

Terrible Steamboat Explosion.

Twenty Lives Lost.—The Steamboat Tomboy, No. 2, exploded her boiler, on the 26th ult., on the Missouri River, a little way below Jefferson City, Mo., producing a frightful destruction of life among the hands employed on board.

The boat was lying at Edwards' Wood Yard, three miles below Jefferson City at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, and while her crew were engaged in taking wood on board, all the forward part of the boiler was blown away, the boiler deck, and the three boilers were blown in every direction.

Of the killed and wounded we have been unable to get anything like a correct list. Five bodies, as before stated, were found. Mr. Charles Dix, the pilot, and three deck hands killed, were known to belong to the boat.

The second mate and a stoker, names not known, were brought to the city by the Elvira, both badly injured. Several others brought down by the same boat were more or less hurt—some deck hands severely. Mr. White, merchant of Ranoke, and passenger, was badly scalded. Three children of Mr. Charles Eckley, the second clerk of the Tomboy, were scalded, one severely. A number of others among the officers, crew and passengers escaped with slight injuries.

Senator Douglas at Home.—We copy from the Chicago papers a full account of the speech of Senator Douglas, and of its reception, at Chicago on the 14th of September.

According to them, Senator Douglas made no special reference to the Missouri Compromise, and according to the enthusiastic reports, now given, he spoke for nearly an hour, being interrupted only by replies to his direct appeals, or still more direct misstatements.

His special organ, the Chicago Times, has an account of his remarks. He began by vindicating the repeal of the Missouri Compromise on the ground that it permitted Slavery South of 36° 30'.

He asked triumphantly, whether there was a man in that crowd, who was in favor of recognizing Slavery South of any line? The Missouri Compromise did recognize it South of a certain line, therefore its repeal was justifiable.

Mr. Douglas asserted that all parties at the North had repudiated the Missouri Compromise. He must have known this to be untrue. Even if any party had attempted to repudiate it, it could not, therefore, be justly made the basis of legislation which should disturb or change it.

The "Drooged Liquor" at Concord, N. H.—It turns out that the "drooged liquor," of which so much was said during the late session of the New Hampshire Legislature, was a mixture administered to certain Democratic members during the Senatorial contest, was not drugged in the ordinary way.

The Whig County Convention which met at this place on Monday evening, placed in nomination the following ticket:—Representatives—E. B. PARSONS, JESSE HOLCOMB, Sheriff—JOHN A. CODDING, Probationary—ALLEN MCKEAN, Register—NATHAN ELDRIDGE, Commissioner—ALBERT NEWELL, Auditor—WM. GORHAM, Coroner—EZEKIEL CURTIS.

STATE OF THINGS IN EAST TENNESSEE.—There is a great deal of Abolitionism in East Tennessee, and with it a fearful increase of insolence and helth daring on the part of negroes. Negroes take more liberties in East Tennessee, and display more insolence in their intercourse with white people, than anywhere we have ever been, and we have traveled extensively.

DEATH OF MR. COOK.—We are pleased to record the death of Charles Cook, Esq., President of the Bank of Geneva. He has been feeble for some months, but it was confidently hoped a temporary relaxation from his duties would bring renewed health.



Bradford Reporter.

E. O. GOODRICH, EDITOR.

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Democratic State Nominations.

FOR GOVERNOR, WILLIAM BIGLER, OF CLEARFIELD CO. FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT, JEREMIAH S. BLACK, OF SOMERSET CO.

Democratic County Ticket.

CONGRESS, GALUSHA A. GROW, OF SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY. REPRESENTATIVES, BARTHOLOMEW LAPORTE, OF DURRILL TWP. JOHN V. DANIELS, OF BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP.

The County Ticket.

We present to our readers the Democratic County Ticket, settled upon by the Convention on Tuesday night last. We have only space, this week, to refer to the nominations in general terms, and we believe never was a Convention more fortunate in the selection of its candidates.

On Thursday afternoon last, about 3 o'clock,

the Bridge spanning the Susquehanna at this place was discovered to be on fire, about midway in the east span. Though discovered, of course, almost instantly after taking fire, such was the progress of the flames that by the time the fire apparatus could be got into execution the span was beyond saving.

This is the second time this part of the Bridge

has been burned. It is particularly unfortunate for the business interests of the borough, though we have no doubt it will be rebuilt as speedily as possible. In the meantime, for the accommodation of those wishing to cross, a ferry has been established, and a floating bridge for foot passengers will be made; so that no interruption to travel will be necessary.

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THE WASHINGTON AND WESTER STATUES—Filler's

statue of Washington, for the State of Louisiana, is on its way to this country. It is a grand work of art. Mr. Powers is now engaged on the statue of Webster, ordered for Boston. He is represented in the attitude of defending the Constitution, which is firmly grasped in one hand, while the other rests upon the symbol of the Union.

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and addressed a meeting at Athens, that evening. Having an appointment at Wellsboro, on Wednesday, he proceeded to Waverly, where he was taken suddenly ill. We are gratified to learn that he is recovering, and will be able, in a few days, to resume his tour.

Governor Bigler's Speech.

Gov. Bigler, arrived in this place on Saturday evening, and remained until Tuesday afternoon. Monday evening, pursuant to notice, a large number of persons assembled in front of the Court House, to listen to his remarks upon the various topics, State and National, now at issue.

Gov. Bigler then addressed the audience and was listened to with profound attention. The truth and justice of his remarks in regard to all questions of State policy, met the cordial response of every Democrat present, and commended themselves to the judgment and consideration of every opponent.

The laws organizing the territories of Nebraska and Kansas were next referred to by the Governor. He said that he was well aware that this the subject of the Northern part of the State—He said that officially he had no connection with the subject—it was not a part of the stewardship for which he must account, that he had not conversed with the people to organize territories, nor to control the action of Congress on any question.

He said he never had and probably never could have any official connection with this subject, and that it was scarcely possible that the election of a Governor, whoever might succeed, could have any influence upon the future policy of these territories. This much he thought it right to say to his official relation to the question, but as a citizen and a member of the Democratic party, among whom a diversity of opinion exists on this subject, he should most cheerfully say what he thought about the question.

He did not think his views of special importance, for he made no pretensions to experience in National politics, that from 1848 to 1850, however, he had given the Slavery question some consideration. That the national controversy growing out of the attempt to adjust the question of slavery in territories acquired from Mexico, absorbed all other topics and seemed for a while to threaten the stability of our National Union.

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Natives and Know Nothings may dispute as to who produced the result. He said he did not see an agent in the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, and that he was not in favor of it. He would have organized the territories, could he have controlled it, under the act of 1850, and not disturb the Missouri line.

Congressional Conference.

At a meeting of the Conferees of Bradford and Susquehanna counties, (the Conferees of Tioga county failing to attend) held at Towanda, the 6th of Sept., inst., THOMAS SMEAD was called to the Chair, and E. B. CHASE chosen Secretary.

Resolved, That the restriction of the spread of Slavery contained in the Missouri Compromise, rested upon the early and earnest policy of the fathers of the Republic, and that the repeal of that restriction, in the act of Congress organizing the territories of Kansas and Nebraska, was a direct violation of the policy of a branch of the Union, a violation of every principle of justice and humanity, and a determined attempt to overturn the settled maxims of the government, and establish in their stead constitutional constructions subversive of the rights and guarantees of freedom.

SECOND ANNUAL EXHIBITION

of the Bradford Co. Agricultural Society Will be held at Towanda, Pa., on the 5th & 6th of October, 1854.

The preparations for this Fair are of the most liberal and extensive character, and intended to offer one of the most interesting Exhibitions ever witnessed in Northern Pennsylvania, embracing productions from every department of Agricultural, Mechanical and Domestic industry.

The Stock Department will be largely and finely represented, embracing an unusually fine display of Horses, a large number of fine Full Blood Cattle, some lately imported into this county; a large number of Grades and Native Breeds, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, &c. &c.

IN THE MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT the display and competition will be unusually fine and spirited; including Agricultural Implements in great variety; Mechanical Implements and Manufactures; rich Furniture, Musical Instruments from several celebrated manufacturers, and other ornamental articles in great number.

THE DAIRY & FRUIT DEPARTMENTS will abound in rich and unsurpassed produce, exhibiting an interesting competition in Bradford County Butter and Cheese, and a display of Fruit unsurpassable in beauty and variety.

FIELD & GARDEN DEPARTMENT.—Notwithstanding the severe drought, which will lessen the competition somewhat in this department, there will be a number of beautiful specimens on exhibition, showing what superior culture will accomplish under the most unfavorable circumstances.

WORKING CATTLE.—There will be a spirited contest for the premiums on the best and second best Six Yoke of Working Cattle, belonging to, and presented by the citizens of any one township in this county.

THE PLOWING MATCH will take place on the morning of the 6th, at 9 o'clock.

THE LADIES DEPARTMENT.—Embracing every description of domestic, useful and ornamental articles, it is believed will vie with all others in its deeply interesting and attractive character. This also includes the Floral and Decorative Arrangements, which, we are assured, will be beautiful in design, giving a pleasing effect to the whole exhibition.

A BEAUTIFUL STEAM ENGINE, from the works of Messrs. STURMAN & WELLES, will be upon the grounds in full operation, to which will be attached any machinery desired to be viewed in motion.

THE ADDRESS will be delivered at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the 6th; after which the Awards of the Judges will be declared.

TWO FINE BRASS BANDS, it is expected, will enliven the occasion with stirring music. The grounds will be arranged with a strict regard to the convenience of exhibitors, and the comfort of visitors.

Hay and water will be furnished on the grounds free to exhibitors. Membership 50 cents. Single Admittance 25 cents.

E. GUYER, M. H. LANING, M. C. MERCUR, Es. Com.

Towanda, Sept. 1, 1854.

RIOT AT NEWARK.—The American Protestant Association assembled at Newark, N. J., Tuesday, to celebrate the first sitting of the American Congress. The various lodges of the order in New Jersey were in attendance, and there were also several from New York and neighborhood.

ABUNDANCE OF WHEAT.—The Richmond (Va.) Penny Post speaks of the immense amount of wheat now in the various railroad depots of that city. One of them is literally crowding under the weight of the contents, and the writer thinks he "saw enough to lead the Hessians and allied troops for a twelve-month. There are eight large mills in operation in city, and two of them grind at least nine hundred barrels each per day. It is mostly shipped, however, for the South American market, where it is a favorite over all others. The climate does not sour it, and the secret is said to consist in packing it while it is hot.

DEMOCRATIC CO. CONVENTION.

Pursuant to a call of the Standing Committee, a Convention of Delegates from the several election districts of Bradford County, convened at the Court House, in the Borough of Towanda, on Tuesday Evening, Sept. 5, 1854.

HENRY C. BAIRD was chosen to preside, and A. D. SPALDING and C. F. NICHOLS elected Secretaries.

The list of election districts was then called over and the following delegates appeared and took their seats:—Athens Boro.—H. C. Baird, D. B. Coran, Armenia (Not represented) H. A. Baber, J. C. Crandall, D. C. Miter, Burlington Twp.—M. McKean, C. F. Nichols.

Resolved, That the Democracy of Bradford County have undiminished confidence in our State Administration, and that Wm. Bigler, our worthy nominee for Governor, by his wise economy and financial policy, by his many firmness in resisting popular errors, by his untiring perseverance in urging the completion of our public works, and above all, by his sound Democracy, inflexible patriotism, and strict integrity, is entitled to, and shall receive in the coming gubernatorial contest, our hearty, earnest, and cordial support.

Resolved, That Jeremiah S. Black, our candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court, and Henry S. Mott, our candidate for General Commissioner, are eminently fitted for the stations for which respectively they have been nominated, and that the tried judicial capability and integrity of the one, and the business qualifications and experience of the other, endorsed by their firm attachment to Democratic principles, should ensure their triumphant election.

Resolved, That any secret political organization, having for its end and aim the subversion of a large portion of our fellow citizens, is directly contrary to the spirit of our republican institutions, inevitably leading to religious intolerance, sectarian mobs, disturbance of the public peace, and subversive of those great principles of religious freedom upon which our government is based, and that we alike repudiate the principles of such an organization, and the political candidates of any party, who by a truckling subservience would consent to their suffrage.

Resolved, That the candidates nominated by this Convention for Representatives, are instructed to support the nominee of the Democratic caucus for U. S. Senator.

Resolved, That the candidates nominated by this Convention for the Legislature, are hereby instructed to vote for no man for the office of United States Senator who is not known as a firm and uncompromising friend of Freedom—opposed to the policy of Slavery Extension, and to the admission of any more Slave States into the Union.

Resolved, That the course of our representative in Congress, Hon. G. A. Grow, meets with our hearty approbation, and especially do we approve of his firm and talented resistance, by speech and action, to the passage of the Kansas Nebraska Bill, against which, we utter our solemn protest as a breach of national faith, and a dangerous invasion of the rights and interests of the free States.

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INCALLA, JAS. MCKEAN, F. S. WHITMAN and LUMAN PUTNAM, were placed before the Convention. On motion, Mr. Brownell of Wells, was authorized to cast the vote of that township.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Vote. Includes Daniel, Laporte, Ingalls, McKean, Whitman.

Whereupon JOHN V. DANIELS, of Burlington, and BARTHOLOMEW LAPORTE, of Durrill, were duly nominated as candidates for Representatives.

The Convention then proceeded to the nomination of a candidate for Sheriff, and the names of Nathan Edminster, Harry Elliott, Ferris Ackley, James Hodge, J. M. Reed and S. D. Harkness, were presented, and the Convention balloted as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Vote. Includes Edminster, Elliott, Ackley, Hodge, Reed, Harkness.

Whereupon NATHAN EDMISTER, of Athens, was declared duly nominated as a candidate for Sheriff. The Convention then proceeded to ballot for a candidate for Prothonotary, and the names of T. M. Beach, G. W. Russell, and J. M. Wattleb were presented, the convention balloted as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Vote. Includes Russell, Beach, Wattleb.

Whereupon J. M. WATTLEB, of Wysox, was declared duly nominated as a candidate for Prothonotary &c.

For the office of Register and Recorder, the names of L. T. Royce, S. B. Lathrop, James H. Webb and M. D. F. Hines were presented, and the Convention proceeded to ballot as follows:—

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Jas H. WENB, of Ridgbery, having a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly nominated. The names of Geo. H. Bull, D. D. Black, H. Bowen, W. W. Easterbrooks, and Jas. M. Edjall were then presented for County Commissioner, and GEO H BULL, of Monroe, was nominated upon the first ballot. Bull received 39, Black 6, Bowen 5, Easterbrook 11, and Edjall 3 votes.

JONATHAN BUTTLES, of Wilnot, was then nominated as a candidate for Auditor, and W. W. EASTERBROOKS of North Towanda, for Coroner, by acclamation.

On motion, the President was authorized to appoint a Standing Committee for the ensuing year. The following persons were appointed said Committee:—

E. O. GOODRICH, Towanda, CHESTER THOMAS, do. H. S. SALSBUURY, Monroe, FRANCIS HOMET, Wysox, FR. ORWAN, Troy, MILO MERRILL, Litchfield, HENRY GIBBS, do. well, JOHN ROWLEE, Wells, EUGENE KEELER, Pike.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned.

SMUGGLING IN NEW YORK.—The custom house officers in New York have detected two Germans in attempting to smuggle some \$15,000 worth of diamonds from Bremen. The officers boarded the steamer off Quantine, and suspicion resting against one of the accused, they immediately searched his person, and found a belt around his waist, wherein was concealed a package of brilliants. When the prisoner was first accosted by the officers, he indignantly denied all knowledge of the smuggled property, but when officer Bowen unbuckled the belt-knife and took it from his body, his countenance failed, and he confessed. The officer found concealed in the vest-pocket of one of them four costly gold watches and a number of diamonds which the smuggler represented to him to be merely common glass stones. Under his clothes was a belt made of cotton cloth, very similar in form to a life-preserver, and which was filled with all descriptions of the most valuable watches, diamond, ruby and emerald rings, and about three hundred carats weight of unset diamonds. On searching this compartment a large amount of jewelry was taken from the legs of his boots.

SOUTHERN INSTITUTIONS IN KANSAS.—The Worcester Spy announces that the first band of emigrants for Kansas, under the charge of the Emigrant Aid Company, will start from Boston on the 17th inst. We wish them the most successful their hearts can desire in going there, for the hardy pioneers of Kansas will doubtless have tar and feathers prepared in abundance for their reception—Kansas is open for settlement both to the North and the South. Slavery has been kept out of territory by Congressional enactments, but never has it failed to carry the day, and firmly established itself when allowed to enter. As to those white-livered gentlemen of Worcester, who marched up to Boston and marched back again, they value their skins too highly to have them tanned with a composition of tar and feathers—a valuable art, peculiar to the Southern States; but it is rarely the case that our artists can obtain suitable material in such quantities to work upon as that promised by the Worcester Spy to the hardy pioneers of Kansas. Good luck to them—may they reach their destination, and get their full desert.—From the Lynchburg Va. Republican.

Obituary.

DIED.—In North Towanda, on Saturday, Sept. 2, Joseph C. POWELL, Esq., aged 69 years.

At a meeting of Union Lodge, No. 109, A. Y. M., called for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the deceased brother, the following praisable and resolutions were offered by D. BULLOCK, Esq., and were unanimously adopted:—

In the midst of life we are in death! It has pleased the divine architect of the universe, to transfer one of our members, the late Joseph C. Powell from the scenes of his earthly labors, to the brighter abode of a heavenly inheritance. Well has it been said "Death loves a bright and shining mark!" And when we reflect upon the long and useful life, the many virtues, and amiable qualities of mind, of the departed, that come from us, in the cold hand of death, we feel that the entire community, as well as the Masonic fraternity, have sustained a loss which demands our solemn and serious attention and our public tribute of respect. Therefore:—

Resolved, That we most deeply and sincerely mourn the death of our deceased brother, who was recognized as one of the firmest pillars in the Temple of Masonry, and who at all times, and on all occasions, in the prosperous or adverse circumstances of the order, stood forth a noble example of masonic purity and constancy.

Resolved, That we fully sympathize with his late partner and family in this afflictive dispensation, and by Congressional enactments, but never has it failed to carry the day, and firmly established itself when allowed to enter. As to those white-livered gentlemen of Worcester, who marched up to Boston and marched back again, they value their skins too highly to have them tanned with a composition of tar and feathers—a valuable art, peculiar to the Southern States; but it is rarely the case that our artists can obtain suitable material in such quantities to work upon as that promised by the Worcester Spy to the hardy pioneers of Kansas. Good luck to them—may they reach their destination, and get their full desert.—From the Lynchburg Va. Republican.