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THE VINDICATION OF PHELPS. DODGE & CO.

William E. Dodge, the senior chosen for herself, for he declared member of the firm of Phelps, that the exhibition "now draws up-Dodge & Co., has been recently on Austria the eyes of the world unanimously elected by the New and has secured for her full recog York Chamber of Commerce, as its nition of the part she takes in the President, mainly for the purpose of promotion of the welfare of man vindicating his character from the kind through the instruction of la suspicions cast upon it by the techbor." nically false invoices of the above Austria, by the great exhibition firm, of which so much has been teaches the practical lesson of said and written. In the statement peaceful progress through culture made by the firm they acknowledge and industry, and marks but the to having committed a technical course of her new departure. It is fraud that subjects them to the penan encouraging sign to behold such alty of the law, which is severe, universal interest taken in the exbut they assert that they did no. inhibition, for the great collection of tentional wrong, and made only articles there, represent the highest few hundred dollars by the so called development of skill and the greatest fraud. In order, however, to effect a achievements of labor that renews compromise, they confessed guilt and and glorifies the world. The United paid the Government \$271,017 27 of States ought to have been well repwhich one half went into the treasresented at Vienna, and perhaps in ury, one fourth to the informer and time will be, but the beginning was the rest to pay the District Attordisgraceful, and will not tend to ney and other expenses. Their elevate our public service in the esstatement of the case is plausible timation of Emperors. We refer o and the hitherto honorable and honcourse to the United States Com est business transactions of the firm, missioners, and not to those sen give additional weight to their stoout by our own State, from whom w ry. Such being the case, the course expect to hear a good report. which the Secretary of the treasury pursued seems harsh in forcing the The subject of cheaper transporfirm to pay a penalty of over onelation between the East and West, fourth of a million dollars for an iris occupying a great deal attention regularity that, under the complicaand promises to be, possibly, a leadted revenue laws, was almost excusable, and that only caused a loss to the Government of some \$1,600 at most, and especially is this the case since, the law expressly gave to the Secretary discretionary power to meet emergencies of this nature where no intention of fraud exists. Mr. Dodge said in his speech accepting the position of President of the Chamber of Commerce, that since "we (the firm) have fully understood the case, we have continually to regret ever having paid a dol-Being innocent, this was their greatest error. No matter if the laws were oppressive and had entangled them, and they were surrounded by informers, spies and greedy officials, by compromising the affair and paying over such a large amount of money to do it, confirmed people in the belief that the firm had acted badly. The merchants, who compose the Chamber of Commerce, side with the firm against the Government, and have passed a resolution instructing one of its committees to recommend "such alterations of the existing laws as will protect the honest importer from the forfeitures and fines which should fall only upon those who are dishonest and unscrupulous." If the case of this firm tends to enlighten the public in regard to the imperfections of the revenue laws, the incentives which gauge, and at first only between they offer to rascality and the atmosphere of suspicion and secrecy that they cause, in place of confidence at moderate speed, subject to toll. and good feeling, some good will result therefrom. The vindication of could thus be run each way at the the firm has also partially prevented same time, with little detention and by the Democracy of Greene county as the evil effects upon the community risk, and it would seem at much less that would have resulted by the es- cost than is charged for the same at tablishment of their guilt. William present rates. Straight lines from E. Dodge has been a conspicuous | either St. Louis or Chicago would example of a fine christian gentle- probably pass through Pittsburgh man, and the fall of so eminent a to reach New York, Philadelphia man in piety would have been a severe blow to the church of which he day is not far distant when some was a member and the religion such improvement as that suggested which he professed. will not only be undertaken, but

of twenty years ago was not there. at the wrong mark. Bank Assessors are appointed by the State Treasur-Austria is no longer immovable a er and Auditor General, and Govdespotism of fear, she is rehabilitaternor Hartranft had as much to do ed and marches forward to take her place in the new order of events. with the appointment as the Argus The speech of the Archduke Charles chap, and no more. to the Emperor, was indicative of

ALFRED R. MOORE, Esg., of Tidithe better part that Austria has oute, is announced as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Assembly in Warren county. Mr. Moore is a native of this county, a son of Hon. Robert Moore, formerly member of Congress from this district, and a brother-in-law of Judge. Agnew, of the Supreme Bench. He is well known and highly respected here, where he has filled various official positions with much credit to himself and acceptability to the pub-

lic. If the Republicans of Warren county are seeking a representative who, to an unflinching devotion to the principles of their party, adds brains, character and unimpeachable integrity, they will find their man in Mr. Moore. He has our best wishes for his success.

OUR Republican readers will notice in an other column that the Republican Executive Committee has prepared an Amendment to the present popular vote system of nominating candidates, which will be submitted to the Republican voters of the county for rejection or approval on the 31st of May, at the time of holding the primary meetings, for the nomination of candidates.

We desire simply to call attention to the contemplated Amendment now and shall have something further to say in regard to it again. THE Democratic party is adrift without pilot or compass, and, being known to be unseaworthy, fears are ontertained that she will be lost and all on board find watery graves unless something is quickly done to patch up the rotten concern and furaish her a compass, chart and pilot. It is supposed that in diversity of councils there is wisdom, and judging from the tone of our Liberal and Democratic exchanges we should gay that there is anongh of dimension of opinion in them to evolve wisdom sufficient at any rate to save the sinking craft.

Adam Woolever, Esq., late a member of the House of Representatives from Lehigh county, will be a candidate for the State Senate next fall.

-Charles Slaysman of Indiana boro Indiana county is announced as a candi date for nomination on the Republican ticket for Assembly. L. T. Daniel Ram sey of North Mahonning tp. Indiana county, has already been announced for the same office.

-The Clarion County Republican Committee have chosen John Ray, Esq. of Farmington township, Representative delegate to the State Convention, subject to the concurrence of Forest county, Hon. David Maclay was chosen Senatorial delegate subject to the concurrence of the other counties of the district.

-The Republican State Central Com mittee met in Harrisburg on Thureday. There was a full attendance and good spirit manifested. The State Convention, to nominate candidates for Supreme Judge and State Treasurer, was called for August 15th, at Harrisburg. Resolutions complimentary of Governor Hartranft and officers of the committee were adopted.

-State Senator William A. Wallace. of Clearfield, has been elected Vice Presi dent of the Southern Pacific Railroad, o which Col. Thomas A. Scott is President Mr. Wallace, it is understood, will start immediately to the field of operations His headquarters will be at Marshall, Texas, and much of his time will be spent on the line of the road.

-At a meeting of the Republican County Committee, of Blair county, on the 30th ult. John R. Bohn of Holli daysburg, was elected for Representative delegate to the State Convention, and in structed to support for Supreme Judge, Hon. S. S. Blair, of Blair conty, and for Treasurer, Samuel Henry, Esq., of Cambris county.

+C. S. W. Jones, of Tyrone, J. M. Stonebraker, of Altoona, and J. M. Caldwell, of Gaysport, were elected Senatorial Conferees to meet the other conferees

-The Virginia Democrats propose to hold their State Convention at Lynchburg. The Republicans have already announced the same point as the place at which their convention shall be held. The object of both parties is to avoid the Richmond influence, and cater to the western part of the State.

-Governor Hartranft has recently made the following appointments: John Shiffert, Millerstown, Lehigh county; Daniel S. Von Neids, Ephrata, Lancaster county, and Wm. Rule, Mifflinburg, Union coupty, to be Notaries Public for the term of three years each. 1

Robert B. Magee, of Oil City, to be inspector of coal and Petroleum oils for Venango county.

J. Harvey Wheeler, to be sealer of weights and measures for Lycoming county.

-The Republican Committee of Lycoming county met in Williamsport on Saturday, and elected R. M. Foresman. Esq., Senatorial, and Lindsey Mehaffey, Esq., Representative delegate to the State Convention, with power to choose their own conferees. The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Republican Standing Committee for the county of Lycoming hereby unanimously and heartily endorse the course pursued by the adminstration of Governor J. F. Hartranst, since his inauguration.

-The American and Chester county Advertiser says: The Republicans of Chester county will present to the nominating Convention the name of Hon. William Butler, for the office of Judge of the Supreme Court, but they wish it distinctly understood in advance, that they seek no discreditable alliances to accomplish success. They invite a comparison of his record as a lawyer-as a successful jurist-as well as his character and reputation as a private citizen—with those of other candidates, and if merit and fitness are to be made the touchstones of the Convention in making choice of a candi-

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Weather Bureau-Science of Mete. orology-The Storm Signal Bureau How Storms are Predicted-Back Pay, &c. Correspondence of the Radical.

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 6, 1873.

The three most capricious and fickle things in all nature have been thought heretofore to be, first, human actions in general; second, woman's love in particular, and third, the weather. Such phrases as "the uncertainty of human affairs." "as fickle as a woman," "as changeable as the wind," have always been used to er. press the most superlative degree of ca. priciousness. But the ingenuity of men's minds has moved them to attempt to found science upon, at least, the first and last named particulars. Our happiness depends upon these things to a very great extent, and it is well that we should know as much about them as is possible to be known.

The human mind has always been a very great mystery to itself, one of the most mysterious things in all nature. Thinking men, ever prying into nature's secrets, have attempted to learn some. thing concerning the laws of this myste rious something-for scientific men believe in universal laws,-and the result has been the founding of the Science of Psychology, and, as a necessary corrollary, the twin Science of Sociology, both yet in their infancy, yet presenting a field for immense original research and destined to accomplish great things and to add great treasures to our stores of knowl. edge.

Comparatively nothing (I might strike out the word comparatively and still be right) is known of the laws relating to feminine affection. It would be very foolish to assert that there exist no such laws. Science tells us that everything is regulated by unchanging, immutable law. and we have no more right to assert than the female heart is any exception. We man's love can no more change without a cause than can the sun change his course through the heavens without a cause. But, we are having the Weather Bureau under consideration and are not now concerned with the question of female affections. The science of Meteorology has been studied ever since the peopleing of the world by man. Everybody studies it. Everybody attempts to predict changes of weather. We have all manner of signs to denote rain, or clear, or cold, or warm weather. Who has not heard so many old sayings concerning the changes of the moon, the "light and dark of the moon" the significance of the appearance of con husks, that he finds how impossible it a for "one head to contain it all?" Even the "groundbog story" is thought enough everybody.

THE Vienna Exposition seems to be a great affair and promises to be a great success notwithstanding tive. some delays and annoyances. It denotes that the Austrian Empire has taken a step forward in the Hon. John McGinnis, ex-member path of progress, and marks a new of the Legislature, has been appointera in her history. A few years ed Bank Assessor in the city of ago Austria was the dominant mili- Philadelphia. His appointment is a tary power of Europe, her army was fitting recognition of the Democratthe largest, best disciplined, and ic element which aided in smashing the most powerful on the continent, up the Buckalew-Greeley machine but the French and the Italians last fall. It is acceptable in Philahumbled her, and the German's delphia, but of course don't go down crushed her, and to-day she tri- well with the Argus or the Greeley umphs, not in the science of war, gang generally-as will be seen by but in the arts of peace. There an examination of the lucubrations was no display of military power at of the lonely reformer of the Argus the opening of the exhibition. this week. Royalty was there in gorgeous did-The Argue attacks Governor Harplay, Queene and Princes graced tranft for the appointment. It is the occasion with their presence nothing to Blush for, but with its and beauty, but the military pageant usual stupidity the Argus has aimed | trusted."

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ing political question. It is being discussed by all the influential papers, and viewed in many ways with various conclusions.

CHEAP FREIGHTS.

The Republican party has always been in favor of internal improvements, and General Grant has taken the lead already in regard to this special improvement by his recommendations to Congress and the report next winter of the committee. now having the subject under investigation, will no doubt add mterest to and throw additional light upon the matter. The great manufacturing and farming interests of

the country demand better and cheaper facilities of mutual exchange of products.

Various means have been suggested to accomplish this, but transportation both by water and railway ie ten days. likely to be necessary. It is thought by some that the only real and permanent relief that can be obtained is through the Federal Government by the exercise of those powers under the constitution for managing the postal business, for regulating commerce between the States, and for making military roads for facility of communication. If the Government would construct double tracks for freight trains alone, make them as nearly straight as possible, and parrow prominent points, and allow private trains to pass over these tracks a continuous stream of freight cars and Baltimore. We believe the

carried through successfully. The necessity for it is now urgent, and in our opinion, will soon be impera

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THE steam ship Parthia on which Senators Rutan, Davis and Graham sailed for Europe arrived at Queenstown May the 6th, having been out

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lion of dollars security under the new law.

-J. R. McMillen is a Republican candierset county.

-The Maine Republican State Convention is to be held in Bangor, Thursday, June 19.

ed chairman of the Maine Republican State Committee for the fifteenth time. -Hon. John T. Wilson is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Guy ernor of Ohio.

Convention.

-Hon. Myer Strouse wants the Demo-

-The Democratic Committee of Vigilance of Washington county will meet in the Council Room in the Town Hall, Washington, on Monday, May 19th, at one o'clock, P. M.

from the other counties in the district to

elect a Senatorial Delegate. It was agreed to hold the County Convention on the fourth Monday of May. The proceedings were very harmonious, good feeling prevailed.

-The Ohio Republican Convention meets May 21. It is generally conceded that Governor Noyes will be renominated, with the understanding that he shall be sent to the United States Senate in place of Senator Thurman, and there is consequently considerable rivalry for the Lieutenant Governorship. Among the candidates mentioned are State Senators Brins-Alphonso Hart, and Speaker Van Voorhees.

-Charles Jeremy, Esq., Select Councilman from the Seventh Ward, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for State Senate, in Allegheny county, and be is making a strong canvass of the county. Mr. Jeremy is a staunch Republican, and has a host of friends in his party who will make a determined fight for his success. As the representative of the large and constantly increasing Welsh portion of our population, he will prove a strong competitor in the conven-

-The Republican candidates for nomination for Assembly in Warren county of Tidioute and A. R. Moore of Limestone. Mr. Moore was formerly a resident of this place, and has a son H. R. Moore Esq., now practicing law here. He is an honest, capable and worthy citizen, and if the Republicans of Warren place him on their ticket he will certainly bring to it strength, and if elected will make a faithful Representative.

-The Altoona Tribune says; Pursuant unconstitutional. No election was heldto a call of the Chairman, the members of the Blair County Republican Committee met at the Sheriff's office Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, and on the second ballot elected John R. Bohn delegate to the next State Convention, his competitors being D. T. Caldwell and W. H. H. Young, of Tyrone. Messrs. John M. Stonebraker, of Altoona, Jack Caldwell, of Gaysport, and C. S. W. Jones, of Ty-The time for holding the next County 26th, 1873.

-The Lebanon Courier says: Judge Butler, of Chester county, and Judge Paxson, of Philadelphia, are prominently named for the Supreme Bench of this State. Years ago they were apprentices together in the Village Record office, at West Chester. They were at the time industrious, studious and ambitious, doing with all their might whatever they found to do. They are now both recogsized as among the ablest jurists of the State. Such careers offer a most encouraging example to young men.

date, they have no fear of the result.

The Treasury Bill Again. Governor Hartranft yesterday put the finishing touch on the Mackey-Extension outrage, by signing the bill extending State Treasurer Mackey's term of office a year longer than the time for which be had been legally elected, but which is labelled out of public politeness, "an act providing for an election of a State Treasurer by the peoole"-at such time in the future as may suit Mr. Mackey's convenience. If the Governor had shown a little of the veto disposition in dealing with this job that he did in a large number of bills where no principle was involved, we could have placed more confidence in his lately professed independence.

The above is from the Lancaster Express of the 29th ult. The Express greatly misstates and probably misunderstands the effect of the actions of Gov. Hart-anft. The following is the status :

Prior to the recent Constitutional of to be repeated every year by almost amendment, the State Treasurer was elected by the Legislature; his term commenced on the first Monday of May. The law provides that each incumbent

of the office should hold for one year or until his successor was duly qualified. The constitutional amendment adopted in 1872, provided that after its adoption

the State Treasurer should be elected by the people at such time and for such term of service as may be prescribed by law. Mr. Mackey was elected State Treasar-

er in January 1872, his term commencing upon the first Monday of May, 1872, and continuing until the first Morday of May 1873, and until his successor was elected and qualified.

bled. Mr. Mackey was the only candidate | established but a few years, its importance for the Treasury, and his election was assured. But it was the opinion of the best lawyers of the Commonwealth, that the amendment of 1872 was already operative, and that a legislative election would be

and the act of 28th of April, 1873, was passed in pursuance of the constitutional amendment.

It provides that the Treasurer shall be elected at the same time that other State officers are elected, that his term of office date at which it has heretofore commenced. It provided (which was unnecessary) that Mr. Mackey shall continue in office rone, were elected Senatorial Conferees. until the Treasurer elected by the people was inducted. It provided further that Convention, was fixed on Monday, May Mr. Mackey should give bond in \$500,000, on or before the 5th inst., for the custody of the public funds during the interregnum

> It gave Mr. Mackey the term which the Legislature would have given him in January but for the constitutional doubt. and that term only. Gov. Hartranft had either to approve next January, and then veto it. it before the first Monday of the present | er period than one or two days. month, would have been to relieve Mr. bond, and to give him absolute control of tion is certain. The experiment has been the State funds without security, unless his former bond is held to cover the extension of his term. The effect of his absolute refusal to sign it, would be to continue Mr. Mackey in office, indefinitely, or consult "old probabilities" before patuntil a bill was passed by the Legislature. of a character which the Governor would approve. In other words, Mr. Mackey have been saved by being forewarned of would remain in office just so long as he coming storms. could induce the Legislature to refuse to pass, or Gov. Hartranit to refuse to sign a tem of extending the advantages of this bill for the election of his successor. It is not likely that Mr. Mackey would have objected to a veto of the bill, but used by the people themselves. For is

All such methods of predicting the weather have proved to be unreliable, and because they have proved useless many suppose that the thing is impossible. Many persons have no faith in Weather Bureaus, or any other institutions established for such purposes. Nevertheless, the science of Meteorology is making rapid strides forward, and there will come a time in the remote future when storms will be foretold with the same precision as eclipses and the appearance of comets are now predicted.

The Storm Signal Bureau of the United States is doing much towards the solution of this problem. General A. J. Myer When the Legislature of 1873 assem. has charge of it, and, though it has been

is being recognized throughout the whole civilized world. It is refreshing to read the many words of praise bestowed upon this American institution by some of the wisest men in Europe. They candidly admit that we do these things better in this country than they are yet able to do. One reason for this is that we have a larger extent of territory from which to

make our observations. Many persons will ask the question "How can they tell?" The process is \$ shall be two years, and commence at the simple one. A number of stations are established in various parts of the couptry where the direction and the velocity of the winds, the condition of the thermometer and the barometer are register. ed, and the same telegraphed to the Bo reau in this city. From these reports the directions of currents and storms are tabulated and, as it is found these move with uniform exactness, a storm in one locality to day may be supposed to be in another to morrow. All the machinery for registering these observations is selfacting and so delicately adjusted as to permit of no mistakes being made. With the pres the bill, or to withold his signature until ent knowledge of the law governing the changes of the weather predictions can The consequence of his failure to sign not be made with any certainty for a long That the community has been and 16 10 Mackey, of his obligation to file a new be immensely benefitted by this instill made and is a success. It is likely that its benefits will be soon extended to those who need them most, the farmers of the country. Ship owners and sailors now ting out to sea, and it is impossible to es timate the number of ships and lives that A very convenient and inexpensive of institution may be found in providing flags and lights of different colors to be why the Represe and Mackey should for stance let a red fing represent a coming

-State Treasurer Mackey gives a milion. date for nomination for Assembly in Som- | are: J. H. Douglass and Geo. W. Allen

-Hon. James G. Blaine has been elect-

-J. J. Cromer has been chosen Representative delegate to the Republican State Convention from Fulton county.

-Joseph L. McConnell has been chosen delegate to the next Democratic State

cratic nomination for State Senator and H. J. Hendler, Esq., for Congress from Schuylkill county.

-The Republican State Convention of Iowa will meet in Des Moines June 25th to nominate Governor, Lieutenant Gover-

nor, Suprème Judge, and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

-Democratic candidates are numerous in old Westmoreland, as witness this record: For Assembly, Dr. H. B. Piper, James Rutledge, C. R. Painter, James L. Toner, Wm. Jack Robinson, and Thompson McLean.

-One hundred and twenty citizens of Tidioute have signed a "request" published in the Journal, to George W. Allen, Esq., to become a candidate before the Republican Convetion of Warren county. for the Legislature.

-Mr. A. H. Stevens, of Georgia, says: "The Democratic party must be preserved in its entire integrity in its principles and its organization ; and the trading politicians, claiming to be Democratic leaders must go to the reat, as their generiship in the last Presidential compation proved most conclusively that they are neither she commellors nor leiders to be

-The Republican County Convention of Butler county, which met in Butler on the 29th ult., fixed upon the 7th day of June as the day for holding the Republican primary meetings. The offices to be filled are: Two for Assembly; one for county Treasurer; one for county Commissioner; one for Jury Commissioner; and one for county Auditor. The Committee passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That none but those fully in. accord with the Republican party at the last Presidential election shall exercise the right of voting at the said primary electroniand that the different election boards are hereby requested to see that this resolution is enforced.

once jump together in judgment, is not rain storm, a blue flag coming cold west immediately perceptible.-State Journali er, a white flag clear weather, and agrees