

[From the Rochester Union.]

Child Charmed by a Snake.

We have heard the particulars of a wonderful case of snake fascination from an authentic source, which we will briefly relate, however much they may shock the sensibilities of the delicate portion of our readers.—There is residing on Monroe street, near the eastern line of the city, a worthy family by the name of Davis, the head of the family being employed in a nursery. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have a daughter two years of age, who has become attached to a snake, which came in the yard from an adjoining field a few days since, and has become so much under the influence of the reptile that it appears to think of little else. The snake and the child first met, no doubt, while the latter was at play in the yard near the house, but just how long since, the parents do not know. One day Mrs. Davis found the snake in the arms of the child, and the little girl was fondling it as she would a kitten. The mother was naturally much alarmed by the apparent peril in which she saw her child, and seized a stick to destroy the reptile. The snake retreated, showed its tongue, and hissed at the mother. The child cried, and begged so hard of its parent to desist, that she allowed the snake to retreat to its hiding place.

It soon became apparent that the little girl thought of little else but her companion, the snake, and would return to the yard in search of it as often as she was allowed to do.—Under the fascination of this reptile, the child—a very pretty little girl—has begun to decline, and now weighs but eighteen pounds. Respectable physicians were consulted, it is said, and advised that no violence be used toward the snake, as it might prove fatal to the child. How many meetings the child and the snake have had, we are not positively informed, but we infer that they have been frequent. When they meet they rush to each other with all the apparent emotions of friendship and attachment that can exist between two living beings. Only yesterday Mrs. Davis came to the city with the little girl, and when she returned the party left in charge of the house informed her that the snake had been more bold than usual, and had actually been upon the steps leading to the door, awaiting the appearance of the child.

As to the size and variety of this reptile we are not advised. We suppose however it is one of the common brown wood snakes which are regarded as harmless, and which seldom attain a length of more than three feet.

This affair has attracted the attention of the neighbors of Mr. Davis and many have urged that the child be allowed to play with the snake for their amusement; but this has been denied by the parents. The parents feel much alarmed and desire to remove their little girl from the fascinating influence of the snake without prejudice to her health and existence. They have been told that it is dangerous to take any sudden step in the matter and have not yet done anything to avert the consequences they fear.

Our informants are men who are reliable and who have conversed with the family and have seen the child referred to. They represent the parents to be worthy people and the child to be a pretty one, bright and intelligent but evidently in declining health.

The *Hornellville Journal* states that three young children of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Howley, of that place, went into the woods on Saturday last, to pick berries, without the consent of their parents, and wandered about until lost. Not returning before evening, the anxious parents, in company with nearly 100 others, started for the woods and succeeded in finding them. It seems that, after having picked enough berries, they thought it time to return home, but, on turning about for that purpose, they found themselves in a strange place, and could not find the road or any way out. They sat down on a log to think, and sat there a long time, finally giving up and starting to return home, but, on turning about for that purpose, they found themselves in a strange place, and could not find the road or any way out. They sat down on a log to think, and sat there a long time, finally giving up and starting to return home, but, on turning about for that purpose, they found themselves in a strange place, and could not find the road or any way out.

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News from all Nations.

There are now in store in the U. S. Arsenal, at Springfield, Mass., one hundred and sixty thousand guns.

The little item for printing for the last session of Congress, amounts to about \$300,000.

The New York *Illustrated News* states that Mayor Wood is soon to be married to Miss Georgiana Crean, sister to Mrs. James Gordon Bennett.

A club has been formed in New York numbering over forty members, with the intention of paying a visit to Isaac V. Fowler, at Havana, sometime in August.

The average of five hundred thousand lbs. of butter is computed to be consumed weekly in the city of New York, one-fifth of it only being good, and a great deal of the rest being intolerable.

A rumor having been circulated that Sam Houston, of Texas, was about to withdraw in favor of Bell, replies that such is not the fact. He says he shall run as an independent candidate for the Presidency "anyhow." He will be sure to get the electoral vote of Texas.

At the Breckinridge meeting in New York the other evening, Daniel S. Dickinson said that when the New England and North-western delegates at Baltimore promised their States to Douglas, that pledge was made "subject to a slight incumbrance, held by one Abraham Lincoln."

By the death last week of the mother of Judge Douglas' first wife, who was a Miss Martin, of North Carolina, his two boys, his only children, come into possession of a large fortune. The Judge has been sent for by his connections in North Carolina, and after his New England tour will probably visit the old North State.

It is said that the census returns from the city of Baltimore will show the population to be about 130,000—an increase of 16,000 over 1850.

The capital invested in the coal lands of Pennsylvania is said to be nearly \$324,000,000. The canals and slack water connected with the anthracite coal trade measure 815 miles in length, and cost 40,000,000.

Heenan has signed a contract, whereby for \$25,000 he will give sparring exhibitions for three months, and his first exhibition will be given in New York.

The exodus from Ireland continues, thus far, at an average rate of 1853. The population of the country is now 533,900 less than it was in 1850, when the last census was taken.

A correspondent of the New York *Tribune* says: "Gerritt Smith is in more perfect health than for many years past. I have never seen him so vigorous, both in mind and body."

The Republicans of Crawford and Erie counties have determined to hold a Mass. Convention at Erie on the 10th of September. It will be a *rouser*.

The authorities of Washington, D. C., have refused to allow the Republicans to raise a *liberty pole* in that city. Slavery poles are in order there.

Hon. Richard Brodhead, formerly U. S. Senator, is a candidate for Congress in the old Tenth Legion, subject to the decision of the nominating Convention.

An auditor named Harbaugh was recently driven out of Lexington, Mo., for daring to hoist the names of Lincoln and Hanlin. "Hail Columbia, happy land!"

The attempt at fusion in New Jersey has only led to confusion. Three State Conventions were held of which one nominated a fusion electoral ticket for Breckinridge, Douglas, and Bell, while one of the others nominated a clear Douglas ticket, and the other a clear Bell ticket.

Ex-President Pierce has written a letter to R. F. Hall, in which he expresses a preference for Breckinridge and Lane, but hopes something may be done to prevent the success of the Republicans.

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We invite the attention of our readers to the able speech of Hon. JOHN HICKMAN, delivered at Philadelphia, which is published in our outside. It is one of the most searching reviews of DOUGLAS' course we have seen during the canvass, and exposes the hypocrisy of the "Little Giant" in a plain and fearless manner.

THE METEOR OF FRIDAY.—Scientific observers at Yale, Union and Troy Universities variously compute the height of the meteor above the Earth at from 50 to 80 miles. Its speed, relative to the Earth, is computed to have been from five to eleven miles per second. Its course was in the same direction as that of the Earth, which, so to speak, it overtook and passed. This would make its absolute velocity in space somewhere between 90,000 and 180,000 miles an hour. It was seen, as far as we can yet learn, throughout the whole of Lower Canada.

A DIFFERENCE IN BREEDING WHICH MUST HAVE CAUSE; WHAT IS IT?—Mr. DOUGLAS is receiving marked attention in five of the New England States, and is everywhere treated with all the respect due to his official station. Mr. JOHNSON, his associate on the Presidential ticket, is grossly insulted when he attempts to speak in his native state, at the South, and even Georgians hang him in effigy!

An official dispatch from Col. LEE to the War Department represents everything quiet on the Texas frontier. Even rumors as to CURTIN or his men, or of robbers from the Mexican side of the river, have ceased.—It is not thought necessary longer to expose to the diseases incident to that region at this season, more troops than may be actually requisite.

As far as heard from, the census reports of leading Pennsylvania towns stand thus: Philadelphia, population, 650,000; Lancaster, 20,000; Harrisburg, 14,862; Scranton, 12,000; York, 10,000; Easton, 10,000; Allentown, 8,047. Pittsburg, Reading, Erie, Williamsport, Pottsville and Norristown, have not yet been heard from. The population of Wilkes-Barre borough is 4,200, the township 2,789, making together 6,989.

The census of Lykenstown reports the population at 1,077; of Wiconisco and its surroundings at 1,000.

The suburbs of Pittsburg seem to have increased in population very fast. The Birmingham and South Pittsburg are computed by the present census to have ten thousand inhabitants, more than quadruple that of the last census. The other boroughs are rapidly increasing in extent and population, and property is fast rising in value. The population of the second Ward, Allegheny, is 5,625. In 1850 it was 3,555—an increase of over 2,000, or about 60 per cent.

According to the returns already received at the Census Bureau at Washington, the crops in all the Northern and Northwestern States are immensely heavy this year. In Pennsylvania they are represented to be nearly if not quite double those of last year, and in other States they will probably be correspondingly heavy. This fully coincides with what we have been led to expect from the accounts which have reached us from other sources. The census returns, however, come in very slowly, and it will probably be some time before we shall be able to learn the full extent of our agricultural prosperity, although Superintendent KENNEDY manifests a commendable desire to satisfy the public curiosity on the subject at the earliest possible moment.

A dispatch from New Orleans informs us that a large flouring mill at Austin, Texas, was burned on the 26th of July, involving a loss of \$100,000—the work of an incendiary; and that a negro had been caught in the act of setting fire to a building in Georgetown, who confessed that he had been incited by Abolitionists to burn the town.

The New York correspondent of the *Philadelphia Press* says there is no truth in the report that some of the personal friends of Isaac V. Fowler propose to visit him at Havana in October. The same writer says that George Sanders and ex-Governor Walker did indeed think of establishing a daily Douglas paper, but that the expense deterred them from going on.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.—The Republican County Committee held at Towanda, on the 25th ult., they were invited to call a Republican County Convention, to be composed of two delegates from each election district, to be held in the Court House, at Towanda, on MONDAY evening, September 3, 1860. And it was further resolved, That the delegates from the districts aforesaid, assemble at Mercur's Hall, in said Borough, at 3 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of perfecting an organization of said Convention, and a list of the delegates, then to adjourn to the Court House in the evening, to put in nomination a ticket.

They have also appointed a Vigilance Committee in each election district, whose duty it shall be to call primary meetings of the Republican electors in each election district for the purpose of electing delegates to said County Convention. The Committees of Vigilance are requested to confer together and call the primary meetings on SATURDAY, the 1st day of September next between the hours of 4 and 7, p. m., at the usual place of holding such elections, or at some other convenient place to be designated by them.

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C. F. NICHOLS,
EDWARD CRANDALL,
JOSEPH GRINNELL,
A. G. BROWN,
H. S. SALSBUURY,
J. B. ISHAM,
JOHN GIFFIN,
July 28, 1860.

Armenia—James Mason, Nathan Sherman, Choral Welch.
Overshire—George Birchard, G. N. Walker, John P. Owenshire.
Athensboro.—J. N. Evans, H. A. Phelps, D. F. Park.
Jenny—J. P. Lewis, J. Vanhook, Daniel Kellough.
Ayrton—Charles Keenan, Richard E. Gilbe, Daniel Hollon.
Burlington—Harrison Dodd, Roswell Luther, Reuben C. Wright.
Burlington west.—P. B. Pratt, Wm. Arday, E. Loomis.
Pike—J. H. Marsh, D. M. Bailey, M. H. Coddling.
Rome—George Foster, J. J. Williams, U. C. Keyser.
Ridgely—William Stevens, Isaac Baldwin, James Hammond.
Springfield—Joel Adams, Theodore Wilder, Chester Hutchins.
Smithfield—John W. Phelps, Israel Phillips, T. A. Seaward.
South Creek—A. H. Thompson, Joseph Dunham, Philo Fassett.
Sheshequin—John Randall, George Smith, William J. Lent.
Standing Stone—E. L. Giegg, George A. Stevens, Geo. Vanness, Jr.
Sylvaniaboro.—E. G. Tracy, L. E. Shattuck, Orrin Fuiman.
Terry—Jonathan Buttle, Shaloh Bowman, J. F. Dodge.
Troy—J. T. Loomis, L. P. Williams, U. C. Porter.
Twp.—William Barto, Henry S. Leonard, William Mottershead.
Towanda top.—J. M. Swartwood, G. F. Mason, B. P. Bowen.
Towanda North—J. O. Frost, William A. Slayter, F. Watts.
Towanda baro.—E. Overton, Jr., Charles Passage, S. W. Alford.
Tuscarora—Hiram Taylor, A. J. Silvers, Henry B. Ackley.
Twp.—George W. Nichols, Guy Tracy, Amos Pettis.
Wyndham—Benjamin Kaykendall, Hiram Sherry, C. Washburn.
Harris—Nathan Young, Jr., Miles Price, P. Davies.
Hunting—Almon Fuller, John V. Biles, George W. Jackson.
Hills—Horace Dunning, J. Shepard, I. W. Knapp.
Horse—D. P. Woodburn, U. C. Shore, Elliott Whitney.
Hill—D. H. Corbin, M. M. Moody, J. W. Ingham.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.—A. N. BULLARD, Esq., of Montrose, has received the appointment of County Superintendent of Schools of Susquehanna County, for the term made vacant by the death of Mr. TERRY.

CAMP MEETING.—The Wyalusing District camp meeting for this year, will be held on the same ground as last year, near Letayville, Bradford Co., Pa., to commence on the evening of Wednesday, August 22d, 1860. Those who desire boards or other lumber, will write to Rev. E. F. ROBERTS, Letayville, in time—say two weeks before the meeting. An ample boarding tent will be upon the ground. The grove is beautiful, the water good, abundant, and convenient.

COL. CURTIN'S APPOINTMENTS.—The following appointments have been made by Col. ANDREW G. CURTIN, the People's candidate for Governor, to address the citizens. Other appointments will be announced hereafter:—

New Bloomfield, Perry Co., Monday, Aug. 6.
Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Tuesday, Aug. 7.
Danville, Montour Co., Wednesday, August 8.
Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Thursday, August 9.
Carbondale, Luzerne Co., Saturday, August 12.
Monsieville, Wayne Co., Monday, August 13.
Stroudsburg, Monroe Co., Tuesday, August 14.
Mauch Chunk, Carbon Co., Wednesday, August 15.
Allentown, Lehigh Co., Thursday, August 16.
Behleheim, Northampton Co., Monday, August 20.
Easton, Northampton Co., Tuesday, August 21.

It is expected that Mr. CURTIN will visit this County previous to the October election. Due notice will of course be given of the time and place of his meetings.

THE CROPS OF TIOGA COUNTY, N. Y.—For the past two weeks we have visited some of the most important parts of this county, and are happy to say, that we hear only one story of the crops. They are excellent. The only crop of which there is any doubt, rapidly coming up to time in a little luxuriance. An early frost might do some damage to it, though that is not probable. Early apples are already coming into our market in large quantities, and very large and free from worms. The only part of Tioga county from which doleful news comes is that destroyed by the terrible hail.—Owego Times.

HON. A. B. DICKINSON is engaged to deliver the address at the Fair of the Potter County Agricultural Society, to be held at Coudersport in October next.

FIRE AT NEWARK.—We learn from the *Owego Times* that the steam Saw Mill of ALBERT WILLIAMS, of Newark, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night last. The building, machinery and lumber destroyed, were valued at \$1500 or \$2000. No insurance. Mr. WILLIAMS does not believe it was the work of an incendiary.

MR. EDITOR.—On Thursday evening, June 28th, in accordance with a previous call, the Republicans of Litchfield township met at the Centre School House, for the purpose of forming a Republican Club. The meeting was called to order, and SILAS B. CARMER made temporary Chairman and ASA MORSE, Secretary. Appropriate resolutions were passed to carry the object of the meeting into effect, and a committee appointed to report permanent officers for the Club, who made the following report:—

For President—Rev. J. W. HEWIT.
Vice-Presidents—HOUSTON MCKINNEY, WM. CAMPBELL.
Recording Secretary—SILAS B. CARMER.
Treasurer—ROBERT SANDERS.
Corresponding Committee—ASA MORSE, WM. K. WALKER, S. EVANS.
Executive Committee—WM. H. MORSE, JOHN H. MCKINNEY, JOSEPH PARK.

After which a Committee was appointed to report appropriate resolutions at our next meeting. Meeting then adjourned to meet at this place on Saturday evening, July 7th.
Met on the 7th, according to appointment. The com-

mittee on resolutions being called, they reported the following resolution:—

Resolved, That we endorse the principles laid down in the Republican platform adopted by the Republican National Convention at Chicago, and also the nomination of ABRAHAM LINCOLN for President and HENRY CLAY for Vice President of the United States, and A. G. CURTIN for Governor of Pennsylvania, and that we will use every honorable means to secure the triumph of those principles and the election of our candidates.

Speeches by the chair and others being made, the meeting then adjourned to meet at this place on Saturday evening, July 21st.

SILAS B. CARMER,
Secretary.

The *City Journal*, a new daily, issued from the office of the *Philadelphia State Journal*, has recently made its appearance in the field of news, literature, and politics, as a candidate for support. It is neatly printed, ably edited, and Republican in politics. R. G. OWING, Editor.

The *Pennsylvania Guardian*, just issued at Phoenixville, Pa., by J. H. PULSTON, formerly of Pittston, has been received. It is as fine a looking country paper as we have on our exchange list. It raises the standard of Republicanism, and, of course, has our best wishes for success.

WISTAR'S BALM OF WILD CHERRY.—We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Wistar's Balm of Wild Cherry in another column, and assure them they can find no better remedy for coughs, colds, asthma, bronchial affections, or any disease of the throat or lungs.

In August, 1858, an estimable friend of ours returned from a visit in the country much exhausted, and laboring under a severe cough, which had made such rapid inroads upon her constitution that we felt something must be done at once, or she would become a victim of consumption. Having known the beneficial results which have occurred from the use of Wistar's Balm, we made purchase of some for her, and are happy to say that before she had taken the contents of one bottle her cough had entirely left her, and she is now in the enjoyment of excellent health.—Owego Branch.

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

Shipments for the week ending Aug. 4, 1860	1145 tons.
Previous Shipments	14223 "
Amount for the season	15368 "
Amount for same period last year	13817 "
Increase	1551 "

ANOTHER METEOR.—On Monday evening, at about 7 o'clock, a meteor, somewhat resembling the late one which has attracted so much attention, was observed in the south-west, passing in a north-westerly direction, through the heavens until it passed from view. When it made its appearance, it was single, but presently separated, one portion following the other at a short distance. As it was yet light when seen, its appearance was not so brilliant as the previous one.

During the thunder storm of Saturday morning, a cow belonging to MORGAN WATERS, in Burlington township, was killed by lightning. The cow was in the midst of a group of cattle, none of whom were injured except the one killed.

The Pic Nic at Buttonwood Grove, to which invitations were given for Saturday last, has been postponed until Thursday, the 9th inst.

By order of Committee.

The HUDSON BROTHERS sang at the Court House, at this place, last evening to a large and respectable audience. Their programme—consisting of a variety of Songs, Duets, Trios and Quartets. Vocal and instrumental, original and selected—was well executed, giving general satisfaction. They sang again this evening with a change of programme. Go and hear them.

FURNANT to public notice, a meeting of the citizens of Towanda was held at the Court House on Saturday evening, August 4th, to take measures for enlarging and otherwise improving the Cemetery. On motion of G. F. MASON the meeting organized by electing J. D. MONTAGNE as Chairman, and B. S. RUSSELL Secretary. The following Resolution offered by C. L. WARD, was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That a committee of five citizens be appointed by the Chairman to inquire as to the rights of the public in the Cemetery Grounds, and also to ascertain and report whether suitable additions to the present can be had, or whether a new location is more desirable, and to report a plan for a more complete organization for Cemetery purposes, and to report thereon to an adjourned meeting of the citizens.

The chair appointed MESSRS. C. L. WARD, J. F. MEANS, G. F. MASON, WM. ELMER and DAVID CASH, said committee.

On motion, the foregoing proceedings were ordered to be published in the several papers and the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman of the said Committee.

J. D. MONTAGNE,
Attest: B. S. RUSSELL, Sec'y. Chairman.

The Pony Express, which arrived at St. Joseph, Mo., on Monday night, brought advices from San Francisco to the 19th July, Oregon and Washington to the 13th, and British Columbia to the 14th. The nominations of DOUGLAS and JO