

Bradford Reporter.

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Towanda, Saturday, August 2, 1851.

Democratic State Nominations.

FOR GOVERNOR, WILLIAM BIGLER, OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY. FOR CANAL COMMISSIONERS, SETH CLOVER, OF CLARION COUNTY.

FOR JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT, JEREMIAH S. BLANCHARD, OF SHERBURN COUNTY, JAMES CAMPBELL, OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, ELLIS LEWIS, OF LANCASTER COUNTY, JOHN B. GIBSON, OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY, WALTER H. LOWRIE, OF ALLEGANY COUNTY.

THE DEMOCRATIC STANDING COMMITTEE OF BRADFORD COUNTY will meet at the Ward House, in Towanda, on Tuesday, the 5th day of August next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

TERRIBLE CALAMITY!

One of the most terrible calamities we have ever been called upon to record, occurred at Brownstown, in this county, on Saturday night last, involving a loss of human life under circumstances the most soul-harrowing.

Our informant, who was present, says that the building was destroyed by fire, and Mr. Henry Fisher, his son ABRAHAM FISHER, a foreman named FLAMMAGAN, and the cook, named GOLDSMITH, perished in the flames.

Her father's family consisted of his wife, whose maiden name was MILLER and eight children, three sons and five daughters. One son, now lives near the spot where the cabin was first built, another in Monroe township, while the other, Rudolph, came to this county a few years since, an aged and venerable man, to lay his ashes on the spot where his father first settled.

Her husband settled on the bank of the river, directly opposite to where the dam was built, and for many years kept a ferry and distillery at that place. In 1804 he erected the first frame house in Towanda, now standing in the lower part of the village, and owned by EROS TOMKINS.

In early years, before the lines of improvement were even projected, the river was navigated by Durham boats, which carried freight along the length of the Susquehanna.

The remains were gathered together and the whole placed in a box, and taken by a boat to Wilkes-Barre, it being impossible to distinguish to a certainty, between them. Mr. Frank has a wife and family residing in that place, whose feelings upon having the bodies of those who were dear to them, conveyed to them in such a state, cannot be conceived.

The adjoining house of Mr. Stalloni's was soon enveloped in flames. The inmates had also a very narrow escape for their lives, and not an article of furniture or clothing was saved.

Mr. Frank had in his office a large amount of money, has given rise to rumor that this dreadful occurrence was the result of villainy. Such is not the opinion of those who were upon the spot, and have a good opportunity to judge.

Obituary.

Died in this place, on Monday morning, 21st inst. Mrs. ELIZABETH MEANS, aged 83 years. The history of Mrs. Means is so intimately connected with the first settlement of this place, and so identified with its subsequent progress, as to seem to demand that her decease should be the subject of more than a passing notice.

Her father, Rudolph Fox, came to the Susquehanna from the Mohawk river in the State of New York. Attempting a settlement, he was taken a prisoner by the Indians, while his family escaped to Wyoming.

Mr. Fox on reaching home, found his family sick, and finally was taken sick himself, and seventeen days elapsed, before he was able to return, during which time, the subject of this sketch, then a girl of thirteen, remained alone in a rude and temporary cabin, miles from any white person.

Her history is the history of many of those who first penetrated into the unbroken wilderness which then bordered the Susquehanna, and which constituted the favorite hunting grounds of the red-man. To their descendants, the story of their privations, and the dangers they incurred, to lay the foundations of those settlements which have made our fertile valleys blossom as the rose, seem almost incredible.

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Fire at Athens.

A destructive fire occurred in Athens on Tuesday evening last, destroying a large amount of property. The fire broke out at about 11 1/2 o'clock, and originated in the upper part of a building on Main street, occupied on the ground floor by Messrs. Hart & Sawyer, as a Hat and Clothing store.

Great credit is due to the citizens of Athens, and those in the immediate vicinity, for their prompt and active exertions in preventing the fire from spreading. At times all efforts seemed unavailing—the merciless element would drive them back, and several times the adjoining buildings were on fire, but finally the strenuous exertions of its combatants prevailed, and the threatened building was saved, but somewhat scorched.

Although the fire spread with great rapidity, the goods and furniture were mostly saved, though in a damaged state. The loss will probably exceed \$10,000. There were burned four buildings occupied as stores and shops, nine dwelling houses, one store house, and the Methodist and Episcopal churches, and four barns.

The following is a list of the principal losses by the fire, and the amount insured: H. W. Patrick, two dwelling houses and two buildings, occupied as stores and shops, estimated loss, \$2000—no insur.

DELAYS ARE DANGEROUS.—Particularly is this true in regard to Life Insurance. A man in New York having examined the prospectus of a company, expressed to one of the physicians his approval of the system, and he assured him that he considered it his duty to provide for his family by effecting insurance upon his life, and had decided to do so the next week, in policy for \$5,000.

THE NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT of the Philadelphia Ledger of July 4th, says: Some uneasiness exists concerning the fate of Mr. John W. Siler, of Cherry, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, formerly of Berke, Columbia Co., who arrived in New York on Friday evening last, and put up at the Merchant Hotel, Courtland street.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Of John Barnet, of Jere Barnet, from the County Cork, Ireland, by their sister Johannah Triggs, who has been left in want, by the sudden death of her husband.

BUFFALO AND CONHOCTON VALLEY RAILROAD.—It will be seen by the notice of the Commissioners in our advertising columns, that an additional portion of this road, extending from the north line of this county to Balavia, is to be put under contract on the 26th of August.

THE BLOOMERS IN PA.—Two "Bloomer" ladies made their appearance in Harrisburg, lately, and it is understood that a number of ladies have prepared themselves with similar dresses.

TOLEDO.—A terrible tornado swept over a portion of Onondaga county, New York, on Wednesday, the 19th. It passed in the South-West from Whitesboro' and crossed over that town in a northerly direction, sweeping a track about half a mile wide; twisting off the largest trees, unroofing buildings, proscribing churches and spreading destruction in its track.

The Insurrection in Cuba.

The schooner Pauline, Capt. Townsend, who left New York on the 17th inst., reached this port yesterday, and informs us that the revolt at Puerto Principe, of which we had heard, related only to a small portion of the island, and that on the 21st July, which Josephin de Aguiar Sanchez, one of the revolutionists, was taken prisoner, and a few arms were captured by the Spanish troops.

The proclamation for independence was made on the 4th of July, on which day the first real battle for liberty may be said to have taken place. The government troops, previously sent out to make prisoners of any revolutionists, came up with the guerrilla party of Joaquin Aguiar y Aguiar, at the foot of the escarpment, about four or five miles from the village of that name.

After the battle of the 4th, the Spanish troops hurried back to Principe, seventeen leagues from the coast. When the news of the revolt reached Principe there was a great excitement among the people; and nothing but the large number of soldiers prevented a general rising and a massacre of the troops.

At the late accounts from Principe, many of the Cubans had left the place to join the guerrillas. From the town of Bayama a party of 200 men had gone up; from Villa-Clara, 100; and numbers from Nerviata, all in the vicinity of Principe.

Every Federal newspaper we pick up contains an article under the above caption, and all written in the same strain. From this it is evident that these articles are written or dictated at Harrisburg, under the eye of the Governor himself.

THE SHERBURN AND ERIE RAILROAD.—We understand, says the Philadelphia Statesman, that it is the determination of the friends of this railroad project, to hold a Convention in this city, on the 25th of September. It is expected that delegates from every county along the route will be present.

STRUGGLE TO DEATH.—On Saturday last, a very fine horse, the property of Col. A. A. Nolting, of Cayuga Co., Pa., came to his death in a most singular manner.

MANUFACTURING PROFITS.—The Wamsutter Mills, New Bedford, have declared a dividend of 2 per cent for the last year, part of which was from reserved profits of previous years.

NOTWITHSTANDING the dullness of the manufacturing interest, we are glad to notice that some of the corporations can show a profit from the past six months' business.

DEATH OF AN AGED JERSEY PAINTER.—Mr. James Westcott died recently at Memphis, Tennessee, at the age of 71 years. He was the oldest printer in the South; and since the death of Mr. McIlwaine, at Philadelphia, last winter, is supposed to have been the oldest in the United States.

The Crops.

From all parts of country the wheat crops have been unusually abundant. In reference to the yield in Ohio, the Cincinnati Gazette of the 8th instant says: "The wheat is now being harvested, the best possible condition, and in an abundance never equaled since the settlement of this country."

Respecting the crop in Indiana, a letter says: "The wheat is now being harvested, the best possible condition, and in an abundance never equaled since the settlement of this country."

THE HARVEST.—The farmers are now in the midst of "harvesting." The grass yield is heavy and all other crops look extremely well.

CROPS IN ILLINOIS.—The northern central portions have suffered by excessive rains, and the wheat and other crops materially damaged.

GOV. JOHNSTON'S SINKING FUND.—Every Federal newspaper we pick up contains an article under the above caption, and all written in the same strain.

NOTICE.—The North Branch Association of Universalists will hold its annual session at Springfield on the 4th Wednesday and Thursday in August—20th and 21st.

CAUTION.—Whereas, my wife, Sarah Maria, has left her bed and board, and without any just cause or provocation and utterly refuses to return, this is hereby to caution all persons against harboring or trusting her on my account, as I will pay no debts of her contracting.

COMPANY ORDERS.—THE Monroe Life Company, will meet for partial dividend on the 23rd and 24th days of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M. armed and equipped at the law office.

NOTICE.—In the matter of the voluntary assignment of Cash Reed to Henry W. Tracy, in trust for the benefit of creditors, in the court of Common Pleas of Bradford county, of May Term, 1848, No. 24.

BRIGADE ORDERS.—NOTICE is hereby given, that the Uniformed Militia of Bradford county, consisting of the 1st Brigade in the 18th Division of Pennsylvania Militia, will meet in Battalions for parade, inspection and review, in the following order: the 3d Battalion, commanded by Lieut. Col. John Baldwin, will meet on Monday, the 25th day of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Gen. SETH CLOVER.—This gentleman, the nominee of the Democratic State Convention for Canal Commissioners, is in company with the party of confidence of the Democratic party.

ANOTHER FIRE IN CORNING.—Yesterday a fire broke out in the west end of G. M. Hathaway's Steam Mill, situated in Market street, and five minutes after it was discovered the Mill was in flames.

DISCOVERY OF TREASURE.—Three men, while digging in Roxbury, Mass., at the corner of Rogers and Parker streets, on the night of the 21st inst., at the depth of three or four feet, discovered a box or trunk, containing a large sum of money, supposed to have been buried by a notorious character named Walker, who occupied a cottage in the vicinity some time since.

THE salary of the Governor of Virginia has been fixed at \$5000, and the Convention decided that the Lieutenant Governor shall not have a vote in the Senate.

WORKS OF ART IN ILLINOIS.—It is reported the Senator Douglas, of Illinois, has employed an artist to paint for him a portrait of Gen. Cass. It is understood the Hon. senator is himself engaged, meantime in making a bust of the General.

G. H. WALTERS' MUSIC DEPOT. At W. A. Chamberlain's Watch, Clock and Jewelry Store, Main street.

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