

THE state convention of the Republican party has been fixed for the 25th of May, at Lancaster, and that of the Democratic party for the 25th of September, at Erie.

THE FORCE BILL.—We notice that it is the general sentiment, even among Republicans, that the failure of what was called the Force bill, which clothed the President with the power to suspend the habeas corpus act, and to deal summarily with southern violence, is a cause of congratulation.

Senator Johnson, of Tennessee, does not desire to be classed among the wolves, and on Saturday he respectfully declined a polite invitation to participate in the Democratic caucus.

The Rev. Petroleum V. Nasby (Mr. Locke) made the final transfer of his ownership of the Sunbury American to his former partner, on last Saturday.

The extra session of the Senate commenced on Friday. The new Senators, with one or two exceptions, all appeared, and were qualified.

COLD WINTERS.—In 401 the Black Sea was entirely frozen over. In 763 not only the Black Sea, but the Straits of Dardanelles were frozen over.

The Austin (Texas) Statesman is the official Democratic organ of the ultra Democratic government of that State, yet even it is not bold enough to admit that there is no security for human life there, and to suggest the passage of a law creating a perpetual jury for the trial of murder cases.

In the State Senate, on Thursday of last week, a bill was introduced entitled an act to provide for the taxation and protection of dogs. This bill provides for a tax on dogs of \$1 for a single animal, and a double amount for every additional dog.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS LAW. TEXT OF THE BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE AND APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT.

It is the misapprehension existing in many quarters regarding the provisions of the civil-rights bill, that it is in all of general interest. It is as follows: AN ACT TO PROTECT ALL CITIZENS IN THEIR CIVIL AND LEGAL RIGHTS.

SEC. 1. That any person who shall violate the foregoing section by denying to any citizen, except for reasons by law applicable to citizens of every race and color, and regardless of any previous condition of servitude, the full enjoyment of any of the accommodations, facilities, or privileges of inns, public conveyances on land or water, theatres and other places of public amusement; subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law, and applicable to citizens of every race and color, regardless of any previous condition of servitude.

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SEC. 4. That no citizen possessing all other qualifications which are or may be prescribed by law shall be disqualified for service as grand or petit juror in any court of the United States, or of any State, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude; and any officer, or other person charged with any duty in the selection or summoning of jurors, who shall exclude or fail to summon any citizen for the cause aforesaid, shall, on conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined not less than one thousand nor more than five thousand dollars.

SEC. 5. That all cases arising under the provisions of this act in the courts of the United States shall be reviewable by the Supreme Court of the United States, without regard to the sum in controversy, under the same provisions and regulations as are now provided by law for the review of other cases in said court.

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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS. About the fifteenth of the month a party, including Senators Cameron, Dennis, Gordon, Morton, Ransom and others, will make a trip by way of New Orleans to the City of Mexico.

Those who pretend to know, say we will have a large crop of potato bugs, next year. Two hundred families are supplied with rations daily, at the soup house, and this is their only means of sustaining life.

The annual reunion of the Pennsylvania Reserves is to be held in Williamsport in June next, and initiatory steps have already been taken by the members residing in that city to make it a success.

It is predicted that, at an early day, Kansas will be offered for sale at lower figures than that produced in any other country in the world. Large flocks of snow-birds are making a late flight in Kansas in eating the eggs of the grasshoppers, which the frost has thrown out of the ground.

James Gallagher, Daniel and Conrad O'Donnell, brothers, are in jail at Wilkes-Barre, charged with murdering John Green at Hazleton, on the 18th of February last. There is a growing wish on the part of decent Democrats that the Republicans may carry the State at the next election.

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Mr. Johnson could not say whether he would participate in the debate on the Pinchback resolution. Being asked if he would not, in his new position, have an opportunity to pay off some old scores, and if he did not have a mass of facts against the leaders of the parties of to-day, he said:—

"Whatever I may have I do not say, but I shall use nothing. My service in the Senate will not be a personal one. I do not represent myself, but Tennessee. The country has no nothing to do with my personal matters, and with what has passed, I have no enemies to punish or friends to reward. I have buried resentments, and have forgotten the ill-treatment of individuals. If I can perform the duties that are before me as conscientiously as I do as clearly as I see them at this moment, I shall accomplish as much as human vanity may seek to attain."

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTION. BOSTON, March 9.—Dispatches from New Hampshire indicate an unusually large vote by each party and a possible Republican victory through the Prohibition vote, which is very generally being cast for the Republican nominee.

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