



MOUNTAIN SENTINEL.

EBENSBURG, PA.

Thursday, April 12, 1849.

To The Public.

With feelings of pleasure, and bright hopes of future success, we have again taken hold of the "MOUNTAIN SENTINEL," and reassumed our former position in this county. We have done so at the solicitation of a large portion of the democratic party in every section of the country, and the many assurances of support which we have received from various quarters have induced us to believe that we shall be sustained in our present undertaking. The want of a Press at the seat of Justice must be felt by every person who takes an interest in the welfare and prosperity of the county, and when properly conducted, it is believed that it cannot fail to meet with that encouragement and patronage which it deserves.

Customs have made it incumbent on every individual assuming control of a paper to "define his position;" but our long and intimate acquaintance with the people of this county, and our well known adherence to democratic men and measures when we occupied a similar position on a former occasion, scarcely renders a compliance with this old established usage necessary at this time. We deem it our duty, however, to say a few words in reference to certain matters connected with the party in this county that may be deemed important, & which may have a tendency to relieve the minds of some of our friends of all doubts in reference to our future course.

It is a melancholy fact that for a number of years past a feeling of rancorous animosity has existed among a number of our most eminent men, & between them & us, & which you may easily perceive from the following:

"You forget, Heir support of county Adelaid, she invariably effected the election of the democratic ticket, in every election, & voting has been permitted to every man, whose name has been used to promote the whole ticket, have been active in efforts to defeat a particular individual

against whom they may have entertained a feeling of personal prejudice or personal animosity. This has been a matter of daily occurrence in this county, and we have

repeatedly referred to the official election of . for the truth of our assertion. A ago, it was judicially wrong, and so derogatory to the character of democrats, it must be evident to every man professing a common understanding, cannot have any other tendency than that of keeping us constantly in a minority, and thus preventing our little county from occupying that position in the democratic family of the State to which she is entitled. We cannot

review the policy that has been pursued for several years past by democrats, or men professing adherence to democratic measures, with any other feelings than those of unqualified disapprobation, and whatever may be the course pursued hereafter by certain members of the party in reference to particular men who may be placed in nomination, we can assure them that no other course than that of giving a warm and hearty support to the ENTIRE TICKET shall ever receive any encouragement at our hands. This "rule or ruin" principle has had its day—the people are heartily tired of it—and we feel assured that the natural good sense of the masses of the democratic party will prevent a repetition of its disastrous results.

In speaking thus plainly, it is not our intention to wound the feelings of any man or any set of men, or that our remarks should be taken in any other light than that of a general one. It is our intention to publish an independent journal,—free from the influence of any clique or faction—and we deem it our duty to speak thus freely upon a subject of such vital importance to the democratic party.

The Legistature.

This body was to have adjourned on the 10th inst. The whole session has been spent doing almost literally nothing, if we except the passage of a few bank bills. The members have permitted their time to be occupied by legislation, in which the people generally have little or no interest. All the important measures, among which is the appropriation bill, have been permitted to lie over to the last moment, when, as matter of course, in the bustle of adjournment, they must pass both branches, defective and ill-advised in many of their features.

The truth is, there is too much local legislation, and this feature in our government calls loudly for reform. The time which should be devoted to the adoption of measures of public utility is wasted in long winded and profuse speeches about matters in which the public can have no interest, but which are at the same time a heavy tax upon the people in the expense incurred in their enactment. It is time that these abuses should receive the attention of the people, and that something should be done to relieve the Commonwealth from her crippled condition.

In conclusion, we will only say that we shall endeavor to render the "SENTINEL" worthy the support of the public. Our columns will be filled with whatever may be deemed interesting to our readers, the earliest news, foreign and domestic, and more especially whatever may have a tendency to promote the interest or welfare of our country.

JOHN G. GIVEN.

The bill to create a new county out of parts of Jefferson, Indiana, Clearfield and Cambria, to be called Pine, has been defeated by the Legislature.

We learn that ALEXANDER IRVING, of Clearfield county, has been appointed Marshal of the Western District of Pennsylvania.

The Domestic Creditors.

The sufferings of this class of our citizens is intolerable. Their treatment, by the State, or those in power, is to say the least of it, highly censurable, and the more especially so, as a majority are laborers, men who are dependent on their daily toil for the support of themselves and their families. The payment of their just demands have been postponed year after year, and many have been compelled to dispose of their claims against the State at a great sacrifice in order to obtain the money. This state of things should not be permitted to exist, and we hope the evil complained of will be speedily remedied. The State demands cash for tolls from all those engaged in business on her improvements, and it is nothing more than justice that those employed in making repairs and keeping the works in proper order should receive their money whenever it is due. The credit of our good old Commonwealth demands the adoption of this course, and we think that our Legislators, instead of consuming the whole session in legislating for particular friends and granting special privileges, had much better have paid more attention to the honor of the State and the wants of their constituents.

We learn that the liabilities of the State on the Portage Road alone, amount to about **seventy-three thousand dollars**. As may readily be supposed, the non-payment of this large amount is severely felt in this county. Money is more scarce now than it has been for a number of years, and consequently many of our enterprising business men are cramped for funds to carry on their operations successfully. It is earnestly desired that an appropriation bill has passed the Legislature providing for the payment of all the Domestic Creditors, and that will abolish the odious credit system that has been practiced on the public improvements for a number of years past. We shall refer to this subject again.

A NEW LAW.

Many of our readers will perhaps be astonished to learn that a bill creating three new Judicial Districts, one of which is composed of the counties of Huntingdon, Blair and Cambria, has passed both branches of the Legislature, received the sanction of the Governor, and is now law of the State. The bill had scarcely got through the Senate, until the appointments, already "cut and dry" in the hands of the Governor, were sent to that body for confirmation. This is certainly one of the nestest plans of providing for favorite friends,

Nays—Cornyn, Courtney, D. Evans, Henry S. Evans, Fenlon, George, Gillespie, Gordon, Henry, Kirk, Laubach, McAlmont, J. McKee, McSherry, Miller, Morrison, Otto, Roberts, Rosebury, Rutherford, R. R. Smith, J. Smyth, Souder, Walters, Williams. 52 | Nays. 25

The remarks appended to the following message of Governor Johnston, which we take from the "Wilkesbarre Farmer," may, perhaps, be thought severe, but it must be admitted that to a certain extent, they are merited. We are not disposed to say ought against the officers of the Regular Army, but on the contrary, are willing to bear testimony in favor of their gallantry and bravery. What we object to, is a disposition on the part of those in power to bestow all the commendation and all the favors of the Government upon the officers of the Regular Army. They adopt it as a profession educated at the expense of the United States Government, and are well paid and cared for whether in war or during the "piping times of peace." With volunteers it is vastly different.

When the emergency which called them forth has passed away they are disbanded and thrown upon their own resources for a subsistence, where they resume their several avocations in private life, and nothing more is said about, or heard of them. If there are any favors to be distributed, we think they are entitled to at least a share of them.

It is our intention to enlarge our paper in the course of a few months, should we receive sufficient encouragement to justify the additional expense. Our outlay already has been considerable in the purchase of a new Press, new Type, &c., in order that we might be enabled to issue a readable sheet, and we feel assured that, as soon as we get properly underway, in point of mechanical execution, our journal will not be surpassed by any country paper in the State. It is hoped that our friends will exert themselves in such a manner as to enable us to enlarge the Sentinel to the same size as the "Pittsburg Post."

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

GENTLEMEN—I herewith transmit a list of the officers of the United States Army, natives of Pennsylvania, who distinguished themselves in the late war with Mexico, with the regiment or corps to which they were attached, and the date of their brevet rank.

It is believed that other States have taken

honorable notice of their officers in the regu-

lar army, who risked their lives and nobly

maintained the national honor in the recent

contest with Mexico, and their example should

remind us that something is due the brave and

heroic officers yet living, who, in the sanguinary

battles of the late war, signalized themselves

by meritorious conduct, and proudly sustained

the just renown of our beloved Commonwealth.

W. M. F. JOHNSTON.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, HARISBURG, March 29, 1849.

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