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INDEPENDENT AND PROGRESSIVE.

LANCASTER CITY, PA.

FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1869.

Economy, Retrenchment, Faithful Collection of the Revenue and Payment of the Public Debt.—GRANT.

OUR BANNER!

REPUBLICAN STATE NOMINATIONS.

For Governor,

GEN. JOHN W. GEARY.

For Judge of the Supreme Court,

HON. HENRY W. WILLIAMS,

OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

BUSINESS NOTICE.

MR. S. BAKER YOUNG, the Lancaster News Dealer, who everybody knows, is agent for FATHER ABRAHAM, and is authorized to take subscriptions and receive money for the same.

FATHER ABRAHAM publishes a hideous, but life-like portrait of Gov. Geary. It may be useful to paste up in corn-fields this spring, as we are certain that no crow would survive more than one peep at it.—*Reading Eagle.*

☞Crows, buzzards and copperheads never did like Geary.

CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE: HON. JOHN COVODE, of Westmoreland county, has been appointed *Chairman of the Republican State Central* Committee. His knowledge of the political intrigues of our enemies makes him the right man for the place.

"IT appears that our remarks about the platform of the Republican State Convention of 1868 struck *somebody*, heavy."—*Lancaster Inquirer.*

Oh, no, not at all. No body hurt, but the "empty-headed nincompoop" who struts and swaggers in the editorial columns of the *Inquirer*. "Conceit is as good as physic for a fool," and the vain creature really thinks that "struck *somebody*!" "Oh, no; not for Joe."

AVOIRDUPOIS WEIGHT!

Andy Armstrong has announced himself as a candidate for the State Senate!!

Well, well—that *is* rich and heavy. Andy will have a nice mileage bill, and any number of Illyus', *should he be elected!*

We make the announcement for Andrew free gratis for nothing.

Now, we'll see how many votes Andrew will get.

N. B. What's the distance from East Donegal to Harrisburg?

ARGUMENT!

The Lancaster *Intelligencer* says Mr. Geary is "dishonest, untruthful, undignified, conceited, ignorant, stupid, and unworthy of confidence and support." Fire away. Such *argument* will make his election the more certain. Keep up the fire in that way, we beg of you. And, of course, you won't forget to lie right lustily. That's your vocation.

A COWARDLY LIAR!

An individual writes to the Manheim *Sentinel* an anonymous letter from this city, in which it is stated that Senator Billingfelt, "in order to secure the support of FATHER ABRAHAM for his re-election, succeeded in having $200 appropriated to this same Cochran out of the State Treasury," &c. We only mention the matter to say that Senator Billingfelt opposed the appropriation, and voted against it in every stage of the progress of the bill. That the writer ever saw in the Legislative proceedings anything to authorize the statement that Mr. B. either tried to "secure," or that he voted for the appropriation is a LIE—that's all. Let the youngster throw another *brick!*

RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY BORIE.

Hon. Adolph E. Borie has resigned the Secretaryship of the Navy, and Hon. Geo. M. Robeson, of Camden, N. J., has been appointed in his place. Mr. Robeson is a distinguished lawyer, a radical Republican, and was Attorney General of New Jersey at the time of his appointment. Poor Pennsylvania, torn and bleeding, politically, by the fight of factions, is now without a representative in the Cabinet of President Grant.

GENEROUS!

We are surprised to learn that the delegates to the State Convention from this county, with a *magnanimity* that is refreshing, and a *political sagacity* that is commendable, recommended the appointment of that *accomplished gentleman*, Sheriff Jacob F. Frey, as a member of the State Committee from this county. In view of the fact that Frey was badly beaten at the election for delegates, and behaved very much like a *gentleman* afterwards, by calling his betters S——of b—— and other classic names, the recommendation is much to be *commended*, and is *highly creditable* to those who have made it.

THE MONTOUR AMERICAN is reconstructed—out in a beautiful new dress, considerably enlarged, and takes its place among the number one county papers. And the editor, too, is, and always was, decidedly one of the handsomest men in the State, when seen from a distance, say five hundred yards or more.

THE CAMPAIGN OF 1869.

The political campaign of 1869, in Pennsylvania, is now fairly commenced in the Republican ranks, the State ticket is in the field, and the next duty is for our friends throughout the State to prepare for the work before them. The wide circulation of Republican newspapers, experience has proved to be an important auxiliary in the successful prosecution of a political campaign. There are many voters in the State not identified with either party, who receive their impressions and are influenced in their votes, in a great measure, by what they see in the papers. They should be supplied with Republican journals. We have every reason to believe that FATHER ABRAHAM by its numerous circulation of last year contributed its full share towards the election of Grant and Colfax in November, and the State ticket, also, in October last. We continue to have a large circulation—the largest of any paper published in the county—but scores of subscribers might still be added in every locality. We have lately sent circulars to our friends throughout the county, and elsewhere, and trust that they, with each present subscriber, will act as agents in their respective districts in circulating the paper more extensively among their friends and neighbors. We have made arrangements with an engraver in Philadelphia to furnish us with engravings, and we intend making FATHER ABRAHAM as lively, and more so, if possible, than last year. To accommodate those who do not take the paper at present, but are willing to subscribe for it for a shorter period, we offer it for six months at the following terms:

One copy, for six months	$ 75
Ten copies, " "	6.00
Fifteen copies, " "	8.00
Twenty copies, " "	10.00

And fifty cents for each additional copy over twenty, and an extra copy for getting up a club of twenty. ☞All subscriptions must be paid in advance.

Go to work at once and get up your clubs. The campaign will be short and conducted with vigor. Let your watchword be "GRANT, GEARY, WILLIAMS and VICTORY!"

THE RIGHT SENTIMENTS.

We have read with great interest the address of Col. R. Biddle Roberts, made at the re-union of the Pennsylvania Reserves at West Chester, Pa., on the 1st inst. We especially admire the manner in which he deprecated the sickly sentimentality displayed by some people, in their treatment of the scoundrels and murderers of the South, who not only did all they could to destroy the Government, but starved and murdered the gallant "boys in blue," whom the fortunes of war threw *into their power* as prisoners. We publish a couple of paragraphs, and thank Col. Roberts for his brave utterances:

"While I would be the last man to utter unkind words or cultivate bitter or unfriendly feelings toward the great majority of those who were lately in arms against the nation, I would also be the last man to take by the hand the leaders of that traitorous band, or countenance them socially or politically. No matter how lofty his position or career may have been in the rebel ranks, or how high his situation in the civic organization of the rebellion, I would contemn all such men, teaching them by years of bitter experience that they had *offended their country*, and I care not how high the example may be—I care not whether it come from the head of the nation or the humblest individual in it—I deprecate this thing of noticing rebel leaders and rebel chieftains and rebel statesmen upon the mistaken theory that the war is over, and that they are to be forgiven. I repeat, that while I am the last man that would cherish sentiments of hatred and vindictiveness against the masses of the South, and while I would be willing to extend to the people of the South as such every forgiveness and courtesy, towards the leaders I would never extend the same forgiveness; and the higher the man's position in the attempted work of ruin, the greater the contempt I would feel for him, and the more strongly would I resist every effort to restore him to the inestimable rights which he had so wantonly violated, or forget the perjuries which he had so flagrantly committed against his country.

"I observe with pain that some of those who were most active upon the side of the country during the war, some of whom were distinguished in the field, some in the Cabinet and councils of the country, and some in the ranks of journalism—some, indeed, who dealt the heaviest blows and, perhaps, wielded the strongest influence in their several channels of usefulness in that great contest, are among the first to notice and encourage those who now, with an audacity that is absolutely wonderful to behold, approach the Government they have so much wronged and injured and seek to take part in its management, and insolently volunteer their opinions and tender their advice to the representative heads of the nation upon the questions of the hour, fraught as they are with danger to the future of our country, and which would never have arisen had they not played the traitors' part and stained the peerless record of our country's history with the word *rebellion*."

CAN'T BE DENIED.

The "Democratic" party is a party of organized fraud. Weakened by treason it seeks strength in perjury. *It polled at least twenty thousand perjured votes in New York city alone at the last election.* Seymour, Democratic candidate for President, and Hoffman, Democratic candidate for Governor—both members of Christian churches—knew of these frauds and perjuries, and contributed money to carry them out! Behold the beautiful harmony of Democratic religion with Democratic politics!

SCHRECKENZEITEN IN BERKS!

The democracy of such benighted districts as "Headlebarrick," "Moxadawney," "Albawney," "Beddle" un "Meelombarrick," down in "Alt Barricks," were almost ready to accept the situation—to concede the death of "Cheneral Chackson," and henceforth quit voting for him and acknowledge "de frei shool" as a permanent institution. Under the admirable generalship of such leaders as Jesse Hawley, der "Dan Cooney" (Ancona), Davy Kutz, Larry Getz, Harson Kohler, Dan Ermantrout and Casper Reafschneider, they became almost reconciled even to negro suffrage in the hope of securing at least a share of this new voting material. When Dan Ermantrout, the late District Attorney, over a year ago hired a two horse carriage and an Irishman to drive, and seated himself in the carriage with three distinguished colored gentlemen (formerly "niggers") and visited Andalusia, the Mineral Springs, and other places of interest in and about Reading, even the most perfect machine democrats became satisfied that after all the coming man to whom the party must look for support is of African descent. So well was the democracy of "Alt Barricks" reconstructed that the publishers of "*Der Adler*," and of the *Eagle*, became entirely neutralized in regard to the colored individual. The democratic farmers of the upper districts, finding their pigs, poultry, wives and daughters in no immediate danger of being gobbled up, carried off, roasted alive, devoured or married by gangs of horrible "niggers," began to manifest considerable indifference about voting during the last few years, and, as might be expected, the party suffered general demoralization and defeat.

But the *Adler*, the old Berks County Bible, and the *Eagle*, the New Testament of democracy, have now a new rallying cry—a powerful point against Governor Geary. He is a "demperanser"—don't drink whisky nor even Lager Beer or Scheidam Schnapps or anything of the kind! The Old *Adler* has already sounded the alarm all along the line of the Blue Mountains, and the Young *Eagle* is at work arousing the democratic lovers of lager beer, bloot worsht un Limburger kase in Seventh street, by telling them that Geary is going to enact the Maine Law and compel everybody to shut up shop and go to church on Sunday! "Donner un blitzen dat ish not rite!" They are willing to submit—cheerfully submit—to negro voting; they are willing to associate with them and even sleep in the same beds, eat at the same tables, drink out of the same bottle, and pass around the pipe of peace and perpetual friendship with the negro race, if necessary to save the party; but, they cannot and will not stand this cold water nonsense. To entitle a candidate to *democratic* support, he must be fond of dilapidated cheese, raw onions, and be able to prove that he drinks whiskey at least occasionally, lager beer frequently, and some kind of schnapps regularly.

But, as far as we are able to ascertain, the Republican hotel-keepers throughout the State who, as a general rule, keep the most respectable houses, will do as they did before, vote for and help to elect John W. Geary, the present faithful and impartial Governor. They are not going to be caught in the trap set for them by the feeders of democracy—the keepers of low groggeries in the cities and towns throughout the State. They have much more cause to fear and shun these mere drinking shops than all the temperance organizations combined. If the democratic leaders expect any help from the Republican ranks by raising a hue and cry against Governor Geary because he is a consistent temperance man, they will find their great mistake on the morning after the second Tuesday of October next.

LEGISLATIVE REFORM.

The Chairman of the Republican Committee of Chester county, addressed each of the newly nominated candidates for the Legislature a letter, asking the following questions:

1st. Will you vote and use your influence, if elected, against the further publication of the Legislative Record, or other documents, the substance of which the people now receive through the public press?

2d. Will you steadily oppose any increase of salary to the members of the Legislature, or any increase in the clerical force of the House, over and above that now allowed by law—and in all suitable ways economize the expenses of that body?

3d. Will you oppose all appropriation of the public money for new objects, unless of great public utility—or to support the public charities of the State?

These questions were promptly and satisfactorily answered by Messrs. Abel Drlington, Joseph C. Keech and James C. Roberts, the candidates, each one squarely pledging himself against any increase of salary of members or addition to the clerical force of the House, and for radical retrenchment and reform in everything. Mr. Darlington strikes the key-note of the campaign when he says: "The action of the recent Republican Nominating Convention has clearly demonstrated the fact that, having made the subject of retrenchment and reform, in our Legislative bodies, and in other departments of the government, one of the cardinal principles of the Republican Party, they have determined to hold their Representives to a rigid accountability for their faithful adherence thereto."

The Old Guard will present similar candidates who will heartily co-operate with those of Chester in the much needed work of reform.

THINGS IN PHILADELPHIA.

Hot Weather—Off for the Seaside—The Resignation of Mr. Borie—The Coppers in Council—Plenty of Fights and the Fourth Ward Triumphant—The First Senatorial District—More Parading—Extension of Fairmount, etc.

PHILADELPHIA, June 30, 1869.

DEAR ABE: The thermometer is up among the nineties, and per consequence, all who can possibly raise the wherewithal are packing up and making off for the country. The different railways leading to the seaside are burthened with human freight, the West Jersey folks having placed an extra train on their road during the past week to accommodate those who wish to make Cape May their home for the next month. How the mint julips and sherry cobblers, manufactured from pure Jersey lightning, will suffer! Our theatres, as a general rule, have closed shop, finding it too unprofitable to keep open in the face of the hot weather.

The fourth—the "glorious" fourth—is upon us too, but alas, it does not come in the good old fashioned style. I only know it is here by the constant firing of squibs and crackers by Young America. Fortunately our young people will not permit it to pass by without its usual accompaniments, even if no one else will give us the benefit of at least a military parade. At this time no one knows when we are to celebrate the 4th, whether on Saturday or Monday, or even if it is to be celebrated at all.

The resignation of our townsman, Mr. Borie, as Secretary of the Navy, caused considerable of a flutter when first announced. Mr. Robeson, his successor, as far as I have learned, gives general satisfaction, probably from the fact that he is so near a neighbor, living as he does only on the other side of the river, and having a reputation as a hard working and consistent Republican. At the Navy Yard this appointment is especially hailed with pleasure, owing doubtless to the fact that he is acknowledged to be in favor of ten hours' pay for eight hours' work, to which Mr. Borie was opposed, claiming that the employees should only receive pay for the number of hours employed.

The "unterrified" have been amusing themselves on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday last "putting heads" on each other. The cause of contention has been the Delegate Elections and City Conventions. The scenes at the conventions are grand and characteristic of the Democracy in more ways than one. At the city convention it seems that the delegates assembled for the express purpose of breaking heads, and carried this little amusement so far as to drive the respectable portion (if there are any such) out of the Hall, after which they had things all their own way, and nominated a man named Fry for City Treasurer, and one Duncan for City Commissioner. At the county convention at Eighth and Spring Garden, I ventured to take a peep, but soon found the gentlemen (?) assembled entirely too belligerent to make my visit of any length The few moments I was present I saw a big man occupying "the chair" on the platform, and endeavoring to smash a table to pieces with a cudgel in order to gain order, whilst in an other portion of the room a down-towner had an up-towner by the hair and was amusing himself trying to break an empty whisky bottle over the up-towner's head. Rings were formed, (not political but according to the revised P. Ra.) and amidst the cries of "fair play," delegates assembled around to witness the fistic encounters. I could picture hundreds of such scenes, but time will not permit, so I must stop, congratulating the Copper-Democracy that they have done more to triumphantly elect the entire Republican ticket, than all electioneering would do in six months.

In the first Senatorial District Sam Josephs unexpectedly withdrew at the eleventh hour, and pitched in for Legislative honors in the Third District, which were granted him by "the boys." The nomination for Senator in this district fell upon John Diamond, a member if the Whisky Ring. In the face of stupendous frauds, this district has been represented by a Republican; and next October, with anything like a fair return, Mr. Watt will undoubtedly go to Harrisburg.

A German organization known as the Order of Harugari made quite a fine street parade on Monday. The procession was composed entirely of our Teutonic friends, with ten or twelve bands of music, and after a few hours' marching proceeded to Washington Retreat, where the Order and invited friends spent the day in feasting.

The formal opening of the Fair Mount Park Extension took place on Wednesday of last week, and we can now boast of a Park that rivals the great Central of New York. The drive is more extensive than that of Central Park, and by the time it is completed will be much more handsome in every way, the scenery being grander and more natural than that of our neighbor's.

It is rumored Hon. B. H. Brewster is to go into the Cabinet in the place of Mr. Hoar, who will resign.

Yours,

WARWICK.

[COMMUNICATED.]

MESSRS. EDITORS: It is said, and I believe it can be proven, that our State Treasurers have been in the habit of lending or depositing with certain favorites and friends portions of the public money, which is clearly in violation of the Act of Assembly, and subjects the offender to fine and imprisonment, whether such lending be "*with or without interest or return therefor.*" As the money in the treasury is the property of the whole people, and not of the treasurer, or any one individual more than another, it follows that any one is as much entitled to the use of the money as another, and no one particular man has a right paramount to that of his neighbor, for neither has any right. The State Treasurer, therefore, has no right to prefer one man to another, because, as the law declares that he shall not lend or give the use of the public money, with or without interest, to any one, or upon any terms, doing this is strictly forbidden. But we know that it has been done, and the custom has been to lend to favorite banks or bankers, ten thousand dollars or more to each, upon the suggestion of members of the Legislature, who have been known to receive in some instances two or three per cent. therefor. Now, if one bank or banker is thus favored why should not all be? If, for instance, a bank in Lancaster city, should be favored with a deposit on a low rate of interest, or on no interest at all, why should not every other bank or banker in the county or State be? I think it well enough for the banks and bankers to enquire and ascertain, and if such should prove to be the fact, should it not be well for their stockholders and friends to ask for similar favors, and failing to receive them, to use such measures as they can to break up this system of preference, by electing members of assembly who will be able to control the State Treasurer, and compel him either to cease this illegal conduct, or to do equal and exact justice to all by a general distribution of his favors.

CITIZEN.

JOB PRINTING.

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.

Father Abraham's Chips.

MRS. LINCOLN is to be married again.

JOHN H. SURRATT has become a commission merchant of Baltimore.

THE Post-office at Charleston, S. C., is run by colored clerks.

THE highest store rent paid in New York is sixty thousand dollars; the highest in Chicago, fifty-two thousand dollars.

AS LATE as the 5th ult. travelers in Northwestern Maine were delayed by deep snow drifts.

ONE of the recent "notions" in Chicago is a white hearse, which is described as "attractive, not to say inviting."

THE Pennsylvania Teachers' Association will convene at Greensburg, August 10th.

STRANGE—that when flour has become so cheap, the baker's loaves still retain their usual dimensions.

A DESPERADO has been arrested in Missouri who is charged with the murder of 78 persons.

A COLORED preacher in Georgia can be heard two miles when he gets warmed up to his work.

GREEN fruit is coming into market, and people who don't want the cholera morbus should beware.

A servant girl in Syracuse poisoned a baby and set fire to the house, because she disliked the family she was living with.

GOV. GEARY'S majority against Clymer in 1866 was 17,178 votes. We expect this to be doubled this fall.

PUNISHMENT by death is executed in Utah by shooting. Three murderers are to be disposed of in this manner on the 16th of July.

ONE-FOURTH of the population of the earth die before the age of seven years, and one-half at or before the age of seventeen.

A SAUSAGE vender of New Orleans has procured the arrest of all the neighboring butchers because they barked and mewed when customers came to buy of him.

A COUPLE of shop-lifting women from Jersey City in league with a salesman have victimized the merchants of St. Louis to the extent of $19,000.

GEN. GEORGE W. CASS has severed his official connection as President of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Company.

THE *National Intelligencer* of Washington, D. C., has recently suspended publication, and all efforts to revive it have thus far failed.

SOME heartless scoundrels in Altoona got a young boy intoxicated by giving him lager beer. He is now a helpless maniac.

THE *Hearth and Home* says that the first thing for a farmer to find out is what grows best on his soil. After he has learned this, it thinks he should not be discouraged by low prices for a year or two.

SEVERAL prominent members of the Cuban Junta in New York have been arrested and held to bail to answer for violation of the neutrality laws.

BEAUTIFUL was the reply of a venerable man to the question whether he was still in the land of the living: "No, but I am almost there."

A COPPERHEAD journalist philosophically remarks that nature destined the Radicals to be in the minority, "which purpose man in his perversity for some years has been defeating."

MRS. STANTON advises that every pretty girl should be taught to fire a pistol, and allowed to carry one for defense. Instead of shooting glances, to shoot men.

IT appears duelling did not go out with slavery. Two Virginians the other day tried to kill each other, and so did the editor of a Spanish paper published in New York and a Cuban.

GEN. DANIEL E. SICKLES, our new Minister to Spain, will sail for Madrid early in July. Hon. Henry T. Blow, our Minister to Brazil, will sail for Rio Janero on the 23d of July.

THE Vermont Republican Convention at Rutland, nominated General Peter T. Washburn for Governor, George Whendle for Lieutenant Governor, and John A. Pace for Lieutenant Governor.

A YOUNG couple in Joliet, Illinois, divorced after a short wedded life, have met, reloved, and remarried after a separation of only a few weeks.

HIS Accidency, Andrew Johnson, is in Washington, and rumor has it that he contemplates writing a history of his administration, and is there to obtain the records of the several departments. Rich, isn't it?

GEN. VAN WYCK, of New York, Col. Forney, and several other speakers from the North, have gone down to Virginia to take part in the campaign. Both parties are working with great energy. Election takes place on the 6th.

IT is needless to say anything of John W. Geary. His three years' administration has shown him to be an honest, conscientious, efficient Governor, as his six years' military service proved him to be a brave, honorable soldier.

COFFEE-POT WALLACE declines serving as Chairman of the next Democratic State Committee. The party will have no trouble in getting a man equally unscrupulous. Of course no other will be chosen.

FOR months past an investigation has been going on in Philadelphia in reference to fraudulent votes polled at the October election. Over two thousand already been discovered. And it was these votes that gave that city over to the rule of the Democratic party.

IT is thought that if women were to get on juries, bachelors and good looking men would stand a poor chance for getting justice. But then that is the least thing they might get, and what many of them deserve.

A YANKEE who has recently been at San Francisco, via the Pacific Railroad, writes home that the distance between that city and Boston is equal to [illegible] games of euchre, 178 drinks, and [illegible].

THE "Democrats" [illegible] rejoice at the re-nomination of Gov. Geary, and say he will be an easy candidate to beat. They said the same three years ago, and predicted that Clymer's election was certain. They will find Geary stronger than ever this fall.

THE Hartford (Ct.) *Post* says of the Republican nominee for Governor of Penna.: "Certainly no more popular candidate for Governor could be chosen than Governor Geary. His reputation throughout is high and needs no comment."

A MARRIAGE took place at Leominster, Mass., lately, under somewhat singular circumstances. The bridegroom is seventy-two years of age, and has lost three wives, and the bride is sixty-two, and has lost three husbands.

THE Louisville *Courier Journal* says that as a member of the Senate Mr. Andrew Johnson would be a terror to the Radical party. He would certainly be a terror to any decent body. Saulsbury ought to be enough in the terror line for one Senate.

THE ability of the female tongue to keep a secret is proved by the conduct of a St. John's girl, who did not tell her lover that she was worth four millions in her own right until after the marriage. But who will believe that he didn't know it.

A NEW YORK lady recently ordered a trousseau at Stewart's for her daughter's *doll*, which received a complete outfit in underclothing, silk and lace. One of the articles ordered was an India shawl, miniature size, at $30, and a lace handkerchief valued at $12.

THE annual State fair of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Society will be held at Harrisburg, the committe having decided on that location. The fair will commence on the last Tuesday of September, and will be continued four days.

PARSON BROWNLOW'S paper at Knoxville says there is no more probability of Andrew Johnson being elected Governor of Tennessee than there is of his flight by railroad to the north star, and that there is just as little probability of a coalition between Johnson and Brownlow.

LAST week two car loads of apostates from the Mormon Church left Utah for the East, purposing never to return. The party had been gathering for some time, and swelled during one or two periods of delay. Some of the number were early settlers of Utah. They promise to make some startling revelations.

AGAIN has the Republican party of this State shown that its profeesions of fidelity to the men who saved the country are real. It has again, with an unanimity equalled only in the nomination of Gen. Grant, declared that the man who braved the battle-fields of two wars should control the government of the great State of Pennsylvania.

GENERAL F. P. BLAIR, late Democratic candidate for Vice President on the Democratic ticket, has gone to California to establish a Western department of the Life Association of America. If General Blair expects to derive any favors from the Democratic party he should by all means get its life insured before it dies out altogether.

THE war in Cuba still continues, and victory is with the Cubans. In a recent battle they captured an extensive train, containing a large amount of provisions, arms, ammunition, clothing and hospital stores. The loss of the Spaniards was over two hundred killed. A number of Americans participated in the fight.

ROBERT OULD, the former Rebel commissioner on the exchange of prisoners, made a violent speech in Richmond on Tuesday, in which he notified Northern carpet-baggers that after the election on the 6th of July they would have to pack up and leave the State. That infernal rebel's windpipe ought to be cut.

STATE NEWS.

CHESTER COUNTY—*Gleanings from the Record.*—Franklin B. Gowan was elected President of the Pickering Valley Railroad, and vigorous efforts are being made to have the work commenced without delay.....Samuel Gartley, of Warwick, had one of his fingers cut off on Saturday before last, by one of the knives of a mowing machine.....Washington Lodge No. 156, A. Y. M. of West Chester, will participate in the ceremonies of dedicating the new Masonic Hall at Drumore Centre, Lancaster county, on the 17th inst..... Dennis Heron, who was employed at the Phœnixville Iron Works, was drowned in the branch canal while bathing on Monday last week.....During the thunder storm on Sunday night, five cows, belonging to David Harvard, of Tredyffrin township, were killed by lightning; also, during the same storm, two cows, belonging to Jonathan Baldwin, of Caln, were killed.

BERKS COUNTY—*Gleanings from the Daily Times.*—The Reading Railroad Company will issue excursion tickets upon the main line and all branches of their road, good from the 3rd to the 12th of July inclusive. On the Reading and Columbia road excursion tickets will be issued on the 3rd and 5th, good until the 6th, inclusive, and to Philadelphia good from the 3rd to the 12th inclusive.....The Reading Railroad Company have decided to run a through accommodation train between Pottsville and Philadelphia.....The Mozart Musical Union of Reading will participate in celebrating the national anniversary, in Penn Square, on the morning of the 5th..... All the public schools of Reading closed last Friday for the summer vacation..... The Liberty Cornet Band (colored) of Reading received their new instruments last Friday.....One of the Robisonia furnaces will be considerably enlarged during the present season.....The corner stone of the new Baptist mission chapel, in North Ninth street, Reading, was laid on Sunday last. It will be erected by the congregation of the First Baptist church.....Items from the *Eagle*—Elizabeth Leiss was sent to jail the other day for appearing very drunk in the streets of Reading..Theatrical performance commenced in Library Hall on Thursday evening last week.....Daniel Albright has been appointed postmaster at Robinson.....John Jenewine had his leg broken by falling from a horizontal bar, in Fulton Garden.....The *Eagle* is out in favor of General Hancock for Governor, from which we infer that the General must have become a confirmed copperhead.....Two cows belonging to Mr. Hahn, of Muhlenberg township, were killed by lightning on Sunday last.....Poultry thieves are operating in Reading.....The Universalist Sunday School of Reading will visit Litiz Springs on the 15th inst.....Mr. Marks Behm, of Reading, has in his possession a white robin, which was caught by Mr. Schildt, in Alsace township.