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THE COLUMBIAN has the largest circulation of any paper published in Northern Pennsylvania, and is also much larger sheet than any of its contemporaries...

DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE. In obedience to the desire of a majority thereof, the Executive Committee are requested to meet at the Hotel, Harrisburg, on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 1869, at 11 o'clock, P. M., to fix the time of holding the Democratic State Convention.

COUNTRY CONVENTION. The Democratic Voters of the several Districts in Columbia county are requested to meet at the usual place of holding the general election, and to elect a delegate to the State Convention...

A Bargain for Printers. By the recent purchase of a Gordon Press and of the COLUMBIAN DEMOCRAT printing office, we have acquired an unnecessary number of Presses and material. We therefore offer to sell one Washington Press—size No. 4—in complete running order...

A Word of Caution. We observe that many of our Democratic contemporaries are advocating the claims of their favorite candidates for Governor and Judge of the Supreme Court, with more zeal than prudence. By the time the Convention is held they will have made up their minds that certain defeat awaits us if any other candidate than their own is chosen...

Let us have Peace. THE war, so far as it concerned the State, with regard to expenses, ceased in 1862, and wholly in 1865, but the Radical leaders still hold on, at Harrisburg, and last year, as appears by the report of the Auditor General for 1868, the amount paid for military expenses was \$120,000.00.

In Memoriam. WHEREAS, It has pleased an allwise and merciful God to remove from our midst our worthy Vice-Grand, Elisha Albertson, in the midst of his usefulness, Therefore,

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Communicated. FOR THE COLUMBIAN, HOME. "Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam, 'Tis but a fancy that we possess, like the wind which blows and never comes home."

THE TEMPERANCE CONVENTION. The State Temperance Convention which assembled at Harrisburg on Tuesday was composed of 151 delegates male and female—representing twenty-nine counties. The permanent officers were—

President—Hon. S. B. Chase, of Susquehanna. Vice Presidents—Jacob M. Barr, of Dauphin; John G. Horn, of Franklin; Rev. W. C. Best, of Philadelphia.

Secretary—O. J. Search, of Philadelphia; E. H. Rauch, of Lancaster; L. E. Wright, of Lancaster. Treasurer—L. F. Kaufman, of Schuylkill.

The point of interest in the proceedings was the effort to commit the Convention to the policy of a separate political action by temperance men. This effort resulted in the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, In a number of districts of this State, friends of prohibition have been chosen members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and under the system of "local legislation" wholesale and prohibitory laws for certain townships and boroughs have been secured, sustained by public opinion and successfully enforced.

Resolved, That local prohibition, wherever it is possible to secure and enforce it, is the true course for the present to the Legislature, and that the most important period of the temperance movement.

Resolved, That we recommend the passage of a well-digested general law by this Convention, which shall be the subject of the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of all kinds of alcoholic preparations to the voters of the State, and that a majority of the legal voters of such district shall vote in favor of such prohibition, no license shall be granted for any such district, until such vote shall be reversed at a subsequent election; and this Convention hereby authorizes and instructs its Business Committee to prepare and present to the Legislature the draft of such a law, and with power to call this convention together to consider the result when in their judgment it may be necessary to do so to further the objects in view.

Resolved, That the most important business done.

Pennsylvania Legislature. February 25, 1869. Mr. Scattergood read an act authorizing the borough of Laporte, in the county of Sullivan, to levy a tax of twelve mills on the dollar of valuation for borough purposes.

Thursday afternoon the Senate met for the purpose of considering Senate bill No. 51, an act to revise, amend and consolidate existing laws for the assessment and collection of State taxes and county and township rates and levies.

Passed finally. The orders being called, the House took up the public account of the people of this Commonwealth against fraud in the sale of patent rights was under consideration when the House adjourned this morning.

Mr. Scott, on leave, read in place an act to authorize the erection of a poor house in the township of Bloom, county of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Scott, the rules were suspended, the bill was read the second and third time, and passed.

Several gentlemen asked leave to offer bills, but the orders being insisted upon, the House proceeded to consider the bills upon the public account.

No. 123, an act relating to interest, allowing parties to contract for the payment thereof.

An amendment changing the legal rate from ten per cent. (as the bill provides) to eight, was amended to seven, and the question recurring on the amendment as amended, a motion was made to recommitt the bill to the General Judiciary Committee, which was agreed to.

The Senate considered the following bills on the public account:

Senate bill No. 122, an act to prevent and punish the publication of obscene advertisements and the sale of noxious medicines. Passed finally.

Senate bill No. 123, a further supplement to an act to regulate arbitration and proceedings in courts of justice, approved the 21st day of March, 1866, making two verdicts and judgments on the same the final and conclusive.

Senate bill No. 124, a further supplement to an act to enable joint tenants in common and adjoining owners of mineral lands in this Commonwealth to manage and develop the same, approved the 23d day April one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and its several supplements. Passed finally.

Senate bill No. 206, an act for the more convenient dispatch of the public business in the courts of this Commonwealth. Passed finally.

February 26. Mr. Jackson, read an act to exempt the mortgage and bonds of the Bloomsburg Literary Institute issued for the purpose of exempting State normal school buildings from taxation.

PHILADELPHIA POLICE BILL. The Senate then considered Senate bill No. 885, entitled An act to improve the efficacy of the police force of the city of Philadelphia, providing for the election of the police commissioners and the appointment of police officers.

Mr. Hensy defended the bill, and Messrs. McCandless, Fisher and Lowry opposed the passage of the same.

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the first section of the bill? The yeas and nays were required by Mr. Wallace and Mr. Connell, and were as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Billingfield, Brown (Mercer), Coleman, Connell, Graham, Hensy, Kerr, Olmsted, Stinson, White and Worthington, Speaker.—NAYS—Messrs. Beck, Brown (Northampton), Burnett, Davis, Duncan, Fisher, Jackson, Linderman, Lowry, McCandless, McIntire, Miller, Natz, Osterhout, Randall, Robinson, Stutzman, Taylor, Turner and Wallace.—20.

So the question was determined in the negative.

The Senate then adjourned until 7 o'clock on Monday, the 8th day of

March, in order to permit members of the Legislature to attend Grant's Inauguration.

By Mr. JACKSON. No. 425 (House No. 196), an act to authorize the appointment of auctioneers in the borough of Danville, Montour county.

Passed finally. Mr. SCOTT, a bill entitled An act to authorize the Supervisors of Briar Creek township, Columbia county, to levy and collect a tax to reimburse J. C. Smith and John Kisner money expended by them for public purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Millitary.

Mr. SCOTT, a bill entitled An act creating an additional election district in Conyngham township, Columbr county.

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Also, a bill entitled An act repealing certain acts relating to the road laws of Conyngham township, Columbia county.

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WASHINGTON NEWS. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. GRANT AND HIS CABINET.

FOLLOWING the interview of Moorehead, Dickey, and Pettis, with Grant, yesterday in relation to a Cabinet position for Pennsylvania, in the new administration, the following occurred to-day, between Grant and Alexander McCulloch, who called at "Headquarters" this morning to inquire if he (Grant), in stating yesterday that a citizen of Pennsylvania should have a seat in the Cabinet, referred to ex-Governor A. G. Curtin. General Grant replied that he did not. Well, said McCulloch, I trust you will appoint some man thoroughly and prominently identified with the Republican party, and not such men as Borie, Welsh, Smith or Stuart; that they would bring no strength to the party in the State, and that some government support was absolutely necessary, otherwise the Democracy would carry the State next fall.

To this Grant next day replied that he could not see what objection any loyal man could have to George H. Stuart. Mr. McCulloch had none, but he had known the politics and politicians of Pennsylvania for twenty years, and if Stuart were appointed, he should have to ask him (Grant) for an introduction to him. After some further conversation, Grant said that "although elected by a political party, he was not the representative of a political party."

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A DISGRACEFUL SPECTACLE. A most disgraceful spectacle was witnessed on the floor of the House yesterday afternoon in the debate on the Louisiana contested election case. A negro named Menard, a claimant for the seat, was allowed to rise on the floor and address the House, which he did for half an hour or more. When he had concluded, a low-bred white Radical member from Illinois, named Cullom, went over and congratulated him. The scene was disgusting in the extreme, and ought to consign those who brought it about to eternal disgrace and infamy.

WASHINGTON, March 1. THAT PENNA'S CABINET OFFICER. The last rumor is that McCulloch is to be Pennsylvania's Cabinet officer; and probably is lent to it by the fact that after the fourth of March, Secretary McCulloch is going as a partner into Jay Cooke's banking-house. The intimacy of Jay Cooke and McCulloch has been so great while they have been occupying their present positions, that there will be no difficulty in each changing place with the other without detriment to the public service or the private property of either.

THE OLD CABINET. It is understood that all the Cabinet officers, except General