

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention will meet at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, the 10th day of July, 1879, at noon, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for State Treasurer, and transacting such other business as the interests of the party require.

By order of the State Committee. E. M. SPEER, Chairman. H. L. DIEFFENBACH, Secretary. P. J. FRISKE, Secretary. P. C. HANMER, Secretary.

THROUGH an inadvertence we last week announced June 10th instead of July 10th as the date for holding the Democratic State Convention. The call will be found correct in our present issue, and we invite thereto the attention of the man who says that we "cowardly and sneakily intimidated," etc.

THE following extract from the report of the proceedings in the House at Washington, on Friday last, is taken from the Congressional Record, and speaks for itself with regard to the subject. The "Mr. White" referred to is of course Harry White, of Indiana county, who has justly earned for himself the title of "jumping jack" of the House:

Mr. COPPERS—I ask unanimous consent to report from the committee on Invalid Pensions a bill granting pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Mexican and other wars therein named, in order that the bill may be printed and recommitted, not to come back on a motion for reconsideration.

Mr. SMITH, of Pennsylvania.—I object. The House is not a printing shop.

Mr. TOWNSEND, of Illinois.—Have the soldiers got no friends on the other side of the House?

It appears, after all that has been said to the contrary, that Don Cameron can on great occasions play an important part in the U. S. Senate. The horse races over the Pimlico course at Baltimore began in the middle of last week, and Cameron assumed the pressure upon himself of bringing about an adjournment of the Senate in order that its members might see the sport. It was a big undertaking for a man of his calibre, but he succeeded in effecting his purpose, and on the following day he took "a select party" to Baltimore in his own special car, which he always keeps at the capital for use in important emergencies, such as horse racing and the like.

The adjournment was a great victory for Cameron—the greatest perhaps in his public career at Washington—and the Republicans of Pennsylvania ought to feel proud of their Senator. The members of the Senate who went to the races did not sufficiently recover from the excitement to put in an appearance during the balance of the week, and as a consequence no quorum was present and no business could be transacted. Who will now deny that Don Cameron is a great man, or that this is the greatest country on the planet?

THE proposed amendment to the constitution reducing the number of members of the House from 351 to 301 came up for consideration in the State Senate early last week and was defeated by a vote of 21 yeas to 15 nays. The Senate consists of 45 members, and under the constitution it would require a majority of all the Senators elected, which would be 23, to pass the resolution, to obtain which it needed only 17 yeas. It will be seen that only 36 yeas were cast, fourteen Senators refusing to take the responsibility of a vote either for or against the amendment. If the question before the Senate had been one of low partisanship in which the people of the State have no possible interest there would, in all human probability, have been a full vote; but as the proposition was one which did closely concern the interests of the whole commonwealth, it was apparently divested of all its importance and fell before a beggarly account of empty seats. Twenty-one votes, however, are encouraging and clearly show the drift of public sentiment. A new Legislature will be elected next year, to meet in January, 1881, and if the papers in the State that favor the change will not lose sight of the matter, and when the proper time comes will take it up and press it home on the taxpayers, there cannot be much doubt that the final result. Important reforms like this are not of rapid growth, but when once started are difficult, if not impossible, to resist.

LEWIS EMERY, Jr., Republican, represents the county of McKean in the lower branch of the Legislature. He is an extensive oil producer, and when a test vote was taken early last week on the question of putting a tax on oil and the project was defeated for the session by Democratic votes, Mr. Emery is reported to have passed over to the Democratic members and in the fullness of his joy announced to them that when he returned to McKean he would call a monster meeting of his constituents and proclaim to them that they owed their salvation from the imposition of a tax on oil to Democratic votes. This of course would be the re-iterated truth, as Emery's constituents will learn from the newspapers long before he reaches home. Suppose, however, that he does call his people together in a mass meeting, and suppose he tells them how magnanimously the Democrats forgot the cold shoulder given at last November's election by the oil counties to their best friend, Andrew H. Dill, and how by their votes in the House they saved McKean and all that region from the odious oil tax, what would be the outcome of it? Simply that before next November comes around the men of oil will have forgotten what the Democrats did for them—will again put their trust in the empty promises of Republican leaders—will be then "whooping it up" for Grant's third term and soldiers to keep peace at the polls—and in order to contribute towards bringing that desirable state of affairs about, will vote squarely for the Republican State ticket. This is our theory now, and if it does not turn out to be the fact we will acknowledge that some good can come out of oil, and will send Lewis Emery, Jr., a marked copy of the FREEMAN.

IN the recent discussion in the Senate of the two important questions that brought about the present extra session of Congress, the army appropriation bill and the legislative appropriation bill, every Republican speaker from Conkling and Blaine down to John A. Logan sought to create the impression upon the country that the sudden and extensive emigration of negroes from Mississippi and Louisiana to Kansas, which recently took place, but has now practically ceased, was brought about and literally forced upon the blacks by persecution. In a general way, ever since the bulk of the negroes in the Southern States throw off their allegiance to the vile crew of carpet-bag adventurers and determined to act politically with their former masters, this same charge of wrong and injustice by the whites against the blacks has been persistently made by the Republican press, and just as emphatically denied by the white people of the South. Whatever has been the moving cause of the colored exodus to Kansas from the two States in the lower Mississippi valley, and whether it does not directly owe its origin to the attractive and highly colored pictures sent among the credulous negroes by Republican agents representing Kansas as the promised land of the black man, it was made very plain in the Senate last week, in a speech delivered by Mr. Jones, the new Democratic Senator from Louisiana, that the neither political persecution nor personal wrongs on the part of the white against the colored people have in any way caused or contributed to the unexpected movement in that State. Mr. Jones, as his name indicates, is of Jewish descent, has long been a resident of New Orleans, is a gentleman of the very highest respectability, and entirely familiar with all matters pertaining to his own State. We have room but for a single extract from his speech, and it refers distinctly to this negro exodus, which has been so perverted and misrepresented by Republican papers in the North. The brief but clear statement made by Mr. Jones ought to satisfy every fair-minded man who seeks the truth on this question. He said:

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NEWS AND OTHER NOTICES.

—At a Leadville, Col., hotel, the registry shows the arrival of a man with his wife and seventeen children.

—Hon. Charles Foster was on Wednesday last nominated for Governor of the first ballot by the Ohio Republicans.

—One who claims to know says that a handful of bran in each hill of potatoes, when planted, will increase the yield.

—A Catholic colonization society has been formed at Chicago which will settle large colonies on lands in Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa.

—Smith Barron, of Clayton, Ind., called and denied that he ever offered to take any member to Kenosha. He might have said so, but he did not.

—If a shirt looser or an undershirt looser is searched in a train, lay directly on the bright sun will fall off on it. It will take it entirely out.

—Some of the Roman Catholic pastors of New York are again being persecuted by the New York Herald.

—All this is very thin and transparent, and utterly fails to come up to what we had a right to expect from the confident tones of the Tribune. If Crawford did not offer money to Gargill and Foust, as he swears he didn't, he was bound to do so as a matter of course.

—The "Terrible Dave" is the name of a blacksmith in Erie who will ascend in a hot-air balloon in a few days, and give a ride to a distance of about a hundred yards from the ground.

—A bird's nest, containing four blue eggs, was found in a hole in the wall of a house in Philadelphia.

—A singular accident happened in Paradise township, York county, last week. Samuel Stadle, a blacksmith, aged 25, was killed by a horse.

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—Capt. W. R. Hoel, of the U. S. Steamer "Lilly," who resides near Waynesville, Ohio, has for some time suspected his wife of improper intimacy with Dr. J. B. Hoag, a physician in Cincinnati. Hoel left home ostensibly for Cincinnati, but returned and concealed himself in his house.

—John B. Mannix, assignee of Archbishop Purcell, died in the Cincinnati Probate Court on Friday, a schedule of the assets and liabilities of Archbishop Purcell and his brother, Father Edward Purcell. By this official statement it is shown that the assets are \$1,181,590.47 and the liabilities \$3,577,657.91.

—Ellen Rooney, a woman 35 years of age, was found in the streets of Boston a few days ago with five small children clinging to her skirts.

—The Shippensburg Chronicle says that lives of great men, such as legislators, do not any more remain in us as we must make our lives sublime.

—Russell Fields, living near Orrstown, Franklin county, went to the barn to gather eggs, when he passed a hen sitting on a nest.

—The Catholic cathedral of St. Patrick, at the corner of Fifth and Fifth street, New York, was dedicated Sunday morning by Cardinal McCloskey, with imposing ceremonies.

—A Canadian named Peer, who jumped from the suspension bridge at Niagara falls, a few days ago, wore a rubber life-preserver, to lessen the depth of his penetration into the water.

—A Buffalo dispatch of the 19th tells of the thrilling ride to a fearful death of a noted river pirate, who went over Niagara Falls in a small boat and was dashed to the rocks beneath.

—A terrible tragedy was enacted at Niagara Falls yesterday. A man named Peck, aged 50, was killed by a horse.

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