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Towanda, Saturday, June 23, 1851.

Democratic State Nominations. FOR GOVERNOR, WILLIAM BIGLER, OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY.

FOR SENATORS, JEREMIAH B. BUCK, OF SHERBURGH COUNTY, JAMES CAMPBELL, OF PHILADELPHIA.

FOR JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT, JAMES CAMPBELL, OF PHILADELPHIA, ELLIS LEWIS, OF LANCASTER.

FOR JUDGES OF THE COMMON PLEAS COURT, JOHN B. GIBSON, OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, WALTER M. LOWME, OF ALLEGANY COUNTY.

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Towanda and Burlington Bank Road. An election of officers for the Towanda and Burlington Bank Road Company was held on Saturday last, and the following gentlemen were elected:

President—M. C. MERCER. Treasurers—B. S. RUSSELL. Managers—John F. Lott, Addison M'Kean, J. F. Meigs, J. D. Montanye.

We understand that an amount of stock sufficient to ensure the ultimate completion of the road, has already been subscribed, and that a portion will be soon commenced.

Whig State Conventions. The Whig State Convention to nominate candidates for the State and Judicial offices met at Lancaster on Tuesday last.

Gov. Johnston was unanimously nominated for Governor, and John Straub, for Canal Commissioner.

The nominations for Supreme Judges have not been received.

Latest News.—From the Trojan.—The last number of the Trojan contains the following item of important intelligence:—

A Run Away.—Just as we were going to press, a spirited span of horses, attached to a carriage, and standing in front of the Exchange, broke their harness and ran down Canton street at the top of their speed.

We have not learned how much damage the horses or carriage sustained. They belong, we understand, to a Mr. Benan of Columbia Township.

We trust our enterprising friend, will this week, give the public a full account of the damage done, particularly how much of the halter was broken off, and how many buckles and straps were injured.

Lost.—On Thursday evening, last, between Dr. Huston's and town, a breast-pin, set with jet, and containing a lock of hair. The letters "S. B." were engraved upon it.

Being more particularly valuable as a memento of the deceased, the finder will confer a great favor and be liberally rewarded by leaving it at Dr. Huston's Drug Store.

The Canal Letting at this place on Monday last, was attended by a large number of persons, and the bids were numerous, about 300 being received during the day.

The allotments will probably be made known in a few days.

Masonic Celebration. The night before last and yesterday morning, the trains came in loaded from the north, east and west, until the town was literally alive and swarming with Masons, to celebrate the anniversary of the birth-day of St. John the Baptist.

The weather was beautiful and everything passed off in the best imaginable order. The procession, headed by the Grand Master, was marshalled by Maj. Charles Dunn, with four bands of music, and reached their Lodge Room in Mechanics Hall, through Lake to Church street.

An immense crowd accompanied them, filling up the entire street. The Masons were in full regalia, and presented one of the most imposing spectacles ever witnessed in Elmira.

The procession passed through the principal streets, and thence on to the Island, by a float bridge, where an oration was pronounced by Rev. W. H. Goodwin, of Rochester.

The oration was brilliant, chaste and comprehensive, and delivered in a style at once forcible and eloquent. It was listened to with marked attention, and received with rapturous applause.

A present of an elegant gold watch was made to Mr. Goodwin, after the oration, by the fraternity, and delivered by Mr. Ogden, of the Penn Yan Democrat, in an appropriate and well appointed speech.

The oration will be issued from this office, in a few days, in pamphlet form.

After the ceremonies upon the Island, the procession moved through several of the streets, and divided between the Brainard House and Haight's, where a sumptuous dinner was provided, and the Chappin dining at Haight's, and the Blue Lodges at Brainard's.

The whole celebration was conducted in a highly dignified manner, and was impressive and imposing in its character.

The regalia of the Order was more gorgeous than we have ever before witnessed. The display was grand, and our citizens were gratified and well pleased with the entire proceedings.—Elmira Democrat.

Another Fugitive Slave Case.—Yesterday at noon, George H. Rose, Esq., Assistant United States Marshal, for the Western District of Pennsylvania, reached this city in the Reading car from Wilkes-Barre, having in custody Jesse Whitman, a fugitive slave, who was arrested at Wilkes-Barre on Saturday last.

Marshal Rose was accompanied by Messrs. W. H. Beaumont, Jacob Cooper, and Geo. Fell, who assisted in Whitman's capture.

Marshal Rose having been telegraphed to meet the parties at the depot, was promptly on the spot with an efficient police force, and accompanied the United States officers and their charge to the Baltimore boat, in which they took passage for Maryland.

Whitman is a large powerful negro, and fought desperately before surrendering himself. He struck Marshal Rose twice upon the head with a heavy cart whip and drew a large sheath knife, which he would doubtless have used had it not been for the timely and efficient aid of Messrs. Beaumont, Fell, Cooper, and Seaman. Whitman belongs to John Connor, Esq., of Loudon county, Va.—Pennsylvania, 24th inst.

A New Source of Revenue to Railroads.—The Western cattle dealers now use the railroads for the transit to market of their cattle. In a Louisville paper we see that ninety head of beef were recently sent by the Little Miami and Columbus roads to Cleveland, and thence by steamer to Buffalo, and from that place by railroad to New York City.

The Great San Francisco Fire. The Crescent City, with San Francisco dates of May 15th, arrived at New York on Wednesday night last. She did not bring the mail, the mail agent having refused to allow them to come on in her, and the mail will come by the Chesapeake which had not arrived at Chagres on the 8th, when the Crescent City left. She brings 527 passengers and \$720,000 in gold dust.

The Alta California of the 4th of May thus announces the great conflagration in that city:—

SAN FRANCISCO AGAIN IN ASHES.—The smoke and flames are ascending in great volumes from our city, as if the God of Destruction had seated himself in our midst, and was gorging himself and all his ministers of devastation upon the ruins of our doomed city and its people.

About 11 o'clock last night the cry of "fire" startled every one, like an earthquake. The fire had just commenced in a main shop on the West side of Portsmouth square, adjoining the Bryant House, as formerly called, but more recently the American Hotel. It was but a slight blaze when first seen, but in five minutes the whole upper story was full of flames.

Before the engines could get upon the ground and commence playing the American House, on one side, and a school occupied by Messrs. Rhodes as a lunching establishment, were in flames. The buildings in the vicinity, being all of wood, and extremely combustible, the fire spread up Clay street, back towards Sacramento and down Clay towards Kearney with frightful rapidity.

It soon had full command, and the fire department, from the Rio Grande to Tampano, faithfully performed that duty, and that, too, at a time when he could not walk through a street of a crutch. Gen. Patterson embarked his command at Tampano and sailed for Vera Cruz, to join and serve under Gen. Scott. On the 9th of March, 1847, he disembarked at Vera Cruz, and on the morning of the 10th had the pleasure of seeing Major General Patterson, finely mounted, but still unable to walk without a crutch, assume the command of his division, composed of three brigades, and take up his line of march to force his way through chappal and over sand hills, to possession of an important position in the city of Vera Cruz.

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Entrance of the Keystones.—Gentlemen.—In the Sunday Dispatch of May 13, 1851, we have seen two articles abusive of Gen. Patterson. In one of these articles they say, "the reception of the President on Monday last was a very mean affair throughout. One great cause, undoubtedly, was the inferiority of the military display in consequence of the ridiculous conduct of Major-General Patterson in reference to the escort. Another reason was, that the city council made it entirely too exclusive. It was supposed by those to be a great affair. The soldiers of other municipal districts were excluded from any participation in the ceremonies."

From the above extract it is apparent that there was any want of proper display, the fault rested entirely with the "city council." Under the plea of vindicating the honor of the City and County of Philadelphia, a personal attack is made on Gen. Patterson, and insinuations made in regard to his military conduct during the late war, that are false, unfounded and malicious, as the following facts will show.

Soon after the war commenced, Gen. Patterson was appointed by the President a Major General, and assigned to duty under General Taylor on the Rio Grande, and whilst there sprained his ankle and rendered it unfit for duty, instead of applying for and obtaining leave of absence, as he might have done, and as many others did, for slighter causes.—

When he was suffering from the effects of that sprain, he received orders to march his command, overland, from the Rio Grande to Tampano, and faithfully performed that duty, and that, too, at a time when he could not walk through a street of a crutch.

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provision for this attack on Gen. Patterson. The city council requested him to furnish a "proper escort." He did so, and accompanied the committee who went to receive the President.

We stated in one of the articles abusive of the General, that "the city council made it entirely too exclusive. It was supposed by those to be a great affair. The soldiers of other municipal districts were excluded from any participation in the ceremonies."

They further say, "The committee meant by a proper escort what every sensible person would have understood them to have meant, 'all the soldiers.'" The entire volunteer force of the city and county? We are told that "the city council meant it to be a select affair"—therefore make it otherwise? No, whatever; and it would have been "ridiculous" in him to have attempted it, and it would have been an insult to the country troops if he had ordered them to turn out under the peculiar circumstances of the case.

Were the city council ever known to give to that great patriot and statesman Andrew Jackson, a public reception? One who was worthy of a nation's gratitude for his many virtues, and the moral and physical courage with which he met every question, whether of a civil or military character? No, never.

President Fillmore is a very worthy man, and had a very handsome reception, quite as much so as he was entitled to, and was honored by the presence of Gen. Patterson and one or two other republicans.

The Sunday Dispatch, in its eagerness to slander and lie down a distinguished citizen and representative of "old Pennsylvania," forgot to tell us that a large portion of the whigs of Philadelphia, treated the President with contempt, and assembled in front of his quarters to hold an indignation meeting, and were finally prevailed on to disband.

In conclusion we shall take the liberty of saying to those who are envious of the success of the General, both as a business and military man, that they may as well quietly smother their enmity and their conceal their meanness and save their time; for he possesses the entire confidence of the patriotic citizens of the "old Keystone" who in "good time" will require and claim his services; and any abuse his enemies may pour out on him, will only render themselves contemptible, and accelerate his rise. He can defy their malice.

By giving the above a place in your column, you will oblige many.

PENNSYLVANIA VOLUNTEERS. Harrisburg, May 27, 1851.

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