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The County Finances.

The annual statement of receipts and expenditures of Huntingdon County for the past year is made public this week. The Commissioners use their utmost endeavors to keep the expenses of the county down to the lowest possible limit, and we believe our county shows as economical a set of officers as any other in the State.

Changes in the Senate.

It is remarked as worthy of note that one Senator from a free State, who took part in the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854, has been returned to that body. Even General Cass—poor crazy old man—whose great personal popularity, and intimate connection with public affairs, for many years, seemed to give him a prescriptive right to participate in the honors and responsibilities of office, has been displaced in the Senate, and by a new man, having forfeited the confidence of those who so long delighted to honor him. In no instance has popular justice been more prominently displayed than in his case.

Pistols and Coffee.

Messrs. J. C. Evans, Benj. Nunnermacher, Michael Hoffman, and a couple of other independent democratic members of the Legislature, have joined in a letter to Samuel Mearan, of York county, their fellow boarder, requesting him to remove his quarters to some other house as they could no longer associate with him on equal terms. Mearan returned an indignant answer, assuring them that he would no longer remain in the same house with them; characterizing them at the same time as unfit associates for gentlemen. That was "giving them their charge."

The New Coinage Bill.

Our readers will remember that Congress recently passed a law to do away with the fractional parts of the change which has afflicted the community for years, in the shape of Spanish coins and leviés. That law is now in force, and we hope soon to see such trashy change driven from the counters of our business community. The government officers are required, by this law, to receive Spanish and Mexican quarters at 20 cents, the leviés at 10 cents, and the fives at 5 cents. When received at these rates, the Post Offices, Custom Houses, &c., are to despatch them to the mint, where they are to be coined into American money.

Illinois.

The Democrats of Illinois seem to be carrying matters with a desperate hand since the last election. In the House, they have forced themselves into a majority by the use of violent measures in the organization, by which they gained the control of the contested seats. To effect this, the clerk of the House was knocked down and dragged out of the chamber, and some one elected in his stead. In the Senate, being in a majority, they endeavored to take away all power from the Lieutenant Governor, who is a Republican. The State Agricultural Society met at the capital, and the Democrats mustered and elected an entirely Democratic list of officers. Governor Bissell, Republican, having taken the oath of office, in spite of all they could do to prevent it they were, at the last accounts, talking of getting a writ of quo warranto served on him from the Supreme Court, a Democratic tribunal, to require him to show by what authority he holds the office. All these measures are perfectly consonant with the spirit which repealed the Missouri compromise, but, as the people have once rebuked it effectually, will they not do so again?

Foreign News.

By the arrival at New York, on Friday last, of the steamship Arago, from Havre and Southampton, we have advices from Liverpool and London to the 14th. The Neufchâtel question is definitely settled. Switzerland released the insurgent prisoners, and Prussia, on her part, acknowledges the independence of Neufchâtel, and suspends all military preparations. The Russians have met with a most disastrous defeat near Buzuk, in Circassia, where they were attacked by 10,000 Circassians, and forced to retreat with a loss of 2000 men and their artillery. The hostilities were continued at Canton, and the American vessels have become fully engaged in the struggle. The explanation of the engagement of the American forces at Canton in the renewed hostilities, is that the Chinese having offered a price for the heads of the English, some American heads were sent in by mistake. There are no further particulars in relation to it. The telegraphic advices from Canton are to the 24th of November. The French Admiral at Macao had sent orders to all the French vessels belonging to the station to join him immediately. The ship James Buchanan, wrecked on the Irish coast, belonged to Portsmouth. It is rumored that Russia has further remonstrated against the Anglo-French occupation of Greece. The difficulty between Spain and the Pope has been settled.

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Severity of the Winter.

The "oldest inhabitants" in every part of our country concur in the opinion that the present winter has, so far been one of unexampled severity. The snow storm which swept the east on Sunday, seems to have gone further south than usual. At Charleston, as the telegraph has informed us, they had heavy gales and a snow storm, and the thermometer indicated twenty-two degrees above zero, a thing hitherto unknown in that latitude. At New Albany, Indiana, the Ohio was frozen over, and the people were crossing on the ice, a circumstance which is not remembered to have occurred there for twenty-one years.

In the country West and Northwest of us, the winter seems to have been most trying. The Galena Advertiser states that there has fallen during the present season in that region fifty six inches of snow. In Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota the snow is from three to four feet deep, and well packed down. The number of instances given where persons have perished with the cold, is wholly without parallel. The history of most of the cases is about this: The victims are commonly strangers in the country; they start for a given point, get lost on the prairies, and are found dead. We find the following melancholy account in illustration in the La Crosse Republican;

We learn from a gentleman residing near Red rock or Brownsville, east of Austin, Minnesota Territory, that twelve persons had perished in the snow storms this winter, between that place and West Union. It is reported that two boys were getting wood with a yoke of oxen when the drifting snow filled up the track and blinded their sight on the return. Believing the cattle would go home, they fastened themselves to the sled to prevent falling off when too far frozen to help themselves on again. The cattle came home, sure enough, but the brave little drivers had perished in each other's arms!

Loss by the Public Works.

The Pittsburg Gazette, remarking upon the Annual Report of the Auditor General,

says that the Public Works of Pennsylvania, including the debt thereon, have cost the tax payers within the last year \$6,500,000 to pay for it, leaving on the debitor side of the account \$2,294,000. According to this the loss by the Public Works is equal to the entire amount raised by taxation, and the people of the State are annually called upon to pay taxes not for the legitimate expenses of the government, but to enrich a hungry set of office holders. Notwithstanding this state of affairs, the Locofooco cling to the Public Works with a leech-like tenacity. The "party" find them a very convenient hospital establishment for small politicians, while the "big fish" manage by contract and wholesale speculation to fill their coffers at the expense of the State. The Post Offices, Custom Houses, &c., are to despatch them to the mint, where they are to be coined into American money.

Assassination.

The Archbishop of Paris, while officiating in the Church St. Stephen, in Paris, was stabbed to the heart by a discharged priest, named Verges. The Archbishop instantly expired. He was performing religious services in the Church of St. Eustache, when he was assassinated, the assassin stepping forward, lifting his cape and plunging a catalan knife into his heart exclaiming, "Down with the Goddess," an expression which he afterwards explained to refer to the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. A Sister of Charity, who had observed the movement of the assassin, attempted to throw herself between him and the Archbishop, and was wounded in her hand. Verges was formerly a priest in the Diocese of Meaux, and had been suspended for preaching against the dogmas of the Immaculate Conception.

The New York Mirror says it is estimated that one of "our rich men" (Wm. B. Astor) has now a "regular income" of \$3,000 a day; or about \$1,100,000 a year if wealth led to happiness, Astor should be the most contented man in this world. He is not. To keep away the govt he feeds himself on Graham bread; instead of being the happiest man in New York, he is perhaps one of the most discontented. He is in law with his tenants about one half the time, and instead of taking the world kindly he spends eight hours of ten in reading up the statutes on fraud. Astor's income is \$3,000 a day, and yet we could furnish all he consumes for \$15 a week. Such being the case it strikes us that the man who makes \$15 a week is just as well off as Astor. People who worship ducats place a false estimate on them. Three of the best things in the world are obtained gratis—viz, pure water, pure air, and unadulterated health. Nearly everything that wealth gives us we can do without.

The Harrisburg Herald speaks of a new counterfeit \$10 note on the Harrisburg Bank, which it says is very different from the counterfeit on the Bank of Montgomery County tens. It has portraits of Washington and Rittenhouse in the center—caval bost on one end, and male and female on the other—with train of cars at the bottom of the note. The genuine ten has the State Capitol in the center, with the Goddess of liberty in the foreground, seated. The vignettes on the ends are both alike—two females.

The Westmoreland Democracy. Both organs of the Democracy of Westmoreland county sustain the course pursued by Gen. Foster, and his colleagues, in refusing to support Col. Forney. The Argus gives the Pennsylvania significantly to understand that the party in Westmoreland is opposed to Col. Forney, and the Republican says that the delegation from that county have the thanks of their constituents for the course they have pursued.

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Gov. Pollock refuses to be a candidate for re-nomination.

The Banner Counties of 1840.

It may be interesting to many old Whigs, and some not so old, to learn the recent vote of those counties, which by their overwhelming majorities for Harrison, in 1840, were proclaimed the banner counties of that exciting contest. Those counties were, Kennebec in Maine, Windsor in Vermont, Worcester in Massachusetts, Genessee, Erie and Chautauque in New York, Lancaster and Allegheny in Pennsylvania, and Ashtabula in Ohio. They voted as follows, at the late Presidential election:

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| Fremont, Fillmore, Buchanan. | 7320 | 340 | 2487 |
| Windsor, | 5706 | 66 | 1273 |
| Worcester, | 17971 | 1129 | 4664 |
| Chautauque, | 7037 | 2016 | 1847 |
| Genessee,* | 7686 | 1671 | 3345 |
| Erie, | 6901 | 5520 | 7536 |
| Lancaster, | 6608 | 4592 | 8731 |
| Allegheny, | 13671 | 1488 | 9062 |
| Ashtabula, | 5108 | 252 | 975 |
| | 78008 | 17075 | 39860 |

*Of these, except Erie and Lancaster maintained their integrity—the remaining counties, except Genesee, gave larger majorities over the united vote of Buchanan and Fillmore, than they did for Harrison, in 1840. The aggregate in the nine counties, exhibit a plurality over Buchanan of 38,148 votes! and a majority over the united vote of Buchanan and Fillmore, of 21,073 votes!

So much for the banner counties of 1840. Kennebec remains the banner county of Maine, so does Windsor of Vermont, Worcester of Massachusetts, and Ashtabula of Ohio. The democratic county of St. Lawrence takes the proud position which Genesee occupied in 1840, and Chautauque and Genesee, large as their majorities are, have to yield the palm to the democratic counties of Jefferson, Madison, Oneida and Onondaga. Democratic Bradford Whig Allegheny, and Democratic Tioga, are in the order named the banner counties of Pennsylvania.

Worcester, Massachusetts, was the banner county of the Union in 1840, giving Gen. Fremont a plurality of 13,367, and a majority over both his opponents of 12,238!

Vermont is the banner State, giving as in 1840, a larger majority for Fremont in proportion to her vote, than any other State.

*Including Wyoming, separated from Genesee since 1840.

BURNING A SLAVE.

We learn from the Euclid (Alabama) Native, that a slave was burned at Abberville, in that State, by a mob of people numbering over four thousand. He was taken from jail, the Sheriff offering no resistance, and tied firmly to a stake, around which was heated fat pine wood, so as to make a pile six feet in diameter and four feet high. Fire was then applied, and the poor wretch was burned to ashes. The crime of which he was guilty was the murder of his master.

Remedy against frosted feet.

An old woman was recently flogged to death by the people of Matamoras for bewitching a young lady of that place.

A female writer says:

"Nothing looks worse on a half a day than darned stockings." Allow us to observe that stockings which need mending look worse than darned ones.—Ex.

An Explosion Expected.

Land speculators appear to have got a full head of steam in Kansas, and we soon expect, to hear an explosion.

A letter from Leavenworth says that a lot containing 60 acres, lying half a mile from town, sold at private sale, a day or two since, for \$11,000. One of 53 acres for \$12,000. One of 16 acres, for \$3000. Single lots, 24 feet by 110, are selling from \$200 to \$2500. Small office buildings rent for \$600 a year.

An editorial of length in the New Orleans Delta, which is copied approvingly by some of the other Southern Journals of that kidney, advocates the formation of a purely Southern party, to prepare for the campaign of 1860, when it is feared the Republican party will elect its candidates to the Presidency and Vice Presidency. What they want with a more Southern party than the present Locofooco one, we cannot well conceive.

The Jackson Mississippian says: "A snake was recently caught in the town of Tully, which is said to be a mile and a half from town, and was soon after, cut into pieces. The snake was 10 feet long, and was found to contain 60 acres, lying half a mile from town, sold at private sale, a day or two since, for \$11,000. One of 53 acres for \$12,000. One of 16 acres, for \$3000. Single lots, 24 feet by 110, are selling from \$200 to \$2500. Small office buildings rent for \$600 a year.

A new marriage law.

Which has just been passed in Austria, recognizes the marriage of a boy of fourteen, with a girl of twelve as valid, "but the parties are to be separated until they are of age."

A man in Waterbury, Vt.

After obtaining a divorce from his wife, made himself a Christmas present of a girl of sixteen, whom he persuaded to jump out of a window, slope, and marry him.

A man in Paraguay.

He expects to use them in taking wild cattle on the plain of Paraguay in place of the lasso.

A snake in New Jersey.

Mr. Robert Taylor, of Totowa, England is a made man. An old stone, tossing about his house for many years, has turned out to be a blue diamond, worth £50,000.

A fight in the House of Representatives.

A fight occurred in the House of Representatives of Ohio, in session at Columbus on Wednesday week, in which Mr. Slough struck Mr. Caldwell in the face with his fist. A committee was appointed to investigate and report upon the circumstances.

The Richmond Enquirer says that,

after the 4th of March, President Pierce will make a tour of the southern States.

The Westmoreland Democracy.

We see the name of John P. Sander-son mentioned in connection with the office of Governor at next fall's election. If any party wished to be beaten worse than ever any party was beaten in this State let it choose such trash to lead it. Nothing more is required.—John P. Sander-son for Governor. Bash!

More Facts.

According to the Second Annual Report of the Inspectors and Superintendents of the Monroe county, (N.Y.) workhouse, we learn that there were 754 commitments during the past year, of which 233 were for drunkenness, 195 for disorder, and as many as 143 for vagrancy, 101 for thieving, 70 for assault and battery; and of the whole number, 647, or six-sevenths admitted themselves to be intemperate. Of this motley group of vagrant, drunken, disorderly, and thiefish men and women, no less than four hundred and ninety were foreigners, and of these 313 were Irish!

General News.

Our English Minister.

Our latest advices from Europe informs us of the appointment of Lord Napier to the ministry at Washington. The London Times objects to his appointment on the ground that though well fitted by diplomatic experience to represent the country in the east, and at any of the despotic and military Courts of Continental Europe, he is not the right man for the mission to Washington. Still Lord Napier is a practical diplomatist, and has served in Austria, Persia, Russia, Naples and Turkey, to the general satisfaction of his government.

A Good Fashion.

It is getting to be the fashion in some quarters to enclose a dollar with marriage notices when sending them to the printer. The custom is a good one, and ought to prevail everywhere. The marriage fee should always be accompanied with a dollar for the printer.

\$6 dollars for the printer and priest.

No sensible man should refuse;

Five dollars to render him blest;

And one to publish the news!"

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

OF THE COUNTY OF HUNTINGDON.

FROM THE EIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY 1856, TO THE TENTH DAY OF JANUARY 1857, including both days.

RECEIPTS

Amount in Treasury last settlement \$474 59

1851 Charles Green, Wm. Ross, \$7 00

1853 Robert J. Dabbs, Dublin, 2 00

1854 William Smith, Union, 23 43