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We have frequently been asked what part we intend to take in the present political campaign. To all such inquiries our answer is, that we mean to keep aloof from all parties.

We intend to publish a column of political items occasionally, probably weekly, culled from papers of all parties, for the edification of those who desire a little news of this kind.

The New Yorkers are in a stew about the amount of money expended by the authorities for the entertainment of the Japanese. They cannot, by any rule in arithmetic they are acquainted with, foot up the cost to the great sum total it has reached.

The Supreme Court of Illinois has decided that an Express Company is liable for packages until an offer to deliver is made at the place of business of the consignee.

The Postmaster General is about to issue an important circular to postmasters, requiring, among other things, that in all cases postage-stamps and not money be used in the prepayment of postage.

The Steamer Pennsylvanian, of the Philadelphia and Richmond line, was destroyed by fire on the night of the 10th of July, near Jamestown.

The Atlantic Monthly for August contains the following articles: "The Carnival of the Bonanza," "A Legend of Maryland," "Prince Adol," "Victor and Jacqueline," "Midsummer," "Tobacco," "Shakespeare done into French," "The Poets Singing," "Annals of 1860," and "Continuation of the 'Professor's Story' and 'Darwin on the Origin of Species.'"

The Ladies Home Magazine, published by T. S. Arthur & Co., Philadelphia, is one of the most interesting periodicals we receive.

The foreign demand for American butter and cheese is rapidly increasing. During the first six months of 1859 there were exported from New York 685,116 pounds of butter.

People's Party Meeting.

Agreeably to previous notice a meeting of the People's Party of Altoona and vicinity was held in front of the Post Office, on Wednesday evening, July 26th, and was organized by appointing M. T. DILL, Esq., President.

A NEW CHARM—WHAT IS IT?—We see by our exchange that much attention is being excited in the medical world by a newly discovered Amulet or Charm, which is worn next the skin.

Why don't some of our enterprising merchants order a supply of an article which is exciting so much attention in medical circles all over the country?

THE "JAPS." AT DANVILLE.—Some weeks ago Danville had a burlesque reception of the Japanese on the 4th inst., by which, however, many were actually "sold," believing that they were gazing on simon pure.

The Northampton Correspondent, a German organ of the Democracy, published at Easton, Pa., after having the name of Stephen A. Douglas at the head of its columns for the month of July, has declared that it will support neither Douglas nor Lincoln.

RESIDENCE AND AGES OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.—We find the following in an exchange, the Richmond Democrat, which may be useful for reference:

A few days since, while the girls at the St. Charles Hotel, Syracuse, were washing out the dining-room, the head waiter accidentally stirred some water over the spotless pantaloons of a distinguished gentleman, who stood airing himself on the sidewalk, opposite the window.

THE GRANDPA OF ALL TREES.—Among the late discoveries in California is a monstrous petrifaction tree. It is lying in a desolate region about sixty miles north of Black Rock, near what is called High Rock Canon, and is partly buried in the soil.

FATAL MISTAKE.—Mrs. Myers, wife of Mr. John Myers, of Rayne township, Indiana county, who had been for some time in delicate health, used as a remedy a tea made of a green plant, known to botanists as Pissipissia, which grows wild in the woods.

These are sweltering times for St. Louis. The thermometer is as high as 107 degrees in the shade, and already there have been forty deaths from the heat.

LATEST POLITICAL ITEMS.

The Hon. Miles Taylor, of Louisiana, having returned to Washington, the Douglas Executive Committee have fairly commenced their document distributing labors.

It is announced, on the authority of private advices received in Washington, that the terms of a union between the Douglas and Bell men in Georgia have been agreed upon.

THE HOSTILITY BETWEEN THE SUPPORTERS OF DOUGLAS AND THOSE OF BRECKINRIDGE has become exceedingly bitter in that part of Illinois known as Egypt.

THE STATE CONVENTION OF THE DOUGLAS DEMOCRATS, which was well attended, every part of the State being represented, assembled at Harrisburg on Wednesday, to take action in opposition to the State Committee, which has recommended a fusion of the two wings of the Democratic party.

THE CUMBERLAND (Md.) TELEGRAPH, an American organ, referring to a statement that the Opposition party of Alabama were to be invited, repudiated Bell and Everett, and declared their purpose to support Breckinridge and Lane.

ST. LOUIS IS NOW THE arena of the most desperate struggle ever made for a single seat in Congress. The successful contest of Mr. Barrett over the present House, by Frank Blair, has intensified and embittered their rivalry.

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THE PUBLICATION OF THE LA CROIX UNION AND DEMOCRAT challenged the La Croix Union of La Crosse Democrat to bet office against it, each valued at from \$3,000 to 4,000, that Douglas would carry the States of Illinois and Wisconsin, and also \$2,500 worth of real estate.

SO ANXIOUS are the Republicans of California to possess a rail of the Abe Lincoln stamp, that at a late enthusiastic meeting of the party, and in case of their capture by the Democrats, they voted to send to Illinois to obtain one.

THE BRACKENRIDGE RATIFICATION MEETING at Washington, twelve hundred clerks attached to the Departments, marched in procession. A way carried along a transparent banner, on which was written the "B" on each side. On being asked the meaning, he replied: "Breck, Bread and Butter."

THE OPPOSITION CONFERENCE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT composed of the counties of Crawford and Erie, met at Conneautville, on Thursday week, and nominated Hon. Elijah Blair for re-election to Congress, by acclamation.

THE HON. JOHN HICKMAN addressed a large meeting of the People's Party at Concord Hill, Philadelphia, on Tuesday evening, in which he announced himself in favor of the election of Lincoln and Hamlin.

THE OPPOSITION CONVENTION OF CAMBRIA county endorsed the nomination of S. S. Blair.

Constitutional Union Party.

The friends of John Bell, of Tennessee, for President, and Edward Everett, of Massachusetts, for Vice President, of the United States, held their first meeting in Altoona, on Thursday evening last, in front of the Post office, and organized by the selection of Dr. W. M. FINLEY as President.

Col. W. P. Seymour, of Philadelphia, and E. C. Peckin, Secretary of the State Committee, were then introduced and addressed the meeting in eloquent and argumentative speeches, which were received with repeated rounds of applause.

THE MEETING WAS KEPT UP till a late hour, and a patriotic determination and spirit manifested to put an extinguisher upon the sectionalism and demagoguism, whether North or South, which have been agitating the country and threatening the disruption of the Union.

A CONSTITUTIONAL UNION CLUB was organized by the election of a President and two Vice Presidents—the remaining officers necessary to a complete organization being deferred to a subsequent meeting.

IN ACCORDANCE with the public notice given, the Bell and Everett Club convened in the room adjoining the Tribune Office, and perfected their organization by the election of two Vice Presidents, two Secretaries, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of members.

THE FOLLOWING PLATFORM AND BY-LAWS were unanimously adopted and signed by every one present:

WHEREAS, Experience has demonstrated that Platforms adopted by the various parties of the country have had the effect to mislead and deceive the people, and in the same way to divide the country, by the creation and encouragement of geographical and sectional parties; therefore,

WE, the undersigned, do hereby unite and united support to John Bell, of Tennessee, and Edward Everett, of Massachusetts, for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, respectively, at the next Presidential election.

LETTER FROM PHILADELPHIA. Correspondence of the Tribune. PHILADELPHIA, July 27th, 1860. Messrs. Editors.—The last shipment of Fashion has been made to the Beach and other watering places.

THE NIGHTS are seasons of revelry, "hops," and the gaudy display of jewels, lace and brocade, when hangily beauties dispense their charms for general admiration in the flash of mirrors.

NO ONE unacquainted with city life can form an adequate idea of the suffering that exists in all great cities, both in summer and winter. Thousands live by the scanty wages afforded to day laborers, live in garrets and cellars, and in the narrow courts and alleys, to save rent, many families are sometimes crowded into one tenement house.

THE COLORS for dresses are very brilliant this summer, and there is an infinite variety of styles. Organdie still holds the honor, though somewhat diminished from last winter's proportions.

THE LARGEST BAZAAR of the cool-weather pattern, did not obtain favor. American women have too much taste to fall into a hideous fashion merely because it is fashion, so they have wisely made a compromise between the ridiculous and the ridiculous, the fronts being brightly pointed.

LETTER FROM NEW YORK.

THE CHICAGO EXCURSION—A Romance—Eloquent Expected.—The Great Eastern Excursion—Pittsburgh Opportunity—The Chicago Excursion—A Romance—Eloquent Expected.—The Great Eastern Excursion—Pittsburgh Opportunity—The Chicago Excursion—A Romance—Eloquent Expected.

THE NUMEROUS excitements of the last week are gradually fading from the public mind. Perhaps the visit of the Chicago Excursion left the most lasting impression, for New York takes a lively interest in military matters, and the young Westeners were really extraordinarily perfect in their drill manual.

AND REPROVAL of our martial guests, their stay was not unmarked by episodes of a romantic character, if we may trust the columns of public rumor. Miss D., a daughter of a retired broker, living not a thousand miles from Madison Square, where the red-legged gentlemen held one of their show parades.

WHEN IT WAS announced, through faintly—that the Zonars were to drill on the dock of the Great Eastern, Miss D.—took care to be there. The parade did not come off, but many of the company were present, and among them the gallant young officer who had captivated the broker's daughter from a distance.

FRANKLIN'S, passed between them thereafter, and the most gorgeous bouquet thrown upon the stage on the occasion of the drill at the Academy of Music, was from Mr. D.—'s box. This was all very pretty, but, unfortunately, the little man had been innocently, four fortnights, to a pocket-square upon which his arm rested, and a Zonars's strong hand lifted her into the vehicle.

THE SECOND military excitement was the visit of the Savannah Republican Club, an old and wealthy company from Georgia. They are a soldierly set of men, but of no striking peculiarity in drill.

EVERYBODY in New York is on the qui vive concerning the excursion trip of the Great Eastern to Cape May. There will be a tremendous jam on board, notwithstanding the somewhat lofty price of tickets, and a good deal of discomfort will doubtless be mingled with the fun. Nearly all the practicable berths will be occupied by ladies, and the masculine will be forced to camp down anywhere on mattresses in the saloons.

FOR all the state of excitement in which our city has been kept during the summer, the "governing classes" have continued to keep the criminal calendar pretty full. Two averages about two homicides and seven "found drowned" cases—half of them none the same thing as murder—every week. The last great tragedy was the Walton-Staffs shooting, wherein the coroner's jury found Charles Jefferson guilty, somewhat hastily.

SPEAKING OF crime and criminals, a few sentences back, reminds me of an infamous but ingenious game that has lately been practiced with success upon some of the downtown merchants. A very pretty young girl goes into a business office late in the afternoon, ostensibly to sell books. If she finds the proprietor of the place alone, she begs a dollar to buy some stockings with, exposing, at the same time, a pretty foot and ankle in pure seductiveness.

THE MERCHANTS of New York are not so much to be pitied as they are to be envied. The merchant shrinks back at the thought of the "Mother Goose" woman demanding ten dollars for a copy of "Mother Goose," or some such valuable work, repeating her threats until she gets the money. The only course is for the gentleman to call a policeman at once—as an interview with one is an ordeal that few professional swindlers like to stand.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

Dr. Eaton's Infantile Cordial. It must be obvious to every attentive parent that the first disease of infants arise chiefly from the bowels, and this connection we know of a medicine which can be relied upon with perfect confidence.

A Great Medicine for Females! Handed down from father to son, it has been invented and sold, reporting to be specific in all various diseases and derangements to which the delicate female is so liable.

Persons afflicted with the Fever and Ague should not spare their time, trouble or expense, to procure Dr. Hostetter's Celebrated Bitters, which has been found to be the most reliable and certain remedy for the disease.

IMPORTANT TO FEMALES. DR. CHERSEMAN'S PILLS. The combination of ingredients in these Pills are the result of long and extensive practice. They are used in their operation, and certain in correcting all obstructions, whether from cold or otherwise, headache, pain in the side, palpitation of the heart, whites, all nervous affections, hysterics, pains in the back and limbs, &c., disturbed sleep, which arise from interruption of the regular course of nature.

DR. CHERSEMAN'S PILLS are the most effective remedy ever known for all complaints peculiar to Females. To all classes they are invaluable, in all cases, by their regular use, they will insure the most perfect health, and a long and happy life.

INPECTINE. THE PERSIAN FEVER CHARM. For the prevention and cure of Fever and Ague and Biliousness. This wonderful medicine was taught to the knowledge of the present proprietor by a friend who has been a great traveler in Persia and the Holy Land.

MRS. WINSLOW. An experienced nurse and female physician, has a soothing Syrup for children teething, which greatly facilitates the process of teething, by soothing the gums, reducing all inflammation, and will allay all pain, and never will hurt the child. Depend upon it, it will give rest to the mother, and relief and health to your infant. Perfectly safe in all cases. See advertisement in another column.

H. F. CONRAD, M. D. Respectfully offers his professional services to the citizens of Altoona and vicinity. He has a full and complete set of two doors east of the Post Office, which may be consulted at all hours, except when he is engaged. J. S. 26th St.

CAUTION—ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY notified not to purchase or sell any liquor, wine, or beer, without the stamp of the ALTOONA BREWERY. All keg liquors, wine, or beer, sold without the stamp of the Altoona Brewery, will be seized and destroyed. All keg liquors, wine, or beer, sold without the stamp of the Altoona Brewery, will be seized and destroyed.

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