

The Democrats of Bedford county, are respectfully requested to assemble in Mass Meeting, at the Court House, in Bedford, on Monday evening of Court week, Feb. 13th, 1860, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the coming Democratic State Convention and to transact such other business as may come before them. A large attendance is desired. The conservative and Constitution-loving men of other parties are invited to attend.

By order of the Democratic Co. Com. O. E. SHANNON, Chairman.

All typographical errors and other inaccuracies and short-comings in this number, should be attributed to the absence of the editor.

The Organization of Congress.

The election of Mr. Pennington as Speaker of the Lower House of Congress, is a moral victory over "Republicanism," which will prove the forerunner of a Waterloo defeat of the enemies of Democracy in 1860. The "Republican" members of Congress had nominated Mr. Sherman as their first, last and only candidate, the New York Tribune had applied the lash of party drill to elect that candidate and its motto was, "Sherman forever!" and Thaddeus Stevens had proclaimed that the Speaker must be Sherman, or nobody, and that he would vote for the Helper nominee till the crack of doom. But all this swaggering and threatening could not drive the moderate and conservative members from their position. The "Republicans" were driven from Sherman, they were compelled to abandon him and to cast their vote for a man who repudiates and despises their leading dogma. Thus has nationality triumphed over sectionalism. Thus is the treason of the Helperites rebuked.

THE TRAITOR REWARDED.

JOHN W. FORNEY, the blackest and foulest traitor that ever apostatized from the Democratic party, has just received the thirty pieces of silver for which he agreed, two years ago, to sell out the party that nursed him and raised him to a position of respectability. People can now see why it was that Mr. Forney has been so persistent in his slanderous abuse of a Democratic President. His vilifications of Mr. Buchanan, was the price he was required to pay to the Black Republicans for the Clerkship to Congress, to which he has just been elected by his newly found friends. This places Mr. Forney clearly and incontrovertibly in the ranks of the Opposition. We hope he may stay there, never to return.

H. W. Hoffman, of Cumberland, Md., has been elected Sergeant at Arms to the House of Representatives at Washington.

The coldest day we had in Bedford in the month of January, was on the first. The thermometer was four degrees below zero at seven o'clock in the morning; ten above, at two o'clock p. m., and four above at nine in the evening; making the mean temperature of the day, three degrees and thirty three hundredths of a degree. We had twelve inches of snow, all put together during the month and two and thirty two hundredths cubic inches of water, in the form of rain, snow and sleet.

The County Institute.

The last meeting of this association was a very pleasant one, and also profitable to those who attended its meetings. About the one half of our teachers appear to have no ambition to learn to teach; but to teach to learn and to make the school-house their school-master; and they seem also to act as if the Institute were only for the teachers who are perfect in their profession, and those who are a little behind, had better stay away, lest they be called upon to participate; and consequently they absent themselves.

Every teacher who is ashamed to improve himself in his profession, had better absent himself from the school-house too, in the capacity of a teacher, but attend in the capacity of a scholar; for as teacher he will "kill up" a school; but as a scholar he may fill up a school; and though he may not be able to communicate, yet he may receive something, even should the receptacle be lower than the head. All who turn a cold side to the means of their own improvement cannot be ruled out of the Teacher's ranks any too soon.

The Institute was gotten up for mutual improvement, and all, certainly, should embrace the most favorable opportunity of meeting with their fellow teachers in conference, when each one can add to his knowledge from the rich experience of the others; especially the younger portion, who have little or no experience of their own and who, perhaps, have never read a single book on the subject of teaching. In neighboring counties, every teacher feels bound to attend the Institute, in our own every teacher feels at liberty not to attend. Should it be my good fortune to serve as county Superintendent another term, I will issue certificates to no teachers who are unwilling to spend a day or two in consulting with his fellow teachers how to advance the best interests of the schools. Both the county and also the township Institute, have already done very much in this respect, and should be properly kept up.

Those twenty five or thirty teachers in attendance at the last meeting, certainly deserve credit for their interest and energy, and it may be a few others also whose hearts are in the work, but were providentially prevented in attending; but, certainly, the resolution respecting "Live teachers" appended to, an abstract of the minutes, which were published in the last

week's paper reflects discredit upon the "Not live teachers."

SUPERINTENDENT.

Senator Bigler's Bill.

The following is a synopsis of the bill, presented in the United States Senate by Mr. Bigler, for the protection of the States and Territories from invasion:

Section 1. Provides that whenever any State or Territory is invaded or is in imminent danger of invasion from external or internal foes, that it shall be lawful for the President of the United States to collect the militia from the State or States or nearest to the point of danger, and also to employ the land or naval forces of the United States.

Section 2. Provides that any person actually engaged or participating in carrying on a hostile military expedition from one State or Territory against another, shall be adjudged guilty of treason and suffer death.

Section 3. Provides that any person having knowledge of such treason, and shall neglect to disclose the same at the earliest moment, shall be adjudged guilty of misprison of treason and shall be fined a sum not exceeding \$1000, and be imprisoned for a term not exceeding seven years.

Section 4. Gives power to the President to seize and detain any vessel fitted out by one State against another for hostile purposes.

Section 5. Provides that any materials, arms, valuables, &c., found in such vessel, shall be forfeited, one half to the Government and the other half to the informer.

Section 6. Provides that any person furnishing or providing means of money for such hostile expeditions, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and fined a sum not exceeding \$3000, and be imprisoned not over ten years.

Section 7. Provides that any person enlisting himself or procuring others to enlist shall be deemed guilty of felony and fined not over \$3000 and imprisoned for a term not exceeding ten years.

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Section 10. Provides that nothing in this bill shall be construed as relating to any piracy as now defined by the existing laws.

Let By-gones be By-gones.

We clip the following excellent remark from the Washington States and Union, of the 2d inst. It gives us great pleasure to see such sentiments so universally prevailing throughout the entire Democratic party, North and South, East and West. The indications are in favor of union in our ranks, and with a united party we can have no fears of the result next Fall. The States and Union disagreed with the Administration on the LeCompton question—and Doctors will disagree sometimes but is now willing to forget all past differences and labor for the good of our whole party. This is the spirit of every Democrat, and we hope no other may be allowed to creep in among us.

Oblivion to dissensions in the Democracy, we trust, is the generous sentiment of every true member of the party at this joyous season. Let us unite cordially, fraternally, resolutely, for the eventual combat of the 15th of November. Even thus united, we shall have no need to meet whose numbers may vastly exceed our own. We shall be an easy prey unless we summon to our aid all the strength that we can command. If we decline to do this, it is worse than non-sense for us to meet in convention at Charleston.

Trial of Stephens.

THE TRIAL CONCLUDED.—VERDICT OF THE JURY. CHARLESTON, Feb. 4.—The trial of Andrew Stephens, charged with treason, murder and conspiracy, was concluded today.

No new evidence was adduced. The speeches of the counsel were mostly of a political character, discussing the present position of the question between the North and South.

The Commonwealth made a proposition to submit the case without argument, but it was declined by the counsel for the defence, who desired to be heard for his client.

Mr. Harding made the opening argument.—He denounced as a falsehood and a libel the assertion of Brown that he was to receive aid from the laboring classes at Harper's Ferry.—He claimed that they were true to the Constitution and the State of Virginia, and referred to their action in assisting to quell the invasion as a proof of their fidelity. He concluded with an earnest appeal to the jury to vindicate the law, styling the prisoner a bloodthirsty villain and wretch, and worse even than his master, John Brown.

Mr. Sennet for the defence made an able and eloquent speech, going into a detailed narrative of the rise and progress of the Republican party, and closing with an earnest appeal to the jury to spare the life of the prisoner.

Mr. Andrew Hunter closed on the part of the Commonwealth. He replied to the arguments of that counsel for the defence with telling effect. He had no confidence in the Union meetings which had been held in the North.—He believed that this invasion of John Brown had been a benefit to the South, as it had shown them the position in which they were placed. He referred to Mr. Hickman's boast of the eighteen millions of freemen of the North, and declared the South was prepared for any emergency.

The case was submitted to the jury at 4 o'clock this [Saturday] afternoon, they retired, and after fifteen minutes absence, returned with a verdict of guilty on all the counts of the indictment.

The prisoner received the verdict with most perfect indifference, and even appeared to smile at the announcement.

Gov. SAMUEL W. BLACK, of Nebraska, has, very properly, vetoed a bill passed by the Legislature of that Territory for the abolition of slavery therein. It is an agreed point, with all Democrats, that Congress has no power to abolish slavery in a Territory; a fortiori, a Territorial Legislature has not the power, because it derives all its powers from Congress. Gov. Black's veto has excited the ire of the Pittsburgh editors, the Standard, of this place, and, in fact, all the Black Republican papers that have noticed the subject. Gov. BLACK needs no better proof that he is right than the opposition of Black Republicans. If he could secure the favor of the Abolition county of Allegheny, we would certainly think there was "something rotten in Denmark."

LATER FROM BRONSVILLE.

The Bronsville correspondent of the New Orleans Delta, under date of n. 21st says:—Day Before yesterday Capt. Ford's company was mustered out and immediately reorganized. Ford was unanimously elected Captain of the company, 48 men being mustered in before leaving the ground. On Thursday last Mat. Nolan arrived from Corpus Christi, with about 25 recruits, and Capt. Hill, formerly of Tobias' company, arrived the same day with about the same number. As soon as Tob arrives from Ringgold, (from whence he has been ordered,) all the State troops will be mustered out, and re-enlisted immediately (at least many may feel disposed to re-enlist) for a year's service, if not sooner discharged. On Tuesday Major Heintzelman, accompanied by Lieuts. Thomas and Ramsey, and Capt. Stone, with his company of second cavalry, arrived here from Ringgold. I understand that Major Heintzelman is to take command of Ford's company. He reports that on his way down he encountered small parties of the enemy, and some instances chased them in to the bushes.

Cortina and his captains are almost daily promenading the streets of Matamoros, and are cordially taken by the band by the officials of that place. He is encamped about eight miles above Matamoros (on the Mexican side of the river) with his principal force, while detachments of his men daily cross to this side and commit depredations. This state of things cannot and should not long exist without interrupting friendly relations between the two governments—the truth is, the Mexicans are becoming insolent and overbearing, and they are spoiling for chastisement, and nothing will bring them to their senses until they hear in their midst the whoop of the Texas Ranger, and feel the talons of the American eagle sink deep in their carcasses.

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Explosion of a Brooklyn Hat Factory. FROM TEN TO FIFTEEN WORKMEN BURIED IN THE REINS.

New York, Feb. 3.—The boiler in the hat factory of Messrs. Ames & Molten, in Brooklyn, exploded this morning, demolishing the building, and burying from 10 to 15 of the workmen in the ruins.

The killed are Mr. Eastman, the engineer; Joseph McCracken, foreman; John Werner and Theodore Higbee, employes, and a person who has not been identified.

John Farrell is badly injured and not expected to recover.

Six or seven persons, who were in the front part of the building, were slightly injured, and a girl, named Harriet Costigan, was badly injured by the falling timbers.

The loss on the property amounted to \$22,000, on which there is an insurance of \$20,000.

From the Pikes Peak Mines. LEAVENWORTH, K. T., Feb. 3.—The Overland Express, with Denver City dates to the 26th ult., and \$3,000 in gold dust, arrived here at noon. It was the prevailing opinion that the mines would yield from one to two millions worth of gold after the opening of spring. The yield last season was about two millions (?).

The weather continued pleasant at the mines until the day before the Express left, when the snow fell to the depth of a foot along the Platte river.

A long train, laden with flour, had arrived at Denver City.

Accounts from Arapahoe represent the miners as still employed there. Only one death had occurred since the departure of the previous express. Flour was quoted at \$16 per 100 lbs.

BRUTALITY.—The Mahoning (Ohio) Sentinel says: A young man named P. B. Baldwin school teacher in the German district of Boardman township, was brought before Justice Henry, on Thursday last, charged with willfully and brutally beating a young woman of some eighteen summers, without just cause or reason. From the testimony elicited in the case, we learn the circumstances to be as follows: On Friday, the 14th inst., the young lady, sometime during school hours, desired of the teacher leave of absence for a short time, availing it extremely necessary that she should go home at that time. The teacher demanded an excuse, which the young lady refused to give, further than that it was absolutely necessary. The teacher refused, and the young lady, knowing her own business probably better than the wise teacher, went home without his consent. During the course of the day she returned, and upon entering the school room was immediately accosted by the teacher for an excuse of absence which she as before refused; whereupon the teacher drew forth a heavy gad, (we say gad, because it so much resembled an ox-gad in dimensions, and form that we cannot properly apply to it any other name,) and at once fell to work and beat her until the gad was broken to pieces; and, not being satisfied with this, struck her once or twice in the face with his fist or his open hand. The teacher was held to answer at Court.

A WARNING TO YOUNG MEN.—In nearly all the large towns and cities, young men form themselves into clubs, of various kinds, to enable them to pass away the hours of the long winter evenings socially and pleasantly. They are, many of them, among strangers, far away from the home-circle, and the pleasant associations which gather around the hearthstone of their childhood, and they find it difficult to get into society. Their time, after the business hours of the day are past, drags heavily, and they are ready to take up with almost anything that offers itself in the shape of amusement or recreation. A club of jolly good fellows has many attractions under these circumstances.—Whilst we would not do anything to curtail the real enjoyments of the young, especially under such circumstances as we have detailed above, we would warn them against those which are injurious to either soul or body.

An old merchant related in our hearing, a few evenings since, his own experience and observation in regard to this matter. When he left home to go into business in the city, he felt lonely in the evenings, and longed for companionship. He was diligent, and had no influential friends to take him by the hand and introduce him into society. A friend invited him to join a social club. They spent their time in song and jest, eating and drinking and general jollity. He kept a list of all who belonged to the club during his connection with it, and has traced their histories since. Of forty-nine, but three now remain, enjoying a green old age. Most of the others went to early graves the victims of intemperance. Very few of them were ever successful in business, though some of them were young men of fine business capacity. Our venerable friend thinks the seeds of their ruin were sown in the club-room. He said, with great emphasis, had I an iron voice I would say to every young man, beware of the club-room, and especially the room of a drinking club. Many a young man is ruined there before he is aware of his danger.—PRESBYTERIAN HERALD.

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FEMALE FIREMEN.—At a late fire in Leavenworth, Kansas; says the Times of that city, a large number of ladies turned out to the assistance of the firemen. So well did they work that the flames were finally subdued, preventing a large and disastrous conflagration. The people of Leavenworth are loud in their praises of the intrepidity, perseverance and skill of the ladies, and think that on future occasions, should such unhappily occur, they can rely upon this new "fire brigade."

A PRESENT.—A carving knife and fork are to be presented to the President of the United States from the manufacturer, Mr. Samuel Bullen, a blacksmith, and citizen of the State of Maine. The handles are made of the horns of a buck, shot by Mr. Bullen, and in such a manner as to make the trunks of the antlers answer for the hafts, the shaft of the fork consisting of one of the small branches of the antler. Each piece is about twenty inches in length, and the blade of the knife about an inch and a half wide.

A SMALL POX INCIDENT.—An eminent physician of New York got on board one of the city railroad cars a few days since. In a moment he said—"Ladies and gentlemen, there is a malignant case of small pox on board this car—I smell it." In a moment the car was stopped, and the passengers fled, all but one, and she a woman closely veiled. The doctor asked her to lift her veil. She did, and he beheld a most dreadful case of that foul and dangerous disorder. She said she was on her way to the hospital—her attendant was on the outside.

A RICH LOUISIANA PLANTER.—A sugar plantation was purchased in St. James' Parish, Louisiana, a few days ago by Mr. Burnside, a dry goods merchant of New Orleans for \$100,000. This says the New Orleans Delta, is considered a splendid investment, as there are some seven or eight thousand acres in the tract, and under good management it ought to produce two thousand hogsheads of sugar. This purchase will swell the investment of Mr. Burnside, in sugar culture, to nearly two millions. His slaves now exceed one thousand. Three years ago Mr. B. purchased the magnificent Hoomas estate, with some five hundred slaves, from Col. John Preston, the cost of which, with additions of slaves and lands, exceeded a million of dollars.

FAST WORK.—Mr. Thomas Rumbor, of Reading, Pa., made in one day last week, of 94 hours work, 225 horse shoes, of which number 27 were forged in the first hour. This is fast work, and hard to beat, but it was in a manner equaled by Mr. Benjamin Gehris, blacksmith, who turned out 245 horse-shoe nails in one hour. Messrs. Rumbor and Gehris are decidedly a fast team in the blacksmith line.

The peach crop, for the coming year is most likely to be an entire failure. The buds, so far as we learn from the papers and private sources, have been generally killed by the extreme cold. The extensive peach orchard of our friend and excellent farmer, Mr. George Longstreth, four miles east of town, and which had such an abundant peach harvest last year, will, as he informs us, bear none this year. The buds are mostly, if not all, killed, and he fears in some cases, his trees also are dead. Let our readers, who were so fortunate as to get peaches last year, be economical in their use. We trust the apples, which are the main fruit crop, will be safe.—Lebanon (O) Star.

AN INVENTION.—A Yankee in Utah has invented and set in operation an artificial lady, in full dress, propelled by a small boy, and advertises to sweep the sidewalks and crossings for a certain annual salary. The lady is crinoline according to the width of the sidewalk, the crinoline being so rigged that it can be widened or narrowed at pleasure.

A DUE REGARD FOR SAFETY.—It is stated that when the twelve hundred clerks employed in the Bank of England leave the building in the evening, a detachment of troops march in to guard it during the night, although burglars could not penetrate the solid vaults in six weeks.

The amount of gold produced from the mines of California for a period of ten years—from the year 1848 to 1858—was \$448,000,000; while during the six years—from 1852 to 1858—Australia has produced \$410,922,000; making together, a total of \$858,922,000.

CONSPIRATOR ARRESTED.—During the trial of Stevens at Charleston, Va., on Thursday, Mr. Hunter, counsel for the Commonwealth, received a letter from Governor Letcher informing him that the brother of Coppe had been arrested in Iowa.

A GERMAN astronomer, Mr. Schwabe, endeavors to show that certain sunspot streaks observable upon the surface of the moon are ascribable to the existence of vegetation.—These streaks appear and disappear, he says, according to the season.

A FLOOD OF MILK.—The statistics of the Erie railroad show that some 5,358,839 gallons of milk were brought to New York city during the year 1859, by that route. The largest quantity in one month was in June, which shows a total of 657,012 gallons.

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