

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER.

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Meeting of the Democratic Standing Committee.

The members of the Democratic Standing Committee of Cumberland county, met agreeably to notice given, in Carlisle, at Martin's Hotel, on the 18th inst. JOHN CLENDENIN, Esq., was chosen President, and Benjamin Tittel, Secretary.

Delegate Election!

The Democrats of the West Ward are requested to meet at Burkholder's Hotel, on Friday evening, the 26th instant, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of making arrangements for the Delegate election on Saturday, the 27th.

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The editor is still confined to his room by indisposition, and this week's paper, like the last, had to go to press without receiving any of its attention.

DELEGATE ELECTION.

We would again call the attention of our Democratic friends to the importance of attending the Delegate election on Saturday next. There should be a full attendance of our friends in every township and borough throughout the county, and none but the most reliable Democrats sent as Delegates to the County Convention.

FIREMAN'S VISIT.

"The Cumberland Free Company," of this place, by invitation, visited Mechanicsburg on Monday, the 22nd inst. The object of the visit was to try a new engine recently purchased by the citizens of that town.

PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

JOHN KOSER, of Mechanicsburg, in this county, was before Alderman Enoch, in Philadelphia, on Saturday, the 18th inst., on the charge of passing counterfeit money.

FROM WASHINGTON.

On Friday night last, the Pennsylvania Democratic members of the House had a full and free interchange of opinions, continuing two hours, on Kansas and other questions.

ACCIDENT TO MISS REILLY.

Miss Reilly, daughter of Hon. Wilson Reilly, of Chambersburg, met with an accident on Monday evening, at Kirkwood's hotel, where her father and herself were boarding.

TEMPERANCE AMONG THE INDIANS.

The Congregational Investigating Committees will prove to be rather expensive affairs. They have already, it is stated, incurred an expense of \$40,000, for which an appropriation is now asked, and they are not half through.

SUCCEEDS OF AN OLD LADY.

On Sunday afternoon, an old lady, named Greenfield Fawcett, aged 80 years, residing on Killbuck Run, about 17 miles from Pittsburg, committed suicide by throwing herself into a well near her residence.

LET KANSAS COME IN.

There seems to be but little doubt that Kansas will eventually be admitted under the Lecompton Constitution when the matter is brought to a vote. The action of the Congressional Committee can only delay what must be regarded as the inevitable result.

A correspondent of the Pennsylvania, writing from Washington, says the Kansas question seems to be in a fair way of a speedy and satisfactory settlement. The election of the Free State officers—generally entertained the idea that the people can lawfully change their Constitution whenever they choose, and the report of General Harney, that the people, as a whole, are anxious to come into the Union under any Constitution, has softened the spirit of certain gentlemen, and the Administration count with confidence on ten to fourteen majority for the Lecompton Constitution in the House.

THE KANSAS QUESTION.

We extract the following manly and decided article on the Kansas question from the Lebanon (Pa.) Advertiser. It undoubtedly speaks the sentiments of the Democracy of that county, and affords another evidence of the position of the Pennsylvania Democracy on the question of sustaining James Buchanan in his endeavor to admit Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution.

AS ONE OF THE COUNTERS OF THIS STERLING DEMOCRACY.

We have thus far abstained from meddling with the Kansas excitement, because we believed that the time has now come when it is the duty of every patriot and honest man to show his hand. For our part then, in few words, we freely declare ourselves with the administration of James Buchanan; and, recognizing the legality of the Convention that framed the Lecompton Constitution, we believe that Congress should admit Kansas as a State under it.

PENNSYLVANIA WITH THE PRESIDENT.

We thought it possible (says the Valley Spirit) that the anti-Lecompton citizens, might swing old Pennsylvania from her moorings for a time. We had soon her led astray before, and we were prepared to soothe her temporarily led astray again.

A NEW LICENSE LAW.

Mr. Ramsey, of Philadelphia, has introduced into the House of Representatives, a new license bill, which, with some modifications, will probably pass that body.

BATTLE WITH RUNAWAY SLAVES.

For several years a number of runaway slaves have lived secluded in the Big Swamp, in Robinson county, North Carolina. A few days ago their camp was attacked by a number of armed whites, and quite a battle ensued, resulting in the death of two of the slaves and the flight of the rest.

THE DEAD ALIVE.

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Hon. John A. Ahl.—The Mechanicsburg Post Office, &c.

The removal of Mr. Eckels from the Post-office at Mechanicsburg, has created considerable lard feeling in that vicinity. Immediately after his removal, an Indignation Meeting was held in Mechanicsburg, at which resolutions were adopted censuring our member of Congress, &c., and a committee of five highly respectable citizens were appointed to visit Washington and lay their grievances before the Master General.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13th, 1858.

Wm. E. McLaughlin, Esq., Editor of the Gazette, Mechanicsburg, Pa. I observe in your paper of the 11th inst., a communication on the signatures of Messrs. Ira Day, John Cobb, A. N. Green, J. W. Crockin and Edw. Lamont, relating to the conversation and understanding they had with you at this place regarding the appointment of Mr. Leas as Postmaster at your place.

TURN OF FORTUNE'S WHEEL.

One day two negroes in California, named Van and William Livingston, came along with their picks and shovels, and asked the white men if they could set one. In the latter rather huffy replied, "Yes, pitch in here," taking up a stone and throwing it on the spot designated, which was to all appearances the very last place that a reasonable Christian man would have thought of working.

DEATH IN A DENTIST'S CHAIR.

Mr. J. McChesney's death in a dentist's chair at Toronto, C. W., on Monday, 8th inst., while under the influence of chloroform, has been stated in a telegraphic dispatch.

A COMMITTEE OF ONE FROM EACH WARD OF THE CITY.

A committee of one from each ward of the city was appointed to make arrangements for a public meeting, with the view of sustaining the position of the President on the Kansas question.

THE CENTRAL DEMOCRATIC UNION CLUB OF THAT CITY.

The Central Democratic Union Club of that city met also on the same evening, and adopted resolutions similar in spirit to the above, and declared that "in this national crisis, it has become the duty of every Democrat to sustain the Administration, to uphold the laws, to put down insurrection, and to frown upon contempt of those Representatives who, by their professions and ignoring their political duty, have gone into the ranks of the Black-Republican party."

QUINCE IN KANSAS.

General Harney and Col. Sumner arrived at Washington on the 14th inst., direct from Leavenworth, Kansas, having been telegraphed for. They both report everything quiet in the Territory, and say they apprehend no further difficulties, provided Congress will give them a government of their own, by admitting them under the Lecompton Constitution.

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Shocking Accident and Death.

The Lewistown Gazette details a most distressing accident which occurred to a Mrs. Eisenble, a resident of that place. She was in her room, with the door locked, engaged in reading her Bible, when the appearance of flames and the alarm of fire caused the bursting open of the door, when a fearful sight was presented—Mrs. Eisenble was lying on the floor, her body so much in flames, that she was unable to move.

THE COST OF A ROYAL BRIDAL.

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PERRY COUNTY.

The Democrats of Perry assembled in County Convention, at Bloomfield, on the 10th inst., for the purpose of selecting a Delegate to represent them in the Democratic State Convention, which is to assemble at Harrisburg on the 4th of March.

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Kansas Election Returns.

Gen. Calhoun has published a statement in the Washington Union, in relation to the returns of the election held at Delaware Crossing. He says that the sealed returns from that precinct were placed in his hands, with a sworn statement of their correctness, from the judges and clerks of the election.

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