

Cambridge Freeman.

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THE Democratic State Committee at its meeting in Harrisburg on Wednesday of last week, fixed upon that city as the place, and Wednesday the 28th of June as the time, for holding the State convention. The place selected is the right one, and the time is satisfactory, as it is a compromise between the advocates of an early and those of a late convention.

The London correspondent of the N.Y. *World* in his cable despatch on Saturday last, says it is now almost universally admitted that the Irish Land Bill, from which so much was hoped, is an utter failure, so far as the promotion of peace and order in that country is concerned. He also states that the belief is general that Mr. Gladstone will not attempt the experiment of continuing in force the Coercion bill, passed in March 1881, when it expires by its own limitation in September next.

Miss Phoebe COUSINS, of St. Louis, one of the best known advocates of the rights of women to vote and hold office, thereby making things lively in National, State and county politics, has made application to President Arthur to be appointed one of the five commissioners to re-organize the territory of Utah, under the recent act of Congress. Phoebe is good-looking and one of the smartest of her kind, but she won't be one of the commissioners to settle the Mormon question. The size of her check, however, is made very apparent from her ambition to take a hand at the business.

STATE SENATOR ECKLEY B. COXE, of Luzerne county, who has been quite conspicuously mentioned in the north-eastern portion of the State as the next Democratic candidate for Governor, seems that in no possible event would he accept a nomination. His present business engagements, he says, requires all his time, and he has no special ambition to hold office. That Mr. Coxe possesses an eminent degree all the requirements for a faithful and honest discharge of the duties of the office, is not questioned anywhere in the State, but his positive declination takes him out of the list of candidates.

A PROMINENT cattle dealer from the Indian Territory, estimates the cattle drive from Texas this season at about 300,000 head. This enormous army of cattle will be shipped by rail from points in Kansas to Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago. The average price for yearlings is \$13 and for two-year-olds \$16. Although the prospects for an immense cattle business during the coming summer is unusually good, the extent of the trade during the next few years is confidently expected to exceed the largest predictions of the most sanguine of those engaged in it. The Indian Territory, Western and Southwestern Kansas, and Texas will soon become and for years remain the great meat centre of the world.

JUDGE ST. JULIEN COX, of Minnesota, who was impeached for habitual drunkenness, and whose trial before the Senate of that State has been in progress for several weeks, was convicted in manner and form as he stood impeached on Tuesday of last week. He was sentenced to be removed from office, and to be disqualified from holding a judicial position for a period of three years. We made mention of Cox's trial at the time it began and of his peculiar defence that chronic drunkenness was not an impudent offence under the constitution of Minnesota, the opinion of the Legislature to the contrary notwithstanding. If the one-half that was said about Cox was true, it will take him the three years of his disqualification from office to get sober, if he ever does, which is very improbable.

It is well understood by every intelligent man in the country that party considerations have much to do in moulding the legislation of Congress on the question of Chinese immigration. The popular vote of three States, California, Oregon and Nevada is regarded as being reasonably certain to cast in favor of that political party in Congress, which will go the furthest in its opposition to cheap Chinese labor. This is a very low and unstatesmanlike view to take of so important a question, but is nevertheless a fact, and being so, the Democrats seem to have scored a big advantage over the Republicans, both in the Senate and House, as shown by the vote on the Chinese bill, now in Mr. Arthur's hands. We gave the vote in the Senate when the bill passed that body. In the House the vote was 167 years to 65. One hundred and nine Democrats and fifty-eight Republicans voted for the bill, and sixty-one Republicans and four Democrats voted against it.

THE Arthur-Republcan mountain at Washington, has been for some time, and still is, in severe labor over the birth of a Secretary of the Navy, and it is again believed that when the child is born its name will be Edward Beale. We have referred to Edward heretofore in connection with the Navy department. He is Grant's man first, and last all the time. Grant would compromise with "My dear Arthur" on Chaffee, of Colorado, Dear Arthur's son, who is married to Grant's daughter—she is Ned Beale, the latest dispatches represent Beale's prospects in the ascendant.

THE anti-Tammany Democracy of New York, are preparing to call a meeting of the Democratic State Committee to take such steps as will forever assure all loyal Democrats that hereafter there will be no cowardly recognition of, or compromise with John Kelly.

In the matter of an Apportionment bill for Congressional purposes, the Republicans in the Ohio Legislature are determined not to be outdone by Mahone and his robbers in Virginia in redistricting that State, although they propose to do a little better than their party friends did in Michigan and Wisconsin, to whose artistic performances in that line we referred last week. In Ohio it is proposed to pass a bill, and it will no doubt be done, which will give the Republicans seventeen districts and the Democrats four. In that State at the last Presidential election Garfield received 375,000 votes and Hancock 340,000, and under this bill of Democratic dismemberment it will only require twenty-two thousand Republicans to elect a member of Congress, while it will take eighty-five thousand Democrats, nearly four times over the number of Republicans, to do the same thing. Every Republican member who votes for this bill will be guilty of moral perjury, and could be convicted in a court of justice of that crime, if it was an indictable offence. The mere statement of what the "God and morality" party is about to do in Ohio is enough. It admits of no argument in its support, or no palliation or excuse, and is a clear illustration of the convenient doctrine that "might makes right." The time must and will come before many years pass by when both political parties will be taught that in the framing and passage of a Congressional apportionment bill, minorities have rights which majorities must be made to respect.

WHEN the editor of a Republican newspaper makes the deliberate assertion that "during the Presidential canvass of 1880, the political opponents of Gen. Garfield did all in their power to injure" him in the eyes of the people," he sins against knowledge and utters a wilful falsehood. "The political opponents of Gen. Garfield" mean the Democracy and that they did all in their power to "injure" him in the campaign of 1880, is the inference to be drawn. The only attempts that were made to "injure" Garfield were his transactions with Oaks Ames in the Stock of the Credit Mobilier company, and his reception of five thousand dollars from the De Golyer pavement company while he was chairman of the Committee on Appropriations. The Ames business, as everybody knows was uncovered by a Republican committee of investigation appointed on the motion of Jas. G. Blaine, and the five thousand dollar fee was also brought out in the testimony taken by another committee of a Republican Congress. No Democrat in any part of the country attempted to "injure" Garfield in 1880 by making a false charge against him, but on the contrary the accusations against his official and personal integrity came through his own Republican friends. If his reputation was obscured by a cloud during that campaign it was raised from which floated the pole which adorned beneath the flag with a lovely wreath of flowers, prepared by the ladies of Jackson. I can remember Henry Rager organizing the meeting by calling to the chair John Singer and such Vice Presidents and Secretaries being selected as Anthony Lambough, P. K. Kinney, Charles Rager, W. W. Harris, Joseph Funk, Charles Murray, and others. I remember the question was addressed in the most animating strains by Gen. Joseph McDonald, Dr. Wm. A. Smith, John S. Rhey and other distinguished Cambrians. The gallant sons of Jackson township in those days gave a good account of themselves. I hope my enterprise Jackson township oil hunting friends will find oil before reaching the sea.

A BIG DIVORCE BUSINESS—OIL OR CHINA—WASHINGTON MALARIA—THE WISCONSIN COLORADO FRANTZLIN, PIERCE AND LORENZO LEWIS—DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION—PHILADELPHIA DEMOCRACY—SPECIAL BREVIETIES

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Regular Correspondent of THE FREEMAN.

DEAR HENRY—Our domicile to-day is not draped with the sable habiliments of death, is nevertheless a house of mourning. The inmates of our abode mourn the death of Catharine McBride, a close and cherished friend of your once kind friend, Mrs. Smith. In the death of Mrs. McBride our community has lost a number of its most benevolent, especially in her death has been lost a dear friend, one who has been to them a second mother, and whose goodness of heart and many Christian virtues will be ever fondly remembered by them.

Mrs. McBride was seventy years old, and was truly a good old-fashioned mother. Not a mother of the period, curts and bustles, who, with her children, hands never feel the touch of a baby's fingers, but a dear old-fashioned mother, in whose eyes the clear depth of love shone, whose hands though used to toil, had long gently guided the tottering steps of childhood, smoothed many pillows in sickness and were ever reaching out to tenderness to the distressed. Blest is the memory of such a mother! It floats like the perfume of a favorite flower. The music of other voices may be lost, but the entrancing memory of her voice will ever echo in the hearts of many. Other faces may fade away and be forgotten, but her face will shine on, and in the fitful pauses of busy life, when those she has left behind her cross the threshold and stand in the rooms once so familiar, will drop a tear to her memory and bless God for giving them such a mother.

A BIG DIVORCE BUSINESS.

Over five hundred divorces were granted in Philadelphia during the last year. This is more than was granted in the whole State of Connecticut during the same period, and Connecticut is a leading divorce-granting State. In the city the divorce business flourishes like a green bay tree.

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