

We need make no apology, we are sure, to our readers for the space occupied in our columns by the admirable memoir of Mr. BUCHANAN, published by the direction of the Democratic State Central Committee. It is from the pen of Col. John W. Farnley, the talented and energetic Chairman of the Committee, and is unquestionably a production of great ability. It appears at this time, cannot fail in having a happy effect in furthering the prospects of Pennsylvania and her favorite candidate before the Cincinnati Convention. This, in connection with a ten column editorial which appeared in the Pennsylvania some two weeks ago, fully sets forth the claims of our great State to the Presidency, and the exalted character and eminent public services of our candidate, Mr. B., in their true light. We should gladly, if we had the space, give our readers the benefit of the latter able production, but its great length renders its insertion at this time, at least, out of the question. We shall endeavor to make some extracts from it in a week or two.

Hon. Richard Vaux.

This gentleman has been unanimously nominated as the Democratic candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia. There can scarcely be a doubt of his triumphant election. The Know-Nothing has not yet trotted out their nag. It makes very little difference, however, who they nominate, as the Democratic candidate is certain to be elected. The people of Philadelphia have had quite a surfeit of Know-Nothing rule in the last two years, and they intend now to try what virtue there is in Democratic policy.

An Old Subscriber.—On Tuesday last, our good old Democratic friend, PETER MATZ, of Rapho township, called at our office to pay his subscription. He commenced talking the "Journal" (at the advice of his father) when it was first established in 1794—he being then only twelve years of age, and has been a regular subscriber to the paper, during all its mutations, from that time to the present, a period of more than sixty years! Mr. M. is still hale and hearty, and bids fair to live many years longer. May prosperity attend him in the evening of his days.

Connecticut Election. The popular vote is very heavy. No election for Governor by the people. The Democracy made a gallant fight, having polled a larger vote than ever in opposition. The vote stands—Ingraham (dem.) 52,620; all others, 33,972. The Fusionists will have a small majority on joint ballot, in the Legislature, and will therefore be able to elect the Governor and other State officers.

CONFAGINATION.—A disastrous fire occurred in Philadelphia, on Thursday night last, completely destroying the Artizan's Building in Rector street, between Market and Chestnut, and Fourth and Fifth streets, together with several other adjacent buildings. The rear of the U. S. Hotel, in Chestnut St., was also damaged considerably. The total loss by the fire is estimated at not less than \$350,000, and the insurance not more than \$100,000. A fireman was badly injured by the falling walls, and an elderly lady, residing next door to the U. S. Hotel, died from fright during the excitement.

The Canal from Columbia to Pittsburg has been open since the 1st inst., and boats are now running. It is anticipated that an unusually large amount of business will be done on that branch of the public works the present season, and preparations have been accordingly made. We learn that two new transportation Lines have commenced operations, one the Leamon Line, owned by Cookman & Drs., has 20 boats—John Eberly, Agent, Columbia; and the other Tiers & Co., has 40 boats—Annie C. Agents, Columbia. These are all first class boats, and the enterprising owners and agents will spare neither labor nor expense to facilitate trade, and thus make the Canal not only profitable to the Commonwealth, but a matter of great convenience and utility to the public. We hope to see them liberally encouraged.

THE SAVING FUND OF THE NATIONAL SAFETY COMPANY, VALUET street, South-west corner of THIRD street, PHILADELPHIA, now has more than ONE MILLION OF DOLLARS, in MORTGAGES, GROUND RENTS, and other first class investments for the security of depositors.

The Governor has appointed Dr. John L. Adee, of this city, one of the Trustees of the State Lunatic Asylum, vice Dr. F. A. Muhlenberg, resigned.

THOMAS S. WHEATON, Esq., an eminent lawyer and formerly Reporter of the Supreme Court of this State, died, at Philadelphia, on Tuesday last, aged 65 years.

ELEGANT PLATED SILVER WARE.—One of the finest establishments of this kind in Philadelphia, is that of Messrs. JOHN O. MEAD & SONS, No. 15 South Ninth St., above Chestnut, near the Girard House, and No. 26, South 5th St., 3 doors above Chestnut. Their patterns are of the richest style, elegant in finish to solid silver, and elicit the universal admiration of all visitors. A finer display of this kind of ware is not to be seen in the United States, and the proprietors are upright, honorable business men, whose representations can be implicitly relied on. We advise our friends by all means to give them a call. They will not be disappointed.

Buchanan in Frederick. The Democratic Convention of Frederick county, Maryland, met on the 5th inst., for the purpose of appointing delegates to a District Convention to select two delegates to the National Convention.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, therefore, that in the estimation of this meeting the indefatigable and wise discretion with which JAMES BUCHANAN of Pennsylvania has discharged high and vast public duties—in the Cabinet, in the Senate, at home and abroad—his zealous exertions for the advancement of our welfare, glory and renown of the public; and his love for the Constitution and Union of these States, commend him to the confidence, respect, and affection of the American people; and that we cordially unite with the Democracy of his native State in presenting him as the candidate of that party for the highest public office on earth—the Presidency of the United States.

The Legislature will adjourn sine die on Tuesday next.

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CITY AND COUNTY ITEMS.

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