

THE BEDFORD GAZETTE.

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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY MEETING.

The Democrats of Bedford County, will assemble in Mass Meeting at the Court House, on Monday evening of next Court week, to celebrate the glorious victory achieved by the Democratic party at the late election.

Reduction of Terms!

THE "GAZETTE" FURNISHED TO SUBSCRIBERS FOR \$1.50, IF PAID IN ADVANCE!!

In accordance with the general wish of our subscribers we have concluded to reduce the price of our paper to \$1.50 per annum, cash, in advance.

Did we Speak Falsely?

It was an assertion of Democratic speakers and presses in the last Presidential campaign, that Mr. Buchanan's election would ally the fanatical excitement which had been aroused throughout the entire country, by the agitation of the Slavery question, and that the elevation of that great and good man, would bring the estranged sections of the Union once more into harmony and unity of feeling with each other.

The Speakership of the next State Senate.

A Democratic speaker will, of course, be chosen to preside over the deliberations of the next State Senate. The Huntingdon Globe and Hollidaysburg Standard have already spoken out in favor of our own Senator, Hon. Wm. P. Schell, as their choice for this position.

The late elections have generally resulted in favor of Democratic measures and candidates. The people after having had a fair trial of Mr. Buchanan in the Presidential chair, have spoken out in thunder tones in endorsement of his administration.

ABOLITION BOASTING.

The Abolition leaders of this Senatorial District, when they nominated Gen. Kooztz, in August last, boasted that they would elect that candidate by a majority of fifteen hundred!

They published this ridiculous bravado in every newspaper under their control, and so frequent and so emphatic were their repetitions of it, that some few easy-natured, credulous people began, at length, to believe that there might be some truth in the assertion.

Well, the 13th of October came and went, and you didn't do as you promised, Mr. Herald & Whig. Instead of giving Gen. Kooztz 1500, as you said you would, you could raise for him only the paltry majority of 559!

OUR CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR.

It will be seen from the proceedings which we publish in to-day's paper, that Gen. WM. H. KOONTZ, of Somerset County, has been placed in nomination for the office of Senator for this District, composed of the Counties of Bedford, Somerset and Huntingdon.

How truthful the prophecy! How strangely the predictions of the Abolitionists have been verified! Hereafter, when they prophesy, let all other prophets and "sons of prophets," stand under! Hereafter when they foretell a candidate's election, let that candidate's opponent hang up his electioneering fiddle, for they never miscalculate—oh! no—only occasionally "to the tune" of about a thousand votes.

Three Questions for Abolitionists to Answer.

1. Do laborers get only "ten cents a day," now that Mr. Buchanan has been President nearly a year? 2. What has become of "Bleeding Kansas?" 3. Did Wilnot stump Gen. Packer?

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

The next Legislature will be composed of 90 Democrats and 43 Abolitionists, the Democrats having a majority of 47 on joint ballot! The two Houses stand thus divided:

Table with 2 columns: Democrats, Abolitionists. Rows: Senate (21 vs 12), House of Reps. (69 vs 31), Total (90 vs 43).

Looks as large as life and twice as natural!—The Bedford Gazette's mammoth cock. We thought his cockship had retired to private life along with the veteran Bowman; but are happy to see that the new editors considered him an indispensable appendage to the Gazette office.

Correspondence.

Omaha City, Nebraska Territory, Oct. 9, 1857. FRIENDS MEYERS & BEDFORD:—I arrived here in one week from the time of my leaving Bedford, and was detained three nights on the road.

The Hotel now being erected upon, or near, the landing, is almost equal in dimensions to the Monongahela House, at Pittsburgh, and will cost over \$60,000.

St. Louis is noted for the quantity and quality of her flour. Her capacity for manufacturing is said to be about 1,000,000,000 barrels every year.

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The anniversary of the battle of Yorktown was celebrated on Monday, both at Norfolk and Richmond, by the military.

Rev. Mr. Dodge was installed pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church at Wheeling on Monday evening.

The Middlesex Republican, a Republican paper published in Middletown, Ct., has given up the ghost.

\$359,948 of boots and shoes, \$264,832 of tanned skins, and \$66,980 of leather were exported from the United States to Canada the past year.

The inauguration of Governor Harris, of Tennessee, will take place on the 1st of November next.

A daughter of Mr. P. T. Barnum was married at Bridgeport on Tuesday, to Mr. S. H. Hurd, of New York.

Brevities.

Major Emory, it is stated, has been relieved from the Mexican boundary commission. The work has been accomplished.

A man died recently in Alabama from the nail of his toe growing into the flesh. The trouble is technically called "phlebitis."

It is stated that goods to the amount of many millions of dollars, now warehoused in the United States, will be re-shipped to Europe.

Quarantine has been raised at New Orleans, and it is now expected large quantities of specie will arrive from Cuba.

Hon. Thomas F. Marshall is delivering a course of lectures at Louisville on the Philosophy of History.

The fifth annual exhibition of the North Carolina Agricultural Society opened at Raleigh on Tuesday.

Dr. Cuthbert, an eminent physician of Smyrna, Del., died suddenly on Tuesday last.

Philip Gadsden, a son of Bishop Gadsden, of South Carolina, died on the 13th inst.

Jersey City is without a coroner. A person was elected to fill that office, but refuses to serve.

Eleven hundred tons of English Cannel coal have arrived at Mobile.

The SWEDENBORGIANS have recently celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the 'Church of the New Jerusalem' at Stuttgart.

A young widow has established a pistol gallery in New Orleans. Her qualifications as a teacher of the art of duelling are, of course, undoubted, for she has killed her man.

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A number of citizens of Hollidaysburg, Pa., clubbed together and bought their winter's supply of flour at \$5.72 and \$6.26 per barrel.

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OFFICIAL RETURNS OF THE ELECTION FOR GOVERNOR.

Table with 3 columns: Counties, Packer, D., Wilnot, R. Lists counties from Adams to York with corresponding vote counts.

PENNSYLVANIA, SS.

In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, JAMES POLLOCK, Governor of the said Commonwealth.

A PROCLAMATION.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—To render to Almighty God, who controls the destinies of nations and men, the homage of devout gratitude and praise for His goodness and mercy, is the appropriate and solemn duty of a free and highly favored people.

During the past year the bounties of a kind Providence have not been withheld from our Commonwealth. Our free institutions have been preserved, and our rights and privileges, civil and religious, enjoyed and maintained.

An ex-member of the Massachusetts Legislature has been sentenced to the State prison for three years, for forgery.

On Thursday last, all the banks in New York suspended specie payment.

The New York Tribune fears that Sibley (Dem.) is elected Governor of Minnesota. Most of the philosopher's fears now-a-days are realities.

The Lynchburg Virginia of Saturday says there was snow on the mountains, within sight of that place, on the previous day.

Mr. John Elstner, an old and esteemed merchant of Cincinnati, died on Saturday.

The Daily Republic, of Buffalo, formerly Republican, is now a Democratic paper.

James Wilson, an old resident of Allegheny City, Pa., fell dead in church on Sunday last.

Godard, the aeronaut, made a very successful ascension at Pittsburg on Saturday last.

Hon. James B. Clay, of Kentucky, is on a visit to Washington.

IMPORTANT LAW.—The following bill was passed at the recent extra session of the Legislature, and became a law on the 13th instant.

An Act for the better security of Laborers, Mechanics, and others, in certain Companies. SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That for the purpose of providing additional security for the payment of laborers, operatives, mechanics, and other bona fide creditors for services rendered or to be rendered, supplies and materials to be furnished, for any coal, iron, canal navigation, railroad, or turnpike company incorporated in whole or in part by the laws of this Commonwealth, that it shall be lawful and competent for any such company to execute a lien or liens, or instrument of writing sufficient thereto, with inventory attached and attested by the common seal of said company, if said company have such common seal and if said company have no common seal, then the said instrument of writing to be signed by the President, Board of Directors or Managers, and attested by the Secretary, to a trustee or trustees, upon any or all such wagons, teams, horses, mules, carts, cars, boats, equipments, engines, tools, and machinery used in conducting the business of any such company, to be held by said trustee or trustees for the sole purpose or purposes aforesaid, until said debts herein contemplated are fully discharged, by the sale thereof, or otherwise. Provided, That the said instrument or instruments of writing be recorded in the office for recording deeds, in the respective counties wherein said companies transact business, within thirty days from the execution thereof.

THE SCARCITY OF SPECIE.—In the United States we produce a yearly supply of gold to the value of sixty millions of dollars. It is computed that the amount of the precious metals in the country is equivalent to two hundred and seventy millions of dollars. Yet, strange to say, we are in want of coin for the ordinary operations of trade; and all the banks have suspended the payment of their debts on the pretence of an inadequate supply of specie.

Apparently this is a very singular state of affairs, but in point of fact the mystery is susceptible of an easy explanation. In virtue of an incontestable principle of political economy, a sound currency is always driven out of circulation by a depreciated currency. The multiplication of Banks and the infinite use of their circulation during the last few years, in a great measure superseded the necessity of any other currency; and of course the precious metals were exported to points where they were in greater demand. Hence the comparative scarcity of specie in the United States.

And this would have continued to be the case, but for the action of the Banks. As they created the scarcity of coin in the first instance by the undue expansion of their currency, so again they arrested the importation of the precious metals by the suspension of specie payment, which still further depreciates their notes and discourages the demand for gold and silver. The tide has turned again, and the precious metals are now being exported to Europe.

THE CONSTITUTION OF OREGON. The constitution likely, according to the last accounts, to be adopted by the Oregon convention contains some remarkable provisions. It does away (says the Journal of Commerce) with grand juries as unnecessary—the preliminary examination before a magistrate previous to committing being deemed sufficient. It provides that there shall be no lieutenant governor; that the secretary of State shall exercise the functions of governor pro tem in case of the death of that functionary; and that the governor shall also be treasurer of the State.

With regard to the question of slavery, it is believed that two clauses—one legalizing and the other prohibiting slavery—will be appended to the draught of the constitution, to be adopted or rejected by a subsequent vote of the people.—Washington Union.

FILLIBUSTERISM TO BE STOPPED.—Orders have been given, the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says, for fitting out with despatch the swiftest war steamer of the navy, for the purpose of intercepting or preventing the new expedition of General Walker for Central America. These orders, probably result from the report that Gens. Walker and Henningsen had arranged an expedition which was to depart either from New Orleans or some other southern port. The Government, it is believed, acted on information received in response to the circular issued from the Department of State about a month ago, addressed to the United States District Attorneys, Marshals, &c., requiring them to exercise due vigilance for the detection and prevention of any expeditions for Costa Rica, Nicaragua, &c.

What is to be the issue? The Washington correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser says: "A party is rising in favor of a national bank of some sort, of a protective tariff, and of a bankrupt law. So the state of things that existed twenty years ago is coming round to us again. The Kansas issue is gone by; and this fact favors the rise of other issues of a general and practical nature."

Messrs. Harper & Brothers announce that recent events will not interfere with the regular publication of Harper's Weekly and Harper's New Monthly Magazine, which were never so prosperous as they are now.

The ferry-boat Newport Bell, destroyed by fire on Saturday morning opposite Cincinnati, was valued at \$13,000, on which there was \$300 insurance.

A German democratic paper has just been started in Boston. There is one other German paper in that city; it is Republican in politics.

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