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VISIT OF THE LEGISLATURE.

A number of the members of the present Legislature made a visit to the Summit of the mountains on Sunday last. Multiplicity of business during this, (our court week,) prevents us from publishing as full a description of this affair as we would wish to do, and we are compelled to be brief.

The party consisted of Mr. Bailey of the Senate, Messrs. Penniman, Simpson, Gossler, Armstrong, Huplet, Souder, and Skinner, of Philadelphia county and city, Messrs. Schull, Ely and Thomas of Bucks, Messrs. Hunsicker and Baldwin of Lancaster, Mr. Feather of Berks, Mr. Fretz of Montgomery, Mr. Rhoads of Luzerne, Mr. Rhey of Armstrong, Mr. Griffin of Fayette, Mr. Roberts of Greene, Mr. Hemphill of Clearfield, Mr. Lantry of Lehigh, Mr. Mowry of Wyoming, Mr. McKean of Bradford, Mr. Bonham of Cumberland, Mr. Lilly of Carbon, all members of the House; also the following gentlemen connected with the House; Col. Thomas C. McDowell, Major Raymond, Messrs. Lutz, Lotz, Baum and Roat.

A number of the above gentlemen returned to their labors from Hollidaysburg, and we therefore failed to see them. The remainder of the party partook of a magnificent dinner furnished by Messrs. McKinley of the "Mansion House," in their unsurpassed style, and to which they in common with a number of our own citizens did full and ample justice.

The purpose of this unexpected visit to the hills of gallant Cambria was a desire on the part of the members to witness the effects and defects of the Portage Rail Road, and to form an opinion of the inclined plane system based upon a personal inspection of the Road itself.

The members exchanged congratulations with quite a number of the citizens of Cambria, and were most certainly impressed with the belief that our inhabitants are a hard working, industrious and intelligent community. Many of these gentlemen were anxious to obtain some remembrance of this pleasant trip and took especial care to select the most crooked laurel canes that they could meet with, intending, as one of the cunning ones intimated, to bore the member from Berks, who not long since returned from a pilgrimage to Mount Vernon with an unlimited number of livery limbs. The clear spring, one of the many sources of the Conemaugh, was visited by a committee of nine who reported favorably as to the inviting charms and bewitching smile of a young lady resident near the spot, and tis said, and we think with much truth, that several of our Legislators came near losing their precious hearts on this occasion.

We accompanied the delegation as far as Hollidaysburg, and after seeing all needful wants for their journey properly attended to, left for our home, much pleased with their worthy selves, and looking forward with pride when we shall again meet them. Our friend the Squire, alias Mr. Gabe has our wishes for the happy and successful termination of his legislative career.

Ladies do not appear to advantage unless they wear bonnets that are really the "pink of beauty," for such a thing as a beautiful bonnet is an ornament to the face of a lady. Now Wilson & West, North 3d street Philadelphia, keep always on hand bonnets and straw goods of every description, and we often see their make "setting off" admirably the ladies of our own town. They are deservedly popular, and persons visiting Philadelphia should have their address which can be easily attained by taking the "Sentinel" in their pocket, to which they can refer. Do not neglect this.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK for May is on our table and is a most beautiful copy. Well may the proprietor say of his book, "Excelsior." The reading matter, engravings, fashion plates, music, designs of cottages &c., are all excellent, and the editor is determined to supply his readers with a book that becomes more popular with every succeeding number.

GRAHAM'S MAGAZINE for May is before us, and the style and finish of the work is both elegant and superb. The colored engraving of the May Queen is certainly appropriate to the season. This magazine is invaluable, and every month new beauties adorn its pages. No lady should be without a copy of it. Grace Greenwood in her usual felicitous and admirable style, writes an essay on Actors and Actresses; and the proprietor prefaces the notice with a correct likeness of Miss Alexina Fisher, one of the most gifted artists that has ever appeared on the stage. Success to Graham.

The majority of persons are fond of reading & delight exceedingly in the perusal of good books, and their children have much sport in admiring the engravings &c. We noticed last winter that R. Wilson Desilver, South 4th street, Philadelphia, had some magnificent specimens in the windows of his warehouse, which added much to its general appearance. He has all sorts of Books constantly on hand for sale; also Stationary, Masonic and Odd-Fellows Regalia &c., &c. Give him a call.

The manufacture of light cutlery, such as knives, forks, razors, &c., has been brought to a high state of perfection in England and also in the United States. Messrs. Conrod & Walton, whose advertisement appears this week, have a large supply on hand, at their warehouse, 203 Market street, which they are prepared to sell at prices that will meet the views of the buyer and extend their own reputation.

Col. Ambrose J. White, the gentlemanly proprietor of the American House, Chestnut street, Philadelphia, is a very prince of a man. His Hotel is situated immediately opposite the State House, in the midst of the business portion of the city, and is a most delightful place to remain at while there. The proprietor does everything in his power to promote the comfort and welfare of his guests, and he deserves encouragement. We say, success to the American. See card published to-day.

The card of Messrs. Rhey, Matthews & Co., wholesale Grocers, Pittsburg Pa., will be found in this week's paper. To all persons wishing to purchase groceries cheap this is the place. They are honorable business men, and always give entire satisfaction to persons who do business with them. Small profits and quick returns, is their motto. Send your orders or call on them in person when next you visit the city of smoke.

The valuable property one mile East of our town, belonging to the heirs of David Davis, dec'd., will be sold May 6th, and we invite the notice of persons wishing to purchase an excellent farm, to the advertisement of the same in another column.

Persons who have business in the Northern part of the county, should not fail to stop with J. P. Urban, the obliging landlord of the Carrolltown House. See advertisement.

Read advertisement of the sale of property, belonging to the estate of Rev. C. B. Maguire, which takes place in Pittsburg on the 26th April.

J. D. Hamilton, Esq., is now land lord of the Hotel recently kept by Wm. Palmer, Esq., in Jefferson. We recommend Mr. Hamilton to the patronage of the community, and those who favor him with a call may be assured of the fact that their numerous wants will be attended to satisfactorily.

Robert M. Lemon, Esq., of Hollidaysburg, has been appointed by Gov. Johnston, one of his Aid-de-Camps with the rank of Lieut. Colonel. The Col. is a clever fellow, although a whig, and we congratulate him upon his appointment.

We have seen a bonnet that was manufactured out of the fibres of a gourd, and it was both pretty and novel, but Mr. J. McElhane No 155 Market street Philadelphia, manufactures bonnets that are no more to be compared to the squash kind than a Satyr to Hyperion. They are elegant, neat and exceedingly beautiful, and the merchants generally should patronize him. See advertisement published this week.

Messrs. Hart & Cowan, corner of Market and 5th Streets, Philadelphia, have always on hand a heavy stock of Hosiery, Trimmings, Fancy Goods and Looking Glasses, which they are prepared to sell at low rates, and the attention of merchants is respectfully called to their stock before purchasing elsewhere, and at higher prices than they would sell for. Call on them by all means and examine their goods and you cannot fail to purchase. See card in this week's paper.

Hats, or at least coverings for the head, are said to be worn by every nation on the globe, and to those who wish to purchase the latest styles, we can refer them to Mr. Isaac M. Ashton, Market St. Phila., whose advertisement appears in our paper. We intend to buy several there soon, to appear as sharp as 'tis possible for us to do so.

There has been a shipment of tea from China to N. York, by way of California, which is said to be the cheapest and best; and speaking of the "cheapest and best" reminds us that Mr. John Y. Rushton, Market street, Philadelphia, disposes of his china ware, queensware, &c., at the most moderate kind of prices, and the utility of the articles which they sell is well known to every body. See advertisement.

Since the rescue in Boston of Shadrach the fugitive from justice, that city has had one million of dollars of its trade with the South directed to Philadelphia, the Southern merchants not relishing so gross a violation of the laws of the Union. The Bostonians are a sensitive people as far as monetary matters are concerned, and we took it for granted that they would change their notions of things very materially, when it became evident, that their trade was diminishing through their own foolish course. But it seems that there are still to be found in that city, persons, who not having the fear of God before their eyes, nor the love of their country at heart, are disposed to create unnecessary excitement on the fugitive question. A fugitive named Simms has been arrested there and we annex an account of the proceedings. It connexion with this it is necessary to mention that Hon. Robert Rantoul, recently elected to the U. S. Senate, to serve out the unexpired term of Mr. Webster, has taken grounds, in a speech made at Lynn, against the constitutionality of the fugitive slave law, and thereby has forfeited all claims he once had on the Democratic party. The Boston Post has refused to support him for a seat in Congress; we applaud the act and hope he may meet with the defeat that his reasonable conduct entitles him to.

THE BOSTON SLAVE CASE.—Boston, April 7.—All day yesterday, the city remained perfectly quiet, and without any signs or apprehensions of a disturbance. A strong police force was kept on hand at the Court House, and the company of City Guards were ready for duty at their armory. The two negroes named Snowden who were arrested in the Court Square with pistols and knives concealed about them, were examined in the Police Court and held to bail in \$500 each for trial. Wendell Phillips, the noted abolitionist, bailed them.

The colored churches in the city were very thinly attended.

This morning, there was a renewal of the gathering around the Court House, where unusual precautions were observed. There was, however, no disturbance, and all seemed disposed to await the reopening of the Court at 12 o'clock at noon.

It is supposed that an attempt to rescue the slave, should he be sent back, will be made at some point, between here and New York. Three companies of military are still kept under arms.

The sympathisers held meetings yesterday in Concord, Medford, and Waltham, and passed resolutions offering their assistance to oppose the action of the fugitive slave law, in the case of Sims.

Second Despatch.—In the Supreme Judicial Court, before Chief Justice Shaw and his associates, Justices Fletcher, Melcalf, and Bigelow.

Mr. Rantoul occupied about one and a half hours this morning, in an argument in favor of a writ of habeas corpus for Simms, the alleged fugitive slave.

Mr. Rantoul's argument was simply reiterating his opinions on the unconstitutionality of the fugitive slave law, as given by him in his Lynn speech.

Upon his concluding, Chief Justice Shaw stated that he would adjourn the Court until 3 o'clock, at which time, if

the Court were prepared, he would deliver its decision on the motion.

Third Despatch.—The Court, this evening, decided, unanimously, that the writ of habeas corpus, prayed for by Simms' counsel, could not be granted.

The Appropriation Bill.

This bill has met with most excellent success in the House of Representatives, and the wants of the people seem to have been duly appreciated by the present Legislature. They have acted upon it with dispatch, and at the same time keeping in view and not neglecting the true interests of the Commonwealth. It passed the House finally on Monday last, and ere this is in the hands of a special committee of the Senate.

The sum of \$251,000 has been appropriated to the completion of the North Branch Canal.

The sum of \$45,000 was appropriated to the completion of western reservoir, the work to be let to the original contractors. The bill appropriating \$250,000 for the purpose of avoiding the inclined planes on the Portage Rail Road was passed in the following shape, as amended by the chairman of the committee of Ways and Means, by a vote of 58 to 27.

That the Canal Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized and required to locate and put under contract so much of a railroad on the eastern or western slope of the Allegheny mountain, or both, as will avoid so many of the inclined planes on the Allegheny Portage Railroad as they deem most practicable and expedient within the limits of the appropriation of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as hereafter provided for, the maximum grade of said railroad not to exceed seventy-five feet to the mile.

We apprehend that this bill has for its object the grand principle of wealth and prosperity to the State at large: a principle that should be, and no doubt is, paramount to every other doctrine inculcated in the sober minds and correct judgment of the people of the Keystone State; and when we look forward to the immense benefit that must necessarily accrue to our State from the passage of this bill, we can with propriety say that the march of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is onward and upward, and the day and the hour is fast approaching when she will, as she justly should, be the centre of commerce, the channel through which the trade of the manufacturing east and the productive west must flow to seek a market, and the greatest and mightiest empire of our confederacy. We congratulate the people upon the success of this measure, which when completed will be the avenue that can cope, and that too successfully, with the Central Rail Road in the conveyance of freight. To the Legislature we award the praise and honor so well deserved.

The section authorising a loan of the above amount was adopted by a vote of 50 to 34, with the amendment of Mr. Penniman, that said loan of \$250,000 should be exempt from all taxation, and making it bear an interest of 5 per cent. per annum.

The following bill making a provision for part payment of the loan was adopted by a vote of 53 to 25.

Mr. Penniman offered a new section providing that upon all passengers and freight passing over the Pennsylvania railroad to or from Philadelphia, by railroad and not by the Philadelphia and Columbia railroad, the Pennsylvania railroad shall pay fifty cents per passenger, and six mills per ton per mile, the revenue derivable from this source for the next three years to be applied to the redemption of the loan.

Cornelius Darragh, Esq., of Pittsburg, Attorney General of the State of Pennsylvania, has resigned his office, and his resignation has been accepted by the Governor.

Democratic Victory!

RHODE ISLAND REDEEMED. The telegraph brings us the cheering news of a complete Democratic victory in Rhode Island. The Democracy have elected their Governor, Lieutenant Governor, all the other State officers, and one member of Congress. The following is the telegraphic news—

Philip Allen, Democrat, is elected Governor, by about 600 majority, over Josiah Chapman, Whig. The present Governor, Henry B. Anthony, is a Whig. The members of Congress elect are the same as before: George C. King (Whig) is re-elected in the Eastern District, and Benj. B. Thurston (Dem.) in the Western. W. Beach Lawrence (Dem.) is elected Lieutenant Governor; Asa Potter (Democrat) Secretary of State; Walter S. Burgess (Democrat) Attorney General; and Edwin Wibur (Dem.) Treasurer—all by about 250 majority. In the Senate, 13 Whigs and 11 Democrats are elected, and no choice in four districts. In the House, 25 Whigs and 31 Democrats are elected. In six districts there is no choice.

Correction.—The name of the unfortunate stranger killed on the Portage Road last week, was William Brant instead of Michael Brentz, as we had published it.

Hon. Geo. R. McFarlane has resigned the office of Associate Judge of Blair county. We have not learned who his successor is to be.

On Tuesday evening, 8th inst., a man named Clawson was caught between the cars at the foot of Plane No. 5, Portage Road, and killed. He had resided in the neighborhood of Johnstown.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE "MOUNTAIN SENTINEL."
HARRISBURG, April 1, 1851.

DEAR JACK—The first of April has been ushered in with the most delightful weather that can well be imagined.

Things in Harrisburg are getting very lively—and much interest is being felt by both members and outsiders in all things that transpire within the walls of the capitol. In the House of Representatives for the past few days the revenue bill has been under discussion, and has taken precedence of all other bills. It is made the special order of the day for each day, Tuesdays excepted, until it shall be passed. This is right, because of the importance of the bill, as well as the lateness of the session.

Mr. John S. Rhey, of Armstrong county, who is Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, has won golden opinions from all quarters for his abilities as displayed in his new and responsible position of Chairman of the most important Committee in the Legislature.

No man is selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to fill this post, who is not acknowledged to possess qualifications of a high order; and in this instance the post of honor has fallen upon a gentleman whose abilities rank him among the most talented of the representatives in the Legislature.

His intelligence is both extensive and varied; his forensic talents render him at once prompt and powerful in debate, whilst he is instructive and courteous in communicating his information to the House. Mr. Rhey, I am proud to say, is destined to rise in political life to a sphere far above that which he moves in at present.

A man with his abilities cannot be kept down in such a country as ours: where talents and intelligence are the passports to success.

His advocacy of the appropriation to avoid the inclined planes on the Portage Rail Road is creditable to him and the Commonwealth, especially at this important juncture in the history of the State, when she is called upon to fit herself to the contest with a rival, and a powerful one too, in the Central Rail Road, whose supporters, in and out of the Legislature, are busily engaged in the praiseworthy work of throwing obstacles in the way of the passage of the appropriation for the purpose of avoiding the planes on the Portage Rail Road.

Every man who will take the trouble to examine the subject for a moment, will be convinced of the fact that, the State of Pennsylvania must do one of two things, and that speedily—namely: the Legislature must authorize the construction of a Road without inclined planes—in order to compete successfully with the Central Rail Road—or at once abandon the entire line of public works of the Commonwealth. It matters not that this project will involve the expenditure of one or two millions of dollars, because by doing this the Legislature will be acting with a foresight and sagacity that will result in both blessings and benefits to the Commonwealth. If the inclined planes are not avoided before the Central Rail Road is finished to Pittsburg, the Commonwealth will have "sinned away her day of grace," and the direful consequence of such a state of things will only be felt when it is forever too late to apply the remedy.

Another thing ought to be done by the Legislature, and that is, a law ought to be passed imposing upon the Central Rail Road a tax on passengers, which would yield an immense revenue to the State from that source alone. Such a law will undoubtedly be passed at the next session of the Legislature, if not by the present Legislature.

In the Senate to-day, the House bill, which passed that body some weeks since, to repeal the act erecting the county of Montour, came up, and was advocated by Mr. Buckalew, Senator from Columbia county, in a speech replete with some sound logical argument, and eloquence of a high order. Mr. Buckalew is a young man of fine abilities, and is withal a most amiable and pleasant gentleman. The

history of the erection of Montour county is familiar to almost every person in the Commonwealth. It is well known that that county was carried through the Legislature of 1850 by the treachery and baseness of Valentine Best, who deceived his constituents, and deserted his party in order to carry a project which was in violation of good faith, and will forever cover its author with infamy and disgrace, whilst it was in direct contradiction to the expressed will and wishes of those immediately interested. I hope for the honor of the Senate of Pennsylvania, and of our race, that that body will vindicate itself by the passage of the bill to repeal Montour county, and thus stamp with Legislative reprobation both the traitor and the treason.

The Honorable Daniel Webster is here on a visit in accordance with an invitation from the members of the Legislature, and is now receiving the numerous crowd who are flocking to pay their respects to him. Mr. Webster is in the true sense of the term a great man; and deserves well of his country for his patriotism and splendid talents, which have become the property of the nation, as well as the wonder and admiration of the civilized world. I have not yet seen Mr. W., therefore I cannot give you any description of his person or appearance. I have seen him often, but not for several years; and no doubt time has made its impress visible upon his physical man as it does upon all things both animate as well as inanimate.

Well might the nation exclaim in the bitterness of its soul as did a celebrated squire of your county on one occasion, "It is a pity the world ever gets old."

Your county is three fold fortunate in the person of two good representatives in the Legislature. I mean Messrs. M'Murtree of the Senate, and Linton of the House of Representatives. Mr. M'Murtree is a gentleman of ability, and withal a capital companion and generous friend; whilst his colleague, Mr. Linton, is universally beloved for his good qualities both of head and heart. These gentlemen are attentive, industrious and vigilant in the discharge of their respective duties, in whose hands the interests of their constituents are perfectly safe and secure. I am glad to bear this willing testimony in behalf of these gentlemen, and I do it from a personal knowledge of the facts. Among the distinguished men who are here, I see Gen. Simon Cameron, than whom I know no warmer friend or better man.

There is a great deal of speculation in political circles in this region in reference to the choice of the Democratic Convention, which will assemble at Reading in June next, of a candidate for Canal Commissioner. If I am at all able to form any judgment on this subject, and in forming that judgment, I am to be guided by what I hear among politicians and others, as well as from the opinions of the press, I should at once say that John B. Bratton, Esq., Editor of the Carlisle Volunteer, will be the man.

I know Mr. Bratton well and long, and can bear testimony to his ability and worth to fill any station in the Commonwealth. Mr. Bratton would be a most excellent candidate for Canal Commissioner for many reasons. He is a man of intelligence, and is well and favorably known to the Democracy of the State, whose champion he has been for many years—first as Editor of "The State Capitol Gazette," and subsequently of the Carlisle Volunteer, which paper he still edits with distinguished ability. Mr. B. is one of the young Democracy too, and if the party is but true to itself, and pays a proper regard to the question both of availability and qualifications of the candidate, the Convention will select Mr. Bratton. I am decidedly in favor of the young Democracy, and think that in as much as it is from their ranks the party derives both its vitality and support in the hour of trial, I also think that from their ranks should come the men to share the honors and receive the emoluments of office.

Bigler and Bratton would make a team that cannot be defeated. Without disparagement to any other gentleman whose name is mentioned in connection with the office of Canal Commissioner, I prefer Bratton to all the rest for that office.

Yours truly,
LOBBY.

From California.

NEW YORK, April 7.

The steamship Georgia arrived from Chagres at about 7 o'clock, with advices from San Francisco to the 5th ult.

The Georgia bring 161 passengers, but no gold on freight.

Business at San Francisco was dull, generally. The mines, however, are doing well throughout the State, and a largely increased amount of gold is expected to be taken out during the coming season.

Very little rain had fallen, and the want of it had retarded the mining operations. After 150 ballotings for U. S. Senator, the Convention had adjourned without making a choice, and was to meet again on the 1st of June. The most prominent candidates were T. Butler King and Mr. Wethered, Whigs, and Colonel Fremont, Democrat. At one time Mr. King lacked but 6 votes of an elected. A good deal of feeling exists on the Senatorial question, which will enter largely into the next political campaign.

On the morning of the 3d of March, two steamers, the Santa Clara and Har-