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Abstract of Congressional Proceedings.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1859.

The Kansas question, in all its aspects and bearings, was reopened in the Senate, growing out of the discussion of Mr. HALE'S proposed amendment to the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation bill.

AN extraordinary session of the Senate is called for the 4th of March, to act, as the President in his proclamation says, upon such communications as may have been or may be made to it on the part of the Executive.

FOREIGN NEWS.—The Royal Mail steamship Canada arrived at Halifax Thursday evening, bringing a week's later intelligence from Europe. She left Liverpool on the 12th inst.

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FROM HARRISBURG.

[Correspondence of the Bradford Reporter.] HARRISBURG, Feb. 25, 1859.

Mr. E. O. GOODRICH—Resolutions against an increase of the present rate of postage, introduced by Mr. KINNEY early in the session, came up in their order a few days ago.

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FROM KANSAS.

LAWRENCE, K. T., February 12, 1859.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

LYCOMING COUNTY.—GOVERNOR PACKER has appointed Mr. CLARK, of the Gazette, Grain Measurer at Philadelphia. The duties of the office are nominal, and the salary is \$2,000 a year.

A GRAND Military and Masonic Ball came off at Ely's Hall, in Elmira, on Tuesday evening the 22nd inst., in honor of the illustrious WASHINGTON'S Birthday.

OUR enterprising and public spirited fellow citizen, Geo. SANDERSON, Esq., says the Scranton Republican, in connection with several others, is about starting a large Steam Flouring Mill, in our Borough.

THE Atlantic Monthly, for March, comes to us promptly from its publishers, Messrs. Phillips, Sampson & Co.

GEORGE W. WILSON, on his return from Nebraska, to his home in Auburn, Susquehanna county, stopped at the St. Nicholas Hotel, in Wilkesbarre, on the 31st of August last.

AGRICULTURAL NOTICE.—Pursuant to adjournment, a meeting of the Bradford County Agricultural Society, will be held at the Court House, in the Borough of Towanda, on Monday afternoon, March 7, 1859.

THE REV. JOHN HERSEY, (better known as Father Hersey), of the Baltimore Conference, will preach in the M. E. Church, next Sabbath morning and evening, at the usual hour.

IN the advertisement of R. P. SNOWELL, as published last week, a mistake occurred in the time of day, which should have read "between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock, P. M."

REV. ROBERT J. PARVIN delivered the last Lecture of the course, at the Hall of the Alpha Epsilon Society, on Tuesday evening, 23d ult.

WE understand that Col. D. M. BULL, well known, politically and otherwise, to the citizens of this County, has been appointed Special Mail Agent, in place of Mr. Evans, of Owego, resigned.

IN our advertising columns, will be found an announcement from MEX and GAMPER that they are prepared to furnish Grape Vines of several choice varieties.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia Daily News, journeying from Schuylkill to Bradford, tarries a while at Troy, and thus mentions some of the "Institutions" of our neighboring village.

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ter, and thanking the Troy Postmaster, (who, strange to relate, possesses a quality quite scarce among country Postmasters, an accommodating, polite disposition) for keeping the mail open a few minutes for our accommodation, we bid you good-by.

The Montrose Democrat makes a great ado over a "Case of Ainshaming," occurring in that County, which, though it presents some dark features, yet, if we are disposed to take with some grains of allowance, it says—"The negro's name is John Joseph E. Whiting. He was a woman lived in the family of Joseph E. Whiting, a wagon-maker, in the town of Hartford, this County. He is a quadroon, aged about 22 years." The name of the victim in this disgusting transaction, is Amelia Tingley, daughter of Mr. Truman Tingley, who resides about three miles from the village, and about one mile from the University. Her age is 18 years.

FESTIVAL AT MONROTON.—A Festival will be held at Taylor's Hotel, in Monroton, on Friday afternoon and evening, 11th inst. The proceeds of which will be applied towards procuring a bell for the Presbyterian church of Monroton. The public generally is invited to attend.

On Friday evening, at 9 o'clock, a fire was discovered in a small hotel, containing hay, in the rear of sheds at the Baptist church in Monroton. It was extinguished without being communicated with other buildings. This is thought to be the work of an incendiary.

COAL IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.—We learn, says the Muncy Luminary, from a reliable source, that in addition to the veins of coal formerly discovered in Sullivan county, and which have been worked to a limited extent, a vein has recently been discovered about three miles from Laporte, which is about twelve feet thick. It is said to be of superior quality, and lays so near the surface that it can be mined at but a trifling expense.

COAL OPERATORS.—The parties operating in coal, in the Valley, held their regular semi-monthly meeting, on Monday last, in Wilkes-Barre, at Steele's Hotel. A commendable spirit, says the Union, was manifested by all the members of the Association present, and a determination to rescue the coal business from its languishing condition evinced.

The next regular meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, March 7th, when a full attendance of all the operators will promote the vital interests of the valley.

Shocking Tragedy at Washington!

Philip Barton Key shot dead in the street by Hon. Daniel E. Sikes.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Feb. 27—P. M.

The vulgar monotony of partisan passions and political squabbles has been terribly broken in upon to-day by an outbreak of personal revenge, which has filled the city with horror and consternation.—I cannot unfortunately add, with absolute surprise.

At 2 1/2 o'clock to-day, Mr. PHILIP BARTON KEY, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, was talking with Mr. BUTTERWORTH, of New York, at the corner of Pennsylvania-avenue and Sixteenth-street, near the south entrance to the Executive Mansion, and some twenty yards from the Clubhouse on President's-square, when he was accosted by the Hon. D. E. SIKES, of New York. Mr. SIKES charged Mr. KEY with destroying the honor of his wife and his own happiness, and, drawing a revolver, instantly shot him down.

Mr. KEY had inflicted upon Mr. SIKES the greatest injury and the most intolerable dishonor possible. Of this the full confession of the other party to the crime leaves no doubt. Their intimacy had continued for months—nearly a year—and was carried on with every conceivable circumstance of aggravation. It seems that it came to the knowledge of Mr. SIKES on Friday: that he took measures to render himself perfectly certain of the truth; and that under the frenzy and excitement consequent upon his wife's confession, he shot the man who had injured him dead upon the street. Mr. S. surrendered himself to the officers of the law, and was committed to prison to await his examination, which takes place to-day.

Application will be made by Mr. SIKES for a writ of habeas corpus, with a view to procure his release on bail to await his trial. His wife exonerates him from all blame and he has the general sympathy of the community. In the Circuit Court, this morning, Mr. CALLESE announced the death of Mr. KEY, the late District Attorney for the District of Columbia. While eulogizing the deceased as a courteous, frank, openhearted gentleman, he forebore to speak of the cause which led to his death, as that was a subject for judicial investigation. The Court paid a similar compliment, and as a token of respect to the deceased adjourned till Thursday.

A BUSHWACKER PETITION.—The editor of the Manch Chunk Gazette, in his correspondence from Harrisburg, gives the following as a "true copy" of a petition presented to the Legislature, last week, from Columbia county:

Know all men by the present that all who sine this pittishness go in fur to through out the superintendent of schools witness our hants and seals.

The Legislature doubtless considered the source, and threw the petition under the table.

ROUGH AND READY.—We are informed that 200 tons of rails were made last week at the Rough and Ready Rolling Mill, in this place; which is the largest amount ever turned out in a single week by that establishment. Rough and Ready never surrendered to the hard times but has steadily kept it motion, throughout the financial depression.—Dawville Am.

A party of Gipsies have been encamped on the Williamsport road, about seven miles above Muncy, for some time past. Several of the women visited town during the past week, and drove a pretty brisk trade, talling fortunes at \$1 and \$2 a head. Evidently, the "quocers are not all dead yet."