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Facts for Voters.

We commend the attention of voters to the following: The new Constitution forbids all persons from voting unless they have been assessed at least two months and paid their taxes at least one month before the date of the election, No one of foreign birth can vote unless in addition to the above, he has been naturalized a month previous to the

The date of holding the next election

is Tuesday, November 2d.

Wednesday, September 1st, is the last day on which voters can be assessed. Friday, October 1st, is the last day for naturalization papers.

From The Eric Dispatch. Thurlow Weed's Disclosure of William Morgan's Fate.

The New York Herald, of Monday and Tuesday, publishes two remarkable letters from that remarkable man and veteran journalist, Thurlow Weed in reference to the mysterious disappearance of William Morgan nearly fifty years ago. As these letters are too long to reproduce. in the Dispatch, we herewith give an abstract of their con-

It will be remembered, we may say by way of preface, that one of the issues in the State politics of New York, fifty years ago, was Masonary vs. Anti-Masonary, and it is safe to say that the campaigns into which that question entered were conducted with a degree of partisan bitterness and personal ficrceness never before or since surpassed.

In 1826, it became generally known that William Morgan, of Rochester who had left the Masons, was preparing a book whose object was to disclose all the secret proceedings of Masonry. Finding no publisher in Rochester, Morgan removed to Batava, N. Y., and made arrangements for the publication of his book with one Daniel C. Miller, Naturally enough, the announcement of such a work created much excitement. But this excitement became intense when, one night during the latter part of September, before the work was published, Morgan abruptly disappeared, and has never been seen nor heard of since. The Masons were at once accused of putting him out of the way, and their constant reply was that they had no "adequate cause" for the murder of Morgan, since all the secrets he could expose would do them no harm.

To add to the excitement produced by Morgan's disappearance, about one year after that event, or in October, 1827, a body drifted ashore near a small creek which emptied into Lake Ontario. From the published report of the Coroner's inquest, some intimate friends of Morgan's concluded it was his body. The investigating committee decided to hold another inquest, and sixty or seventy people assembled to witness the proceedings. When the by Mrs Morgan. The jurors unanimously declared that it was the body of William Morgan. It was, therefore, given over to Mrs. Morgan, and buried in Batavia.

But about ten days after, there came a report that the body was that of Timothy Monroe, of Canada, who had been swept over Niagara Falls in a boat eleven days before the body washed ashore. A third inquest was held, and it was discovered that Mrs. Monroe had described with so much minuteness the suit of clothes found upon the dead body, without having a chance to see them, that there was no doubt in that respect. But strange to say, the body found in the clothes did not correspond to the description of her husband at all There were other serious difficulties, too, on both sides. It was quite improbable that Morgan's body would have remained in such a tolerable state of preservation for a year. It was equally improbable that Monroe's body would have drifted forty miles eastward in the lake, with no current, and against a prevailing wind from the east Mr. Weed says, although the other members of the committee firmly believed the body to be that of Morgan his own previous convictions were strongly disturbed, and after an interval of nearly fifty years he is unable to say whether the body was or was not that of William Morgan. And so the disappearance of Morgan has remained a profound mystery until the publication of these two letters from M.r Weed.

Now for the other facts, as detailed by him. After the seizure of Morgan's manuscripts, at Batava, he himself was arrested on a pretended charge of larceny and confined in the jail at Canandaigua. Then assurrences were received from a Canadian that Captain Brandt, an Indian chief, would provide a home for Morgan, in a West fur company. Accordingly, he was taken from jail by night, and secretly conveyed to Fort Niagara, distance 120 miles, and confined in the magazine of the fort. Theu those who brought him there crossed over the river to conver with the Canadian lodge by which it was expected that Morgan would be received. But, at last, this lodge posititively refused to have anything to do with the matter. Here was an embarrassing state of atfairs. But forth-with a large number of men, high in the Order, assembled at Lewiston and organized a Kuights galls" and spavins that resulted from Templar Encampment. All knew that Morgan was confined in the fort, and all were troubled to know what to do with him But after supper, during the enthusisam caused by the speeches and wine, Colonel William King of Lockport, invited four men to accompany him: Chubbuck, a farmer of Lewiston; Whitney; a stone mason of Rochester; Garside, a butcher from Canada; and Howard, a book-binder of Buffalo. young celipse colt, like Hartranft, that of Salem, was knocked down by the They proceeded to the fort, and after informing Morgan that they had com- pository.

pleted arrangements for placing him upon a farm in Canada, he readily got into a boat with them, it being now mid-night. Proceeding down Niagara River to the point where it empties into Lake Ontario, they wound a rope about Morgan's body, tied a heavy sinker to each end and threw him overboard.

Such is the thrilling story parrated by Mr Weed. He says he obtained ail the particulars from one of the party of five, Mr. John Whitney, of Rochester, with whom he was well acquainted, and that Mr. Whitney's statement was made to him in the presence of Simeon B. Jewett, of Clarkson, and Samuel Barton, of Lewiston. None of the five men who were engaged in the murder of Morgan are now living. Mr. Weed says they were "all men of correet habits and good character, and all, I doubt not were moved by an enthusiastic but most misguided sense of duty." He further says of King and Whitney Both would have shrunk from the commission of a known crime, and yet both impelled by the delusive idea that they were discharging a duty, participated in the commission of the highest orime." Such is the final explanation of what has remained an exciting mystery for nearly fifty years, and all may be heartily thankful that the time is past when there is any danger that such a erime will be repeated.

Hartranft Against the Field.

The re-nomination of Governor Hartrantt by the largest delegate convention that has ever assembled in the State, without a show of opposition is the highest compliment paid to any State Executive for many years, and may be looked upon as a harbinger of his triumphant success at the polls on the 2d of November. His administration has been scrutinized by thousands of men, who during the canvass in 1872, predicted that in the event of the election. all manner of evil would flow from an administration controlled by such unprincipled men, as it was illeged, controlled him.

After his election and inauguration, he opposition witnessed with surprise, the quiet unestentatious manner in which he assumed the high duties and trusts of his office, and the unremitting attention that he has given to their discharge. His experience as Auditor General, with his ability to investigate and master every detail of administration, admirably prepared him for the varied and complex duties of chief Executive of a great State like Pennsylvania. Now after nearly three years of trial, we find him more popular with the people than he was at the time he was first placed in nomination for Gov-Some of the very men who were

loudest in their denunciations of him, now have endor to admit the purity and ability of his administration, and avow determination to give him their cordial support. It would be asking too much to ask the leaders of the Democracy to openly join in commendations that have been bestowed upon Governor Hartranft, but they admit his hold upon the people, and fear the result of the canvass we are about to eater upon. All over the State, wherever their is to be found a prominent leader, or coterie of grave was opened, certain marks were Democratic politicians (and what county found upon the body which agreed precisely with marks previously mentioned for a candidate that will give promise of success against Governor Hartranft. At the time that the Democratic Committee convened to consider the propriety of fixing a time for the State Convention to meet for the nomination of a candidate, the inquiry could not be satifactorily answered. The strong points of the various candidates, Judges, Militia Generals, Old Bourbon Leaders, defeated nominees-were all in tune brought out to review and consider, but none gave assurance of success. None could give promise of victory. After discussing the matter fully, it was determined to postpond to a late day in the canvass, the meeting of the convention in hopes that "something would turn up" a fit candidate. But alas, alas

> cause they cannot find an available candidate. This list of Democratic Judges in the State has been gone over, embracing Judge Pershing, Judge Ross, Judge Lowrie, Judge Trunkey, Asa Packer, General Cass, and the irrepressible Monaghan and many others, but each one in his turn was laid aside as In this dilemma the Democrats of Indiana county doubtless inspired by the accidental success of their brethern in Ohio, have suggested Ex-Governor William Bigler, antedeluvian, as a suitable candidate. He was the Democratic pro-slavery candidate for Governor in the fall of 1854, after the Democratic party had committed the atrocious act of perfidy, repealing the Missouri Compromise; better known as the Kansas

Nebraska bill; by which it was at-

tempted to open the grand plains of

the Democracy are still in trouble be-

Kansas to slavery. William Bigler headed the pro-slavery cause in our State, but the flood came and overwhelmed him, and the cause he championed. By all means let us have the Ex-Governor as the candidate and representative of the Bourbon Democracy. He would be a fit and proper candidate for the reactionary party. If they wish to fight over the old battles of free State and subserviency to the slave power, he is just the man we want. He is a fair representative of the antediluvian ideas that the Bourbon Democracy wish to invest with power in our State and National Government. We would however, kindly suggest to his keepers that have him in training, that it would be well to first examine his limbs care-

coming in freely. fully, and see that all the "blows wind his last pro-slavery race, have been cured or removed. It is true that he has been a long time consigned to winter pasture, and the freezing process may have reduced the swelling, but inously defeated, it would be well to consider, whether so old and stiff a nag, could make a sucessful race against a

GENERAL NOTES.

The consumption of opium in this country is on the increase. Last year it reached in figures \$3,000,000. The New York Times thinks the net

reduction in the cost of living in that city from the cost of 1873, may be set down at one-fifth.

A London car conductor was lately sentenced to three months' imprisonment, with hard labor, for attempting to defraud his employers of four cents.

Kentucky boasts of a cornstalk bearing fifty ears of corn, and an immense amount of silk. The middle ear is full. sized, and the other forty-nine grow in ranks around it.

A Swede murdered a man in Louisiana lately to rob him of a large number of advertisements printed to look like greenbacks, which the Swede thought a great treasure.

Another case has appeared in the newspapers of a man who carries a bullet in his bram without any inconvenience. This time it is a Mr. Neptune, of Carleton, C. W., who recently shot himself accidentally in the head

A heavy defalcation has just come to light in one of the St. Louis national banks, the criminal being a teller and connected with one of the oldest and most respected ramilies, which promptly restored the \$60,000 he had stolen.

A gentleman on Monday caught, near two hundred seventy-eight pounds. The beaviest weighed fifty and a quarter pounds, and the average was a trifle below forty pounds.

A little boy in Amity township, Berks county, Pa, although seven years old, measures but thirty-two niches in height. He has grown but little, if any since he was two years old. He is said to be very bright and intelligent for one of his years.

The estimated coinage of the U. S-Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Carson City for the present fiscal year is as follows: Gold, \$34,000,000; trade dollars, \$6,000,000; subsidiary silver coinage. \$5,000,000; minor coinage, \$250,000; total, \$45,250,000,

A farmer near Des Moines, Iowa, while driving his cow pasture by a rope tied around her neck, was thrown down by a sudden movement of the animal, and turned a complete somersault breaking his neck and driving his head violently into the earth.

The Treasury officers have decided, after examining the capacity of the vault in the Boston Sub-Treasury, that it will not be safe to deposit more than \$3,000,000 of subsidiary coin there, on account of the condition of the flooring. It had been the intention to store \$6,-000,000 in the vault.

Milwaukee is called the beer capital of America. It is a city of 100,000 inhabitants and during the month of June consumed 28,327 barrels of lager beer, making 14,050,192 glasses. Estimating that only about half the residents drink, it appears as if a portion of the people drink more than one glass a day.

The comptroller of the currency has completed his abstract of all the reports dered through the Company's Branch of the national banks in the United House at 327 and 329 Superior St. character in operation at the close of the fiscal year, having aggregate of individual deposits on hand of \$686,478,-630.48. The surplus fund of the banks amounts to \$133,169,096 70; the capital stock paid in \$501,568,563,50; national bank notes outstanding, \$318,-148,406; specie on hand, \$18,949,-482 30; whole amount of business done. \$1,913,239,120.16.

New York, August 21 .- Several excursions went to Cony Island, a short distance up the Hudson river, yesterday and during the day there were probably eight thousand persons there, chiefly belonging the Masonic and Odd Fellows organizations, both of which held picnics. The excursionists embarked for home about five P. M. One unfortunate lady was caught between the dock and barge, as she tried to get on an already too crowded steamer. She was crushed to a jelly and expired almost instantly. A gentleman in attempting to save her had his right arm torn from his shoulder.

Immigration to the United States, since the panie of 1873, has fallen off one-third. The people of all other countries except China have come to the conclusion that they cannot improve their condition by taking up a residence in the United States The decrease at the port of New York this year is likely to reach 100,000, enough people to found a new state or build a new city. As emigrants bring with them a very considerable amount of money which is expended in the purchase of land, and the implements of their crafts and the means of subsistence, this decrease in their number has a considerable effect in retarding the ordinary growth and prosperity of the country.

Baltimore, August 20 .- Twenty-two thousand five hundred boxes of peaches were received at Light street wharf yesterday by steamers and pungies, from different points on the Chesapeake and tributaries. Heavy arrivals continue the glut in the markets. Of the receipts yesterday over two thousand boxes were reshipped to the growers, or thrown into the river. Prime peaches brought 35 to 60, and extra 70 to 85 cents per box. The quality for several days past has improved very much, and fruit of the finest flavor and variety is

Boston, August 20 .- The workmen employed on the new Insane Asylum at Danvers were astounded this afternoon by the descent of a thunderbolt among them, which instantly killed a man named Sullivan and prostrated John Farquhar. Mr. Ewell, foreman of the asmuch as he carried heavy weights at that time, (1874) and was ignominfor a physician. Turning the corner of a building at full speed he ran into a number of workmen who were hurrying to the scene of accident. Mr. Collins.

fears of further damage to the crops but so great is the diversity of opinion in regard to damage done to the cotton erop in this district that it is impossible to estimate it. The amount varies from 20,000 to 80,000 bales, but there is no precedent by which the effect of an overflow on cotton at this season of the year can be approximated. The number of acres of corn rained by the flood

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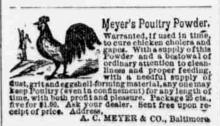
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