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NOTICE.

To Assessors of State Taxes.

☞ The ASSESSMENT ROLLS are now ready for delivery at the office of this paper.

Acts of 1850.

The Acts passed at the last session of the Legislature are now ready for delivery. Persons entitled to a copy, either as members of the Senate and House, or Judges, Clerks, Recorders, Sheriffs and Justices of the peace, will please call at the office of the Bee, where they alone can obtain and receipt for them.

☞ The public is also informed that the State Printer has been authorized by the Secretary of State to sell, for account of the State Library, additional copies of the Acts, at the price of one dollar for each copy. jel 1m

THE NORTHERN NEWSPAPER MAIL arrived through yesterday. The Letter mail failed from beyond Philadelphia.

CHEAP POSTAGE.

We perceive that Mr. RUSK, of the Senate, has reported an Chairman of the Post Office Committee, a bill providing for a reduction of the rates of postage. The bill proposes a postage of two cents on half-ounce letters, for any distance within the United States; if prepaid, and five cents if not prepaid. It further provides for letters of deposite in large cities and carriers, at one cent per letter, pre-paid. Newspapers to pay the same rates as at present. Hand bills to be charged as letters. The franking privilege to be abolished; the expenses of all Congressional matter to be charged to the contingent fund, and paid out of it. The Postmaster General to draw upon the Treasury for deficiencies, under certain limitations.

The views of the committee on most of the reforms contemplated, appear to be judicious and discriminating. While they maintain that the postage arising out of the business correspondence of the Government, in all its branches, should be paid from the public Treasury, they allow a department which was instituted for public convenience, and intended to sustain itself by its own resources, to bear the expenses of the Government at large. The report shows that, in a single term of Congress, 1,240,737 lbs. of public documents were franked by members of Congress, while not less than 290,000 letters were franked during the same period. This constitutes a gigantic evil, and entails an expense by the labor of transmission, which the people pay for indirectly in the shape of an unreasonably heavy rate of postage on their own private letters.

With respect to the prepayment of letters proposed by the bill, the committee state some startling facts, as arguments in favor of the measure.

They have caused inquiry to be made, and have ascertained that in the year 1848, the number of letters returned to the dead letter office in Washington, was one million seven hundred thousand, in 1849, there were two million one hundred thousand, and in the present year, 1-50, according to the same rate of increase, there will be two million five hundred thousand. Of these, one-fifth only were paid letters. Taking the present year as the basis of calculation, there will be two millions of unpaid letters, the postage on which, as the committee are informed, including advertisements, will be about three hundred thousand dollars; to which may be added the expense of sixty clerks to open them—six thousand dollars. These losses are exclusive of all the labor of remaining and forwarding them to Washington. With reference to the transportation by mail of moderate sized parcels, it is proper to state that the average rate of transportation by Messrs. Adams & Co., express agents, are as follows: to St. Louis, a box weighing three hundred pounds, $1 50; to Cincinnati, $1 25; to Buffalo, $1 50, &c. For which they take the box to the house of state, and deliver it without additional expense.

If, then, books can be sent at this low rate by express, we can see no reason why the Post Office Department cannot afford to transport and deliver them at one cent an ounce, which would be $16 the hundred pounds.

Persons on the frontiers desiring books, can send to the large Atlantic cities and procure them, and have them delivered in bunches of a small addition to their cost, and thus avoid the enormous prices at which they are sold by the retailers, sometimes quadruple the amount of the first cost.

The report embraces a tabular statement of the condition of the Department during the years 1843 and 1849, which proves conclusively that the reduction which took place in 1845 has, even under the numerous disadvantages of the credit system and the franking privilege, been attended by the most salutary consequences. It, says the report, under existing circumstances, the mail service has more than sustained itself in all respects, what may not be anticipated when the burdens imposed on behalf of the other departments of the Government shall have been removed? It may and probably will be the case that for a year or two the revenue of the Department will be insufficient; but the experiment of Great Britain has clearly demonstrated that, should such be the case, the deficiency will be of short duration. The opponents of the measure will probably ask, "How is the deficiency to be supplied in the meanwhile?" A ready answer to the question is at hand. Let the deficiency be met by the reimbursement to the Post Office Department of at least a small portion of the millions contributed to the national treasury, since the commencement of the Government, in the form of cash and gratuitous service. There can certainly be no hardship in paying money which should have been paid as it became due.

☞ Our thanks are due the Hon. S. W. Downs for interesting public documents.

NAVAL.—The U. S. steamer *Saranac* arrived at Norfolk on the 11th. The brig *Porpoise* left her anchorage at Hampton Roads on the 9th.

THE ISLAND OF CUBA IN 1850.—Our thanks are due THOMAS W. WILSON, Esq., the author, for an interesting pamphlet giving a description of the resources, productions, commerce, political institutions, &c., of the Island of Cuba. Such a work as this is at this time particularly interesting. It is for sale, at Gibson's, Steel's, White's, Hebert's, and at Schneider's office, No. 18 Exchange Place.

A Good Dividend.—The Commercial Bank of Columbia, S. C., has declared a dividend of $1 25 per share of $50, for the past six months, being at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

☞ The Hebrew designation of "Beth Elohim," or House of God, in Charleston, have presented a splendid pair of Silver Pitchers to their minister, the Rev. GUSTAVUS POSNANSKI, who is about retiring from his sacred office.

WHOLE NUMBER OF VETOES.—The veto power has been exercised twenty-five times since the formation of the Government, viz:

By George Washington	2
James Madison	6
James Monroe	1
Andrew Jackson	9
John Tyler	6
James K. Polk	3
Total	25.

The whole number of acts passed and approved since the origin of the Government is about seven thousand, which will make about two hundred and eighty acts to one veto.

WATER USED IN NEW YORK.—The President of the Croton Aqueduct Board, informs the New York city fathers that their consumption is affair not waste so much water as they do. At present, he says, moreover, that the supply of water for the city of New York, with just about half a million of inhabitants, is nearly equal to that consumed by the city of London, with four times the population, and more than three times the quantity consumed in Philadelphia.

Catalogue Sale of Dry Goods.

We call the attention of country and city dealers in Dry Goods, to the large stock of staple and fancy goods, to be sold at liberal terms This Day, at 10 o'clock, by P. H. PETERS, at his auction store room, No. 3 Canal st.

CONGRESS.

In the SENATE, on the 11th, the Compromise Bill was taken up, and Mr. CASS spoke in reply to Mr. BENTON. He argued that the union of the measures in on one bill strengthened each measure, and that California suffered no delay nor detriment from it.

He argued against the Wilmot proviso and against the Executive plan. He reviewed and replied to the article in the Republic which explains and vindicates the President's views, in an official form. He showed that it was the duty of Congress to provide governments for New Mexico and Utah, and that, if this was not done, the agitation of the slavery question would be continued. He advocated the offer to Texas, and pointed out the danger that would result from leaving the question unsettled.

Mr. DAYTON followed, and advocated the President's plan of bringing in New Mexico as a State.

The Senate then adjourned.

In the HOUSE, the discussion of the California question was resumed.

Mr. HOWARD, of Texas, opposed the debate, and was followed by Mr. MCDOWELL, of Va.

Before Mr. MCD. had proceeded a half hour in his able speech, the hour (1 o'clock) for terminating the debate had arrived.

There was an almost unanimous cry that Mr. MCDOWELL be permitted to continue his remarks.

The Chair said it required the universal consent to permit the gentleman from Virginia to proceed.

Mr. CONGER objected, and he could not proceed.

Mr. JONES, of Tenn., said that there were several important amendments which had been ordered, but were not yet printed; he therefore moved that the committee rise, with the view to an adjournment till to-morrow, at which time the printing will have been executed.

The question was taken by tellers, and decided in the negative—yeas 86, nays 107.

The Chair stated that Mr. DOTY's bill to admit California, was in order, and that the amendment of the gentleman from Mo., (Mr. GREEN,) to the 1st section of the bill, was first in order.

Mr. GREENE's amendment adopting the Missouri Compromise line of 36 deg. 30 min North for the Southern boundary of California, running through to the Pacific Ocean, was then read.

He supported it in a few remarks, showing that the State would then be numerously large.

Mr. SEDDON then offered an amendment providing that the territory South of 36 deg. 30 min. should be subject to settlement by those holding slave property. He supported the enactment of the Missouri Compromise line in some few remarks.

Mr. STANTON, of Ky., moved an amendment providing that the States which may be formed South of 36 deg 30 min., shall be admitted into the Union, whether they adopted slavery constitutions or not.

Mr. VENABLE, Mr. MCWILLIE, and Mr VENABLE continued the discussion.

Mr. ADAMSON moved to amend the amendment of Mr. GREEN so as to confine the Missouri Compromise line to the State of California alone.

After this proposition was made, there were several propositions for profound amendments, upon which to hang speeches under the five minutes rule; also two or three appeals from the decision of the Chair, for and against those amendments. After they were decided, the committee rose, and the House, at 1 1-2 o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The House seems to be laboring under a great degree of restlessness and that kind of sullen excitement which is the natural precursor of a great storm.

MURDEROUS CREW.—*Baltimore Pilot's Sheet.*

The English brig *Lambton*, Cap Finch, which was supposed to be lost on the ocean, has arrived at Portsmouth, Va., after a passage of eighty-seven days from Newport, Wales, with over two hundred tons of Tiron for the Seaboard Railroad. The Portsmouth *Pilot* states that four of the crew of this brig were in a state of mutiny when the pilot boat Fashion, Captain Wherrett, of Baltimore, boarded her sixty miles at sea, on the 5th inst., to whom Captain Finch surrendered the command of the brig. On reaching Portsmouth the British Consul boarded her, heard the case of the mutineers, and, with the presence of a file of mariners from the ship Pennsylvania put the four men in irons. Their names are Wm. Daisy, William Low, Charles Johnson and Patrick Chell—three Irishmen and one Dane.

PAINE'S DISCOVERY.—A contract has been made in New York to *light* and *heat* the Astor House by the apparatus invented by H. M. Paine, which has been alluded to before in the public journals. Water is the only element employed to obtain light, heat and motive power. It is stated, too, that a company has been formed in New York to purchase the patent right at some millions of dollars that a million cash and the old gas companies are about to knock under. Rather a wonderful than not more wonderful than the invention itself, if it turns out to be anything like what is averred of it. Should the averments be realized, the greatest revolution of the 19th century is yet to be witnessed.

HORRIBLE AFFAIR IN IRELAND.—At a fire in the town of Clonmel, Ireland, a whole family, some seven in number, were burned to death, they sleeping in a room the window of which was grated with strong iron bars. Their retreat by the door was cut off by the fire. Several ineffectual attempts were made to wrench off the bars. Finally the family, one by one, fell to the floor and perished.

BOSTON JUNE 11.

SUICIDE OF A COMEDIAN.—James Vincent, Comedian of the National Theatre, shot himself upon the platform of the Fitchburg Railroad this morning, while on his way from Concord to Boston, and died shortly after. He wandered off last night, supposed insane.

☞ Mr. E. B. Thompson, of this city, and now a compositor in the office of the Courier, has in his possession a very interesting historical relic—a small embroidered cambric pocket handkerchief, which was used by Charles I. upon the scaffold, and is stained with his blood. It came originally from John Fenwicke, who was Major of Cavalry in Cromwell's army, and in that capacity was required to be present at the execution of the unhappy monarch. The relic was given by Major Fenwicke to that of Jacob Lyell, whose wife emigrated to New Jersey near the close of the 17th century, and was connected with the Fenwicke family. She gave it to her daughters, who kept it with the greatest care, and at their death it passed into another branch of the family, and has finally come in possession of Mr. Thompson. Its authenticity, says the Courier, seems to be clearly traced and proved beyond doubt. The handkerchief is of small size, and the figure of the Scottish thistle is embroidered around the edges. Upon one corner is a very small figure of a crown. It is thickly stained with dark spots, some of which are as large as a dollar—the others smaller.—The linen is considerably discolored by time.—It seems to have been ironed, but not washed.

[New York Express,

☞ As we have not read the "Robber of the Rhine," we cannot judge of the aptness of the following satire:

"The Boston Bee records a shocking accident in that city. A weatherwoman underfook to drive a nail through a board partition. Hearing a scream from the other side, she entered the next room, and found that she had driven the nail into the head of a man who had fallen asleep reading "The Robber of the Rhine Valley." The man has since died.

"He died of the book—not of the nail. Any man who would read the book, could'nt be hurt by having a nail driven into his head."

NASHVILLE, June 11.

THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION.—The Convention met to-day at the appointed hour, half past 10 A. M.

The resolutions in regard to the time and place of holding the next Convention, were called up, and after some amendments in regard to the time of holding the Convention, making it six weeks after the adjournment of Congress, and the place of meeting, Memphis or Marietta, were adopted. That [illegible] that the members of the [illegible] are to re-assemble in six weeks after the adjournment of this.

The remainder of the day was occupied in considering amendments to the address of the committee.

Adjourned until to-morrow.

PHILADELPHIA, June 11—11 P. M.

The boiler in Cooper & Wetter's snuff factory, situated in Spring Garden, exploded this morning, blowing the roof off the building. Several persons were injured seriously, and some, it is feared, mortally.

The Sons of Temperance are having a grand celebration, and 52 Groups are represented.—There are one thousand [illegible] from Philadelphia.

A great remedy for Dysentery, Diarrhœa, &c.

By and with the advice and consent of the People.

William Stowell, to be Deputy Postmaster at Springfield, Mass.

Darius Perrin, to be Deputy Postmaster at Rochester, N. Y.

J. Hosford Smith, to be Consul of the United States for Belfast.

THE CANADA'S NEWS.

The British mail steamer Canada arrived at Halifax on the morning of the 11th inst., bringing Liverpool dates to the 1st. The steamer *Viceroy* sailed from Ireland for Halifax on the same day.

The despatches in the northern papers add but little to previous intelligence. As, however, they are somewhat fuller we subjoin them:

POLITICAL NEWS.—The new House of Parliament was occupied by the Commons on Wednesday; since then, Lord JOHN RUSSELL has obtained leave to re-introduce the bill, which was rejected by the Lords at the last session, to enable Baron ROTHSCHILD to take his seat for the city of London.

An address to her Majesty, from Lord Ashley, has been carried, asking that measures may be taken to stop all post office labor on the Sabbath throughout the kingdom. The address met with approbation from the Cabinet. Profound silence is observed by the ministers on all foreign affairs.

Busy negotiations are going on between the French Cabinet and Downing street, (so says our despatch.) It is rumored that Gen. LAFFITE will return to-morrow.

The RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR has been evolved from St. James, and in the mean time public opinion in England and France seems to have summed up the controversy, deciding that there is a secret cause behind the alleged cause of dispute, and that while it may be insisted on that LAFFITE was too hasty, LORD PALMERSTON, it is believed, will in the end be placed in a position beyond doubt to show that his offensive demonstrations arose in self-defence.

The discussion of the Archer Court in the Graham case has been postponed until the 10th June, for purposes which are known to those familiar with the affair.

FRANCE.—The speeches in the Assembly in the continued debate on the Electoral Law bill, have been by LAMARTINE, THIERS, JULES, FRIDEX, GREVY and LEON FANCHU. All the amendments made to the bill have been defeated, and the second article was carried by an immense majority.

The funds are going up as the mountain of once apparent disturbances which affected them goes down.

The ship ORLANDE, for N. York, was spoken April 27, in lat. 37 degrees, lon. 49 degrees, with boats, bulwarks and house stoved, loss of sails and as was supposed, provisions.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.—Brown & Shipley's Circular reports that since the departure of the Atlantic, the speculative excitement continued in the Cotton market, and was on the increase until Wednesday, and the sales of the week amount to 65,340 bales, of which speculators took 27,000, and exporters 3,200 bales. Prices were again a shade higher, admitting of an advance of 3-4d per lb on the quotations of Tuesday, except Mobile which remained at 7¾.

The reports from the manufacturing districts are rather improved in tone, and the price of goods at Manchester were gradually creeping up. Little effect has been produced by the continued accounts received from the American markets relative to the deficit in the supplies and the short crop, but this rather lessened the caution of buyers for forward deliveries.

BREADSTUFFS.—Indian Corn is again 6d lower, but rather more doing in it to-day at this reduction. In other respects the Corn market is very dull, and speculation quite suspended.

A rather better feeling exists in Flour, but no actual advance can be quoted. The same may be said of Wheat.

In the London Corn market, May 31, Millers were buying with caution, and Monday's prices could not be obtained for Wheat.

Flour was inactive, but no lower.

PROVISIONS.—A fair business doing in Beef at all prices. Pork was without alteration, and prices in favor of buyers. There was a moderate [illegible] of Irish Bacon—Shoulders in good demand and Middles rather neglected. There had been a rise in Lard, with sales at 31 to 32s for fine qualities. Prices receded during the week from 1 to 2 shillings.

WHAT THE ENGLISH ARE DOING IN THE WAY OF OCEAN STEAM NAVIGATION.—We have already had repeated occasion to refer to the gigantic enterprise the British Government has in hand, to connect with a fleet of its first class steamers the West Indies, Mexico, Brazil and the Pacific. The main features of the plan are as follows:

There is to be a great trunk line of steamers—or, as the Times well calls it, a "great steam bridge"—direct from Southampton to the Isthmus of Panama. Every fortnight a first class steamer is to sail from Southampton, touching at Vigo, stopping first at the Island of St. Thomas, which distance it will accomplish in about 12 days. Inst. Thomas' Bay three branch steamers will be waiting, which, receiving their respective mails, will proceed to the heads of separate routes—one to Havana and the Gulf of Mexico—another to Porto Rico, Hayti, Jamaica, San Jago de Cuba, Honduras, Nicaragua, &c.; and third to the Windward and Leeward Islands, as far as Demarara.

The main line steamer, having thus disposed of its branch mails, will steam on from St. Thomas direct for the little town of Chagres, on the Isthmus of Panama, where they will disembark its Pacific mails for transmission across the isthmus, and receiving in return the homeward mails from the Pacific, will be ready for their return voyage. Steaming back to St. Thomas, it will there find the three branches from whose return voyages from the three above mentioned routes will be so arranged that they shall always—except in case of accident—arrive in time to give and take mails from the trunk steamers, then it will proceed direct to Southampton, bringing the Pacific mails and the mails of the three foregoing West India routes. It is calculated that, by this system of direct Atlantic steamers, an accelerated communication of from twelve to sixteen days will be secured for all the ports concerned.

2. To correspond with these arrangements for the Atlantic side of America, it is contemplation by the Admiralty, "the wages of sin" with a penal Steam Navigation Company for a fortnightly mail to and from Panama and Valparaiso, in place of the present monthly steamer." This will bring Chagres, and consequently England, into much closer approximation to the western coast of South America.

3. There is to be a monthly mail to Brazil, with an independent line of packets. "Starting from Southampton the steamers will proceed to Funchal, (Madeira) Santa Cruz, (Teneriffe) Porty Praya, (Cape Verde) Pernambucco, Bahia, and Rio Janeiro. From Rio Janeiro there will be a branch packet to Montevideo and Buenos Ayres."

The distance between England and the Brazilian ports, according to the preceeding arrangements, will be as follows: To Pernambuco eighteen days; Rio de Janeiro twenty-four or twenty-five days. The Brazil line may be ready by August or September next. The sum of £210,000 per annum now paid to the West India Mail Company for the conveyance of the West India mails alone, will, it is understood, suffice to cover the expenses of the whole proposed system, besides which there will be a retrenchment of £30,000 a year now spent in the maintaining of Her Majesty's brigs between Falmouth and Brazil. All this, we may say in conclusion, increases the peremptory necessity of the great canal across Panama, which will sweep the little town of Chagres out of its present impudent littleness into nothingness.

JENNING'S PATENT RIFLE.—The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, says:

The military committee yesterday made experiments with Jenning's patent rifles, the most effective fire-arms invented to this day, and the most formidable weapon now known to man. It resembles in size an ordinary rifle and does not weigh so much as a double-barreled gun; yet it shoots twenty-four times in a minute and carries its destructive missiles to a distance of eight hundred yards! It is reloaded for twenty-four more shots in two seconds and repeats its work of destruction and defence. With such guns in the centre of a square of infantry, what cavalry could ever penetrate into its ranks—what shock of cavalry need ever be feared by a body of infantry drawn up in line? But above all things, what an arm is this for our frontier men—what means of checking the inroads of the Camanches and other hostile tribes! The trial yesterday was perfectly successful.

SINGULAR AMALGAMATION.—A friend left at our office a few days since, what may be considered, so far as our knowledge extends a production peculiar to Minnesota, worth the grub worth, apparently of the ordinary species, from the head of which sprouted a plant some three inches in length. Both animal and vegetable life had become extinct, when we first saw it, though vitality clearly existed in each when taken out of the ground. We understand this species of production is not uncommon in the vicinity of Point Douglas, where this was found. The weeds springing from the head of the worm grow to the height of two or three feet, the legs of the insect meantime distending themselves into the earth in the shape of roots. Animal life remains apparent until the vegetable shoot shows ground is killed by a change of season, but whether a crop of grubs is produced in the way of seeds, we are not advised. What can't we raise in Minnesota?—*St. Paul, Minn. Chronicle, May 27th.*

☞ Oh, what trials a poor widow has to go through with," gasped Mrs. Partington, resting herself, in a very sad and melancholy way, and holding entranced the mental of Mistress Nelson between her tongue and fingers, "terrible trials! and oh, what a hardship to be the victim of an inexorable fate, where ourselves [illegible] to overcome its [illegible] to overcome its [illegible] it, till [illegible] I have [illegible] and I will [illegible] I [illegible] I [illegible] I