

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUG. 31, 1881.

The County Convention.

The Democratic county convention, held in this city to-day, is the largest gathering of its kind which has convened here for many years, and is in a great measure composed of the representative men of the party, assembled to express its will and to decide upon its policy.

Happy the district conventions and the morning session of the general convention have transacted their business without any friction or collision between contending interests.

Under these auspices the work of the convention can hardly fail to be done successfully, harmoniously and satisfactorily.

If the bulletins from Washington are to be credited there is no reason for an abatement of the hope inspired by the favorable turn in President Garfield's case on Saturday evening.

A DEMOCRATIC candidate for a county office in Berks has been arrested for alleged bribery of voters at a delegate election to influence them to vote for delegates favorable to his nomination in the county convention.

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PERSONAL.

An organist in an English church is in trouble because he flogged one of his choir singers who made a mistake in a tune.

The surviving grandchildren of DANIEL WEBSTER are Mrs. Jerome Bonaparte, Mrs. Keith Armistead and Mr. Samuel Appleton.

Congressman COBERT VANCE, of North Carolina, has a beautiful home on the French Broad river, near Asheville. Here Mr. Vance every night holds patriarchal service, reading the Bible and leading in family prayer.

Mr. BRADLAUGH has issued a fresh manifesto to the English people announcing his intention of going to the House of Commons again at the next session of Parliament and asking them to protect him against unlawful violence.

TEMPLE HOUTSON, a son of General Sam Houston, delivered an address at a San Jacinto entertainment in Galveston the other night. The object of the entertainment was to raise money to finish a monument which is proposed to erect upon the San Jacinto battle field.

Young HERBERT GLADSTONE's appointment as of the Treasury recalls the fact that it is now nearly forty-seven years since his illustrious father accepted a similar appointment. The prime minister took that post in the administration of Sir Robert Peel.

Princess MAUD, the youngest daughter of the Prince of Wales, is described by a London correspondent of the Buffalo Courier as a musical genius. Although only twelve years old, she shows extraordinary vocal powers, and is so devoted and persistent a student of music that her parents have been obliged to restrain her enthusiasm.

It is related of DANIEL WEBSTER that one day, when he was to debate with SILAS WRIGHT, a loquacious friend went over and said: "Mr. Webster, you will have any easy victory to-day; Mr. Wright is drunk." "I would have you know, young man," said Mr. Webster, "that Silas Wright, either drunk or sober, is a very hard man to encounter."

MINOR TOPICS.

Is the opinion of what very stalwart Republican journal, the Philadelphia Bulletin, the men who favor the lynching of Giteau are men who are capable of doing what Giteau did.

ABOUT fifty editors in Nebraska have announced simultaneously their intention of suspending the issue of their papers for two weeks "owing to the intense heat."

Twenty millions of dollars have been placed at the disposal of the sub-treasurer in New York to be exchanged for imported bullion. The treasury department, in its anticipation of considerable arrivals of specie, may be acting upon definite advice or it may be merely providing against a contingency which the course of events here and abroad renders likely to occur.

The coal and coke operators of the southwestern counties, where the "store order" system is universal, propose to contest Senator Schnatterly's bill which prohibits the payment of laborers in coal and iron mines and manufactories in anything but United States currency. The employers have taken counsel and propose either to ignore the bill and invite prosecution or to insist on every employe signing a contract to take merchandise from the company's store in payment for work.

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Coroner Topham held an inquest at the station. It was shown that the fatal torpedo contained 24 pounds of ordinary gun powder, and hence it must have been exploded by the electric circuit and not by concussion. Capt. Selfridge, the commanding officer, testified that the torpedo was taken against premature explosions, the first in the electrical laboratory, the second in the signal box on the beach, and the third in the circuit-closer attached to the buoy at a safe distance from the operator.

Lieut. Caldwell testified that if he found two circuits broken in his room he must have closed them mechanically. At any rate he did close them. This was clearly his duty, as other officers testified, although he did not have the circuits broken the accident would not have happened.

The theory prevails that an independent circuit was established by salt water leaking into the circuit-closer when the torpedo was fired by the signal telegraph. Another theory is that the staple in the torpedo had been driven in too far, and that the torpedo, as it touched water, instantly exploded.

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GRAVITATION GAINING.

General Improvement Along the Whole Line—The verdict.

Yesterday at the executive mansion was calmly quiet and uneventful, the news from the sick room being very gratifying to all inquirers. The attending surgeons said that during the extremely enfeebled condition of the patient no importance is attached to the slight fluctuations of the pulse. The president continues to take his usual amount of food during the day, in addition to the koumiss, milk porridge and beef tea, of which he partook freely, ate a peace of milk toast with apparent relish. The beef tea which he is now taking is prepared by Mrs. Garfield from raw beef steeped in water and a few drops of muriatic acid and a few drops of muriatic acid.

Secretary Blaine in response to a question said that he considered the patient fully recovered from the fever. Secretary Hunt considered the fact of the president's holding his own during the day a good sign and that the patient's condition was evidently better than at the same time last night.

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EXCITING FIGHT WITH BURGLARS.

Shooting in a Crowded Car—The Criminals Disarmed and Escaped.

Two residences in Whitehall, Washington co., N. Y., were entered by burglars Monday night, and property, mostly silver ware, valued at \$3,000, was stolen. It was ascertained that yesterday morning two strange men got on a train at Conestoga Landing, a small village to the west of Albany, after procuring tickets for Albany. Descriptions of the men were sent by telegraph to Deputy Sheriff Post at Mechanicville.

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EAST EARL CORRESPONDENCE.

Topics of Timely Interest Down Towards New Holland.

Crops in this section of the county are all suffering from drought. Corn will scarcely be half crop. Tobacco is very nice, but short, on account of dry weather. Buyers have been through East Earl, offering high figures for good tobacco on the place, and quite a number of farmers have sold at fancy prices. A great many new tobacco houses have been erected by the farmers this season, and had it rained two weeks ago, half as many more would now be in course of erection.

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THE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS. ELECTION OF STATE DELEGATES.

The Democratic county and district conventions met at Fulton hall this morning. Every district was represented and four contested. The morning session was taken up with the election of delegates to the state convention. The attendance was very large, the order good and the proceedings peaceful. Below will be found detailed reports of all the conventions.

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