

MOUNTAIN SENTINEL.

Andrew J. Rhay, Editor.

EBENSBURG, PA.

Thursday, April 21, 1853.

For Canal Commissioner,
THOMAS H. FORSYTH,
of Philadelphia County.

For Auditor General,
EPHRAIM BANKS,
of Mifflin County.

For Surveyor General,
J. PORTER BRAWLEY,
of Crawford County.

REMOVAL.

The *Sentinel* Office was removed on Monday last, to the new frame office on Centre street, near the Court House, one door south of the office of G. M. Reed, Esq. Do not neglect to "crab in" and see us; we will be much pleased with a visit from our patrons and friends.

Blank Deeds, Summons, Executions, &c., for sale at this office.

Attention is directed to a number of new advertisements—Dissolution of firm of Hutchinson and Webster—Notice to stockholders of Ebensburg and Susquehanna Plank Road.—Notice concerning the estate of Cornelius McDonald, deceased.—Card of Dr. Yeagley who has located in Jefferson, for the practice of medicine.

Ebensburg and Susquehanna Plank Road.

We are sorry to observe any difficulty or disagreement among the President and Directors of the above road. That the road ought to and will be a renumerating one, and of great benefit to Ebensburg and the northern part of the country, is not doubted, and the urgent necessity for its early completion, is an admitted and well established fact.

Why then should difficulties and obstacles be thrown in the way to retard its completion? The road is not intended to be an entirely selfish project, and as it is utterly impossible that it should go through every man's farm or pass immediately by his house, the opinions and wishes of each and every stockholder should be consulted. Personally we have no interest in either of the contemplated routes, and in that respect the selection of either would be satisfactory to us, but we entertain the opinion, that the true interests of this, as well as every other similar improvement, should be to consult the resident stockholders, those most intimately interested, and thus discharge a duty of doing the greatest good to the greatest number. This would be just and nothing more or less than right, and when an expression is had from those who are directly interested, no one could consistently complain. In such a decision all should acquiesce.

Let the directors then consult the wishes and respective interests of the resident stockholders, and allow them to select the route which their majority should deem best and most advisable, thus relieving the Directors of the responsibility of selection. This would be in accordance with the spirit of the age, and would give the privilege of selection where it rightfully belongs, and as there has been, and is considerable feeling exhibited in the matter, such a course would relieve the Directors, (who may entertain different opinions) from any insinuations that they have acted from selfish or interested motives. We hope for the general good that such a course will meet with approbation.

Visit of the Marylanders.

The members of the Maryland Legislature and the authorities of the city of Baltimore, visited Harrisburg, by invitation, on Saturday last, and together with the Governor and Heads of Departments, Senate and Assembly of this State, assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives, where they were welcomed in an eloquent and feeling address by Gov. Bigler, which was responded to by Mr. Ely, Speaker of the Maryland Senate. A sumptuous dinner was given the guests at the "Pennsylvania Hall," and a number of gentlemen responded to complimentary toasts. The crowd of strangers was very great. The Hall of the House was decorated with the flags of the States of Pennsylvania and Maryland entwined, and also the flags borne by the 2nd Penn. Regiment in the Mexican war. The greatest good feeling prevailed, and at 7 o'clock in the evening the excursionists left in the cars for Baltimore, delighted with the pleasures of the trip. The return trip was one continued scene of unrestrained festivity.

Death of Vice President King.

We announce with the deepest regret the decease of Hon. Wm. R. King, Vice President of the United States, which sad event took place on his plantation at Pine Hills, near Catawba, Alabama, on Monday evening last. His death came not unexpected, both to himself and the Nation—and the entire American people without distinction of party, mourn for his loss as a great national bereavement. Col. King was a man of many private and public virtues—of pure and upright character—and eminently national and patriotic in his feelings. The news of his death reached here, this Thursday evening, and we have barely time to notice it. A more extended notice will be given in our next paper.

Adjournment of the Legislature.

The Legislature adjourned on Tuesday, at 12 o'clock. A sufficient Appropriation passed both Houses for the old and new Portage. To the latter, \$513,000, notwithstanding the formidable opposition it encountered. The principle opponent of this appropriation, from the commencement of his work of opposition to its close, seems to have had ever in mind the following quotation:

"This work requires long time, dissembling looks, Comixt with undermining actions, Watching advantages to execute. Our foes are mighty, and their number great, It therefore follows that our stratagems Must branch forth into manifold deceipts. Endless devices, bottomless conclusions."

An Irishman, whose name we could not learn, had one of his hands crushed on Tuesday, at the Half-way house, A. P. R. R., by the wheels of a car passing over it. He was intoxicated at the time. The arm was amputated above the wrist, by Drs. Korn and Kelly, and is doing well.

Mr. Hugh McGuire, of Jefferson on yesterday fell off the scaffolding attached to his new house, disjoining his wrist and inflicting a large gash upon his forehead.

Mr. James Meloy, Engineer on the Locomotive Bedford, was considerably injured by his locomotive coming in collision with another on the grade near Plane No. 2, on Monday. He was thrown against the levers when the engines come together. His injuries are not serious.

The Board of Directors of the Susquehanna Plank Road met on Monday, and decided upon adopting the eastern route for the distance of three miles and a half north of town. This route commences in the centre of Ebensburg, and runs north through Wm. Price's farm. The President of the road, Geo. J. Rodgers, Esq., has resigned, and John Williams, Esq., has been elected President *pro tem.*

FETTER has the peculiar faculty of daguerreotyping a face in better style than any artist that has yet visited this village. He has exhibited to us various specimens, which are undoubtedly the most life-like and perfect resemblances to the originals that we have ever seen. Call upon him at his rooms in the Academy and have your "counterfeit presentment" taken; you may not have so excellent an opportunity for some years. He cannot be excelled.

BLAIR COUNTY AFFAIRS.

The Standard in noticing a handsome new sign that Gardiner, Lloyd & Co., have "hung out," goes on to say that the newspaper is the proper place to hang out signs, and that if merchants expect to sell goods they must advertise. So say we; and while we are gratified that the painters are patronized, we can at the same time suggest the propriety of every man, who has anything to sell, advertising, because people will read the "sign" in print, who would never see it if stuck up on the side of a house.—

Reynolds, of the American House, has sold his back, together with the match greys and harness to the Swiss Bell Ringers, for four hundred dollars. Would not object to a visit from the Ringlers to Ebensburg.—A cotillion party was given by Lytle at the Mountain House, last evening. What with removing, adjusting press, and various other duties at home, our attendance was prevented; otherwise we should have been present not for the purpose of "tripping the light fantastic toe," but to assist our friend of the Standard in "wading through" the luxuries of the table.—A man named McCann, a laborer at the Penna. and Ohio warehouse, had his leg broke on Thursday last. He is doing well.

A man whose name is unknown, had his leg smashed between the bumpers of two cars, at the head of Plane No. 9, last week. The limb was amputated.—A carman, name unknown, had his leg broken at Plane No. 6, on Friday last.—Johnston McKee is as "snug as a bug in a rug" in the Dauphin county prison.

Later from Havana and Mexico.

New York, April 17.—The steamship Black Warrior, with Havana dates to the 12th inst., arrived this afternoon.

On the 9th, forty-five political prisoners, charged with insurrectionary attempts, were shipped for Cadiz, there to await the decision of the Queen. Among them were those who were recently condemned to death, but reprieved at the garrote. There was a number among them of high standing, including Count Pasas, Dulces, Joaquin Fortun and others.

They were allowed to receive the visits of their friends before departing.

A private letter gives the following additional names of the prisoners:—Luis Eduardo Christo, a landed proprietor; Juan Gonzales Alvarez, a wealthy planter; Joaquin Miranda, a lawyer educated in Connecticut; Signor Pinto, also a lawyer; Gasie, a doctor of laws; and Francisco Valdez, who was at the head of the cartridge manufacturer.

The English mail steamer Avon arrived at Havana on the 10th from Vera Cruz.

Gen. Santa Anna arrived there on the 1st, and was received with much enthusiasm. On the 3rd he issued a proclamation to the people of Mexico, in which he makes magnificent promises for the regeneration of his beloved country. He started for the capital on the 6th instant.

Some excitement has been occasioned at Havana, by the detection of a conspiracy among the prisoners confined in the city prison. They had procured arms, and intended to rise upon their keepers. The ringleader was a German, who formerly occupied the position of Cashier in a mercantile house, and had been imprisoned for embezzling the funds of his employer. A German attached to the Revere house, has also been arrested for participation in the conspiracy.

Martin Gallegano, the late secretary of the Captain General, has been married to Miss Seville, the daughter of an American, long a resident of the Island.

LOCAL AND EDITORIAL ITEMS.

The "colored waiters" of New York, are about striking for higher wages. So also are the horse shooers, seamstresses, barbers, coal hoisters and pulsers.

The old gentleman who spent a fortune in endeavoring to hatch coots from horse-chess-nuts is now cultivating the egg plant, with a view of raising chickens from them.

A correspondent of the *Appalachian*, Florida *Advertiser*, advocates the planting of vineyards in that State for the production of wine, for which the soil and the climate are both favorable. He says wine, dried figs, and raisins, can all be produced in abundance there.

A Washington despatch says:—"Robert J. Walker, Esq., has refused the French Mission. He is a confirmed invalid, and cannot undertake any office." His ailng is the gout."

A marriage took place in Williamsburg, last week, with the following peculiarities—the groom measured six feet four, and the bride four feet six. If this is not "the long and short of matrimony," we don't know what is, that's all.

A new "corruption" on the part of the New York Aldermen has just leaked out. Among the items in a bill they have recently sent to the Comptroller, was \$2,126 for the public reception of THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER. The "swindle" is suggested in the fact that MEAGHER never received any corporation reception at all.

The Baltimore *Sun* says that WILLIAM B. MESSER, the conductor who had charge of the train at the time of the accident on the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, near Newton Hamilton, was tried in Lewistown last week for manslaughter. The jury returned a verdict of "not guilty," but that he pay the costs.

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Mrs. Perry a young "bloomer," has eloped from Monson, Mass., with Levins Clough. When her husband found she was determined to go, he gave her one hundred dollars to start with.

THOMAS F. MEAGHER.—This eloquent

gentleman has been lecturing in New Orleans with unbounded applause. He has been invited

by the Governor and Legislature of Louisiana, to proceed to Baton Rouge.

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On the assembling of the extra session of the Legislature of New York, on Thursday last, the most disgraceful scenes were enacted by its members. Several were arrested and carried out by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

A survey of a route to California, from the South Pass across the different ranges of mountains to the Pacific slope of the continent, is said by the St. Louis Republican to be undertaken by parties independent of all governmental connection. It will be in the hands of civil engineers of undoubted merit and capacity, accompanied by a geologist, who will institute a thorough examination of the country.

Accounts from Mobile show that Mr. King's condition is becoming more and more precarious daily. Wednesday evening of last week it was feared that he would not be able to leave the city, but on Friday morning he had rallied and it was hoped he might be able on Saturday, to go up the river to his plantation.

A day or two since, Arthur Spring, Jr., paid a visit to his wretched father in his cell at Moymeanus prison. The son offered to shake the hand of his father, and expressed a desire to be reconciled with him. The parent charged his offspring with having committed the crime of which he (the father) had been convicted. The boy argued with the father upon the impossibility of his having done it when every moment of his time was accounted for during the evening upon which the murder was committed.

The elder Spring insisted doggedly upon his own innocence, and upon the guilt of the son, and the parties finally separated without the slightest manifestation of forgiveness or reconciliation on the part of the wretched culprit.

NEW JUDICIAL DISTRICT.—An act has passed the Legislature erecting a new judicial district, to be composed of the counties of Clearfield, Centre and Elk. The act annexes Mercer county to the district composed of Venango, Clarion and Jefferson counties. Hon. J. C. Knox, present President Judge of this district, will hereafter preside in the Courts of Mercer county.

They have a new title out west, which for originality, and the force of the character it indicates, entirely eclipses the old pig-tail quirk, "Esq." A man's name with the new title stands thus: "Obadiah Comstock, P. B.; and P. B. signifies Perfect Brick.—Ex.

We would suggest an amendment to the above, by substituting S. P. for P. B. thus: "J. Lazebones, S. P., the S. P. signifying Some Pumpkins."

THE NEXT CONGRESS.—The last five States, in their Congressional elections, have returned their entire delegation of Democrats. Thus far 163 members have been elected—105 Democrats, 50 Whigs and 8 Abolitionists. If the remaining 77 to be elected should preserve the same political faith as those of the last representation, the whole number will stand 154 Democrats, 77 Whigs and 8 Abolitionists.

In the California Legislature there are eleven natives of Pennsylvania, seven being members of the Senate, and four of the House of Representatives; in addition to which 17 were ships, (four clippers) 11 brigs, 16 brigs, 13 schooners, 16 sloops and 18 steamers, of which two were war steamers.

Gold is found on the tops of the California hills as well as in the river bottoms and valleys.

A late Paris letter says:—"The Americans cannot help noticing and admiring the rapidity with which the French fleet went to sea.

Thirty-six hours after the despatch was handed to the admiral, his twelve vessels left the roads of Toulon. Should they be ordered as secretly and as promptly to Hayti or Cuba, they would arrive at their destination before it could be known at Washington that they had even left the French coast."

Gen. Scott has purchased a handsome house in Twelfth street, near Fifth Avenue, N. Y., for \$26,000, and designs taking up his permanent residence in it. The house is new, having been built last fall by Charles Partridge, Esq. The Whig Young Men's General Committee have appointed five of their number to wait upon Gen. Scott to ascertain when he can make it convenient to meet the committee.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT PITTSBURG.—About half-past 12 o'clock on Thursday morning a fire broke out in the casting room of Messrs. J. Schoonmaker & Co.'s White Lead Factory, on Rebecca street, First Ward, Allegheny. The building was completely gutted. The flames communicated to Mr. Hamilton Stewart's Check

Manufactury, but were extinguished without much injury to the building. All the goods had been removed at the first alarm. Mr. Stewart's loss will not exceed one hundred dollars, on which there was no insurance. We understand that the White Lead factory was insured for \$5000. A large number of workmen are temporarily thrown out of employment.

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