

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER.

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Editorial State Convention.

The Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Editorial Union, will be held at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, the 15th of February inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M.

MILD WEATHER.—After the "cold snap" of last week, we are again favored with mild weather and clear sunshine.

On the 6th inst., the House passed the Post Office appropriation bill. George Martin was elected Door-keeper, and Josiah M. Lucas Postmaster.

ELECTION IN LANCASTER CITY.

George Sanderson, Esq., the Democratic candidate for Mayor of Lancaster city, was elected on Tuesday last, by 209 majority.

Look to Your Gas.—The Philadelphia papers urge the Legislature to appoint a gas inspector, to stand between the public and the gas company.

While the Legislature is passing a law for Philadelphia, it may as well pass one broad enough to cover the whole State.

The Harrisburg State Sentinel copies an article from our paper of the 10th ult., in which we deprecated the violence of certain Southern Democratic Senators.

Hon. Henry D. Gilpin, a distinguished citizen of Philadelphia, and one of the most eminent lawyers in the State, died in that city, on Sunday last.

DEATH FROM JOY.—A Richmond paper gives an account of the death of a resident of that place from excessive joy.

The members of the General Assembly of Tennessee paid their respects in a body, on the 8th ult., to the widow of the late President, James K. Polk.

The Lovinstown True Democrat presents the name of Abraham S. Wilson, of Millin county, as a suitable Democratic candidate for Governor.

The Baltimore papers are severe upon Mr. Winter Davis for voting for Mr. Pennington. Davis' seat is contested, and the exchange newspapers intimate, that it is for the purpose of securing his seat in Congress that he voted for a Republican.

Judge Smally is now in Charleston, making arrangements for the meeting of the Democratic National Committee.

The Maine papers state that the bondsmen of the defaulting Republican State Treasurer Peck have put all their property out of their hands, and that the State will have to lose all the money the pious palpit politician appropriated to his own use.

CANDLEMAS DAY.—Thursday last was Candlemas Day—the Feast of the candles—according to the calendar of holidays.

The two boys recently arrested for placing obstructions on the railroad track near Millerton, answer to the names William Miller and Perry Yarnzand.

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THE READING CONVENTION.

A few weeks ago it was well understood that the favorite of the Administration for Governor was William Wittie, of Philadelphia.

We take the above extract from the last number of Gov. Packen's organ at the seat of Government. This is the same paper that asserted that the Delegates from this county to the Reading Convention were elected through the influence of the Philadelphia Custom House—a charge as false as it was nonsensical.

The editor of the Sentinel appears to be very much afraid of the influence of the office-holders, and appeals to the Delegates who will compose the Reading Convention not to permit themselves to be influenced by the "drilled battalions of the Washington Administration."

It wishes to be considered also the mouth-piece of Jacob Fay, Jr., and has almost said, in many words, that he must be the nominee for Governor.

For ourself, we go to the Reading Convention with free hands. We will support the nominee, let that man be who may—whether Wittie, Dawson, Sanderson, Fry, Horkins or Shindle.

THE TARIFF.—One of the very first things to be done after full organization of Congress, will be the passage of a protective tariff.

LIFE'S VICISSITUDES.—Mr. Darius Nash, who was rescued from the ruins of the Pemberton Mill after several hours of great suffering, has passed through as many imminent dangers as usually fall to the lot of one man.

On the night in which the Minot's Lodge Lighthouse was carried away, he was on a vessel some fifty miles from New York and was wrecked.

THE IMPERIAL WIVES OF FRANCE.—The Dublin University Magazine, in commenting upon the lives of the royal and imperial wives of France, states that there are but thirteen out of sixty-seven on whose memory there is no dark stain of sorrow or sin.

THE FOLS NOT ALL DEAD YET.—The individual admirers of Thomas Paine, whose birth day occurred on Sabbath last, met at the Melodeon, in Cincinnati, to celebrate the event.

NO MORE LOTTERIES IN MARYLAND.—The Revised Code, which has just gone into operation in Maryland, has put an end to lotteries and lottery ticket selling in that State.

DEATH FROM MATCHES.—Parents should take care to prevent their infant children from meddling with lucifer matches, as we are constantly informed, by our exchanges, of deaths occurring in consequence.

THE CHREDS OF THE WORLD.—Mr. C. F. W. Doitlicher, a statistician, and director of the Statistical Department of Berlin, estimating the population of the world at 1,300,000,000, sets down the Asiatic religions as believed by 600,000,000, or about 46 per cent.

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AN APOSTATE REWARDED.

Col. JOHN W. FORNEY, editor of the Philadelphia Press, and Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee in 1856, has been elected, by the Black Republican Members of Congress, Clerk of the National House of Representatives.

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Important Battle in Mexico.

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LETTER FROM HARRISBURG.

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Organization of the House.

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