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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 13, 1858.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

The citizens of Allegheny county who are opposed to the National Administration, are hereby requested to meet in their respective Wards, Boroughs, Townships and Precincts on SATURDAY the 29th day of May, 1858, and elect two Delegates from each to meet in County Convention, at the Court House, in Pittsburgh, on WEDNESDAY, the 2d day of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of nominating a County Ticket.

The primary meetings will be held in the townships between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock, P. M., at the usual places of holding such meetings and in the Wards, Boroughs and Precincts, between the hours of 4 and 8 P. M. *By order of the Committee,*

ROBT. P. NEVIN, *Chairman.*

THE ANNIVERSARIES.—The various religious jubilees are celebrated with uncommon spirit this year. The New York papers teem with the reports from various meetings. On Monday the New York Ladies' Home Missionary Society celebrated its 14th anniversary. Peter Cooper presided and pronounced an address so full of feeling and of good sense, that we regret our inability to reproduce it. During the year they have distributed 15,000 garments, have placed 162 children and 155 adults in good homes and done other works of benevolence that are too numerous to mention.

On the same day were held the thirtieth anniversary of the American Seamen's Friend Society, the sixth anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association, the twenty-first anniversary of the Union Theological Seminary and the fifth anniversary of the Five Points Union Mission. From the report of the last mentioned Mission we learn that since the last anniversary 300 meetings have been held. There are 30 members and eight ministers. The missionaries are employed, with salaries of $500 each. Owing to various circumstances there is a deficit of about $200 in the treasury.

The American and Foreign Bible Society held their regular monthly meeting on Friday. From the statistics presented at this meeting by its Depository Agent, it appears that between one and two millions of copies of God's revealed Word have been circulated since the organization of this Society in 1838, and nearly 3,000 conversions and baptisms reported through Colporteur labor for the last two and a half years.

MR. FORNEY.—The Pittsburgh *Union* of yesterday makes a quotation from the Philadelphia *Press*, in which the latter paper marks out its course of opposition to the Lecompton State ticket, and adds:

"It will thus be seen that not only will this paper aid the opposition against the re-election of Lecompton Congressmen, but it will labor for the defeat of Justice Porter, because he does not take a position upon the question, other than as it is marked out by the platform of the Convention which nominated him. We are glad that its editor has at last declared 'an open contest' with our party, and given this 'clear and conclusive' testimony of his treachery, heretofore so studiously guarded."

We are surprised that the *Union* has until this time been blind to the fact that Mr. Forney is no longer with what is now facetiously, for the most part, termed the "Democratic party." Mr. Forney and the distinguished Senator Douglas have been turned out of the Buchanan organization; there is a great gulf fixed between them; the pledges on which Mr. Forney and Mr. Douglas elected Buchanan have all been broken, ruthlessly, shamelessly broken and trampled under foot, and these distinguished leaders, no longer bound to a perjured clique of pro-slavery fanatics, will henceforth lend their influence to sustain truth and justice, by doing which they will be found on the side of Republicanism. We can receive them joyfully. Overtaken by the floods of injustice, they find no place in their party whereon to rest. The ark of safety is open; it is sailing on summer seas: the reign of injustice, the rule of the red right hand, has prevailed long enough, and, desperate and disorganized in all their ranks, we shall rub out the daughfaces this Fall, with the aid of the honest men from the deceived Buchanan party of 1856.

SHAKSPEARE.—As time grows old and the world gets riper, the demand for new and more thorough editions of the great poet of nature increases. We have so many garbled editions, so full of the conceits of this time and the other man, we have had Shakspeare so glossed at by Warburton and so murdered by Collier that it is quite refreshing to find in our prosaic age an edition that for thoroughness, at least will, we think, surpass any that has gone before. RICHARD GRANT WHITE, of the New York *Courier & Enquirer*, has been employed for years upon this, to him, delightful task, and we perceive that his labors are, at length near their close. Many of our readers will cherish a pleasant recollection of this accomplished writer and gentleman, who lectured here before the Y. M. I. Association two years ago upon the celebrated pictures entitled "The Dance of Death." His Shakspeare will be issued in a few days from the New York press.

DOUGLAS AND THE ILLINOIS CONVENTION.—The recent State Convention of the Democracy of Illinois having been composed almost exclusively of Douglas men, it was natural to suppose the resolutions adopted [endorsing the Administration with the exception of Lecompton] to have been such as he wanted. The Springfield *Journal* (Republican) states that such was not the fact. If so, Douglas should have the benefit of this denial. The *Journal* says:

"The platform adopted is not the platform which Douglas wrote on for so desired, by a long shot. His resolutions were carefully smothered by the committee, and a set of generalities and numbering sentences were adopted instead, which virtually rebuke Douglas' present position. Col. McClernand and Gov. Matteson, who were on the committee, know full well what they were about, and while pretending to be for Douglas, cooked up such a dish-water repast as Douglas will not thank them for."

PUBLIC MORALS.—The good citizens of the moral borough of Meadville are agitating the subject of the best means to prevent and correct crime. Among the most efficient means for its correction a Farm School of Reform is proposed. We believe that one of the most fruitful causes of crime in our midst this day, next to whisky, is the premium offered for corruption and deceit at Washington. When the wicked are in power, the people mourn. The basis of public morality is undermining from day to day, and the whole superstructure is tumbling down to ruin.

THE *Post* tries to raise a clamor about the revival of Know-Nothingism, in answer to our article about the exclusion of the Bible from the public schools. It is a miserable dodge, on its part. The fact is patent that *the Bible has been excluded from the public schools* of New York, and that fact justifies the warning we gave. The *Post* dares not discuss that fact nor meet the issue it presents; and hence it resorts to the only trick left, and howls over a fear of its own creation. We do not intend to be driven off from a discussion of the main question into one of the kind it wishes to provoke, and it may as well learn that fact at once.

MR. W. H. ENGLISH sends a note to the N. Y. *Times*, denying that Mr. Broderick ever said to him "Get out of my way, you puppy." Well, if Broderick did not say it, he *ought* to have said it; no doubt he thought it.

NEWS FROM AURORA.—Mr. Henry Drummond member of the British Parliament, recently [illegible] the Americans were [illegible] building ships as large as the Leviathan, [illegible] for their own use, but to sell, and not to the [illegible] Looking at this fearful portent, Mr. [illegible] asked, with alarm, what was to be [illegible] coast defenses of England.

[illegible]UGHAN, of Connecticut, in his [illegible] remarks:—"We shall never [illegible] every question until the [illegible] to regu[illegible]

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[COMMUNICATED.]

Hon. Wm. B. McClure.

Messrs. Editors:—Whatever may be the minor differences of those comprising the opposition to Slavery misrule, we are all agreed in the necessity that exists for men of integrity, firmness and devotion to the great principles of justice that underlie our political fabric. In these days of judicial favor and legislative decisions, it would be well that we should nominate a firm, pure and immoveable believer in the great truth that "Life and Liberty," as well as "Property," should be considered and protected by the law. In WILLIAM B. MCCLURE will be found a man, spotless in his social and personal relations, gifted with a clear judgement, a quick intuitive perception, a sound head, and a warm heart.

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In his career upon the Bench as a Judge in our Criminal Court, he has illustrated the value of a firm and intelligent administration of public justice, and now, that much of the criminal administration of the law is to be reviewed in the Supreme Court, it is all important that the Supreme Bench should have one Judge learned in criminal jurisprudence and familiar with the forms and incidents of criminal trials.

The high interests involved in criminal jurisprudence should receive full consideration in the choice of a candidate, whose decisions as a Judge, comprehend "all that a man hath" and life itself.

Without derogating from the acknowledged merit of those gentlemen whose names have been mentioned as candidates, it is the conviction of the writer that Judge McClure combines in the most eminent degree the requisites for this position, and the elements of character and political relation to secure a triumphant election.

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THE HANNIBAL AND ST. JOSEPH RAILROAD.—A fire-eating paper in Georgia has this funny account of the above railroad through northern Missouri:

AN ABOLITION RAILROAD.—All our readers, perhaps, are not aware that an Abolition Railroad Company (Eli Thayer being a prominent man among them) are constructing a road entirely across the northern portion of Missouri, and that it is to all intents and purposes a free soil agency driving the emancipation wedge through that part of the State. Its depots are free soil colonies; its laborers an army of foreign and native abolition colonists; it excavates southern sentiments as it does the rock and earth of its track; and its extending rail is but a lengthening chain to connect northern Missouri, in both commercial interest and political sentiment, with Massachusetts and New York. At the election for directors of this company, held last year, the emancipation question was made the test, and the entire free soil ticket for directors was elected by a party vote. Yet the State liberally aids this road, and helps to drive home the abolition wedge.—*Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer.*

BOGGING TAUGHT IN SIX LESSONS.—The French wits are amusing themselves with an advertisement which appears regularly of late in the London papers, with the above caption. Under so startling a head, it appears, Professor Lazare Roonny announces his devotion to this branch of Science, or rather the founding by him of a small university for the teaching of all its honest branches. He prefaces the advertisement with an 'N. B.' viz: that "any person of good morals, studious habits, and ordinary intelligence, can in six lessons, put himself in a situation to live comfortably without having recourse to political risks." He adds: "Large assortment of certificates to loan:" "very young children received to be gradually reduced to any desirable appearance of deformity"—"dogs for the blind:"—"wounds perfectly imitated:"—"all the various accessories of alms-asking sent to provincial towns with neatness and dispatch on receipt of the prices." Beggery seems thus in a fair way to be numbered among the Arts'

ANOTHER SERIOUS CREVASSE.—At 2 o'clock this morning the river broke through the levee on M'me Labranche's plantation, on the right bank of the river, twenty-five miles from the city, just opposite the Red Church. In a short time the waters had torn away forty or fifty feet of levee, and at daylight this morning the breach had widened to seventy-five feet.

All the neighbors had assembled their hands and were hard at work but it was thought that there would be great difficulty in closing the breach.—We received this information from a gentleman who arrived to-day from the scene of disaster.

This crevasse is not more than fifteen miles from the city in a direct line, and consequently is but a few miles above the old Sauve crevasse of 1845, which inundated a large portion of the city. Those fighting with the flood should not lack for efficient aid from this parish, though there is little likelihood of the water's coming down here.—*N. O. Delta, May 31.*

HEALTH AT THE SOUTH.—Great apprehensions are felt in the Southern States that the coming summer will be a very sickly one and that the dreadful scourge of yellow fever, from which the South was so unusually exempt last season, will return this year with greater violence than ever. This fear is based upon the fact that the long continued freshets, at this particular time, are likely to breed febrile diseases. Nearly one fourth of the land on the Mississippi, from Vicksburg down to the mouth of that river, has been overflowed for many weeks, and all the swamps, bayous and lagoons at the South are gorged with stagnant water. In the interiors of Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, the freshets have been unprecedented.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION.—The donations and legacies to the Baptist Missionary Union, up to the close of the financial year, March 13th, amounted to $55,850.74, which, added to the sums placed at the disposal of the Executive Committee for specified purposes, by the United States Government and co-ordinate societies, swelled the entire sum, in round numbers, to $97,000. This amount is equal to the sums actually paid out by the Treasurer, and leaves the debt against the treasury about the same as the previous year—$37,000. The receipts into the treasury during the month of March was $34,000.

THE PRICE OF THE COMING WOOL CLIP.—The Ohio *Cultivator* for May 1, thus speaks of the prices of the coming Wool clip:—

The Wool buyers approach their work very cautiously, and we presume prices will open some 8 or 10 cents lower than the ruling prices of last year. Many of the Manufacturers need to buy on time, on account of the difficulty of negotiating their paper in Banks for cash, as formerly.

THE Mercer *Whig* says:—"A bill for the expenses of the burial of a pauper at or near West Greenville, was presented lately to the Directors of the Poor for payment, two items of which were of a novel and extraordinary character.—One was the charge of a clergyman for preaching the funeral sermon $2.00, and the other the charge of his clerk for leading in the funeral hymn $1.50. We are glad to say however that the Directors refused to pay these items.

AN UNPLEASANT TRUTH.—At a banquet in Kingston, C. W., the other night, Dr. Mackay said:

"I consider you have more liberty here then on the other side; your Government cannot go on ruling the country against the wishes of the mass of the people, as the United States can."

DIED.—Frederic Cummacher, who was shot by young baker, in Connemaugh borough, on the first of April, last, died of his injuries, at his residence near Indiana, on Tuesday of last week. A *Post mortem* examination disclosed the fact that three of the shot had penetrated to the heart, without entering it. Young Baker is still at large.

THE St. Louis *Republican* of Monday says the last three days have witnessed the arrival of about 1,200 troops bound for Utah. On Thursday evening, 300 came in, On Friday 200, and yesterday 600 more, all via the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad.

IT is estimated, from present indications, that the Collector of Tolls at Hollidaysburg, on the Pennsylvania Canal, will average about $2000, per month for Tolls during the present year.

CENTRAL BANK.—The stock of the Central Bank of Pennsylvania, to be located at Hollidaysburg, has been taken and the Institution will at once go into operation. The principal part of the stock has been taken by gentlemen of Philadelphia, who are reliable moneyed men, so that the Bank will start upon a firm basis, giving confidence not only to this community, but to other localities.—*Blair Co. Whig.*

MR. Samuel Hock, of Oliver tp., Jefferson Co., was so seriously injured one day last week by the premature discharge of a cannon, that it became necessary to amputate his right arm.

MR. Geo. B. Weaver's house in Clarion, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday last. There was no insurance. Mr. Weaver was formerly editor of the Clarion *Democrat.*

MRS. ANN KERR died in East Lackawanna tp., Mercer County, on Friday last under circumstances which called for an investigation by a Coroner's Jury. Some foul play was suspected.

THE British Standard states that the income announced at the British and Foreign Bible Society's May meeting is $765,000.

HON. WM. LAWRENCE.—The Cambridge *Times* says that "some weeks ago our Member, Wm. Lawrence, told a citizen of our place, who was in Washington, that if he had voted for Lecompton, he could have 'made his pile.'" *He* voted for the English swindle. Did he "make his pile?"

As an example of the enormous cost of the military operations projected, it is stated the estimates for the recruiting, equipping, arming, clothing and subsistence of the three new regiments for a year just prepared for transmission to the supply committees of Congress, are $4,606,000.

THE Schenectady *Democrat* says that the charge that the English scheme is a bribe, is "the last kick" of the opponents of that swindle. The *Democrat* is mistaken. The whole tribe of "dough-faces" have yet to be "kicked."—*Alb. Eve. Jour.*

In the three counties composing Mr. Haskin's Congressional District, a majority of Anti-Lecompton Supervisors have been elected, showing an aggregate Anti-Lecompton majority of 3000. That expression is more potent that any Executive threat.—*Alb. Eve. Jour.*

The Pro-Slavery press say the English proposition will "save the Union." We are glad to know that it will save something; for it will *not* save "the Democratic party.—*Alb. Eve. Jour.*

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