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THE DELEGATE ELECTION.

To-morrow is the day for the election of delegates to the State Convention. Let every Republican who reads this be sure to attend and cast his vote for the best men. Let the vote be a full one, and let the voice of the OLD GUARD be potential.

Hon. John Strohm, Providence. Col. Emlen Franklin, City. Capt. John K. Rutter, do. Andrew J. Kaufman, Columbia.

A LANCASTER CANDIDATE. The name of Hon. ISAAC E. HIESTER, of this city, has been prominently put forward as a candidate for the "Democratic" nomination for Governor.

CAUTION!

We give timely notice to all concerned that we will expose any attempt to stuff the ballot-boxes, miscount the vote, or report a false return of the primary elections to-morrow, without fear, favor or affection.

SMALL FAVORS!

The Copperhead papers are trying "to crow" over the result of the late Judicial election in Michigan. This effort shows to what low straits they are reduced, and how thankful they are for "small favors."

GOING SOUTH.

It is reported that hundreds of negroes are leaving Virginia for the South—not the North. They find labor scarce in the Old Dominion, and actually go South in search of work!

SPEAK OUT!

"Has anybody heard of the bill to punish indecent advertisements? Candidates for the Legislature are offering huge rewards for its recovery."—State Guard.

FATHER ABRAHAM. ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS.

As we are approaching the time for the opening of the gubernatorial campaign, clubs of new subscribers are beginning to come in, and rapidly increasing from day to day. Our regular circulation, of yearly subscribers, is now between thirty-six and thirty-seven hundred, and the clubs for the campaign—six months—already received, has increased our total list to a fraction below FOUR THOUSAND.

COPPERHEAD LYING.

The Lancaster Intelligencer of last Tuesday contains an article headed "Geary as a Temperance Man," referring to a strong prohibitory resolution adopted "at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Good Templars the other day," and saying that "John W. Geary is one of the Chief Sachems in that fraternity," that "we (the editor of the Intelligencer) remember hearing brother James Black publicly announce, in a temperance convention, a couple of years ago, that the whole influence of the Order would be used to secure his re-nomination."

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Father Abraham's Ships.

ANNA DICKINSON has accumulated nearly a hundred thousand dollars. STRAWBERRIES sell in Augusta, Ga., for five cents per quart.

BRIGHAM YOUNG has reached three score years and ten by taking his twentieth wife. THE 4th of July coming on Sunday, the 5th will be generally observed as a National holiday.

REV. HENRY M. TURNER, the well-known speaker, has been appointed postmaster at Macon, Ga., vice Washington, suspended.

THE Annual State Sunday School Convention will be held at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, beginning on Tuesday, June 1st, at ten o'clock a. m.

GEN. HORATIO G. SICKEL has been appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourth (Judge Kelly's) Congressional District of Pennsylvania vice Alex. Cummings, removed. Glad of it.

SENATOR SPRAGUE has astonished nearly all of his new-made friends—the Democrats and Free Traders—who poured those letters in upon him at Washington, by making a powerful speech in favor of Protection at the Memphis Convention.

THE Boston Fire Department consists of the following apparatus: 20 engines, 1,130 men, 25 horse carriages, 6,005 feet of hose, 839 buckets, 144 feet suction hose, 1,465 feet of dry rope, 1,960 badges, 908 caps and various other articles.

GOVERNOR GEARY has pardoned the child murderer, Hester Vaughan, who, it will be remembered, was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged in Philadelphia.

GEN. W. CHILDS, Esq., publisher of the Philadelphia Ledger, has invited the employees of that office, and their families—men, women and children—to an excursion and dinner at Atlantic City, on the 5th of July. A noble act of generosity.

THIS piece of cruelty is from the New York Herald: "The Dayton (Ohio) Ledger avers that 'what the Democratic party wants are brains and pluck.' Here is a chance for vendors of calves' brains and sheep's pluck."

HENRY C. HICKOK, Esq., has been appointed chief clerk at the United States mint, Philadelphia, under Governor Jas. Pollock. Mr. Hickok is Deputy Superintendent of Common Schools under Gov. Pollock's administration.

THE Government of Cuba has been definitely organized. Don Carlos Manuel Céspedes is President of the Republic, General Manuel Quesada Commander-in-Chief of the forces, and Don Francisco V. Aguilera Secretary of War.

THE Richmond (Va.) Ladies' Hollywood Memorial Association, in making preparations for their celebration on the 31st, have also taken into consideration the best means of raising funds for the removal of the Gettysburg rebel dead.

AN infamous attempt at wholesale poisoning of Government troops has been made at Louisville. Kentucky neutrality illy brooks the presence of "Boys in Blue." Such an exhibition of depravity is worthy a State that boasts of fifty thousand Democratic majority.

PRESIDENT GRANT'S proclamation declaring the act of Congress fixing the hours of daily labor in the public service to mean that eight hours shall constitute and be paid for as a full day's labor, meets with general approbation, and is undoubtedly the true construction of the act.

THE coal miners at Scranton, one of the most important points in the anthracite region, held a meeting a day or two ago, and resolved not to strike, by a vote of 408 to 869. The coal speculators have been pretty effectually foiled in their attempt to run up the price of the article, as they deserved to be.

NEW YORK is terribly agitated in its very bowels (Wall street) in reference to Boutwell's policy of purchasing bonds. They are bringing a heavy pressure to bear upon him. The Secretary will not go amiss if he does just the opposite of what these afflicted gentlemen desire.

THE Augusta Chronicle reports the following sale in that city on Thursday last: \$75,000 in Confederate States bonds were sold to C. E. Mustin at \$9.25 for the lot; \$200,000 of Confederate States currency were sold to J. E. McDonald at \$12 for the lot; \$2,200,000 in seven-thirty Confederate States bonds were sold to C. E. Mustin at \$21 for the lot.

THE Jeff and Joe Davis plantation, thirty miles below Vicksburg, is leased by an old negro at \$10,000 a year. He hires 150 hands to work it. Not a white man is to be seen about the place. The whole plantation of several thousand acres is planted in cotton, which appears very promising, and from this one plantation cotton enough will be produced to run a mill in Lowell for weeks.

DR. D. K. SHOEMAKER has been chosen Senatorial delegate to represent Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne district in the Republican State Convention, and instructed to support General Wm. Lilly, of Mauch Chunk, for Governor. The Representative delegate from Carbon and Monroe district is also General Lilly. The delegates from Luzerne are for W. W. Ketchum, and those elected from Berks are not instructed.

OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

Military and Civic Parades—Grand Army of the Republic—The Committee of Ways and Means—Reading Hose Company—Things Political—General News, etc.

PHILADELPHIA, May 27, 1869. DEAR ABE: The most notable event during the past week has been the grand review of the First Division, Pennsylvania Militia, by Gov. Geary, on Monday afternoon last. Some 3000 uniformed men were in line, and along the route the streets were a perfect jam of citizens to witness the display, which was truly grand.

Saturday and Sunday next have been appropriated by the Grand Army of the Republic for the purpose of decorating the graves of their fallen comrades. One Post, it is said, will decorate the graves of the Confederate soldiers at Washington. How near correct this is we are not prepared to say, though it may be to the liking of some folks.

The Committee of Ways and Means of the present Congress are now setting at the Continental Hotel, looking after the sources of the Revenue. No changes will be made in the present rates of duty, though the committee will again assemble in the fall with that object in view.

The Reading Hose Company of your neighboring village of Reading are now in the city, the guests of the Southwark Hose Company, No. 9. The boys are being well taken care of by the members of the Southwark.

The office-hunting mania has about fizzled out, and the politicians are now turning their attention to the task of "fixing things" for the fall campaign. It is only a few days that the Gearys have carried a majority of the delegates throughout the city, which means, I suppose, that a greater proportion of the delegates elected are favorable to the renomination of our present Governor.

For the city conventions, button-holing announced in dead earnest, there are hosts of candidates for every city office, the Recorder of Deeds being the sweetest plum, however, judging from the number of candidates in the field—some fifteen in all.

The Legislative fight goes bravely on, the people feeling inclined to keep our present friends in the city limits, while on the other hand at least some of the old members are making desperate efforts to secure a renomination; but my word for it, even should such a calamity befall us, the doings on the Hill at Harrisburg, last winter, are too fresh in the memory of all to warrant a re-election of any kind.

Plenty of distinguished funes, in town, among whom I notice Gameron, Seward, Paucker, Cass, Geary and many others whose names are historic—politically. WARWICK.

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

A letter was received at the Treasury Department on the 19th inst. from Newark, New Jersey, enclosing the sum of fifty-five dollars and twenty-five cents, conscience money.

By direction of the President all the Departments will be closed on Saturday, the 29th of May, to enable the officers and employees to participate in the ceremonies of decorating the graves of Union soldiers and sailors at Arlington.

The Third Auditor is looking into the accounts of officers of the army who are charged on his books with balances due the Government. Some forty-seven officers who deserted the service of the United States and joined the rebel armies, are requested to advance the balance charged against them.

The President's movements this summer have not been definitely settled, excepting that he will be absent from the Capital for nearly two months. In June he will attend the examination of the Cadets at West Point, and from there will probably go to Boston to remain two or three days and witness the Peace Jubilee.

It is reported that General Rawlins will shortly resign the War Department portfolio, and retire on account of failing health, and rumor says that in the event of his retirement Judge Holt will be tendered the war office. This report comes from pretty high authority.

Gen. D. E. Sickles on Saturday received his commission as minister to Spain. He has accepted the office, and is to enter on his duties on the first of July next. He proposes to leave this country in about three weeks, so as to reach Madrid at that time.

William Griffith, who lost both arms while firing a salute in honor of President Grant, some time since, was on Monday appointed a watchman at the Treasury Department, at the request of the President. The card from the President recommending his appointment, was as follows: William Griffith—If possible, I wish the Secretary of the Treasury would give the bearer a watchman's place.

The statement recently set afloat that the President is not in favor of a tariff for protection to American industry, is without the least foundation in fact. General Grant is thoroughly an American, and there is not a free trader in his Cabinet. Secretary Boutwell was always one of the strongest protectionists in the New England delegation, and Secretary Fish now openly declares that the check to our present extravagant importations by high tariff, is the only means by which the country can be saved from a financial crash that will surely follow, if the balance of trade is kept running against us.

Local News.

Handbills, Cards, Bill Heads, Programmes, Posters, &c., &c., printed in the best style and at reasonable rates, at the FATHER ABRAHAM Job Printing Office. Orders by mail promptly attended to.

ITEMS: George White, a soldier of 1812, aged 85 years, died at his home, in West Hempfield township, this county, on the 15th instant.

It is estimated that over eleven thousand bottles have been buried from the grave-yard of Trinity Lutheran church, of this city.

Mrs. Fanny Forrey, aged 95 years, is now living, at her home, in West Hempfield township. Her husband, John Forrey, Esq., a well known citizen in his time, died about thirty years ago. Mrs. F. is in excellent health, attends to household duties every day; reads without spectacles, and her intellect is not at all impaired.

A party of Lancaster county farmers, representing forty persons in their families, are prospecting in Missouri, looking for property, with the view of settling together in that State. Should the party locate, it is expected that a number of families will follow.

Rev. Dr. Mombert, of this city, is about to establish an American School for Young Men in Dresden, Germany. The school will open on the 4th of October next, Dr. Mombert having made arrangements to leave Lancaster on the 1st of August. This Episcopalian highly commends this enterprise, and says that the Rev. gentleman's birth and education in Europe, and his thoroughly Americanized character, resulting from long residence and citizenship in this country, render him a fitting person to superintend the education of youth committed to his charge.

Col. M. D. Wickersham, formerly of this county, is Treasurer of the city of Mobile, Alabama.

A sheep, a little over fifteen months old, and belonging to Jos. H. Black, of Columbia, was sheared a few days ago, and yielded twenty-one pounds of wool.

S. S. Dettweiler, who, in company with several other gentlemen, is travelling through some of the Southern States, in a letter written to the Columbia Herald, from Mobile, Alabama, says: "We called upon Mr. Hay, formerly of Lancaster county, residing some two miles from Lexington, Kentucky, on the Nicholasville pike. He has the finest and largest stock of blooded horses in this section, with prices ranging from \$1500 to \$3000."

The Diognathian Literary Society of Franklin and Marshall College, celebrated their thirty-fourth anniversary at Fulton Hall, this city, on Friday evening last. Notwithstanding the rain, the hall was crowded, a large proportion of the audience being ladies, whose gay dresses and pleasant smiles added much to the interest of the occasion.

S. K. Landis, of East Lampeter township, has a cow which a short time ago gave birth to three calves. Ten months previous to this she had two at a birth, making five within ten months. The five calves are alive and doing well.

John A. Boyd, residing in Drumore township, this county, died suddenly at Fairfield, in that township, on Saturday night. He went to bed on Saturday night in good health, and on the following morning was found a corpse.

The town council of Columbia have passed a resolution to have three market days in each week, instead of two. The days will be Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The new arrangement goes into effect the first week in June.

The German Reformed Church of Conestoga Centre, this county, which has been greatly improved by repairing and the section of gallery, will be re-dedicated on Sunday, the 30th inst.

The principal merchants of York have agreed with their clerks and employees to close their places of business at 7 o'clock in the evenings during the months of June, July and August. The same thing is talked of in this city, and we hope it will not end in talk.

AN ADJOURNED COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS met on Monday, with Judges Long and Linnart on the bench.

Henry Snow, charged with robbery and assault and battery with intent to commit a rape on Bridget Harvey, was tried and found guilty of the latter part of the charge. Snow met Bridget on the Columbia bridge, in March, in the afternoon, and attacked her, and her cries brought the watchman, when Snow ransomed, but was afterwards caught and put in prison. Bridget, as represented by witnesses, was not a very inviting subject, but still Snow was convicted, notwithstanding his counsel wanted to make it appear that his character before the transaction was good, but at the time of a greater acquaintance. The Court held that drunkenness was no excuse, and would not admit the testimony. The Jury was out about two hours, and on the rendition of the verdict of guilty, Snow was sentenced to four years in the county prison.

Charles White alleged that her husband, Isaac White, had deserted her. The Court, after hearing both parties, gave them some good advice, and directed them to go to house-keeping, at which both parties seemed to be satisfied, and promised to comply with the dictation of the Court.

Samuel H. Hambricht was convicted for stealing butter at market. Frank Stahl, a grocer in Orange-st., purchased the butter, or at least it was found in his possession. This practice of relieving our country friends of their baskets of butter was quite a usual occurrence last winter, until Hambricht was caught. Some people think that Hambricht was only the tool of a greater scoundrel. The defense attempted to prove an alibi, by the father, mother and sister of Hambricht. The sentence was deferred to enable his counsel to enter a motion for a new trial.

On Tuesday afternoon, Alfred Miller was tried for assault and battery on a man named Stoutzenberg, and another named David McFalls, at Columbia, on Christmas, having struck the latter with a tumbler in the face, and destroying the sight of one eye. The jury found him not guilty, but ordered the prosecutor to pay one-third of the costs, and the defendant two-thirds. Cheap for an eye! Isaac Ortmann and Henry Schmidt were prosecuted for erecting fish-pots in the Susquehanna, below the dam at Columbia, contrary to law. They were acquitted, and a similar prosecution against Isaac Kessey was withdrawn.

Oscar S. Hambricht was prosecuted for stealing butter at market from Mrs. Warren, of Maric township, but the evidence not being sufficient to convict, the suit was withdrawn.

Jacob Marshall, who was convicted at April sessions of assisting his father and brother in stealing wheat from Ell Wenger, of Salisbury township, and who was sentenced to the House of Refuge, could not be admitted, both Ortmann and Henry Schmidt were prosecuted for erecting fish-pots in the Susquehanna, below the dam at Columbia, contrary to law. They were acquitted, and a similar prosecution against Isaac Kessey was withdrawn.

On Wednesday John Weidle was indicted for stealing seven geese from H. F. Binkley, of Safe Harbor, and Henry Schmidt was indicted and John McQuinn was found guilty of assault and battery on Constable Flory, of the Sixth Ward, this city.

Elizabeth Lelley withdrew the prosecution against Miffin Elliott, for adultery, and a verdict of not guilty was taken. County for costs, as prosecutor was unable to pay them, and it was thought cheap for the party to pay the costs than to send her to prison. Judge Long gave notice that hereafter the person at whose instance proceedings of too trifling a nature to be tried are instituted, must pay the costs.

A GOOD HOTEL: During a recent sojourn of a week at Washington we were fortunate in being entertained at the "Ebbitt House," situated on the corner of F and Fourteenth streets, of which C. Willard, Esq. is the landlord. It is located within a square of the Treasury building, with the White House, War, Navy, Post-office and Patent-offices within convenient reach, and servants running from the depot to the hotel, along F street. We have never stopped at a better hotel anywhere, and while it is less pretentious than some on Pa. Avenue, it is beyond none in all its appointments for the comfort and pleasure of its guests. Mr. Willard is a liberal, whole-souled gentleman, and his staff of clerks and officials, including servants, are attentive and courteous. The table, chambers, beds, &c. are all that the most fastidious could desire. We recommend the "Ebbitt House" to any of our readers who may visit the Capital.

A. D. ROCKAFELLOW & BRO., have lately opened a store at No. 20 North Queen street, for the sale of fruits, Nursery Plants and the like. See advertisement in another column.

[COMMUNICATED.]

EDITORS FATHER ABRAHAM: In our township we have been somewhat in a muddle as to who we shall vote for as delegates to the State Convention on Saturday. Some of my neighbors have been talking the matter over, and have come to the conclusion that it would not be safe for the honor of the Old Guard, to send any body who is known to be under the control of the arch-demagogue, George Brubaker. We want honest men, who cannot be controlled by any body. Therefore, at their suggestion, I write this, to say who we intend to go for on Saturday. Here they are:

Hon. John Strohm, Hon. Emlen Franklin, Capt. John K. Rutter, Theodore A. Kinzer, Andrew J. Kaufman, Jacob S. Shirk.

Every body knows John Strohm. His honesty, integrity and independence won't be doubted. The other gentlemen are also well known, and can be trusted, I feel assured. Every body knows that Wylie, Ex-Sheriff Smith, Sheriff Frey, &c., are mere tools of Brubaker, and will do his bidding. I hope the men my neighbors have agreed upon will be elected.

STRASBURG TWP.

STATE NEWS.

BERKS COUNTY.—A Lutheran Synod is in session in the Trinity Church of Reading. A fine new barn belonging to John Hook, at Birdsboro, was destroyed by fire on Monday evening last week. A valuable horse and two cows perished. A new City Hall has been agreed upon by the Councils of Reading. A large barn belonging to Jacob Lehner, near Leesport, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night last week. A large force of workmen is now employed on the Top-ton and Port Clinton Railroad.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.—They have an improved potato digger in Schuylkill Haven. As the county contains an immense number of potato eaters, the digger ought to take well. A saw mill belonging to Mr. J. D. Coleman, at Heckla, on the Little Schuylkill, and a county bridge at the same place, were destroyed by fire on the 12th inst. The Good Templars' County Convention met at St. Clair on Tuesday last. Saturday before last there was general party day in the neighborhood of Tamascus, and the roughs were out in full force. The saloons were crowded, benzine was in great demand, and fights and battered heads were in perfect order all day.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.—Robert H. Sayre, E. P. Wilbur and John Fritz, of Bethlehem, will sail on the second of June for Europe, where they will spend about the month, principally for the purpose of becoming more thoroughly acquainted with the manufacture of steel rails. They are about erecting extensive works in South Bethlehem, the foundation for which is already commenced. A company has been formed for the erection of a bridge at Bethlehem, from the foot of Broad street, across the Manockis to the highlands on the south side. The bridge will be sixty-five feet high and about four hundred feet span.

PERRY COUNTY.—A little child belonging to Thomas Thompson, of Greenwood, was drowned in a tub of water on Friday before last, whilst its parents were eating dinner. It is supposed the child was leaning over to dabble in the water, and lost its balance. The corner stone of a new German Reformed Church was laid at Newport on Sunday last. Daniel Bate, while peeling bark at Half Fall Mountain, was bitten by a copperhead snake a few days ago, but recovered after severely suffering for some time. Copperheads in this vicinity can't bite. They've lost their teeth.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.—The Montour American, published by Dr. H. B. Brower (the ugliest editor in Pennsylvania, by the way) is about to appear in an enlarged form, with new type, &c. The American