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#### Delegates from Bradford.

Col. GORDON F. MASON and BARTHOLOMEN LA PORTE, for the Reading Convention; uninstructed, but tavorable to Col. BIGLER, as the candidate for Governor. To the Judicial Convenion, David Wil-MOT and ULYSSEs MERCUR, also uninstructed. The Senatorial delegates have not yet been agreed Troy bo .- Win. H. Peck, R. King,

### Col. William Bigler.

The nomination of this popular democrat, as our randidate for Governor, by the Reading Conven tion is now certain. Already a sufficient number of delegates favorable to him, have been elected, to secure his nomination upon the first ballot, by a Springhill, Standing Stone, Ulster and Warren were Jarge majority.

It has been long singe the Democracy: have ral. lied to the support of a better man, or sounder Democrat, than William Bigles. His name upon our banner, as our candidate, will arouse the Democracy to a determined effort, which is always the sure precursor of a brilliant victory. That he will be elected triumphantly, there cannot be a doubt, and his elevation will be a guarantee that the administration of the affairs of the commonwealth will be honest and opright, and her integrity and faith be fully maintained.

-By the proceedings of our County Convention it will be seen that a resolution instructing our Delegates to support Col. Bigina was laid upon the ta ble by an almost unanimous vote. This was not the result of any opposition to him, but from a feeling that the resolution was unnecessary and unusual. It has been customary, in this county, to select sound and capable men, who understand the wishes of the Democracy, and who will faithfully carry them out, and leave such Delegates free and unembarrassed by any instructions. This is the case in the present instance. The Delegates are the open and firm friends of BIGLER. We have looked upon that popular Democrat as the proper person for our candidate for Governor at the next election, for some time. We presume there was not a delegate in attendance upon our Convention, whose first choice was not WILLIAM BIGLER. He is the favor- BIGLER for Governor of this Commonwealth. ite of this County, and the choice of its Democrats with entire unanimity.

Such being the case, and in view of the fact, tha the nomination of Col. Bigger is already beyond question, it was deemed unnecessary to pass any resolution upon the subject. It moreover looked Harrisburg Convention. like a reflection upon the Delegates elect, to pass as their first choice, and whom they know is the choice of the Democracy of Bradford. The members of the County Convention not having any ulterior objects to promote, emphatically refused to take so unnecessary and unusual a step.

## Agricultural Meeting.

A meeting will be held at the Court House, on tion, and form a society which shall be second to none in this region in practical benefit.

ricultural County, materials enough to form a society which with its yearly displays will be both creditable to our farmers, and the incentive to greater improvement.

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT.-We had the pleasure, on Thursday evening, of hearing Mr. | quickly rowed to the scene of disaster, and succeedand Mrs. Miller, at Mercur's Hall. The former is clinging to the sides of the boat, and to snage in the an excellent performer upon the violin; the latter river. They were taken on board of the store boat upon the guitar. The singing was greatly superior Grey Eagle, Capt. J. L. Case, who done all that to any our cuizens have had an opportunity of hear. the Court House, on Saturday evening, and we ad-

the work is well kept up. Those who desire a periodical of this character, will find Harper's, or the International excellent works, and furnished at low rates. Guidney receives subscriptions, and has the sengers saved work delivered at the earliest possible moment after being issued.

White Decreates .- At the Whig County meeting on Wednesday evening last, Rodens Fowers ALLES Mckean were elected Delegates to the gle soldier would have been considered necessary Whig Sinte Convention, and were instructed to sup." port Johnston's re-nomination.

& Blair County. Thadileus Banks, Esq., has been elected to represent this county in the Judieial Convention, to meet at Harrisburg, and O. A. Trangh, in the Beading convention, with instruc-

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

DEMOCRATIC CO. CONVENTION.

Parsuant to a call of the Democratic Stan Committee, a convention of Delegates from the various election districts of Bradford County assembled at the Court House in Towands, on Tuesday evening May 6, 1851, and organized by electing E. O'MEARA GOODRICH President, and HENRY C. Baind and Cullen F. Nichols, Secretaries.

The following Delegates then presented their creclentials:

Albany-Joseph Menardi, John Hatch. Albany—Joseph Menardi, John Hatch,
Athens boro.—H. C. Baird, N. M. Stephens,
\*\*p,—N. Edminster D. S. Brown,
Burlington—C. F. Nichols, Benj. Ross,
Canton—Samuel Owep, Jesse Griffin,
Durel!—Robert Bull, J. M. Bishop,
Granville—S. W. Shepard, D. G. Bush,
Herrick—Almon Fuller, M. B. Porter,
Lichfeld—Sampal Partison D. R. Cotton Litchfield-Samuel Davidson, D. B. Cotton, Monroe-Lanning Hatt, Elisha Phinney, Orwell-John D. Coe, E. M. Farrar, Pike—A. S. Smith, Ethel Taylor, Sheshequin—C. W. Bullis, O. P. J.yon, Smithfield—Charles B. Riggs, Asher Huntington, Springfield-Hiram Speer, Theodore Wilder, Towanda bo.-L. W. Tiffany, E. O. Goodelch,

" tp.-John M. Pox, Win. H. Foster, " tp —A. D. Spalding, W. Baker, Wells—H. Mosier, D. S. Watkins, Wilmot—Ichabod Carson, Lorenzo Jones, Windham .- Abraham Dunham jr. Seth Doane, Wyalusing-S. W. Biles, Harry Elliott, V yacz-Elliott Whitney, Geo. L. Strope,

The townships of Armenia, Asylum, Columbia, Franklin, LeRoy, Rome, South Creek, Ridgbury, not represented.

On motion of H. C. BAIRD, the Convention proceeded to the election of two Representative Dele-

gales to the Reading Convention.

Mr. Bishop nominated Gordon F. Mason.

Bartholomew Laporte. There being no other nominations, Messrs. MA-SON and LAPORTE were, on motion, unanimously elected.

The convention then proceeded to elect two Representative Delegates to the Judicial Convention at monwealth, ELWELL, Adams and Mencun, for De-Harrisburg, and DAVID WILMOT and ULYSSES Indant. MERCUR were unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr. Nichols, the Convention proceded to elect five Senatorial Conferees to meet Conferees from Susquehanna and Wyoming, to appoint Senatorial Delegates to Reading and Harrisburg, when on motion D. VANDERCOOK, ELLIOTT WHITNEY, JOHN BRIDLEMAN, GEO. W. ELLIOTT and E. M. FARRAR Were elected said Conferees.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Mr. PECK :-Whereas, the Democracy of Pennsylvania bave

mited on Col. WILLIAM BIGLER of Clearfield County, as their candidate for Governor, with an unanimi-ty justly merited by him, and which should be responded to by every County in the commonwealth: therefore,
Resolved, That our delegates to the State Conven-

tion to be holden at Reading be and they are hereby instructed to vote for the nomination of Col. Wm

Mr. Bisnor moved that they be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to, yeas 38, nays 3. On motion EDWARD CRANDALL was recommended as Senatorial Delegate to the Reading Conven-

On motion, Resolved, That the Delegates and nability to att

On motion adjourned.

BURNING OF THE STEAMBOAT WEBSTER AND FRIGHTFUI. Loss or LIFE.-We give the following particulars of the burning of the steamboat Webster, on the 2d instant, one hundred miles above Vicksburg, Mississippi :- The fire was first discovered and the alarm given about three o'clock, and al-most instantly afterwards, the boat was enveloped Monday evening next, for the purpose of forming in flames. The pilot, (Mr. Ruckman, to whom a County Agricultural Society. We trust the farm- great credit is due,) having charge of the wheel, ers from different parts of the county who may be in mmediately endeavored to run the boat ashore, in the place, will feel sufficient interest to be in attendance. The adjoining counties are, most of manageable, floated again into deep water, thus dethem, far ahead of Bradford, in this respect, and priving the passengers and crew from the first and have their agricultural societies formed and in successful operation. The utility of such organizations and organizations are the interests of the agriculturist has inderwarding the interests of the agriculturist has already been proven. We hope our farmers will rible in the extreme. Many rushed into the flames, take hold of the matter, with zeal and determina. while others crowded to the side of the boat, clinging convulsively to the guards, until driven away by the fire, and compelled to throw themselves into the current. It was with difficulty that any of the There is within the borders of this flourishing ag. | females could be saved, many of them being separated from their husbands and friends. About twelve or fifteen of the passengers jumped from the boat, and with difficulty saved their lives by cling. Their official escott to our city, under the guidance boat, and with difficulty saved their lives by clinging to snage until relieved by the yawl of the vessel. and skiffs from the shore.

As soon as the fearful truth, was known by the inhabitants of the shore, three or four boats were ed in saving the lives of several persons who were clinging to the sides of the boat, and to snags in the river. They were taken on board of the store boat ing for some time. They give another Concert at men and children who were saved. The number of passengers and hands on board the Webster was vise these fond of good music and excellent singing be found; the rest are supposed to have perished to be present.

be found; the rest are supposed to have perished with the boat. The steamer New Orleans, bound for New Orleans from St. Louis, hove in sight about about one hundred, of whom only about sixty can First at Montrose —In another column will be an figur after the accident, and stopped and took, found a full account of the late disastrous fire at most kindly, on basil all the survivors, and ren-Montrose. The gallant firemen of that place, are the following are the names of the killed drown-highly praised for their exertions and success in ed, burned and missing so far as at present known: dered all other assistance that could be desired .eaving properly from the devouring element. What | Capt. Samuel Reno and wife; Mr. Henry Harrison a speciacle we would make, in this town, fighting a and child; Mrs. Ruckman, the wife of the pilot, and one child; George Bliss, chief clerk; John campbell, second do child of Mr. Robwin, of ransacked of all its valuables. The police are in Harra's Magazine, for May is punctually upon maid; Henry, backerper, from Cincinnati; I Moour table, for marded by Gaidley. The interest of Cany, Lynchburg, and girl belonging to McCany, the work is well kept up. Those who desire a pe-

known. The boat, papers, and money, were all lost. The above statement was given by the crew and pas-

Parcaution.—The London papers say that there will be thirty thousand troops within five miles of Hyde Park on the occasion of the opening of the Great Exhibition by Her Majesty. If this exhibition had been held in the United States, not a sinto preserve the government or keep revolution from breaking out. In republics the government is the people, and revolutions are always accomplished quietly and penceably at the ballot box. Armies are never thought of as a part of the police estab-

Mosster Ox .- The magnificently great Ox raised by Col. N. C. Bodwin, of Cleveland will soon Sheriff, endeaviring to serve a process. An indipedition had sailed from New Orleans. The troops

Bradford County Court, May Term.

Monnay 5th Day occupied in receiving Consts ble retorns, and disposing of motions.
Tuespay fill Commonwealth vs. IVm. Phelps-

indictment for Assault and Battery, upon the por-MERCUR, for Commonwealth, Boorn and ELWELL, for Defendant. Verdict guilty. Sentenced by the in the rear of his large Hotel, (and under circum-Court to pay a line of ten dollars to the Common. wealth, and costs of prosecution and stand committed till sentence be complied with.

John Bird and Lank Bird, who were convicted dollars, and Lark Bird a fine of five dollars to the Commonwealth, and they jointly to pay the costs of prosecution and stand committed till sentence be complied with.

WEDNESDAY 7th Almon Balon was arraigned before the court for contempt in not obeying a writ of Habeas Cornes, issued by Hou! Jerre Adams, during vacation. Hearing continued until Tuesday of next week.

THURSDAY 8th - Commonwealth vs. David Harpeman—indictment for Assault and Battery upon the person of David A. Burt, with intent to kill. Plea not guilty. Warriss, Adams and Stevens, for Defendant of Commonwealth, Elevent, and Mercus, for Defendant of the confers, fought the raging element at Commonwealth, Elwell and Mercur, for Defendant. After an examination of the evidence the Defendant withdrew the plea of not guilty and finally succeeded in saving the Hotel, and pleads guilty of Assault and Battery. Verdict -guilty of Assault and Buttery. Defendant kentenced by the court to three months imprisonment in the county jail, pay a fi e of ten dollars to the court and costs of prosecution, and stand committed until sentence be complied with.

Comiconwealth us Geo. Jackson-Indictment for Fortication and Bastardy upon the person of Catha rine Milhime. Plea not guilty. Desendant also the great fire on the cast side of the avenue some ground that the child was begotten in Sullivan county, which constitutes the offence, that he should of the village, which, but for the rain of yesterday be tried in the county where the offence is commit- which left everything wet, must have rapidly fired ted, cites the Constitution of Pennsylvania, Art. IX., every roof far and near. Sect. IX. Exceptions overrolled and trial directed proceed. WATKINS, BOOTH and SMEAD, for Com-

The Grand Jury were discharged Thursday noon, after having found sixteen true bills and returned four ignoramus.

THE MICHIGAN CONSPIRACY.—The Detroit Tribune of April 26 gives the following chapter from the history of the late conspiracy of desperadoes in that State. The story seeing almost incredible. Is not some one practising upon public credulity for

some sinister purpose ? The schemes concocted, and the system under which the gang of rullians, recently arrested along the line of the Central Railroad, were drilled, and the depths to which they were ready to sink themselves in crime and depravity, may be partly in-ferred from the following leaf in the history of

their conspiracy. At one of the regular meetings, which they were in the habit of holding periodically at their place of rendezvous, for the purpose of consultation as to fu-tute movements, and the division of plunder, it was reported by some, in the order of business, that one of their swom number, whose name was stated, had been detected in revealing some of the secrets that should have been known only to the nitiated. Suspicions of betraval were freely indulged in, and to the question as to how the guilty tion, and HEXET GIBBS as Senatorial delegate to the one should be silenced, one of the conclave made the significant remark that "dead men tell no

tales! Acting upon this hint, it was unanimously agreed resolutions instructing them to vote for a man who Conferees have power to substitute in case of their that the punishment should be death; and that the let out to the lowest bidder for the job! The first Railroad, offer was named at three hundred and fifty dollars A priva sum was lowered to one hundred dollars—the bidmost abandoned gang of desperadoes. Féaring that he had become suspected of treachery, he had disguised himself, and in the capacity of one of their more western accomplices, had presented himself by the proper pass words, and was present throughout this interesting council, where his life had become a price" At the first opportunity after these interesting preliminaries had been set-tled, our "marked man" withdrew from the infernal cabal, little relishing as may be supposed, left the warm position in which he found himself placed, making it the last time he ever met the precious of the Sheriff and his posse.

> SHOCKING TRAGEDY.—Our community has been shocked by hearing of the massacre of a worthy German citizen, Valentine Bartle, his wife Catha morning or Friday night. The body of the man was found in a meadow, about 50 yards from his house, with his skull broken and otherwise mutilated. The woman's bedy was found at the front door, and the infant in a comer of the room, both of door, and the mant in a comer or morrous, comer of them mangled in the same manner. Three other children wile, must have been asleep at the time of that the rifle had been leaded by Mr. Potter after in a stable, where they probably fled, in terror at the sight of the murdered relatives. The coroner had investigation of the affair, and suspicion rests upon a young foreigner-German or Italian-named Robert, who had been employed by Bartle on his farm, and who had lately had some difficulty with him. The motives of the munier, besides pringit of the murderer. The Coroner will, held mother investigation on Thursday .- Philadelphia

John B. Irwin, of Pittsburg, died, a few days since, ander the following circomstances; Some weeks ago he stopped for the night at a hotel. While sleeping, he auddenly sprang from his bed, in a dream, leaping some distance from the bed, njuring the arteries and blood vessels of his neck. He suffered considerable pain; in consequence of the accident, but was able for some time to go out. A few weeks and, however, he got worre, and was eventually confined to his bed. A large turnor gradually spread around his neck, causing intense pain, and almost preventing him from taking nourishment. The efforts of physicians to save him were without avail.

RESISTANCE TO LAW IN MAINE - A MAN KILLED. -An excitement has been created in Monroe, Me., by the death of a young man named John Courins, who was shot while in company with the

Tremendous Fire in Montrose !-- Loss about #40,000! From the Extra Register, of May 6.

One of the most terrible fires ever known in this part of the country broke out between 12 and 1 o'clock this murning, which has laid a large potting of the business part of our willings in thins.

The line was first discovered in a barn of L. Searle signose leaving scarcely a doubtof its having been fired by an incendiary.) whence the flames rapidly communicated to his upper barn and stage coach eds, and thence to the rear of the large store building of the Me-srs. Searle's adjoining, with the at Bebruary term, for Assault and Battery upon the Jameson and the large store Itouse, tiarns sheds. person of Win. Phelps, were sentenced by the Tin and Sheet lion Manufactory and to the large Court as follows: John Bird to pay a fine of ten dwelling house of B. Sayre, and the adjacent law office of Messrs. Little & Streeter. Here the va-J. Webb (late Col. Lusk's) on the corner near the Courthouse, enabled the citizens will great exertions to stay the devouring element, although the loss of Mr. Webb's house too for some time seem ed inevitable forms you would have

In the mean time Searle's very large and extensive Stage Hotel on the lower corner of the square -which was from the most imminent danger from he burning barns, and sheds in its rear, was exwing from the larger stores house near it which probably nearly the whole town: for had this 3 and 4 story building been given up, the Engine of buildings in each direction must have successively fallen victims to the fire. As it was the whole row on the west side of Public Avenue with the exception of Searle's Hotel and Webb's dwelling was all at once on his, presenting the most fearful speciacle this town has ever known since

But the gathant "Rough and Ready" Fire Com pany have covered themselves with lasting hone by the noble and effective defence they made against the destroyer at the all important parts .-Their efforts and soccess should hereafter torever silence every murmus against the atility and merit they will enter into treaties, for keep them when of their enterprise, as this trial has proved indisputably their organization and the appropriations ex-pended for their Engine, Hose, and the Reservoir ank for the storage of water, to be the most profi table investment over made by the Borough.

Great praise is also due to the energy and pe everance of the Ladies of the place, who rendered efficient aid to our citizens, both in carrying water and removing goods from the buildings threatened by fire.

-But we regret (for the credit of humanity) to add, that, as in too many similar cases, this calamity was aggravated by the depredations of those brutes in human shape, who seize upon such an occasion to piller and lug off the goods of the anfortunate which others have exerted themselves to save. Several such cases are said to have occur-

The total loss is variously estimated at from \$30. 600 to \$40,000, but a small portion of which was covered by insurance.

We have referred to the prevailing opinion that the fire was designedly kindled by some demon in human form. This supposition is based upon the

ARREST OF A GANG OF COUNTERFEITERS.-Last evening (only a few hours previous to the fire) Sheriff Gere, accompanied by a posse to assist prought in from Lanesboro' and committed to jail six persons arrested in that place on a charge of counterfeiting. A suspicion had for some time existed that a gang of blacklegs and counterfeiters

pected had been arrested there, and pointing to buildings, have attended to their duties, returned, der reserving the right to put the victim out of the some birds of the same feather left in Lanesboro, way in his own place and manner, and the time allotted not to exceed four days. This offer was the price finally agreed open, and the money was succeeded in making the arrests. The names of the price finally agreed open, and paid over to the prisoners are B. Ayleswarth, hotel keeper, at the pris immediately counted out and paid over to the fiend who had agreed to steep his hands in the murder. The individual complained of, and thus found, James McDonald Sen. & Janior where more produced, and the wonderful growth of garden to the field who had agreed to steep his hands in the murder. The individual complained of, and thus found, James McDonald Sen. & Janior where more produced, and the wonderful growth of garden of their apparatus was found, John H. Brown, Si one of the two, who, for 18 months, had been under pay of the Contral Railroad Company, for the
purpose of detecting and bringing to justice this
whom may have followed them here with the diwhom may have followed them here with the diof great progress in this department. abolical purpose of burning the town to affect a

> Another Lesson to the Careless.—The Albahy Argus has the following:
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> A very lamentable accurred in Churchville, on the 1st inst. A young man by the name of Alvin Potter, and a Miss Matikla Lyon, together with a number of others, were all in a room playing, when Miss Lyon remarked that she was alraid of the gan which stood in the corner of the room, and would remove it to another part of the house.

Young Potter, desiring to have a little sport on the occasion, took the rifle from Miss L. after some exertion, whereopon quite a spirited scuffle ensued. Potter ran to one corner of the room, and jocosely said to the young, woman, "Now, if you come near me I'll shoot you!" Miss Lyon, not anticipating the least danger, followed him, when Poiter, pointing the gun at her head, pulled the trigger—the contents of the rife were discharged. The ball struck the young woman upon the right side of the nose, and passed through her head, lodging in the back part of the neck. Potter, nor any one present had not the least idea of the gun being loaded. from the fact that but a short time before the acci

he had cleaned it.

The young lady, we are informed by Dr. Cleig, is now in a very critical condition, and cannot live but a short time. Both of her jaws are badly broken, and her face seriously disfigured. Immediately after the accident occurred, young Potter became rantic with grief-ran from home, and has not yet returned to his father's residence, where Miss Lyon now lies, enduring the most exerciating pain, I This affair ought to serve us a lesson to the careless and unthoughtfuld 24 14 4 at

THE LIGHT HOUSE SALE, We learn that the Light House Apparatus lately purchased at the public sale of goods remained pacalled for at the Custom House, appears to be a nice bone for the law-yers to pick. It was sold for \$500, but was replevined from them by the United States authorilies, ... Here are no less than three repleving suits, to funds, while on the other side there is properly to the value of \$30,000 to fall back on If the lawyers do not make the most of the affair, we are much mistaken, and the contract

سيرين فالان EXCITEMENT IN COMA -By recent accounts from Havana, we learn that much excrement exists there on account of the invasion, which was expected to have landed on the 19th ult. The Captain Grieral had received a dispatch, stating that an extions to support Col. Wis. Szanart, for Canal be sent on a pilgring to the World's Fair. He words for eight years, and now weights be sent on a pilgring to the World's Fair. He words for eight years, and now weights be sent on a pilgring to the World's Fair. He words for eight years, and now weights be sent on a pilgring to the World's Fair. He words for eight years, and now weights be sent on a pilgring to the World's Fair. He words for eight years, and now weights be sent on a pilgring to the World's Fair. He words for eight years, and now weights be sent on a pilgring to the World's Fair. He words for eight years, and now weights be continually in the steamer leading from the common figure of 4,000 bs.—The world may given to the Sheriff, who being resisted assembled a posse and returned, to Jewell's house. The indicate the will be the will be

Later from California.

The steamship Georgia arrived at New York on Tuesday last bringing \$1,500,000 in gold. The loslowing summary of intelligence, to the lat ult. is taken from the Alta California :-

Since dur lag steamer paper, one of the most im ortant events in California has been the repeal by our Legislature of the odious and disserous For einn Ministers Tax Bill of last year, and a prorla mation to that effect by our Governor. We look upon this as one step towards wirdom, believing it to be a just repeal, and one loudly called for by the constitution, by the wants of the country, and by the voice of the people, and that it will advance sery much the interest of the country.

The health of this wife has been remarkably good

and the same may be asserted of the entire State. There can be no healthier country in the world than Culifornia.

The annals of crime are about as dark as ever, but the cliances of punishment seem to have improved considerably. The two ment Wildred and Smart, Indicted forthe monterous at sek upon and rabbery of Mr. Janson, and whose supposed guilt had well nigh been expiated by lynch law and a tope, have been tried before the District Court and found guilly of assault with Intent to kill and robposed to the most tremendous heat on the north bery. The jury sentenced Stuart to fourteen years in the Pentientiary, the named they could give him. He has since been taken to Yuba county to be tried for murder. Wildred was sentenced to ten years in the Penitentiary.

The Legislature passed a bill authorizing the At this most dangerous point of attack from one till torney, General to enter a note proseque to the case hearly four o'clock, with unflinching energy, and dicted for conspiracy and murder in the Squatte

war, which has been vetoed by the Governor. There has been a fight at Sonora, growing out o must have been driven from the reservoir, and every other adjacent corner and, extensive blocks by the name of Davis was killed, and some others wounded. It was at first rumored that five men had been killed, which proved one of Madame Rumor's children.

Gov. McDonald has been appealed to for his aid in suppressing the Indian depredations in the Mariposa region, and the legislature responded to his call upon them, by granting him authority to call out 500 mpn for that purpose. Taking a tour for excepts to the jurisdiction of the court upon the court upon the court upon the sence of wind at first, the borning cinders were the purpose of acquiring information upon the subblown jag and tell thick over all the eastern portion ject, he came to the conclusion that the men were of the village which but for the rain of vesterlay, not needed, and has not called them into service. One of the Indian commissioners has recently been in this city, bringing one of the friendly chiefs with him, and reports rather favorably of the chances of forming treaties with most of the tribes in the vici-nity of the Merced, Matiposa and Fienzo. But he hinks that two or three tribes, one of which is the Chowchillah, will have to be soundly drubbed ere

> formed.
> No small degree of pleasure and surprise has been felt here by the arrival of the clipper ship Surpris from New York, in ninety-six days and ifteen hours, the situriest tun on record. Nearly all the rainy season which has visited us his year, came during the past month of March The snow, too has appeared on the mountains be yond the San Jose valley, and further to the north.

This rain will prove of inestimable value to the agricultural interests of the state, and perhaps so to rany of the miners. Some little excitement was cused here by the re tention of a part of the mails brought by the steamer Panama, by Mr. King, Collector of this port, up. on a suspicion that smugling was carried on under cover of the mails. No detention of smuggled

goods was made, however by the Collector or his The trial of Charles Duane, for assault with in ent to kill Amede Fayol, has terminated in a mis- Crane. Five men and boys were dreadfully scaldtrial, the jury not agreeing, and Duane has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$5.000. Several hundred thousand dollars of redeemed

city scrip has been burned by our Council. There has been several cases of Lynching in the There is a prospect that before the next general hate election, the whig and democratic parties will be pretty well organized, and ready for the contest. There is more party feelings now than

ver before in California. Inteligence from many points in the more cheering than hitherto during the winter. offer was named at three hundred and fifty dollars of a massassination, and the bidder went on till the from Binghamton, that two or three of the sussination of the bidder went on till the from Binghamton, that two or three of the sussination of the bidder went on till the from Binghamton, that two or three of the sussination of the bidder went on till the from Binghamton, that two or three of the sussination of the bidder went on till the from Binghamton, that two or three of the sussination of the bidder went on till the from Binghamton, that there and residue to the sussination of the bidder went on till the from Binghamton, that there are received Saturday night for an assassination, and the bidder went on till the from Binghamton, that there are received Saturday night for an assassination of the bidder went on till the from Binghamton, that there are received Saturday night for an assassination of the bidder went on till the from Binghamton, that there are received Saturday night for an assassination of the sussessination of the susse and reported to the Legislature, and now we sup-

vegetables, have induced many to turn their attention to this first and most honorable occupation of

man, and the present year will undoubtedly be one Upon a full view of our interests, we may safely safely say to the friends of California, that her progreas it no laisity, no mistake, but certain as well as rapid.

From the Isthmus.-Judge Thurston, delegate from Oregon, died on board of the California, and was buried at Acapulco. Settator Gwin had been ill. but was recovering

at last accounts. The rainy season had not yet set in at Chagres and the Railroad will it is sail, if the weather con tinnes good, be finished to G garta by the fast of

The health of Chagres was good. The inhabi tants had established a regular police, and life and property was considered much, more safe than eretolo:

The passengers on the Georgia were generally realthy, only two cases of illness having occurred during the voyage.

The fourth of the Chagres murderers have been arrested at Porto Bello, and brought to Panama, where her was condemned; he was confined in

prison. The Georgia reports that they were all to be shot in a few days. GALE ON LARE BRIE, AND DESTRUCTION OF LIFE -A dispatch from Dunkirk, New York; dated the 3d inst., gives the following particulars of the desfractive gale which took place on Lake Erie on that day: The schooner Lumberman, of Erie, went ashore below Cantaratigus, yesterday morning. She was lying off Erie on Thursday, about 2 o'clock.

when a sed washed all of her crew overboard, and knowledge. All this is accomplished within the only one man succeeded in reaching the vessel again. He took the helm, and after twelve hours of severe spifering and exposure, succeeded in down with a bludgeon, cutting his broat, or blow-teaching the shore with the vessel. There were his brains out. In the saying of dead men four men and a boy lost, All the shipping in this tell no tales," we must insert the word "chloroportion of the Lake rode out the gale in safety, and without damage. The old wharf was slightly damaged. It was the severest galo we have expediant or Elephants.—The bark Regatta arrienced for many years. The storm dut consideratived at New York on Sunday, brings a large and ble dumage to the works of the Erie Railroad Company in this harbor, and will cause several days delay in the completion of their works. The complevined by the maker. The purchasers at auction lay in the completion of their works. The com-replevined back, and on Salurday it was again re- pany is pressing their work forward with great energy. A disputch from Buffalo, bearing the same date, also says that some have been driven ashore be tried, and the parties on one side have plenty of in the lete gale, and a number are still missing — six boa constrictors, a porcupine, the only live one it is supposed that they have foundered, and on all board perished.

DIBLETER ON THE HUMON.—The cloop Meridian of Castleton, was opset when opposite Barrytown in the squall on Thursday last. Mrs. Aaron, Good win, Mrs. Vosburgh, and one of the crew, Rulus Featheraby, were drowned. The sloop was owned by Messra Goodwin and Van Buren. One of the adies drowned was the wife of the former. Mr. Van Buren's wile who was on board, was saved.

THE DESCENT UPON CUBA.-Account Cuban expedition movements thicken fast upon us from all quarters, showing that President Fillmore was not at all premature in issuing his late proclamutor. The Executive, with its ample means of information is of course ahead of the public in all such muters, and therefore such a course by the thing serious

President may always be taken as proof of some The Savanna (Ga.) News, of Monday, has the following; past the city has been me with rumors about the expedition against Cuba supposed to be on toot, and the government Off.

cials have exhibited a great amount of zeal in their efforts to ferret out the actors in the business, and o preserve the neutrality of the nation. The steam. er Welaka, Capt. Blankenship, was chartered yes. terday, and sailed last night for the South, with W H. C. Mille, Deputy U. S. Marshal, and other off cials on board, in pursuit of the expedition, which, is reported, is concentrated somewhere on the coast We will not now mention the rumors that are cur-

of April, (same date as the Jacksonville letter published in the Newark Advertiser,) which the writer says:

You may expect to hear great times soon on account of the invasion of Coba! "The Bounds are out," and are making great preparation for an altack. It is thought here that they will succeed. I have been let into the secret by a friend of the cause, and you form no idea of the extent of the preparations that are making. Five hundred keep of powder left here the evening of the 24th inst, and were carried somewhere down in Florida, but notody appears to know anything further about it Three sleamers are already engaged to take them across. Hiust saw a young buck here, who has purchased a captain's commission for \$1000 -Every thing looks favorable, and I think the chances are that they will succeed.

A letter from Savanna, of the 26th, states that two brass field pieces and other munitions have arrived, and been sent southward. Companies have been organizing in the interior, who have have been established."

In addition, the government is daily receiving ntelligence of movements in various southern districts. The revenue cutter "Tariey" was ordered o Savanna some dava ago.

The Savanna News, of the 28th says :- "The povernment officials are very active to ferret out the actors in the expedition; and preserve the national neutrality."

The Savanna Georgian, of the 28th, says:—As we go to press, which is after 12 o'clock Sunday night, there is not a dittle noise and confusion in the office of the United States District Attorney, which happens to adjoin our sanctium. Look out ve Fillibusters! This bustle, coming and going, ising to and fro, up and down stairs, consulting and advising, portends you no good, you may depend on it. Rumo: says that 300 of you are to be arrested to-day. We advise the arresters to take care that they do not become the arresters, and thus themselves swell the number of the invaders of Cuba! It would look bad to see the United states Marshal marching through the Island, under

STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION.—The Canadian steamer Comet, running between Hamilton in Montreal, burst her boiler on the 21st ult. just as she was lear-ing her dock at Oswego, N. Y. She immediately commenced sinking; but as her stern line was fast, she had not got out into the river, and swung slow. ly around to the dock again. The vessel is a comlete wreck, her hull being very badly damaged She was owned at Kingston by McPherson and the boat : John O'Connor and James Church, wasters; and Thos Quiggin, freman. Three are musing, and supposed to have been blown into the river. The jury returned a verdict that the explosion occurred from the want of water in the boiler.

Singular Musber .- On Wednesday night, a wealthy farmer of Roxbury, Mass., named I am Hand, who had been on a jury at Dedham, returnbury, reaching t He thence started on foot for tome across the fields, a distance of a mile or more. At half past eleven, his wife, who was waiting for high, heard a noise at the door, and upon opening it, found her husband nearly speechless and insensible, from a terrible wound in the back of his head. He died an hour afterwards, without being able to explain what had happened to him. His valuables were undisturbed: and he may have received his death blow in a fall others think differently, and that the matter should; be investigated. He was not an intemperate man, and has kept a stall in Faneuil Hall since it was

AFFRAY IN BOSTON .- While the ship Rio Grande, from Liverpool, filled with Irish emigrants, was entering Constitution dock at Boston, on Sunday eventering ing, a number of Irishmen attempted to rush on board the vessel,, and in an attempt to arrest them, an angry allercation took place between one of the party named John Desmond and the male of the ship. The former, besides being highly abusive in his languago, useil considerable violence in his elforts to get by the mate, who sudenly seized the capdain bar and knocked Desmand down. The man's -kull was broken by the blow, and it is thought that he cannot survive. Oakes the person who streck De-mondy has been arrested and committed for examination before the Police Court. -

THE KNOCKINGS DOWN EAST - Some village exitement has recently been created in Williams; burgh, Mass., by spiritual knockings and other suppoted carryings on at a house occupied by a widow Geter and last Saturday evening at party of men went there, forcibly entered the premises, proceeded otherwise to such deeds as the law comprehends under the name of tiot. Among the rest, they seized Ches er Warner, who lived in the honse, mole him on a rail, took him to the tavern, and forced him to drink two glasses of cider. The perpetrators of these outrages were arrested, and are undergoing a protracted examination at Northamp-

They now accomplish robbery by the aid of chlorolorm in London. A towel or, sponge is dabbel under your nose, you become insensible, and are directed of all your personal valuables without your space of a few seconds. This is a grand improvenent upon the old system of knocking a victim ormed" for that of "dead,"

valuable height of live animals from India. consigned to Mesers, P. T. Barnum & Seth B. Hows, intended for their great Museum Caravan, the first exhibition of which will be given in Newark, tomorrow. The collection consists of nine elephants, one being a calf not yet a year old, together with ever brought here; a Burmese bull, and any number of monkeys. A native chief of the Burmess accompanies the animals,

WRECK AND LOSS OF LIFE.—The hull of British schooner Eagle, of Yarmouth, N. S., came ashore at Truro, on Friday, the 18th instant. The Eagle left Boston on Sunday, 19th inst., and had as passenger John H. Collins of the firm of Kettell & Collins, India wharf, Boston. It is supposed that she carriered in the late of the after that all on board. was capsized in the late gale, and that all on board. perished.

KNOCKINGS EXPOSED -A relative of the Forfamily in Syracuse, has publicly stated that she was taught by one of the Fox girls how to produce the rappings, that the secret was given to her on the promise that she too would become a medium.

She states that it is Jone by the toes and knees.