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As we go to press this afternoon, (the 10th), the people of the Commonwealth are determining by their ballots the fate of the proposed new Constitution. What the probable result will be, we have no means of foretelling, but we do know, judging from the changes among the instrument among the journals that come to our table, that a few more weeks' time for discussion would have led to a majority of many thousands.

Fernando Wood, the man who has been selected by the Democratic members of the House of Representatives as their leader and the leader of the party, does not receive the universal endorsement of the Democratic press. Even the Cincinnati Enquirer, a paper that does not often hesitate to approve party action, seems not only to be astonished, but actually indignant at the blunder committed by the party Representatives in Congress. The Enquirer expresses its opinion very freely as follows: "His name is notorious throughout the country as that of a corrupt politician. Long before Tweed was notorious, Fernando Wood was known and read of all men. He is responsible for the system of addition, division and silence which sent Tweed to jail and robbed the city of New York of more millions than can easily be counted. It is the system of public stealing which prebears every city in the country, as we have before asserted, and is evident from the weekly developments from many of them. To have voted for such a man at such a time on a question of political expediency for a partisan success would have been a flagrant offense. But the votes cast by the Democrats of the House for Wood were in the highest sense complimentary votes. They indicated, or were supposed to indicate, the sort of men Democrats wish to complement."

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Flood in the Allegheny and Monongahela—The Valley Road Submerged and Gas Works Overflooded.

All day Saturday there was a continued rise in the rivers, and especially the Allegheny, and on Saturday night the latter was higher than has been since 1856. Rafts of lumber, ice, barges and flats ran down the stream, and people fled in the low parts of Allegheny before evening found it necessary to remove their perishable supplies from the cellars to the upper stories. The Monongahela reached its highest stage in a way which would have been fatal, had it not been for the dam at the mouth of the river, which was built in 1852. At 10 o'clock yesterday morning, however, it began to recede, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon it had fallen one foot while the decline was still going on. The Allegheny had also fallen to twenty-five feet. Navigation was suspended in consequence of the flood, at all points. There was no damage of consequence on the Monongahela, but on the Allegheny the usual proportion of loss was experienced. The Allegheny Valley railroad tracks were submerged, and from Saturday noon until yesterday evening the running of trains was suspended. At 9 o'clock Sunday, Col. Phillips received a dispatch from J. Lawrence, superintendent of the railroad, as follows: "The road was blocked all day Saturday by water and slides. No trains got through. Water two feet over the track between Roster and Mannerville, and track badly used. Everything is being done that is possible. Hope to have the road open for business on Monday."

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Messrs. Hollinger and Lampp, proprietors of a planing mill below the suspension bridge, Allegheny, had some two hundred thousand feet of lumber swept away. The cellar of Joshua Rhodes's brewery, corner of Duquesne way and Barker's alley, was flooded by a break in the city sewer, and to have their brewing it was necessary to have Chief Engineer White, of the Fire Department, detail an engine to pump there last night.

It is reported that great damage has been done to the foundation of the new water works, while the works in Lawrenceville have been stopped by the overflow. The Consolidated Gas Company's works were submerged, and in consequence there was no light from that quarter last night. This occasioned much inconvenience to their customers, especially the Gazette and Dispatch newspaper establishments. Although the loss in property will be quite as much, probably, as the last great rise, Pittsburgh Commercial, Dec. 15th.

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RECKONING IN THE PENITENTIARY.—COLUMBUS, O., December 9.—Miss Finney, a guard in a female department of the Ohio Penitentiary, was assaulted yesterday by two convicts, Ida May, sent from Cincinnati, and Ada Belger, sent from Toledo. The attack was premeditated, and for the assistance of another female convict the keeper would probably have been killed. As it was she was considerably injured, and while making her escape from the infuriated women fell down stairs, injuring her legs. She has been on duty for five years, but so many threats have been made against her life, and she has had her resignation on file with the warden. A Denver minister was marrying a couple when a dog-fight interrupted, and the bride called out, "Drive ahead; the yaller pup has got him by the fore-paw."

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Reform in Mexico.

We published the other day, the new laws of the Mexican Republic, declaring a total separation of the Church and State. The reform has not come to a close yet, it is only at the beginning. The opponents of the capital, are attributable to the former subservience of political to clerical. On the 5th of November the villages of Arenal, San Luis, Ocotupo, and San Lucas, "barraged" and entered the town of Tepic, sacked and destroyed various houses and other property belonging to persons who were supporters of the new laws. On the same day a mob of Indians captured and put in prison Adrian Varela, Mayor of Tepic, and Romualdo Dominguez, a tax collector. After having tortured their victims, they killed both, and threw them into the river. Two days after troops arrived and burned the village inhabited by the murderers. The latter rallied, however, in sufficient numbers to drive back the soldiers, crying as they did so, "Death to the Protestants! Long live the Holy Virgin! Long live Benito Juarez! The municipal President of Arenal was captured, and, after having been covered with pitch, was set on fire, the wretches dancing around him while he was burning. It is agreeable to know that there is good reason for believing that the perpetrators of these horrible crimes will not be long and severely punished.—Cincinnati Gazette.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—At a little past two o'clock this morning a large five-story brick building, at the northwest corner of Calvert and Baltimore streets, known as the American Theatre building, belonging to W. W. Glen and T. C. T. T. was discovered on fire and in a very short time the flames burst from the upper stories, occupied by the American Theatre company, Messrs Howe & Glotworthy, proprietors, and by 3 o'clock the three upper stories of the building were completely burned out. The lower floor of the building, occupied as stores and restaurants, was not damaged by fire, but suffered considerable loss, being deluged with water.

The loss on the building is estimated at \$175,000. It is owned by Robert Brown, jeweler, damaged by water, \$26,000; A. Maul, cigar store, \$2,000; How & Glotworthy's loss, \$1,000; together with wardrobe, etc., of the theatrical company. The other businesses are below \$1,000. At one time Barnum's Hotel was in great danger, and a number of the guests present, including Mrs. Adams, who originated the back of the organ among the scenery, was confined to the museum building.

In Chicago, an important suit has been instituted in the United States Court by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, against John R. Sherman, Archibald M. Allerton, Samuel W. Allerton and Joseph McPherson as trustees of the Chicago and North-Western Railway Company. The suit is founded on an alleged breach of contract, by which the defendants, all of whom are interested in the Chicago stock yard of which Sherman is manager, were bound to use their influence in securing business for the East Liberty stock yard as a condition of receiving the stock yard, which originated back of the organ among the scenery, was confined to the museum building.

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