

The Garroters—What's to be Done?

We have been acquainted with a species who would do the world, doth move before us, but for the editor of a daily paper to assert that he doubts whether there is any real danger in this city, from the ruffians that infest it is certainly a novelty.

A gentleman who was walking home was accosted by a rough-looking customer, who said, "look here, mister, you've got to fight me."

A young lady was also robbed in broad day light by a rough looking fellow, who clasped her lovingly in his arms, saying, "be careful, miss, or you'll fall."

We do hope that quiet, orderly people, will not only feel convinced of the necessity of being able to stand on the defensive, but that they will go further, and be prepared to carry on the war a la outrance—shoot down these marauders as they would a mad dog.

Contested Election in Phila. In the matter of the contested election for District Attorney, in Philadelphia, the contestant, WILLIAM B. MANN, closed his case on Friday, before more than one-half of the allegations of fraud made in his petition had been investigated.

The evidence given during the hearing of the case is the most astounding that has ever been developed in a contested election case. It clearly establishes that there was a widespread conspiracy to carry the October election by means of fraud, perjury and the most unblushing villainy.

To these developments has been added the certainty that a large number of fraudulent naturalization certificates were issued previous to the October election, and distributed to whatever aliens could be induced to use them.

A SWIFT GROWTH.—It is but a short time since the friends of freedom had scarcely a representative in the U. S. Senate. That august body frowned upon men who were foolish enough to "come between the wind and their nobility" with principles founded on the "self-evident lie" embraced in the Declaration of our National Independence.

TERRIFIC DESCENT.—An accident occurred on Tuesday morning, on the 17 mile grade on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which fortunately resulted in no loss of time, and but about \$1200 destruction of machinery.

THE AGITATOR.

M. H. Cobb, Editor. WELLSBOROUGH, PA. Thursday Morning, March 5, 1857.

All Business, and other Communications must be addressed to the Editor to insure insertion.

Sunday and Monday were tedious days. The mercury fell to 6 below zero Monday night.

The points to which "Frank" refers in "Farmer's" communication, were, as claimed by "Farmer" typographical errors.

We understand that the moderate weather of February did not swell the buds so that the late cold snap could injure fruit, in this vicinity.

A gentleman who came from Williamsport on Tuesday, informs us that the following is the program of the Convention, by the State Legislature, stood—Ficker, 44—Black, 40—Wills, 30—Scatter, 10.

One of the pleasant surprises we have lately experienced, came to us in the shape of the "Hobson's Repertory," published at Falls Village, Litchfield county, Conn. It has changed Editors, and from a bigoted pro-slavery sheet, has progressed to the estate and dignity of a sterling Republican journal.

ATTEST OF HORSE THIEVES.—Our usually quiet village was thrown into a fever of excitement on Wednesday of last week, by the news that two horse thieves (colored) had passed through the place with a span of valuable horses, boggy, &c., en route for—Potter county.

News of the capture having reached town Thursday morning, our fellow-citizens took possession of the grocery shops, haystacks and street-corners, and held them in a state of close siege for two solemn hours.

Communities have their periodical awakenings, religious, political, social and moral. Some great calamity, or a rapid succession of lesser calamities arouse them from their stupor and bring their faculties into full and vigorous play.

For instance: A season of storm always succeeds a season of calm. Drouth is usually followed by excessive and continued rain. A frost, out of season, is indicative of a thaw in the upper regions, and is almost invariably followed by rain.

There have occurred some startling incidents in this county, and since the early days of winter. Ram has left some monuments of licensed murder along the highways of society.

We have reason to rejoice in the hope of a large sugar crop; the severity of last winter having killed out in a great measure a pest of a bore worm, which has of late been very destructive to the crops; beside a larger quantity of the same has been planted.

But he, morning some travelers, in passing over a lonely road, discovered this man propped against a tree dead—frozen to death!

Now, every occurring event in this earth, is traceable to a superintending cause. It is not necessary that we follow these victims from the tree and from the river, back to the tavern and the grocery.

Well, there is a law, certainly. There is a law. But how are you to enforce that law when Grand Jurors write "ignoramus" upon the presentments of liquor cases, in the face and eyes of positive evidence?

Now, is there a balm in Gilead? Yes—a thousand times, viz: This is a remedy, and that, too, within reach. In the first place, under the present law let us prevent the illegal sale of liquors.

And there is a remedy for the sale of liquor in any shop. Let the stuff sold as whiskey, brandy, gin, &c., be subjected to a thorough chemical analysis: and show every licensed vendor can be indicted and broken of their commissions.

A criminal once objected to the rope which the Sheriff was about to put around his neck, that it wasn't fit to hang a dog with.

And so, if men are determined to drink themselves to death, it is the duty of the State to protect the victims die on decent liquor. Strychnia is dog-poison, and the other ingredients are deadly.

The Lebanon Courier is certainly a sterling and able Free Soil journal, and performed valuable service to the cause we both love, revere and labor in, during the last campaign.

While we appreciate the high compliment paid the Wilmot District by the Courier, we disclaim any presumption on our part that this District is the whole State.

NEGRO SUFFRAGE.—The Senate, on Tuesday evening last, at the instance of Mr. CUYLER, considered the proposed amendments of the Constitution in regard to the qualifications for suffrage.

There is no danger, at any rate, of too precipitate action on the subject, as the proposed amendments, if successful in this Legislature, must also be passed upon by that of 1858, and subsequently be submitted to a popular vote a year or two hence.

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Attention is directed to the report of the Territorial Committee upon the Toombs' Bill, on the outside of this paper. Our readers will recollect how the honker orators were blabbered about this bill through the fall campaign.

I consider the following the best method for the cultivation of Indian Corn. It is adapted to the climate and soil of New York State and Northern Pennsylvania.

Choose any kind adapted to the climate. I plant the twelve rowed yellow. Select seed from the first ears that ripen; before the corn is cut. Soak the seed twenty-four hours in solution of saltpetre in water, or pour on a pint of boiling tar to a peck of seed, stirring briskly until every kernel is covered.

Plant on well pulverized, dry, rich soil, prepared as follows: If old ground, manure heavily, in the Fall, and plow in very deep. Plow again in the Spring, (same depth,) two or three days before planting.

About the usual time for first hoeing, go through again with cultivator and follow with hand hoes, cutting up the grass and weeds and loosening the soil around the hill.

Permit me to say a word thro' your columns. It appears that some one writing over the signature of "Farmer" wished to publish a series of articles upon the subject of farming, and made an attack upon an article of mine as a means of introducing his own.

I reviewed his first article and think I found several points that clashed, and said so at the time. The points that I took him up upon, he declared afterwards to be "typographical errors!"

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FROM KANSAS.

The Recent Row. Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune. LEONICTON, K. T., Feb. 19, 1857.

An affray took place here last night in which Sheriff Sherrod was killed and three other men wounded.

A meeting of Geary's friends was held at the Capitol to sustain his course and express disapprobation of the recent outrage to him. Sherrod and his friends came armed, to break it up.

Young Jones was arrested by a bogus Sheriff, and after the meeting was thus broken up, Gov. Geary called out the troops to prevent his being lynched.

The Legislature has passed a Territorial Election law, based on the census which provided for the Constitutional Convention.

St. Louis, Friday, Feb. 27, 1857.—A letter to The Democrat, dated Leocompton, the 17th inst., says that General Richardson, Major-General of the Kansas Militia, and member of the Territorial Legislature, died at Leocompton on the 14th.

Hon. DAVID WILMOT.—This distinguished gentleman is at present sojourning in our borough, and in the enjoyment of good health. The friends of Mr. Wilmot will make great efforts to get his consent to become the opposition candidate for Governor; and we hope that he may be prevailed upon to accept that nomination.

A Wife Worth Having. The following extract of a letter from San Francisco affords one of the most interesting cases of feminine endurance, ability and courage on record.

The first mate wrote Mrs. Fatten a letter, reminding her of the dangers of the coast and the great responsibility she had assumed, and offered to take charge of the ship, but she stood by the judgement of her husband, and declined the offer.

The Honesdale Democrat has the following sensible remarks upon the fusion project: "The Republican party must stand on its own distinctive basis, and follow its own peculiar objects, and this persistently and uncompromisingly, if it would in the end achieve a substantial and enduring triumph.

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CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

CHARGE AGAINST MR. GREELEY.—We have given no place hitherto to the statements that have circulated freely in the public press, charging Mr. Greeley, the Editor of The Tribune, with having received \$1,000 for his services in aiding the passage of the Des Moines Navigation and Railroad bill, while residing at Washington as the correspondent of The Tribune.

In another column we publish a letter from Mr. Greeley in which he says the draft was handed to him by a friend at Washington, who asked him to take it to New-York to meet another which would be drawn upon him in a few weeks.

We have no hesitation in saying that we give full and entire credit to Mr. Greeley's statement of the facts, and believe him to be wholly free from any share in the transaction ascribed to him.

This is one of the several points in the proceedings of this Committee which show that the investigation has been anything but thorough and complete. Complaint is made in Congress of the severity and rigor of its action. We make no complaint on that score—quite the contrary.

DEATH OF DR. ELISHA KENT KANE.—NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 23.—The steamship Cahawba arrived to-day from Havana, whence she sailed on the 20th inst., bringing the remains of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, the Arctic Explorer, who died in Havana, on the 16th inst.

WHAT TO WEAR.—The late slushy weather has shown the value of the long India rubber boots which the ladies have taken to wearing to guard their feet from wet and their long from consumption.

In Delmar, on Sunday, March 1st, Mr. JASU ENGLISH, aged 57 years. In Shippen, on the 25th of Feb., DAVID ELLIS, Esq. in the 60th year of his age.

This announcement will be read with surprise quite a large class of citizens in Tioga county. Not few men were better known, especially in the section of the county where he lived. He came to Pine Creek in 1811, and has consequently resided there forty-six years.

Mr. C. came to this part of the country eight years ago as a miller, in which branch of industry he was seriously affected by his health, and the last few years of his life were rendered extremely painful by the asthma. For many years he had been a member of the Presbyterian Church, and adorned his profession by a well ordered life.

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