



Towanda, Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1847.

The Presidency.

Who will be the choice of the Pennsylvania Democracy for President? is a question addressed us often, at home and from abroad. We are no more capable of answering the question now, than we were a year since.

Improvements in Our Borough.

During the past summer and fall, quite an improvement has been effected in the appearance of our Borough by the erection of a considerable number of new buildings.

Broken Banks.

Quite an excitement has prevailed here for the last two days, caused by a rumor that several of the Banks in the interior of the State, had suspended payment.

National Conventions.

The preference seems generally given to the 4th of July, as the time of holding the Convention. To this we have no objection.

Conclusions.

The proceedings of this body, are as yet, quite uninteresting. Now, that the officers are elected, and the committees appointed, we shall expect an exciting session.

Literary Society.

An Association has recently been formed in Durell for the dissemination of useful knowledge. The object is to procure a Library by subscription.

The Vigilance Committees.

The Vigilance Committees are necessarily deferred until next week. Also, the proceedings of a public meeting recently held in Sullivan county.

Pub. Doc.

We are indebted to His Excellency James K. Polk, Hon. James Buchanan, and Hon. David Wilcox for important favors.

The Proviso.

It is said, we ought to wait until territory is acquired, and then until slavery is attempted to be placed on the soil, before the principles of the Proviso are argued.

Newspaper Borrowers, &c.

During the past Court weeks, we have been visited by a number of our friends from the country, and several have been loud in their complaints that they were deprived of the enjoyment of reading the Reporter, which they pay regularly.

Post Office Department.

APPOINTMENT OFFICE, Nov. 2, 1847. Sir—If you will name the Postmasters who fail to notify publishers when their papers are not taken from the office by those to whom they are addressed, or who neglect to do their duty in any other particular, they will be required to live up to the law and instructions of the Department or their offices will be placed in other hands.

Detention.

The publication of the "Toga Herald," has been suspended. The editor finds farming more advantageous than printing a Whig paper in Toga.

The "Womans Co. Record."

It is also no more. Mr. Worden, goes to Lewistown, where a better opportunity presents itself, for the acquisition of the "root of all evil."

The Melancholy Death of Dr. Wainwright.

FROM THE BITE OF A SNAKE.—The New York papers give the following particulars of the melancholy death of Dr. Wainwright from the bite of a snake.

Mr. Van Buren's Letter.

Mr. Van Buren has declined being a candidate for the next Presidency in reply to a letter from the editor of the Wilkes-Barre Farmer and Journal. The letter announcing his determination will be read with great interest, and will assign to him in the judgment and affections of the American people, if possible, a higher place than he has heretofore held.

Some of the Whig Press.

Some of the Whig press, especially of the city, have asserted that the Wilcox Proviso was a test at the late election. How such a conclusion is arrived at, we cannot conjecture. In this section of the State the subject was never mentioned, and we know that many of the warmest of Gov. Shunk's supporters were in favor of the Proviso.

Another Candidate.

Com. Stockton, the "big gun" of the navy, is spoken of for the Presidency.

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Resolved, That in organizing a Territorial government for territories belonging to the United States the principles of self-government upon which our federal system rests will be best promoted.

Resolved, That true policy requires the government of the United States to strengthen its political and commercial relations upon this continent, by the annexation of such contiguous territory as may conduce to that end, and can be justly obtained.

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Mr. Root followed, and advocated the passage of the resolution earnestly and ably, including many facetious remarks.

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Mr. Wentworth moved that the message be reported to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Vinton moved to refer the subject to the select committee.

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Trouble Threatened in Illinois.—The St. Louis "Friend of the People" states that at a meeting of men calling themselves "the Citizens of Rip 27 and 28, N. R. 4 E., convened at the house of a Mr. T. Bloomfield, Joe Davis county, on Nov. 2, 1847, it was unanimously resolved, that if any person shall enter any land that is claimed by a settler, in the above named townships, within two years from the time the same was offered for sale, that we will consider such person as a robber and pirate, and that he shall be treated as such.

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Under the operation of the line-policy, all expectation of lessening the burden of sustaining our troops by deriving supplies and contributions from the enemy would be disappointed. The soldiers in the vicinity of our posts would be withdrawn from our reach, as soon as our design to seize and appropriate them was ascertained or suspected. The result would be, as our posts would be remote from the health and resources of the country, the amount which could be obtained would be inconsiderable.