



THE WATCHMAN. BELLEFONTE, PENNA. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1857.

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Washington News.

At a caucus of the Democratic members of the House of Representatives, which was held on the 6th inst., the following nominations were made: Orr, of South Carolina, for Speaker, was nominated by acclamation; Allen of Illinois, for Clerk, on the first ballot, by a vote of 87 to 24; Grosvenor, of Pennsylvania, for Sergeant-at-Arms, unanimously; Hackney of Virginia, for Door-keeper, on the second ballot; and Cinskey, of Georgia, for Postmaster, on the first ballot. The contest was warm between the aspirants for the positions of Postmaster and Doorkeeper. The vote for Clerk showed that 109 members were present.

Reading.

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Another Train Attacked - Mormon Rebellion.

S B Honea of Franklin county, Arkansas, recently arrived at Los Angeles. He is home on the 5th of May last, for California. He saw nothing of armed bands (all they reached Fort Bridger in Utah Territory). Here they saw a large quantity of provisions stored in considerable numbers.

Worried to Death.

We learn that the Rev. Amos Root, late editor and proprietor of the Philadelphia Morning Times, died on Friday last at his residence in that city. Mr. Root was a highly respectable and zealous clergyman of the Presbyterian Church, and took a leading part in the various temperance movements which were set on foot in Philadelphia during the last ten or fifteen years.

REPORT ON THE LOSS OF THE CENTRAL AMERICA.

Com. Perry and others, appointed in New York, to investigate the cause of the loss of the steamship Central America, have just made their report. They declare from the evidence, that negligence and the want of proper organization of the crew, together with the independence of the several departments of each other were at the bottom of a calamity which resulted in the loss of the steamer and the sacrifice of so many lives. There appears, they say, to have been no material defect in the vessel, machinery - the leakage being ascribed to other causes.

THE NEW-YORK MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

The New-York municipal election has resulted in the choice of ten Democratic and seven Opposition Aldermen, and seven Democratic and seven Opposition Councilmen.

PEN, PASTE & SCISSORS.

Pen - The pen is mightier than the sword.

Paste - The glue of the world.

Scissors - The scissors of the world.

Educational.

The walls of the building are of plank, double, and breaking joints, battened on the outside, and plastered on strips inside, leaving a chamber of confined air, and thus securing a warm room in a situation which cleared off would be bleak and cold in the extreme.

Inside we find an entry with double doors, two small rooms for boys and girls, well lighted, and to serve for storing apparatus, clothes, &c., and a very useful for class-rooms, containing a teacher to have three recitations, or noisy exercises going on at one time without mutual interference or disturbance of the rest of the school.

The platform and blackboard will be about twenty-four feet long, and on the north side of the house on a blank wall, so that there will be no front light to prevent any scholar in the house from having a full view of the blackboard, maps, or charts, without moving from his seat.

A round stool seat of plank, either on wooden legs or dropped on a fixed iron plate, close under the edge of the desk as it should be, and can be lifted away for sweeping or moved at the option of the scholar without disturbing his occupant of the desk and is in every way vastly superior to the bench.

As the desks occupy much room on a floor it is sometimes difficult to make room for a stove. But the stove need not occupy more than the room of one desk, if an upright stove is used, and screened by a case of iron as used on Railroad cars, &c., and if the air comes up through a hole in the floor inside of the case there will be no drafts of cold air from windows and doors to chill any of the occupants of the room and to occasion colds and disease nor will those near the stove be oppressed by heat. This simple arrangement may save lives, and certainly does greatly to health, order, comfort, and effective teaching.

To Teachers.

The schools of our county are now opening for winter term. We cannot too often remind Teachers of the great moral responsibility resting upon them - for if the youths placed under their charge do not obtain the rudiments of an education they probably never will, and if they fail because of the incompetency or neglect of the Teacher, the latter will be justly responsible for all the evil that may befall the pupils in after life for want of proper education.

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