

The Kansas Convention.

Our mails from the north and west bring us full details of the meetings and doings of the Constitutional Convention.

This is a singular statement, however, as it appears from other sources that at least one half of the Convention is composed of the previous Border-Ruffian Legislatures.

A motion was made to accept the Secretary's list, but it was referred to their committee on credentials.

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These admissions confirm the statements made in the Charleston and Richmond papers, to the effect that a large majority is opposed to a popular vote on the constitution.

"A majority of the Convention is, I believe in favor of a submission of the Constitution to the popular vote. It is true there are great differences of opinion, even among those pledged to that policy, to the extent of the requisite qualification of previous residence.

The meaning of this is, that the Convention has determined to await the result of the October election, in order to see whether the pro-slavery party will still be able to triumph against an immense popular majority.

An unoccupied dwelling, belonging to D. Cash Esq., situated in the north part of the town, was destroyed by fire Wednesday evening, 16th. The loss is small.

Bradford Reporter.

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REPRESENTATIVES, JOHN B. G. BABCOCK, of WINDHAM. CULLEN F. NICHOLS, of BURLINGTON.

SHERIFF, THOMAS M. WOODRUFF, of TOWANDA.

PROTHONOTARY, ALLEN M'KEAN, of WEST BURLINGTON.

REGISTER AND RECORDER, JAMES H. WEBB, of RIDGEBURY TWP.

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COMMISSIONER, DANIEL DECKER, of MONROE TWP.

AUDITOR, LEWIS B. PIERCE, of PIKE TOWNSHIP.

CORONER, NEWELL LEONARD, of WELLS TWP.

VOTES! VOTES!

We have printed a large supply of votes for the Republican candidates, which our friends in the different election districts can procure by calling at this office.

ARE YOU ASSESSED.

Saturday week is the last day, the law requiring ten days before the election. Look to your own names, Republicans, and then those of your neighbors. Let not a vote be lost by inattention to the assessments.

It should be known that to entitle a man to vote at the coming election, it is necessary that he shall be a resident of the State one year, and of the district or township where he offers his vote, ten days, and that he has paid a State and County tax which was assessed at least ten days previous to the day of election.

Young men, however, between twenty-one and twenty-two, who are qualified in other respects are entitled to a vote without payment of any tax.

And for the persons who have once been voters in the State and removed therefrom and returned, a residence of six months in the State is sufficient; but in all cases where the payment of a tax is necessary, it must have been assessed ten days previous to the election.

NEW WORKS NOW IN PRESS.—T. B. PETERSON, No. 306 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, has in press, another work by that world-renowned authoress, Mrs. Caroline Lee Hentz. It is entitled "THE LOST DAUGHTER," and must prove to be one, if not the most popular work ever published, written by Mrs. Caroline Lee Hentz.

Another very valuable work, now in press, and which will be ready for sale on Saturday, October 31, is entitled, "MRS. HALE'S RECEIPTS FOR THE MILLION." This is indeed a useful book, being a complete family directory and household guide for the Million.

Copies of either of the above will be sent to any part of the United States, free of postage, on remitting the price to the publisher in a letter.

FRANK PHELPS' GYMNASIUM AND AMPHITHEATRE will perform at this place to-day. From the many flattering notices we have seen of PHELPS' institution we judge it has no superiors. Those who wish a pleasant entertainment should not fail to be present.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PENDING CONTEST.

We trust that every Freeman in this County is duly impressed with the responsibilities which devolve upon him as an elector, and fully aware of the mighty issues depending upon the result on the second Tuesday of October.

Never in the political history of the country did there ever exist such a necessity for an expression of popular opinion as at the present moment. It is no exaggeration to say that the priceless liberties of our country are in eminent danger.

Are the Freemen of the North prepared to give up this Republic to the purposes of the Slavery-Propagandists? Are they prepared to lay in supineness while the great oligarchy perfect the schemes which shall Nationalize Slavery, and crush out the last vestige of Free Speech and Free Thought?

Laboring men! And who of all those sturdy farmers who make up our country's wealth and pride, is not truly a laborer, and looks upon idleness and sloth as a crime.

In our judgment, the decision of the people on the Second Tuesday of October next, is of more moment than any election ever held in this country. It settles the question of the predominance of the Slave power, if after the Dred Scott decision, and Mr. BUCHANAN'S avowals in his late letter, the Freemen of this State are ready to vote for Mr. PACKER.

Pennsylvania was last fall, the battle-field of the Presidential contest, and has now become the battle-field of the cause of Freedom. With the Keystone attached to the car of Slavery, our Southern brethren become our masters, and the schemes of Slavery propagation and aggression will be successful.

Free-men of Pennsylvania! Have you no interest and feelings identical with the people of New Hampshire, of Maine, of New York, or Ohio? Are there any reasons why those old Democratic States should be now be strongly and permanently Republican, which do not bear with equal force upon you?

There are Townships in this County where the Republicans are deficient in organization. We urge upon our friends in such localities to immediately set at work to make arrangements for polling the entire Republican vote.

COL. BENTON has been lying dangerously ill in Washington for several days, suffering under an organic intestinal disease of several years standing, which within a week past, assumed so very serious a condition as to threaten his life.

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ACTION! ACTION!

Once more we urge upon our Republican friends in each township, the necessity for immediate and energetic action. We are fearful that our friends are being deceived by the present quiescent state of parties, and will find on the day of election that our voters are not all out, while every pro-slavery Democrat will be on hand.

Let there be a meeting in every district and appoint committees to procure teams and see that the voters are at the polls.

ARE THE VOTERS READY?

But a few days now intervene before the October election? Are the voters of this County aware of the great importance of success on the second Tuesday in October?

COUNTY FAIR.

The Annual Fair of the Bradford County Agricultural Society will be held the present year at the Borough of Towanda, on the 15th and 16th days of October.

By reference to the List published in the county papers some weeks since, it will be seen that the premiums on Horses, Cattle, Field Crops, and Agricultural and Mechanical Implements, have been largely increased, which will insure a large and spirited competition.

We understand that the Teachers' Drill, held in Orwell during the ten days terminating Thursday the 17th, passed off satisfactorily to all concerned. There were 150 teachers in attendance, as we learn by the Superintendent.

The Junction Canal has been put in repair, and this week some twenty boats from the New-York Canals arrived at this place for the purpose of loading with Barclay coal.

A young man named JEFFERSON COORBAUGH, of Monroe township, had one of his feet torn from the leg, on Thursday, 8th, while employed with a threshing machine at the barn of S. C. MEANS.

NAMES OF P. O. CHANGED.—The name of the Asylum post office in Durell township, this county, has been changed to Frenchtown; and the name of the South Asylum office, in Asylum township, changed to Asylum.

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TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

The first Teachers' Institute held in Bradford County, commenced its session on Monday, Sept. 7th, at two o'clock, P. M., at Orwell Hill.

The meeting was opened by C. R. COBURN, the County Superintendent, by reading a portion of the Scriptures and prayer. One hundred and twelve Teachers entered their names, and organized by electing Prof. C. R. COBURN, Principal, O. J. CHUBBUCK, President, and B. B. BABCOCK, Secretary.

The evening session commenced 7-1-2 o'clock, and was occupied by a lecture by the Principal upon "The Qualifications of Teachers," followed by discussions upon subjects connected with the cause of education.

Upwards of one hundred spectators visited the Institute during its sessions, and manifested great interest in its welfare. During the sessions of the Institute, a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary was received from Messrs. Gana C. Merriam, of Springfield, Mass., and a Terrestrial Globe from the firm of Merriam, Moore & Co., of Troy, N. Y., as presents for the use of the Bradford County Teachers' Institutes.

Perfect order was maintained through the entire sessions, which rendered it not only agreeable, but perfectly satisfactory to all present. The members of the Institute, as well as the public generally were fully convinced of the utility of holding such Institutes, as will be seen by the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, Therefore, 1st, that we consider "Teachers' Institutes," highly beneficial to the cause of popular education and that we will use our united efforts to have them held in this portion of the county as often as once a year.

2. That our efficient County Superintendent and friends of education, as well as the confidence of the members of this Institute.

3. That we tender our sincere thanks to those individuals who have generously come forward and assisted in teaching, and have so ably discharged their duties in the capacity of instructors.

4. That our thanks are due and hereby tendered to the ladies and gentlemen who have kindly favored us with interesting and instructive essays and lectures.

5. That we present our thanks to those who have contributed to so great an extent to enliven and make interesting our daily sessions by their soul-stirring music.

6. That Rev. C. Taylor is pre-eminently entitled to our warmest thanks for the interest he has manifested and the services he has rendered in our behalf.

7. That we hereby proffer our hearty thanks to our President and Secretary for the able and impartial manner in which they have discharged their duties during the session of the Institute.

8. That we tender our thanks to the Trustees of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, for the use of their houses in which to hold our meetings; and also to the citizens of Orwell for the hospitality, courtesy and uninterupted kindness extended to the members of the Institute and their friends, during our stay among them, thereby doing very much to make our meeting pleasant as well as profitable.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

In the matter of the application of the Road Commissioners of Sheshequin twp., for the relief and support of Catharine Chaffee. This being a proceeding in Court on petition of the Road Commissioners of Sheshequin township praying the Court to make an order on certain children of the said Catharine Chaffee for her maintenance and support.

In the matter of the proceeding of the Road Commissioners of Tuscarora vs. Solon W. Sturdevant. Proceedings from Bela Cogswell and N. N. Betts, Esqrs., Justices of the Peace of this County, to compel the said Solon W. Sturdevant to support his wife and children, under the act of assembly in such cases made and provided. After a hearing, the Court make the following order, to wit: That the said Solon W. Sturdevant pay to the Commissioners of roads and highways of Tuscarora township the sum of \$10, within twenty days to be applied towards the support and relief of Mary Sturdevant his wife and children, and that he further pay for the same purpose, at the rate of one dollar per week in quarter yearly payments, commencing at the expiration of twenty-five, &c. and that he stands committed until the order of the Court be complied with.

The following business was transacted in the Court of Common Pleas during the week. Sept. 7, on reading and filing the requisite certificates, and on the motion of Mr. Mercur, James J. Siebenick was admitted and sworn as an Attorney at Law with license to practice as such in the several Courts of this Co.

Sept. 8, on reading and filing the requisite certificates, and on motion of Mr. Elwell, George DeLa Montanye was admitted and sworn as an Attorney at Law, with license to practice as such in the several Courts of Bradford County.

Wilder Gaskill vs. Betsy Gaskill.—Sept. 7th, on reading depositions and on motion of Mr. Patrick the Court decreed a divorce to the said Wilder Gaskill from the bonds of matrimony.

S. A. Hewitt vs. Louisa Hewitt.—Sept. 7th, on reading deposition on motion of Mr. Patrick, the Court decreed a divorce to the said Samuel A. Hewitt from the bonds of matrimony.

James R. Mason vs. Isabel Mason.—Sept. 8th, on reading deposition, and on motion the Court decreed a divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

Sarah Ellen Cox vs. Hiram Cox.—Sept. 9th, on reading deposition, and on motion of Mr. Watkins, the Court decreed a divorce to the said Sarah Ellen Cox from the bonds of matrimony.

September 10th, on reading petition of Joel F. Taylor and Darlington E. Worrell, the Court order and decree that Addie, daughter of the said Darlington Worrell assume the name of Addie Taylor and have all the right of a child and heir at law of the said Joel S. Taylor, according to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided.

Court adjourned over on Saturday in the afternoon, to meet again on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Monday Sept. 14th, Court being called pursuant to adjournment from the first week at 10 o'clock A. M. Judge BULLOCK, President, and Chubbuck and Long associates upon the bench.

The first business taken up was upon the petition of Simon Spaulding, setting forth that Mary E. Spaulding, had become a lunatic, and non compos mentis, and incapable of managing her affairs, and transacting business, &c. An inquisition was held before the Court, and six jurors who report in their finding, that the said Mary E. Spaulding is a Lunatic, and Simon Spaulding appointed a committee, &c.

A like proceeding was had on the petition of N. S. Hosley, in reference to Huldah Hosley, alleged to have become a lunatic, and incapable of managing her affairs, &c. An inquisition was held before the Court, and six jurors, and the said Huldah Hosley is found to be a Lunatic, and the Court appointed Lemuel C. Gleason committee of the person and estate of the said Huldah.

The first jury trial was taken up was, Sarah Ogden against W. W. II. Brown, James C. Ridgeway and others. An action in ejectment for the recovery of a certain portion of land situated in Franklin twp., now in the occupancy of the aforesaid defendants and others under them. Sept. 14th, Jury empaneled and sworn. Messrs. Elwell and Watkins, for plaintiff; and Messrs. Adams and Mercur for defendants. The hearing of the evidence was continued from day to day until Friday the 18th, in the afternoon, when the argument of counsel was closed, and the Jury sent out under the charge of the Court, and were out until Saturday in the afternoon, and could not agree and were discharged.

Williamsport and Elmira Railroad Co. against Ornan Randall: being an appeal brought up from the report of appraisers appointed by the Court, to appraise the damages sustained by the said Randall, for the right of way of the road of said Co. through the lands of defendant. Sept. 18, Jury called and sworn. Adams for the Company, and Smith for defendant. After a hearing, same day, the Jury return a verdict in favor of said Randall for the sum of \$229.40.