

PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.

What Does it Mean?—France is evidently preparing for war; and the nations of Europe may well be expected to follow suit...

There can be no doubt, we presume, as to the fact. Every body in England knows that the French Emperor has been unremitting in his efforts, during the past few months, to put both the army and navy of France upon the most efficient footing possible...

Our latest intelligence from the Legation at Mississippi is by the steamboat Southern. The following is an extract from her memorandum:

"Took on board at various points along the Mississippi families in distress, for whose benefit, our passengers contributed liberally. Mississippi rising at Memphis two inches in twenty-four hours—rising up to Cairo, where both rivers were at a stand..."

On Thursday the levee in Crittenden county, Arkansas, on the plantation of T. B. Craighead, Esq. gave way, and a torrent of water commenced flooding the country.

HARD TIMES AT THE WEST.—The following extract from a letter to the Boston Traveller, dated Michigan city, Indiana, June 14th, confirms what we recently said of the prevalence of hard times at the west:

"The hope that was entertained last winter that there would be a general revival of business in the west, on the opening of the present season, has not been realized. In fact it must be conceded that the pressure tightens upon us in this region..."

OUR EXCHANGES ON THE CROPS.—The barley harvest has commenced in this county, and we understand that farmers are paying one dollar a day for hands. Considering the price of grain, we should regard this at about a fair price—Mayville (Ky.) Eagle June 19th.

SAILING OVER A WHEAT FIELD.—One can hardly realize the condition of things along the Mississippi. In a conversation with Mr. Fayweather, the General Agent for the Chicago and Burlington Railroad, he stated that passengers were carried by the steam boat seven or eight miles from Burlington to the Oquawka station, to reach the cars on that road, and have not less than five feet water all the way...

THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI.—The Officers of the Delta report the Lower Mississippi rising fast and higher than it has been at any previous time this year. Below Hickman some people had sought refuge on the tops of their houses, and cattle and hogs were drowning in large numbers—Louisiana.

BIRD AND GAME LAW.

It may not be generally known that a new law for the better preservation of game and insectivorous birds was enacted at the last session of the Legislature. It is of importance to every farmer and lover of nature, and we hope the good sense of our citizens will cause it to be generally observed. The penalties are quite stringent—enough so to make the law a terror to evildoers in that respect. We publish it in full as a matter of interest to all, and particularly to the sporting community:

SEC. 1. Be it enacted, &c. That, from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any person within this Commonwealth to shoot, kill, or in any way trap or destroy any blue bird, swallow, martin, or other insectivorous bird, at any season of the year, under the penalty of two dollars.

SEC. 2. That, from and after the passage of this act, no person shall shoot, kill, or otherwise destroy any pheasant between the first day of January and the first day of September, or any woodcock between the first day of January and the first day of October, in the present year, and in each and every year thereafter, under the penalty of five dollars for each and every offence.

SEC. 3. That no person shall buy or cause to be bought, or carry out of this State, for the purpose of supplying any private house or market, any pheasant, partridge, woodcock or rabbit, unless the same shall have been shot or taken in the proper season, as provided for in this act, under a penalty of five dollars for each and every offence.

SEC. 4. That no person shall, at any time, wilfully destroy the eggs or nest of any bird, mentioned in the different sections of this act, within this Commonwealth, under a penalty of two dollars for each and every offence.

SEC. 5. That the possession of any person, in this Commonwealth, of any of the game and birds mentioned in the different sections of this act, shot, killed, or otherwise destroyed out of season as aforesaid, shall be prima facie evidence to convict under this act.

SEC. 6. That any person offending against any of the provisions of this act, and being thereof convicted before any justice of the peace or before a court, or by the oath or affirmation of one or more witnesses, shall, for every offence, forfeit the fine or fines attached to the same, one half to the use of the county in which the complaint is made, and the other half to the informer, and if the offender shall refuse to pay said forfeiture, he shall be committed to the jail of the proper county, for every such offence for the space of two days, without bail or mainprize; Provided, however, That such conviction be made within 60 days after the committing of the offence.

SEC. 7. That any act of acts conflicting with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SPURIOUS BANK BILLS.—It is stated that in 1837 the New England Bank Note Company, of Boston, printed a large quantity of bills for the Moore Falls Company which were not issued.

A TRUE PART PARTY.—The Louisville Journal is responsible for the following: "One portion of the Democratic party belongs to Buchanan, and the other to Douglas. But, if we whip one portion, we guess the other will feel the blows."

SENATOR SUMNER.—The numerous friends of Mr. Sumner will be glad to learn that satisfactory letters have been received from him, dated the 1st of June, written on board the Vanderbilt in the English Channel.

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LODGED IN JAIL.—A man named Patton, residing in Pittsburgh, was arrested last week, and lodged in jail by Constable Reed, on a charge of purloining a pair of pantaloons from the tailor shop of Mr. Sam'l Shook, in New Brighton.

NEW POST OFFICE.—A new Post Office has been established near McKibbin's store in Racoon township, called 'McClery.' Mr. David Ewing has been appointed Post Master.

AN ADJOURNED COURT, is to be held in this place to-morrow.

BEAVER ARGUS

M. WEYAND, Editor & Proprietor. BEAVER, PA. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1858. COUNTY TICKET. Congress. Hon. WILLIAM STEWART, Mercer. Assembly. JOSEPH H. WILSON, Borough, Commissioner. WILLIAM SHRODES, Moon. Auditor. JAMES MORRISON, Frankfort. Poor House Director. HENRY GOEHRING, New Swickly. Trustees of Academy. JNO. R. YOUNG, Beaver, 4 yrs. DAVID S. MARQUIS, Freedom, 4 yrs. DAVID RAMSEY, Beaver, 1 year.

We tender our grateful acknowledgments to our friend Jas. Smith, Esq., of Racoon, for a club of yearly subscribers.

The Convention. On Monday was the largest political representative body ever assembled in this county—every district being represented by a full delegation. We have never before observed a body of similar character, in which was combined so many of the aged, prominent and substantial men of the county. The consequences was, the business of the Convention was carried forward coolly, expeditiously, and with the utmost good feeling.

Resolved, That in the approaching State Elections we congratulate ourselves in the unity of effort and the combination of means that have so far marked the Republican cause, and in the patriotic and united purpose of an union of the opposition forces against the present National Administration.

Resolved, That the continued subservience and prostration of the Administration to the aggressive demands of the South, evincing a settled determination on the part of the Slavery propagandists to trample down the Constitutional safeguards of freedom, to extend the area of Slavery; demands of the Republican Party that they lay aside all difference of opinion and seek all sides united, until the General Government is wrested from their hands, and its power brought back to its original design of extending the area of liberty.

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SAD ACCIDENT.—We regret to state that ALEX. R. NIBLO, Esq., was accidentally killed on Thursday, on the Pira. R. W. & C. R. R., at some point between Alliance and Crestline. The train had stopped, and Mr. N. in attempting to get on, after it had been set in motion, missed his hold, and fell between the two cars, one of which passed over and cut his body completely in two. His remains were brought to this place and interred on Sabbath last. Mr. Niblo resided in Illinois; came to visit his mother, who is lying very ill; but his wife also being unwell, he was hastening home, when this accident overtook him, and deprived him of life. He was a printer, and many years ago published the Beaver 'Aurora.' Removing to Illinois, he engaged in the same business, and at the time of his death, we believe, he held a prominent place under the General Government. He leaves a large circle of relatives and acquaintances in this vicinity, to deplore his untimely end.

The Examination of the Pupils of Beaver Academy, commenced on Monday and concluded yesterday. The exercises were conducted in a highly creditable manner, by pupils and teachers, and afforded the liveliest gratification to the parents and spectators in attendance.

The Exhibition of the Males took place last night, that of the Females takes place to-morrow night, to both of which we shall advert next week.

COUNTY CONVENTION

The Convention assembled at the hour designated, and was organized by calling M. B. WELSH, Esq., to the Chair, and appointing JOHN LUTON, Jas. Wilson, and Wm. Barclay, Vice Presidents, and M. A. Anderson, R. F. McVain and S. A. Power, Secretaries.

The several districts being called over, the following persons presented their credentials, and took their seats as delegates: Big Beaver—Geo. M. Young, R. M. Klein, H. Marshall.

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Table with 3 columns: Name, District, and Ballot Number. Lists names like Wilson, Thomson, Taylor, etc., across various ballots from Third to Fifteenth.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Mr. Robles, the Mexican minister, authorizes a most emphatic denial of the recently published statement of the sale or cession of a large portion of Sonora. He says that all the decrees issued by the Mexican government, making grants for colonization or other purposes have been officially published, and that there is not a single instance of a grant which was not followed by an authentic announcement of the fact; that such is one in this case, and that without such publication no grant or cession is of legal effect.

Nicaragua.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The States of this evening learn from a reliable source that the President has determined to send an armed force to Nicaragua, or at least to make such naval display as will convince the governments of England and France that our way to our Pacific possessions is not to be interfered with, and add that this intelligence may be depended upon.

Southern News.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The Southern mail furnishes papers as late as due. Glowing accounts are given of the grain crops in Texas. There was a prospect of the largest yield of corn ever known. The weather was favorable. The Mobile papers state that Walker and Hennington had received extravagant demonstrations in that city.

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What has been Done. The principal sins of commission and omission, are thus summed up: The Lecompton Constitution and the 'English' Bill. The Treasury Note Law. The \$15,000,000 Loan Bill. The Admission of Minnesota. The Bill authorizing seven new Steam Sloops of War. The Civil Appropriation Bill, including the Capital Extension; the Washington Aqueduct, &c., &c. The Army Appropriation Bill. The Indian Appropriation Bill. The Postoffice Appropriation Bill. The Bill for the Collection of the Revenue. The Ocean Mail Steamer Bill. The Military Road Bill (from Astoria to Salem, Oregon). The following measures brought forward during the session, were rejected or postponed mainly by the votes of Administration Democrats, who have a majority in both Houses.

The Pacific Railroad. The Admission of Kansas as a Constitution framed by her people. The Admission of Oregon. The Abolition of the Franking Privilege. The Modification of the Tariff.

The Way the Money Goes. Senator Wilson, in his speech on the extravagant sums spent by the administration in collecting the national revenue, stated that there are at Niagara 19 men employed at an expense of \$12,000 to collect \$3,000; at Oswego 23 men at \$18,000 to collect \$6,000; at Buffalo 20 men at \$17,000 to collect \$10,000; at New Bedford 9 men at \$2,200 to collect \$250; at New Bedford 14 men at \$7,500 to collect \$4,800; at Perth Amboy 13 men at \$4,500 to collect \$1,500; at Norfolk 23 men at \$19,000 to collect \$61,000; at Oronoke 7 men at \$2,000 to collect \$32; at Toledo 7 men at \$1,600 to collect \$567; at Detroit 10 men at \$3,600 to collect \$495; at San Francisco 134 men at \$402,000 to collect \$1,680,000; at Benicia 3 men at \$4,400 to collect \$2,300; at Stockton 1 man at \$3,100 to collect \$143; at Sacramento 1 man at \$3,600 to collect \$402; at San Diego 4 men at \$7,600 to collect \$30; at Monterey 3 men at \$7,650 to collect \$45; at San Pedro 6 men at \$1,200 to collect \$304.

A glance at these figures will suffice to convince any man that the number of employees at these places has been purposely increased in order to afford snags for politicians whom the party finds it necessary to reward. Two or three men would serve to do all the work allotted to 20 or 25; but the Democratic party never hesitate about quartering its papers on the public Treasury.—Pitts. Gaz.

FOURNEY, in his Press of Saturday last, thus pays his respects to some of the leaders of the Buchanan movement in Illinois, who figured in the late anti-Douglas bogus 'Democratic' Convention of that State. A correspondent predicts that the nominees of this convention will not poll twenty-five hundred votes out of the one that three hundred and fifty thousand which will be polled.

The Administration are heartily ashamed of the anti-Douglas hysteria in Illinois, headed by the vilest Hessian in their all, Grund. It shows the paucity of honest support of wrong doctrines, when such men as this are taken by the bad and clothed with confidence. Grund was here for some months, and by dint of toadying of Gen. Cass, and flatteries of the President, succeeded in obtaining a foothold. He had just previously been the obsequious worshipper of Judge Douglas, but the moment he found he could make favor by traducing the latter, he turned in with hearty good will, and is now engaged in the worst defamation of the character of the eloquent Senator from Illinois. His expectation is the resident Ministership at Vienna. I believe he was born in Austria, and therefore he would make a convenient representative at a court which is ready to pay well for any services, particularly to natural traitors like Grund."

HOARDING SPECIES.—The Cambridge Chronicle says that a broker in Boston has 24 years of age, who died recently in Barnstable county, a quantity of coin which had evidently been hoarded up for many years. The deceased owned the house and land which he occupied, but it was not supposed that he owned much property by sides, although he was known to be rich and miserly. After his death, his premises were searched and specie of various kinds was found to the amount of about fifty thousand dollars.

THE Senate proposition to increase the rate of Postage was disagreed to in the House—40 to 96—a righteous vote. A motion to increase the rates in States where the postage is insufficient to pay expenses of the service, was offered by Mr. Taylor, of N. York, and lost—74 to 72. This was a quiet lit at the South.

ILLINOIS.—Douglas' home organ, the Chicago Times, gives a list of fifty-nine journals in that State, which repudiate the Lecompton test, two non-committal, and six who "go in" for Buchanan. Of the latter one is edited by a Lecompton nominee, one bought for \$17, and two owned by post masters. The editors of the rest yet non-committal; except to be appointed post masters!

THE Wheat Harvest.—The Eastern Star says that early on Monday next, in that county about a week ago, general harvest was about a week ago, what is said to be much injured by rust. In Virginia and North Carolina, the wheat is now in full progress, and the west of wheat is said to be better than was anticipated.

CHICAGO, June 28.—Reports from the Scotch territory state that the Yankees, 3000 in number, were committing depredations on the white settlements in Minnesota river.

PHILADELPHIA, June 28.—Hon. John Tyson and Robert T. Conrad, ex-senators, died yesterday.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.—The complete Republican ticket in Washington county is as follows: Assembly, George V. Lawrence, Coroner, Wm. Graham, Buffalo. Sheriff, Norton McGiffin, Amwell. Coroner, Jonathan Martin, South Strabane. Commissioner, Oliver P. Cook, Smith. Auditor J. L. Phillips, Peters. Director of Poor, Alex. Sprows, W. Winley.

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