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

THE SUPREME BENCH.

The Democratic party of this State through their delegates in Convention, will soon be called upon to nominate candidates for the Supreme Bench...

In reviewing the list of distinguished Democrats whose names have been mentioned in connexion with this high office, we would with due deference to all other candidates, suggest the nomination of the following ticket: Chief Justice Gibson, of Carlisle, Hon. James Campbell, of Philadelphia, Hon. George W. Woodward, of Luzerne, Hon. Henry D. Foster, of Westmoreland, and Hon. J. S. Black, of Somerset.

Rail Road Convention.

A convention was held at Reimersburg, Clarion county, a few weeks ago, to take into consideration the propriety of constructing a Rail Road from Pittsburg, along the valley of the Allegheny River, to the line of the New York and Erie Rail Road.

It would amount to five times the amount. This Road would be advantageous, would promote manufacturing, would increase trade, would "make the wilderness of that country to blossom as the rose."

CONGRESS.

Congress adjourned on Tuesday, March 4th, at 12 o'clock, after having been in session all of Monday night, and passed the following bills:—

The bill for reducing the rates of postage.

The Post Office appropriation bill.

The Civil and Diplomatic appropriation bill.

The Army and Navy appropriation bill.

The bill establishing new Post Routes.

BILLS DEFEATED.

The French Spoliation bill.

The River and Harbor bill.

The Fortification appropriation bill.

The Lieutenant General bill.

Congress has been in session three months, and absolutely transacted no business of general importance until the last day of the session, when they run bills through at locomotive speed, and 'tis said that several appropriations were smuggled through quite nicely.

Our thanks are due Messrs. Cessna, Linton and Hemphill, of the House, for copies of the Report of Messrs. Wright and Buckalew, Commissioners appointed to investigate the affairs of the Bank of Susquehanna county, and for a copy of the Report of Robert Faries, Esq., on the survey to avoid the inclined planes on the Portage Rail Road.

We are in receipt of seven daily papers from Col. John W. Geary, San Francisco, California, containing news from that golden country up to the 1st of February.

Cheap Postage.

Both houses of Congress before adjourning passed the cheap postage bill, which will take effect on and after the 30th day of June next. This will be productive of much good, and will meet with approbation all over the country.

All newspapers not over three ounces in weight, sent from the office of publication to actual bona fide subscribers, to be charged the following rates per quarter:—

Table with 2 columns: Distance (Under 50 miles, Over 50 and under 300, etc.) and Rate (5c, 10c, 15c, etc.).

Semi-weekly papers, double; tri-weekly, treble; and oftener than tri-weekly five times those rates. All other newspapers, circulars not sealed, hand bills, engravings, pamphlets, periodicals, magazines, books and every other description of printed matter, no greater weight than one ounce, for any distance not exceeding three hundred miles, one cent each, and for each additional ounce or fraction of an ounce, one cent.

Publishers of magazines, newspapers, and pamphlets, to interchange their publications reciprocally free of postage: Provided, that such interchange shall be confined to a single copy of each publication. Letters uncalled for to be advertised once only, or oftener, in the paper having the largest circulation in the city, town, or village, where the post office is located, at the charge of one cent each.

At the Democratic County Convention that assembled at the Court House on Monday, March 3d, a resolution of thanks was returned to Wm. S. Campbell, Esq., late Superintendent of the Allegheny Portage Rail Road, for the very able manner in which he discharged the duties of said office.

Godey's Lady's Book for April is a surprise number, and exceeds all others in the beauty of its embellishments and the real value of its reading matter.

The letter of our Harrisburg correspondent will be found interesting and entertaining, and we ask for it a careful perusal.

New Advertisements.

The card of our young friend T. L. Hoyer, Esq., will be found in our paper this week. Mr. H's residence is in Johnstown, and we know him to be a gentleman of excellent moral character, business habits, talent and industry.

The proximity of our town to the city of Pittsburg, takes large numbers of our citizens there yearly to make purchases, and our respected friend Jas. P. Horbach, whose advertisement we insert, can supply them all with the finest kinds of Liquors, Wines, and Cigars.

Our Merchants when they visit Philadelphia, will find Messrs. M. & J. M. Rowe, No. 111, North 3d street, the very place to purchase Brooms, Buckets, Brushes, Baskets, Cordage, &c., at cheap rates.

The "Washington Hotel" is said to be the very best house in the city of "Brotherly Love," and persons who will favor Capt. A. F. Glass, the gentlemanly proprietor, with a call, will find him to be a clever and obliging landlord.

Our predecessor, Lieut. John G. Given, as will be seen by his advertisement, has commenced business at Plane No. 2, A. P. R. R. In his store will be found numerous cases of goods, the very type and print of all that is beautiful.

We solicit the attention of our readers to the very valuable lumber and coal lands, that Messrs. Vickroy and Williams advertise for sale, and to persons desirous of engaging in either business, they are certainly an attraction.

The advertisement of Mr. Lewis Beynon was not noticed in our paper of last week, but we now take pleasure in recommending him to all persons who are desirous to have their garments made neatly and just the fit, and especially would we advise our friends who soon expect to enter upon the marriage state, to give him a call, for he makes wedding suits that always please.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE "MOUNTAIN SENTINEL."

HARRISBURG, March 7, 1851. DEAR JACK—There is not much of importance going on here, that will interest the readers of the Sentinel—yet such news as we have, I'll endeavor to give you.

Since the members of the Legislature returned from their tour to the National Metropolis and the City of Monuments, they have commenced in right good earnest to go through with the business of the session.

The Consolidation bill, as it is called, that is, the bill to extend the limits of the City of Philadelphia, to the entire County of Philadelphia, was up in the House of Representatives yesterday, and discussed and variously amended, and passed over for the present.

The constitution provides in substance that, no city in this Commonwealth shall have at any time more than two Senators, under any apportionment bill; whereas, if the consolidation bill be passed, the city of Philadelphia will be entitled to four Senators in the State Legislature.

from being overlooked by an overgrown city. I doubt the propriety of passing this consolidation bill on other grounds, of a purely party character, and am not a member of the Legislature, and shall not discuss this point at present.

The Free Banking Law has been up in the Senate recently, and Mr. Walker has made a very clear, lucid, and argumentative speech in favor of the bill.

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Our government is emphatically a government of laws; laws, too, in which each citizen has a voice in forming: therefore, any law which the Legislature may pass, which gives to the few, benefits, which are denied to the many, are anti-Democratic, and in direct violation of the very genius and spirit of our institutions.

The truth is, the ladies appeared to enjoy the novelty of the scene, and their eyes emitted as much light, and their lips were just as sweet a smile, as if they were all on the qui vive to catch a brawny chief for a husband.

Should anything of importance transpire here before I leave this place, I assure you, you will here from.

Your very obedient servant, LOBBY.

Union Meeting.

A meeting of the citizens of the borough of Ebensburg was held at the office of Lewis Beynon on Thursday evening, March 6th, for the purpose of nominating Borough officers, when Lewis Rodgers was called to preside, and J. B. Dougherty appointed Secretary.

Burgess—John Thompson, Jr. Council, Ezekiel Hughes, B. M'Dermitt, Lewis Beynon, Andrew Lewis, John C. Murray.

Constable—Wm. Wherry. School Directors, D. H. Roberts, Esq., Charles Litzinger.

Auditors, Robert Carmon, Wm. James, Wesley Bateman.

Assessor—David J. Evans. Overseers of the Poor, J. C. O'Neill, M. M. O'Neill.

Judge—George Harncame. Inspectors, John Williams, John A. Blair.

On motion, the proceedings were ordered to be published in the "Sentinel."

On motion, adjourned. LEWIS RODGERS, Pres't. J. B. DOUGHERTY, Secretary.

Two Weeks Later from California. NEW YORK, March 7.

The new Steamer North America arrived here to-day at 12 o'clock M., from Chagres. She brings no gold dust on freight, but has \$450,000 in the hands of passengers.

Panama from San Francisco, on the 19th February, and the republic on the 20th, with 200 passengers, and \$1,000,000 in gold.

The Panama arrived at Panama on the 21st, with fifty passengers and \$1,000,000 in gold.

By these arrivals we have intelligence from San Francisco to February 1st, two weeks later than previous advices, but the North America brings very few papers, and I have the almost difficulty in making up my dispatch.

There had been no election yet of a U. S. Senator, by the California Legislature, in place of Col. Fremont.

The steamer Empire City has all the papers from San Francisco. She was to sail from Kingston, Jamaica, for New York two hours after the North America and may be looked for hourly.

The United States ship of war Albany arrived at Chagres on the 22d ult.

The news generally from California is unimportant.

The British steamer Avon arrived at Chagres on the 21st from San Juan, and sailed on the 24th for Carthagena. She took \$800,000 in silver bars, and \$1,000,000 in gold dust.

The steamer Columbia from N. York, around Cape Horn, left Acapulco February 11th, for San Francisco. All well.

The steamer Carolina was seen by the Republic 250 miles south of Acapulco, steering with a temporary rudder.

The Klamath Gold Discoveries. Further investigations into the report of rich discoveries of black sand on the sea-coast, confirms the same, but many obstacles have also been discovered which still retard operations.

General News. The choice for a United States Senator has been between Col. Fremont and T. Butler King.

The election was to take place in the course of two or three days. It was thought that Col. Fremont was gaining ground.

Capt. Bartol had placed his company of Washington Guards, of San Francisco, at the disposal of the State authorities. They are to proceed to the seat of Indian difficulties, in case military service is required.

The steamer John Tompkins, from Sacramento, for San Francisco, burst her boiler on the 31st of January, killing the second engineer, Renard Martin, of London, and badly scalding several others.

Much sickness prevails on the Isthmus, but it is not of a malignant character. The news from Jamaica and Oregon is unimportant.

Legislative News.—The Democrats have a practical majority, and with them have voted all contestants to seats.

Bills have been reported, appropriating \$300,000 for damages by Indian wars in the Mariposa county, particularly.

A "War Loan" of \$300,000 had been reported from the Finance Committee, and accepted. It is to be used against the Indian depredators. The soldiers are to receive, (if the bill passes) \$10 per diem.

The Chief Clerk of the House has been voted \$24 per diem. Three Assistants, \$22 each; Messenger, \$16; Porter, \$10.

The indebtedness of San Francisco is \$1,000,000! A Loan Committee recommends the sale of all the City property, for the purpose of redeeming City Scrip.

Mini G News.

From the San Francisco Herald Feb. 1. The scarcity of rain has very materially embarrassed operations in the dry diggings.

It is said that in a few days the rain will enable them to collect an immense amount of gold, which being immediately thrown into the hands of traders, would give credit to miners for stores, and have the effect at once reviving business throughout the country.

A large number of men are engaged with much success in the county adjoining the Klamath river, especially on Scott's and Salmonee creeks and their tributaries.

The people of San Jose are planning for a railroad to San Francisco. One hundred and ten thousand dollars has already been subscribed, and a committee appointed to co-operate with a similar committee in San Francisco.

A bill empowering the committee to issue State Bonds in small amounts, had passed the Assembly, but was afterwards defeated.

Improvements were daily on the increase. The gold dredging operations in the Yuba have been very successful.

The people of San Jose, notwithstanding the vote in the Senate, have no idea in giving up the removal of the Seat of Government from that place.

Business at Sacramento City was excessively dull, but a good trade was anticipated in the Spring.

Arrival of the Pacific.

The American mail steamer Pacific arrived at New York on Friday evening, bringing Liverpool dates to the 22d, of February and London to the 21st, being one week later from all parts of Europe.

A Cabinet Council was held on the 21st of February, after which Lord John Russell tendered his resignation, and now holds the office only until another government can be formed. In the House of Com