Evening Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1871.

THE REPUBLICAN STATE CON VENTION.

A REPUBLICAN State Convention meets at Harrisburg to-day to nominate candidates for Auditor-General and Surveyor-General and to construct a platform for the fall campaign. The offices are in themselves of no political significance, as a clear-headed and honest Democrat might make as good an Auditor or Surveyor as a Republican, and the significance of the October State election lies in the fact that it will be popularly considered a test of partisan strength, and indicative of the probable action of Pennsylvania in the Presidential election of 1872. The Democracy have grown fearfully hungry during their prolonged exclusion from national power; their old wheel-horses and favorites, except those who have the good fortune to be quartered on rich local treasuries like that of Tammany, are well-nigh famished; and they have made up their minds to win in the grand Presidential fight, if any real or pretended sacrifice of principle, or any concession to that idol of over-greedy spoils-hunters, availability, can insure a triumph. By way of preparing for the future they will probably make careful nominations at the State Convention they are to hold a week hence, and then work like beavers to secure the election of their "standard-bearers." As the Republicans take the initiative in the conflict, it behooves them to consider well its probable contingencies, and to wisely arrange its preliminaries. Comparatively little trouble is apprehended. The only Pennsylvanian named as a rival to Grant for the succession, the illustrious Geary, formally declined the honor of a Presidential nomination when it was tendered last night by one of his enthusiastic admirers, and as his expressed wish to "retire to privacy" after the completion of his Gubernatorial term is likely to be universally respected by his admiring fellowcitizens, there is no apparent danger of Pennsylvania hunting up any other favorite son to become a direct antagonist to Grant. Whether his administration will be fully and cordially indorsed remains to be seen, but Senator Scott publicly expressed an earnest hope last night that "the convention would heartily indorse Congress and the whole Republican administration;" and it is perhaps so ordered by the wire-pullers. One of the main points remaining unadjusted is the determination of the grave question of who shall be chairman of the Republican State Central Committee; and if the campaign waxes hot and furious, its issue will depend much more upon the selection of this chairman than upon the nomination of candidates. important political battles in this State having been repeatedly won or lost by the efficiency or the incompetency of the appointed leaders of its partisan armies.

FEMALE INVERVIEWERS. THERE is one thing that the Wild Woman

really can do. This was some time a paradox, but now the age gives it proof. She can become a first-class interviewer. Indeed, she is one already by nature. From the earliest times in which we have any account of her, a certain desire for the aequisition of knowledge of a personal nature, combined with uncommon pertinacity in attaining her end, seem to have characterized woman. This instinct-for we can call it nothing else-has, in want of a better term, been styled curiosity. One of the profoundest secrets learned in this world is the folly of looking for reasons. We do not know why this instinct is given to women, and it is foolishness to seek to know. As we accept, so to speak, the hump of the camel, or the bloom of the peach, or the preposterous neck of the giraffe, so do we accept this feminine peculiarity simply as a fact. But, being a fact, we may fairly seek to utilize it; and it does seem that the interviewing business gives females who are ambitious for public careers something to do for which they are expressly fitted. Of course we have a text, although it is introduced rather late in the discourse. It appears that a lady reporter of the World called to see Mrs. Lincoln and her son upon their arrival in New York a few days since. Although Mrs. Lincoln had lived abroad so long, she has not lost sight of some of the distinguishing marks of American journalism. and at the outset of the interview expressed her decided distaste to "getting into the newspapers." But the Wor'd female was not to be deterred by any such flimsy objection as that. She cross-examined Mrs. Lincoln in a style that wou'd have done credit to a criminal lawyer, nor did she let until the poor woman "entirely withdrew from the room, too ill," as the reporter naively remarks, "to talk any more." Neither did the World female then take her own leave and proceed to elaborate her copious notes. The mother vanquished, there yet remained the son. That young gentleman, we are told, did not relish the idea of talking about his private concerns to a stranger and for the public ear, but there was no escape for him. The following are a few of the questions put to Mr. Lincoln by this indefatigable young woman. In accordance with Mr Lincoln's desire, we will not give his answers except so far as is necessary to keep up the show of a conversa-

Lady Reporter-You have been studying in Germany, have you not?
Mr. Lincoln—Yes, etc.
L. B.—Did you find that the Germans spoke weil

of your father?
Mr. L.—Yes, etc.
L. R.—How about your mother's pension? does

blend to try to get it now? Mr. L .- I don't know, etc. L. R .- Then she will probably never try to get it

Mr. L.—I don't know.
L. E.—It has been rumored that your mother in-tends marrying again. Is that true?

And so on. The only uncertainty we feel

the reporter withdrew." We felt sure that

finally the Lincolns would go, leaving the | reporter mistress of the field. But breathes there the man who could have asked these questions? Could the Count Johannes, could the great Train himself, have done it? It is well beknown that what man lacks is assurance; that is his weak spot, his one great failing. Almost any man would have left the house if Mrs. Lincoln had said he had talked her sick, but there is a sort of divine persistence about woman which will lead her to talk her victim not only sick, but blind and deaf and dumb to boot, if the path of duty seems to lie that way. And so we say that there is at last a "vocation" opened to the female of the woman's rights pattern. We do not pretend that this work is on as high a Plane (is not that the word?) as the reformers demand, or that it can altogether satisfy the Dumb Yearnings (the phrase is familiar-it must be correct) of which we read so much; but it at least opens a practicable field, and one which the Tyrant Man cannot pretend to dispute

SENATOR CONNELL'S bill for submitting the mestion of abolishing or continuing the Building Commission to a popular vote next October was yesterday referred by the House to the Committee on Municipal Corporations. This action was taken after considerable discussion as to the propriety of referring it to he Judiciary Committee and to a committee of the Philadelphia members, and it may be considered as a quiet method of giving a deathblow to this the last project of the anti-Penn Square party to defeat the erection of the public buildings upon the site selected by the people of Philadelphia. The partisans of the anti-Penn Square party in the House did their best to keep the bill out of the hands of the Committee on Municipal Corporations, and its reference to that committee was evidently considered upon all sides as equivalent to its defeat. It is to be hoped that the committee will now take the only proper action, and report the bill with a negative recommendation, and thus give the Washington Square property-holders to understand that, so far as the Legislature is concerned, no impediments will be thrown in the way of the commission in their efforts to execute the will of the people; and then there will be some chance that the much-needed buildings will finally be erected upon the chosen site, in spite of the intrigues of the anti-Penn Squareites.

THE STATE SENATE, for some inexplicable reason, is opposed to giving the people of Philadelphia an opportunity to purify their delegate elections by throwing around them the restraints of law. While the correctness of the principle is admitted by the passage of a bill authorizing its application to the city of Lancaster, efforts are being made to prevent our citizens from enjoying its benefits. The result of this discrimination, if persisted in, will be a reversal of the old description of the two cities. It was said, long ago, that Philadelphia was the best governed and Lancaster the worst governed city of the country; but if Lancaster is to have fair and decent delegate elections, and Philadelphia is to remain the prey of political bummerism, it will not be singular if Lancaster becomes the best and Philadelphia decidedly the worst governed city of the State.

A CABLE TELEGRAM states that the destruction of life and property by the bombardment of the American quarter of Paris yesterday was fearful. We regret that any class of American citizens, at home or abroad, should be the victims of calamity; but there is no class less deserving of sympathy than those who voluntary expatriate themselves, during a long series of years, to seek selfish enjoyment in a luxurious foreign city. It has passed into a proverb that a portion of rich Americans habitually regard Paris as an Elysium; but the scenes of the last few months, winding up with a bombardment of their favorite quarter, has essentially modified this opinion, and at this moment Paris must be, to them, the antipodes of an Elysium.

THE AUDITOR-GENERALSHIP. Dr. David Stanton, the Probable Republi-can Candidate.

A special despatch from Harrisburg, in our second edition, states that in all probability Dr. David Stanton will receive the nomination for Auditor-General from the Republican State Convention now in session.

Dr. Stanton is a son of the late Dr. Benjamin Stanton, of Ohio, and a nephew of the late Secretary Stanton, to whom he bears a striking resemblance. He was born in 1829, and, after studying medicine, and graduating at the Cleveland Medical College and the University of Pennsylvania, removed, at the age of twentyone, to New Brighton, Beaver county, where he commenced the practice of medicine, and has continued to reside. In August, 1861, he entered the army as surgeon of the 1st Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was connected with the Army of the Potomac until promoted to the post of surgeon of United States Volunteers, in November, 1862, from which date until he resigned, in December, 1865, he acted as Superintendent of Hospitals, and as assistant and acting Medical Director of the Northern Department, on the staffs of General Heintzelman and Hooker. In 1864 he was breveted lieutenantcolonel, and in 1865 was made brevet colonel. Dr. Stanton is of Quaker descent, and was naturally an abolitionist of the old school, in the times when it was not popular to embrace such sentiments. He has never held any publie office, but is at present Chairman of the Beaver County Republican Committee.

ANOTHER SHATTERED MONUMENT.

The Destruction of the Vendome Column at Paris.

The Communists, or Red Republicans, of Paris, in their Insane raid upon all memorials of the empire, have just added to their crimes against civilization by the destruction of the famous column in the Place Vendome, which has been for over fifty years one of the art glories of the world. This triumphal monument was erected in 1806 by the Emperor Napoleon I in commemoration of the success of the French is at the close, when we read-"at this point armies. The column was of the Tuscan order, and copied after Trajan's Pillar at Rom". Its

height was 135 feet, and its circumference at the base 36 feet. The base was 21 feet high and 30 feet square. The column was covered with basreliefs in bronze, composed of 276 plates made out of 1200 pieces of cannon taken from the Russians and Austrians, representing the victories of the French armies in the German campaign of 1805. There were over 2000 figures, each three feet in height, in these bas-reliefs, and the total weight of metal was about 360,000 pounds. The column was surmounted by a colossal bronze statue of Napoleon I, eleven feet high. A statue of the emperor was hurled to tae ground by the mob of 1814, but France was not satisfied until a finer one was placed upon the summit. The whole cost of the Vendome Column was about \$300,000, exclusive of the captured material which made so large a part of it. The best view of Paris was obtained from its summit, and it was one of the first points of interest visited by travellers. The cheap rage of the mob has again cost Paris dear. What is to be the next act of vandalism?

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