

Mr. Editor: The law requires the County Superintendent to be a person of literary and scientific acquirements, and of skill and experience in the art of teaching.

These are the principal duties of the county superintendent. There are about 350 schools in this large County, and to inspect and license teachers for them it is necessary to pass into the several school districts twice every year.

This course has been adopted—in fact, is the only course that can be adopted with any degree of success. To require all the teachers of the county to go to Highland to be inspected, would be extremely oppressive to them, would do violence to the law upon the subject, and would have the effect to leave many of the more distant districts without a teacher.

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He went over, accompanied by the Committee, and found about 200 men present, most of whom were of the baser sort. The Chairman, an individual glorying in the name of Dr. Maxwell, informed him of the charges against him, and also that the meeting had come to the conclusion to give him seven days to leave the State, and that if he did not, the consequences, whatever they might be, would be upon his own head.

Now, we maintain that a stranger is not the proper person to examine teachers, and that these silent written examinations are not the proper way to ascertain their qualifications and abilities to teach.

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teaching, ability to govern a school—and more, their ability to impart instruction clearly and successfully. He should license them as much from what he knows of them, as from their categorical answers to his questions.

Mr. Editor—I find the following in the last Athens Gazette; thinking it truthful and appropriate, I would respectfully ask a place for its republication in your paper.

Who are these croakers, these fault-finders who take such a deep interest in the cause of education and also in informing the pecuniary of Bradford of the impositions that are heaped upon them? None other than the identical ones that endeavored to compete with Mr. GUYER, before the Convention in securing the office of Superintendent; but being defeated in their maiden anticipations, they betch forth their pent up wrath by lumbering the papers with magnified wrongs perpetrated by Mr. GUYER.

Still Another Outrage.

We are called upon to record another case of mobbing by the fire-eaters in Western Missouri. The Rev. W. H. Wiley, preacher in charge of the Harrisonville Circuit, Missouri Conference, was on Thursday, 21 inst., arrested on the highway by a gang of eighteen mounted men, who informed him that he had been accused of preaching Abolition doctrines and circulating Abolition documents, and that it was necessary he should go to Harrisonville in order to have the charges investigated.

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These facts we gather from Brother Wiley himself, who is now in this city, he having for the present left that part of the country by the advice of his friends. He represents the excitement all along the border as being very great. The fire-eaters have a secret organization, and all who refused to join it are branded with Abolitionism, and their movements watched, even though they be citizens of many years standing, and whose integrity is entirely unimpeachable.

ESCAPE OF A FORGER FROM THE WILLIAMSPORT JAIL.—The Gazette of the 15th, gives the following account of the escape of Herman Fink, confined in the Williamsport Jail, on last Thursday night:

His escape was a most desperate feat, in no wise owing to any lack of precaution on the part of Sheriff Bob. He was heavily ironed and strictly confined in the cell in the north-west corner of the jail. He had repeatedly expressed an intention to kill himself rather than go to the Penitentiary. He sawed off the chain which confined his legs with a knife borrowed from one of the other prisoners in the jail.

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Bradford Reporter.

TOWANDA: Saturday Morning, August 25, 1855.

The Democratic County Convention which meets at this place on Tuesday evening, September 4th, will assemble under circumstances widely different from previous occasions, and demanding at the hands of the assembled delegates an unusual degree of discretion and judgment.

THE COUNTY CONVENTION.

A new subject of consideration will come before the Convention. We allude to the proposition made by the Whig County Committee, viz: "An union of Northern forces upon one common platform of Freedom."

We should be glad to see the seven thousand voters of this County, whose breasts are swelling with indignation at the outrages perpetrated in Kansas, who view with alarm the aggressions of the slave power, and whose feelings have been outraged by the removal of Gov. REEDER, have an opportunity to utter their sentiments in common, as their feelings are common, by voting together for members of the Legislature, in whom they have confidence.

For ourselves, we shall not permit the great question of the day, to be crowded out of view for personal or political considerations. We are not so tenacious of names as to permit local questions to deter us from doing what we consider our duty.

TOWANDA FEMALE SEMINARY.—The fall term of the Misses HANSON's school will commence on Wednesday, 12th of September. This school has established a reputation second to no similar institution in the country, and scholars enjoy opportunities to be met with nowhere else.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.—On our outside we find a communication from Mr. GUYER in regard to the increase of his salary, and the duties and designs of the office. We publish this, as we have published other articles upon this subject, that the public may have an opportunity to decide understandingly upon all matters appertaining to the Common school system.

THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT.

We published, last week, a call for a Republican State Convention at Pittsburg, on the 5th of September, to which we briefly directed the attention of our readers. We observe that in several counties of the State, the voters, without reference to past party designations, have already made arrangements to be represented in this movement.

Of the necessity for this contemplated organization, there can be no controversy. The great mass of the voters find themselves, by the action of the slavery propagandists, either called upon to forward schemes they cannot countenance, or to seek some other than existing modes to give expression to their views and wishes.

That parties too, must undergo a transformation, is equally clear. Of the Whig party, it is not our place to speak; we are content to permit our readers to take the evidence of those who have been most zealous in support of that organization.

Impressed with this solemn conviction, GREENLEY is seconding, with all his ability, the Republican movement in the State of New-York, and following that glorious path of duty laid open and made plain to us by our compatriots in Maine, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, &c.

Of the Democratic party we feel more at liberty to speak plainly. We have been educated in its doctrines. Its principles have grown with our growth and strengthened with our strength.

It is not now necessary to elucidate this point, nor to show how the Democratic party has been debauched through treachery, stimulated by ambitious longings for southern support.

Breaking away from the fetters of party, the Freemen of this Commonwealth have already spoken their detestation of the schemes of slavery which party leaders were seeking to palliate and justify.

It is proposed by this Republican Party to effect an affiliation of those who desire an economical and upright administration of the General Government; of those who are in favor of freedom of thought, of speech, and of action, and of the largest degree of religious and political equality, and particularly of those who desire to see the legislative and judicial branches released from the thraldom and bondage imposed by the political power of slavery.

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ders as regards this question of slavery, viz: that it is sectional, not National; that it is the creation of local law, instead of being the off spring of the Constitution.

The Repeal of the Missouri Compromise has hastened the crisis in the decision of the question between Freedom and Slavery many years. The controversy is upon us, and must be met.

The issue has been made up at the South; the alternative is presented, and there is no evading it. Either we must fall in with the sectional and narrow schemes of the slavery propagandists, or we must, as becomes Freemen, plant ourselves upon the Constitution and attempt to stay the progress of the blight of slavery.

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The Harrisburg Union has been sold to ANBY HOPKINS, and that distinguished and brilliant young man will have the honor hereafter of publishing the united Union and Patriot. The Union has been firing hot shot into the Administration about the removal of Reeder.

The HON. ABOT LAWRENCE died at his residence in Boston on Saturday last. He has for many years been eminent among the merchants and wealthy manufacturers of New England, and has taken an important part in promoting the prosperity of Boston and of the State of Massachusetts.

Mr. LOUD, of Philadelphia, is now stopping at the Ward House, for the purpose of selling some of his Piano Fortes. To those desiring instruments we would advise to embrace the present opportunity as one seldom offered.

Santa Anna is said to have made sundry extensive purchases of real estate, in New York of late—through his financial agents in Wall street, embracing vacant lots as well as elegant houses.

THE LIFE OF JAMES GORDON BENNETT has made its appearance. It will doubtless be read with as much interest as the lives of Monroe Edwards, Ned Bunting and other notorious vagabonds have been in days gone by.

POPULATION OF CHEMUNG COUNTY.—By reference to the reports of the Census Marshal, we have ascertained the population of Chemung County to be 28,620. The population of the territory embraced within the limits of the County in 1850 was 28,821.

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE TERRITORY gave an opinion on the 8th inst., fully sustaining the legality of the acts of the Legislature. Three judges compose the court, two of whom are Southern men, Elmore and Lecompte, and one a Northerner, Johnson.

RAVAGES OF CHOLERA AT FORT LEAVENWORTH AND RILEY.—A dispatch from St. Louis, dated August 11, says: "Major Armstrong and wife have died of cholera at Fort Leavenworth. Forty-six of the citizens of the place have also died from disease."

MAIL ROBBERY.—Arthur Hughes, special Mail Agent, made information before Justice Snyder, of Harrisburg, on Wednesday, according to Henry Grant, lately employed on Captain Murphy's Packet Boat running from the Junction to Muncy, Lycoming county, who robbed the United States Mail, whereupon the Justice issued a warrant directed to Andrew Young, constable, who brought the accused in, and he was committed to answer the charge in default of two thousand dollars bail.

REMARKABLE ESCAPE.—The Rev. Daniel A. Heard, Roman Catholic Priest, fell from the tower of a church in Taunton, Mass., a few days since, a height of fifty feet, and escaped with only a few scratches. Mr. H. is an elderly man and weighs three hundred pounds!