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DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

Thomas H. Forsyth, Of Philadelphia County. Ephraim Banks, Of Milford County. J. Porter Brawley, Of Crawford County.

Judge Gibson of the Supreme Court of this State, and for many years Chief Justice, died at Philadelphia on Tuesday last.

Spiritual Rappings: the title of a book fully disclosing the Spiritual Rapping humbug, by Rev. Hiram Mattison of John St. M. E. Church, N. Y. City, published by Mason & Brothers No. 23 Park Row, N. Y. City.

The Vice Presidency Now Vacant.

Provisions of the Constitution and Law of Congress—List of the Presidents and Vice Presidents of the United States.

The necessity of providing for a case of a vacancy in the office of President and Vice President is a subject which has been discussed in various quarters.

By the act of Congress of March 1, 1875, it is provided, in pursuance of the power above given.

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The following communication came to hand some weeks or perhaps months ago. It struck us at the time as being a personal thrust at some individual and therefore we laid it by as not admissible.

A Chapter about Rats!

A Rat, a Rat, Dead for a diabolical HAMLET.

There are many varieties of the Rat genus, differing perhaps in form, habits, and qualities, yet all connected by an inflexible relationship.

The qualities of this species of rat are of a mixed nature. He walks and acts like a man—talks and acts like a rat.

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New York Correspondence.

New York, Saturday, April 30. Messrs. Eds.—The near approach of the dreaded "first of May" needs no other herald than the blaze of bonfires, and the crowds of negro white-washers which we meet wherever we go.

Our city has been unusually quiet during the past week, and I have little local news to relate that will interest your readers.

The Kaine case, so well known as the first extradition case under the Dulver Treaty, has been disposed of by Judge Nelson of the U. S. Circuit court.

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will immortalize his name, and place it beside that of Calhoun in the annals of executive efficiency.

The Awful Disaster on Lake Ontario.

Ogdensburg, April 30—9 P. M. We learn by telegraph from Kingston Canada West, that the steamer Ocean Wave was destroyed on Friday night, six miles from the Ducks, and about fifty miles above Kingston.

The Ocean Wave was owned at this place by the Northern Railroad Company, and was running between this port and Hamilton for freight and passengers.

A small vessel on the way down sent a boat to the assistance of the ill-fated steamer, but the schooner Georgiana then gave up.

About one o'clock this morning the Rochester House, a temperance hotel, was found to be on fire, and sad to relate, four doctors, three women and one boy, lost their lives.

At the session of the Methodist Conference at Ipswich, to-day, the Committee on Slavery reported the following series of resolutions.

First.—That, as a conference, we are fully and deeply convinced as ever, that all voluntary slaveholding, or the holding of slaves in bondage for the sake of gain, and an artificial increase in a flagrant sin against God and humanity.

Second.—That it is our deliberate and settled opinion, that no more persons guilty of the sin of slaveholding should be admitted as members into our church.

Third.—That we are fully persuaded that if a proper discipline were duly administered, or if that discipline were enforced, that the number of voluntary slaveholders would soon be either brought to repentance and reformation of life, or for the sin of slaveholding be expelled from the church.

Fourth.—That as there is a difference of opinion as to whether our discipline, as it now reads, would exclude such persons, from our churches, in the several States, we recommend that the discipline should be so altered, and amended as to include a well defined and clearly expressed rule prohibiting their reception into the communion of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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Arthur Spring—Attempted Suicide.

We are informed that this miserable wretch refused, until Saturday last, to take food, with the evident attempt to starve himself to death.

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