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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1869.

MICHIGAN CLOTHES.

We publish below a letter from the Hon. Hester Clymer to Hon. William Hopkins, in which Mr. Clymer declines being a candidate for nomination before the next Democratic State Convention.

We regret that Mr. Clymer has withdrawn his name from the canvass; as we are assured and believe that he would have been the nominee of the party.

The reasons for Mr. Clymer's withdrawal are briefly set forth in his letter.

This letter, no doubt, will surprise the Democratic masses everywhere, as much as it has the Democracy of this county.

We do not think it necessary, here at home, where Mr. Clymer's record, private and public, is so well known, to refer to it.

BRECH-LOADING CANNON.—It is reported that the British Government has determined to abandon the use of breech-loading cannon in the East Indian batteries, and the artillery service has accordingly been supplied with the ordinary muzzle-loading bronze pieces. One of the reasons given for this change is, that the mechanism of the breech-load is too complicated for the peculiar service of the Indian army. In case of a gand storm, particles of sand and grit are found to insinuate themselves in the breech-groove in a manner which seriously interferes with the efficiency of the piece until it has been taken to pieces and cleaned. Another objection is that the use of tow charges with breech-loading cannon is impracticable, and the new gun is almost useless for the purpose of dropping shell over a hedge or embankment, as is necessary in fighting guerrillas.

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#### FOREIGN POSTAGE.

The Postmaster of Philadelphia gives the following explanation of the now postal arrangement with Great Britain, which will be of interest to those of our readers who have correspondents in the United Kingdom:

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#### Consumption.

I wrote in the Atlantic Monthly giving some startling evidence to prove that consumption is mainly caused by the dampness surrounding the abodes of those attacked by the disease. He says that extended and repeated observations in England and Massachusetts show beyond doubt that, other things being equal, consumption among the people is in direct proportion with the moisture of the localities where they live. He thinks that consumption is in no ordinary sense a hereditary disease, and believes that proper precautions in building houses in dry places, and draining wet places, where houses are already built, this terrible disease may be robbed of full one-third of its victims at once, and may be eventually banished from among men entirely. If these are facts—and we do not doubt them—they are of sufficient importance to invite municipal and legislative action. We do not see why a law, enforcing the precautions and regulations which the medical faculty might recommend, should not be passed, and inspectors appointed to carry out its provisions. It is as reasonable to legislate against consumption as against yellow fever.

Four hundred are surrounded by a large number of these half-dog holes in the hill sides, fronted with boards and canvas; others are confused mixtures of boards, logs and canvas. In these miserable tenements there are living about 60 men and 65 women and children, who were driven by the Indians from their homes on the Republic and Solomon rivers last fall, and are now kept alive by the daily issue of United States rations. Many other refugees at our various forts and stockades are living in the same way.

THE BEE CHOKER.—On January 1st, Reading, while excavating the ruins of the old Bank and Cherry streets, Philadelphia, a workman found the crisped remains of a human body which was shortly afterward identified as that of James Walker, a member of the Philadelphia Engine Company. It appears that he was missed after the fire, and members of the company went to work to see if he had perished in the fire, with the above result of realization of their fears. It is supposed that he went into the burning building to rescue his books and his retreat was cut off by the flames. He leaves a wife and three children and was but twenty three years old. He was noted for intrepid conduct and received one of the medals awarded by the Union League for saving the flag at the time the building was burned.—*Pitts. Eng. Herald.*

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Mr. Clymer to take this step may be removed, and that the public may not always be deprived of the services of a man so eloquently possessed of their confidence in places of public trust.

BUCKINGHAM, Dec. 28, 1868.—

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#### TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

THE NATIONAL UNION BANK OF Reading, January 6, 1869.

Governor Hoffman sent his first message to the New York legislature yesterday. The Governor argues against the proposed division of the State, and recommends various reforms. He also urges the repeal of the metropolitan police and excise laws. The proposition before Congress to regulate suffrage in the States is defeated, and the hope expressed that the State Courts will not deprive of their judicializing power. The message is mainly occupied by local matters.

The adjourned extra session of the Florida Legislature began on Monday, yesterday the House organized, but the Senate is without a quorum.

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Little Rock, Arkansas, held a municipal election on Monday. Dr. Hartman, Radical, was elected Mayor by 700 majority, in 1,416 votes, against 716 for John R. Parker, Conservative.

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#### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Reading, Jan. 2, 1869.

MENRY QRTIFFY, that Prof. Hoiland, a

Telegraphy Institute No. 1 Franklin street,

Reading, has entirely cured my daughter

of consumption, and she is now perfectly

recovered. She spinns, and is deform'd

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