

cern—that there was something also of a political character in the movement; and that he had some reference to the possession of a road that had considerable patronage, and might be made use of for political purposes.

Question. Did he make any statement upon that point in reference to what States might be carried at the next Presidential election?

Answer. No, sir; he did not state that. But he said that he believed, as a matter of political calculation, that the next Presidential election would be determined; or perhaps he might have said that the nomination for the next presidency would depend upon the united support of Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey—that their vote would determine the presidential question.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. Has any estimate been made, to your knowledge, of the amount of capital required to carry out this grant—actual capital?

Answer. No, sir; I really cannot say. My occupation is one entirely aside from such things, and my business entirely different from such calculations.

By Mr. *Turner*. What is your idea of the amount?

Answer. I should suppose, it is a mere supposition, that \$800,000 or \$1,000,000 would be required.

By *Gov. Pratt*. Question. To build the road?

Answer. To build and to equip it. I know that some of the contracts are for \$17,000 a mile.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. How many miles are there?

Answer. 45 miles.

Question. Who has such a contract you speak of?

Answer. The first one made was to Mr. Shoemaker.

Question. Who was his partner?

Answer. Mr. Cathcart.

Question. Was Mr. Shoemaker a member of the Council?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. The contract was for \$17,000 a mile?

Answer. Yes, sir, for a double track.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. When you speak of 45 miles, you mean 45 miles of track, I suppose; not 45 miles of double track?

Answer. Of track.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. How is this road made? Are there any cross ties upon it?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. What kind?

Answer. Pine, I think.

Question. Is there any grading to be done?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. The road is to be laid on the street, level with the street?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Then the road ought not to cost so much as it would to build a road through the country, where there are deep cuts and tunnels to be made.

Answer. I know the cost of laying the road from the first contract, and I have some idea of the cost of the cars, horses, &c.

By Mr. *Alexander*. Question. A million of money is your estimate in general, for the cost of the road, is it?

Answer. I should think so, from the best calculations I can make from information derived from different sources; that is to construct and complete the whole system of railway upon the plan of the ordinance.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. Do you know the price paid to the other contractors?

Answer. I do not.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. Was not Mr. Sumwalt, whom you speak of as one of the first contractors for \$17,000 a mile, one of the grantees?

Answer. Mr. Sumwalt was not one of the contractors.