

A Letter from Mr. Seward.

The following letter has been addressed by Mr. Seward to the gentlemen of the Central Republican Committee, who invited him to attend a meeting to be held for the ratification of the proceedings of the National Convention.

Gentlemen: I will not affect to conceal the sensibility with which I have received the letters in which you and so many other respected friends have tendered to me expressions of renewed and enduring confidence.

Such assurances, however made, under the circumstances now existing, derive their price less value largely from the fact that they steal upon me through the channels of private correspondence, and altogether unknown to the world.

My friends know very well that, while they have always generously made my promotion to public trusts their own exclusive care, mine has only been to execute them faithfully so as to be able at the close of their assigned terms to resign them into the hands of the people without forfeiture of the public confidence.

In a speech at a Republican ratification meeting at Harrisburg, on Friday evening, Senator Cameron, while declaring that he had hoped for the nomination of Mr. Seward, described Mr. Lincoln as "a candidate less known in public life, perhaps, but who, on all occasions, when demands have been made upon his zeal and patriotism, has borne himself bravely and honorably."

The Baltimore Patriot has been informed by one of the delegates to the late Chicago Convention that the Committee who were appointed to convey to Mr. Lincoln the official notice of his nomination as their candidate for President, repaired to Springfield, Ill. in the fulfillment of this duty.

Lincoln as he is.

Ten thousand inquiries will be made as to the looks, the habits, tastes, and other characteristics of Honest Old Abe. We anticipate a few of them.

Mr. Lincoln stands six feet and four inches high in his stockings. His frame is not muscular, but gaunt and wiry; and his arms are long, but not unreasonably so for a person of his height; his lower limbs are not disproportioned to his body.

He is a man of the people, and his mode of dress is by no means precise. Always clean, he is never fashionable or he is careless, but not slovenly. In manner he is remarkably cordial, and, at the same time, simple. His politeness is always sincere, but never elaborate and oppressive.

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A fearful tornado passed over the southern part of Ohio on the afternoon of Monday, the 21st inst. It appears to have commenced its course near and north of Lawrenceburg, which is about twenty miles west of Cincinnati, and to have travelled eastward as far as Chillicothe.

News from all Nations.

The Boston Journal, of 21st instant, states that in view of the alarming extension of the cattle disease, and the need of increased appropriations, Governor Banks has decided that it is expedient to convene an extra session of the Legislature.

The Richmond Enquirer of the 21st inst., says that three hundred negroes were baptized in the Appomattox, at Petersburg, on Sunday last.

G. W. Kendall, of the New Orleans Picayune, who has for some years past been "ranching" in Texas, writes that he is now the owner of 1,200 lambs, and expects, in three weeks, to own 2,800.

Ald. Russell, of New York, has sued ex-Ald. "Billy" Wilson for pulling his nose in the City Hall the other day. The ex-dignitary has been arrested and held to bail by Judge Brady of the Common Pleas in \$2,000.

Occasional says that "notwithstanding all the rumors to the contrary, Gen. Sanders continues to hold his place as navy agent at New York, and to advocate Douglas in defiance of the Presidential mandate."

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The Panama Railroad Company charged the United States \$3,100 for transporting the Japanese and their baggage across the Isthmus.

J. G. Holland (Timothy Titcomb) has purchased a lot, two hundred feet wide, adjoining his residence in Springfield. The inference is that his books and lectures "paid."

About sixty gypsies are camped near Columbus, Ohio. A clergyman visited them on Sunday, but they paid no sort of attention to his efforts.

There is now in Richmond, Va., a lad between six and seven years old, who is said to play chess with extraordinary skill. It is thought he will soon be some arrival to the celebrated Paul Morphy for the champion chess-board.

It is stated that Gen. La Vega, recently taken prisoner at St. Luis Potosi by the Liberals, has been shot. It will be remembered that he was captured by Capt. May at Resaca de la Palma, and subsequently at Cerro Gordo.

One of our Troy exchanges thinks that city has a right to brag some on the score of "muscle." After noticing the fact of Heenan being a Trojan, and the great horse-foot feat, recently come off there, it says that the Rev. Mr. Jameson, a Baptist preacher of that city, baptized at South Beach, Me., 56 persons by immersion in the short space of 36 minutes!

Col. Isaac Smith McKimken, United States Consul at Acapulco, Mexico, and formerly of Lycoming county, died of yellow fever, on the 23d of April.

The boom at Williamsport was only partly broken, not carried away, and the loss is less than was at first anticipated.

Joseph Young succeeds M. T. Heintzleman as Editor of the Middleburg Tribune.

The Lycoming Insurance Company has made an Assessment of 3 per cent.

On Saturday last, 1000 bushels of New Wheat, from Georgia, were for sale in New York, for which \$1.75 was asked, and \$1.70 offered.

The furnace of David R. Porter, in Danbury county, was sold a few days since, to the Harrisburg Bank, for \$25,500.

There was a snow storm, on a small scale, at Montreal on the night of Saturday, the 19th.

May 17, at Hartford, Conn., the thermometer was as low as 49°, and at Safford it fell to 32°, killing tender vegetation.

There was a heavy white frost along the line of the New York Central Railroad on Monday morning, the 21st inst.

Hicks, charged with the murder of the captain and crew of the sloop E. A. Johnson, has been found guilty. The jury were absent but eleven minutes.

Veracruz has issued a decree deposing Miramon, and assuming the Presidency of Mexico.

Hon. William A. Howard, of Mich., has at last been awarded his seat in Congress, the House having finally decided adversely to the claim of Mr. Cooper.

An enterprising music publisher in Louisville out with a John Bull polka. It is very pretty the papers say; yet we predict very few people will dance it.

Among the passengers by the Europa is the Prince de Joinville, traveling incog. He is going, it is said, to Canada on a fishing excursion.

The captain of the slaver Wildfire, a Spaniard, just brought into Key West, offered one of the officers \$200,000 if he would let him escape.

A dead dog was recently found in a well, at Tully, Onondaga Co. Some twenty families used the water, and the dog was known to have been poisoned.

Bradford Reporter.

E. O. GOODRICH, EDITOR. TOWANDA: Thursday Morning, May 31, 1860.

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

FOR PRESIDENT, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, of Illinois. FOR VICE PRESIDENT, HANNIBAL HAMLIN, of Maine. FOR GOVERNOR, AND W. G. CURTIN, of Centre Co.

The office of the Reporter has been removed to the wooden building two doors west of the former location.

The Bradford Herald is a newspaper with which we have steadfastly declined having any controversy, political or personal.

But one request we have particularly to make of the editors of the Herald: not to worry about what befalls the editor of the Reporter in the Republican party.

The Montrose Democrat indulges in its characteristic blackguardism towards Judge Wilmor for attending the Chicago Convention.

One of the most conspicuous personages at the Charleston Convention was Judge Smalley of the U. S. District Court.

GREAT MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA.—An immense meeting was held in Philadelphia, on Saturday evening last, to ratify the nominations for "Honest Old Abe" and HAMLIN.

New Postmaster at N. Y.—Hon. John A. Dix has been appointed Postmaster at New York City, in room of Mr. Fowler, the defaulter.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Shipments of Coal from Towanda by the Barclay R. B. & Coal Company. Navigation opened Monday 7th, 1860.

A Scholarship in the Binghamton Commercial College, for sale at this office.

We call the special attention of School Directors and Teachers, to a legal decision pertaining to school matters to be found in another column.

Mr. S. W. Alvord, has purchased one half of the Argus establishment, and with this week's issue becomes one of its publishers.

CO-COURT PROCEEDINGS.—SECOND WEEK.—On Monday the 14th inst., Court was again called at 2 o'clock, P. M.

During the week the following divorces were granted: Daniel Bennett from Eunice Bennett. Harriet Colwell from John Colwell.

On Monday the first week, the following licenses were granted: John Kendall, Towanda borough. John Langhain, " "

MR. E. O. GOODRICH.—Dear Sir—A Republican Association was organized in Sheshequin, on the 3d inst., by electing JOHN RANDAL President, MARTIN ROGERS and CHARLES CHAFFEE, Vice Presidents.

The following declaration of principles was adopted: The great fundamental doctrines laid down by our fathers, and upon which they based our present form of government, are rendered none the less truths by the lapse of time.

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, are inalienable rights which pertain to every man that cometh into the world,—that to protect, not destroy, these rights, governments are instituted among men.

Slavery is a violation of those rights—can exist only by authority of municipal law—and even then as an opposing element in our government.

Slavery is property only to a qualified and limited extent, and beyond the local law which makes such, they cannot be held; and hence, Slavery cannot exist in the Territories except by positive statutory provision made for that purpose by some competent law-making power.

That neither the General nor any of the State Governments has a right to interfere with the municipal regulations of any State upon that subject.

We believe that the free labor of the country should be protected from the blighting competition of Slave labor in the Territories,—from the former by giving our public domain to the actual occupiers of the soil in small quantities; and from the latter by levying duties upon their cheap products when brought into our public markets.

The Sardinian Government has ordered the garrisons of Central Italy to march rapidly forward toward the Pontifical frontier.

of Sheshequin, and to that end we further assure each other and the country, that we will use all fair and honorable political means hereafter, until the same shall be accomplished.

THE REPUBLICAN CLUB OF NORTH TOWANDA met at the Fall Factory school house, on the evening of the 20th inst., in pursuance of adjournment.

The following resolution was offered by W. W. EASTBROOKS and adopted:

SINGULAR CASE.—A singular case was decided at the last term of Luzerne Court. The executor of the estate of Elisha Harris, deceased, at their public vendue, amongst other chattels, exposed to sale a very singular block of wood, called by some a hand-drill, a cheese-plane, a turning lathe, &c., but the true character of which was unknown.

A subscriber at Windham writes us to send his paper to Nichols, but omits a very important requisite, to sign his name to the request, which done, it will cheerfully be complied with.

The citizens of Montrose, and Waverly, N. Y., are making arrangements for Fourth of July Celebrations. At the latter place, particularly, the usual public spirit is manifested, and the prospects are flattering for a brilliant demonstration.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. ELI BROWNING, in the employ of JAMES MAXXISSON, while engaged in piling lumber, on Monday last, met with a severe accident in the fracture of his right leg. The injury was attended by Dr. PRATT, and he is doing as well as could be expected.

DROWNED.—A young daughter of M. MENAHE, of Monroe township, aged six years and eight months, was drowned in Towanda creek, near Greenwood, on the 19th inst., while playing near the water with a younger brother. The body was found on Saturday last, near the spot where she was drowned.

FOREIGN NEWS.—The weeks foreign news is of a very interesting nature. Garibaldi's expedition in behalf of the insurrectionary movement in Sicily, had effected a landing at Marsala. One of the vessels conveying Garibaldi's troops was sunk and the other captured by two Neapolitan frigates, but his volunteers succeeded in reaching shore with their arms, ammunition, &c. They were met by the Royal troops, and though we have no details of the engagement, it is evident they were successful as later dispatches state that Garibaldi had captured two of the strongest positions on the island, and was preparing to attack Palermo.

A proclamation has been issued by the British Government against enlistment in Ireland for the Pope.

The subscriptions for the Sicilians are not to be interfered with, as they are not regarded as illegal.

The defuncting Cashier of the Union Bank, had been sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude.

The attitude of Russia toward Turkey was regarded as decidedly menacing.

It was reported that Gen. Lamoriciere had made a forward movement with the Papal troops, that 5,000 Piedmontese troops had embarked from Genoa to check him.