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CHAIRMAN SPEER has called a meet ing of the members of the Democratic State Committee at the Bolton House Harrisburg, on the 7th of May; at 10 oclock A. M., to fix a time for holding the State Convention, and the transact tion of other important business.

THE Legislative appropriation bill passed the House on Saturday last, with the repealing clause attached, by a strict party vote. The only Republican voting with the Democrats is Mr. Yocum of this district. He did right. He represents a Democratic district, and it is but fair to give a Democratic-

In this week's DEMOCRAT we publish the great speech of Senator Wallace. It will repay a careful reading, and furnish a clear view of the important issues under consideration in Congress. The impregnable position of tions, and subordination of the military to civil power in time of peace, is powerfully discussed by the Senator.

THE committee to investigate charges of bribery in connection with the Riot Bill, do not seem to have made any progress, or even determined the form the investigation is to assume. The chairman, Dr. Gatchell, and Dr. Doyle of Huntingdon favor confining it to members alleged to have been corruptly approached, while others are in favor of following the precedent adopted in the Boom investigation, by examination of all the members of the House in alphabetical order.

THE New Orleans Times favors the removal of the seat of government from New Orleans to Baton Rouge, and urges the Constitutional convention now in session to take action to that end. Great cities are not perhaps desirable places for State governments, but if the object of the removal is to get rid of rogues, it is useless This class of patriots will travel as readily to Baton Rouge, as they do to Harrisburg in this State, in pursuit of the plunder that is supposed to be distributed by State Legislatures.

A convention is to be held at Vicksburg, Miss., next Monday, to consider the colored exodus. Gov. Brown and other prominent men have issued a circular addressed to the people of the Mississippi valley, urging every by delegates. The colored people are specially called upon to send representatives.

The object of this convention is to "take into consideration the present agitation of the labor question," and no doubt to take such measures as will allay the excitement produced by the Northern demagogues, or to supply any deficiency which the negro exodus may create. The Chinese importation may become popular.

SOUTH CAROLINA, having convicted her rogues, is disposed to be merciful in punishment. The Governor has pardoned F. B. Cardoza, ex-State Treasurer, and Robert Smalls, ex-Congressman, both convicted of embezzlement in the State courts, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for a term of years. They are colored men and were mere instruments of the infamous carpet-bag reign that so desolated and robbed that State. No doubt this fact controlled largely to secure clemency from a Democratic executive. The whatever their fate may be elsewhere, licans.

In view that over three millions of the appropriations for schools and other purposes heretofore made, still remain unpaid, and no funds provided to meet them, Treasury Noyes has very properly shut down on the pay of members of the Legislature. That distinguished body of statesmen and economists have now been in session near four months, and have not passed a single measure to meet the exigencies of the Treasury reported to them at the opening of the session, nor a single bill of public importance. They have consumed the session thus far on such measures as would afford large divies to the lobby, if not to the pockets of the venal hucksters who find their way into the seats of legislators. It would be unjust, indeed it would be untrue to say that all members of the Legislature are derelict in duty in the prompt performance of the business they are sent to transact, but unfortunately a certain set of men are returned year after year, professional politicians, who have much experience and expert in expedients to prolong the session to the full extent that the law will afford them pay, and posses the controlling influence of the body the Democracy in demanding free elec- for that purpose. This class desire to leave the public business in such form as will necessitate an extra session, but the position taken by the Treasurer, if he adheres to it strictly, as he should, and we trust will do, will have a happy influence in forcing at least such legislation as will relieve the embarrassment of the Treasury so far as to enable them to draw their own pay for the present session under the ruling of the Treasurer. This will be some relief, even if an extra session

THE twenty-sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandary of Knights Templar and appendant order of Pennsylvania is to take place in the asylum of Allen Commandary at Allentown on the 27th of May. The arrangements have been completed and the early history of the war times on Senaindications are that this convocation will be very full and present one of the pathized with the rebellion. Col Lowe most imposing displays of the Order in that interview stated that there yet made in the State. On the 29th. there will be a review and parade of Illinois in the confederate service the subordinate Commandaries, for that he had talked with one of the which great preparations are being made by Commandaries in Philadelphia, Pittsburg, and throughout the part of Gen. Logan's command in the State. During the session an election of Grand officers will take place, and were current in his section and he had several amendments to the constitution, never heard any denial of them." It and other important measures will be does not suit Logan now to have his county, parish and city, and every considered. We are not aware that early sympathies revived, and instead State along the river to be represented | the Commandary of this place will be | of pleading repentance and subsequent represented in any considerable numbers.

has to be called to procure the neces-

sary legislation laid over, and provide

salaries for members during the bal-

ance of the year. It only costs \$4,000

per diem to run the Legislature.

"STAY where you are, and so conduct yourselves, that men will be bound to respect you," is the sound advice given by Fred. Douglass to the colored men of the South. This from one of their own race, who has spent a long life in eloquent appeals for their good and their welfare, is in singular and suggestive contrast with the advice of their pretended friends, the demagogues representing the "Emigrant Aid Society," who under specious promises induce these unfortunates to desert their homes in the South to face the, to them, inhospitable climate of the North, to starve, and suffer and die, as they are now doing in Kansas uncared for by the heartless wretches who inveigled and deceived them.

Ir has been published that the officers of the Senate were removing wounded Union soldiers from that body. Senator Wallace contradicts other thieves, such as John J. Patter- this statement, and says, there was no son and the gang that trained with such purpose; that there were but four him, will be allowed to run, and so such, who were employes of the Senate, long as they will keep themselves at a three messengers and one in the starespectable distance, will be allowed to tionery room, all of whom were escape the South Carolina penitentiary, named to be retained and all RepubWonderful Escape.

The terrible news was telegraphed over the wires on Wednesday of last week of the entombment of seven persons in a mine of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, at Sugar Notch. The prisoners were six men and a young lad-a messenger, who had been dispatched with a mule to warn them of the caving in of the mine, all other persons employed in the mine having made their escape. It was not certainly known whether the messenger had reached the men or not, and serious apprehension was felt as to their fate. A hundred miners have been constantly at work night and day, and as day after day wore away relays were added to the force already there. But each day repeated the same sad news that great difficulty was being met with in the work and the men had not yet been reached, and towards the last all hope of their recovery alive was given up. But on Monday morning, after five days and nights of imprisonment, they were reached-not suffocated, or drowned. or even suffering much, but engaged in the work of cooking some mule steak for breakfast. The messenger had reached them in safety, and on the second day they killed the mule and had sustained themselves on its flesh, while a stream of water fortunately running through the mine had given them the needful refreshment. Where there had been sorrow there was now joy, and one hundred dollars was presented to each of the men by the stockholders of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company. A concert for the benefit of the men was to be given at Music Hall, Wilkesbarre, yesterday, at which Charles Hawkins, one of the prisoners, was to tell the history of their incarceration. It was, no doubt, a large benefit and an enthusiastic gathering.

Col. Lowe, formerly a confederate Colonel, but now a Greenback member of Congress, on being interviewed by a correspondent of the Pittsburg Post, has been reviving some of the tor Logan, of Illinois, when he symwere "two or three companies from officers and some of the men, and they said they were enlisted to constitute a confederate army; that such reports service in the union army in bar of his former devotion to the South and its cause, he pronounces the statement in a card to the Washington Republican, false and slanderous." Col. Lowe then addresses several epistles to him to know whether these offensive words were intended to apply to him personally. Logan makes no reply, and Lowe then sends a formal challenge for a meeting "outside the District.' Logan still fails to respond, and Lowe publishes a card from which we take

the following:" the following:"

"I will not brand John A. Logan as a liar, for he is a Senator of the United States. I will not post him as a scoundrel and a poltroon, for that would be in violation of the local statutes. But I do publish him as one who knows how to insult but not to satisfy a gentleman; and I invoke upon him the judgment of the honorable men of the community."

GEN. JAMES SHIELDS has been appointed agent to prosecute the claims of Missouri against the Federal Government. These claims are very large and the position to which the honest old veteran is chosen is one of great responsibility, and we trust will also be one of fair emolument to him per-

CHOSEN by fraud himself, Hayes desires the perpetuation of the fraud machinery for his successor.

the same form it passed the House, without any amendment, and was sent to Mr. Hayes for his approval or veto on Monday. That fraud has not disappointed his stalwart masters, but has returned the bill with his veto. Thiswill intensify the struggle, if it does not result in great inconvenience and disaster to the military arm of the public service, The Democrats have met this issue circumstances. The rights of the peo-

THE ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL

passed the Senate on Friday last in

entirely as a question of principle, and cannot afford to surrender under any ple must be rescued from executive and military encroachments. The ballot and bayonet must be separated. The military must be subordinate to the civil power, or our republican government is a fraud, and not what its founders intended it to be in its institution. It is not a mere political question to determine which political party is to be benefitted, but one of grave and overpowering importance, whether our government is the mere play-thing of the "one man" power to weild as the commander-in-chief of the army to control the elections of the people, as his interest, or the political interests of his party may deem proper. In such an issue, the Democrats, the true friends of republican government, cannot recede, no matter what may be the consequences now or in the future, and we trust they will not. The pretense set up that military interference is already sufficiently provided against; that supervisors and marshals are necessary to guard elections; that legislative attachments to appropriation bills is wrong and revolutionary, is mere bagatelle. We have had too many practical illustrations, to accept that kind of stuff now. The army has been used unlawfully and tyranically to control our elections. Supervisors and marshals have been stationed at our polls to aid the perpetration of frauds. Legislation has been made by atachment to appropriation bills, ever since the foundation of the government, and by no party more frequently than those who now make the objection. Indeed some of the oppressive measures now in question were enacted by that party, by attachment to appropriation bills, and for which he, who now fraudulently holds the veto power, voted as a member of Congress.

But it is not a matter of wonder that Mr. Hayes, independent of the desire to gratify the Radicals, should have some affection for the measures the Democrats desire to repeal. They were the foundation work upon which the great fraud was built which placed him in the position to wield the negative power of a lawful President

FARMERS will do well to read the articles in the agricultural columns of this paper, which are carefully prepared weekly by one of the most accomplished agriculturalists in this or any other section of the State. The selections and editorial discussions of subjects pertaining to the interests of of farmers are adapted to time and season, with strict reference to the good that may result from the dissemination of correct and practical results. Indeed one month's reading of this department will more than repay the farmer for the small amount charged for a year's subscription to the DEMOCRAT.

An unusually warm summer is predicted by Professor Piazzi Smith, the astronomer royal of Scotland. He bases his predictions on the records of the temperature of Edinburg as registered during the last forty years by the earth thermometor of the observatory of that city. These observations show, he says, that a great heat wave comes upon the earth without presumably from the sua about every eleven years; and it appears that the next heat-wave may be expected in the summer of this year. Professor Smith thinks those seasons are likely to be glowingly hot, and the following winter exceptionally mild.

Mill Creek, Huntingdon county, had a blaze the other day which resulted in the destruction of a large coach and wagon manufactory.

#### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

-Go to McQuistion's for your carriages if you want a good article.

-The gentlemen who occupy offices in the Court House all purchased new hats Saturday afternoon last

-The mercantile firm of Wolfe, Potter & Co., of Snow Shoe, dissolves partnership to-day, and those elegant business men, Messrs. James Sommerville and F. W. Crider, will assume control, under the firm name of Sommerville, Crider & Co.

-The collection of carpet rags for the Y. M. C. A. carpet is proceeding satisfactorily. They will be gathered together this week and taken to the weaver. The total amount will no doubt exceed the number of pounds required.

-Mr. George Hoppes not only has the largest and finest hotel in the State, but also a truly wonderful hen. As the fruit of this hen he is able to serve up to his guests eggs which measure 8x61 inches. Oh, at this grand hotel

All can live in bliss, When they can fare high every day Upon such eggs as this.

A medical examination of the members of Company D, National Guard, of Huntingdon, was instituted on Tuesday morning of last week by the efficient Surgeon of the Fifth Regiment, Dr. George F. Harris, of this place. Fifty-one of the fifty-eight members of the Company passed the examinstion. It is announced that Dr. Harris will conduct the examination of Company C, of Hollidaysburg, this evening.

-Judge Dean, at the Huntingdon county ourt, recently, in sentencing two persons found guilty of jumping on coal cars and throwing off as much as they could carry away, warned all persons guilty of such practices that he would hereafter send all onvicted of the offense to the penitentiary. The railroad company has suffered much oss in this respect and are determined to out a stop to the practice.

NEW BLANKS FOR CONSTABLES' RErunns .- Judge Cummin, of Lycoming ounty, feeling the necessity of a reform in the matter of constables' returns, has prepared a new blank form upon which onstables of that county henceforth are to make their returns. The form is spoken of highly, and there may be features in it which will commend themselves to the judges and constables of this county :

THE RETURNS. Retailers of liquor-Under this item

must be given the names of all persons in the ball wick engaged in retailing liquors, whether licensed or not. Retailers of merchandise—Here must be given names of all retailers of merchan-

se, whether licensed or not.

Roads and bridges not kept in repair— If there are no defects to report, the word "none" is to be written.

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Index boards not up at the intersection
of public roads—This is to be carefully complied with, and defects must be remedied.
Deer or other game killed or sold out of
season—Names of offenders; names of

Fish caught, or sold, or offered for sale,

Fish caught, or sold, or offered for sale, in violation of law—Names of offenders; names of witnesses.

Gambling bouses—Names of offenders; names of witnesses.

Disturbance of the peace at elections—Names of offenders; names of witnesses.

Vinous, spirituous, malt or brewed liquers, or admixtures thereof, sold without licenses—Names of offenders; names of witnesses—Names of offenders; names Vinous, spirtuous, malt or brewed liquors,

or any admixture thereof, sold on Sunday Names of offenders ; names of witnesse Vinous, spirituous, malt or brew quors, or any admixture thereof, sold inors—Names of offenders; names

Vinous, spirtuous, malt or brewed liquors, or any admixture thereof, sold on an election day—Names of offenders;

names of witnesses.

Vinous, spirtuous, malt or brewed liquors, or any admixture thereof, sold to any person visibly affected by intoxicating drinks—Names of offenders; names of wit-

Keepers of public houses knowingly al Keepers of public houses knowingly allowing or permitting any spirituous or malitiquors, wine or cider, to be drank on or within their houses or premises on Sunday—Names of offenders; names of witnesses. Intoxicating drinks wilfully furnished, by gift or otherwise, for use as a beverage to any person of intemperate habits, to any minor, to any insane persons, or to any person when drunk or intoxicated—Names of offenders; names of witnesses.

Selling or delivering intoxicating liquor to a person having the habit of drinking liquor to excess, after notice in writing not to do so is given—Names of offenders; names of witnesses.

The return is signed by the Constable

The return is signed by the Constable and certified as follows:

TOOMING COUNTY, 88.

### GENERAL NEWS.

Brooklyn has already had one death from

The New York canals will be opened to navigation on the 8th instant.

The employes on the Pennsylvania Rail-road appear in new uniforms to-day.

A lot of people have banded together in Western Michigan to live 100 years.

Paris will celebrate her centennial No-ember 18, 1884—Paris, Ky., by the way. Ex-Judge George G. Barnard, of the lew York Supreme Court, died Sunday

The people of Venango rejoice because heir depot is burned down and they can ow have a new one.

The public schools all over the country are introducing plain sewing as one of the branches to be taught to both boys and

Colonel Thomas A. Scott writes from Egypt that he will be at home in June to resume his duties as President of the Penn-sylvania railroad. General Fitz John Porter is inclined to

smile at the newspaper statement that he wants to send his son to West Point. His sons are all daughters.

George Roach's barn, near Liberty, Ind., the largest barn in the State, was destroyed by fire on Friday night, together with all its contents. Loss estimated at \$25,000. The Clarion county papers state that the umber season has ended with them, and

the prices received for the timber better than those that have ruled for many

A meeting of the State Democratic com-nittee has been called by Chairman Speer, of Huntingdon, at Harrisburg, on May 7, of fix the time and place for holding the State convention.

Thursday morning, at about 3 o'clock, fire was discovered in Stranahan's block, Union City, near Erie, and before assistance could be procured was beyond control. Loss from \$50,000 to \$50,000.

August Belmont, while driving from Central Park, the other day, was run into by a heavy team. So forcible was the concussion that Mr. Belmont was precipitated from his carriage, sustaining severe injuries.

Edwin Booth was shot at twice while performing the last act of "Richard III" on Wednesday night of last week at Mc-Vicker's theatre, Chicago. The man who fired the shots is Mart Gray, a dry goods clerk in that city. He was arrested.

"Colonel Leon," of California, 36 years old and forty inches high, who has made a wing by exhibiting himself with circus "anies, but has had to retire from the outshess on account of ill health, will set-tle in Johnstown and probably open a cigar store.

The Derrick says a boy in Oil City came stumbling into the house with the remnants of a dozen mashed eggs in a bag and a broken molasses pitcher, yelling: "I beat him solid and two laps to spare." He thought the next lap, which was his mother's, was the hardest of any.

The mines and coke works in the entire The mines and coke works in the entire Youghiogheny region are working and the famous strike in virtually ended, the men resuming work at the old rate of twenty-five cents per wagon. The strike has been disastrous to the industries of the entire region, and general satisfaction is felt at the resumption of work.

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Jackson Pearson and Miss Alice Seely, of Washington township, Lycoming county, happened in Williamsport the other day and resolved to get married. A milliner, from whom the young lady had made some purchases, surrendered the cloak room for the ceremony, and the two were soon made one. were soon made one.

Of Judge Boggs, who died at Kittanning, recently, and who was one of the most powerful jury lawyers in that part of the State, a Pittsburg paper relates the follow-ing: "One hot day, while driving a load of hay, he remembered that he had a case on hay, he remembered that he had a ca in Court, and thither he wended his wa with his breeches tucked in his boots, h breast exposed and his hair plentifully a sprinkled with hay seed, he proceede with his argument and won the case."

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Miss Warner, of Chartiers township, Allegheny county, lay dreaming, at the hour of midnight, when her beau, his knee in suppliance bent, should ask her hand. She awoke and found a man standing at the foot of her bed. She made no outery, but, with the determination of a woman thoawoke and found a man standing at the foot of her bed. She made no outery, but, with the determination of a woman thooughly in earnest, took a 34-calibre horse pistol from under the pillow and commenced to blaze away. The intruder went out of the window, taking a part of the sash with him, and Miss Warner turned on her side and finished out the nan. side and finished out the nap.

By a decision in the London courts last By a decision in the London courts last Thursday, in the case of the "Bolivian bondholders" as against P. & T. Collins, the contractors for the building of the Madeira and Mamora railroad in Brazil, \$4,000,000 which have been locked up awaiting the dissolution of an injunction to prevent payment of certificates for work done by the Collinses, which proceeding has caused them great trouble and annoyance, are made available for their purposes. The injunction proceedings have dragged along for many months, and the result of the decision has been to infuse new life and encouragement into the enterprise.

Burglars blew open the safe of the La-onia, N. H., National Bank, Thursday ight, securing about \$4,000 and a quanti-y of securities. The president of the bank n making a statement of its losses said; ty of securities. The president of the bank in making a statement of its losses said; 
"The amount of cash taken was \$4,178. 
The bank was robbed, of hotes to the amount of \$120,000 and of \$7,200 in coupon bonds, which had been lodged as collateral for some of the notes. There were in all nearly one hundred and fifty notes, ranging from \$25 to \$50,000. The bank has a complete record of all these notes. 
The loss to the bank cannot exceed 4 percent of its capital. In a steel chest which was not broken open there were from \$20,000 to \$30,000 in coupon bonds, the the property of special depositors and the reserved cash fund of the bank; \$5,000 in greenbacks and \$1,500 in gold."