on the afternoon of the 28th ult. He was born in Salem, Mass., in 1795; entered Harvard College in 1811 and graduated with high honors in 1814. While at College he lost the use of one eye, occasioned by a blow from a crust of bread thrown by a fellow student. After leaving college he studied law, and was admitted to the bar, but his taste ran in other directions, and giving up his profession he abandoned himself to literary pursuits. His first great work was the history of the reigns of Ferdinand and Isabella, upon which he was engaged ten years. In 1843 he published the Conquest of Mexico and in 1847 the Conquest of Peru. He is also the author of several other works. At the time of his death he was engaged upon the history of Philip II., portions of which have been published.

Col. John W. Forney, editor of the Philadelphia Press, was advertised to deliver a lecture at Williamsport last evening. Subject, "American Slavery."

## NEWS AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Servant girls in Oregon are receiving thirty-five dollars a month.

The bill for the abolition of the offices of Canal Commissioner and State Engineer has been signed by the Governor.

A grandson of Wm. Peck has just expired at a very advanced age, in the hospital of the benevolent Colston, at Bristol England.

The Washington Union says there is a class of politicians in this country, with whom nothing but the dyspepsia is constitutional.

Wilson McCandless, has been nominated by the President for the Judgeship made vacant by the resignation of Judge Irwin.

On Saturday the National Telegraph line worked in unbroken circuit from New York to Leavenworth, Kansas, and subsequently to Prairie du chien, Wis.

It is said that seventy-two white females were married to negroes, in the State of Massachusetts last year. This is practically carrying out negro equality.

Poor Mexico has now five Presidents, or at least five men backed by military power, each of whom thinks he alone can rescue her from the gulf of ruin to which she is hastening.

Kaiaeta and Tahaa, two of the Society Islands, have applied to the United States to be annexed. An immense coral reef surrounds both of the islands, constituting one of the most remarkable as well as safe harbors in the Pacific.

Official advices, received by last mail from our ministers in London and Paris, present a rather gloomy aspect of affairs. The President's message, together with the complicated condition of matters in Europe generally, had caused great commotion.

At a recent meeting of the County Commissioners and Council of Erie, Wm. Kelley, C. B. Wright and J. M. Sterrett, were agreed upon as Managers of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad for that county. The Gazette says: They heartily unite in the policy which contemplates its speedy completion by the shortest and most economical route.

By the arrival of the overland mail at St. Louis, we have three days later news from California. A rumor prevailed, before the mail left, that three hundred prisoners had been accidentally poisoned in the jail at San Francisco. Great excitement existed at San Jose in consequence of an awful murder having been committed near that usually quiet place.

On Monday night, about 11 o'clock, a frame house in the skirts of Allegheny city, occupied by Mr. Rogers a carpenter, was totally consumed by fire.

Mr. Rogers, his wife and three children, were burnt to death in the flames; only one of the family, a boy, 14 years of age, being saved.

On Saturday night last, the steam flour mill of Landis, Longacker & Wilhelm, at Palmyra, Lebanon county, Pa., was totally destroyed by fire, with a large amount of grain and flour. Loss, \$20,000; insured for \$10,000. The fire was believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

A proposition was recently made to Congress, that Massachusetts shall be voted a large sum of money for her services in the war of 1812. The Cincinnati Enquirer thereupon suggested that England was more indebted for these services than the United States, and therefore the claim should be presented to her.

Baltimore seems disposed to get rid of her rowdy murderers. A jury has just convicted Peter Corrie for the murder of a police officer, who gave testimony against a lawless gang, of which Corrie was an associate. This is the second person convicted capitally of being concerned in this defestable act. If the Courts go on with the same vigor, and the executive performs his duty, the reign of terror from rowdism will soon be over in Baltimore.

C. M. DOROVAN, an ex-member of the Legislature, convicted at Harrisburg, of an assault and battery on J. M. Church, a member from Philadelphia, was sentenced by Judge Pierson to undergo an imprisonment of three months, to pay a fine of two hundred dollars and give security in the sum of one thousand dollars to keep the peace.

Judge Irwin has tendered his resignation as U. S. Judge of the Western District of Pennsylvania. It is rumored that Attorney General Black will be his successor. Col. Wilson McCandless, Judge S. A. Gilmore, and several others, are pressed for the position by their respective friends. All those named here are good men and any one of them would be an ornament to the bench.

A terrible scene occurred at the execution of Bray Sanders, at Jerusalem, Va., last week. His crime was shooting his wife while she slept. He was very much overcome, trembling and shaking like a leaf. After the drop fell, the knot in the rope slipped, and the miserable man fell to the ground. In the most piteous tones he implored for mercy, and begged the officers not to hang him again. But the stern sheriff had him dangling the second time, and in 35 minutes Bray was no more.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Times says a story is in circulation to the effect that the President has in his possession the names of quite a number of the members of the Spanish Cortes—some of them gentlemen of great influence—who favor the sale of Cuba as a wise measure of Spanish policy, and are quite desirous that the subject should be discussed in the United States, with a view of having arguments presented which shall give them a basis to stand upon in breaking ground in behalf of the sale.

Washington, Feb. 8. The Navy Department is in receipt of official advices from the coast of Africa, announcing the seizure and burning of a bark bearing American colors, by the British steamer Viper. Particulars as follows: The bark Rufus Coult, sailed from Matamoras on the 9th of July, and about the 10th of October, made the coast of Africa. Soon after her arrival she was boarded by an officer of the Viper who on inspecting her papers pronounced them incorrect, and insisted that information in his possession lead him to think the use of the American flag was fraudulent, and gave the captain notice that unless he surrendered his vessel in one hour he would take her in tow. At the hour the clothing &c., of the crew and officers was taken from the vessel and she was set on fire by the English and burned to the water's edge. The captain having thrown overboard his flag and papers. There was but little doubt that she was a slaver. The Senate Post office Committee have agreed to authorize contracts for carrying the California mails over the interior oceanic routes, via Panama and Tehantepec at the best terms that can be made. The Senate have confirmed Samuel Black as Governor of Nebraska.

One of the most singular accidents on record happened at Washington a short time since. John W. Hart, the son of the late editor, and present Washington correspondent of the Charleston Mercury, on returning late to his boarding house, found the door locked and his night key missing, and thereupon attempted to scale the high picket fence. After he had gained the top of the fence, his foot must have slipped, for he fell in such a manner that his neck caught between two pickets, catching his head in such a way that the weight of the fall broke his neck, and left him hanging in this position. The most singular portion of the incident is, that the dog of the deceased, in attempting to assist his master, had torn almost all the clothing from the corpse, and when it was discovered in the morning the clothes, in shreds, were scattered round on the pavement, and the dog was still trying to dislodge the body.

VESUVIUS IN ERUPTION AGAIN.—The Naples correspondent of the Daily News writes: With regard to Vesuvius, its activity is increasing daily, and there is every probability of an eruption, or some other catastrophe.

## MARRIED.

In Sergeant township, on the 3d inst., by J. Glover, Esqr., Mr. W. Inoos to Miss H. A. Parker, both of Smethport, Pa.

## County Directory.

Pres't Judge—Hon. R. C. White, Wellsville. Tioga Co. Pr. Associate Judge—Hon. J. Darling, Smethport. Hon. S. Holmes, Bradford. Sheriff—Joseph Morse, Smethport. Prothonotary—Samuel C. Hyde, Smethport. Register and Recorder—C. K. Sartwell, Smethport. Assessor, (pro tem.)—Enos Parsons, Bradford. Commissioners—Daniel J. Keyes; Eldred; W. J. Colegrove, Norwich; Nelson Peabody, Ceres. Commissioners' Clerk—J. R. Chadwick, Smethport. Auditors—B. C. Corwin, Smethport; V. P. Carter, Ceres. District Attorney—Warren Cowles, Smethport. Coroner—James Bond, Lafayette.

## STATEMENT

Of the Funds of McKean County, on the 1st day of January 1859.

Dr.	Cr.
Orders outstanding—small issues	\$9,236 22
Orders outstanding on interest	206 06
Judgment against county	1,183 47
Amount due Commissioner Keyes	37 00
Amount due Sheriff Morse	7 80
	\$7,600 55
Amount of Unsettled tax for 1858	67 00
Amount due from Collectors	153 00
Judgment and Notes, collectable	1,695 02
Amount from late Commissioner Morse	28 23
Excess of Liabilities over assets	\$7,853 25

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

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On Unsettled tax of 1856 and 1857	\$9,470 77
On Unsettled tax of 1858	206 06
On State tax of 1857 and 1858	2,743 23
On Judgments and Notes	63 43
	\$12,683 49
Grand Jurors	\$ 608 18
Treasurer Jurors	675 00
Officers Expenses	226 10
Erie and Tip State	212 60
Assessors	212 60
Constable Returns	45 19
County Auditors	65 90
Commissioner Keyes' Com.	602 02
Coroner's Inquest	50 00
Court House, Repairs	1,776 62
County Jail	1,000 00
Road Views	494 73
Road Damage	362 00
Attorney Fees	212 60
Agricultural Society	65 25
Justices' Qualifications	39 07
Fence around Public Square	125 40
Side Walks	73 15
Lights and Fuel	100 72
Stationery	34 00
Printing Fall	34 89
Prothonotary Fees	18 15
Yac. Certificates	212 60
Wolf Certificates	60 00
Public Printing	168 70
Postage	4 24
Tax Refunded	123 64
Interest	39 65
Commissioner Keyes' Com.	602 02
Commissioner Peabody's Com.	60 73
Commissioner Colegrove's Com.	212 60
Commissioner Morse's Com.	100 25
Late Commissioner Morse's Com.	19 10
Late Commissioner Peabody's Com.	212 60
Commissioner Keyes' Com.	212 60
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	\$12,000 00

D. J. KEYSER, W. J. COLEBROVE, Commissioners. Smethport, January 1, 1859.

## TAVERN LICENSES.

THE following named persons have filed their respective Petitions for a Tavern License, in my Office, according to Law, to wit: JOSEPH D. HOLMES, Borough of Smethport. T. GOODWIN, Keatinge township. F. M. FULLER, Bradford township. O. STRASSER, Norwich township. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court, this fourth day of February, A. D. 1859. SAMUEL C. HYDE, Clerk.