



MOUNTAIN SENTINEL

EBENSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1850.

The Sentinel, has much the largest circulation of any paper published in this county...

We are indebted to our friend Dr. SMITH, for a copy of the School Laws of Pennsylvania...

A tremendous fire occurred in New Orleans the morning of the 16th instant, which destroyed some thirty or forty houses...

Notwithstanding the positive instructions received by Lord Elgin relative to Canadian affairs, the annexation movement is still boldly and freely discussed both by the people and the journals throughout the country...

The slavery question is still the principal topic of discussion in the Halls of Congress. The excitement created by the fanatics relative to the dissolution of the Union appears to be subsiding...

The exertions made by our Johnstown friends in favor of a new county, do not appear to have any effect upon the prospects or improvements of our borough...

There are but few towns in Pennsylvania perhaps, which have comparatively improved more rapidly than Ebensburg...

During the approaching summer it is supposed that from twenty-five to thirty buildings, some of a very superior kind, will be erected in this place...

The Apportionment and Appropriation bills are the important matters now before our Legislature. The session is already half spent...

A bill has passed both branches of our Legislature granting \$2,000 to aid in prosecuting the suit against the Wheeling Bridge...

The New County Movement. It appears that every exertion is being made by our Johnstown neighbors to procure the passage of a bill erecting the new county of Conemaugh...

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will pass, and we have reason to believe that the bill was merely introduced with a view to kill another of a similar character...

We repeat, that there is no danger to be apprehended from the movements now being made by friends of the new county. Let them "play out their hands," and satisfy themselves that private interests are not to be gratified at the expense of those of the public.

Allotments for furnishing Materials, Horse-Power, Coal, &c., on Portage Rail-Road for 1850.

Table with columns for Horse-Power, Coal, and other materials, listing names and quantities.

HEMLOCK PLANK.

Table listing names and quantities of hemlock plank.

CASTINGS.

Table listing names and quantities of castings.

CORD WOOD.

Table listing names and quantities of cord wood.

Foot of Plane 2.

Table listing names and quantities for Foot of Plane 2.

Between Planes 3 & 4.

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Summit.

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Foot of Plane 9.

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Americans Murdered and Made Prisoners by the Patagonians.

The Atlas this morning, publishes two letters from the Straits of Magellan; one from Captain Brown, of the schooner John Allyne, of New Bedford...

The other letter is signed by Captain Bourne, who gives an account of the murder of Capt. Eaton, while trading with the Patagonians...

From Oregon and the Sandwich Islands.

By the steamer Ohio, the Oregon Spectator, to the 18th Oct., and Sandwich Island papers to the 1st Dec., have been received...

Two of six Indians, tried at Fort St. Louis, for the murder of Leander G. Wallace, had been convicted and executed...

The Spectator says "happily political parties have no existence in Oregon," adding that consequently, the members of the Assembly have been chosen with reference only to their fitness for the duty...

The Spectator notices a great rise in the value of real estate, both in Oregon and Lima cities—with a continuing upward tendency...

Business, moreover was active, and every thing indicated prosperity. Gold was abundant from California, of course...

The regiment of mounted riflemen, under the command of Col. Loring, had arrived. Very few had deserted; the loss by desertion and death was about 60...

Death of Pena y Pena.

In the Mexican papers received lately, the death of Pena y Pena is announced. The New Orleans Delta says: He was one of the most eminent lawyers his country ever produced...

A fashionable lady (not Mrs. Partington,) being inquired of how she liked the dinner at a distinguished party, her reply was—"The dinner was splendid, but my seat was so promote, from the necks, that I could not ratify my appetite...

An Absconding Minister.—The Richmond Times states, that on Saturday last, Rev. Joel W. Jones, who officiated at a Methodist Chapel on Oregon Hill in this city...

The Baltimore Sun states that a "wolf in sheep's clothing," of the same name, "Joel W. Jones" figured in that city about ten years since. He married a wife there and afterwards deserted her and went to Kentucky, where he married another...

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The Annexation Feeling.—The Murder of Miss Adams.

The St. John's New Brunswicker of the 8th, contains a long and well written article in favor of the annexation of Canada to the United States...

It contends that for the want of their resources and population are fast dwindling away, and that the free trade policy of England will give the finishing blow to the prosperity of the country...

The article contends for the constitutional right of the colonists to agitate the subject, and calls upon them, in the name of their children, not to falter in the course...

Dr. M. Clark, of Lawrence, was arrested yesterday for the murder of Miss Adams upon the verdict of the Coroner's jury. He has been taken to Salem jail...

Another attempt to settle the Whole Controversy. We hail the suggestion of Gen. Foote with great pleasure. He gave notice yesterday that he would bring forward to-day a proposition for appointing a committee of fifteen, to whom should be referred all the resolutions and matters touching the subject of slavery...

Mr. Foote is pursuing a course which seems best calculated to adjust the question. It is the same proceeding which was adopted in the House of Representatives, at the instance of Clay, on the final settlement of the Missouri controversy...

We rejoice that Mr. Foote is about to propose a select committee of fifteen, for considering and reporting some mode of compromise which may calm the agitation, restore tranquility, and save the Union of the States...

The territorial library had arrived. The cost was about \$2,000. The books are mostly legal. Intemperance is spoken of as deplorable on the increase...

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A man had been tried for selling liquor to Indians—convicted and fined \$500.

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shown to females; and that any woman, to experience rudeness or insult here, must expose herself much more imprudently than she would incur the same risk in your cities...

A Waterspout.

The following is a description of a waterspout, as seen by Dr. R. Stranbury, on board the ship South Carolina, in February, 1849: "Among the sights and wonders of the tropical regions, we have been favored with an opportunity to see two waterspouts; one was very complete, the other was dissipated before it reached the last stage of formation..."

Phenomena of the Brain. Dr. Wagan, in a treatise on the "Quality of the Mind," makes the following remarks: "One of the most inconceivable things in the nature of the brain is, that the organ of sensation should itself be insensible..."

The first locomotive did not average five miles an hour—in 1815 a European writer placed the maximum velocity at six, and ridiculed the promulgation of such nonsense as that we shall see locomotive engines go at the rate of twelve, sixteen, eighteen, and twenty miles an hour...

The Present Winter in Europe.—Mr. Walsh, under date of January 19th, writes from Paris as follows: "Throughout France the snow has been heavier than any the present century has furnished; the case appears to be the same in the middle and northern parts of the continent..."

Mrs. Farnham in California. The Evening Post of New York has the following letter from this lady, who found friends to take her to California: SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30, 1849. I have been but two days here, but as the mail goes day after to-morrow, I am constrained to write to you in the midst of a confusion that quite defies the attempt to say more than that I am here; that I came from from Valparaiso on the Louis Philippe, found the Angelique here a fortnight before me, and all things right...

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Remarks of General Cass. IN THE SENATE, FEBRUARY 11, 1850. Upon the reception of a Memorial presented by Senator Hale, from Delaware and Pennsylvania, asking a peaceable dissolution of the Union...

Mr. President, no man who attends the discussions in the Senate can fail to perceive the predisposition which prevails here to push principles to their extremes. If we do not find a massive wall where they must stop, we follow them indefinitely with as much metaphysical zeal as any of the disciples of the ancient schools of logic...

The provision respecting the right of petition is contained in one of the amended articles of the constitution, which provides that Congress shall pass no law to prevent the people from assembling peaceably and petitioning for redress of grievances...

Why sir, if we were utterly to refuse to receive petitions in this country, it would produce no other effect than to rouse public indignation and to hurl us from our places. No Legislature in this broad land will ever place any improper limitation upon the exercise of this right...

There was no God, and to pass law prohibiting the people of the United States from assembling for the purpose of religious worship? Would you refer such a petition, as the Senator from New York [Mr. Seward] proposes to refer this, with grave instructions to report the proofs of the existence of a God, and to add their feeble evidence to the testimony on the subject, which is found equally in the Book of Nature and in the Book of Revelation...

I am not speaking sir, of a doubtful question—of petitions for measures of doubtful validity, and about which reasonable men may differ and do differ. These should be respectfully received and considered. But I speak of applications for the exercise of powers which we have clearly and undeniably no right to assume—like this for the dissolution of the Union, or for the annihilation of a State of this great confederacy...

It has been said, sir—and it has been said in reproach—that if we ought not to receive petitions asking us to do an unconstitutional act, we ought not to receive petitions or remonstrances against such an act. I do not so understand our own duties or the rights of the people. There is a great difference between a proposition to do what we have no right to do, and a remonstrance against doing it, when there is reason to apprehend it may be done...

The petition asks us to dissolve the Union. I shall vote for rejecting it; and if there were any other mode by which our indignation at such wicked and foolish proposition could be more powerfully expressed, I should adopt it with pleasure. I had occasion some time since, and under much less imposing circumstances than the present, to say we ought to have one unpronounceable word, as the Jews of old, and that word, "dissolution." I repeat the sentiment—and with stronger conviction, if possible, than ever of its truth and importance...

We talk as flippantly of breaking up this Union as we talk about dividing a township. The great difficulty of our position is sir, that we do not know how well we are off. The sun never shone on so prosperous a country as this; and yet we

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