

PENNSYLVANIA

State Temperance Convention.

A Mass Convention of the friends of Prohibition will be held in Harrisburg, on the 26th and 27th of January next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

By order of the State Gen. Com. T. WATSON, Ch. S. E. W. JACKSON, Cor. Secretary.

There will be a Temperance meeting at the Palmer School House in Roullet, on January, the 14th inst., in the evening.

What has become of the Agricultural Society of Potter County? Have our farmers made up their minds, that it is of no use for them to improve in their system of farming?

The meeting of Eulalia Division of S. of S. to-morrow evening will be an important one, and a full attendance is earnestly requested.

Lecture.—JOHN MANN, Esq. will lecture at the Court House, Wednesday evening next.

We publish on the fourth page some forms of petitions, which any one can cut out and paste on a half-sheet of paper, when it will be ready for signatures.

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Neal Dow Lodge of Good Templars has initiated a very important movement, as will be seen by the proceedings, which we publish in another column.

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The Free West.

We have received the first three numbers of a fine looking paper published at Chicago, bearing the above title.

Several new advertisements have been crowded out this week, among which is that of Mr. Lewis Mann, which will appear next week.

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The Ladies Wreath and Parlor Annual.—On our fourth page will be found the Prospectus of this Magazine, which we commend to lovers of good reading.

At one of the missionary stations, the question, "What is original sin?" having been put to an aged Indian chief, he promptly replied, "Laziness!"

A Proposition.

Thanks to the activity of a few working friends of the Journal, we received new subscribers enough on Court week to satisfy us that our list might be largely increased if all our friends would but make a little effort in our behalf.

We think we ought to have an addition of two hundred new subscribers by the first day of June next; and if our friends will take hold of the matter in earnest and raise us this number, we will commence the next volume with entire new type, advertisements and all.

And now, having set our hearts on this addition to our subscription list, and on making this improvement in our paper, we call on our friends to stand by us.

We have made an apportionment of this increase among the townships, according to the vote for the State ticket, which we publish below, and we think it is in the power of any one man in each town to obtain the quota for his town without any difficulty.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Number of Subscribers. Includes Oswayo, 7; Allegheny, 20; Pike and Jackson, 11; etc.

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Now, friends, there is our proposition, and there is the work before you. Shall it be done? Shall the Journal commence its seventh volume in an entire new dress, with its influence doubled in this county?

Coudersport Academy.

The first term of this Academy under the administration of Mr. BLOOMINGDALE, closed on Tuesday, last. We had the pleasure of witnessing the exercises upon that occasion, and found quite a number of the friends and patrons of the school had preceded us to the hall.

About fifty students were in attendance the last term. This was well under the circumstances, but nothing short of seventy-five will do for the next term, which will commence on Wednesday, the 18th day of the present month.

Progress.

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ations of intoxicating liquors shall cease in Western Crawford, the influence of the destroyer shall cease. May that period speedily arrive.—Conneautville Courier.

Such jems of news as the above are full of encouragement. They show that this liquor traffic cannot withstand the flood of light which is pouring in upon this great question.

What Weight must we Give to Pro-slavery Decisions of the Supreme Court?

The slaveholder and his Northern allies rely chiefly for their defense upon the allegation that the Constitution of the United States upholds slavery. We regret to say that a few opponents of slavery are constantly giving the slaveholders aid and comfort by affirming the same thing.

We submit that such reasoning is not entitled to respect, and that the decisions of a Court founded on such reasoning are not such authority as should settle the question. And here we commend the example of General Jackson on the Bank question to all true men as the only safe course of action.

Comtee.

R. W. BENTON, S. A. SLADE, S. B. DICKENSON, N. B. Neal Dow Lodge holds its weekly sessions on Friday evenings.

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correctly, society will show its sovereign power; his decision will be reversed to-morrow, or corrected by statute."

We have made this article too long already, to make further comment on the above-profitable.

One-Idea Men.

There has always been a studied and persevering effort among the opponents of progress to cripple the influence of reformers by calling them "one-idea men." There is no truth in this charge, as every sensible man knows.

The only practical measures proposed in the Senate, this Session, have come from SEWARD, CHASE, and SUMNER.

The following extract from a Washington letter to the Daily Register, does justice to two of these measures and their authors:

"One of the best resolutions as yet submitted to the action of the Senate, is that of Mr. Sumner's relating to the collation and classification of the statute laws of the United States, which I hope will pass Congress, and enable not a few pitfalls, and smaller holes to be either exposed to the uninitiated and unwary, or securely covered up.

"The very fair and creditable arrangement of the Standing Committees in the last Congress has been greatly modified by the present President, as much to his credit, as it will rebound to theirs. When the "healthy organizers" are covered in the sands of the future, and no speck marks their place; statutes may be raised to keep in continual remembrance such men as Chase and Sumner; nay, what is better than either, they will live in the memory of every being that admires men who can sacrifice present gain to future greatness."

One Bill has just reached our city, on his return home from a professional tour through the South and West, in which he met with a most gratifying and brilliant success.

The Erie Constitution says that Ole Bull recently performed, to the citizens of that place "in a horn."

We hope these allusions to performances "in a horn" have a different meaning from that which vulgar people attach to that expression.

Whereas an illegal traffic in ardent spirits is carried on to a considerable extent in this County, which is detrimental to the common good and general peace of society; and whereas we believe it to be the duty of all working Temperance Organizations to unite their efforts in suppressing such traffic; therefore,

Resolved, That, a delegation of Good Templars and Sons of Temperance meet in Convention on Friday, the 27th day Jan. next, at 10 o'clock, P. M., in Neal Dow Hall, at Cashingville, for the purpose of devising some means and consummating some plan by which the illegal sale of alcoholic drinks may be suppressed.

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Gerrit Smith's Speech.

In the New York papers we find the following sketch of Gerrit Smith's speech in Congress, on Tuesday. The Tribune's correspondent says: "Gerrit Smith's speech, one says, was imposing, brilliant; another that it was able, dignified, and clothed with rich eloquence and solemnity of manner which impressed the House; another that it was eloquent but unargumentative, captivating but unsound; another, that his voice was good, manner graceful and winning, but in ability was not equal to expectations.

Mr. Gerrit Smith said, as this was the first time he had had the floor, it might be well for him to confess in advance, he was in the habit of imputing errors to men very freely; perhaps on this occasion he should follow up that habit; it might be a bad habit, but it is not a counterpoise to this habit, if it is a bad one, that he claimed no exemption from errors himself. He abounded in them, and was willing gentlemen should make reprisals upon him.

Perhaps what he said might be inconsistent with the views of his peace-loving friends, who knew his opposition to war, yet he justified Capt. Ingraham, believed in the propriety of a National Armed Police, and believed here was occasion for the use of such Police, but that was not war.

It had been said that Capt. Ingraham invaded the rights of a neutral state, but he always regretted the Secretary of State argued conclusively in right of international law—that he was.

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Mr. Hulsemann did not know that the slave trade finds in the American government its greatest patron—that it comes not only under general regulation but specific regulation of Congress!

He was aware that had the Administration put the justification of Capt. Ingraham's conduct on simple Bible truth, it would have opened the door for the rescue of every American slave, and justified the rescue of Shadrach at Boston, and the celebrated rescue in his (Smith's) neighborhood—the Jerry rescue at Syracuse—and justified the shedding of blood at Christiana, and justified the deliverance of every slave in this land.

Circular.

To each friend of Liberty in the United States: Your attention is earnestly requested to this communication. Please read it, with the annexed forms of petitions, and then act efficiently in the premises.

It is believed that the friends of Freedom cannot do a better service to the sacred cause, than by petitioning the National Legislature from all parts of the country respecting these great objects. The reflex influence of such petitions will be obvious to every reflecting mind. It will lead to conversation, public discussion, newspaper essays, public meetings, supplications to the Almighty, and sympathy for the enslaved.

Does the reader ask, "What can I do?"

- 1. Call together a few intelligent and active friends of our cause, and read them this circular, and the annexed forms of petitions. 2. Adopt prompt and systematic measures to have each citizen called upon for his signature. 3. Separate these forms of petitions, and attach each to a separate sheet of paper properly ruled. 4. Get those who can be depended upon to circulate the petitions, and procure the signature of every citizen to each of them. 5. Have the petitions collected and transmitted as soon as possible, with a letter signed by a few prominent constituents, to the Member of Congress from your District or State. 6. Get the circular and petitions inserted in all the newspapers and magazines in your county. 7. Get suitable persons to write for the newspapers, and correspond with the friends of the cause throughout your county and State. 8. Petition to your Legislature, and try to influence the members to right action at the present crisis. 9. Please mail a copy of each of the newspapers in your county that publishes the circular and petitions, or either of them, to Lewis Tappan, Cor. Sec., 49 Beekman street, New-York. Unless sent from the printing office, the postage must be pre-paid. Doubtless other matters will suggest themselves to you. These petitions are prepared and circulated not from any design to dictate to the friends of Liberty the particular topics or modes of petition, nor because it is desired to secure minute uniformity in the petitions; but solely because some forms are requisite, and because frequent requests have been made to the Secretary to prepare and circulate some forms. The friends in each locality can amend them, or substitute others, if thought best. Am. and Foreign A. S. Society, 48 Beekman street, New-York, Dec., 1853. A private company with \$10,000,000 capital has been formed at San Francisco, for a steamship Co.