THE CAMBRIA FREEMAN.

EBENSBURG, PA.,

FRIDAY, - - - - - OCT. 18, 1878.

Democratic State Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR,
ANDREW H. DILL, of Union County.
FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
JOHN FERTIG, of Crawford County.
FOR SUPREME JUDGE,
HENRY P. ROSS, of Montgomery County.
SECRETARY INTERNAL AFFAIRS,
J. SIMPSON AFRICA, of Huntingdon.

Democratic District Ticket.

FOR CONGRESS,
GEO. A. H. COFFROTH, of Somerset.

Democratic County Ticket.

ASSEMBLY,
L. D. WOODRUFF, Conemaugh Borough;
JOHN FENLON, Ebensburg.
REGISTER AND RECORDER,
JOHN G. LAKE, Ebensburg.
TREASURER,
DR. A. YEAGLEY, Johnstown.
COMMISSIONERS,
JOHN CAMPBELL, Conemaugh Borough;
GEORGE GURLEY, Ebensburg.
POOR DIRECTOR,
JESSE PATTERSON, Johnstown.
SURVEYOR,
HENRY SCANLAN, Carrolltown.
AUDITORS,
PHILIP D. SKELLY, Portage Twp.;
PATRICK DILLON, Elder Twp.

ALTHOUGH a Greenbacker was elected to Congress last week in the Indianapolis district, and also two in Iowa, it must not be inferred that these results were brought about purely by the votes of Greenback men. Each district was strongly Republican, and the Democrats made no nominations, but as a general thing voted for the Greenback candidates. If they had not done so, but had voted for men of their own party, there would have been no Greenback Congressmen elected in either of the two States. With Democrats it was a choice between two evils, and they chose the least.

WE were entirely too liberal last week in conceding that the Republican State ticket in Ohio had been elected by probably 7,000 majority. Last Saturday the Republicans of Columbus claimed a majority of only 4,000, while the Democrats would not concede more than 3,000. Thus has this great Republican victory dwindled down almost to a drawn game, for which the Democrats who voted the Greenback ticket have themselves alone to blame. If they had stood by their political integrity, in addition to electing *eleven* out of *twenty* Congressmen, they would have had a majority of twenty thousand for their State ticket.

THERE will not be any special regret expressed at the failure of Gen. Banks last week to obtain a renomination for Congress in the Fifth Massachusetts district. He was defeated by *one* vote by S. Z. Bowman. Some years ago he formally buried the bloody shirt, but not long since resurrected it, and vigorously flaunted it in the presence of an intelligent audience he was called upon to address. He has now received his proper reward, and that too in the old abolition State of Massachusetts. The same swift and stern punishment should be meted out to every public man who will attempt to preach the doctrine of hatred and ill will towards the people of the Southern States.

THE Denver (Colorado) *News*, speaking of the vote at the late election in that State, says that every Democratic convert to the Greenback party voted the straight Greenback ticket, while the Republican proselytes of the new organization marched to the polls and voted solidly for the Republican ticket. This nice little game was likewise played in Ohio at the election last week, and after it is re-enacted in our own State, in November, the Democrats who are now innocently training with the Greenback crowd will discover, only when it is too late, how completely they have been duped. One would suppose that the result in Colorado and Ohio ought to cause them to open their eyes, and to see the trap that is prepared for them.

THE true character of William Lilly, the cadet broker of Washington city, and the witness of Jacob M. Campbell's organ, the Johnstown *Tribune*, in its vile assaults upon Gen. Coffroth is now being more fully developed in its rottenness than even Lilly himself stamped it in his trumped-up story before the Congressional committee two years ago. It seems that he was a Brigade Quartermaster in the army in 1863, and we will publish next week the official record of his conviction by a Court Martial, held at Hilton Head, S. C., in that year, on *three* out of *five* charges preferred against him, and his dismissal from the service. *That* was the kind of hair-pin Lilly was in 1863. Has his character improved any since that eventful period?

ALWAYS taking it for granted that every Democrat who is worthy of the name will support the county ticket, and thus preserve the organization of his party unbroken, we have not deemed it all necessary to make any urgent appeal in that direction. We have no sort of patience with men calling themselves Democrats who will attend the delegate elections and afterwards oppose the nominations which have been made by their own selected agents. As a general rule, a county convention is a lottery in which political prizes are to be drawn, and no man will dispute the fact that the present county ticket was as fairly and honorably nominated as county tickets usually are. After the county convention had performed its work, it was not a question who *ought* to have been nominated for the different offices, but who *were*. The path has been made plain by the action of the convention, and no Democrat ought for one moment to think of doing anything else than his bounden duty by giving the ticket made by the convention his willing and cordial support.

IT was very amusing to see the Republican papers come out on the day after the Western elections last week, some with that "same old coon" up a pole, and others with a valiant *rooster* proudly crowing over a supposed political triumph. The fun didn't last very long, however, for on the following day it was discovered that the coon had sneaked forth a little too soon, and that the rooster had commenced to crow before he was half way out of the woods. The *Herald* played this *foul* trick on its readers as late as Thursday afternoon. It was a fitting imitation of the traditional boy whistling to keep his courage up while passing a graveyard after dark, or of a drowning man grasping at a straw. To lose *three* Congressmen in Ohio, *three* in Indiana, and *two* in Iowa—thus placing a Democratic majority in the lower branch of the next Congress beyond all doubt—was not much to crow over, nor was it exactly the entertainment to which Republican editors expected to be invited. The *marrow* of the victory won by the Democracy in these elections consists in the fact that they secured a majority of the Congressmen from each of the States of Ohio and Indiana, whose votes will, per consequence, be cast for a Democrat for President in the event of the election being thrown into the House of Representatives. Dan Voorhees succeeded in securing a majority of *twelve* over the Republicans and Greenbackers in the Indiana Legislature, and his election to the U. S. Senate may therefore be regarded as certain. This is a proud victory for the eloquent Indiana Senator, in the face of a Republican apportionment bill in that State which is as one sided and unjust as the one now in force in our own State.

IT is very evident that the Republican leaders intend to play their usual fraudulent game at the election in Philadelphia, unless prevented by the Judges of the Courts, before whom the annual contest to purge the registry lists commenced last week, and will continue daily until a few days previous to the election. The assessors have returned a total of 189,640 registered voters in that city. New York contains about 300,000 more inhabitants than Philadelphia, but has never polled as many votes as are registered in the latter city. It is believed that nearly 40,000 more names are on the Philadelphia lists than ought to be. As nearly all the wards are Republican, the assessors of course belong to that party, and as an instance of how effectually they do their fraudulent work, it was shown in the Court of Common Pleas, last Saturday, that *eight* voters were put down on the list as living at No. 1766 Howard street, whereas a Mrs. Potts testified before the Court that she lived at that number with her husband and son, and that there were no other men in the house. All the efforts that the Democrats have made in the Legislature to have one assessor of each party elected in the different wards have been defeated by the ring, for the express purpose of preventing an honest registration. Last year 8,000 illegal names were stricken from the list by the two Judges, and double that number would have been erased had there been time. The frauds in the city of rings at the next election bid fair to exceed those perpetrated in 1872 in the interest of Hartranft.

THE Philadelphia Recorder bill, of which M. S. Quay, chairman of the Republican State Committee, is now enjoying the ill-gotten fruits, has been brought to the attention of Henry M. Hoyt, Cameron's candidate for Governor, in a way which we fancy he least expected. A committee of citizens of Philadelphia addressed a letter early last week to each of the candidates for Governor, asking him whether, in his opinion, a repeal of the obnoxious measure would receive executive sanction. It will not be very difficult for Mr. Dill to answer such a letter, because he denounced the measure as unconstitutional. Before Hoyt replied to it, he got Hartranft, who signed the bill, and Quay, the Recorder himself, each to address a letter to him (Hoyt), in which they both, of course, defend the bill, and Hoyt sends these two letters, together with a brief one from himself, to the committee, as his answer. All this is exceedingly thin, and Mr. Hoyt will be taught that he cannot hoodwink the voters of Philadelphia by any such red tape process. The concluding sentence of Quay's letter to Hoyt in defence of the bill is a curiosity in its way. He tells Hoyt that in no sense can the bill work any oppression, "except among the thieves who have been bribing public officers, and robbing the State of her revenues in years past." This is as cool as an icicle, coming from a man who, under the very bill he is defending, is robbing the people of Philadelphia, as stated by the committee in their letter to Hoyt, of "more than $60,000 per annum."

THE Philadelphia *Telegraph*, a leading Republican paper, in referring to Delaney's charge of Know Nothingism against Mr. Dill, pays the following manly tribute to that gentleman:

> Archbishop Wood evidently has no ambition to figure before his fellow-citizens in the character of an organ-grinder, and the brief card in which he repudiates some of the very ridiculous performances of the *Catholic Standard* has both pith and point. The article in the *Standard* on "Know Nothingism in Pennsylvania Politics" was a mean, malicious and uncalled-for attack on Mr. Dill, which would have done discredit to any journal, but the publication of which in a religious paper was simply disgraceful. If Mr. Dill ever advocated Know Nothingism it was when he was a boy, and before he had wit and experience to know what he was talking about. What he professed to believe when he was eighteen years old has about as much bearing upon his political standing at the present time as had George Washington's early Tory principles with his policy after he became President of the United States. We hope to see Mr. Dill's competitor elevated to the Governorship of this State, but we have no desire to see the Democratic candidate slandered, or to have his defeat accomplished by other than the most honorable means. Whatever there may be against Mr. Dill as a politician, it can truthfully be said of him that there has been no suspicion of dark-lanternism about his course. He has been in fact, remarkably open and above-board in all his sayings and doings, and if he should have the good luck to be elected Governor of this State there is no reason to doubt that he will perform all the Gubernatorial functions without fear, favor or partiality, and without religious or any bias other than that which is to be expected of a zealous advocate of a certain order of political opinions.

FROM the 1st of January, 1876, to the 30th of September, 1878—two years and nine months—116,088,525 copies of the New York *Sun* were issued, making a daily average circulation of 115,626 for the entire time, with a weekly circulation of 85,-869. How true it is that the *Sun* shines for all.

The Slanders against Gen. Coffroth.

The following article, which we copy from last week's Johnstown *Democrat*, assigns to the Johnstown *Tribune*, Jacob M. Campbell, who is the power behind the *Tribune*, the Bedford *Inquirer*, and last, though not least, William Lilly, the positions they are entitled to occupy, owing to the polluted flood of slander they have let loose on the head of Gen. Coffroth:

> The campaign of slander instituted by Jacob M. Campbell and the Johnstown *Tribune*, and followed by the Bedford *Inquirer*, against the character of Hon. A. H. Coffroth, is disgusting to fair men in the Republican party, and putting vigor and determination into Democrats to make an effort to defeat this campaign of slander and abuse. The *Tribune* charged Mr. Coffroth with selling a cadetship to a young man named Berwind, who resided at Saxton, Bedford county, and produced in evidence the statement of William Lilly, of Washington City. Mr. Lilly is one of the lillies that toil not, and neither does he spin anything but very improbable yarns. He is known in Washington City as a "policy" man, a man who is able and willing to furnish witnesses ready "stuffed" with any kind of evidence desired, and is a well-known perjurer and suborner of perjurers. He is a man without character or conscience, and for a consideration would swear to anything. His testimony would not be taken in a court of justice, and his evidence where he is known is damaging to the party who pays him. He is not one of the lillies of the valley, but a lily livered liar. He is in short a notorious dead beat. And the assertion that he was or is a Democrat is as big a lie as Lilly is himself.
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> But last week's publication in the *Democrat* of the letters of John Fulton, Esq., Superintendent of the Cambria Iron Company's Mines, and the Messrs. Berwinds' letters in reply, flattened out the cadetship slander so transparently thin that the slanderers have been dazed and confused, and are now prepared to admit that their attack so far on the cadetship is a shameless slander; and propose now to say that it was some other man who bought the cadetship.
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> As their slander about Berwind has so completely failed and reacted on them, their paid perjurer Lilly is again brought to the front, and with Jacob M. Campbell's money in his pocket, is willing to swear that Hon. A. H. Coffroth is the man who stole Charley Ross and struck Billy Patterson. And Mr. Lilly's testimony to these mysterious affairs would be believed about as much as anything else he may be paid to say.
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> Hence the Bedford *Inquirer* of last week contains a slanderous letter from the redoubtable Lilly against General Coffroth in reply to a speech made by him at a Democratic meeting recently held in Bedford. By the testimony of Lilly published in the *Tribune*, and in a pamphlet now being circulated by Campbell, Lilly swears, *that he did not remember the name of the cadet—did not remember who the cadetship was for—did not know where he paid the money to Coffroth.* Now, this miserable, purchased beat, over two years after this sworn statement was made, says the cadet's name is Charles Philip Kuhnhart—that the money was paid at "Sanderson's," and the appointment was made on the 4th day of June, 1866. It is plain to all when he made his statement under oath he swore falsely, or he now utters a falsehood.
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> But is it not self-evident that both his statements are false, and that interested parties have paid him for them? He stands forth a self-admitted perjurer. That is his business, and the men who are now using him are subtorners of perjury. The Johnstown *Tribune* says the cadet was Berwind, and produced Lilly's statement to bolster it up, and Jacob M. Campbell had the *Tribune's* charge and Lilly's statement printed in pamphlet form and circulated that pamphlet now. Lilly and the Bedford *Inquirer* say it was Kuhnhart. Was there ever such a palpable lie? Did ever before any set of liars so bunglingly mix themselves up? Both are shameless and infamous falsehoods. When the liars are answered they change their tune. The important question is what had Campbell's money to do with getting this last statement? How much money has Jacob M. Campbell paid this bold scoundrel to swear his soul to hell? Will any sensible man believe this falsehood any longer after this humiliating confession of perjury by Lilly? We think not.
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> The Johnstown *Tribune* must now change its base, it must print another pamphlet and admit it lied about Berwind.
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> Gen. Coffroth appointed one naval cadet on the recommendation of John Fulton, Esq., one on the recommendation of Hon. B. F. Meyers, and one on the recommendation of the late Hon. J. W. Dickerson, of Bedford county.—Mr. Fulton has fully vindicated Gen. Coffroth in the appointment of Berwind. Mr. Dickerson is dead and Lilly knows this and has probably hit upon the young man he recommended in order to save himself and his instigators from a crushing contradiction and expose similar to the Berwind case. It is more than likely that Lilly's last statement was fixed up by one of Campbell's henchmen in Bedford. Gen. Coffroth is determined to find the whereabouts of Kuhnhart and have him expose Lilly's last lie. The public may expect a new lie against Gen. Coffroth in all the issues of the *Tribune* and Bedford *Inquirer* until the election.

THE Harrisburg *Patriot* very distinctly declares that the Republicans of Pennsylvania, by voting for Hoyt, will to all intents and purposes sustain the infamous bargain and sale whereby the Mollie Maquire vote was secured for Hartranft three years ago, and judging from the following we don't see how that born of the dilemma can be avoided by any Republican who supports the ring ticket. The *Patriot* says:

> The death warrant of Jack Kehoe has not been issued, and if it should be issued will be followed by a reprieve from the Governor *after the election*. The Republican politicians *are holding out the life of the convicted man*, and they take their cue from the corrupt bargain and sale *engineered by their candidate, Col. Hoyt*, in 1875, when he was chairman of the Republican State Committee. We will let Mr. J. H. Lambert, the staff correspondent of the Philadelphia *Times*, tell the story. Mr. Lambert, in writing to the *Times* from Pittsburg, under date of October 10, says:
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> "It is a fact that the important question of buying this vote (the Mollie Maguire) with money was discussed at length and earnestly by the Republican State Committee in the campaign of 1875. The proposition for the purchase as presented to the committee met with opposition from a few of the members, notably Mr. Wm. H. Kemble, of Philadelphia, who vigorously protested against the permanent disgrace and injury which such action, if consummated, would bring upon the Republican party. He was voted down, however, by a considerable majority of the members, and a fund of between four and five thousand dollars was immediately provided, which was passed over, through Gen. Selgfried and other local politicians of Schuylkill, to work its infamous purpose. Col. Henry M. Hoyt, the present Republican candidate for Governor, was chairman of the State Committee which decided upon this policy and provided the money. He will not deny the accuracy of this statement, nor will any member of his committee of that year."
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> This statement puts the *responsibility* for the purchase of the Molly Maguire vote for Hartranft in 1875, through the agency of Jack Kehoe and his confreres, *upon Henry M. Hoyt*. This is a part of *his* record. It is a record, too, which he cannot dispute or explain. The money raised by the State Committee of which Hoyt was chairman was paid to *Jack Kehoe by Gen. Selgfried*, of Schuylkill county, who to-day holds office under Hartranft and who is the bosom friend of Hoyt. The fact was proved under oath upon the Molly Maguire trials.—When even so thorough-paced a partisan as William H. Kemble recoiled from the proposition which was afterwards carried into effect by Hoyt and his committee, it may be understood how disgraceful and revolting it was. Now, according to Mr. Lambert, the Hoyt managers are actively engaged in an effort to repeat the corrupt and infamous bargain of 1875 with the Molly Maguires. The new contract is based on the *life of Jack Kehoe*. A fellow by the name of J. J. Gallagher, of M'Keesport, has been procured to go among Irishmen to represent that in order to save Jack Kehoe from the gallows they must vote *the Greenback ticket*.—As the Irish vote is chiefly Democratic, the purpose of Gallagher's employers is to divert it, if possible, from Mr. Dill. They know they cannot get it for Hoyt. But their fraudulent and desperate scheme has been exposed and will certainly fail. All that Hoyt and his managers will make by this atrocious trick will be the humiliation and disgrace they deserve. If decent Republicans mean to vote consistently for a Republican candidate for Governor, they had better recall their convention and place another name at the head of the ticket.

—The Pittsburgh *Post* says that the *Catholic Standard* of Philadelphia, after sending to the country two columns of slander upon the Democratic organization and one of the candidates of the party, considers itself aggrieved because it was charged with being paid for the job. It suddenly realizes that it has been caught in aiding a lot of corrupt politicians, and is brought up standing by Archbishop Wood and a further discussion prevented. But how does it propose to remedy the injury it has done? It is not enough to say the editor and proprietor were not purchased with money; we may grant that, but there is no restitution in this to Mr. Dill or the Democratic party.

—A Providence swindler coolly sold a house to which he had no claim, and received $2,700 for the forged title. The owner first learned of the sale when the supposed purchaser ordered him to move out.

On to Victory.

CHAIRMAN SPEER STRIKES THE KEYNOTE OF DEMOCRATIC DUTY—STAND BY YOUR COLORS.

The command of the hour is *Forward!* The duty of the hour is prompt, earnest, thorough organization. With the result of the late State elections before us, the highway to victory is so plain that even the blind can walk in it. Let Democrats worship at their own altar! Let the men who have stood by our standard through storm and hail—through defeat and disaster—strike their locks again and present an unbroken front to the common foe. Read with open eye, and consider with honest heart, the result in Ohio and Indiana.—They bring you fruitful lessons.

In Indiana the Democrats followed the old flag, and stood shoulder to shoulder in the shock of battle. Victory now gilds their ensign; a majority approaching twenty thousand for their State ticket, and the election of nine out of thirteen members of Congress—a gain of five—and a majority in the Legislature, are the substantial fruits of their devotion.

In Ohio we have elected eleven members of Congress, a gain of three; but, while in a pitiable minority of the whole popular vote, the Republicans have elected their State ticket by a small plurality, through the folly of our own people. A sufficient number of Democrats wandered into the Greenback organization to secure the defeat of their old faith and the temporary success of their relentless foe. The Republicans who pretend to be Greenbackers betrayed their professions, and at the polls deserted their new party. And now the Democrats who were misled and deceived in the consuming shame and sorrow of their betrayal awake to the truth that they have been made the instruments to perpetuate Republican misrule and to defeat their old friends and cause.

Democrats of Pennsylvania, I call upon you to swear with uplifted hand that like tactics and treachery, led by corrupt men and means, shall not succeed here in November. To pause in your duty now is a crime. United, the State is ours, and the feast of Indiana will be spread upon our table. If you waste your ballot upon a third candidate the spoiler will reap the harvest and rob you of your own! Loaded with the plunder of many years, the Republican managers are debauching the people, and are maintaining Greenback organizations in Democratic counties for the cunning purpose of dividing our forces and thus securing our defeat. Hopelessly demoralized themselves, in their utter despair they seek to divide us. Shall the lesson of Ohio and Indiana pass unheeded? If faithful to our flag no human power can arrest our march or delay our triumph.

And why should Democrats desert their party now? The evils and burdens under which the people groan are the bitter fruits of Republican rule. Shall our folly perpetuate in power the authors of our woe? Or shall we not, burying minor differences, unite our forces and go forward to their overthrow? The path of duty and of safety is before us, and I summon every Democrat in the state to walk in it. If any of our people have been hesitating they must now see that the only hope of success is with us. With a history dating from the birth of the nation; honored with illustrious names and deeds, the Democratic party calls its wayward children back to its fold, that they may share in the joy and rejoicing of its coming victory.

R. M. SPEER,
Chairman State Democratic Committee.

THE CATHOLIC STANDARD COMES DOWN.—The *Catholic Standard* of this week, says the Pittsburgh *Post* of Friday, instead of producing Delaney's proofs of Dill's Know Nothingism, confesses to an error of judgment in the publication of its injudicious article of last week. It denies, however, that there was any corrupt consideration in the publication. As we published the public letter of Archbishop Wood censuring the publication, it is but just to give the following letter from the Archbishop to the publishers of the *Standard*:

CATHEDRAL, LOGAN SQUARE,
PHILADELPHIA, October 7, 1878.

To the Editor and Proprietors of the *Catholic Standard*:

GENTLEMEN: You object to the words, "*as a machine to be used by the managers of any political party*," which occur in the "Card" published in this issue of your paper as reflecting on your personal integrity. In using them we by no means intended to attribute corrupt or improper motives either to the editor or proprietors of the *Catholic Standard* in the publication of the unfortunate article. We have, on the contrary, many reasons to accord to them our sincere respect and esteem.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant in Christ,

+JAMES F. WOOD,
Archbishop of Philadelphia.

The *Freeman's Journal*, of New York, devotes a lengthy editorial to the *Standard* article, from which we quote:

> Mr. Dill, who is too well known and has too distinct a record for him to deny, pronounces the charges as, FROM BEGINNING TO END, A LIE. The charge, whipped up into such froth, is that, in *Know-Nothing* times, he was a Know-Nothing! But his age is there to plead for him. In Know Nothing times he was *a boy in his teens!* He declares, even then, that he was never affiliated with them. (Not being of *voting age*, he could not have been a member of any lodge.) Mr. Dill *denouncing the whole story as a lie* makes its publication, without proof, very objectionable.
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> Mr. Dill, Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, has a character sufficiently substantial to obtain entire belief when he declares *he never was affiliated to the Know Nothings!* We stand on *this*.
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> The *Catholic Standard*, an excellent and able Catholic paper, has been *tricked* into a great fault. Professing to keep out of politics, it ought never to have published, as editorial, a filthy, false and treacherous political document concocted by the "Cameronian Ring."

The *Standard* publication was cleverly designed. No one disputes Quay's shrewdness or Delaney's capacity in manufacturing affidavits; but in this instance they rather overshot the mark. The exposure of such unscrupulous means to injure Mr. Dill will necessarily encourage his friends, and he has them in both parties, to renewed labors in his behalf.

AN OIL TOWN ALMOST OBLITERATED.—In Edenburg, Clarion county, early Sunday morning, a fire broke out in the rear of Wilbur's livery stable, Main street, and spreading rapidly, soon swept over the entire block. The firemen were promptly on hand, but their efforts were paralyzed by the insufficiency of water. The total loss is estimated at three hundred and fifty to four hundred thousand dollars, largely insured. Two hundred and twenty-five buildings were burned and the town almost completely destroyed. Much suffering exists among the losers. A relief committee has been organized and the contributions of food from adjacent towns and from farmers in the vicinity are being distributed to the homeless. The principal losers are the Oil Well supply company, $30,000; Travis' livery stables, loss heavy, but unknown; Flinn & Hamm, $10,000; Bennett house, $12,000; Edenburg house, $12-000; M. E. church and parsonage, $7,000; Chalfant & Graff, hardware, $25,000; Exchange hotel, $10,000; B. Simons, tobacconist, $3,500; L. Walter, grocery, $8,000, and Defrance & Urry, druggists, $4,000.—The amount of insurance carried on the town was large, but the amount cannot be had at present. The depot warehouse, Union express office and postoffice were destroyed. The fire is believed to have been incendiary.

—Monsignor Felix Antoine Phillippe Dupanloup, Bishop of Orleans and member of the French Senate, died suddenly on Friday.

News and Other Notings.

—A man at Ascutneyville, Vt., has read 25,000 novels.

—The finest flour in Germany is now said to be made with glass millstones.

—Conrad Strickler, of Fayette county, has sold 4,000 bushels of peaches this year and realized $3,000.

—An elderly lady of Ackley, Iowa, recently died of joy, which a family reunion after long years of separation induced.

—Miss Forrest Fielding, of Cuthbert, Ga., has been graduated at Andrew Female College in her fourteenth year.

—A descendant of Mary Stuart is one of the bells of Bryan, Tex.—Miss Agnes Me Queen, one of the famous Carolina family.

—The bees are reported to have killed off their drones, which is an indication that they are preparing for an early winter.

—Seventeen persons have been drowned at Cortemiglia and Millesmo, in Northern Italy, by the overflow of the Bormida river.

—Up to the last accounts twenty-three Protestant preachers and eighteen Catholic priests have fallen victims to the yellow fever.

—A peach tree near West Chester sent out a sprout in the spring which grew during the summer just eight feet nine inches.

—Henderson, Ky., has a hermaphrodite pig with blue eyes, the jaw and chin of a child, and a snout and ears like those of an elephant.

—A Portland, Oregon, dispatch says Eugene A. Cronin, who enjoyed some notoriety during the Presidential count, died there on Saturday night.

—The post office at Pithole, Venango county, has been discontinued. Thirteen years ago this post office was the third in the State in point of business.

—In consequence of the report from Cardinal McCloskey, the Vatican is said to be taking measures for a very considerable development of Catholicism in America.

—Stephen M. Chandler, eldest son of the Governor of New Brunswick, fell over an embankment near Balmeres Hill Friday and dislocated his neck, causing instant death.

—A Texas revivalist (colored) is preaching the doctrine of a frigid hell with immense success to congregations that were not at all impressed by the prospect of orthodox torments.

—Jacob L. Levison, an ex-Jewish rabbi in Cincinnati, has disappeared, leaving about $20,000 in forged paper behind him. Mr. Goodall, a monument builder, is the principal sufferer.

—Lydia Squinn, the last lineal descendant of the famous Indian King Philip, is still living at New Bedford, Mass., and, although eighty-three years of age, is still bright and vigorous.

—A story comes from Woodstock, Vt., of an old clock that no tinkering will induce to run; but at every annual gathering of the family it starts of itself and keeps on ticking and striking the hours until the visitors have departed.

—The Greenbackers elected to Congress from Iowa are pledged to vote with the Democrats on all party questions and to participate in the Democratic caucuses. They add two to the Democratic congressional column. That settles it.

—The house of John Conquest, near Clio, Mich., was burned on Wednesday night, and the charred remains of Conquest and his wife and child were found in the ruins. It is supposed they were murdered and the house set on fire.

—Dr. Thos. O. Summers, the first Nashville physician who volunteered to go to the assistance of the plague stricken in Memphis, has just received a massive gold medal and clasp, in recognition of his conduct, from some of his friends in Nashville.

—Edward Ward whipped his wife so outrageously in Charlevoix, Mich., that his neighbors tarred and feathered him; but the wife removed the tar and feathers from him, bound up his wounds, and accompanied him in his migration from the county.

—Lindsey's Bankruptcy Manual, which will soon be published, shows that there were more than *seven thousand persons* by or against whom petitions in bankruptcy were filed for the Western district of Pennsylvania since the passage of the act of 1867.

—Commodore Garrison, who isn't a minute less than seventy-five years of age, has been united in marriage to Miss Letitia Willett Randall, of St. Louis, a young lady of twenty-five summers. Three hundred thousand dollars were settled upon her before the wedding.

—At Decatur, Ill., Charles Everman and a neighbor cutting corn in a field became involved in an altercation, when Everman struck his neighbor three blows on the neck with a corn cutter, severing the head from the body. Did Everman hear of such a crime before?

—The Mystic Water Company has discovered that James Lee, former proprietor of a bleaching mill at Somerville, Mass., but who is now at sea, surreptitiously connected his establishment to the principal water main and for twelve years used water to the value of $96,000.

—Later advices from Clio, Mich., in regard to the Conquest family, whose charred remains were found in the ruins of their home on Thursday, state that Mr. and Mrs. Conquest were found with their throats cut from ear to ear and their skulls crushed in. The baby's throat was also cut.

—Mr. J. H. Lambert, a responsible staff correspondent of the Philadelphia *Times*, distinctly charges that in 1875 the Republican State Committee, under the chairmanship of Henry M. Hoyt, voted a fund of $4,000 or $5,000 to buy Molly Maguires for Hartranft. Will Hoyt dare to deny the charge?

—Dr. O'Donnell loaded a wagon with Chinese lepers, in San Francisco, and exhibited them in the streets as proof of his previous assertions that the leprosy was common in that city. He was arrested, but a Justice discharged him. He declared that he could fill the court room with lepers in two hours.

—On Sunday last Frank Gurnell, living on Gibbon street, Pittsburgh, in a drunken fury assaulted his wife and knocked her down, when William Hart, a cousin of Gurnell's, interferred, and seizing Gurnell by the the throat threw him down. Gurnell's head struck the stove as he fell, breaking his neck. Hart has been arrested.

—Advices from Benson, Swift county, Minn., report a prairie fire extending over thirty miles square, destroying many farms, with houses, barns, cattle and grain. Many farmers have lost all their worldly possessions and are reduced to a condition of destitution. There will be much suffering this coming winter in consequence.

—Daniel Lindemuth, a Reading Railroad locomotive driver, believes that the way to resume is to resume. He threw a roll of greenbacks, received as his month's wages, into the kitchen stove on Wednesday afternoon. True, he afterwards felt in his vest pocket and pulled out a wad of newspaper and then began to howl, but he will not vote the Greenback ticket.

—A prayer meeting was in progress in the church in Mount Vernon, Ind., and a political procession, mistaking the lighted edifice for the hall in which a mass meeting was to be held, marched in with banners flying, to the music of a full band, and gave three cheers for its candidate. The clergyman invited the politicians to remain "for their souls' sake," but they declined.

—Mr. Flippin, of Patrick county, Va., has for thirty years been a paralytic from the waist down, and as he refuses to have his nails cut, they are several inches long and curved like the horns of a cow. He has some fifteen negroes, not one having left him during or since the war, and his overseer is a negro woman who is mother, mother-in-law, or grandmother of them all.

—A shooting affray occurred at Deadwood, D. T., on Saturday afternoon, between Mrs. Lovell, a notorious character, and John Rogers, an employe of Gregory's restaurant, which resulted in the death of the former and fatal wounding of the latter. The trouble arose over disputed ground, and has been going on for some time. Rogers cannot live. The assault was made by Mrs. Lovell at Rogers' house.

—Says that brilliant Catholic Irishman, John Boyle O'Reilly, editor of the Boston *Pilot*: "The man who talks of 'Irish' or 'Native' in an American election is a fool, a demagogue, or a scoundrel." This sentiment, so tersely stated, is respectfully referred to the Republican managers who have attempted, and most woefully failed, to revive the Know-Nothing issue in the campaign in this State.

—Dr. Nelson, the tallest and most miserly man in Memphis, has died of the fever. Dr. Nelson had not practiced his profession for many years, but had accumulated a fortune of over $250,000. His dress was always shabby, he lived in the suburbs like a pauper, and shunned intercourse with his fellows; and in the end he died of yellow fever, and was buried like a dog in Potter's Field.

—Mrs. Rowe's house in Roselle, N. J., was entered by a thief Thursday morning. A dog gave the alarm, and Mrs. Rowe, who was alone in the house, cornered the thief and bade him surrender. He refused, and struck Mrs. Rowe several times with a stick. She clung to him, however, and with the assistance of a neighbor, took him to Elizabeth, ten miles distant. He had a pair of chickens that he had killed previous to entering the house.

—Detective Simons, of Easton, arrested a man named McManus at Kansas City a few days ago for stealing horses in New Jersey. Less than three years ago McManus was arrested at Easton for bigamy and sentenced to a term of years in the Penitentiary. He was released last May, and since that time he has married two women, making three in all who now bear his name, as his first and lawful wife is yet alive and lives in Bridgeport, Conn.

—Tuesday night, while a party of young men were "horning" a newly married man named Harvey Anthony, ten miles from Watertown, N. Y., Anthony shot into the party and fatally injured a man named Rice and wounded several others. The party then returned the fire and threw stones and other missiles at the house, breaking in the windows and doors. The bride was badly and perhaps fatally injured. The occurrence caused great excitement.

—During a performance on Friday night at the Colosseum Theatre, Liverpool, Eng., now used as a music hall, a fight occurred under the gallery. The audience, hearing but being unable to see the disturbance, became alarmed, and the cry of "fire" was raised, when a terrible panic ensued, people rushing for the doors and sliding down the pillars of the gallery on the heads of occupants of the pit. A post impeded the exit, and thirty five men and lads and two women were suffocated. Many persons w[illegible]

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TRAMWAYS.

As early as the year 1676, rails of oak or other hard wood are shown by Mr. Clark to have been in use in the colliery districts of England. Not long after this time it became a common practice to nail down bars of wrought iron on the top of the timber sleepers. It was found that, whereas a horse upon the common road could draw 8 bolls or 1,700 pounds of coal, his power of draught upon the tramway amounted to 19 bolls or 4,200 pounds. The wrought iron bars not being rigid enough to prevent bending or breaking at the ends under the weight of the truck, the use of cast iron was introduced by the Coalbrook Dale Iron Company in 1767. The rails were cast in lengths of 5 feet 4 inches wide and 1½ inches thick, with three holes whereby they were nailed down to the longitudinal wooden sleepers, the whole being kept true to gauge by cross sleepers of wood of about the length of the ordinary carriage or wagon axle. Here was the germ of the development of the modern locomotive system. On the introduction of steam it became manifest that the traffic should be kept from that of the common roads, and that the new tracks should be subject gradient and curves suited to the locomotive. The main lines of communication were thus rapidly occupied by a network of railways. A reaction however set in on its being found that railways, besides their vast expense, were lacking in adaptability to the subordinate lines of traffic which followed roads and streets. The convenient and unpretentious tramway began to be again thought of, worked as of old by horse power upon common roads. It was in the United States that the modern tram-road was earliest employed, the first section of the New York and Harlem line being laid down in 1832 to a gauge of 4 feet 8½ inches. It proved, however, unpopular, and was soon taken up. Twenty years later M. Lombat, a French engineer, obtained leave to lay down a line of street tramways in New York, which rapidly expanded and became the distinguishing feature of traffic in most American cities and towns, in which the streets are laid out in a way better adapted to this mode of locomotion than is the narrow and winding streets of our older country, while the number of other vehicles is comparatively far less.—*Saturday Review.*

POISONED SPEARS.—In an interesting series of letters of the London *Field* from the New Hebrides, a group of islands north of Australia belonging to the Papuan group, whose inhabitants are extremely savage and think nothing of making a meal of a missionary, Mr. M. Layard describes the dreadful poisoned spears of these islanders, made with long carved points of human bones. These points are made from the forearms of either friends or enemies, a thigh-bone being split into four points, while a shin-bone suffices for only two. The natives are very particular about the selection of them. They say that the bone of a person under twenty is too weak and spongy; from twenty to forty they are at their best. After that age they become too brittle. Some spears have as many as two hundred and fifty points and splinters fastened on them—three or four usually exceeding the others in size, being in fact the main points. A fragment of one of these remaining in the wound is almost sure to produce fatal results, as the cellular structure of the bone is, of course, impregnated with the virus of the body that has decayed around it. They are used for arrows also, barbed for the purpose of being fixed in the wound, long enough for the poison to mingle with the blood.

THE CANADA THISTLE.—The Canada thistle, as it is called, is a great pest and a great injury to the farmer. It multiplies immensely every year. How to get rid of it is a problem to solve which is worth thousands. Several agricultural journals give the following method. Will any farmer adopt it and get rid of this intruder and curse? Cut off the thistle, at the time it begins to fulfill the mission of its growth—the time of perfecting its seed. Let it remain during the season up to the time undisturbed, and when its greatest vitality is in the weed, which is the time of flowering, cut it off. The roots are then in an exhausted condition, having contributed the vitality necessary for the plant to mature its seed. The lost vitality is returned to the roots through the leaves from the atmosphere, and when the plant is destroyed the roots are left without the means to recuperate. Possibly there may be enough vitality for the roots to throw up some new sprouts, and if such should be the case, cut them off during the fall. After this treatment, if you have any thistles the next year, there will be fewer of them, and another application of the same remedy will probably entirely relieve the farm of this terrible nuisance.

GOOD WHITEWASH MIXTURE.—A resident of West Chester communicates to the *Local News* a recipe for a whitewash mixture which he says is unexcelled for durability and beauty of finish. It is made of half a bushel of lime, to which is added four pounds of beef suet cut fine, the slaking of the lime melting the tallow and blending it with the mass. This mixture can be colored according to taste by adding proper ingredients for the purpose. It should be applied to the walls in a hot condition. As the "house cleaning" season is here this bit of information may be serviceable to our feminine friends.

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