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THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1874.

Republican State Convention.

The Republicans of Pennsylvania will hold a State Convention at Harrisburg, at noon on Wednesday, August 19, 1874, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Lieutenant Governor, Auditor General, Secretary of Internal Affairs, and Judge of the Supreme Court.

The representation of the several counties in this Convention will be based on the apportionment of Senators and Representatives made by the present Legislature, each Senatorial and Representative district being entitled to delegates equal in number to its representation in the Legislature under said apportionment.

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GENERAL NOTES.

Chicago is taking steps to preven t a repetition of the two great fires.

Fighting with the Indians is reported from all along the Western frontier.

At Washington no notes have as yet been issued to the new national banks.

In the city of Boston there are twenty one savings banks, with more than $70,000,000 on deposit.

The new directory of Springfield Mass., contains 10,753 names, an increase of nearly 700 since last year.

Last week the fishermen at Barnegat amused themselves by dragging blue fish ashore with garden rakes.

During the harvest time throughout some sections of the country farmers are glad to get hands for $3 per day and board.

It is said that the usefulness of the English sparrows is greatly destroyed by feeding them in the summer.

In Gardiner, Maine, ice can be bought for $4 per ton, whilst in New York it brings all the way from $15 to 25.

General Phil Sheridan has been authorized by the War Department to pursue and punish the hostile savages on the frontier.

Immense clouds of grasshoppers alighted one day last week near Columbus, Nebraska, and are doing some damage. They are rapidly moving eastward.

John Kaiser, shoemaker, of Franklin, Ohio, ended a four weeks' spree on the 15th inst., by shooting his wife and instantly killing her, and then killing himself.

The police of the Brighton district, Mass., Sunday night made a haul of sixteen railroad thieves. They had been operating considerably on cars switched on side-tracks.

Six hundred buildings were burned and three thousand people rendered homeless by the late fire in Oshkosh Wisconsin. Loss about $1,000,000 and insurance $160,000.

From four millions to six millions of dollars will cover the loss by the Chicago fire. Of this sum the insurance companies will have to pay two million five hundred thousand dollars.

The Secretary of the Treasury has determined that there shall be no deficiency bill reported to Congress from his department, and has given notice to all officers of the department to that effect.

Under the will of her uncle, just deceased, Mrs. General Bristow, wife of the new Secretary of the Treasury, has just fallen heir to a fortune of $250,000 Fortunes, like misfortunes, never come single.

Secretary Robeson will soon issue a new order with regard to the management of the several navy yards in the United States. The most stringent economy is to be practiced, and the force in all the yards will be reduced.

The boll and army worm have made their appearance in Middle Alabama, Eastern Mississippi, and in many parishes in Louisiana. Three large plantations in Middle Alabama have been entirely destroyed within three days.

A fire on Saturday afternoon, on the farm of Joseph Bennett, eight or nine miles from Trenton, on the Pennsylvania side, destroyed his barn, two children, aged seven and nine, eight loads of wheat, and a large quantity of hay. The children were playing with matches in the cellar of the barn, and set fire to the hay.

If half the croaking men would cease their grumbling, roll up their sleeves, do an honest day's work and stop making the panic an excuse for not paying honest debts, confidence would be restored, trade revived, and every honest, industrious man would be enabled to pay one hundred cents on the dollar.

The last Indian war Uncle Sam engaged in, that with the Modocs, was at a cost of $500,000 for every Modoc killed, and a little cyphering will satisfy any tax payer that it is cheaper to feed and cloth the Indians than to starve, strip and fight them. But then, in times of peace, contractors would have no chance to supply munitions of war at triple prices.

Last March, in Topeka, Kansas, R. W. Ferris and Fred Olds quarrelled over a game of checkers, when the latter killed the former, burying his body in the celler and giving out that Ferris had gone East on business. The latter not seeming likely to return, Olds was arrested on supicion, and now confessed the crime in the District Court.

Nathan Isaacson has been arrested in Chicago, charged with firing the building that caused the fire on July 14. The testimony taken goes to show that the prisoner offered a peddler named Wolfson $100 to set the house on fire; that the peddler had once made an unsuccessful attempt to do so, and then boasted that he would have better success the next time. The hearing of the case has been adjourned.

A PITTSBURGH HOLOCAUST.

PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY CITY INUNDATED—HUNDREDS REPORTED DROWNED—PROPERTY SWEPT OFF BY THE RAGING WATERS—THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE STORM EVER WITNESSED IN PENNSYLVANIA—LATEST PARTICULARS.

Pittsburgh July 27.—This city was visited on Sunday and a portion of Sunday night by one of the heaviest falls of rain that has ever been witnessed in this section. Its terrible results was sufficient to inspire the great terror that prevailed among the people burning the heavy fall of rain. It fell in great sheets completely deluging the place and threatening to destroy the entire property and people. The rain extended within a radius of 15 miles, and swelling the streams tributary to an enormous height which was thought at one time to be the cause of the inundation, but it has since been proven that its cause was not from the rise in the rivers, but the rain, which completely deluged the place.

THE DAMAGE

inflicted is at the present time incalculable, extending as it does over a greater portion of the city, and the confusion is so great that it is utterly imposible to arrive at any correct statements. The greater portion of the damage, though, falls upon the railroads, and the foundations of many of the largest and most substantial houses have been so badly injured that it is feared they will have to be entirely re-built again. Numbers of frame buillings were litted entirely ftom their foundations and floated off some distance. A number of

PERSONS WERE DROWNED,

according to the reports in here, but as yet no bodies have been recovered.

In Allegheny City, which is situated a short distance from here the storm is reported to have raged with equally as much if not more violence than it did here. A number of houses were completely destroyed there and the distress and loss of life is represented as being terrible. Over fifty persons are reported drowned, many of whom were swept out of their houses into the raging waters. Besides these a number are reported as missing and as in here it will be utterly impossible to determine the losses until

THE WATERS SUBSIDE.

The waters poured down in floods from the hills, sweeping every obstacle that came in its way.

The Pennsylvania railroad shops and engine house are partially submerged. The Fort Wayne road is reported to have escaped the flood entirely, but the Pan Handle route is represented to have been considerably damaged. The workshops being almost entirely submerged and the track and bed of the road has been washed away for some distance. It will not be rendered fit for service for several days and perhaps a week.

THE UNION DEPOT

was in considerable danger of being flooded at one time, but the alarm was given and the fire department responded quickly and by their combined efforts relieved the pressure of the waters considerably. The Pittsburgh yard is filled with mud, stones and other *debris* to a depth of several feet.

THE STORM

reached the height of its violence between eight and ten o'clock. The night was the darkest imaginable, and above the roar of the elements the cries of those in distress could be distinctly heard. The storm did not extend beyond Wall's station, fifteen miles beyond the city.

LATER.

2:40 p. m.—The loss of life is more frightful than was at first supposed. Reporters are now hurrying in from the scenes of the disaster, and they represent a still greater loss of life. At Buchers, in this State, and about eight or nine miles from this place, the number of persons drowned is said to be 100, of which 67 bodies have been recovered.

STILL FURTHER MORTALITY.

At Saw Mill Run the loss is reported at 60 drowned, of which number 31 bodies have been recovered.

At Wood's Run the loss is unkowned but it must have been terrible, as 75 bodies have been found. The scenes are appalling, and among those who perished are many women and children It is the direst calamity that has ever visited this section. Hundreds of families are rendered homeless and the suffering is incalculable.

THE RAIN.

fell for several hours and was accompanied by a severe wind storm. The country for fifteen miles around here was completly inundated, causing the Monongahela to swell into a roaring volume of water. A number of vessels were washed from their moorings at the whaves, into the country and swamped.

The damage to property cannot now be estimated, and the loss of life is feared to be greater than has been thus far reported

STILL LATER—THE LOSS OF LIFE ESTIMATED at 219.

Pitsburgh, July, 28—Noon.—It is now thought that the loss of life will reach 219. Business in this city and Allegheny will be suspended at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of taking some action towards raising means for those who have suffered by the terrible calamity.

IN Chambersburg recently, we learn from the *Public Opinion*, a lady thinking she would have a stewed fowl for dinner, killed a chicken in the usual manner. Upon cuting open the gizzard, however, she found it crammed with potato bugs. The effluvia arrising from the bisected organ was nauseating and she threw it out with the entrails. Preparing the other portion of the chicken, she cooked it, but when placed upon the table and tasted, the flesh was found to be so impregnated with "bug juice" as to necessitate the discarding of that part of the meal.

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