

# STAR OF THE NORTH.

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## The Banks of Pennsylvania.

Attention is called to the banks in this State. These have in circulation notes to the amount of \$11,385,779, owe to other banks \$1,021,905, owe depositors \$15,412,236, and owe unpaid dividends to the amount of \$390,179. In short, the total liabilities of the banks is \$53,380,968. To meet this indebtedness they have a total of \$6,260,741 in specie and treasury notes. True, they have on hand a large amount of discounted bills, but who knows that one half of these can ever be collected. They report that they have nearly \$3,000,000 in notes and checks of other banks, but not notes and checks of some exploded rag-manufacture in the back woods. The report says that these banks have over \$3,000,000 in real and personal property, bonds, mortgages and other securities, but this personal property is perishable and transient, the real estate may consist of rock-ribbed portions of Rattlesnake Mountain, or well-wooded and watered plantations in Sullivan county. The bonds in such cases are generally against Mister Non Est, of Nowhere, or some of his amiable relatives.  
In this state of affairs then, how shall the FIFTY-THREE MILLIONS of bank indebtedness be liquidated with a scant SIX MILLIONS of specie? The other resources of the banks may at some time be worth a very handsome per centage upon their nominal value, but it is ridiculous to say that they can safely be put down at par as specie funds.  
And now, in this condition of affairs, what security is there for the ultimate redemption of our paper currency? What guarantee have we that it will continue solvent? Nay we look upon the circulating medium among us as a heavy national debt, like that among the English nation and is never to be removed from the neck of that people. The people who use the paper currency of the country pay a heavy tax in the shape of interest upon a fictitious value which the stamp of a picture gives to paper. For in borrowing bank notes, it is not real money upon which we pay the interest, for the bank still uses the greater part of its money in some other investment to draw profits, and thus realizes a double per centage, while an individual is punished for taking usury.

## CONGRESS.

The members are talking away upon the Slavery question, and nothing of importance is done. A more reasonable feeling is beginning to pervade the members, and we feel confident that the great Slavery question will be disposed of before the close of the session. California must become a State; and a patriotic disposition among the great men of the Senate will consummate this event.—Mr. Webster, last Thursday, made a speech in the Senate, taking grounds in favor of admitting California with its present Constitution, and thus practically adopting the Democratic doctrine of non-intervention. Clay, Cass, Houston, Benton, Dickinson, Webster, Mangum and Bell will vote together on this proposition to admit California with its present State Constitution.  
Mr. Foote is active in getting his committee of 13 to whom the whole subject is referred to be submitted. This committee, it is said, will consist of the following Senators: Messrs. Clay, chairman, Webster, Phelps, Cooper, Cass, Dickinson, Dodge, Jr., Mason, Soule, Butler, Mangum, Bell, Burrier.  
Seven Whigs and six Democrats, of whom seven members are from the Slave, and six members from the Free States. Their report, it is believed, will lead to the final disposal of the whole subject.  
Meanwhile, the members must talk to pass their time. They must make a reasonable apology for drawing their eight dollars per day. We believe that after the dog-days they will in good nature settle all difficulties, and leave the frightened "dear people" to breathe free in peace and quietness.

## The Democratic Review for March.

The Democratic Review for March contains its usual number of sound and judicious articles. Among these are "Federal Finances," the review of Macaulay's "Lays of Ancient Rome," "A sermon to the Clergy," "Judicial encroachments," and "Sir Thomas Moore." This number has two portraits. Terms \$3 per annum. It is published in New York by Kettell and Moore.

## The Canals.

We learn that the Delaware water was let into the lower sections of the Delaware Canal on Friday and Saturday last—it is to be let into the upper sections to-day, so that the whole line will be in navigable order in the early part of next week.

## A new post office has been established.

at Old Forge, Luzerne county, Ebenezer Drake Postmaster, and another at Crockett, Lycoming county, Henry D. Heylin Postmaster.

## COUNTY CALENDAR.

### Grand Jurors for April Term 1850.

- Adams—Wm McVieher, Aid Holdron
- Blanco—Peter Shuck,
- Briarcliff—Wm Hettr, Enoch Rittenhouse,
- Cattawissa—Thos. Harder, Abraham Ludwig,
- Danville—Henry Vandling,
- Greenwood—Elijah Albertson,
- Jackson—Fred'k Knouse
- Limestone—Daniel Dildine,
- Mahoning—John Heimbach,
- Madison—Wm Dildine,
- Mr Pleasant—Wm Hilburn,
- Orange—John Rombley,
- Roaringcreek—Samuel B. Deimer, Solomon Fetterman, Daniel Keller,
- Sugarloaf—Reuben Davis sr., Andrew Laubach, Wm Appelman,
- Valley—Allen Welliver, David Heimbach, David P. Blue,
- TRAVELERS JURORS FIRST WEEK.
- Anthony—Jonathan Strouse, Lucas Young,
- Beaver—Jacob Brown,
- Bloom—Mahlon Hamlin jr., Eli Criveling,
- Philip Christman,
- Briarcliff—John Doak, V. Richard,
- Centre—Emmet Aickman, Wm Hutchinson,
- Danville—Wm C Yorks, Abraham Lechler,
- Henry P. Baldy, Wm Beachler,
- Derry—James Miller, Alexander Cummings,
- Franklin—Elliott, Joseph,
- Fishingcreek—John Bright,
- Greenwood—Isaac R. Kline,
- Henlock—Adam Stroup jr.,
- Liberty—John Simington Israel Machamer,
- Reading Herring,
- St. Pleasant—Jacob Shipman,
- Madison—Enoch Fox,
- Montour—Jno Dietrich,
- Mifflin—John Bond,
- Orange—Conrad Adams,
- Roaringcreek—John Snyder, P. R. McMurtre,
- Sugarloaf—Wm Stephens Reuben Davis,
- Philip Frit Gearhart Kile,
- Valley—Andrew Childs,
- TRAVELERS JURORS—SECOND WEEK.
- Anthony—James G. McKee,
- Beaver—John Hoatz, Henry Lehr, Isaac Longengerber,
- Bloom—Geo. Gilbert,
- Cattawissa—Jacob Gensel Paul R. Baldy,
- Centre—H. D. Knorr Andrew Freeze,
- Derry—John McGonigal, Robert B'ee,
- Franklin—Valentine Vocht,
- Fishingcreek—Daniel Thomas, J. D. McHenry, Peter Criveling,
- Henlock—Alexander Roat, James Roat,
- Liberty—John Bower,
- Limestone—John Couger,
- Maine—Daniel Fenstamacher Daniel Yetter,
- Mahoning—Edward Morrison, John Kocher,
- Madison—David C. Albertson, Wm Kender-shot,
- Mifflin—Thomas Aten, Peter Smoyer,
- Orange—Isaiah Conner, Geo Apploman Wm Delong,
- Roaringcreek—Isaac Rhodes, P. S. Yeager,
- John Perry sr., Jacob Fisher,
- Sugarloaf—Elijah Hess,
- Valley—Chas. Fenstamacher.

### Montour County.

We must confess, that we were not prepared to see this new county bill pass the Senate. Of all the new county projects in the State, (and their name is legion) this, of all others, in our humble opinion, has the fewest merits. In fact it may well be questioned whether it has a solitary one.  
This county, if it becomes a law, will be about ten miles one way and some 12 the other. What a farce! The very sublimation of all farces—and yet strange as it is true, there were in the Senate, composed of 33 men, a majority found who were in favor of the bill! A bill establishing a new county—not as large as some townships in territory in the commonwealth! An act of injustice to the people who reside within the contemplated new territory—as well as to those who are out of it. Why should it be?  
Every Senator who takes his seat, before he is qualified to act, subscribes an oath—a sacred oath—to act, among other things, "with fidelity—in good faith! Where, pray, is the act of good faith made manifest, in dividing a county in twain of the size of Col. umbia! Every man in it now, is within 12 miles at the farthest from the county seat. It does seem to us such an act of gross injustice, that we cannot refrain from the expression of our condemnation of the measure. True, it is merely a local measure; but still, as a citizen of the State, we must form our opinions of even local matters as they occur—and in this case to conceal them would be winking at sin. What may become of this bill; the popular branch, we cannot of course tell at this time. We have hopes, however, that the House will do its duty and reject the paltry and mischievous measure. We hope so. It is said that a large majority of the people out of Danville are opposed to it, and so far as the tax-payers are concerned, we will say they may be. "This mania of new counties is growing to an extraordinary extent. It is said there are now over twenty projects in the Legislature for new counties. Some of them may have merits; but we suppose the great mass of them are designed for the especial benefit of some town-lot speculator."  
—Luzerne Democrat.

### FIRE.

Our people were alarmed by the cry of fire, on Saturday night, about 12 o'clock. It proved to be in the new brick store room of Mr. Marx Long, on the South side of the Public Square. Considerable damage was done to Mr. Long's goods, but the flames were soon subdued. The loss we are informed is fully covered by insurance.  
How the fire originated we can't tell. It may possibly have been the work of an incendiary, but more probably it was occasioned by the carelessness of the one who had the store in charge.  
When the door was broken open, the room was full of smoke, and but a small blaze of fire discovered issuing from under the counter, and about the lower shelf. Had two buckets of water been at hand at that time, the fire might have been extinguished with comparatively little damage. As it is, the loss will be about a thousand dollars—fully covered by insurance in the Delaware Co. Insurance Company.—Luzerne Democrat.

### Scarlaitina or scarlet fever.

This disease is lately raging to an alarming extent among children through the country. The following is said to be an excellent cure and comes recommended by both science and experience.  
Boil 2 ounces of marshmallow root and ten grains of Spanish saffron in one pint of water, and give to a child of one year a half table-spoonful every three hours—persons older, in proportion. Pouch the throat with the bruised marshmallow root, after the tea is made; and if there should be congestion of the brain use leeches. Keep the bowels moved at least twice a day, but not more than three times.

### There was a tremendous Union meeting.

in Bulimore on Monday evening. The Mayor of the city presided, and it is estimated that at least ten thousand people were present. Col. Giles offered a series of resolutions sustaining the Union at all hazards, though at the same time advocating a compromise on the slavery question, and recommending moderate measures to be pursued. He said in the course of his remarks, "We must stand by the Union first and always—Minor questions can be settled afterwards."

### The Phrenological Journal.

of Fowler & Wells, contains in the March number its usual amount of valuable and interesting information. Among its articles is a phrenological character of Thomas Jefferson, a useful and well written article on Colde, and the best means of killing and preventing them, a portrait and phrenological character of E. A. Poe, the philosophy of approbateness, beauty, &c. The work is worth three times its subscription price of one dollar.

### More Rum.

—The Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company, at Salem, Massachusetts, during the last year, divided a profit of eight per cent. on its capital, laid aside \$48,500 for what is called a "reserved fund," and paid \$18,000 for new machinery, &c. This is pretty well, when we consider that the manufacturing business has been "ruined" past redemption ever since the Tariff of 1846 was enacted.

### Domestic Manufactures.

—The Lock Haven, Pa., Tribune says: There are, we understand, a number of persons in the eastern portion of the county, who are extensively engaged in the manufacture of counterfeit coin of various denominations. All the crucibles that were in town have been bought up for the business, and the demand for bit-muth is very great.

### According to the Montrose Democrat.

Susquehanna county is infested with a gang of horse thieves, several horses having been stolen within three or four days. No less than three were purloined in Rush and Auburn, on Tuesday night.

## PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

### Harrisburg, March 7, 1850.

**SENATE.**—Mr. Packer, renomination of citizens of Bradford against any part of said county being annexed to the county of Sullivan.

**IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—The Senate confirmed the nomination of Benj F. Pomeroy, as Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Schuylkill county. Also, the nomination of Wm Waugh, to be Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Mercer co. Also, the nomination of James Harrison, to be Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Union county. Also, the nomination of James Whippo, to be Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Lawrence county.

**ON MOTION OF MR. PACKER,** the bill authorizing the Canal Commissioners to purchase the water power at Loyalock Creek, on the West Branch Division of the Pennsylvania Canal, was taken up, considered, and passed.

**THE BILL REPEALING ALL LAWS EXEMPTING** certain kinds of property from taxation, was taken up, amended and passed through Committee of the Whole. It was then referred to a select committee of five Senators.

**HOUSE.—The Apportionment Bill.**—The amendment uniting Lebanon and Lancaster came up in order, Mr. Killinger having the floor, who was followed by Messrs. Cassa, Jesso R. Burden, Baldwin and Porter. After a lengthy discussion, the amendment was disagreed to.

**AN AMENDMENT WAS MADE MAKING** Northampton and Lehigh one district, to elect one Senator. Also, Carbon Monroe, Pike and Wayne; one district, to be entitled to one senator.

**NO FURTHER ALTERATIONS WERE MADE UP** to the 24th district, when the House adjourned.

### March 9th.

**SENATE.**—On motion of Mr. Streeter, a bill supplementary to the act incorporating the Wayne County Mutual Insurance Company, was taken up and passed final reading also, a supplementary bill to the act incorporating the Catawissa Williamsport and Erie Railroad Company.

**HOUSE.—Mr. Allison (Wayne and Meade)** reported the bill asking \$25,000 for the completion of a certain dam on the West Branch with a negative recommendation.

**THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORTED AGAINST** petitions for the abolition of Capital Punishment. The same committee also reported the bill abolishing the Court of Nisi Prius, with an amendment.

**THE APPOINTMENT BILL CAME UP IN ORDER,** and amendments were discussed until the hour of adjournment.

### March 11th.

**SENATE.**—The bill supplementary to the act to abolish imprisonment for debt, and to punish fraudulent debtors, came up and passed second and third reading.

**MR. STREETER READ IN HIS PLACE A BILL SUPPLEMENTARY** to the act incorporating the Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, which was taken up on motion, and finally passed.

**HOUSE.—Mr. Klotz presented a memorial** from citizens of Allentown, praying the expulsion of all free colored persons from this State; also, petition for the incorporation of a new bank, to be located at Allentown.

**MR. BAKER, PETITION FOR REPEAL OF THE \$300** Exemption Law of last session; also, one to suspend the sale of liquors and travel on the Sabbath day.

**MR. CONYNGHAM, PETITION FOR THE PASSAGE** of a general Banking Law; also, one for the recharter of the Wyoming Bank.

**THE COMMITTEE ON NEW COUNTIES REPORTED** a bill for the erection of the new county of Liberty out of part of Bedford county.

**THE APPOINTMENT BILL THEN CAME UP IN** order, and amended so as to allow Dauphin county but one member. Adjourned.

### Harrisburg, March 15, 1850.

**IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—The Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Jacob Kirk, Jr., as Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of York County; also the nomination of William Vankirk, as Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County; also the nomination of Paul S. Preston, as Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Wayne County; also the nomination of Augustus O. Lester, as Associate Judge of Dauphin County; also, the nomination of John F. Dentler as Associate Judge of Northumberland County; also, the nomination of Samuel Marshall and John McCanlass as Associate Judges of Butter County; also the nomination of George H. Willis and John Covenhoven as Associate Judges of Columbia County.

**DURING THE REVIVAL OF RELIGION IN** the Methodist Episcopal Church of Columbia Pa., which continued about seven weeks, upwards of one hundred new members were added to the church.

**MILTON WROTE TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND** lines; Dryden, including his translations, about sixty thousand lines; Pope, about forty thousand lines, some eight thousand only of which were original; Gray, one thousand verses; Byron, about two thousand verses more than Homer, and triple the number of Virgil and Tasso.

**A NEW FACTORY.—The Manchester (N. H.)** Company are making arrangements to erect an extensive delaine mill in that city, early in the Spring. The mill is to be over 300 feet in length, and is to run 20,000 spindles. The whole machinery for the mill is now under contract, to be ready for running by the first of January next.

**THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF THE** Baltimore Sun, states that James Gordon Bennett editor of the New York Herald, is now in Washington City, an applicant for the Vienna mission, lately given to Watson Webb, by the President, without the advice and consent of the Senate.

**THE EDITOR OF THE YORK ADVOCATE HAS** been informed, by several farmers, that there will be hardly any peaches this year in York county, on account of the trees being frozen in the wood. Bad news.

## From the Pittsburg Saturday Post.

### The Iron Manufacturers—The Tariff.

It is clearly evident that the attempt on the part of the Iron "Masters" to reduce the wages of the Puddlers and Boilers, was a political movement, intended to operate upon Congress. Those philanthropists supposed that, if they would suspend their mills for a few weeks, and then get up a cry about the "British Tariff of 1846," they might induce the members of Congress to believe that they required a "little more protection." The trick was to transparent—it would not do. It is to late in the day to expect Congress to pass a law to tax the farmers and mechanics of the United States for the benefit of the manufactures. It is not 'democratic—it is not right. The Tariff of 1846 is the best the country has ever had, and it will not be disturbed. This may be written down as a fixed fact.

Although we are willing to admit that during the past year there was considerable depression in the iron business; yet at the same time we contend that it is not in the power of human legislation to remedy evils of this description. Every branch of industry is subject, occasionally, to inflations and depressions. It is unavoidable. But it is an admitted fact that the depression in the iron business has been at its worst. All our recent advices from Europe show a brisk improvement in the Iron Markets of that country. Many of the Railroads that were projected and commenced in England, a few years ago, and then suspended for want of means, are about to be resumed, under more favorable auspices. This of course will give a buoyancy to the British Markets; and as these Markets generally regulate prices on this side of the Atlantic, it is fair to suppose that a like buoyancy will be felt here. In truth, we may say it is beginning to be felt now.

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From all the facts we can gather, we are inclined to believe that there will be a brisk business done in the Iron business in Pittsburg in the course of the present year. The manufacturers will find it to their interests to resume operations and pay the workmen the old wages. That they cannot afford to do this is all garrison and abolitionist nonsense. They cannot afford to lose their customers.

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He proceeded next to show by statistics that the equilibrium of the different sections of the Union has been lost, in consequence of the increase of population in the North; this state of affairs placed the control of the Government exclusively in the hands of the North—a large majority in the population of the States, and a large majority in the population of the Iron Markets of that country. Many of the Railroads that were projected and commenced in England, a few years ago, and then suspended for want of means, are about to be resumed, under more favorable auspices. This of course will give a buoyancy to the British Markets; and as these Markets generally regulate prices on this side of the Atlantic, it is fair to suppose that a like buoyancy will be felt here. In truth, we may say it is beginning to be felt now.

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The Sherbrooke election has resulted in the choice of Mr. Rauborne, the Annexationist candidate by forty majority.

### Twenty-one Horses Burnt to Death.

CINCINNATI, March 11.  
Last night, a range of stables at Rossville, in this state, were destroyed by fire, and twenty-one horses perished in the flames. The work of an incendiary.

### Death of the Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9.  
Preston W. Farner, Speaker of the House of Representatives of this State, died at Baton Rouge on Thursday last.

### Charge to Austria.

WASHINGTON, March 9.  
I understand that Richard W. Thompson Esq., of Indiana, was to-day nominated Charge to Austria.

**DAMAGES FOR SLANDER.**—Miss Ruth Case has recovered \$1,572 damages of Lyman B. Marks, of Hartland, Ct., in the Superior court at Hartland, for slander. The plaintiff was a school teacher in Hartland, and the defendant accused her of unchastity. He produced two witnesses on the trial, who swore to having seen her in illicit intercourse with a man, but their testimony was overborne and broken down by the plaintiff's counsel and witnesses.

**ON LAST SUNDAY A LARGE FIRE DESTROYED** a valuable portion of Buffalo in the state of New York. Hotels, stores and churches were laid in ashes. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.