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CIRCULATION, 2000 COPIES!

Meeting of the Democratic State Committee will be held at Beuler's Hotel, Harrisburg, on Tuesday evening the 19th inst., at 7 o'clock.

THE CONTESTED ELECTION CASE. The contested election case for Prothonotary, it is rumored, will be disposed of by the Court this morning.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE. This is a tremendously long and prosey document, but we give it in full on our first page, to the exclusion of our usual variety.

It is necessary to criticize the document. It is sufficient to say that it is just such a production as a Know-Nothing Governor would be likely to close up his inglorious career with.

GOVERNOR PACKER'S CABINET. The following selections, it seems to be pretty well ascertained, have been made by Gen. PACKER, the incoming Executive of the State, viz:

Secretary of the Commonwealth—Hon. Wm. M. Hiestler, of Berks.

Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth—H. L. Difenbach, Esq., of Clinton.

THE TWO SPEAKERS. As will be seen by reference to our Legislative proceedings, the Senate of Pennsylvania has chosen, as its Speaker, Hon. William H. Welsh, of York county, and the House, Hon. A. Brower Longaker, of Montgomery.

DID THE MARRY VOTE? The registry of votes made in Kansas preparatory to the election of delegates to the Constitutional Convention, last summer, showed that there were in the entire Territory, at that time, about nine thousand persons entitled to vote at the election.

Another election, under an act recently passed by the Territorial Legislature, was held on the 4th inst., at which a full vote of all parties was anticipated.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE. The present Legislature, says the Valley Herald, will have an important work to perform in the work of reforming the loose Banking system of Pennsylvania.

FATHER SPUNKY. The lower house of the Maryland Legislature has refused, by a vote of 43 to 27, to receive the annual message of the Governor, on account of the sentiments (although true, every word of them), contained in that document relative to the Baltimore election.

INDIANA SPEAKS. The Indiana Democratic State Convention met at Indianapolis, last week, and after nominating State candidates, adopted resolutions strongly endorsing the policy of the National Administration on Kansas affairs.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Both Houses of the Legislature assembled on Tuesday last—the House at 11 o'clock, and the Senate at 3 p. m.

THE CONCLUSION OF THE MESSAGE. The conclusion of the Message is as follows: "It is beyond question the destiny of our race to spread themselves over the continent of North America, and thus at no distant day, should events be permitted to take their natural course, the tide of emigration will flow to the South and North, and nothing can eventually arrest its progress, if permitted to go peaceably."

THE OREGON ELECTION. By the California mail we have later returns of the election in Oregon on the State Constitution. Official returns from nine counties, and unofficial from one other, show the following result: For the constitution, 4597; against it, 1844; for slavery, 1322; against it, 5161; for free negroes, 650; against them, 5470.

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MR. BUCHANAN'S NIAGARA MESSAGE.

The President's Niagara Message sent to the Senate on Thursday, caused a warm debate in that body. The document is a plain and frank statement of the case, and reflects great credit on Mr. Buchanan.

THE UNWRITTEN HISTORY. The Kansas Herald of Freedom, a leading anti-slavery journal, in speaking of the recent election in Kansas, has the following significant paragraph: "Had the Free-State party consulted their best wisdom, and refrained from election, as they did in June last, they would have 'pitched in' and elected every delegate to the Constitutional Convention."

CONFESSING THE TRUE CAUSE. In his message to the late special session of the Kansas legislature, the true cause of the recent excitement in that Territory is thus stated by Acting Governor Stanton: "At the election for delegates to the convention, on the 16th June last, the great body of the people refrained from voting."

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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE.—The Chair laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States, in answer to a resolution of the Senate calling for copies of any correspondence which may have taken place between the State Department and the Minister of France in relation to the claims of citizens of the France-Texas to indemnity for losses sustained by the bombardment of Greytown.

HOUSE.—Mr. Giddings, of North Carolina, presented a memorial from the citizens of that State, relative to the late seizure of General Walker and his followers at Nicaragua, together with the instructions given to naval officers and consuls, and making appropriate resolutions.

LECTURES ON NATURAL SCIENCE.—Rev. Dr. Turner's lectures on natural science, delivered in Duke Street M. Church, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings last week, were exceedingly interesting and instructive, and the only regret is that more of our citizens did not avail themselves of the opportunity.

THE FENCIBLES.—The Fencibles celebrated the 43d Anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, on Friday morning last, in a festive and impressive manner.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.—The Winter Term of this Institution commenced on Thursday morning last, with a large attendance of students and faculty.

ODD FELLOWSHIP IN LANCASTER COUNTY.—The following comprises a complete list of all the working lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the County of Lancaster, with the order in which they were instituted, the time and place of meeting, and the names of the contributing members.

SENATE.—The President to-day sent to the Senate his Message in response to the call for information relative to the capture of Gen. Walker and Central American affairs generally.

ANOTHER BANK DEFALCATION.—We learn from the Cumberland (Md.) Telegraph, that the trustees, in overhauling the books of the Mineral Bank of Maryland, have discovered that funds to the amount of one hundred and twenty two thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars, had been drawn out by the President of the bank, on fifteen several bills of exchange, on the tenth day of February, 1854.

REMOVED SPECIFIC PAYMENTS.—The Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bank at Pittsburgh formally resumed the payment of specie on all its liabilities on Tuesday last, thus taking the lead of all the banks of Pennsylvania.

CITY AND COUNTY AFFAIRS.

ABOLITIONISM EXEMPLIFIED.—There are, we understand, a large number of prisoners in our jail, of whom some thirty-six (or about one-third) are NEGROES.

THE CITY ELECTION.—The annual election for City Officers takes place on Tuesday the 20th of February next. The Mayor and High Constables' Proclamations will be found in the advertising columns, and our city readers can see what officers are to be elected in the different wards.

RELIGIOUS.—In the Duke Street M. Church, (Rev. Dr. HOOPER'S) on Sunday last, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, was held, and continued about a midweek session. This, considering the "times," is certainly a magnificent sum. Dr. Hodgson preached with his usual ability.

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COUNTY TREASURER.—Daniel Herr, Esq., (Successor to the late County Treasurer, Col. H. H. Bressman) has been appointed.

COUNTY PRISON.—At a meeting of the Board of Prison Inspectors, on the 4th inst., Edward Weiland, of New Holland, was elected an Under-keeper, in place of John W. Boeding.

THE ALMS HOUSE.—The Board of Directors of the Poor, at their meeting on the 23d inst., re-elected William Taylor, Steward of the Poor and House of Employment, Mrs. John A. Atlee, Jr., John L. Atlee, Jr., and J. Augustus Kelly, Visiting Physicians to the Hospital, and James K. Alexander, Solicitor.

SHERIFF'S SALES.—The following properties were sold by Sheriff Wainwright, at the Court House, on Saturday last, for the prices annexed: No. 1, Spring Dale Farm, 78 acres, to Nathaniel Elmker for \$5000.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The first annual meeting of the Agricultural, Mechanical and Manufacturing Institute, was held on the 4th inst., at Brothers' Hotel, East King street.

DIABOLICAL OUTRAGE UPON A YOUNG GIRL.—One of the most disgusting and infamous of all the heartless offences we have ever called upon to record, was perpetrated in this county, on the 23d inst., by a young man, who, in the presence of a large number of witnesses, and in the presence of the father and mother of the girl, placed upon her head and proceeded to play cards upon her person.

THE DIFENBACH ROBBERY.—At length the robbers of Mr. Difenbach's store, in this Borough, have been brought to justice, and those of them committed. The ringleader was the late John Difenbach, who, on Saturday morning, on Friday morning of last week, in trying to escape from the Wrightsville jail by jumping into the canal at that place, intending to reach the low-paths and thereby make his escape.

GO TO HINZENTH'S.—"Go to Dr. Keyser's," they say in PHILADELPHIA, who they thought and are troubled with Lung Disease, and who they thought and are troubled with Lung Disease, and who they thought and are troubled with Lung Disease.

THE UTAH CAMPAIGN. Washington letter writers state that Gen. Scott is busily engaged with the Secretary of War in arranging the campaign against the Mormons to be commenced in the spring.

MURDER IN NEW YORK.—On Thursday night last a special Deputy Sheriff, named Michael Wogan, Jr., got into an altercation with two men named Michael Casey and Edward Kennedy, in a house of ill fame in James street.