

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

History.

A Succinct View of the State Policy and Government of the Roman Empire from the commencement of the First to the middle of the Fifteenth Century.

No. V.

Determined to re-establish a declining religion, Julian attacked the Christian cause in a learned dissertation, which was disseminated throughout the nation; excluded Christians from teaching grammar and rhetoric; cut them off from all public offices, and to give a practical proof of the falsity of their faith, made a powerful effort to rebuild the temple of Jerusalem.

From the New Orleans Picayune.

LATEST FROM TEXAS.

The steam packet New York, Capt. Wright, arrived yesterday morning from Galveston bringing dates to the 14th inst. To her police officers were indicated for the latest papers. The news is of little importance.

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From the Daily Intelligencer.

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HARRISBURG, JANUARY 6, 1841.

After the Journal of yesterday was read, a great number of letters were laid before the House from persons asking the appointment of Clerk, Printers, Sergeant-at-Arms, &c. which were laid on the table for future action.

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The Speaker appointed Messrs. Kerr, Eyre, and Fogel, the committee on the resolution offered to the House by Mr. Smith, relative to postage and newspapers, was taken up on second reading.

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Private Claims for Damages.

Messrs. Sullivan, Maclay, Plumer, Smith, Crispin, Latory, Messrs Spackman, Williams, Reese.

Public Buildings.

Messrs. Brooke, Hays, Snyder, Keiser, Killinger.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson.

(amended by motion of Mr. Strohm.) 1000 copies in English, and 500 in German, of the Governor's message, were ordered to be printed for the use of the senate.

On motion, the senate proceeded to the election of clerk, which resulted as follows:

Geo. W. Hamersly had 19 votes. Henry Buehler 12 votes.

So the speaker declared Geo. W. Hamersly to be duly elected clerk of the senate.

Mr. Hamersly nominated Samuel W. Pearson, of Somerset county, as Assistant Clerk, which nomination was confirmed by the senate.

The senate then proceeded to the election of Sergeant-at-Arms, which resulted as follows:

Samuel T. Williams had 19 votes. John Stahl 12 votes.

So the speaker declared Samuel T. Williams to be duly elected.

The senate proceeded to the election of Door-keeper, which resulted as follows:

Joseph B. Wade had 19 votes. John P. James had 9 votes.

William Kitchen had 2 votes. So the speaker declared Joseph B. Wade to be duly elected Door-keeper to the senate.

A motion was then made to proceed to the election of a printer of the English journal of the senate, when Mr. Williams moved to postpone the order of the day, for the purpose of introducing a resolution relative to the contract of the printers of the senate, providing that the senate may at any time revoke the said contract.

Upon this motion a discussion of some length arose, in which Messrs. Williams, Ewing, Brown and others took part, when the matter was finally postponed.

A resolution was then offered relative to the pay of the late officers of the senate, which, after some discussion, was passed. Adjourned.

HOUSE.

HARRISBURG, JAN. 7, 1841.

The speaker laid before the House a letter from George R. Esby, Auditor General, accompanied with his Report—and one from Almon H. Read, containing his report on the state of the Treasury.

Mr. Zimmerman presented the petitions of citizens of Cumberland county, asking for the erection of an Asylum for the Insane Poor.

Mr. Lightner, three petitions, praying for the election of canal commissioners by the people.

Mr. Snyder offered the following, which after a short debate, was postponed until to-morrow.

Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to receive proposals for the cutting, folding, stitching, binding and delivering of the English and German Journals, and all other documents ordered to be printed by the House.

The speaker appointed Messrs. Cox and Barr to act as tellers, who reported that for clerk,

Alexander Ramsey had 50 votes. Jacob Seiler 49 votes.

Mr. Ramsey was then sworn in, and nominated as his Assistant David Todd, which was confirmed by the house.

The election of sergeant-at-arms was then had, the clerks acting as tellers, with the following result:

For sergeant-at-arms: Job G. Patterson, 50 votes. Andrew Krause, 49 votes.

So Job G. Patterson was elected.

For Doorkeeper: George Shaeffer had 50 votes. Joseph Jackson had 49 votes.

So Mr. Shaeffer was declared to be duly elected.

Mr. Brodhead, of Northampton, offered the following, which was laid on the table.

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives, that the state treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and required, not to pay to the State Geologist, or his assistants, any more money, until the provisions of the "act providing for a geological and mineralogical survey of the state," which is about to expire, are fully complied with on the part of the said state geologist, and that so much of the said act, and of the act passed the 21st of March, 1837, as are hereby altered or supplied, be and the same are hereby repealed.

The resolution providing for the furnishing of newspapers with newspapers, and payment of postage was, after some discussion, adopted with the following amendments, and inserting "three" newspapers.

A communication from the Auditor General, transmitting the report of the Internal Improvement Fund, was laid on the table.

SMOKING.—Dr. Macaulay, of St. Louis, while lecturing before the Mechanic's Institute of that place recently, told the following amusing anecdote of smoking:

"A young gentleman, very much devoted to smoking, had paid his addresses to a young lady, whose parents objected to the union, merely because he indulged, as they thought, too freely in the use of tobacco. The young lady, however, possessed in his favor, prevailed upon him to abandon the habit, that their union might take place. The antipathy of the mother, however, to smoking, continued unabated, and she was still skeptical as to the fact of his reformation on that score, and to test her daughter's account that he had given up the practice of smoking, she invited him to spend a few days at her house, with the family. No symptoms of smoking appeared till one evening, when the mamma, before retiring to rest, fancied she smelt something like the fumes of tobacco in his bed-room. She looked through the key-hole, and lo! and behold! the gentleman was caught in the act, puffing away, with his feet upon the grate, and thinking, no doubt, of many happy days with his beloved object. The

mother, in haste, ran down stairs, called for her daughter, said she had found him still smoking, and wished her to come up immediately and see. They flew up stairs; the mother looked again into the key-hole, saying to her daughter, "did I not tell you he smoked? look in and see." "Ah, but mother," said the daughter, "does he not smoke beautifully?"

KISSING WITH THE WINDOW OPEN.

A Scotch clergyman was deputed by the Edinburgh Presbytery to rebuke Charles the Second for kissing his servant maid at Holyrood. After the worthy divine had discharged the disagreeable task imposed upon him by the church-judiciary, which he dared not disobey, he added, in a confidential whisper, "and the next time your gracious majesty so far forgets yourself, be pleased to shut the window."

CLOSE OF THE WEEK.

The week now closing, has been signalized by nothing important in politics, commerce or news. The same dullness which we observed last week, has characterized the present, and nothing has transpired to give life and animation to our city. Money is scarce; trade is dull; the rivers are still low, but prospects of better times are brightening. The resumption of the Pennsylvania Banks will tend, in a great degree, to restore confidence and credit in the North, but we shall not feel its beneficial influence until the State Bank of Alabama "follows in the footsteps" of those of Pennsylvania.

Dull and discouraging as the last, and it only remains for us to thank Heaven it is no worse. Economy, prudence, and industry, are all important to bear us up for the present, and when "the rivers rise" and "cotton comes in," we shall all be light-hearted and full of hope.—Mobile Adver.

Notice.

By a resolution of the Cumberland Fire Company, at their meeting on the 29th inst., the subscribers were appointed a committee to give public notice on behalf of the company. That by the kindness of our State Legislature, they have granted us an act of incorporation under which we now act. That we have several expensive engines with their apparatus, Hoses, Ladders, Hooks, &c., some of the latter have been taken from their places by persons without authority, and such abuses. All persons are hereby cautioned not to use or remove the ladders from their places, or any other property belonging to the company, as they will certainly be prosecuted. It requires permission of the company to authorize any one to use their ladders.

GEORGE D. FOULKE, JACOB SENER, FREDR. A. KENNEDY.

January 6.

Notice.

Estate of Ursula Lambert, dec'd. LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the estate of Ursula Lambert, late of North Middleton township, deceased, having been granted to Abraham Lambert of North Middleton, and Ross Lambert of Carlisle, who are hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of said decedent to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them for their payment, on or before the 15th day of December, 1840, at Carlisle in and for Cumberland county, before the Hon. Samuel Hepburn, Judge of the Orphan's Court, and John Stuart and John Levee, Associate Judges of the same court, assigned to the following proceedings were had to wit:

In the case of the writ of partition on the real estate of Jacob Rife, dec'd, now, to wit: 15th Decemr, 1840, the Sheriff having returned the inquisition the court confirmed the same, and grant a Rule on all the heirs to appear at the next Orphan's Court, and accept or refuse to accept said estate at the valuation. Personal notice to be served on all the heirs residing in the county, and by publication in the following newspapers in Carlisle for those who reside out of the county.

By the Court. Cumberland County, ss. I, Willis Foulk, Clerk of the Orphan's Court in and for said county, do hereby certify the foregoing a true copy of record.

Witness my hand and seal of said court at Carlisle, the 28th day of Dec. 1840.

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To Let.

The large and commodious House in the borough of Mechanicburg, now occupied by the Subscribers, for the term of one year, from the 1st of April next until the 1st of April, 1842. The dwelling will be rented separate, or together with the Store Room and Warehouse, for conditions call on the subscribers.

ARNOLD & CO. We have leased our property in said borough for the term of three years from the 1st of April next, and had leased the 1st described property for the same term, and said term does not expire until the 1st of April, 1842.

Mechanicburg, Dec. 30, 1840.

Register's Notice.

REGISTER'S OFFICE, CARLISLE, DEC. 26th, 1840. Notice is hereby given to all Legatees, Creditors and other persons concerned, that the following accounts have been filed in this office for examination, and by the accounts therein named and will be presented to the Orphan's Court of Cumberland county, for confirmation and allowance on Tuesday the 30th day of January, A. D. 1841, viz:

The supplemental and final administration account of John Rupp, administrator of Samuel Rube, dec'd.

The administration account of James Armstrong, administrator of Robert Armstrong, dec'd.

The administration account of John H. Weaver, administrator of John Fleming, dec'd.

The administration account of George Heikes, executor of William Swobber, dec'd.

ISAAC ANGEVY, Register.

Black Walnut Plank.

THE Subscriber wishes to purchase BLACK WALNUT PLANK, in any quantity, which may be offered for sale. Dollars per thousand feet plank measure will be given. Said plank to be of good quality, two inches and one-eighth in thickness, and sixteen feet four inches in length. To be delivered at the Canal in Harrisburg, or at any point on the Cumberland Valley Rail Road, and immediate information forwarded to the subscriber.

Any other information relative to said business can be had on application to Robert Fitzgerald, residing in Philadelphia.

DAVID FREED, Jr. December 30, 1840.—6 mo.

VIGIL SCHOOL.

The subscriber begs leave to inform the public that he has opened a Night School, at No. 4, in Alexander's Row, Pitt Street, Carlisle, where he proposes to teach Writing, Arithmetic, and such other branches of an English education as may be deemed useful. A competent assistance has also been engaged to teach reading and writing in the German language.

The terms are very reasonable and will be made known at the School Room. Scholars will be taken either by the month or by the quarter.

E. DOYLE. Dec. 30, 1840.—31