



Friday, Feb. 27, 1880. NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The National Democratic Committee met in Willard's Hall, Washington, D. C., last Monday to select a place for holding a time for holding the National Democratic Convention.

The National Democratic Committee met in the city of Washington on the 23rd of February, 1880, and has appointed Tuesday the 22nd day of June next, as the time, and chosen the city of Cincinnati as the place of holding the National Democratic Convention.

Each State is entitled to a representation therein equal to a double number of its Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

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Washington, D. C. Feb. 24th 1880. The committee on civil service reform of the House yesterday adopted and will soon report one of the most important bills of the session.

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The Democratic Committee did well yesterday in selecting Cincinnati as its place of meeting. It did not quite come up to the requirements of the occasion in the matter of time, as an earlier day in June would have been, it is thought, to the advantage of the party.

The city chosen is free from the objections to be urged against New York, Washington, St. Louis, or Chicago. As to candidates it has absolutely no significance.

There will be reported to the House this week a bill appropriating \$300,000 for the relief of the people in Ireland who are suffering for the want of food.

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Black on the Third Term. THE PROBABLE EFFECT OF A VIOLATION OF THE UNWRITTEN LAW OF THE REPUBLIC.

Where the great Chief Magistrate is tested, as ours is, with great power liable to gross abuse, if there is no law or practice which forbids him to be re-elected, he can remain in office for life as easily as for a term. He has the appointment of all officers, the making of all public contracts, and a veto upon all legislation, besides the command of the army and navy.

It is a fact which not even Republican journals will have the hardihood to dispute that the Democratic party since it had control of Congress has retained the country of a large portion of its burden in the shape of interest on the bonded debt. While the Republicans were in the majority in the House of Congress, the rate of interest paid by the government was uniformly six per cent.

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The returns by counties from Ireland show 312,370 persons are slowly starving, and the outlook for the coming months is gloomier than predictions have yet pointed. Local efforts are becoming feeble, and the people long to see the capacity of the furnaces by one-half, and will throw a number of men out of work.

Miss Fannie Reek was married recently to Mr. William Metimes, of Rockford Illinois. The Boston Post gets this information from the lady's brother and in the course of the news is altogether in the fact that Miss Reek is the young lady who was a few days ago reported as about to be married to a Frenchman.

Robert Carson a lumberman on Little Pine Creek, Lycoming county, caught a catamount in a steel trap, the other day. Carson tried to steal the animal with a gun, but the cat was so cunning that it leaped upon the lumberman at last, and then easily pounded him to death.

Three new steel boilers for the Edgar Thomson furnace, at Bessemer Station, on the Pennsylvania R.R., have just been built at the Pittsburgh Leocomotive Works. They are the largest ever manufactured, being sixty feet high, and the heaters being forty feet in length.

Peter N. Fredrick, farmer, near Lansdale, Montgomery county, had to kill one of his cows, she having been infected from cattle disease. Jacob D. Mishler, farmer, in the same township, had to kill one of his cows for the same reason on the same day. Three more of his cows are infected. John O. Knapp, near Shippenville, killed one of his cows for the same reason on the same day.

John Murphy, while walking near Thomaston, Schuylkill county, on Thursday night, was struck with a stone and killed. James Brennan and James DeLong were also struck and injured. The stone was thrown by a party who was in the neighborhood at the time.

The board of poor directors of Berks county at a meeting passed a resolution for the relief of the poor. The resolution was to reduce the rate of interest on the bonded debt, and to provide for the relief of the poor in other ways.

At Bainbridge Pa., Charles Lutz, twenty-four years old, murdered his wife and her two children. The crime was committed in a house in Bainbridge, and the bodies were found in a nearby field.

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MARKET REPORTS. BLOOMSBURG MARKET. Wheat per bushel, 47.25; Corn, 32.00; Oats, 22.00; Flour, 5.00; Pork, 10.00; Lard, 12.00; Butter, 15.00; Eggs, 18.00; Apples, 10.00; Potatoes, 8.00; Beans, 12.00; Peas, 10.00; Rice, 15.00; Sugar, 12.00; Coffee, 10.00; Tea, 15.00; Spices, 10.00; Oil, 12.00; Soap, 10.00; Candles, 12.00; Paper, 10.00; Stationery, 12.00; Books, 10.00; Maps, 12.00; Globes, 10.00; Toys, 12.00; Games, 10.00; Amusement, 12.00; Miscellaneous, 10.00.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. AUDITOR'S NOTICE. STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. In the matter of collection to the account of the State of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that the following is a list of the names of the persons who are liable to pay the same, and the amount of their respective liabilities.

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