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Democratic State Nominations. CANAL COMMISSIONER, GEORGE SCOTT, of Columbia county. AUDITOR GENERAL, JACOB FRY, Jr., of Montgomery county. SURVEYOR GENERAL, TIMOTHY IVES, of Potter county.

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THE SPRING ELECTIONS.

From all quarters of this State we hear of the triumphs of the Democratic party in the late Spring Elections. Even in their strongholds, Know-Nothingism and Abolitionism have been defeated and routed. The people, in every county of the Commonwealth, have placed the seal of condemnation upon the bigoted, intolerant and desperately wicked men who adhere to Know-Nothing dogmas.

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Know-Nothingism in Lancaster County.

Two expelled members of the Know-Nothing party of Lancaster county, have recently issued a pamphlet of some thirty pages, giving a "History of the Rise, Progress and Downfall of Know-Nothingism in Lancaster county." It gives a graphic history of the manner in which the order was first established in that county—the first step having been to send a delegation to Philadelphia, to be initiated into the Know-Nothing mysteries, at a lodge in Eighth street near Market, where, presiding "in Pontifical majesty, at his honor, JACOUB BOOBAU" then recounts its rapid progress, and how speedily the great Apostle of Anti-Masonry, THADDEUS STEVENS, of the whole concern "the governor wheel."

LEAS OF THE MAIN LINE.—A bill was reported in the House on the 24th ult., by Mr. Ball, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to authorize the Canal Commissioners to lease to the Union Canal Company of Pennsylvania, the Main Line of the Public Works from Columbia to Pittsburgh. The lease is to be for thirty years, the State reserving the right to annul it at any time after ten years, upon giving one year's notice, or at any time after a sale upon reasonable notice. The terms of the lease also toll their liquors, who may sell by the dozen bottles.

Public notices to be given, three times, in two newspapers, of the names of the applicants for licenses, and of the names of the twelve reputable citizens. The Board of Licenses is appointed by the Court, and consists of three reputable citizens, who are interested in the liquor business. Any person found intoxicated in a street, public house or public place, will be liable to a fine of five dollars; and persons who sell enough liquor to make any one drunk, are also to be fined \$5, in addition to all the penalties prescribed by any existing law.

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The Legislature has at length settled the license question. The bill reported by the Committee of Conference was adopted on Saturday, by both Houses. It is very lengthy, but the following synopsis of it, as published by the Public Ledger, contains its main features, which is all that any of our readers desire to know. The Ledger says of the Bill: This bill is a very stringent one, and requires that the applicant for a license in cities and county towns must have four rooms and eight beds for the use of travelers. None but tavern-keepers can sell less than a gallon of spirits liquors. Not more than one hotel to every one hundred taxables may be licensed in the cities, nor more than one to every hundred in the country, to be apportioned among the wards of the cities, and boroughs and townships of the counties, as the convenience and necessities of the public may require. All hotels, inns and taverns are to be classified and rated according to the estimated yearly rental of the house and property.

One eating-house to every four hotels may be licensed in the city and county, with the privilege of selling domestic wine and beer. The license for a hotel is not less than \$50 in Philadelphia and Allegheny counties, and \$20 in other parts of the State. Breweries and distillers are to pay double the rates of license now fixed by law. Which shall, in no case, be less than \$75 in county towns and boroughs of over two hundred taxables; \$50 in the county, \$25. One eating-house to every four hotels may be licensed in the city and county, with the privilege of selling domestic wine and beer.

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Correspondence of the Volunteer.

WASHINGTON, March 25, 1856.

The subject of a railroad and telegraph to the Pacific coast is up in the Senate yesterday, and was made the order of the day for the 14th of April. There appears to be a earnest feeling pervading Congress upon this great and important subject, and it is a matter of certainty that the preliminary steps towards the mighty work will soon be taken. Every section of the country is interested in the project, and it is to be hoped that the friends of the road of our Representatives in Congress will not flag or falter until the East and West of our continent are joined by bands of iron and the steam horse thunders over the prairies towards the rising and the setting sun.

The bill of Senator James for a revision of the Tariff, however meritorious in itself, will not be taken up this calendar, the Senate being constitutionally prohibited from originating bills for revenue. As a matter of policy, at this time, the friends of the measure should approve of any action having for its object the course which I have suggested, i. e. the hearing of the Tariff Bill to the House. It is well to be in season with important and delicate measures, and there is a heads legislation calculated to defeat the best of plans. I believe that the provisions of Mr. James' bill are in the main correct and that they will meet the approval of the people as being applicable to their wants, but I fear the Senate will be jealously guarded against the passage of it through the Senate. The popular branch of Congress is the part of the people, it is the creature of their creating; they are loudly jealous of its prerogatives, and will look with distrust, if not alarm, upon any action of the Senate involving an assumption of a power belonging to the House. Subsequently I may more fully discuss the merits of the Tariff measure. Senator James is at present in Rhode Island, and from courtesy to that gentleman the Senate postponed the consideration of the bill until the first of April.

THE HOUSE IS COMING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE action of the Naval Retiring Board, and it is probable that this dilemma will be brought before the House. The Board has a report to make, and it is a matter of some importance. The Board consists of three members, and is appointed by the President. It is the duty of the Board to review the conduct of all officers of the Navy who are retiring from service. The Board has a report to make, and it is a matter of some importance. The Board consists of three members, and is appointed by the President. It is the duty of the Board to review the conduct of all officers of the Navy who are retiring from service.

WASHINGTON, March 28, 1856. Congress appears to be getting fully awake to the fact that they have been "going blind" for some time. There was also a witness in the government. The discussion upon the proposed subscription to Dr. Kane's forthcoming work has directed attention to this subject, and the House has now passed a bill to increase the amount of the subscription. It is to be hoped that the House will not be content with this, but will take some more effective measures to protect the public interest. The House has now passed a bill to increase the amount of the subscription. It is to be hoped that the House will not be content with this, but will take some more effective measures to protect the public interest.

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From the New York Daily Times.

Harrowing Calamity at Sea. FEARFUL ENCOUNTER OF THE JOHN RUTLEDGE WITH AN ICEBERG.

Probable Loss of 150 Lives.

The news which troubled the city yesterday was very terrible in its character. The John Wood, sailed from Havre on the 23rd of January, encountered severe weather on the 25th, and on the 26th, a great ice-berg was encountered. The ship's boat was struck by the ice-berg, and was stove in, and the crew were thrown overboard. The ship was disabled, and was obliged to drift with the wind. The crew were rescued, and were taken to the nearest land. The ship was wrecked, and was abandoned.

There were five people on the boat, when four—and one of these a woman—were taken on shore by the crew. The woman was taken to the hospital, and was found to be suffering from a severe case of pneumonia. She died on the 31st of January. The other four people were rescued, and were taken to the nearest land. The ship was wrecked, and was abandoned.

THE PACKET SHIP JOHN RUTLEDGE, commanded by Captain Kelly, of this city, and owned by Messrs. Howland & Ridgewood, sailed from Liverpool on January 17th, on a voyage to New York. She was on her voyage, and was on the 23rd of January, encountered severe weather. On the 25th, a great ice-berg was encountered. The ship's boat was struck by the ice-berg, and was stove in, and the crew were thrown overboard. The ship was disabled, and was obliged to drift with the wind.

As soon as it was certain that there was no possibility of saving the ship, and that she must soon go to the bottom, her five boats were lowered, and as many of the passengers and crew as could find their way there, were saved. What food could be obtained was taken up in the extremity of desperation and placed in the boat, together with demijohns of water and compasses. Men, women, children, were huddled together, and were suffering from the cold, and were in a state of great distress. The weather was very stormy. A thick fog fell upon the leaving waves. When the boat—the one found by the other—was nearly full, and as the mate, Mr. Albin, and several others, were about stepping in, it broke apart, with the thirteen persons already in it, and the mate and his companions were drowned.

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