The Pittsburgh Gazette
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THE STATE CONVENTION.

As yet the State Committee have not been called together for the purpose of determining when and where the State Convention shall be held. It ought to meet as soon as due notice can be given to the members. The National Convention has been fixed for May 20th.

In 1860 the Pennsylvania Convention met on February 22d. Its action had a very considerable effect in shaping the whole current of the following canvass. Occupying a central position; animated by moderate and enlarged views; its platform of doctrine exercised so much influence upon the country, with such additions as were needful to fill up the gap between the dimensions of a State and a nation, as the platform for the country. The supplemental resolutions in no way changed the sense or scope of the original. What was accomplished then can be repeated.

Moreover, if the Convention shall see proper to present the name of any distinguished Pennsylvanian for the Vice Presidential nomination, to delay the presentation until May would be fatal to his chances of acceptance at Chicago. Other candidates will be brought out, public opinion will be concentrated elsewhere, and the nominee of our Convention will have no show whatever. We do not make this suggestion because we are inclined to champion any man's pretensions to this high honor, but because it is demanded by sound policy and a due respect for whomsoever the choice may fall upon.

There are intimations that the delay is insisted on for personal ends in connection with preferment of another stripe. We do not know how this may be, and shall be slow to cast imputations; but a necessity shall be actually laid on us so directly as not to be cast off. But, as we judge, all considerations of public policy unite in demanding an early meeting of the Convention. It ought not to be postponed later than March; and the call for it ought to be specific in defining what powers it shall exercise, so as to prevent the repetition of controversies that have sometimes occasioned a degree of heat prejudicial to the harmony of the party.

In the meantime the respective County Committees had best take measures for the appointment of delegates to the State Convention. The occasion calls for the best order of men for this service. Political bummers are not suitable. Men who are more intent on possible preferment after the presidential election shall be over, than on the vindication of cardinal doctrines, ought to have tickets for back seats. They will adorn a gentle retirement better than posts of conspicuity and influence. Unselfish men, of sound sense, keen perceptions to discriminate between the false and the true, and a manly courage to do all that ought to be done, and not that which is easiest, are the men to send to the front on this occasion.

It is natural members of Congress should wish to partake in the relaxations and enjoyments of the holidays, as well as other sorts of people. Certainly they dealt more liberally with themselves in that regard than newspaper men dare attempt in their own behalf. Some of the journals dropped their editions for two days; many for only one. Congressmen did not hesitate to take a vacation of ten days, and that just at the commencement of their annual labors, when they could not urge that they were fatigued and required rest. They took it, moreover, when many great interests of the people or government were sorely pinched, and needed both attention and relief. North and south, east and west, whites and blacks, were alike suffering.

A famous British statesman said it was his rule never to do to-day anything that he could put off till to-morrow, because he escaped the doing of many things by that expedient. Doubtless this is a convenient rule for lazy people. The lapse of time certainly takes away the necessity for many labors. If a man waits till his house burns down he escapes the need of removing his furniture or putting water on the flames. But few men would care to have his private concerns managed in that way. At some tasking of muscles or of mind, almost everybody prefers to have the best done that can be under the circumstances as they arise.

Now, that the Congressmen have had their play-spell it is to be hoped they will cease toying, and address themselves seriously to the tasks assigned them. The people are getting weary of the jangle about Reconstruction, and want the circle of the Union once more completed on fair and just terms. What might have been done two years ago, before the passions engendered by the war had subsided, will not be tolerated now. It is time this fact was recognized and acted upon. Then the industry of the country needs relief from taxation to the largest practical extent. Retrenchment of expenditures is required to this end. A fair enforcement of the revenue laws is of prime consequence, so that each branch of business shall pay the share assigned to it, and not cast the greater part of it lead ever upon others. A revision of the whole financial system seems to be involved, so that specie payments may be speedily and safely reached. As goods have gone down in value to the specie basis, the sooner the currency gets there the better for all holders of goods. If any business men fail to see that, they are to be pitied. Mr. Seward's land monopoly salary prices ought to be embargoed. Whatever might be desirable if the nation had no public debt, or little, in the way of territorial acquisition, all expenditures of cash in that way now, is injurious. Many a man has kept on buying lands and making improvements thereon with borrowed money, until the Sheriff got after him and sold him out. Mr. Seward is imitating this folly. Congress has plenty of arduous work before it. Let it take hold right earnestly, and meet the popular impatience by labors expeditiously and well done.

LITERARY.

—Fenan has finished his new work. It is entitled "St. Paul."

—Mr. Dickens's income is said to be the same as that of the Atlantic Cable Company.

—Upwards of 350,000 copies of "Mother Goose" are sold annually in this country.

—A volume of the poems of the late Bishop Burgess, of Maine, has just been published.

—Mr. E. S. Dallas, author of "The Gay Science," has become the editor of *Once a Week*.

—The lady who writes under the nom de plume of Annie Thomas is a Mrs. Pender Cudlip.

—Mrs. Henry Roscoe is about to publish a volume entitled "Victoria Colonna; or, Life and Poems."

—Mr. James Greenwood, the "Amateur Casual," has in the press a volume of "Unsentimental Journeys."

—General Trobriand has published in Paris "Recollections of Four Years Campaigns in the Army of the Potomac."

—The author of the pleasant novel "St. Olave's" has a new story nearly ready, called "Jennie's Quiet Life."

—Mr. F. J. Furnivall has on hand a collection of "Carols and Songs of the Nativity," mostly from inedited manuscripts.

—Miss Sewell, the author of "Amy Herbert," is about to publish a volume entitled "After life, a sequel to the Journal of a Home Life."

—The London *Athenæum* has a very complimentary criticism upon Professor Whitney's "Sanscrit language," which B. Scribner & Co. publish.

—Mr. George Washington Moon will shortly publish a series of criticisms upon improprieties of expression, under the general title of "Bad English."

—Mr. J. G. Fraser is preparing a memoir of Mr. Fitz Greene Halleck. There is talk also of building a monument in honor of the poet at Guilford, Conn.

—The January number of *London Society* will contain "The Politician," a London Lyric, by Mr. Robert Buchanan, and "Tickets for Soup," by Mr. James Greenwood.

—The Dickens-Collins Christmas story, "No Thoroughfare," has been dramatized by its authors, and played by Mr. Fechter, at the Adelphi, with what success we are not told.

—The forthcoming number of "The Contemporary Review" will have papers by the Rev. F. D. Maurice, Professor Conington, Mr. J. M. Ludlow, and Professor Plumptre, the translator of Sophocles.

—Sir Roundell Palmer will shortly publish "The Book of Praise Hymnal," a work of his own compilation and arrangement. An edition will be issued with music, harmonized and composed by Mr. John Hullah.

—Rev. J. G. Wood, the writer on natural history, has just commenced the publication of a new serial work, "Bible Animals," an account of the various beasts, birds, fishes, reptiles, &c., mentioned in the Scriptures.

—The first issue of the extra series of the publication of the Early English Text Society for the past year is likely to excite a "Book of Courtesy." It will be followed by "Babees' Book, Dance," and "Chaucer's Prose Works."

—Miss Yonge, the author of "The Heir of Redclyffe," has a new work, nearly ready, entitled "New Ground." She has also published the first issue of the Sunday Library of Hatherleigh Reading, entitled "Pupils of St. John the Divine."

—At a great dinner, Lalande was placed between Madame de Staël and Madame Recamier, "How lucky I am!" said he: "Here am I placed between wit and beauty!" "And without possessing either one or the other," observed Madame de Staël.

—The new volume of "Leisure Hours" announces among its contributors Miss Manning, the author of "Mary Powell;" Mr. John Timbs, of compiling memory; Mrs. Ellis, one of "The Mothers of England;" Mr. Frank Buckland and Miss Hesta Stanhope.

—In addition to Mr. Tennyson's poem, "The Victim," which is to be published in the February number of the *Atlantic Monthly*, the January number of *Good Words* will contain a paper by the Hon. W. E. Gladstone, the commencement of "A Woman's Kingdom," a new story by the author of "John Halifax, Gentleman," and "Christmas Day," by the Rev. Charles Kingsley.

—Among recent items of literary gossip is one to the effect that Miss Dickens, daughter of Charles Dickens, is the author of "Aunt Margaret's Troubles," a novel not long since published in England, and that the same lady has just completed a second novel of great merit, entitled "Mabel's Progress." Referring to these reports, Mr. Dickens writes to Mr. Childs that his daughter had nothing to do with the authorship of either one of the novels mentioned.

—The Springfield *Republican* says of lotteries: "We may consider it a settled thing that all dealing in lotteries is gambling, and manifestly demoralizing and degrading, whatever may be its precise moral character and criminality. This is reason enough for avoiding the practice. Then, the chances are ten to one that whoever buys a lottery ticket is swindled outright. There is no indication that a lottery is conducted well or honestly conducted because it professes to be for a benevolent object, or endorsed by business men of standing, or is advertised in respectable newspapers. Our advice is, don't buy lottery tickets."

OHIO NEWS.

—There is a small deal of panic in Butler county.

—John Marlhouse, long a citizen of Dayton, died near Springfield on the 2d, aged 90.

—A seven-story brewery has just been completed at Canton by the Hon. Louis Sherrick.

—Jean Parrott, Esq., one of the pioneers of Knox county, died recently at the age of 82.

—John McCuniee, one of the pioneers of Morrow county, died a few days since in his 75th year.

—Absalom Fox, of Level precinct, Warren county, has taken the Lebanon *Star* from its commencement in 1805.

—The Vinton *Record* thinks it a credit to the town of McArthur, that only two games of ball have ever been played there.

—There were thirty-two fires in Dayton last year. The losses amounted to $7,500, all but $2,000 of which was covered by insurance.

—The Zanesville *Courier* says that the Zane House in that city, which, in 1860, sold for $72,000, was again sold on the 2d inst. for $61,000.

—Hugh Roberts, a Bellebrainaire sexton, overworked himself in digging a grave a few days ago, burstan artery, and fell dead on the ground.

—The Lebanon *Star* says that Harvey Corwin, of Morrowtown, fell from the abutment of the Lebanon bridge, on the 2d inst., and broke his neck.

—Youngstown, Mahoning county, according to a census taken last May, had a population of 3,082. The Register thinks it now has 7,000 inhabitants.

—Jackson McClellan, of Hilliards, Franklin county, has been arrested for beating his six months' old child to death. The accused is a drunkard.

—A man named Craig, with several *aliases*, has been arrested at Dayton, for robbing the Post-office at Corwin Station, Warren county, of $75 in change.

—The Hon. H. C. Houston, Representative from Clarke county in the last Legislature, and Captain W. A. Stewart, formerly of Cincinnati, have bought stock in the Springfield *Republic*.

—Some villain placed ties across the track of the Cincinnati, Dayton and Eastern Railroad on Thursday night, near Tiffin. The obstruction was discovered in time to prevent an accident.

—Edward Shark, of Liverpool, Madison county, went out to shoot a chicken on the 26th ult. His gun missed, or hang fire, and his wa was blowing in the muzzle, when it exploded and killed him instantly instantly.

—John Harp, an old resident of German township, Montgomery county, while riding on a wagon loaded with whisky, drank too much of the fluid, fell off the wagon, and was run over. He died on the 2d inst., from his injuries.

—The Sandusky *Register* says the iron land tank in Gregg & Eck's mill, in that city, exploded on Friday. The contents of the tank were distributed over the premises, making them very dirty. The actual loss, however, does not exceed $100.

—The London *Union* says that Mr. Peter Weber, of London, who-e estates in Rhenish Bavaria were confiscated for the share he took in the revolution of 1848, has just had them restored to him by the Prussian Government, and is going home to take possession.

—The Hon. Albert G. Greene, for many years Judge of Probate at Providence, R. I., and a man of marked literary attainments, died at Cleveland a few days since, aged sixty-five. He had been living with his son-in-law, the Rev. Mr. Duncan, for some months past.

—The Dayton *Journal* says that the case of Gen. Parker, of Grant's staff, was repeated in one of the townships of Montgomery county the other day. All things had been prepared for a wedding, but the bridegroom did not make his appearance. No explanation of his absence has yet been obtained.

—A crazy man, named Martin, was recently arrested at Cleveland. He had dug up and carried home the coffin containing the body of one of his children, who died a year ago. On being taken to jail, he attacked four prisoners confined in the same cell, and succumbed only after a fearful struggle.

—A large meeting to denounce the Britten treatment of American adopted citizens, and to assert the right of expatriation, was held at Daytonon the night of the second inst. Speeches were made by L. B. Gunckel, S. Reighard, Colonel Nolan, C. L. Vallandigham, Dr. Eary Patrick Kelly, Judge Dwyer, and Mr. Nanetti. Strong resolutions were also adopted.

—The Hon. O. L. Clark, of Washington county, as we learn from the Marietta *Register*, died of consumption at Junior Landing, Scioto county, on the 25th ult. He was buried at Marietta on the 26 inst. Mr. Clark was one of the sufferers from the poison believed to have been administered at the National Hotel, Washington, ten years ago, and had never been well since.

—J. R. Gilmore (Edmund Kirke) having separated from his wife, the parties met in Newark, Ohio, last week, to divide the children. The husband and wife did not come together until the moment of the separation of the children arrived, when the scene was one of dramatic interest and passion. Two of the little ones were assigned to the care of the father, and a third to the mother, who is also to be permitted to pay weekly visits to the others.

—Cleveland is flooded with a most plausible counterfeit bank note, a two dollar National bill on the National Union Bank at Kinderhook, at New York. At a first glance this issue of the Mint deceives all the various counterfeits to our currency. On closer examination the words "National Union Bank" look dim and unnatural, while in the vignette on the left hand corner of the bill the engravings is coarse and rough. The back is also blurred, but the note is one likely to have an extensive run.

—A singular case of a young lady aged sixteen years, by the name of Ann Brown, residing at Mr. Tipton's, on Walnut street, has been creating great excitement among our citizens during the last week. It is an undoubted and established fact that the girl has a snake, worm, or some such thing in her stomach. Its head has been seen in her mouth a number of times by many people, by twenty or thirty on Sunday last, when, for a brief time, it was out as far as the lips. Doctor Nieschang, the attending physician, was about to grasp it when a movement of the girl, who was in a spasm, prevented, and the opportunity was lost. Doctor Nieschang thinks it is of the tape species, and very long, probably twenty yards. The girl, for some seven years, has been afflicted with spasms of a severe character. By laying the hand on her abdomen at times, its terrible motions and contortions can be easily felt. The head of the snake, or worm, is quite thick. The usual time for it to make its appearance is about six o'clock in the afternoon. People swarm nightly coming and going, amounting to several hundred a day. Mr. Tipton is compelled to fasten the door and request people to call at every hour. Doctor Nieschang has confidence that he will succeed in removing the girl of her disagreeable customer.—*Cleveland Democrat.*

—A prominent physician writes that the custom of not masticating the food completely is a very common cause of dyspepsia. Before the stomach can act properly on food, mastication is necessary to break the cohesion of the organic matter, in order to aid its solution in the stomach. It extends the surface of the sub-tance to be acted upon by the juices of the stomach, in the same manner as pulverization aids the action of chemical solvents upon common matter. There is also probably some influence of the saliva which mastication mingles with the food, in aiding the solution of solid matters in the stomach, although this is undecided. At all events, mastication, mechanically considered, assists digestion; and nothing is more likely to act as an injurious irritant to the alimentary canal than unmasticated food.

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December 31st, 1867.

PERSONAL.

—Mobile is anxious to see Ristori.

—Robert Browning is going to revise "Lordello.

—J. Ross Browne, has two pretty daughters.

—Dr. Beckwith is to be the new Bishop of Georgia.

—Kate Ristori Field has published a love story.

—Dickens will not go to Omaha, nor yet to Alaska.

—Queen Victoria is strongly opposed to advanced (?) ritualism.

—The New York Mail says that Vandenhoff is a better reader than Dickens.

—Goethe expected and hoped that his fame would rest on his scientific attainments.

—The History of the Devil, is the work on which the Rev. Wm. R. Agler is now engaged.

—John Schemerhorn is the name of a new musical prodigy in Binghampton, N. Y. He is a negro.

—Julia Ward Howe doesn't think there is a charitable eye or ear in the whole city of Boston.

—Mrs. Stephens' objects strongly to "ladies men," she has probably not been troubled much with their attentions.

—Rumor says that Vanderbilt and Thomas A. Scott, are members of a ring, which wants to buy up the Pacific Railroad.

—The loss of the steamer Saturn, with all on board, (365 souls) on the west coast of South America, is not credited in Lisbon.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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BY PROF. ANDREW BURST,
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ALLEGHENY,
SAMUEL DYER
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TAKE NOTICE,
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