

DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETING. The Democrats of Bedford county, will hold

Bedford Borough, on MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 13th Let us meet and kindle anew the old council fires. They are yet to light this country to glory abolitionism. A delegate to the next Demo- he might be affected by the result.

> O. E. SHANNON, Ch'n. Dem. Co. Com.

## BEDFORD CLASSICAL INSTITUTE.

pected on the occasion.

school year will extend further into the summer than was at first designed. It is hoped, in view of peculiar circumstances existing, that this arrangement will be acceptable to the parents.

Feb. 3, 1865.

JOHN LYON, Principal.

mitte went home, the Democracy remarks the former wiser, the latter unterrified.

A White-washing Committee.

Mr. McClure, finding that the course of his can be expected from men whose action is con- almost hopeless. trolled entirely by their political predilections. The two sections, maddened as they are by Nothing else can be hoped for, when the ma- the bloody strife of the past four years, will not leum, Oil Creek.

sepulchre. The people will uncover it in due till then. time and all the world shall behold the rottenness which it conceals, and shall find it "full of corruption and dead men's bones!"

Abolition Star Chamber.

alleged fraudulent election returns, had arrived tained for the benefit of the company. fresh from the legislative halls. Considerable anxiety was manife sted as to what this highcommission might perform during its stay among us, and it may be that some of the more printing paper, sized and unsized, used for books hanced from the fact, that it was well known yeas, to 40 nays. The Senate has yet to act cials in our county. In fact his pious soul other in the country. could not endure the thought that such flagi-

"More peevish, cross, and splenetic, Than dog distract or monkey sick."

He went down to the legislature, and there, sake, to pour forth the vials of their devouring est man" living .- Albany Argus.

wrath upon the derelict and offending Prothonotary and Return Judges, who so ungraciously refused to comply with the modest request of Committee bade adieu to the sacred and timethought they were going into a benighted and val, they found that there still remained some honesty in this vile district, and that all honor and integrity had not been aggregated in a single individual. A young barrister of clever appearance acted as chairman, while another nember of the same fraternity, and withal a good fellow, received the evidence, assisted, est" friend acted as prosecutor, witness, couna MASS MEETING, at the Court House, in sel and judge, yet when one of the Committee, in his simplicity, asked him whether his chent would have been elected, had he received all (Court week.) Let us pick our flints and try them again. "Truth crushed to earth will rise the votes cast, legal and illegal, he replied by again," so with the wholesome and truthful saying that he had no client, that there were measures of the Democratic party. Now is no parties to the action in the present case. the time to strike hands as Democrats and swear Afterwards in contradiction to this statement, eternal enmity to the fanaticism of the times. and in direct violation of every principle of law, the Committee decided that Mr. Shannon's and at present through the darksome paths of evidence could not be received, inasmuch as

cratic State Convention, will be chosen, and Very little occurred to mar the harmony of other business of importance to the party will their deliberations, and our conscientious townsbe transacted. Several addresses may be exman, with singular naivete, proceeded for two mortal hours, to let his evidence "drag its slow length along." Nothing remarkable, however, was developed from this extraordinary effort, nor could anything tangible be extracted from The current school year of this Institution will be resumed Thursday, February 23d, 1865. The Quarter left incomplete by the sudden-illness of the Principal, will be regularly terminated, and the principal, will be regularly terminated, and the large will saviend further into the summer. pointed. Truly, "the mountain labored and the inclemency of the present mid-winter and of the brought forth a ridiculous mouse." The Committe went home, the Democracy remained-

Peace Rumors. party in the House of Representatives, in re- Richmond, and the "loyal" papers are again some four hundred and eighty feet, and within fusing to admit Messrs. Meyers and Findlay to filled with rumors of peace. Any one now force, blowing the water and oil out of the seats, has rendered them odious with the people of this legislative district, and that a news- Press, would think the Republican Party had heard for a long distance. Oil in paying quanpaper controversy with the Bedford Gazette suddenly become the peace party of the North, tities is now found in this well, but it is intendwill not mend the matter, has caused a com- so full of news concerning peace do they daily ed to sink it through the third sand rock some mittee to be raised to white-wash the conduct of appear. But, notwithstanding all these rumers, himself and his colleagues in iniquity. The Speak- we are still inclined to doubt. We have always be one of, if not the largest, producing wells in er of the House, (doubtless, at McClure's sug- observed, that, whenever the administration the country. All the indications of oil-gas, black gestion.) took good care to place upon the com- papers make so much ado about anything, there smut, as it is technically termed, and sudden mittee, two abolition lawyers, whilst he exclu- is always a motive. It will be recollected that falls of several inches in the tools, are present ded, with equal care, the names of Messrs. Per- Mr. Lincoln has ordered a draft for 300,000 shing and Sharpe, two gentlemen well acquaint- men, quite recently; and that draft will be ened with the facts of this legislative trouble, and forced about the 15th of this month. They whose reputation as honest men and sound law- know that they had promised no more drafts to various depths, from 200 to 300 feet, and all yers, is beyond the reach of criticism. This to their benighted followers, and in order to only proves that the purpose of the men who smooth down their disappointment and anger, raised this committee, is not to investigate fair- they sugar-coat the pill with rumors of peace. ly and honestly the alleged frauds in this dis- We do not believe that Jeff. Davis, or his foltrict, but to cover up the infamy of their own lowers, are "willing to treat for peace on the conduct and that of their partizans, in refusing best terms they can get," as was recently asto be governed by the certificate of the major- serted by the Tribune. Neither do we believe of oil companies offer more flattering induceity of the return judges. Of course, the ex that anything like reasonable terms will be ofparte, one-sided examination which will be fered them by the party in power. But if nemade by these abolition lawyers, will be so gotiations should be opened, there might be managed as to throw blame upon Democrats some prospect that reason would once more reand exonerate the abolitionists. Nothing else sume its sway. But, even then, the case looks

jority of the committee are themselves guilty soon be brought to reason. The proofs of this of the fraud which they are appointed to white- are already seen in the papers of both the north wash. We are, therefore, prepared to see a and south. Neither section has yet suffered long-winded report from these abolition law- sufficiently to begin acting rationally; and, yers, setting forth with the affected honesty of therefore, putting the motive out of the way, the system of credits allowed on former drafts, so many sublimated patriots, the enormity of it will be seen that little foundation really ex-Democratic return judges refusing to count ar- ists for all the rumors (or even a part of them) "As it would be unjust and illegal to require my votes (no matter how illegal) whilst we shall now so industriously set affoat, by the time-servers a district which had filled its quota under the not be at all astounded if our unimportant self and lick-spittles of the Lincoln dynasty. Yet last call with three years' men to furnish as comes in for a small share of the friendly atten- we do not wish to be understood that peace many men under the present call as an equal tions of these smellers of "frauds by return cannot be made. But we believe that when it call with one year men, the former having furis made, it will not be made through the influ-But it matters not what this committee re- ence of Mr. Jefferson Davis or Mr. Abraham vice which the latter had furflished, it became ports. Our people have experienced outrage Lincoln, but, by the people themselves; who, necessary to estimate the number of years of enough at the hands of the party in power, to becoming disgusted with the corruption and du-service which each State, district and sub-dishave learned that nothing is too base for that plicity of their rulers, will rise up and force certaining the required number for each district, party to attempt, if it be their interest so to do. them to make peace, and allow to each section in order to obtain three hundred thousand men, White-washing committees are understood and its constitutional rights. When the people shall each locality would receive full credit for the appreciated in this "neck of the woods," and be true to themselves, and are no longer influ- number of years of service furnished under the their reports are regarded with contempt and enced by New York and Philadelphia Abolition disgust. So let them whiten their abolition dailys, we shall look for peace soon but not three years' men, or enlistments reduced to the

Hopewell Oil Co .- By reference to our adtheir stock, on the 25th of February. A fifty One day last week the peace-loving citizens barrel well of lubricating oil, has been struck, of our ancient town were somewhat surprised within a half mile of the company's property, at the novel intelligence that a select delegation which causes the stock of the Hopewell to be deputed by our Solons at Harrisburg, and in- sought after by moneyed men. The stock unvested with plenary powers to discover certain sold after the above mentioned date, will be re-

The Duty On Paper. tives passed a resolution to reduce the duty on

tions and unblushing fraud, as he honestly be- of \$5,000,000.—Alexander T. Stewart, the dry THE WEALTHIEST MAN .- An Annual Income lieved, should remain uncovered and unpunish- goods nabob of N. York, has the largest income ed. He raved, he threatened, he imprecated, - of any man in America or (probably) the world. He has lately paid an income tax of \$250,000! on a net income of \$5,000,000! This would be the interest, at 6 per cent., of over eighty milin suppliant tone, earnestly invoked the AboFrom the Philadelphia Price Current. Oil Operations.

The operations in development of the greater our unpretending friend: No doubt when the part of ine new oil territory, which were commanced last fall, have been suspended on account honored walls of our beloved Capite, they of the extreme cold weather of the winter, and some stockholders have lost faith in their investments because of the failure of the comdisloyal region where nothing but the noxious panies in paying dividends as expected. The weeds of fraud and treason could grow. In opening of the spring will, no doubt, witness this they were disappointed, for or their arri- a scene of activity hitherto entirely unsurpassed in the most exciting seasons of the oil re-

Some companies, however, have continued to work in spite of the frost, and have been rewarded with unusual success. Prominent among these are the "Oil Companies of the Clarion River." We have hitherto alluded to the energy and activity displayed by the management good fellow, received the evidence, assisted, of these companies, and are pleased to announce moreover, by one of the witnesses. "Our hon- their success in their efforts for the development of their extensive territory.

The superintendent of these companies is in the city, and furnishes some facts which will be of great interest to parties holding stock in these organizations, as well as to others disi-rous of finding a profitable investment for their surplus funds. The Oil Companies of the Clarion River are ten in number, and are located upon the extensive tract of territory owned by the original Clarion Oil Company, which covers in all 2,800 acres of ground within the great

These ten companies are entitled as follows: Indian," "Black Diamond," "Claron River," 'Highland," "Pennsylvania," "Davenport," Little Toby River," "Greenland," "Deer Crock," and "Whitehill." Ten engines are upon the tracts assigned to these companies, and perations are being successfully conducted apa ail of them with satisfactory results. The 'Deer Creek," however, is the most forward. At this point the original owner of the well struck out," while boring for saltwater, and after trying in vain to find a market for it in Pittsburg, plugged up the well and abandoned Since the excitement in oil property this

well has passed through several hands, none of whom were able to extract the plug driven some distance below the surface. After the present owners obtained possession of the well. operations were at once resumed, and the bore of the well reamed out to double the original size, and the plug driven before the boring tools Mr. Blair has the second time returned from instead of extracted. This well is now down 100 feet further, when, in the opinion of the here, and the tubing is upon the ground, but the Company have wisely concluded to continue operations through the third sand rock.

The other companies have each a well down. with the best indications of oil.

The "Black Diamond" promises to be unusually prolific, and will be pumping in a very short time, while the "Indian" and "Whitehill" are progressing with the most flattering pros-

Probably no ten companies in the whole list ments to the public as an investment than the foregoing. They have all the prerequisites of success; first class territory, an energetic and thoroughly practical superintendent, honest and judicious officers, and, what is after all the most important plenty of oil in their wells. The operations of these Companies will ere long render the oil region of the Clarion River as famous as the classic groups of the history of Petro-

Credits on Drafts.

Lately, Provost Marshal General Fry has in which he makes the following explanation of

last call, or excess carried forward and credited upon that call, previous calls being filled with three years' basis."

In view of the fact that under former vertising columns, it will be seen that this com- drafts a large number of persons liable to milpany have determined to close the selling of itary duty left the locality in which they were enrolled for the purpose of escaping conscription, a bill has been introduced into the Legis lature calculated to restrain evasions of pendng draft. It declares that all persons who may leave their homes or enrollment districts for the purpose of avoiding military service, or who Confederacy. may conceal themselves or refuse to report after having been notified of their being drafted, shall be deprived of their right of citizenship within the commonwealth, and "shall be incapable of inheriting any estate under the intestate laws On Tuesday last, the House of Representa- of the commonwealth, or by contract acquiring, possessing or disposing of any real or personal timid were slightly alarmed at the presence of and newspapers to 3 per centum ad valorem. knowingly receiving the vote of any person so The resolution passed by a majority of 97 escaping military service shall be liable to indictment for misdemeanor, and on conviction that a certain honest individual, we'll known in upon the matter, and there it will remain to be shall be fined in a sum not less than one bunour vicinity, had, on more than one occasion, will undoubtedly afford some relief to a busi- less than one month. Any person assisting, seen how much the price will be reduced. It dred dollars and be imprisoned for a term not ness which is now more oppressed than any harboring, or in any manner aiding in the esand provided for by this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction of the South and report the condition of the Fedthe same shall be liable to fine and imprisonment eral prisoners. for not less than three months." - Dem. Standard.

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Report of the Surveyor General.

The second annual report of Hon, Jams P. Barr, Surveyor General of Pennsylvania, which has just been issued by the Public Printer, exhibits a marked improvement in the business and receipts of the Land Office over previous years. The number of patents paid for during the year, is two thousand one hundred and seventy-eight, being about the number paid for in the previous ten years. The receipts were a fraction under ninety-two thousand dollars, or something more than the receipts from the same as will be seen from the following statement:

Dec., 1856, to Nov., 1857, \$21,553 59 Dec., 1857, to Nov., 1858, 12,948 49 Dec., 1858, to Nov., 1859, 13.559 22 Dec., 1859, to Nov., 1860, Dec., 1860, to Nov., 1861, Dec., 1861, to Nov., 1862, 5.239 61 Dec., 1862, to Nov., 1863, Dec., 1863, to Nov., 1864, 91,966 70

In 1862, the year previous to Mr. Barr's induction into the office of Surveyor General, the whole receipts of the office did not defray more than half its expenses. But the past year has yielded the State Treasury a clear income from lands of at least eighty thousand dollars, over and above all the expenses of the Land Office. This is by far the most gratifying exhibit that any Surveyor General has been enabled to make or many years.

Mr. Barr expresses the opinion that, by judicious legislation, the sum of two or three million dollars, which is estimated to be still due on unpatented lands, might be brought into the State Treasury in the next ten years, without inflicting injury or distress upon a single debtor. The plan by which he proposes to effect this desirable purpose, is to tax unpatented lands slightly higher than those that are patented, and thus make it the interest of all the best thanks of mankind - Canton (N. Y.) holders of unpatented lands to extinguish the Democrat. claims of the Commonwealth upon them.

There is certainly no good reason why the large amount still due the State on account of lands should not be collected, and there are many and very obvious reasons why it should be brought into the Treasury within a reasonable period from this date. To collect it summarily would be a hardship to many of the debtors; Kate E. Washabaugh, of Bedford, and to avoid this, the Surveyor General humanely suggests a plan by which it may be got

Landholders who neglect to procure patents L. M'Killip, of Fulton Co., Pa. from the Commonwealth do injustice to those who have patented their lands, and also incur the risk of being made to pay for their neglect. Several movements looking to the summary collection of these debts, have of late years been made in the Legislature; and it would not surprise us if land-owners who continue to put off getting patents should be compelled to pay up at an increased rate of interest. The present rate ranges from two to six per cent. per annum, according to the price at which the land sold originally-that which sold at the highest price paying the lowest rate of inter-

The price of land was changed at different eriods. Under Penn and his heirs, it was \$41 33 and \$22 22 at another. Under the Commmonwealth, the price, which was not uniform throughout the State, ranged from \$80 per hundred acres down to \$6 663. In certain districts of limited extent still other prices were Barlow, the President of said Road, (who is a fixed, but the foregoing were the prevailing member of the Missouri Legislature in session rates, at which nearly all the lands in the State in Jefferson city,) he issued the following order vere taken by the first purchasers.

Appended to the report are blank forms, which will be found of use to persons applying or land. Also, a list of the several counties of the Commonwealth, with the date of their erection, &c., from which it may be seen that in every relation be has occupied in our fraterfrom three counties established at the first set-tlement of the province, (Philadelphia, Bucks and Chester,) Pennsylvania has grown to con-preparations for his funeral ceremony that shall tain not less than sixty-six counties.

Combahee river, at Salkehatchie, there are two of his death. I desire that the Board of Diother Confederate armies opposing Sherman's rectors, if convenient, attend the funeral, I novements. A force is cont ville, S. C., the great railroad centre at which Sherman is supposed to be aiming, and it will be under the immediate command of General Beauregard. Gen. D. H. Hill is at Augusta, Georgia, and is gathering an army at that place. It is known that Sherman has halted or nearly two weeks at Pocotaligo and just north of it, and when urged forward by the Washington authorities, gave as his reason that the Confederate army on the opposite side of the Combahee was quite as large as his, and unless reinforced he ran too great risk by nenetrating farther into the interior and going so far from his base at Hilton Head. Sherman, in this state of affairs has made a slight alteration in his plan. He has stopped some of the troops coming from Savannah to join him . turned them back to Savannah, and has begun a feint towards Augusta, to try and keep as many Confederates as possible at that place .-On Wednesday last these troops were reported just outside of Savannah, moving on the road towards Augusta, over one hundred miles distant. There have been no contests anywhere between Savannah and Charleston for a long reavement.

It is reported that Gen. Robert E Lee has een appointed Commander-in-Chief of all the orces of the Southern States. President Davis has made the 10th of March a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer throughout the

posite Johnsonville. She had many soldiers and soon after expired. on board, and over one hundred and forty lives were lost by the accident.

A Federal raid has begun up the Chowan River, from Albemarle sound. It is the inten- by a large concourse of friends and mourners. tion to try and capture Weldon, if not too strongly opposed by the Confederates. There is a large Confederate force at Weldon. The Federal raiding party contains both cavalry

The Confederate authorities have refused to allow a commission. consisting of Bishop Mccape or concealment of the persons described Ilvaine, Jayne, and Lee, and Mr. Horatio Gates Jones, of Philadelphia, to visit the prisons in

The intelligence by Southern sources from Wilmington is to January 23d. It confirms Dr. E. B. Foote, 1130 Broadway, New the belief that the Federal troops had given York-read his advertisement in another col- up the idea of attacking the city .- Age, January 30.

lition displeasure, and besought them, for his this, and we suppose A, T. Stewart is the "rich- issued calls, and ordered drafts, for a million been delivered to the Federal prisoners confined Feb. 3-6t."

PEACE .- The "true result of the Blair mision" is given as follows in the telegrams of Saturday; but, as the official stamp is want-

ing, the public will await further advices: "That Jefferson Davis is willing to wave all formalities and send to Washington, or receive from there Commissioners to treat for peace from there Commissioners to treat for peace upon the basis of separation. The President of the United States, on the other hand, is willing to give a Learing to any person of influence who may come from the States in rebellion, with or without authority from Davis, source for the whole seven years beginning December 1, 1856, and ending November 30, 1863 to the Union. Of the above facts there is no doubt."-Pat. & Union.

> We are apt to be free with our jokes upon Doctors and their drugs, until sick and in need 11,325 40 of their aid, then all alike bow to the necessity 7.212 80 of recourse to their hard-earned and often illrequited skill. The prevailing behef that physicians frown upon wh a lever deviates from their peculiar system and usinges, arises from the fact that their better inform at on leads them soonest to detect and discard the medical delusions and impositions that are tirrist upon the community. That they are rea dy and prompt to adopt any really valuable inv ention is seen by the treatment Doct. J. C. Aver, a Chemical Remedies have received at their han ds. They appreciate the value of these medicines because they know their composition, and where is the man who ever heard a respectable physician either disparage them or discourage their use? No profession or pursuit has done more for the human family than the medical profession .--None is followed by nobler men or for publer ends; nor is there one which better deserves

#### -MARRIED-

BARNDOLLAR-WASHABAUGH .- In the Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., by the Rev. R. F. Sample, Lieutenant William P. Barndollar, of Bloody Run, to Miss

GREENOUGH-M'KILLIP.-On the 23d ult., by Rev. D. S. Banks, Mr. John Greenough, of North Point, Redford Co., to Miss Elizabeth

ROWE—ROHLAND.—At the residence of the bride's father, in West Newton, Pa., on the 20th uit., Mr. John R. Rowe to Miss Eliza Patland.

Will abound with selections of will, Original otories, Comic Ski tches., and light Literature, colled from a well-garnered storehouse of fun, fact and incident, affording interesting light reading matter for the Parlor and the Fire-side.

-DIED-

SILL.-On Sunday morning, January 8, 1865, in the city of Desoto, Missouri, after an illness of a few days, Mr. John F. Sill, formerly of Bedford county, Pa.

The subject of this notice was, for a number of years, in the employ of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Rail Road, and was, in November last, appointed the general superintendent of the entire road. He was beloved alike by officers and employers for his sterling integrity and Christian deportment. On the announcement of his death to Mr.

to the assistant superintendent: "I cannot express the heartfelt grief that your announcement of the death of our good and true friend. JOHN F. SILL, has caused me. A friend who JOHN F. SILL, has caused me. A friend who has been so faithful, so upright, so exemplary, receipt, for the same, will be sent in return. Who can supply the vacuum caused by comport with the character he bore in life and the loss we have sustained. I suggest that Mr. Bush call a meeting of rail road employers and Besides the army under Gen. Hardee, on the and condolence as are belitting the circumstance of his death. I desire that the Board of Diy of so good a man, hink it due to the mem and the relation he has so long and so credita- for a ly borne to the Rail Road Company. On the day of the funeral I propose that the engines of all the trains be draped in black, as a bofitting token of our respect. Do whatever is is right to give a proper expression to that sorrow that cannot be repressed."

OFFICE ST. LOUIS & I. M. R. R. Sr. Louis, Jan. 11, 1865. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of this company, held this day, the following res-

lution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That in the decease of Mr. John F. Sill, we mourn the loss of a Christian gentleman and an exemplary officer, whose place we feel it will be difficult to fill. That in the course of many years business intercourse with the deceased, he has constantly proved himself an exemplary man of rehable integrity, ability and deportment; whose services, so acceptable to our company, we gratefully acknowledge, and deeply sympathize with the community in his demise, and tender to his friends and relatives our heartfelt condolence in their great be-

The deceased, when told that he must die. said "I am not afraid to die. I have striven hard to be ready, knowing that the Son of Man cometh as a thief in the night." He then asked his Paster to read for him the 119th Psalm and pray for him. This done, he clasped his hands and in raptures said, "Blessed Savior On last Thursday, the steamer Eclipse ex- have mercy on a poor sinner that puts his trust loded her boilers on the Tennessee river, op- in Thee, and blessed Jesus, receive my soul,"

He was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery in Carrondelet, by the Masonic order, of which body he was an honorable member, followed S. A. M., Pastor.

The Hopewell Oil Company. Notice is hereby given that the books of subscrip on to the stock of The Hopewell Oil Company ill be closed on the 25th day of February next.

Agents are requested to make report of all sales immediately after said day. By order of the Board f Directors.

J. SIMPSON AFRICA, Creasurer.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Letters testamentary on the last will and testament of Jacob Snowberger, late of Middle Wood-berry township, dec'd., having been granted to the subscriber, residing in said township, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make payment immediately, and those having claims will present toem, without delay, properly authenticated for settlement. JOHN B. REPLOGLE.

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