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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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Eaton—Lewis A. Grace, C Stearns and J D Earl. Gannon—J C Cavanaugh, Wm Baker and Josiah Webster.

Harrison—J L Haynes, A A Swetland and W W Lawrence.

surprises that seize us when we meet old acquaintances, or when we first realize that the children are grown up, or that some one whom we have always considered young people have attained to the dignity of spectacles and gray hair.

Sometimes these surprises come with a ludicrous coloring, as though our friends were masquerading in their added years, when a critical glance at a mirror might show some laughable masquerading quite as plainly. But too often a sadder feeling prevails.

We see the seriousness, the reality of the changes, and they bring often a strong shock at the reminder of what we know perfectly well and yet had allowed ourselves entirely to forget.

The first white showing in the brown beard, the first crow's feet near the bright young eyes, the first strong lines that show that the nose is losing its contour come with great force to our consciousness when they occur in the companions of our young days, but how much more when they begin to show in those who have been children around our feet—brightened our declining years and now begin to show the heavy hand of Father Time themselves.

But the happiness of it all is that we are ripening together for the new beginning and the better life, where crow's feet and gray hairs shall not come.

The trip from Coudersport to the railroad depot is now a very pleasant one. The long, wearying, muddy, plowed-up, rooty roads to Wellsville that used to be the terror of all travelers has been relinquished as an outlet to our population and we go instead about half the distance along the river (which here, so near its source, is scarcely more than a brook) through an equally pleasant country and by a road mostly very good. We are glad to get our glimpses out in a way so much easier.

The Constitutional Convention resumed its session on Tuesday, the 16th, and chose Hon. John A. Walker, of Erie, as President in place of Hon. William Morris Meredith, deceased.

Appropriate eulogies were pronounced and tokens of respect paid to the departed presiding officer, who is very sincerely lamented.

Mr. Woodward withdrew his tender of resignation made on July 2d. The Philadelphia Press says: Immediately after the adjournment a meeting of the delegates-at-large, to whom the duty of filling the vacancy had been referred, was held in one of the committee-rooms adjacent to the hall.

Hon. Morton McMichael, of Philadelphia, was unanimously chosen to succeed Mr. Meredith as a member of the Convention.

going north and coming south, but there were no signs. Stopped at all settlements for news. The crew of the *Polaris* are probably on board of a whaler from Cape York.

The *Tygress* left Disco August 25 for the Labrador coast to continue the search as long as the coal and season will permit. D. L. BRAINE, Commander U. S. N.

Littleton Island referred to in the above dispatch, is about sixty miles north of Northumberland Island, where the party rescued from the *Polaris* supposed they had left her. It is a little south of the life boat depot of Dr. Kane in 1853.

After the separation from Tyson, the *Polaris* party constructed a house of ship timber and canvas, in which they spent the winter, the ship being too badly damaged to risk a voyage home, though she still floated. They used some of the material in her for the construction of two whale boats, with which they purposed going south as soon as they reached the first open water.

So there is hope that the party that was left among the icebergs may yet reach home in safety; and they can hardly have suffered more, or had a more wild and strange experience, than did those who made a winter voyage, seven months long, with only the cracking, breaking ice beneath them, and knowing that it must fail them ere they reached home.

Both of those exposed parties were in good position to learn and to exercise faith and trust. Courage, too, they must have had in abundance, and thankful praise will rise from many hearts and homes over their rescue and return.

LATER. LONDON, Sept. 19.—The steamer *Arctic* brought to Dundee ten members of the *Polaris* expedition, whose names are as follows: Captain Buddington, sailing-master; Dr. Emil Bessels, chief of the scientific corps; H. C. Chester, first mate; W. Morton, second mate; E. Schumann, chief engineer; A. A. Odell, second engineer; W. F. Campbell, fireman; Herman Siemens, Henry Hobby and N. Hayes, seamen. All are in excellent health. Three others were transferred by the *Ravenberg* to the wharf *Intrepid*, which is expected to arrive at Dundee in two or three weeks. Their names are R. W. D. Bryan, astronomer and chaplain; J. B. Mauch, seaman; J. W. Booth, fireman.

In the spring two boats were built of thin pine boards, taken from the cabin of the *Polaris*. In these the whole party embarked as soon as the ice opened and sailed southward. On the 3rd of June they sighted Cape York, and on the 22d of the same month were picked by the *Ravenberg*.

Mr. Chester, first mate, is regarded as the one who did the most to save the party, and the rescued men speak in the highest terms of his exertions. They also say that Captain Hall enjoyed the confidence of every one and his death, which was unexpected, was deplored by all on board the *Polaris*.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—A telegram received at the State Department from Consul Reed at Dundee, Scotland, says the *Polaris* survivors arrived destitute. Consul Reed has been instructed to care for the survivors and send them home by the first steamer.

A telegram received at the Navy Department from St. Johns announces that the special steamer sent out to catch the *Junista* yesterday had overtaken that vessel, and she returned to St. Johns this morning where she will await the arrival of the *Tygress* and both vessels will then return to the United States.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—A long dispatch from Dundee, Scotland, to the *Tribune* gives a statement in full of the sufferings of the crew of the *Polaris*, concluding as follows: "As to a statement that the ship might have aided the party on the ice, all agree that it was impossible after the *Polaris* broke adrift to learn even the whereabouts of those left behind. Every effort was made to find them but with no avail."

THE Fair of the Lycoming County Agricultural Society is now only two weeks off, and farmers and mechanics, their wives and daughters, should arrange so as to be in attendance with the products of their farms, orchards, vineyards, work shops, dairies, etc. The exhibition opens but once a year, and everybody should be prepared to bring with them articles that will give interest and variety to the occasion.

quence he raises better stock or better crops ever after. It is to be hoped therefore that all our citizens will come forward with their products of the soil, their stock, and whatever they may have produced by their skill or industry, both of the useful and ornamental, and give us an exhibition that all may be proud of.—*Gazette & Bulletin*.

These words apply as well to our own Fair as to the one that called them forth. Our County is making its first effort for several years to hold an agricultural and industrial exhibition, and we hope the number and zeal of those who are present, and who strive to excel in the various departments of science and industry, may be such as to give promise of a still better display and increased interest another year.

WE HAVE had the cream of a beautiful season in this month of September thus far. Cool nights and balmy, bright days; occasional showers, but only what are needed. Some trees are putting on their change of autumn hues and some are already sprinkling the grass with beautifully tinted leaves, but mostly the green of summer prevails. Let us use freely the fine opportunity to go out and gather strength to take us through the inclement season that will follow.

THERE has been another serious fire in Chicago. The alarm seems to have been greater than the fire. Sixty-four houses were burned—wooden buildings mostly occupied by poor people.

CAN you tell how many kinds of grass are produced in Potter County, and what wild plants eaten by cattle and sheep are the best substitutes for grass.

EXTRAORDINARY CATTLE SALE AT UTICA.—An immense sale of cattle took place week before last at Utica at which the entire herd of Short Horned cattle owned by Samuel Campbell, of New York Mill, was sold at auction. Buyers were present from England, Canada and all parts of the United States. One hundred and fifteen cattle were disposed of, the total receipts being about \$380,000. The highest figure was \$40,500. This bid was made by Mr. P. Davis, of Gloucestershire, England. \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$20,000 were bid for single cows. One seven months old calf sold for \$27,600 and another for \$10,000. This sale is probably the largest on record.

Bursting of the "Graphic" Balloon. The inflation of the *Graphic* balloon for the proposed trip to Europe, at the Capitoline Grounds, Brooklyn, was begun at three o'clock Friday morning and continued until four in the afternoon. Thousands of persons visited the grounds and waited to see the proposed ascension. Professor Wise arrived at about ten o'clock with his son Charles, who was ordered out of the inner enclosure containing the balloon by Chas. Goodsell. This led to an altercation between Mr. Goodsell and the elder Wise, which terminated in a private conference at the ticket office. Professor Wise left the grounds after predicting, it is said, that the balloon would not stand the strain of inflation.

At four o'clock, when the amount of gas forced into the balloon amounted to 300,000 cubic feet, three rents suddenly appeared in the great bag, running from the valve at the top to the bottom, and in a moment the whole structure had collapsed. The disappointed spectators then gradually left the grounds.

W. H. Donaldson attributes the bursting of the balloon to a strong gust of wind, which struck the upper part of the globe when it was nearly full, and also to the improper manner in which the balloon was fastened to the ground, from which the breaking of the netting resulted. The damage done cannot be repaired, but he says that the Messrs. Goodsell, immediately after the accident, offered to begin the construction of a silk balloon if he would try to reach Europe in it, and he had gladly accepted the offer.

Professor Wise publishes a card in which he defends his theory of the easterly air current, and announces his readiness to start for Europe at any time in a gas-tight silk balloon. Such a balloon, he says, was promised to him by the *Graphic* Company, but was not furnished; that supplied being a rotten cotton structure, which was manufactured without regard to his advice. He also censures attempts to turn a great scientific experiment into an enterprise for money getting.—*Evening Post*.

IT IS a difficult task for the pen to describe the artistic beauties of the *October Aldine*, a number which flashes with rare gems of art, even as the *October foliage* assumes original splendors. There are four full-page pictures in this issue, each a master production, by celebrated artists. Mr. John S. Davis has a lovely picture called "Nutting," a group of children beneath chestnut trees; M. Alexander Lawrie gives a grand view of Elizabeth Valley, in the world-famed Adirondack region of New York; Mr. Holman Hunt, the

famous English artist, is represented by "The Eve of St. Agnes;" and Mrs. Greatorex has a characteristic sketch of an old house in New York City, the Harsen Mansion.

No art journal in the new world has ever attempted to give in one number so many rare and beautiful pictures. The literary contents of the *October Aldine* are unusually brilliant and piquant; as crisp as the air of October. In poetry, Geo. W. Sears writes of "October," Marie S. Ladd, of "Endeavor;" W. W. Bailey, of "The Forest Spring;" W. L. Shoemaker, of "The Red Lily;" and Nellie C. Hastings, of "A Dead Life." A better collection of poems seldom appears in an American magazine. In romance Lucy Ellen Guernsey has a gracefully written story called "Penelope's Web," and W. F. Youm, a thrilling tale of the "Loss of the 'Oro Fino,'" with others of equal interest.

Dr. Fuller-Walker, the editor of the *Aldine*, has articles on "St. Agnes," "Salmon Brook," etc. The musical department glances at the coming New York season, and reviews music abroad. From this outline sketch of the *October Aldine*, it will be seen that it has an immense variety of art gems and literary articles of the highest order. Subscription price \$5, including Chromos "Village Belle" and "Crossing the Moor." James Stutton & Co., publishers, 58 Maiden Lane, New York.

"Let go that jib! Let go that jib, quick!" shouted the captain of a down-east sloop to a raw hand, in a squall. "I ain't touchin' yer old jib!" replied Jonathan, indignantly, as he jammed his fists deep into his trousers.

A SINGULAR natural curiosity is mentioned at Sadawga pond, in Whitingham, Vermont, consisting of 150 acres of land floating on the surface of the water, covered with cranberries, and even sustaining trees 15 feet high. When the water is raised or lowered at the dam of the pond the island rises and falls with it, and fish are caught by boring a hole in the crust and fishing down through, as through the ice in winter.

TWO FELLOW soldiers of 1812, Stephen Dobson and John Sediff, of Surry county, N. C., are mentioned by a local paper as having been lifelong friends, and as having each of them invariably celebrated the birthday of the other by making him a family visit. Mr. Sediff died three years ago, six days before his eighty-eighth birthday, and Mr. Dobson on the 17th of last month, two days after his eighty-eighth birthday.

KEARSARGE Mountain, in N. H., says a recent correspondent, is in sight of the birth-places of Ezekiel and Daniel Webster, William Pitt Fessenden, Governor John A. Dix, Vice President Henry Wilson, Lewis Cass, ex-United States Senator Jas. W. Grimes of Iowa, United States Senator Zachariah Chandler of Michigan, Levi Woodbury, Horace Greeley, General Benjamin F. Butler, ex-President Franklin Pierce and Chief Justice Chase.

THE vigor with which burglars go through South Bend, Ind., residences is only equalled by the vociferousness displayed by the citizens in talking about capturing them. It is said that the *Tribune* sometimes delays its issue half an hour to accommodate a belated burglar rather than miss its daily item.—*Good Templar*.

POSTAL AFFAIRS.—Postmaster General Creswell intends to take prompt action in compelling the railroad companies to get the mails to Washington from the North more regularly than they have done for weeks past. He says that if the managers of the air line between here and New York insist upon placing the postal cars in the middle of the trains he will instruct the postal clerks to carry revolvers and shoot down any man, whether in the employ of the railroad company or not, who attempts to pass through the cars.—*Evening Post*.

SENATOR McCLURE, in a recent interview with a *Herald* correspondent, sums up his views of the political situation as follows: "Its (the Democracy) relapse in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio into the brambles and swamps where it floundered in perpetual defeat for nearly half a generation, leaves no logical and hopeful organization opposed to Grant. Had people's conventions been called in the great Middle states on a liberal, advanced platform looking to state regeneration, part of the work of 1876 would have been done this year. But with blind adherence to the Democratic organization when it cannot win a Northern state and its name is unknown in the Southern states, the folly of the movement must be apparent to every reflecting mind. The Liberal organization was an experiment. It failed, and now, with Democracy, belongs to the rubbish of the past. But the movement inaugurated at Cincinnati and the principles there declared will command the earnest approval of a large majority of the people of this State and of the Union before the next Presidential election. I see no hope for any change in Pennsylvania this year. Our Constitutional Convention failed to discharge its duty, or we should have had repeating and ballot-stuffing broken up.

This fall there will be no restraint upon those who run elections by machinery and of course they will win. Our respectable men pay the crushing taxes imposed on us by dishonest rule in this city and also pay the money necessary to debase our elections and keep corrupt men in power. But they are growing weary of it. By-and-by it will be deemed more respectable to be for honesty in our administration than to follow party blindly, and then our respectable people will be honest.—*Philada. Press*.

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