



Bradford Reporter

Towanda, Saturday, June 23, 1851

Democratic State Nominations

- FOR GOVERNOR, WILLIAM BIGLER, OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY
FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER, BETH CLOVER, OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY

Reduction of Postage.—An Offer!

The new law reducing the rates of postage goes into effect on Tuesday next. By its provisions, newspapers published weekly are allowed to circulate free of postage within the County where published.

Col. Bigler at Home.

The Cleared Republican says: We have known Col. Bigler long and well. As a citizen no man is freer from spot or blemish; as a politician, he is open, frank and candid.

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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. Merrett.

Whig State Convention.

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

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.

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

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.

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 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.

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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 she would not 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 from every square of 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.

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.

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The principal buildings destroyed are the following: to wit: The Custom-House, Union Hotel, Parker House, Jones' Hotel, Adelphi Theatre, Dramatic Museum, National Hotel, New World City Hotel, Delmonico's, Merchants' Exchange, Post-office building, the ships Nautic and General Harrison, and every newspaper office except the Alta California.

The fire swept every thing down on the easterly side of Kearney street, Jackson street, all the buildings in between, and the ships in the harbor, which were destroyed.

The Law of Lines.—Messrs. Foster and Fleischer, of the Boston Dispatch, were tried in that city last week for libel, on a charge of the character of a certain individual, who presided at a public temperance meeting.

The Mortuary State Rights Convention.—The Southern Rights Association have been holding a Convention at Montgomery, Alabama, since the 10th inst. Col. Robert Williams, of Montgomery, presiding. Some ten counties of Alabama were represented, and about eighteen associations.

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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."

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 Rio Grande, and whilst there sprained his ankle and obtained an injury, 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, 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 their exclusive." It was not their exclusive. It was a select affair. The authorities of the other municipal districts were excluded from any participation in the ceremonies.

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.

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 disperse.

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.

The Corps.—The auguries for a final harvest this year in New-York are very auspicious. What the Rochester Democrat says of its region will, we think, generally apply to other portions of the State:—"There has never been more favorable weather for the advancement of the grain crops than that of the past few weeks. The wheat is doing well, the stalk is sufficiently stout, and presents every appearance of health and freedom from blight and insects. The cool weather, of which the people in the city have complained so much and not without reason has been kind toward the growing grain, which now presents so beautiful an appearance as to excite the admiration of every eye that beholds it. What being out of view, many weeks of warm weather, such as we may anticipate, will bring it on safely and rapidly to maturity, and an early and abundant harvest is promised with as much certainty as ever held out at this season of the year. Apples appear healthy, and promise a fair crop of good quality, where the trees have been properly attended to. The peach trees are in bloom, and those that are young, and heretofore thrifty in appearance, have been subject to some blight, which causes the leaves to shrivel and drop. Early in the season, the prospect of their doing well was fair, and we may yet have an average crop."

An Interesting Decision by the Supreme Court of Pa.—We learn from the Harrisburg Telegraph, that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has decided that a debtor intending to claim the \$300 exempt from sale by execution out of his real estate, under the act of April, 1846, must give notice of his intention, before the execution and sale, or cannot come in for the money of the distribution. The act contemplates the debtor about to be sold, and those that are young, and heretofore thrifty in appearance, have been subject to some blight, which causes the leaves to shrivel and drop. Early in the season, the prospect of their doing well was fair, and we may yet have an average crop."

Free is Barton.—On Sunday morning last, at about half-past three, the family of Mr. Joshua Spaulding, in Barren, awoke and found their house so enveloped in flames that they barely escaped in their night clothes. Mrs. Spaulding (who is the daughter of Mrs. Berry in this village) undertook to secure a box containing some \$180 in gold, but accidentally dropped it before reaching the door, and that was destroyed with their furniture, clothes, beds, and other contents of the house. How the fire originated we have not learned. Mr. Spaulding is an officer of a section of the Erie and West Point Railroad track—Owego Gazette, 19th.

Individual Liability Clause.—We learn from the York (Pa.) Gazette that a lot of 100 shares of stock in the old "York Bank" was sold at public sale, by order of the executors, on Saturday evening last. It was sold in lots of 10 shares, and brought an average of \$33 2/3 per share of \$25, being an advance of 33 per cent. These prices are as high as any obtained for some time past, and as they are among the best sales since the stockholders accepted the new charter containing the "individual liability" clause, so to show that the introduction of that feature in their banking system has not impaired confidence in stockholders or depressed the price of Bank stock.

The Camden Murders.—In Cecil county, Md., on Saturday morning, a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree was rendered against Nicholas Murphy, one of the persons implicated in the Camden murders. This is the third conviction of a murderer in the first degree arising out of this bloody affair. One more case, that of Roberts, remains to be tried in Kent county court, and the trial was to begin yesterday. All the perpetrators of this atrocious deed are likely to get the proper reward of their brutal crimes.

Sturgeon's New Ring.—The discovery at Cambridge (Mass.) Observatory, in November last, of a third ring around the planet Saturn, has been verified by an observation in England. The honor of the discovery belongs to Messrs. Bond, under whose faithful and intelligent labors, the great Equatorial at Cambridge has already made many important contributions to this department of astronomical science. The eighth satellite of Saturn, it will be remembered, was discovered by Mr. Bond about two years ago. The Boston Traveller, of Monday published a diagram of the planet as seen in November last.

Employment.—Last week the wife of Dr. Sell, who kept a small drug store in Beaver, Pa., eloped with one Ira Ransom, a contractor on the railroad. The lady disguised herself in man's apparel, and started off with her lover in the stage from the bridge over the river. The husband immediately set out in pursuit, and after a long and fatiguing chase, succeeded in capturing the fugitive at the depot.

Last week the workman at Power's Summit, on the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad, found a petrified snake, the size of which would seem to indicate that in this region, at least, that species of reptile has greatly degenerated. His snake was imbedded in the solid limestone rock, six feet below the earth's surface. Its size is enormous—sixteen feet in length, and in the middle at least four inches in diameter.

The New Lumber Law in Maine, it is supposed will not allow the churches to buy wine in that State for medicinal purposes, as it can only be sold in Maine for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

News from all Nations.

The death of A. W. C. Terry, late editor of the Lyndeburg Virginian, has called forth a somewhat remarkable expression of Virginia generally. It is a widow and four young children. The authorities of the other municipal districts were excluded from any participation in the ceremonies.

On Saturday evening, a hail storm passed on the northeastern towns in Plymouth county, Mass., and lasting half an hour. The ground was covered with hailstones, which were uncommonly large, and it is feared must have proved destructive to vegetation.

One of the Lowell girls, employed in a cotton mill at Columbus, in Georgia, writes from a country mill was intolerably dirty, and unprovided with single looking-glass, and that "nearly all the large of a pipe stem, until it is something like a brush, than they dip in snuff, put it in their mouths and suck it like a babe. They pay twenty-five cents a bottle for each one of which will last them a week."

A disgraceful riot took place at Red Bank, N. J., Monday evening, during which a number of men were stabbed and several women outrageously abused. The rioters were a rowdy party from the city, who went down there on a moonlight excursion. Some of the rioters were arrested and lodged in Woodbury jail. It is rumored that a man named Diver died this morning from injuries received during the riot. A citizen of Woodbury reported to have been stabbed in the fight, and he is now lying at the point of death. The news people residing at Red Bank were most outrageously used by the scamps.

The Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad will be completed to Bridgeport on the 4th of July. The rails on the central road are now laid to Tazewell, ten miles east of Pittsburgh.

A man named Henry A. Semple has been arrested in New Orleans, for killing James Grey, in an affray.

Mrs. Lanier, of Ludlow & Smith's Company, died of cholera at St. Louis, June 7. At the same theatre, Mrs. Blanche was fatally killed on stage by the falling of a weight behind the scenes.

The will of Judge Mullanbaugh, of St. Louis, has been read in court. He bequeaths one-third of his estate, (200,000,) in trust to the city; for the relief of emigrants, the other \$400,000 goes to his heirs.

The first train of cars passed over the Hudson River Railroad on Monday morning, between Hudson and Oakhill, a distance of about fifteen miles. This makes 45 miles from Albany now in running order, and bringing the company only thirty-five miles of steamboat navigation between New York and Albany.

On the steamer James M. Niles that arrived at St. Louis on the 9th inst, from New Orleans, several deaths occurred from cholera and ship fever. The boat had upwards of 250 emigrant passengers that were taken from a ship at New Orleans. The deaths, with but one exception, all occurred on deck among the emigrants.

The Right Hon. Richard Later Shield, M. P. died at Florence on the 25th inst, from an attack of gout in the stomach, aged fifty-nine years. He has long been a sufferer from this complaint, and was one of the most brilliant speakers of the age, and has occupied many public posts of high honor and great responsibility.

Henry Box Brown, who escaped from slavery to Philadelphia in a box, is exhibiting throughout England a panorama of slavery. He has the identical box with him, and was lately packed in it and went from Bradford to Leeds. After their arrival at Leeds, the box, which contained Brown, was placed in a coach, and proceeded by a band of music and banners representing the stars and stripes of America, paraded through the principal streets of the town. After he had been confined in the box for two hours and three quarters, he was taken out in presence of spectators.

Letters from England inform us that a new mode of brick making is threatening to entirely supersede the old methods. Bricks are now made hollow, which secures the buildings from dampness, and besides being much larger and lighter, both money and labor are saved in laying them. We may expect, also, that a certain Dr. Samuels, of Allentown, Pa., has invented a machine to work by steam, which will turn out 1200 well made bricks per hour from unworked clay.

Hon. Henry Clay was to argue a case before the Court of Appeals of Kentucky last week. His health had continued to improve since his return from Cuba.

The coinage of the New Orleans mint, during the month of May, amounted to \$1,200,000 in gold, and \$37,000 in silver—total \$1,237,000.

Mr. Stevens, a tradesman, has been fined £25 by the Liverpool magistrate, for manufacturing articles called tea from the leaves of beech and plane trees.

On Tuesday, June 3, the receipts at the doors of the Crystal Palace were £2,415 2s, and the number of visitors were 53,371.