

The Democrat.

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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The Democratic Electors of Susquehanna County are hereby notified that a Convention will be held at the Court House in Montrose, on Monday evening next, the 23d inst.

By order of the Committee. C. L. BROWN, Chairman.

JOSEPH BATES, (Dem.) of Perry county was elected State Treasurer, on Monday last, by the Penn'a Legislature.

Wm. H. MILLER, son of the late Hon. Jesse Miller, has been appointed Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, vice P. C. Sedgwick.

Gen. Almonte, the Mexican Minister now at Washington, has become commander of the Mexican army.

THE SMALL POX.—We learn that the Small Pox is raging to some extent in the eastern part of this County.

In speaking of the recent change in the Harrisburg Union, the Pittsburg Post says: "Mr. Luman, the successor of Isaac G. McKinley, states in his salutatory that he will render service to the party by an honest and unswerving adherence to the well-understood orthodox principles which form the creed of the Democratic party."

The first number of the Union, which comes to us under the control of the new proprietors, contains a very bitter attack on Col. Forney and the Pennsylvania, and a defence of Gen. Cameron against the attacks of that paper.

The complaint that the Democrat does not reach Harrisburg in due season is rather surprising to us; for we have put forth every effort to mail it at the earliest possible moment.

We also have frequent complaints from our subscribers, in the eastern part of the County, that they do not receive the Democrat until a week or more after it is published.

IN CONTRAST with the disposition manifested by our cotemporaries in town, how manifestly the following extract appears, coming from an independent paper, the Lacksawanna Herald, though edited by a gentleman radically Whig in his politics:

DEATH OF MR. HENNINGER.—Hon. HENRY A. MULLENBERG, member of Congress from the Berks District, died at Washington Monday night of last week, (of which we then gave a brief notice.)

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State Politics and Press.

We propose to say a few things in reference to the politics of our State, as they appear at the present time, even at the risk of offending some.

So far as regards the opposition, or rather what was once an opposition, the Whigs, we may pass them by without fear of offence, for they do not even now own themselves.

When first struck by the gale, on the night of the 24th, the San Francisco was but one hundred and fifty miles out from Sandy Hook; when abandoned, on the 6th inst., she was some seven hundred miles off, having flourished away to that distance, at the mercy of the winds, the waves and the Gulf Stream.

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Headed by the same men and influenced by the same motives, is the opposition in the democratic party to the National Administration, or mainly so.

From these indications, then, we may safely conclude that the Democracy of the country are not at all endangered in their prospects for the coming campaign.

What the radical Democracy of Pennsylvania most need at the present time is a bold and fearless press. The whole press of the State must awake and take to themselves independence, or the combinations which are forming against the integrity of the party, in its own household, will prove successful.

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the people who were lost. On that day the ship, but for the extraordinary strength of her hull, must have gone down, yet she continued drifting in the Gulf Stream, and under a succession of heavy gales almost unparalysed on our Atlantic coast, still inhabitable though unmanageable, till finally relieved, and abandoned on the 6th of January.

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high purpose, the firm resolve, the dauntless spirit, speaking on the tongue, beaming from the eye, informing every feature, and urging the whole man onward, right onward, to his object—this, this is eloquence; or, rather, it is something greater and higher than all eloquence, it is action, noble, sublime, god-like action."

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their bids. Their bid for publishing the proposed daily record of the proceedings is \$1,495, for the session.

Considerable discussion arose upon the resolution, and after being amended so as to substitute Friday next for the drawing for the committee, it was postponed for the present.

Mr. Hamilton offered a resolution that the Senate proceed at 12 o'clock today to draw for the appointment of a committee to investigate and report upon the matter of the contested election for Senator in the county of Philadelphia.

Mr. Roberts submitted a joint resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to every honorable effort in opposition to any measure looking to a removal of the United States Mint from the city of Philadelphia.

Mr. Ball advanced the resolution in a forcible speech, but suggested certain modifications. Finally, on motion of Mr. Roberts, the subject was referred to a select committee of five for revision.

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great philosophy, struggling with the huge opinions and minds of the past and present, it is such a place that he would resort to, and there hold communion with his theme, away from out of the world, as it were.

It is here, pacing back and forth that Mr. Everett has composed and rehearsed those masterly and beautiful productions which swayed senators and enraptured the popular heart; it is here that he conceived that magnificent oration, already one of the pillars of the classics, which was pronounced with so electric an effect upon the battle plains of Lexington.

It is a rare and beautiful piece, in the history of the illustrious Everett. It is eminently worthy and characteristic of its owner. Boston Dispatch.

WRECK OF THE SAN FRANCISCO. NEARLY 900 LIVES LOST. The wreck of the steamer San Francisco, the account of which reached us yesterday, presents one of the most remarkable cases of disaster at sea that we remember to have recorded.

There was a ship of the best construction ever, admirably well fitted and the best provided for a long and tempestuous voyage, on the second day out, within one hour from the commencement of the first gale she encountered in difficulty, and within two hours disabled and lying helpless in the trough of a heavy sea.

At 9 o'clock, when a heavy sea struck the steamer amidships, swept the decks and washed overboard more than 150 persons. It is perfectly apparent that the gale which struck the San Francisco and occasioned this lamentable loss of life was no mere squall, but a regular gale, and a pilot boat or an every day West Indian man that would not have weathered it in safety would be unfit for her business.

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