

Political

Abstract of the GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

The Governor begins his message with the gratifying announcement that, notwithstanding the troubles of the year, the finances are in an excellent condition.

The public debt is \$39,263,111.16, to meet which the State owns well secured bonds received from the sale of the public works amounting to \$11,181,000.

The present would appear to be the most appropriate time, when our nation is at peace, and when health and reasonable prosperity prevail within our borders, to reduce the public debt.

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Shanokin, in order to see whether the continuance of their charters may or may not be injurious to the Commonwealth.

The positions of the Governor's Inaugural Address against a further increase of Banks under the present system, and against the issue of small notes, are reiterated, and he again urges such a change in the laws as to insure the redemption of bills by the pledge of United States or State stocks.

In closing his Message, Gov. Packer arrays himself by the side of Judge Douglas upon the Kansas question. He condemns the theory that it is the duty of Congress to protect Slavery in the Territories, and denies that any construction favoring such theory can fairly be given to the Dred Scott decision.

God's Law Against the Slave-Trade.

Some of our contemporaries hitherto conspicuous in the support of slavery, are unguifying their pious zeal against the foreign-slave-trade.

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special pleading which characterized the recent message of the President. Although almost entirely devoted to the discussion of Pennsylvania affairs, its general tone and character mark it as worthy of general perusal and careful consideration.

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On our return, we left Titusville at 6 A. M., Monday morning in private conveyance, reached Erie at 5 P. M., (45 miles) went to bed till 12, took the Express Train at 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, reached Wellsville, N. Y., at 9 A. M. same day, took breakfast at Van Buren's, made the acquaintance of SAUTER, of the Budget.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

The State Legislature met and organized on Tuesday, Jan. 4th. The following is a complete list of the various officers of the two Houses:

Speaker: John Cresswell, of Blair. Chief Clerk: William Miller. Assistant Clerk: F. M. Hutchinson, Transacting Clerks: J. S. Africa, A. J. Barr and Wm. S. Pickering.

The officers of the Senate are all Democrats, and those of the House all Republicans. The election of State Treasurer was to have taken place last Tuesday. The Republicans have a large majority on joint ballot, and will elect their candidate.

As announced as our intention in our last issue, we took a brief but pleasant journey to "the land of our Fathers," having returned to our post a week ago, Tuesday, after an absence of ten days.

We left Coudersport, by private conveyance, (the horse and buggy of our accommodating young friend, H. W. Rathbone, the Oyster Saloon keeper par excellence of this village,) at noon of Dec. 26th, and, with no very marked incidents by the way, arrived at the Olean House, Olean, at 8 o'clock P. M., and consigned our welfare for the night to the care of the well-known and gentlemanly clerk, CHARLEY COPELAND, and his estimable wife.

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and we learn with pleasure that his purse is filling up with equal rapidity. Left Waterford at noon Tuesday in an infinitely worse conveyance than that which brought us there, and arrived at Meadville, 22 miles, at 6 o'clock P. M., and placed ourselves under the care of our old friend Jesse Rupp and lady, who keep a real traveller's resting and feasting place in the metropolis of "Old Crawford."

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think our society can be supported by more honorable means. But if those philanthropic gentlemen of Coudersport, with their meritorious heels, (less in the head and still less in the heart,) persist in their charitable purposes, perhaps they can assist some other society where their gifts will be better appreciated.

The above is dated the 25th ult., but we give it a place at this late day. We cannot see what harm there is in a dancing man contributing to the fund of the Agricultural Society in the way that best suits him.

While on this subject, we will say (though without any desire to provoke a newspaper discussion of its merits,) that we are not of those who regard dancing as an unpardonable sin—and we earnestly believe that if a vote of the Agricultural Society—numbering the most respectable citizens of the county—was taken to-day, a large majority would sustain dancing, properly conducted, as an innocent amusement.

An exchange paper tells of a man whose sister told him he had not long to live and suggested that he might not feel entirely prepared for that event. "Why never voted the Democratic ticket in my life?"

PRICE CURRENT.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Apples, Beans, Butter, Corn, Eggs, Flour, Hams, Hay, Honey, Lard, Mink Skins, Onions, Pork, Potatoes, Poultry, Rice, Salt, Trout, Wheat, White Fish, Wool, and Sheep Pelts.

Special Notices.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.—The advertiser having been restored to health in a few weeks, by a very simple remedy, after having suffered several years with a severe Lung Affection, and that dread disease, Consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow-sufferers the means of cure.

TO FATHERS AND MOTHERS. You know how important it is for your children that you should keep good health. How frequently do we see feeble parents dressed in mourning on account of the death of their beloved children.

HEAVY CORN-FED HOGS, from Wyoming and Livingston Counties, are being packed, and will be until January, 1859, by CLARK & PHILLIPS.

New Advertisements.

OLEAN HOUSE. JAMES HUMPHREY, Proprietor, corner of Union and North Sts., Olean, N. Y.

Register's Notice. Accounts have been passed and filed in the Register's Office in Potter County, and the same will be presented to the Orphan Court of said county, for confirmation and allowance, on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of February next, at the Court House in the City of Coudersport, viz.:

Account of Polly Vanorman, executrix of the will of Isaac Vanorman, late of Genesee Township, deceased. Account of Abigail Strong and Wm. H. Metzger, executors of the will of Luther Strong, late of Hebron Township, deceased.

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Potter Co. Teachers' Association, at the Red School House, in Hebron Township, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., on THURSDAY, January 21st, 1859.

A CARD.

The undersigned, the Founder and Publisher of VAN COURT'S COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR, desirous of retiring from this branch of business, has merged that old establishment in the popular BANK NOTE REPORTER of IMLAY & BICKNELL.

NOTICE.

All Subscriptions to Imlay & Bicknell's BANK NOTE REPORTER are payable scrupulously in Advance.

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WANTED!

at that "Old Regulator" in Wellsville, foot of Plank Road street, on the Railroad, surrounded by Shingle Shanties, Lime Shanties, Packing and Flour Shanties, all the good people, mail and shoe-mail, including the pretty Lasses and prim Old Maids, to carry off the useful, substantial and fanciful things therein contained. Thus endeth Want No. 1. No. collect for.

2000000 Sawed Shingle, 1500000 Shaved do. 2000000 Lumber. Also big Deers and Little Deers, some Bears, some Partridges, some Peacocks, Cuck \$100. Butter, Cheese, Hams, Eggs, Poultry, Corn, &c. Come all ye who wish to buy or sell; we will do you good. Doubt not if any say so; it is not our fault that fools and asses are not all defunct. So now we are prepared to greet you with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! CLARK & PHILLIPS. Wellsville, Dec. 21, 1858.