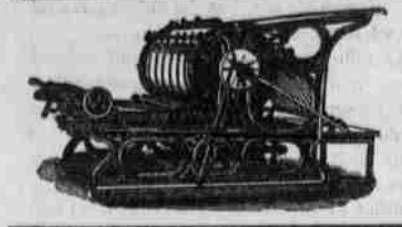


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THE legal opposition to the manner of taking the vote on the acceptance of the Constitution in Philadelphia, fully aroused those favoring its adoption and the consequence was that Philadelphia gave 34,120 majority for the Constitution.

CONVENTIONS to frame Constitutions seem to be unfortunate in their attempts to please Perry county, as on the question of adopting the constitution of 1838 this county gave a majority of 202 votes against it. The whole majority in the whole State was however quite small being only 1,212 in favor of its adoption.

INFORMATION has been received at the Department of State, Washington, that the Virginia was delivered into the hands of the United States officers at Bahia Honda at 9 o'clock in the morning of the 16th, and sailed for Key West at 4 o'clock on the same day. One act of this eventful drama has thus closed.

THE people of Oregon have preferred such grave charges against General Grant's appointee for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, that the Senate will have to investigate them before acting upon his case. Mr. Williams is well-known in Oregon, and his record can readily be obtained. Should the allegations made, be sustained, the President will of course withdraw the nomination.

COFFEE has again taken quite an advance in price. The present rise is no doubt entirely speculative, and is mainly due to the fact that the Secretary of the Treasury desires to restore the duty on tea and coffee. The hope of the large holders of the stock of coffee in this country is that such a tax will be laid and they are holding present stock, hoping to realize that advance. As the prospects of such a tariff being laid are, already growing rather dim, (the House of representatives seeming indisposed to impose any such tax on the people) we expect to see a decline in the price of that favorite beverage before long, to at least the prices of last month. All that is needed to force such a decline, is for country merchants to limit their orders to the smallest possible amount needed for immediate sales.

A DEMOCRATIC member from Kentucky, Mr. Beck, pays President Grant quite a compliment for his management of the Spanish troubles.

In the course of remarks on a question before the House, he said:

"If there is anything which the President has managed well, it is the negotiations with Spain. The President might have plunged the country into difficulties, and perhaps have aggrandized himself at the expense of the country; the course which he has pursued has been extremely moderate and wise."

THE second annual convention of the Illinois State farmers' commenced at Decatur on the 10th inst. The president of the association delivered an address reviewing the growth of the society and its results to the members. At the first meeting one year ago only about forty counties were represented. Now every one of the 102 counties in the State had its clubs and in a majority of the counties the farmers carried their ticket at the last election.

The Association concluded its session at Decatur on the 18th inst., after adopting a platform of which the following are the main points: The resolutions declare that every American voter should do all in his power to secure the election of honest and competent men to office; that the farmers are absolved from all allegiance to old political parties; that the repeal of the Salary law should be retroactive; that large salaries are antagonistic to republican principles.

Last Tuesday evening, about six o'clock, a woman, named Catharine Daley, aged 55 years, who resided at Juniper and Rodman streets, while on a visit to a friend at Seventeenth and Federal streets, Philadelphia, got frightened at a drove of cattle which was being driven by, and fell dead.

The Constitution Adopted.

The result of the election on Tuesday last, shows that the friends of the Constitution were fully alive to the importance of the occasion. In Philadelphia and many other towns nearly the full vote seems to have been polled, a large majority being cast in favor of accepting the Constitution. Full official returns are not yet received from all parts of the State, but enough is known to show that the majority in favor of acceptance is over 130,000. This large majority in view of the gross misrepresentations made by the opponents, must be very gratifying to the members of the Convention, and shows conclusively that the people are not quite so blind as some of the petty politicians, and members of the "rings" would like them to be.

In no sense of the word can this however be called a party victory, for though a large majority of the members of the Convention were Republicans, the Democrats favoring reform have united with the Republican voters in securing the acceptance of a Constitution that will do much towards purifying legislation and securing an economical administration of the public finances. In fact in many counties in the state, the Chairmen of both party committees joined in urging upon voters the importance of supporting the proposed amendments, while the newspapers regardless of party proclivities, seconded their exertions.

Washington News.

The house has passed the bill to repeal the bankrupt law, in the shape of a simple repeal, and an additional section requiring all pending suits and proceedings to be wound up under the present law, but with a reduction of one-half in fees, costs and charges.

A bill has also passed the house repealing the salary bill of last session as far as it affected members of Congress, and fixes the pay at \$6,000 per annum and traveling expenses. The bill appropriating \$4,000,000 to the navy department was amended in the Senate by adding another million and as amended passed both houses.

A bill was also passed providing for the payment of the bonds of 1858.

The Senate amended the salary bill passed by the House, so as to place the law in force as it was previous to the passage of the act of March 3rd, 1873.

A joint resolution adjourning until Jan. 5th, passed both houses.

A great hue and cry is made among members and heads of departments about retrenchment, but the trouble seems to be that each one is anxious to have the reduction put on "some other fellow," and so there is a chance that common cause will be made against the people for the benefit of office holders.

Accident on the Cumberland Valley Railroad.

The early passenger train eastward on the Cumberland Valley railroad, due in Harrisburg at 7:45, met with an accident at Middlesex, a station between Mechanicsburg and Carlisle, shortly after seven o'clock Monday morning. The train, consisting of a baggage and two passenger cars, drawn by the engine "Col. Lull," was thrown from the track by a misplaced switch. The engine after leaving the rail fell over on its side, the baggage car was thrown on its side, the passenger car following it ran off the rails and the last car had only the trucks of the rear end left standing on the rail. The engineer and fireman escaped with slight injuries by jumping. No passenger or train hand was injured. The passengers were transferred to the cars of the up train from Harrisburg and reached Harrisburg about ten a. m. It is supposed the switch was tampered with, as a nut had been removed and the rod partly moved out of position. The last train over the road was the stock express east on Saturday night, when the track was "all right." The engineer could not see the mischief in time to prevent the accident, owing to the darkness that prevailed when the train was passing that point. The damage to the locomotive is pretty extensive, but the cars suffered very little.

Distress Caused by Grasshoppers.

The committee on aid and relief for the suffering homesteaders in northwestern Iowa report that there are in Osceola county 200 suffering families; in Leon county, 100 families; in Cherokee county 10 families; in Sioux county, 200 families; O'Brien county, 250 families; Plymouth county, 10 families; Clay county, 50 families; Dickinson county, 10 families; Emmet county, 30 families; Kossuth county, 50 families; Buena Vista county, 35 families, and Palo Alto county, 30 families, a total of 980 families, or 4,000 people requiring immediate relief in the shape of fuel, clothing and provisions, beside seed to sow over 5,000 acres of land that is already broken up. They recommend that the people of the state be called upon to co-operate in this great work of relief. The cause of this distress is the grasshopper plague.

A Maine woman ate four quarts of oysters at one sitting the other day, and won one hundred dollars by so doing, which after deducting her burial expenses, eighty-five dollars, left her fifteen dollars to commence the next world with.

Sudden Epidemic in a School.

Great excitement was caused in Meriden, Conn., Wednesday afternoon of last week, by the sudden and alarming indications of illness manifested by the pupils in the German school of Rev. Mr. Graeber. While a class was reciting, one of the boys, a lad of thirteen, suddenly fell to the floor, as if in a fainting fit. Mr. Graeber hardly had time to raise him up before another fell, then another, then one of the girls, and so on until the pupils were dropping around him like nine-pins. Seeing that the attack, whatever it was, was of a general nature, Mr. Graeber immediately ordered the pupils to go out of doors. They repaired to a vacant lot close at hand, and the teacher, having revived those he was attending, went out to look after them when he saw them falling, one by one, as they had done in the school-room, till upwards of thirty boys and girls lay writhing in the snow, perfectly helpless. Their symptoms were similar to those of sea-sickness, only in addition to nausea and vomiting, the victims seemed to lose control of their limbs. Medical attendance was speedily procured, and the afflicted children were cared for and sent home, when most of them recovered, though some were ill next day. The probable, in fact, the only explanation of the strange attack is, that a large amount of coal-gas had escaped into the room by reason of a defect in the furnaces, and had thoroughly poisoned the atmosphere. Mr. Graeber had not noticed the smell of the gas, but persons coming in from the outer air were able to perceive it. It is needless to say that the greatest alarm prevailed among the parents of the children so singularly affected, and Mr. Graeber, who is usually a careful man in reference to ventilation, was overwhelmed with the questions of the anxious all the evening.

Death Sentence Pronounced.

West Chester, Pa., Dec. 13.—Udderzook was brought before the Court this morning, when Judge Butler gave his decision against granting a new trial, and gave his reasons at length. The first and fourth reasons, he said, had been abandoned. The propriety of sending the photograph to the jury to assist in identification he did not doubt. The same might be said of the letters sent in. The evidence against the competence of Wilson as a juror he regarded as totally inadequate, and the same might be said in regard to that against Nichols, whose expressions show no prejudice against the prisoner, and amount to nothing more than his statements before entering the jury-box.—District Attorney Wager then moved that the judgment of the Court and sentence of the law be passed. The prisoner being asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed, replied that by advice of his counsel he should say nothing at this time. Judge Butler then passed the sentence of death in the usual form. The prisoner showed throughout a great deal of nerve, and appeared but little affected, while the Judge was moved to tears.

Foreign Items.

London, December 10.—A dispatch from Sheffield says that city was visited to-day by a terrible storm. The wind blew a hurricane, and a large number of buildings and chimneys were blown down, and many persons were killed. One immense chimney crushed the building and boiler located therein; the boiler exploded, killing and wounding several persons. In consequence of the great excitement in the city and dense crowds which filled the streets, but few details could be learned at the time the dispatch was forwarded. The telegraph lines were prostrated in all directions but the lines that are now working bring news that the storm extended all over the North of England and far into Scotland. Sheffield looks as if bombarded, and the loss of property is immense. Churches were unroofed, and many factories were compelled to suspend work. The lowest estimate places the casualties to persons in that city at seven killed and thirty wounded, many of them fatally. Dispatches show that the hurricane was felt at Glasgow, Halifax, Dreusbury and Nottingham, in all of which cities lives were lost and great damage done. At Leeds it is estimated that property to the amount of \$100,000 was destroyed. Much damage was done at West Startlepool and Durham. Shipping suffered severely at New Castle and Shields. A steamer is ashore off Androssan, and the railway station and several houses were blown down in Wilton, near Harrogate, on the York and North Midland Railroad.

During the storm recently, a whirlwind or cyclone caught up the roof of Knons' school house in New Hanover twp., Montgomery county, and whirled it off the building in a hurry. One half the roof was carried more than three hundred feet away in nearly a northerly direction, alighting in good condition in an orchard. The other half was torn to pieces.

A breach of promise case has just been decided at Fort Wayne. Only one letter was put into their case, but that was conclusive. It was as follows: Mi hart beats only for the, mi darlin bunny." Verdict for the female; damages not stated.

Miscellaneous News Items.

The death of Col. Frederick Dent, the father of Mrs. Grant, took place at a late hour last Tuesday night. The deceased was in his 88th year. He complained of being unwell before, but no alarming symptoms were apparent until a short time before his death, which occurred without a struggle.

Columbia, S. C., December 15.—The Bender family, who are charged with a number of murders in Kansas, were arrested at Bivingsville, Spartanburg county, a few days ago. The father and mother, and a daughter living in North Carolina, are being sought after by the officers of the law. The family name is Webb.

A few days since, as some gentlemen were passing through the woods at East Coventry township, Chester county, they discovered a cavern eight or ten feet deep. Upon one of the gentlemen descending he found in the apartment a rope twenty-five feet long, a torch, a jug, a hoe, a piece of candle and two boards. Who inhabited the hole is unknown.

Cairo, Illinois, December 13.—At Carbondale to-day John M. Brush, an old and esteemed army telegrapher, while registering his name at the Planters Hotel accidentally spilled some ink on the register. This provoked the anger of the clerk and the proprietor, resulting in the latter instantly killing Brush.

Nashville, December 13.—W. B. Wood, agent of Adams Express Company, at Franklin, Ky., had his skull crushed and his safe robbed of \$4,200 about 9 o'clock on Thursday night. There were three men concerned in the assault and robbery, who have been arrested. It is feared Wood is mortally wounded.

At a wedding in Appomattox co., Va., on Wednesday night, an infant child of Mrs. William Carter was laid on a bed to sleep. Guests came in, and not noticing the sleeping infant, threw their shawls, muff, bonnets, etc., on the bed. When its mother went to the bed for her child it was found dead, having been smothered by the wrappings thrown on it.

The Altoona Tribune says: The store of Charles L. Palmer, at Irwin, was entered by some person or persons on last Friday night a week, and several articles abstracted therefrom. The burglars devised a somewhat novel way to obtaining an entrance. They bored anger holes all around the lock on the front door, and then lifted the entire lock out and walked straight in and helped themselves. They were very reasonable in their desires, because after helping themselves to pen knives, sleeve buttons and tobacco, they left.

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