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Towanda, Saturday, July 26, 1851.

Democratic State Nominations.

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Foreign News.

ENGLAND.—The Ecclesiastical Titles Bill has passed the House of Commons by a very decided vote.

ROME.—The Pope, the European Times says, has issued an appeal to the Italians for subscriptions to build a Cathedral in Rome.

PARIS.—The Emperor Napoleon, it is reported, has ordered that the streets of Paris should be cleaned.

WASHINGTON.—The American minister to the Vatican, Mr. Gilman, has just returned from Rome.

Destructive Fire at Williamsport.

The citizens of this borough were awakened yesterday morning about one o'clock, by the alarm of fire, and upon hastening into the streets, found that a bright blaze was rising from the refectory establishment of Mr. A. J. WINEGARDNER.

The fire engine was brought upon the ground, but the devouring element had obtained such headway before its discovery, that it was not until the buildings contained upon the lots owned respectively by Messrs. Abraham Winegardner and Robert Faries, Esq., were in common sheet of flame, that any execution could be done by them.

The active and well directed efforts of a few persons in trifling danger the fences and small buildings which formed a connection with the main building on the alley south of the fire, those proper steps were resorted to, and a limit to the demon of destruction prescribed in this direction also.

Meantime, with irresistible force the flames had communicated from the large brick building of Mr. Faries, to the log and frame house of Mr. John King, which adjoined it on the east, and in a few minutes after the whole of it was also in flames.

It is impossible to describe the extent of the damage done to the premises. The entire contents of the refectory and a portion of the main building were consumed.

The loss sustained by the owners of the premises is estimated at \$23,000, a greater part of which, however, is covered by insurance, as follows:

Table listing insurance policies and amounts: A. Winegardner, \$5000; Uplegar & Mudge, 7000; Robert Faries, 5000; King & Allen, 2000; J. J. McCoy, 300; S. F. Green, 300; A. J. Little, 300.

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THE PATENT OFFICE.—The new wing of the Patent office at Washington, when completed, will be one of the most splendid buildings in the world.

Great Flood in the Juniata.

It commenced raining here yesterday about noon, and continued to rain at intervals during the afternoon, and until about ten o'clock at night, but no one dreamed that such terrible consequences were to follow what was but an ordinary rain.

Considerable injury has also been done to the canal, and it will be several weeks before navigation can be resumed upon it. The towing path bridge below Petersburg is gone, the filling at Piper's dam, and a long extent of wing path are washed away.

Rumor says that the flood was so great in Spruce Creek as to sweep every log and mill dam in its mouth to its source, and also a number of bridges.

This is the first time since the late spring freshets, that the Juniata has risen to such a height as to carry away the house without warning its sleeping inmates, and not one of them lives to tell the tale of their destruction.

The loss of property at Alexandria is not so great as at other places, although most of the citizens lost all that was in their cellars and garages, and sustained some slight injuries to property.

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IMPORTANT NEWS FROM KOSOVU.

The Herald Letter learns by private letters received in that town from 'Constantinople, that Kosovu has recently stated to a gentleman commissioned to visit him at Kuyah, the place of his confinement in Turkey, and inform him of the offer of the Government to furnish him a free passage to an asylum in the United States, that he has finally resolved to remain in Europe, although he expressed his gratitude to the Government in the warmest terms for the interest it has taken in his fate, thereby showing his sympathy to have been with the Hungarians in their late struggle.

FROM CALIFORNIA.—There was an arrival from California, last week, bringing over 200 passengers and a considerable quantity of gold.

THE GREAT FLOOD IN THE JUNIATA.—The first time in the history of criminal jurisprudence, a boy but eleven years of age, named Thursday, was first degree in Baltimore City Court, on murder in the first degree. The murder was one of intent, and not the result of an accidental blow, and the jury, with evidence of a clear intent to kill, could not otherwise convict him capitally.

A CHILD SENTENCED TO THE GALLOWS.—For the first time in the history of criminal jurisprudence, a boy but eleven years of age, named Thursday, was first degree in Baltimore City Court, on murder in the first degree.

SHOCKING MURDER.—The last number of the Ashland (Ohio) Union, gives the following account of one of the most brutal murders on record:

THE AGENT EXERCISES.—Elections will take place in the State of Kentucky, Indiana, Alabama, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois and Iowa, on the 4th of August, and in North Carolina and Tennessee on the 7th of August.

SAN CATASTROPHE ON THE NEW HAVEN RAILROAD.—The New York Tribune gives the following particulars of a sad catastrophe on the New Haven Railroad:

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THE METHODIST PROPERTY SUIT.—We learn from the Christian Advocate and Journal, that the negotiation, consequent upon the earnest recommendation of the Court, for an amicable settlement of the unfortunate dispute between the two branches of the Methodist Episcopal Church, have failed.

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General Laws.

On an examination of the "Laws of a public general nature," passed by the Legislature of 1851, and published by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, we find several enactments of some importance, and we publish them for the information of the reader.

Sec. 11. That the provisions of the fourth section of an act passed 16th March, 1847, to restrain indecently conduct at religious meetings, be and the same are hereby extended to political and social meetings.

Sec. 12. That any justice of the peace or alderman shall have power to depute any person to act as constable, in case of the absence of the proper officer, to arrest any offender of said provisions of said act.

The 4th section of the act of 16th March, is as follows: "That from and after the passage of this act, if any person or persons shall be guilty of disturbing any congregation, society or meeting, assembled for religious worship, or assemblies for the purpose of transacting any business pertaining to religious worship; or, if any person or persons shall be guilty of encouraging, aiding, or in any way countenancing any such disturbance, on conviction thereof before any judge, justice of the peace or alderman of the proper city or county, wherein the offense shall be committed, shall pay a fine of not less than five dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, at the discretion of the judge, justice or alderman trying the same, for the use of the city, township or borough wherein the offense shall be committed. If any person or persons convicted and fined for disturbing any meeting as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to pay the fine and costs imposed upon him, her or them, it shall be the duty of the judge, justice or alderman trying the same, to make an attachment, directed to any constable in the county wherein such offense shall be committed, committing the person or persons so offending to the jail of the proper county; and it is hereby made the duty of the person having charge of such jail, to receive and keep such person or persons in close confinement till the amount of the fine and costs are fully paid and discharged."

EXEMPTION IN FAVOR OF WIDOW AND CHILDREN.—Sec. 5. That hereafter, the widow or the children of any decedent dying within this Commonwealth, real estate or personal, may retain either real or personal property belonging to said estate, to the value of three hundred dollars, and the same shall not be sold, or suffered to remain for the use of the widow and family, and it shall be the duty of the executor or administrator of such decedent, to have the same property so retained, in the same manner as provided in the act passed the 9th day of April, 1849, entitled "An Act to exempt property to the value of three hundred dollars from levy and sale upon execution and distress for tax." Provided, That this section shall not affect or impair any liens for the purchase money on such real estate, and the said appraisement, upon being signed and certified by the appraisers and approved by the Orphans' Court, shall be filed among the records thereof.

PROSECUTION OF OFFENSES.—Sec. 12. That if any person or persons, from and after the passage of this act, shall maliciously or voluntarily break down any post and rail, or other fence put up for the enclosure of lands, and carry away, break, or destroy any post, rail, or other material of which such fence was built, within this Commonwealth, every person or persons so offending, and being legally thereof convicted before any justice of the peace or alderman, within this Commonwealth, shall for every such offense forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, one half thereof to be paid to the informer and the other half to the support of the poor of such county, township, borough or ward where the offense has been committed, together with costs of prosecution; and in default of payment, such person or persons shall be imprisoned in the county jail, not exceeding 30 days for the first offense, and 60 days for the second. Provided, That either of the parties shall have the right of appeal in the same manner as in civil cases.—West Chester Repub. and Dem.

HARVEST IN PENNSYLVANIA.—The farmers here in their hay and wheat-crops the former being an average yield, though considerably lighter than last season. The latter has fully realized the anticipations of those who predicted more than an average yield. The field of forty acres, which we have more than produced not less than 1,200 bushels, according to the estimates of those who are competent judges. Many smaller parcels in different sections promise more than thirty bushels to the acre. The gathering of oats will commence this week, and will not be a very heavy harvest, owing to the dry weather or a few weeks back, which very much shortened its growth. The corn crop has been behind time, but is now pushing forward at a rapid rate owing to the warm nights and refreshing showers.—Doyles-town Democrat, July 22.

DEATH FROM THE EXPLOSION OF A CAMPFIRE LAMP.—The New Orleans Bulletin gives another unfortunate result from the use of Campfire, in the death of Mr. Thomas, of Algiers, a remarkably hale and vigorous man, in the enjoyment of perfect health. He had filled a large lamp with the Campfire, and the flame of a candle which he was lighting communicated with the Campfire, causing an explosion, which threw the burning liquid over his person, set his clothes on fire, and burnt him so badly at the best medical advice and attention were of no avail. Campfire ought to be banished from every residence, and its use interdicted.

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