

THE FREEMAN.

EBENSBURG, PA., THURSDAY, FEB. 4, 1869.

HAVING been verdant enough to attend a so called Editorial Convention, held in Harrisburg during the present week, the result is that our paper has been delayed one day in its publication.

"If ever question was settled, it is that the nation shall enjoy the usufruct of the war. It has been gathering them up one by one by one, but perhaps the weightiest sheaf the harvest remains untouched.

The above extract from an article in the Philadelphia Press is a wilful perversion of the truth of history. It is an avowal that the primary object of the government in suppressing the rebellion was the destruction of slavery and the investment of the negroes of the South with the right of the ballot.

We have recently observed that a circular has been issued by the Board of Managers of the Association, signed by President Johnson, Gen. Grant, and other prominent leaders of that party.

Suppose the government in 1861, or at any subsequent period, had put forth the declaration that the object of the war was to destroy slavery and confer the right of suffrage upon the slaves, how many Northern men would have impelled their lives in such a cause?

Let us hope, then, that through the generous liberality of the American people the managers of the Association may be enabled to resume the work on this long neglected monument, and push it to a speedy and successful completion.

At the election held in Missouri two years ago last November Col. Switzer, the democratic candidate, was elected to Congress over his radical opponent, Geo. W. Anderson, in the ninth district.

After all this it would be difficult for an honest man to believe that a radical Congress solemnly voted that Col. Switzer was not entitled to his seat, and that Anderson was.

In connection with this subject we will here add, that although the gallant General James Shields was elected to Congress from the sixth Missouri district last November, by over six hundred majority, he too was contended for by the radical return judges, who rejected the vote of two entire counties.

Association blocks of marble and other valuable stones, with suitable inscriptions thereon, in order that they might be incorporated in the body of the monument as a testimonial of their high admiration and regard for the character of Washington.

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News of the Week.

Violet Stevens, once the nurse of Hon. Horatio Seymour, died at Oswego, last Friday, at the age of one hundred and four.

Amie Wilhelm, a little girl of Danville, was burnt to death on the 25th inst., her clothes having accidentally caught fire.

The great question now is: "Was Gen. Grant the creature of an accident?" Perhaps his mother would know most about that.

A man somewhere in the oil regions was scrubbing his floor with benzine, when it caught fire and blew the roof off and himself out into the street.

It is stated that the President has decided to pardon Dr. Mudd, one of the alleged conspirators sentenced for life to imprisonment at the Dry Tortugas.

A negro girl, aged eleven years, eight months and eighteen days, living near Paducah, Tennessee, a short time since, gave birth to a female child. The mother and child are both living and in perfect health.

Monsieur Schorn, a distinguished civil engineer of Belgium, is present on an official visit to Pennsylvania, to investigate the workings of our mining and coal regions.

The total Catholic population of Pennsylvania is 438,000, which is distributed as follows: In the Diocese of Philadelphia, 200,000; Erie, 100,000; Altoona, 100,000; Harrisburg, 100,000; and Scranton, 38,000.

CONSIDER, think, reflect, remember, compare, judge, take a retrospect of the past, lose yourself in reminiscences, and then go to Leopold Mayer's New York Dry Goods Store, Main street, Johnstown, and purchase some of his choice goods, the cheapest, best, and latest styles in town.

LAST MONDAY we saw a farmer carrying home a large overcoat which he says he got at L. Cohen & Brothers, New York Clothing Hall, for seven dollars. It was worth twenty. The farmer said he would be back on Saturday and buy two more for the boys. That's the way the money goes. Cohen sells cheap.

WINGLE-PRINGLE-At Wilmore, on Monday evening, Jan. 25th, by Rev. Hite, Dr. John Wingle and Miss Lizzie Pringle, both of said place.

COLLINS-At his father's residence in Ebensburg, on Saturday, the 30th ult., Mr. James Collins, aged 46 years.

There are 18,000,000 acres of land in this State subject to the claims of actual settlers under what is known as the homestead law. Any man, black or white, may take possession of one hundred and sixty acres to day, clear it, improve it, and build a home upon it, and in five years Uncle Sam will give him a deed of it.

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REGISTRAR'S NOTICE-Notice is hereby given that the following accounts have been passed and filed in the Registrar's Office at Ebensburg, and will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Cambria county, for confirmation and allowance, on Monday, the 1st day of March next, to wit:

The first and final account of John Sharratt, Exr. of Hugh F. Storm, late of Allegheny township, deceased.

The first and final account of Sarah Leidy, Adm'x of David Leidy, late of Jackson twp., deceased.

The first and final account of George M. Reade and Edward Roberts, Adm'rs of Edward W. Davis, late of Ebensburg, deceased.

The first and final account of J. S. Strayer, Adm' of Geo. H. Brown, late of Conemaugh twp., deceased.

The first and final account of P. H. Shields, Exr. of Eleanor Dodson, late of Allegheny twp., deceased.

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UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CO. AND CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS.

This great enterprise is approaching completion with a rapidity that astonishes the world. Over fifteen (1500) miles have been built by two (2) powerful companies: the Union Pacific Railroad, beginning at Omaha, building west, and the Central Pacific Railroad, beginning at Sacramento, and building east, until the two roads shall meet.

One Hundred and Ten Million Dollars (\$110,000,000), in money have already been expended on the route, and the companies engaged in this great enterprise, and they will speedily complete the portion yet to be built.

The Government has already loaned the Union Pacific Railroad twenty four million and fifty eight thousand dollars (\$24,558,000) and the Central Pacific Railroad twenty million six hundred and forty eight thousand dollars (\$17,648,000), amounting in all to forty-one million seven hundred and six thousand dollars (\$42,206,000).

WHAT IS THERE YET TO BE DONE? In our opinion the completion is most to be remembered that all the remaining iron to finish the road is contracted for, and the largest portion paid for and now delivered on the line of the Union Pacific Railroad and the Central Pacific Railroad, and that the grading is almost finished.

WHAT RESOURCES HAVE THE COMPANIES TO FINISH THE ROAD? First, they will receive from the Government as the road progresses about \$9,000,000 additional.

Second, they can issue their own First Mortgage Bonds for about \$3,000,000 additional.

Third, the companies now hold almost all the land they have up to this time received from the Government; upon the completion of the road they will have received in all 23,000,000 acres of land, which at \$1.50 per acre would be worth \$34,500,000.

Net profit of Central Pacific Railroad, after paying all interest and expenses for six months, \$750,000 gold.

HOW LARGE A BUSINESS IS IT SAFE TO PREDICT FOR THE GREAT PACIFIC RAILROAD? We would give the following facts derived from Shipping Lists, Insurance Companies, Steamships connecting at Panama with California and other ports, etc., etc.

PHILADELPHIA. FOUR TENTH-A House and two Lots of Ground, with Stable and other out-buildings, belonging to the estate of Geo. M'Caughy, dec'd., now occupied by Fredk. Kittell. Possession given immediately. Apply to GEO. HUNTELY, Guardian. Ebensburg, Nov. 19, '68. Wm.

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