



FRIDAY last, the 22d, was the one hundred and fifty-second anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

For the first time in ten years, Pittsburg last week elected a Republican Mayor, and by a majority of 7,500.

GEN. WM. LILLY, of March Chuk, is being urged by prominent Republicans as a candidate for Congressman-at-large.

MR. RANDALL raised the Presidential issue in the Philadelphia city elections. How does he like it as far as he has gone?

The losses by the flood in the Ohio river, between Pittsburg and Cairo, it is now estimated, will amount to over \$40,000,000.

Mrs. HUNT, wife of the U.S. Minister to Russia, cables her son from St. Petersburg, that his father's illness will probably prove fatal.

The Republicans of Lancaster last week elected their Mayor and a majority of the City Council. This is the first Republican Mayor of that city since 1877.

Last week the Board of Pardons recommended that Ben Campbell, of Fayette county, imprisoned for arson, be pardoned, because he is dying of consumption.

HENRY B. PAYNE, the newly elected Democratic Senator from Ohio, declares that he will not be a candidate for President. This proves that the old man is not yet in his dotage.

The terrific cyclone that has just devastated a portion of the South, was as fiercely destructive as the river floods, and the loss of life is much greater. The details which we print are heart-rending.

SINCE the elections of last week, the Democrats of this State are following the example of the ground-hog, who having seen his shadow on the second of the month, went into his hole and pulled it in after him.

When fooling around the old Republican machine in Philadelphia, Col. McClure evidently didn't know it was loaded. Like the boy kicked by the mule, "if he isn't quite as handsome, he knows a deal more."

The Republicans of Philadelphia walloped the combined forces of the Democracy and the too too Committee of One hundred, electing their Mayor by a majority of ten thousand, and City Solicitor by thirteen thousand.

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SINCE the Independents threw Pennsylvania into the hands of the Democrats, and elected Pattison Governor, there has been an impression abroad that the old Keystone was a doubtful State. The municipal elections of last week will, we think, disabuse the public mind of all such illusions. The disaffection that made the election of a Democratic Governor possible, has been effectually eradicated by the bitter fruits borne by his administration. It required a struggle for faithful Republicans to maintain their equanimity, and manfully and severely go forward in the path of duty, hoping that time would bring with it