

THE PANORAMA

Ebensburg, Pa., Friday, June 20, 1873.

COUNTY CONVENTION. The Democrats of Cambria county are requested to meet at their usual place...

An Increased Legislature.

The Constitutional Convention last week, by the negative vote of 47 yeas to 28 nays, a little more than one-half its number, passed to third reading the following important provisions in reference to the number of Senators and Members of the House:

The state shall be divided into fifty senatorial districts, of compact and contiguous territory, as equal in population as possible; and each district shall be entitled to one member by presenting a population exceeding one senatorial ratio and three-fifths of a second ratio; and no county or city shall be entitled to more than one-sixth of the whole number of members.

As soon as this constitution is adopted the legislature shall apportion the state in accordance with the provisions of the two preceding sections, and the population of the city of Philadelphia shall be divided into single districts of compact and contiguous territory, as nearly in population as possible; but no township or ward, except in the city of Philadelphia, shall be divided in the formation of a district.

This is not a new question, in as much as it has been the subject of discussion for several years. In our judgment, there are serious objections to the proposed increase. It is advocated on the sole ground, that it would be more difficult to corrupt a majority of a Legislature containing two hundred members than a majority of a body of the same kind numbering one hundred and thirty-three.

Whether it is absolutely impossible to prevent the annually recurring corruption of the Legislature, is a disputed question. We do not believe it is, and entertain a hope that biennial sessions and wholesome constitutional restrictions on the powers of the Legislature will result in its general purification.

Under the proposed increase, this county would be entitled to two members of the House when the next census is taken. Is there any possible necessity for that? None whatever that we can comprehend.

The Navy Department has dispatched the Junata, with Commander Greer as its chief officer, to search for the remainder of the crew of the Polaris, who remained on board with Captain Buddington when Captain Tyson and his men, who were rescued by the Tigress, were compelled by the parting of the ice to leave the former vessel.

Hon. Edgar Cowan, who had been elected a delegate at large to the Constitutional Convention to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Franklin B. Gowan, has written a letter to the Convention in which he states that it is impossible for him to accept, and the Democratic delegates at large in the Convention have therefore selected John C. Bullitt, Esq., of Philadelphia, to take the seat vacated by Mr. Gowan.

The Farmers' Party.

A judicial election took place in Illinois a little over two weeks ago, in which two Judges of the Supreme Court and thirty-one Circuit Judges were to be voted for. The Judges of the Supreme Court in that State are elected by districts, and not by general ticket.

This "Farmers' Party" in the West has assumed immense proportions, as is evident from the result of this judicial election in Illinois, and foreshadows the speedy dissolution of the radical party in the Western and Northwestern States, soon to become the controlling political power in the country.

The farmers' party is composed of "granges," or clubs, and is well organized in every Western and Northwestern State. Its granges or clubs exist in almost every county, and in some of the States its members are said to constitute a majority of the voters.

It reads very much like the sentence of a judge on a criminal who has been convicted of murder. Gen. Davis is evidently a man of business and seorns the law's delay, whether the court be of a military or civil character.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF COLUMBIA, in the Field, Fort Meade, Cal., June 18, 1873.—A man named Jewett, twenty-five years of age, has been endeavoring to force his suit with Miss Ella Wood, a daughter of Charles Wood.

THE DELAY AND ITS CAUSE. While I was preparing a list of those I intended to execute, a courier arrived with the instructions from Washington, "Hold the execution until the 1st of July."

WATKINS GLEN.—The famous Watkins Glen, located at Watkins, Schuyler county, New York, which has become one of the most popular summer resorts in the United States, and is annually visited by tens of thousands of people from all sections of the country.

Among the interesting statistics in the volume we quote the following: The total population of the country is about thirty-eight and a quarter millions. The total number of deaths in the current census year, 492,263, or about 1,349 per diem.

March seems to be the most fatal month, leading all others by about 1,000. March, April and May form the most fatal quarter, exceeding any other three consecutive months by about 13,000. The births number 1,100,475, or about 3,000 per diem.

AFTER Captain Jack and the rest of the Modoc warriors had surrendered to General Davis, that officer was on the eve of perpetrating a military blunder which would have subjected him to sequestration and forever destroyed his standing and reputation as an officer.

There are more than ten thousand naturalized citizens in Rhode Island who are disfranchised by this law, while negroes are permitted to cast their ballots without reference to the property qualification clause of the Constitution.

ATTEMPTED MURDER AND SCHEM.—At Hudson, N. H., a Jew, twenty-five years of age, has been endeavoring to force his suit with Miss Ella Wood, a daughter of Charles Wood.

LATER.—The shooting affair referred to occurred in a sitting-room of Charles Wood's, in the city of Hudson, N. H. Mr. Wood was seated at a table, and was reading a newspaper, when a man entered the room and attempted to assassinate him.

SOMETHING MEASUR THAN THE BACK-PAY STEAL.—A Washington despatch to the Times says: There has been a good deal of indignation privately expressed by persons interested in the manner in which the volumes of the Medical and Surgical History of the War were published.

AERONAUTICS.—Boston is great on organs, on musical jubilees, great conflagrations, etc., etc.; but when monster aeronautics take to the air, it is a different matter.

THE WALWORTH FAMILY.—A gentleman has given us some facts relative to his personal acquaintance with the Walworth family, whose name has become the text of much sermonizing of late.

AN ILLINOIS BORNA.—Wholesale Poisoning.—The Decatur (Illinois) Dispatch tells the following remarkable story of wholesale murder by a female poisoner: A. W. Drake, a farmer living near Moanese, Illinois, died under suspicious circumstances.

—A Washington correspondent says: Treasury experts have finished the work of restoring the securities of the Lumber Savings Bank, of Franklin, Pa., which were thrown into the fire by the insane cashier. Of \$140,000 government bonds, and \$100,000 of railroad bonds, were recovered.

A SAD HISTORY.—The United States Senate and a Hotel Parlor in Franklin, Pa.—The Venango Spectator tells the following story: There is now employed in this city a house-servant, woman, who was a few short years ago the wife of a rising young lawyer in Butler county.

AN OFFICE VACANT.—There is a government office vacant on the plains, and some enterprising, hungry politician with a thick skin ought to apply for it immediately. It is the office of mail-carrier between Cheyenne and Fort Union.

THE GREENFIELD GAZETTE tells of a man well known there, who borrowed money of his wife to go to Indiana and look for a divorce, married again, and then came back to borrow more of his former wife.

By Orders paid on last year's settlement. Interest Commission, 2 per cent. Treasurer from District.

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News and Political Items.

—Gold closed in New York on Wednesday last at 116. The whole number of Modocs taken prisoner, 136, were divided into three classes.

—A Worcester county man owns a pair of horses forty years old. He calls them 20's. Six soldiers and twenty-six horses were recently lost by a flood in the valley of Blackwood, Omaha.

—Henry Clay's court dress, worn at the Treaty of Ghent, was presented to the Ashland (Ky.) Hotel. By a single gentleman in Terre Haute, Ind., learned, a few days ago, of the death of four of his brothers.

—General Davis has sent a party of men to hunt for and arrest the persons guilty of the massacre of the Modoc prisoners. Ten persons in a family of eleven persons died within a week in Dallas county, Texas, recently. The survivor was a baby.

—Corsica, Jefferson county, was almost totally destroyed by fire week before last. Nineteen families were rendered homeless. Loss, \$200,000. Nine thousand immigrants arrived during the past week at the port of New York, making 141,556 since the 1st of January.

—No fizzle about this. Five baskets of champagne were exploded by the heat in a room at the Hotel de Ville, and extinguished the flames in a burning building. —Thos. Jefferson's family carriage, imported from Europe by him, has been sent to a shop in Staunton on Charlottesville, where it is owned, to be repaired.

—A Peoria (Ill.) man has a nice-looking baby, made up entirely of patent office reports, and the backs neatly labelled with the names of the great authors and their works. —A woman at Union Hill, New Jersey, has been arrested for habitually pouring boiling water on the sidewalks for the purpose of scalding the feet of barefooted children.

—It will be a severe blow to Christianity just as it has secured toleration in Japan, to have such a specimen as Bingham appear on the scene, as a representative of the United States. —An orphan, under age, married his female guardian in Illinois the other day, and was compelled to get her written consent to his marriage before the wedding could take place.

—A double wedding has been consummated in Reading. A young white man married a colored girl and a young colored man married a white girl, all in the same families. —A whole home would not contain more than the home spun farm aphorism: "If you can't find a way to stay at home, don't bear too hard on the grindstone when he turns the crank."

—An insane man, attending a circus at Henderson, Ky., killed a baby, with a large club, and injured a number of persons. He was finally arrested, and his efforts to arrest him. The man shot him three times. He is now in chains.

—The Greenfield Gazette tells of a man well known there, who borrowed money of his wife to go to Indiana and look for a divorce, married again, and then came back to borrow more of his former wife. —A large meeting of the farmers and laboring men was held at Shelbyville, Ind., on Saturday. Several addresses were made on the various questions of the day.

—The Age calls attention to the fact that not a single paper in that city except the Press, has a word to say in regard to the charges of the leading administration paper, the Radical, concerning the Radical thieves that rule and rob Philadelphia.

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