



MOUNTAIN SENTINEL.

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

Thanks.—To Col. Painter, Canal Commissioner, Messrs. Cessna, Linton, Rhey and Hemphill of the House, for their numerous favors.

Col. Milton Roberts has rented the Ebensburg House, which during the past year has been attended to so excellently by Mr. B. McDermitt.

Lecky Harper, Esq., of the Pittsburg Post, has disposed of one half of his interest in the same, to John Layton, Esq.

The weather for the past ten days has been beautiful indeed, and reminds us more of the sultry month of August, than the end of March and beginning of April.

Come, gentle Spring, ethereal mildness come. And from the bosom of yon drooping cloud.

COLLISION AND ACCIDENT.—A collision took place on Saturday last, between two freight trains while going around the short curve on the level between Planes No. 1 and No. 2.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Saturday last a stranger named Michael Brentz was walking up Plane No. 2, Portage Railroad, and to avoid the train going down, stepped over on the track on which the section of a Boat was coming up.

We rejoice to learn that Capt. P. W. McDonald, 2nd Dragoons, U. S. Army, has been promoted to the rank of Major, for gallant conduct and meritorious services in the Mexican War.

We have received the first two numbers of the "Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion," a new paper published in Boston, by Frederick Gleason, Esq.

and valuable weekly journal in the world." The numbers on our table contain excellent original articles, and are embellished with views of Franklin Square, Philadelphia, the Chrystal Palace, London, Faneuil Hall, Boston, Sacramento City, California, City Park, New York, Steamer Atlantic, likeness of Rev. George Copway, the celebrated Ojibwa Chief, and we would wish to see this paper in the hands of every family.

Below will be found the names of the Pennsylvanians appointed to join the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, between the 1st and 20th June, 1851.

Henry W. Freedy, 5th Congressional District.

Cornelius Von Camp, 8th Congressional District.

Charles D. Enney, 12th Congressional District.

Lewis Merrill, 13th Congressional District.

Edward L. Hartz, 14th Congressional District.

Michael P. Small, 15th Congressional District.

Daniel M. M. Gregg, 17th Congressional District.

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We consider it premature at this early day to agitate the Presidential question, and the time will come around soon enough when the people can speak out on this important affair, and then the voice of the people shall be respected, and freely acquiesced in by us.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE "MOUNTAIN SENTINEL." HARRISBURG, March 31, 1851.

DEAR "SENTINEL."—As you stand guard upon the watch towers of the old Alleghenies, and no doubt wish to keep a record of passing events in the columns of your valuable newspaper, it is not, I hope, presuming too much, if a member of the "Old Guard" should ask you to publish a few remarks concerning the transactions of our Senate and Legislature.

Within the past week, and I might add, indeed, for the last month, both Houses have been doing all they possibly could to get through with the business before them, prior to adjournment, and their zeal in this affair is certainly commendable.

The 15th day of April has been fixed upon as the day to adjourn sine die; and at the end of that time the members who are married will be en route to their families and homes, and their long absence will of course render them more dear and much more prized, to those kind partners of their fortunes and misfortunes, who for three long months have been minus their accustomed presence.

A bill to incorporate the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society has passed the House, and no doubt will be successful in the Senate. An appropriation of \$2000 is made for the first exhibition, and an amount annually as large as the contributions of the members, but not to exceed \$2000, is also appropriated.

The bill incorporating the Susquehanna Railroad Company has passed the Senate. The bill taxing tonnage 3 mills per ton per mile, and passengers 10 cents on the York and Cumberland Rail Road, passed the Senate with the amendment that the Legislature reserves the right to increase the tax on tonnage.

A resolution was adopted requesting the committee on Finance to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill, authorizing the Canal Commissioners to invite proposals for leasing the Columbia Rail Road for a term of years.

The following bill read in place by your excellent member, Mr. Linton, "A bill to incorporate the Somerset and Conemaugh Plank Road Company," passed finally.

A bill to repeal the odious law of 1847 was so amended in the Senate by the so called "patriotic" Whigs, as to repeal only the sixth section of that act, which denied the use of the jails of this commonwealth for the temporary detention of fugitives from labor.

The following bill has passed the Senate: "A bill to provide for the election of Judges of the several courts of this commonwealth," so modified that every Court of Quarter Sessions, trying a case of contested election of any Judge, shall be composed of three judges, one of whom shall be learned in the law, and that the Supreme Judge be voted for on a separate slip of paper, and all other judges required to be learned in the law, on a separate ticket, except in the city and county of Philadelphia.

A bill has passed the Senate and House giving the power to the Courts of the Commonwealth to grant charters for the incorporation of Boroughs, which will in future give the Legislature more time for the consideration of the public business.

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A bill appropriating \$6000 to the Treasurer of Philadelphia county to pay over \$15,000 to the same, passed the House.

The bill which passed the House establishing a department of Education has not yet been acted upon by the Senate.

Now that I have given you a correct synopsis of all the important business that has been done in either branch of the Legislature for sometime past, I cannot but turn my attention to personal matters.

Your ticket for the Supreme bench with Judge Gibson as the head has been favorably received here, and you have reason to feel justly proud of it, for if the whole State was looked over a better list of names could not be selected.

During my visit here this winter I have become acquainted with a number of the members of the Legislature, and among them Col. Cassiday, of Philadelphia, whom I find to be every inch a Democrat of the Jackson school, and the compliment so well bestowed upon him by the Pittsburg Chronicle was in truth well deserved.

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Wholesale and Retail Tin Copper & Sheet-Iron Manufactory.

The subscriber adopts this method of returning thanks to his friends and the public generally for the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon him, and begs leave to inform them that he has enlarged his business, and now keeps constantly on hand a large supply of every variety of

TINWARE, STOVE-PIPE, DRIPPING PANS, SINK BOILERS, COOKING UTENSILS, TEA

The spirit of malice "ungrateful and mean" may seek to poison public feeling against our own Buchanan. His high character and incorruptible integrity are ample shields against the assaults of the "vipers that are biting at a file."

Pennsylvania is for Buchanan as the candidate for the Presidency. The honest masses of the democracy, are not willing to abandon their old friend, in this the crisis of his political fate.

A Serious Charge of Corruption. The New York Herald of Saturday publishes a series of most important charges against some of the Senators, and the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate of Albany.

The first paper referred to had laid before the Legislature is dated as follows, signed George W. Buel, the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, and marked "Confidential."

These charges are that an officer of the Legislature, backed apparently by some of the members of the Legislature, has been attempting to levy black mail on the reputed proprietors of certain gambling houses in New York, by promising, that if certain sums named, were paid to them, a certain bill, then before the Legislature should be stopped.

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[CONFIDENTIAL.] SENATE ROOMS, CAPITOL, Albany, Feb. 27, 1851.

S. A. Suydam, Esq.—Dear Sir:—I am glad to be able to say to you, that I have succeeded in getting Senator Robinson to postpone the introduction of his bill (in regard to which I called on you last Saturday) for a few days.

I will keep you advised of any new moves, and assure you I will kill the thing somewhere.

This is written to you in masonic confidence. Yours, truly, GEO. W. BULL. PRIVATE—BURN.

ALBANY, March 17. S. A. Suydam—Dear Sir—On other page, I send you a copy of the bill I spoke about when in New York.

I am happy to inform you that, by the aid of good counsel, I have got the committee to decide that it shall not be reported back to the Senate; and I have the original in my hands.

My expenses paid, and for which I stand pledged, amount to within a fraction of \$600, without including pay for my own services.

Yours, &c., GEO. W. BULL. Particulars when we meet. A select committee was appointed to investigate the affair.



The elements of value upon which duties are to be assessed. The action of the Treasury Department will, of course, be in conformity to this decision.

It was thought the opportunity offered, by Hunter's bill, to add a little more protection to coal and iron, would have been embraced with alacrity, by our rulers; we were mistaken in our estimate of the Cabinet's solicitude for these two important, though suffering interests of our State.

The former gentleman, however, has been so much engaged of late, in saving the Union by making speeches, writing letters, receiving presents and eating dinners, that his whole time has been occupied. After the confederacy is secured, perhaps its aviators may do something for the people; at present they cannot expect anything.

FOREIGN NEWS. BOSTON, March 28. England.—The Government of Lord John Russell is still very weak.

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France.—There is no news of importance. The accounts from the agricultural districts are satisfactory.

The President was burnt in effigy at Lisle, on the 9th. All hopes of a fusion between the branches of the Bourbon family, are at an end.

Italy.—There is no positive news, but various reports are flying of conspiracies in progress.

Prussia.—The Cabinet Council has determined to issue a comprehensive statement of the German questions involved in the proposed revival of the old German Confederacy.

Hesse Cassel.—The political contest has degenerated into vulgar quarrels between the Prince and his subordinates.

Baden.—The State of Baden has passed a law abolishing the censorship of the press, and requiring all articles to be signed by the writers of them.

The Chamber of Deputies has been burned.

Extreme suffering among the Indians.—The St. Paul Chronicle, published at the Capital of Minnesota, states that the Indians above Crow Wing are enduring extreme suffering, and that many have perished from starvation.

The situation of the Indians in the lower countries, is represented as peaceful and prosperous.

Congressional seat to be contested.—Col. Hendrick B. Wright, who ran as the Democratic candidate for Congress, in the Luzerne, Columbia, Wyoming, and Montour District, in October last, and was defeated by a small vote, by Col. Henry M. Fuller, the Whig candidate, has announced his intention to contest the election, and has, we believe, served the usual notice upon his former competitor.

Coal in California.—The San Jose State Journal mentions that a specimen of coal could be seen at their office, of a highly bituminous quality, resembling in appearance and density the celebrated "Cannel Coal." The deposit was discovered about 15 miles from San Jose; it was very extensive, and the work of mining had already commenced.