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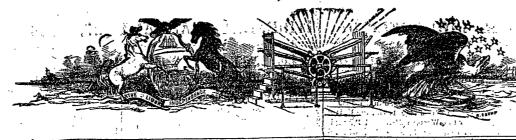
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The Abuses of the Post Office Department. Not having had either of the two mysterious black cats of the Senate chamber in our service, we were unable to present to our eaders an early account of the late acrimo nious debate in secret executive session, nor to publish such a garbled statement of it as of its accuracy. It is reported, however, that a recent appointment in Ohio being under consideration, Senator Pugn denounced the method in which the vacancy had been created, by removing one of his friends. He was followed by Senator DougLAS, who commented, in terms of deserved severity, upon the che racter of the Administration appointees in IIinois, and stated, as a proof of their infamy, that out of fifty thousand documents he had ferwarded by mail to his constituents, during last year, not one had been received by the person to whom it was addressed. He added that he would give a reward of ten dollars for every case in which the reception of those of the country, for it indicates the existence

corresponding degree of privacy, security, and advantage to the public. Men of all parties are taxed to support it, and men of all parties should enjoy an equal share of its benefits. We believe that postmasters are frequently wrongfully accused of delays in the transmission of mail matter, or losses of valuable letters. But our own experience has taught us that there are men now acting in that capacity who display the "insolence of office" in its most aggravated and obnoxious forms. Through them, the strong arm of power has repeatedly been exerted to diminish the circulation of THE PRESS, and

last stages of tyrannical corruption reached by absolutist power is that in which the idea that its most secret thoughts and most confidential revelations can be placed at the mercy of debauched postmasters. In a country like this, the frequent and spendy frame mission of written intolligence is a necessity. The Government has monopolised the exclusive control of this great undertaking, and peremptorily forbids the interference of private individuals. But if the abuses of power by its agents are not speedily corrected, the proposition to abolish the Post Office Department and throw the business open to private competition, which was adversely reported upon in Congress on Tuesday, will grow in popularity, and eventually become a necessity. The Administration is throwing unprecedented odium upon existing institutions by its shameful prostitution of the powers they confer, and every day illustrates, by its conduct, how

much evil can be perpetrated by bad men, even under the best system of Government. From a Kausas Correspondent. Correspondence of the Press.] KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 16, 1859. The interest which the great mass of the people is now feeling in the development of the resources of that region, which was but recently the scene of an unhappy dissension, presents a prominent reason for correct and ample information concerning the events which have crowded so fast the columns of our journals. Quick upon each other's heels have followed the lengthy details of political com-bats, unhealthy speculations, disastrous revulsions, and mineral discoveries, until the trite etories have seemed like fabrications of interested localities, or But whatever scale may rise and fall in the specu-lations of politicians and real-estate brokers, one fact has become fixed and certain—namely, that credible witnesses have testified as to the abundance of gold deposits near Pike's Peak, and that the country is moving with excitement to join the tide of emigration to this new El Dorado. The most vivid imagination need not call for assistance beyond the reality in depicting the consequences at work. But a few years ago, the region west of the Missouri river was almost terra incognita to civilization; and, to the contented people of the seaboard States, appeared the Ultima Thule of the most ambitious pioneer. But the agencies tory of Kansas, the expansive power of free insti-tutions, the energetic immigration of a foreign oppulation, and the remarkable fertility of the indulating prairies, have dotted the river with unbitious towns, and covered the plains with chrifty homesteads. And now, far beyond the Rocky Mountains, already sixteen hundred settlers have creeted their rude cabins and explored the navierous branches of the Platte. At intervals, even in the dead of winter, a straggling company of six or seven pass through our town upon their bleak journey to join the sturdy group already at

report of the wealth in the streams and soil, and the continual reports from Eastern papers tell relation which a wealthy and prosperous State be-neath the shadow of the Sierra Madre will have upon the commercial history of the country, and the impetus which it will give te a speedy civili-zation of the fairest fields which the bright sun ever shone upon. The outlet to the Missouri river, which the gold regions all demand, will have the effect of throwing the surplus population of the mines back upon the agricultural regions of Kanmines need upon the agricultural regions of han-sas and western Missouri and to the commercial cities which dot the river on either bank; and beyond the range of mountains the commerce of the Pacific coast will reverse the order of history, and extend its flank eastward to complete the belt

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Correspondence for Chester County. At a meeting of the Democratic Committee Correspondence for Chester county, held at the Turk's Head, in the borough of West Chester, on Friday, the 21st inst., the following address wa manimously adopted, and the same was requested to be published in "The American Republica and Chester County Democrat," . " The Press. of Philadelphia, the "Sentinel;" at Harrisburg and such other Demogratic journals in the Stat as are friendly to the political sentiments therein ontained:

to obstruct its dissemination among the people. There is serious ground for the fear that our present rulers are disposed, as far as possible, to prostitute a great public system in which the whole nation has a deep interest, into an instrument for the promotion of partisan ends. In Illinois, men of integrity and capacity have in repeated instances been removed because they would not soil their manhood by repudiating their honest principles, and their places have been filled by abandoned, base, and corrupt wretches, whose destitution of principle marked them as willing tools to violate the sanctity of the mails, to destroy or withhold matter intended for distribution, to disregard their official oaths, and to make of the "powers that be" a God whose faithful worship atoned for the most infamous crimes. It is well known that one of the last stages of tyrannical corruntion reached As we come before you, fellow Democrats of the county of Chester, in the present address, we ask that we shall only be received as we are the advocates of truin and principle. If we shall fail

the secrets of the post office are placed at the to establish the fact that we have contended for Seminary of the property of th mercy of prying officials, and a plan of esplonate the work of the same as that which the plonage founded upon its operations, more penetrating, fearful, and revolting than the political spy system of France. Nothing is that in the well-contexto political campaign of

GENERAL NEWS.

TWO CENTS.

THE FAMOUS DRAD OF 1858.—The necrology for 1858 is distinguished; by many-noted names, but upon the whole it may be remarked that Death has contented himself with fewer "shining marks" than usual. Among American statesmen the most eminent decease for the year was Thomas H. Benton. With him have departed Senator Eyans, of South Carolina; Benatordienderson, of Texas; ex-Senator Bagby, of Alabama; General James Gads, den, of South Carolina; John. A. Quitman, of Mississippi; Thomas L. Harris, of Illinois; and the Peterson of Texas; and Henry L. Blayorth, of Indiana, and Chief Justice Dusr, of New York, Among authors, William Henry Herbert, William Jay, and Mad. Ida Pfeiffer. Among mechanits, Anson G. Phelps, of New York, and James and Herbert, William Jay, and Mad. Ida Pfeiffer. Among senators, and Robert Brown, the botanist. Among painters, and Robert Brown, the botanist. Among painters, Ary Schaffer. Among soulptors, Ed. S. Bartholomew, Among theatical characters, the great Rachel and Labladhe, the inger. And Soldiers, Field Marshal Radetsky, singer. And Soldiers, and Major General Persite, P. Smith, U. S. A. Among naval commanders, Adairal Lord Lyona, of the British service, and two American commodores, Matthew O. Perry and T. Ap Catesby Jones. Among philosophers, Robert, Owen, Among produces of Orleans, Redeabid Pacha, Grand Visier Onterly, and Barons, Ward (the, Novalire hostier); Prime minister of Panama. Among other notorieties deceased may be mentioned Soyer, the prince of cooks, Dred Socti, whose name will be a famous one in the annals of the country, and Eleazer Williams, the reputed Bourbon. THE FAHOUS DEAD OF 1858 .- The necrology

any circumstances of supposed necessity, interfere therewith.

In advocating our principles, we have, standing firmly by our side, the present able Democratio Executive of this State, Wm. R. Packer. We hence him for his late meanly defence of the truth, and pledge ourselves to yield him true devotion in carrying out the doctrines of popular government so boldly enunciated in his late measage.

In capolusion, we warmly recommend to those friends who stood firmly with as since this contact commenced, to remain at their posts. The present is nothing to us—the future is full of bright and cheering hope. The right always has triumphed, and it will do so in this case. Those who are now seeking to control the destinies of the country, and te pervert its long-settled policy to purposes of Southern disunion and aggrandizement, must conlose their hold upon the mercet skeleton of organization, and then a living principle shall go forth conquering and to conquer. Definitive action is not immediately required of us. The power entrusted to us can only be made effective as we use it honestly. Events are maturing for the future, and we hope ere long to be able to direct our friends to an authoritative expression from our political brethren in this State, which will prove a rock of political safety in the future.

By order of the Committee, Shocking Death in Washington,—A young man of estimable character and fine talent, named John Hart, came to his death on Latrect, between Fourth and Fifth, in Washington, D. O. in a most distressing manner, by getting-accidentify, thung on the pailings of a fence. It seemed, from what we could learn of the circumstances, that young flart, who is 'the son of a very estimable gentleman, (formerly connected with the Charlestion, S. O., papers), came to his boarding-house at a late hour and attempted to climb over the palings of the front yard, and in doing so, his toot apparently slipped; and he was caught by the neck in such a manner as to strangle him to death. A faithful dog, which was with his master, had endeavored, with all his power, to relieve him from the peril, and in doing so, tore the clothes entirely off from young Hart in his efforts to pull him down. When found in the morning the body was stiff and cold, sud the clothes torn in shreds by the dog, lay scattered about, the faithful animal keeping guard over the dead body of his master.

Sudden:—Alexander Fitch, of Hartford, Conn., who for thirty wars has followed the business of political safety in the future.

By order of the Committee,

WM. A. MOORE, Chairman.

AGERT.—Alexander Fitch, of Hartford, Conn., who for thirty years has followed the business of who for thirty years has followed the business of collector and agent for various New York and New England journals, died very suddenly at Albany on last Thursday afternoon. "He was," says the Albany Journal of last evenlig, "engaged in making out accounts from our books for his route, and appeared in his usual health. He took tea with some friends, and reached his lodgings about half-past seven. He exhibited his usual cheerfulness, conversed for a few moments, and had just taken up the Evening Journal, when his hands dropped upon his knees, his head fell back, and he sat motionless. Not a muscle moyed afterward. When approached, life was extinct. He died instantly, from disease of the heart. He was a most estimable man, and leaves a wife and adopted daughter, with many relatives and attached friends to mourn his death. He was in the fifty-ninth year of his age. His remains will be taken to Hartford for interment. th day of April, 1857, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, "That the Board of Directors shall inquire and report on the subject of fixing a terminus on the Dolaware river, to a general or adjourned meeting of the stockholders, for their approval, before taking any steps for fixing the terminus, and that they be directed to publish in the daily papers the report intended to be submitted to the stockholders, ten days before the meeting thereof."

In pursuance of which the following report is submitted for your consideration, and the annexed resolution recommended for your adoption, at the general meeting to be held on the 7th proximo:

REPORT. REPORT.

The subject of a terminal depot on the Delaware river has claimed the earnest attention of your Board of Directors for some time. They have not, however, brought the matter to the attention of the stockholders at an earlier date for various reasons, prominent among which has been the determination of the Directors to avoid, during the recent fluancial orisis, all expenditures for new work not absolutely reasonable to account a the avising

to Hartford for interment.

BURNING OF A STEAM FLOUR MILL—LOSS \$20.000.—On Saturday night the steam flour mill of Landis, Longenecker, & Wilhelm, at Palmyra, so in the line of the Lebanon Valley Railroad, was discovered to be on fire, and there being no engines at that place, the building was entirely consumed, with all its contents. There was supposed to be in the mill at the time from two to four thousand, bushels of oats, five hundred bushels of wheat; one hundred and thirty barrels of flour, and a considerable quantity of other grains. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The establishment was insured to the amount of \$10,000. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. Harrisburg Telegraph, 22d.

MARRIED AT 72 P. M. AND DEAD AT 9 P. M.

MARRIED AT 73 P. M. AND DEAD AT 9 P. M. and weps sessed the same and record:

MARBIED,—In Plattaville, on the 10th inst., by P K. Salisbury, Eq., John Bivers, of Middletown, Dela-ware county, to Miss M. A. Turk, of Plattsville, Greene

County,
DIFD.—In Plattsville, on the 10th inst., of asthma and hemorrhage of the lungs, Mrs. M A. Bivans, wife of John Bivens, in the 29th year of her age.
WHAT IS A "POME?"—That clever heb-

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS. Correspondents for "THE PRESS" will please bear in

ame of the writer. In order to insure correctness in

We shall be greatly obliged to gentlemen in Pennsylanis and other States for contributions giving the surrent news of the day in their particular localities, he resources of the surrounding country, the increase population, or any information that will be interested ng to the general reader.

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117 and 119 South TENTH Streat Philadelphia.

Kansas city, for a long time the extreme western village upon the river, is the terminus of the great Santa Fe road, and has for years monopolitied the trade of New Mexico and a great portion of that ef the Mexican State of Chinashna. This old established road to Santa Fe is likely to have great weight in determining the starting point of the trains in the spring, and its geographical bearings should be well, regarded by those who propose to visit the mines. Starting from Kansas city, it follows the natural "divider" to the Arkansas river, and up its bank to Bent's Fort, within two hundred miles of the Peak. The whole of this route is well supplied with grass and water, and for almost two hundred miles is studded with habitations. Along the head waters of the Arkansas and Platte stand for rests of white pine, well adapted to building purposes, and adding greatly to the resources of the mining district. It would be well, then, for emigrants to judge discreetly of the advantages of the Santa Fe route, which has been so long established for provision trains and mail communication, reaching, as it does, the confines of the well-supplied region of the mines, and avoiding the storile wastes which lie to the north of the Kansas river.

There cannot be too much information collected or too great judgment exhibited concerning an expedition so important as the one which the gold fever sets on foot next spring A number of the follows of Kansas city have already, camped on the content of the proposed accessity, interfere the country in the attitude of men who have doen right, regardless of results, and before the country in the aftitude of men who have been entrusted to men, and it two country. Our sympathies exhall we have these sympathies exhall the been entrusted to men and its of the land, but these sympathies exhall the sent whe the story of the land, but these sympathies exhall the benefit of the land, but these sympathies exhall the benefit of the for head and the content of the land, but these sympathies exhall the to publish such a garbled statement of it as head waters of the Arkansas and Platte stand fo-would elicit from the Senators a public denial rests of white pine, well adapted to building pur-

fever sets on foot next spring A number of the citizens of Kansas city have already camped on the banks of Cherry creek, at the newly-laid-off town of Montana, (so-called in honor of the great documents was authenticated. This state ters of their success and labors. In the alternate nent is one which should arrest the attention compation of laying out town sites, hunting game of the country, for it indicates the existence; saptoring the mountains and streams, digging of an evil of frightful magnitude. The Post, gold, and building houses, the energetic pieces. Office Department has become extremely extracted in the stream of the spring. Yesterday a company of mands for its support, during the ensuing for its support, during the ensuing for mands for its support, during the ensuing fis to the mines, and brought the news, from various cal year, nearly \$17,000,000, and proposes to Bates, of the increasing excitement on the subject. charge five cents for the transmission of let-ters between post offices but five miles distant; on the march, by way of the Santa Fe road, to the from each other. A system which imposes new El Dorado. The opening of navigation, and such heavy expenditures should furnish a the moderation of the weather in the spring, will doubtless reveal an interesting state of affairs, and afford speculation to an unlimited extent. Kaw. Meeting of the Democratic Committee of

Office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. PHILADELPHIA, January 26, 1859.

To the Stockholders of the Pennsylvania Rail-At your adjourned annual meeting held on the 6th day of April, 1857, the following resolution

REPORT.

not absolutely necessary to conduct the existing business of the company.

There is now every reason to hope that the business of the country is recovering from its late depressed condition, and that a general activity will succeed the recent prostration in all branches of trade.

of trade.

In view of this circumstance, it is the opinion of your Board of Directors that the time has now arrived when measures should be taken to secure a termious on the Delaware front, to be reached by locomotive steam power.

The city of Philadelphia has expended millions in the completion of internal improvements to draw to her the trade of the West, and her great work undertaken for that object is now finished and connected with all of its principal avenues; yet is without the proper means of transferring

the Sunday-school cause, and a member of various historical and scientific societies.

BISHOF MCILVAINE has written from Ryde, Izle of Wight, that he will return home next month. He preached recently in Trinity Church, Cambridge.

Serious fears of a forthcoming famine in Mexico are entertained. For over a year very little corn has been planted or gathered.

A FORK-DEALER in Chicago has decamped swindling some one or ones out of \$20,000.