

The Sword Drawn in Illinois.

The intelligence from Illinois disposes of all doubt as to the future policy of the Democratic opponents of the Cincinnati platform, in that State, and per consequence in every other State in the Union.

We have heard, from many sources, that the most prescriptive member of Mr. Buchanan's Cabinet is Hon. Howell Cobb; but we have always doubted it, until the facts and the proofs have become irresistible.

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We cannot say that we are confident successful establishment of this telegraphic communication with Europe. Every one, of course, wishes for its success.

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E. O. GOODRICH, EDITOR. TOWANDA: Thursday Morning, June 21, 1858.

TERMS.—One Dollar per annum, invariably in advance. Four weeks previous to the expiration of a subscription, notice will be given by a printed wrapper, and if not received, the paper will in all cases be stopped.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—For a square of ten lines or less, One Dollar for three or less insertions, and twenty-five cents for each subsequent insertion.

A Great Book for Summer Time. One of the raciest books of fun and humor that have appeared for a long time is a little daintily printed open type volume, entitled "Aquarelles or Summer Sketches."

Stanford & Delisser, of New York are the publishers, who have also just issued a very charming work of a different class, but no less excellent in its way, entitled "Pearls of Thought, gathered from Old Authors."

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THE TRACT SOCIETY.—FOR AND AGAINST.—The South Carolina branch of the American Tract Society has held a meeting the anniversary of the parent Society here, to indorse the measures of the Executive Committee.

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A dispatch from St. Louis informs us that Col. Thomas L. Kane passed Boonville, Mo., last evening, with important intelligence from Utah.

The Carleton Courier's Key West correspondent says that Lieut. Pym asserts that the reports of outrages on American vessels are much exaggerated, and in many instances false.

A new political movement has been made in Delaware. An Opposition meeting, held at Dover, organized the "People's Party," on the following basis: That the citizens of the Territories be allowed to settle their own institutions and their own forms of Government.

News from Salt Lake City to the 11th of May states that Gov. Cumming had returned to Camp Scott, but that he was expected to go back again immediately.

Cairo, at the junction of the Mississippi and the Ohio, is almost entirely swept away by the great flood in the former river.

OUR FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.—As has been announced, we are to enjoy a good time celebrating the coming Fourth.

FISHING.—The fishing season has fairly begun, and parties are almost daily starting out for a trouting expedition in some one of the many attractive localities of our neighborhood.

SINGULAR APPOINTMENT.—A correspondent of the Chicago Press writes from Washington: "The country will learn with astonishment and disgust that the President has conferred upon Geo. W. Clarke, the murderer of Kansas a life office—a purser'ship in the Navy, which is almost a sinecure, and which is worth, when on service, about \$2,500 a year.

SUNBURY & ERIE RAILROAD.—The allotment of work on this road from Williamsport to Farandville, embracing a distance of thirty-three miles was made on Tuesday, at the company's office, in Walnut street, Philadelphia.

DEATH CAUSED BY A BLOW SNAKE.—The correspondent of an eastern paper, tells of the death of a Mr. Eben, in the Clinton county Iowa, caused by the breath of a "blow snake."

CORRECT COPY OF THE BILL.—We announced last week, that Gov. Packer had signed the bill passed at the late session of the Legislature, regulating the rate of interest which may be charged within this Commonwealth.

AN ACT REGULATING THE RATES OF INTEREST. SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the lawful rate of interest for the loaner use of money in all cases where no express contract shall have been made for a less rate, shall be six per cent. per annum, and the first and second sections of the act passed the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, entitled "An Act to reduce the interest of money from eight to six per cent. per annum," be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. That when a rate of interest for the loan or use of money exceeding that established by law shall have been reserved or contracted for, the borrower or debtor shall not be required to pay the creditor the excess over the legal rate, and it shall be lawful for such borrower or debtor, at his option, to retain and deduct such excess from the amount of any such debt; and in all cases where any borrower or debtor shall heretofore or hereafter have voluntarily paid the whole debt or sum loaned, together with interest exceeding the lawful rate, no action to recover back any such excess shall be sustained in any court of this Commonwealth, unless the same shall have been commenced within six months after the time of such payment.

HORSE AND BUGGY STOLEN.—Between the hours of 9 and 10 on Wednesday evening last a Dan Colored Horse (famously known as Buck Skin,) of middling size and good build, together with a Buggy and harness, belonging to PETER DAILY, of Chemung, was stolen. The horse was hitched to a post in front of the Snyder House, where he had been left a short time before by Mr. Daily.

OPERATIONS OF THE PHILADELPHIA MINT.—The deposits of gold at the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia, for the month of May were from all sources, \$343,400. The deposits of silver for the same time were \$206,500.

STRIKE OF LOWELL OPERATIVES.—A large number of the operatives at the Lawrence Mills in Lowell, were on a strike on Monday, and threatened violence to those who continued work.

THE HOOSAC TUNNEL.—Six hundred feet of the main tunnel is completed, the heading is advanced some two hundred and fifty feet, and is going forward at the rate of twenty-four feet per week, while the footing is being removed at the rate of thirty feet per week.

WHAT THE SOUTHERN RADICALS THINK.—The Charleston Mercury says the passage of the English bill "will not allay agitation; and those who think that the Union is to be preserved by such instrumentalities, will only add another proof of the vanity of their timid and short-sighted policy."

GOLD IN KANSAS.—The gold fever is raging in Kansas. In the immediate vicinity of Lawrence forty five persons have become its victims. Upwards of three hundred have gone from that territory and from Arkansas to the western part of the territory, where gold has been discovered.

SINKING OF THE BRIG LEONINE.—Boston, Monday June, 21.—The brig Leonine from Philadelphia, of and for Salem, was in collision on Friday night in our bay with the United States Store Ship Release, sinking the brig immediately. The crew barely escaped, and were landed at Wellfleet by the Release.

GREAT RAILROAD CONTRACT AWARDED TO AMERICANS.—A letter received by the Philadelphia Bulletin, dated Rio Janeiro, April 30, says: "The board of directors of the Don Pedro II Railroad Company have awarded to the 'American bid' the contract for all the work on the entire 'second section' of their railroad—all that was advertised to be let. This contract, at the engineers' estimate, will amount to about three and a half millions of dollars. There are about 212 miles of the road yet to be let, which, if the contractors carry on the second section satisfactorily, it is expected will be placed in the same hands. This will amount to some twelve millions. The Americans had to contend against a powerful English opposition, but with complete success."

News from all Nations.

The English government has sent a factory answer to our dispatches concerning the Gulf, and the danger of war is over. It seems to be a season of storms, and West. The storms of Friday and Saturday evening in Baltimore were flooded on Saturday.

There is gold in Iowa, but not enough found to pay. It is in very fine dust. One man picked up a lump worth \$17; and the Tribune advises that as the best mode of getting rich in Iowa.

The U.S. Senate has admitted both Benjamin Fitch to their seats as Senators from Indiana, and their confirmed them. The new government loan authorized for twenty millions at 5 per cent. The National House of Representatives last Thursday passed an act repealing all laws authorizing the Secretary of War to sell military reservations.

Counterfeit \$5's on the Mechanic's Bay, N.J., have been circulating in Philadelphia. Madame Ida Pfeiffer is on her way back having sailed from the Mauritius in March. The fourth voyage, was commenced two years ago, and she had not as the last she will undertake. The day of her 62nd year.

About two o'clock on Sunday morning the Erie Railroad Company's station and freight house at Hankins, took fire and were entirely destroyed. The Richmond Wing gives as the reason for seeking a "Re-construction of Parties," its desire to prevent the election of a Black Republican President in 1860.

A correspondent of the Richmond Enquirer predicts that the American party of Lord Swann, a distinguished Marylander. A famous pair of pistols which belonged to Gen. Putnam, and previously to Gen. Pitcairn, of the British army, are now in possession of Mr. John P. Ham, of White Creek, Washington County, in this State.

The deaths in Philadelphia last year were 192. \$1,446,175, in gold, from California, arrived on Saturday by Steamship Star of the West. The Locofocos of Schuylkill County Convention, have condemned the Kansas policy of the Administration and resolved in favor of a protective tariff.

The Commissioners for the erection of the Ethan Allen Monument have published a statement saying that the bones of Allen were found in the ground at Burlington. It is still unknown where they were. A terrible gale visited Plum township, Venango county, Pa., on the 4th instant. A Mr. McClelland was plowing in a field where there was a large tree. A limb of a tree struck him, killing him instantly. On an examination it was found that his body had been mangled. Some farms had nearly their fences blown down. Orchards of fruit trees were destroyed or greatly damaged, and the destruction of timber was enormous. Horses, cows, and other animals were killed. Houses and barns were blown down in other parts of the county the storm did much damage.

John Y. Campbell, who was so unfortunately murdered in Kansas, a few days since, was formerly a resident of Indiana county, Pa. On Wednesday last, as we learn from a resident of Johnstown, Pa., Mr. Morgan Williams, a man employed by the Cambria Iron Company, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a large jack-knife.

The amount of coal shipped from Scranton to June 7th was 229,065 tons. Year to date 203,087 tons. A carman, bound to Mecca with present for the Prophet's tomb, was attacked and plundered by Bedouins of Damascus. Mr. Mason, of Somerset, Conn., says that a rat called at his hen-coop yesterday after a chicken dinner, when coming within reach of the material of a bird, she took the rat by the neck, dragged him into her coop and killed him without remorse. The Philadelphia Evening Journal states that Mr. Reed, American Commissioner to China, is about to return home, by the overland route. Madame Jenny Lind Goldschmidt has just given birth to twins. There is a lunatic woman at Blackwell Island who insists that the kittens in her room are children of President Buchanan. A well-known circus performer, Mr. James McFarland, met a violent death, a few days ago at Liberty, Mo. A rival company had among its members Mlle. Costello, who was formerly McFarland's wife. He attempted to see her in her room, McFarland was opposed, and finally stabbed by the hand of the house, Mr. Roberts. A chimney, built in 1793, in an old house on King street, Northampton, on being taken down a few days since, furnished bricks enough to build three modern chimneys, an underpinning to the house, a tier, eight pipes in the cellar, and a drain three hundred feet long, besides a wagon load sold and a lot on hand. The working days in Switzerland are from thirteen to fourteen hours. Wages for children, five cents per day; women, from ten to thirty cents; men, from forty to fifty cents. Although the term guinea is still familiar in use in England, the actual coin is seldom seen, and so much worn that only one can be taken by weight. Ex-Governor Stanton has returned to Kansas, teaching Lawrence on the 20th of May. He thinks there is danger the Lecompton Constitution may be "put through" by the unscrupulous friends of the Administration, and intends to take the stump against it. The correspondent of an Eastern paper tells of the death of a Mr. Eben, in Clinton county, Iowa, caused by the breath of a "blow snake." Mr. A. being a new settler, was entirely ignorant of the nature of the "blow snake," and seeing one, he got close enough to strike it, when the snake raised itself up, and blew in its pursuer's face, causing Mr. Eben to inhale the breath of the animal, poisonous enough to cause the death of the unfortunate man. As the inmates of Gov. Seward's house at Auburn, N. Y., were retiring on Friday night, they observed a man prowling about the yard. Lewis Bogart, the colored servant, went out and asked the fellow what he was doing, whereupon the man advanced and fired a pistol at Bogart's head, and then made his escape. The rascal missed his aim, however, and did not injure Bogart. He had been seen about the grounds during the afternoon. R.E. Robinson's dwelling-house at Corning, was destroyed by fire on the night of the 13th. The inmates barely escaped with their lives. All the furniture and wearing apparel were burnt. The loss is estimated at about \$9,000, on which there is an insurance to the amount of \$6,500. The Democrats of McKean county, opposed to the Lecompton Swindle, have called a meeting to appoint delegates to the State Convention which is to be held at Harrisburg, on the 14th of July. For two lines to fill a column, Printers often search a volume.