

THE CAMBRIDGE FREEMAN.

Friday Morning, - May 22, 1874.

The Legislature adjourned finally on last Friday. Before its close the customary...

THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION met at Harrisburg last week and fixed on Wednesday, August 19th, as the time and...

THE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY in the Connecticut Legislature last week elected William W. Eaton to the United States Senate.

WHEN men talk of running Grant for the third term, they are simply foolish. No man can be elected President three times in this country.

HON. GEORGE H. CUTLER, Republican, the member of the State Senate from Erie county, was elected Speaker of the Senate...

It appears that the act fixing the compensation of members of the Legislature, as it passed finally by a vote in the Senate...

THE disgraceful struggle which has been in progress for several weeks past in Arkansas between two eminent (?) Republicans, Baxter and Brooks, both of whom claimed to be the legally elected Governor...

THE persistence of the will is illustrated in the case of Catherine Foley. Twenty years ago, when she was a young woman...

THE Legislature passed and the Governor has approved a bill which provides for the appointment of ten commissioners to make, or superintend we should judge, a geological survey of the State.

HON. SAMUEL HENRY returned home, after hisardons duties in the Legislature, on Sunday last—a fact which prompts us to say that we have consistently opposed...

THE terms of the following Senators expire with the present session: Francis D. Huntington of Luzerne county, Democrat; Wm. McSherry, of Adams county, Democrat; Wm. A. Wallace of Clearfield county, Democrat; Butler B. Strang, of Tioga county, Republican; James M. Weakley, of Chester county, Republican; I. S. J. White, of Indiana county, Republican; Miles S. Humphreys, of Allegheny county, Republican; A. K. McClure, of Philadelphia county, Liberal Republican.

A TERRIBLE CALAMITY.

ERUPTION OF A WATER RESERVOIR IN MASSACHUSETTS—EVERYTHING CARRIED BEFORE THE FLOOD—FOUR TOWNS ALMOST DESTRUCTION OF EXISTENCE—Nearly TWO HUNDRED LIVES LOST—ABOUT TWO MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF PROPERTY DESTROYED—PEOPLE HEMMERED IN BY DEATH.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., May 16.—Not far from eight o'clock this morning the peaceful residents of Williamsburg were startled by the appearance of a horrid, flaming, and infernal...

CAUGHT BY THE SWIFT ROLLING WATERS, and aged grand dames, innocent children and strong men were alike overwhelmed by the waves as they reached the more gentle falling walls of their houses.

THE DOOMED VILLAGES.—A low wall, apparently a mere adobe and brick, with a few windows and a door, issued rapidly through the deep gorges to the height of forty feet, and again spreading out a wide expanse of scorching water...

NEW HAVEN, May 17.—A man was picked up from a tree, upon which he had retired to avoid the water, and was found waving his coat. The poor fellow's mind was gone.

THE DEATH OF A YOUNG GIRL.—The Roman Catholic priest who has gone among the lepers of Molokai, in the Sandwich Islands, and comforted and baptized those of those unhappy outcasts...

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News and Political Items.

A dog was seen walking the streets of New Bedford the other day with a lighted cigar in his mouth.

AT Wilkesbarre, John Kilpatrick, a miner, while drunk last Friday night, shot his son dead. The murderer was arrested.

A dispatch from San Diego, California, states that John Avering, wife, and four children had been found murdered at a house twelve miles from that city. No clue to the murderer.

A single natural curiosity is found at Sadauga Pond in Whitingham, Vt., consisting of 150 acres of land floating on the surface of the water, covered with cranberries...

WESTON brought his proposed five hundred mile walk to close on Saturday night on the four hundred and thirty-first mile, at 11:59:14.

THE dwelling-house and barn belonging to Wallace Stevens, in Bloomfield, Vt., were burned on Friday, and three children of Mr. Stevens, aged three and five years, who were asleep in the room where the fire originated, perished.

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