

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

CANAL COMMISSIONER, THOMAS H. FORSYTH, OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY. AUDITOR GENERAL, EPHRAIM BANKS, OF MIFFLIN COUNTY. FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL, J. PORTER BRAWLEY, OF CRAWFORD COUNTY.

The Wounded Pigeon Flutters!

Why does not "A CITIZEN," who figures in the last Examiner, in reference to the appointment of Postmaster at Marietta, write over his proper signature? In every line of the malignant, but frothy production, to be mistaken by any body, and it bears a cowardly spirit thus to attempt to slink behind a fictitious signature for the purpose of avoiding responsibility. The Examiner, it is true, endorses the writer's democracy; but it is an endorsement from that quarter must be taken for just what it is worth—not a farthing more. Good Democrats never resort to a Whig paper to make known their grievances and abuse their fellow-Democrats;—Bones ones—we mean such as are in the habit of striking the State ticket for Supreme Judges, Canal Commissioners, &c., and whose Whig propensities are so well known—we may select that paper as their organ. But the attempt of such men, aided and assisted by Whig conditors, to injure Dr. Caseman, the efficient and popular Postmaster of Marietta, is supremely absurd. It would be decidedly more to their credit to "grin and bear" under their disappointment, with as much philosophy as possible, rather than make themselves ridiculous by pouring forth their venom through the columns of a Whig print. By the way, what about that threatened indignation meeting? We should be glad to know when it is to be held.

The Administration of Governor Bigler

has thus far met the highest expectations of its friends. Prudent, sagacious, and soundly Democratic in his views of State policy, he has brought to the Executive department all the qualities the people sought, when they elected him their Chief Magistrate. By the judicious use of the constitutional check upon the acts of Legislature, he has saved us from the evils of a vast amount of hasty and unwise legislation; and by resolutely adhering to the determination laid down in his inaugural address, to oppose all attempts to increase the Banking capital of the State, he has preserved the currency upon a sound basis, and kept within bounds the wild spirit of speculation which invariably follows the unlimited issue of paper money. The Governor's careful oversight of the State finances, has had the most salutary tendency, in increasing the revenue without any additional tax-laws, (the passage of which has been a favorite trick with our political opponents) and directing their appropriation into the proper channels to advance the public interest; while the sinking fund for the reduction of the State Debt, has been jealously guarded against any attempt to divert it from its important purpose. Under this system of management, the credit of our Commonwealth has been completely restored, and Pennsylvania securities now stand among the best in the Stock Markets both at home and abroad. In brief, Governor Bigler has proved himself, in every respect, equal to the responsible post he holds, by the will of the people; and we look to his re-nomination and election, as foregone conclusions; being nothing more than the merited tribute of appreciation to one who has been tried, and not found wanting. Reading Gazette.

The Memphis Convention

has adjourned, and its closing proceedings, says the New Orleans Picayune, were chiefly important as having reference to the Pacific railroad. It took strong ground in favor of the Mississippi project, and adopted a series of resolutions directing the attention of the government to the necessity of the work. It was also recommended that the public lands be donated to the State bordering on the Mississippi river. No particular route for the road was designated as the choice of the convention, but a variety of essential qualifications were hinted at. The body was non-committal on several points, and refused to entertain a resolution in relation to Cuba offered by Mr. Thrasher. The next convocation is announced to take place at Charleston, in April, 1854.

Census of California.

We are indebted to our friend, Dr. M. M. Moore, for an extra of the Columbia (Cal.) Gazette, containing the census of California. From it we learn that the total population of the State, at the time the census was taken, amounted to 264,435 souls—of which San Francisco City and County had 36,131. The number of acres of land in cultivation was 110,748, the annual produce was as follows, viz: 2,973,734 bushels of Barley, 100,497 of Oats, 271,763 of Wheat, 1,399,170 of Potatoes and 62,592 of Corn. There were 108 Quartz Mills and the amount of capital invested was as follows, viz: Quartz Mining, \$5,871,405; Flax, 30,000; \$4,174,418; other Mining operations, \$3,551,929; and for other purposes, \$4,106,193.

Late from the Pacific.

The steamship Northern Light, from San Juan, with California dates to the 1st inst., reached New York on Friday. She brought 400 passengers who have a large amount of gold in hand, and reports the steamship California as having left San Francisco on the 1st inst., with \$2,283,000 in gold on her manifest. The Northern Light reports that the ship James-town, at San Francisco from CUBA, brought dates from that Empire to the 6th of April, from which we learn that the rebels were driven from the walls of Nankin with immense slaughter.

The Editor of the Harrisburg Keynote

has struck a new lead. He is now endeavoring to prove that James Buchanan is an Abolitionist. He will have a happy time making out his case. Our feelings towards Mr. Buchanan are those of abstract friendship. We feel proud of him as a fellow citizen, and we can cordially accord to him the palm of devotion to the Union. His fidelity cannot be doubted, and the vituperations of five thousand Keynotes would not or could not be sufficient to induce the people to believe the falsehoods uttered by one of them.—Pittsburg Post.

GEORGE LAW AND SANTA ANNA

The New York Freeman's Journal states that an agent left New Orleans on the 1st instant for Vera Cruz for the purpose of negotiating a sale to Santa Anna for the famous lot of muskets owned by Mr. Geo. Law, and also of offering to furnish other warlike materials, ammunition, &c., for the equipment of an army of 100,000 men. The Journal says it obtains the information from a reliable source.

The extreme heat of the weather

during the greater portion of last week, caused a great number of deaths in the large cities. The Philadelphia and New York papers record the different cases of cholera which terminated fatally.

Fredrick Truitt, convicted of passing counterfeit gold dollars,

was sentenced by Judge Kane, on Friday, to pay \$1 fine, and be imprisoned in the Eastern Penitentiary for 2 years.

MICHIGAN

On the 20th inst., the people of Michigan, by a large majority, decided in favor of the Maine Liquor Law.

Shall we have War?

In dealing with almost any other power than Mexico, reliance might be placed in its following the dictates of reason and common sense in some degree. Its fears, if not its wisdom and moderation, would induce it to adopt every means consistent with national honor to avoid a war with the United States. But the present ruler of Mexico has often exhibited his blind hatred of this country, his foolhardy rashness and intemperance, and his incapacity of comprehending his true situation and that of his people, that we need not be astonished at any insane step he may take. Indeed it would rather be surprising if he should not involve the two nations in a war.

But there is reason to believe that Santa Anna

is a true representative of the great majority of the Mexicans. There never was a people so effectually and decisively beaten upon their own soil as the Mexicans were in the late war. But the lesson has taught them nothing. Unable to subdue their natural disposition to gauding, Santa Anna and his people are again indulging in senseless vanities; their inflated vanity finds ready explanations of the reverses they have suffered; they are again marching troops into disputed territory; and again challenge and defiance into the teeth of the U. States. There is no disposition on the part of any portion of our people to crush them; but forbearance on our parts must be to an incentive to further insults and more extraordinary proceedings on theirs. Perhaps Santa Anna believes that in another struggle, he and his army would be able to cope with our regulars and volunteers. For our part we should very willingly agree to let the State of Texas or even Gov. Young and his Saints, fight out this quarrel. The latter we observe are quite ready to make an issue with the Mexicans; and we have no doubt that the Saints, once engaged in a war with Mexico, single handed, would go forth "conquering and to conquer;" and never leave a rood of Mexico unpossessed.

It may be, however, that Santa Anna relies upon help from Europe. If he does he will find himself sorely disappointed in the hour of need. All the assistance he will get from England will be what he can derive from a large quantity of fine writing about the rapacity of their descendants, from that moderate party who only annex a nation and a race at a blow, about twice a year. John Bull will never engage in a war with this country in defence of anybody but himself; that is certain. France is not able to wage war with the United States upon this continent; and Napoleon dare not risk it. The news of a battle lost by his army against the troops of the Republic, would hurl him headlong from the throne, as a wretch struck by lightning on the brink is tumbled down a precipice. To speak of Spain assisting Santa Anna and Mexico to wage successful war with the United States, is about as sensible as to say that a cripple on crutches could enable a man with a wooden leg to pass a swimmer runner.

There is, then, no hope whatever for Mexico in a war with the United States. But there are people who are doing their very best to bolster up Santa Anna, and thereby cause a war. These are the Whig Editors who, in the face of truth and justice, are assuring everybody that the Mexico Valley belongs to Mexico—that there is not the slightest doubt about the matter—that Mexico has always had possession and exercised authority over it—and that New Mexico never had a pretence of claim to it. Assuredly, if we—who no other answer will not be their fault.—Ohio Statesman.

Is it so?

We see it stated, that under an act of Assembly passed last winter, Banks stocks are exempted from the payment of corporation, county, poor and school tax. The list of public and general lands, recently issued, contains nothing of this kind; so that if such a law was passed at all, it must have been an amendment to some private bill—and very appropriately so; for the more partially a Democratic Legislature makes laws so private and unjust, the better for its own reputation. Upon what ground, we should like to know, have the Stockholders of Banks been relieved from the payment of the taxes to which all other property is liable? They receive from ten to twelve per cent. for their money, while that which is invested in real estate often yields but four or five, or rarely more than six per cent. This is "equalizing the burden of taxation" with a vengeance! We always thought that the most productive property should bear the heaviest proportion of tax. But it seems we are behind the age; the wisdom of our modern financiers has reversed the rule. The rich capitalists, who own nine-tenths of our Bank stock, are to go free, so far as taxes for local purposes are concerned; and the whole of this expense is saddled on the poor, and men in moderate circumstances, whose property consists mainly in real estate. True, the Banks pay pretty handsomely to the State, in one way and another; but when they can divide ten and twelve per cent. a year, clear of all State tax, it is very certain that the privileges the State grants them, are worth the price at which they are held. If it were not so, Bank charters would cease to be in demand. But, putting down the revenue the State derives from the Banks at the highest figure, we imagine it falls short, by a considerable amount of the tax collected upon real estate. Where is the justice, then, in releasing Bank stocks from the payment of their fair proportion of tax, local and general, State and County? We confess we cannot see it—and the people—the hard-working, tax-ridden common people, whose earnings very rarely take the shape of Bank stock—are doubly as blind as we. Can our Senators or Representatives—who, being Democrats, were bound by their pledges to legislate for the people, and not for the moneyed interest—tell us why this law was passed, and by whose votes it was "put through!"—Reading Gazette.

THE FISHERIES

The policy of the British Government is so jealously watching encroachments upon the fishing privileges of their Colonies in North America, has recoiled somewhat upon those whose interests it was designed to protect. The French, it is well known, possess fishing grounds in the neighborhood of Miquelon. The movements of the British Government during the past and present session, have not been unobserved by the French authorities. We learn from St. Johns, N. F., that seven or eight British provincial schooners, which were encroaching upon the French fishing grounds, have been driven away by French cruisers, before they had obtained one-third their fares. The British schooner Victory, which had also been poaching, arrived at Pughwash on the 20th inst., from Bay St. George, with only 500 barrels of herring, and a lugubrious complaint that she "was driven off by French cruisers."

From St. Pierre Miquelon, we learn that

the British war steamer Devastation, has recently been in that quarter, making very minute surveys and examinations of the headlands and lines of demarcation, as laid down in treaties, probably with the view of keeping the French vessels within their proper limits. With the feelings which formerly existed between these two great nations, such a state of affairs might have been the source of serious misunderstanding.—Boston Advertiser.

THE CUBAN SLAVE TRADE

During the first five months of the present year, not less than 9040 African slaves were landed in Cuba, from slave ships. Of these one cargo, numbering 697 slaves, was actually consigned to Spanish government officials, notwithstanding the slave trade treaty with Great Britain. Three other cargoes, numbering in all 1475 slaves, were publicly sold at auction.—From another cargo, it is said, the agent of the Queen of Spain brought 800 for her majesty. The Spanish war steamer Isabel landed 300 from another cargo, and a government marine officer furnished launches for landing 612 negroes.

The Mission to China.

The latest intelligence from China would seem to indicate the probability of the present Tartar dynasty, and the installation of a new Emperor at Peking, and the ancient Chinese imperial family. Should this revolution be accomplished, it will be the most important event of this century, and may be fraught with incalculable benefits to our country and to the world. It is generally believed that the new dynasty will be more favorable than its predecessor to foreign trade and intercourse; and our increased commerce with the Atlantic, as well as from Oregon and California on the Pacific, place this country in a position for the development of an immense trade with China and the neighboring States. The United States and China are both great powers fronting upon the Pacific, and their products and manufactures are admirably calculated for an immense and largely beneficial trade and intercourse. We are the only great nation that consumes tea, the staple product of China, free of duty; and our cotton and cotton manufactures, and various other articles, ought to be freely received in exchange. The present crisis has, in fact, induced the President to tender this mission to the Hon. Robert R. Walker, of Mississippi, late Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, accompanied by all the necessary powers and authority to accomplish the great object of this most important trust; and Mr. Walker, we understand, has accepted the mission. It is well known that the last Congress placed the mission to China upon the highest grade known to our diplomacy. Since this act of Congress, new events have given to the mission a still more commanding character. There is at present no diplomatic station upon which the public eye, not only of our country but of all civilized nations, will be more intensely fixed. To this signal interest and importance of the mission alone, we presume, it is owing that Mr. Walker, whose political antecedents so eminently fit him for the work before him, and undertaken this high and difficult diplomatic service.

His general views in favor of a liberal commercial

policy are well known to the country and to the world. Under the tariff of 1846, our revenue, as well as our imports and exports, have been doubled, and the prosperity of the country is unprecedented. Whatever opinions may be entertained by the few who still advocate the protective policy as regards his views in connection with reciprocal trade with England, there can be none who will doubt the propriety of his opinions in regard to an enlarged trade and commerce with China and the East; and we presume there is no American who will not desire his success in the great and important mission now intrusted to his care. Mr. Walker's views in regard to our trade with China and Asia are fully set forth in his several Treasury Reports, and especially in that of December, 1852. In that report Mr. Walker concluded his views on this subject with the following prophetic remarks: "Our ports upon the gulf, with those upon both oceans fronting upon Europe from the east, and Asia from the west, occupying the central position between all the continents of the globe, nearer to them all by convenient routes than any other nation, including an easy access to the whole interior of our own country, we want only the means of adequate strength, speed, and numbers, to give us the command of the trade of all nations.—Nor should we forget that, in carrying our trade from the coast to the interior, we are opening up a new field of commerce with that vast region, passing from coast to coast in the short period of twenty days, with facility and economy, and with the light of Christianity following the path of commerce, would return with all its blessings to the East, from which it rose. 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