

soon reduce its price even below the present price of Russia hemp. The half million dollars which is annually sent abroad, and goes into the pockets of the landholders of Russia, would remain at home and enrich the farmers of our country.

“Fully impressed with the importance of these truths, and knowing the great interest which the farmers of this fine agricultural county have in the question, your committee offers the following resolutions:

“Resolved, That whilst it is the opinion of this meeting that the government should afford its aid to such of our domestic manufactures as require additional protection, it is also its bounden duty, at the same time, to protect the farmers of the country against foreign competition.

“Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting the importation of foreign spirits should be either entirely prohibited or the duty upon its importation should be raised to such a standard as would insure, in a great degree, the consumption of domestic distilled spirits in its stead, and thus promote the agriculture of the country by increasing the demand for and raising the price of rye and corn.

“Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting the interest of agriculture requires that an additional duty should be imposed on the importation of foreign hemp.”

A committee, consisting of G. B. Porter, John R. Montgomery, John Rohrer, John Hoover, John Caldwell, Nathaniel F. Lightner, Jeremiah Brown, Jr., Francis Boggs, Elias Baker, George Kinzer, Samuel Keller and George Redsecker, was appointed to prepare a memorial to Congress and circulate it throughout the county for signatures.

Whether the memorial was circulated and how many signatures were obtained is not now known, as subsequent issues of local papers do not contain any references to the subject.

Collections in Aid of the Poor

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

THE Lancaster Journal of Friday, January 8th, 1830, stated that the committee appointed in the south-east ward of Lancaster during the winter for the purchase and distribution of wood among the poor, had left an account at the office of that paper of the monies collected by them, of the wood purchased, and the persons to whom it was delivered. Those interested were invited to call at the Lancaster Journal office and inspect the accounts. It is

to be regretted that this information was not published, as it would have enabled us to form an idea of the conditions of the times.

Five years later, on Friday, January 9th, 1835, a meeting of citizens was held at the court house in Lancaster for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of supplying the poor of the city with fuel during the inclement weather.¹

John Mathiot, mayor of the city, was called to the chair, and John F. Steinman was appointed secretary.

A committee, of eight persons from each ward, was appointed to solicit contributions for the purchase of fuel to be distributed among the worthy poor of the city.

The following were appointed:

North-east Ward.

George L. Mayer,
Henry Keffer,
Thomas E. Franklin,
Dayton Ball,

Jacob McCully,
John Bear,
Jacob Hensel,
Dr. G. B. Kerfoot.

South-west Ward.

George Bryan,
E. McLenegan,
Jacob Hubley,
Thomas C. Wiley,

Jacob Etter,
William Russell,
P. G. Eberman,
George Krause.

South-east Ward.

C. Keifer,
H. Pinkerton,
Jacob Gable,
Dr. P. Bier,

William Ihling,
Philip Metzger,
C. Freeman, Jr.,
Martin Foltz.

North-west Ward.

John Ehler,
Jacob Snyder,
D. Longenecker,
Christian Rine,

Henry Flick,
Jacob Dorwart,
George Kuhns,
Jacob King.

The committee of the south-west ward collected the sum of \$42.45. The money was used to purchase wood, flour and corn meal. Sugar, tea and coffee were given to those who did not receive wood.²

How much money was collected in the other wards or to whom the fuel was distributed, is not known as subsequent issues of local papers contain no information on this subject.

¹ Lancaster Journal, Friday, January 16th, 1835.

² Examiner and Herald, Thursday, April 30th, 1835.