

A Fearless Congressman.

The Hon. Owen Lovejoy, of Illinois, was one of the ablest members of the last Congress from the West, as well as the most fearless in the expression of his opinions.

Aluding to the charge repeatedly made against him of assisting fugitive slaves when they came to his door, he made use of the following bold and defiant declaration:

"Is it desired to call attention to this fact? Proclaim it then upon the house-tops. Write it on every leaf that trembles in the forest, make it blaze from the sun at high noon, and shine forth in the milder radiance of every star that bedecks the firmament of God.

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The trial of Daniel E. Sickles for the murder of Key was to commence on Monday last. Up to this time we have no intelligence from Washington of the trial.

"People still continue to talk about the murder at Washington. To the honor of Albany, be it said, that public sentiment here denounces the shooting down of Mr. Key as a cowardly and brutal act. Let him that is without sin cast the first stone."

"Her seducer now comes before the world as the avenger of outraged chastity. In the cell where justice has placed him for a dastardly murderer, he is 'visited by the President,' and receives expressions of sympathy, from men high in station, who have wives, and daughters, and homes. Out upon such a state of society!"

OUR FUTURE.—The Pennsylvania Democracy is like Milton's young man waking from sleep and shaking his invincible locks. All corruption and impediments have been sloughed off—all the crushing complicity with rascality has been removed, and we stand before the people in the proud attitude of defenders of popular rights and the union of the States.

This is from Buchanan's organ at Harrisburg. Its coolness would be refreshing in warmer weather. That a party which has just endorsed the reckless corruption and rascality of the National Administration should plume itself upon its purity, must astonish even those who are accustomed to political brassness.

The Somerset Whig remarks: The season thus far has been very propitious for our maple sugar manufacturers. More maple sugar has been made the present season, at this date, than in any previous one. We hear of several farmers who have already made more than four thousand pounds.

Will some person in each Township in this county send us an estimate of the amount produced, in this way we can arrive at a correct estimate of the aggregate.—Ed. Ag.

THE AGITATOR.

HUGH YOUNG, Editor & Proprietor. WELLSBOROUGH, PA. Thursday Morning, April 7, '59.

Fry vs. Fry. Perhaps all of our readers may have heard or read of the Fry Divorce Case, which has been dragging itself through our Legislature for the last month or two; but we suspect that very few have had an opportunity and the requisite amount of patience, to read column after column of the statements and counter statements which have appeared from time to time in the daily papers.

Now this is all of the affair which the public would have known anything about, had not Mrs. Fry and her father Mr. Grigg, petitioned the Legislature for a divorce. In this petition the cause of the separation is fully set forth, together with all those nice little details, which go to feed and thereby keep alive the prurient curiosity of the public.

It appears from the statement of Mr. Fry that his wife, while at West Point, had been so very indiscreet as to form an acquaintance with a cadet named Wagner, with whom she corresponded after her return to Philadelphia.

On the 15th of March a majority of the Committee on Divorces of the House of Representatives, reported a bill to annul the marriage contract, alleging as reasons therefor, "that the happiness of the parties, the interest of the public, and the morals of society, will alike be promoted by it."

So far as the "interest of the public" is concerned, we think the public has no interest in the matter whatever. The public can never be benefited by such exhibitions of human frailty, as has been brought to its gaze by this case. But we suspect that there is another "interest" which may be promoted by it, and that is the pecuniary interest of certain legislators, and legal gentlemen connected with them.

The last argument presented in the preamble to the act, is that the proposed divorce would "promote the morals of society." Mr. J. Heron Foster of Pittsburg, who submitted the minority report opposing the divorce, shows at length, and with much ability, how false and lame, both in premises and conclusions, this argument is.

The "Harmonious" Democracy.

We gave our opinion last week, based as we supposed "upon the nature of things," that no delegates from this County, would be likely to attend the Anti-Buchanan Democratic State Convention to assemble at Harrisburg on the 12th of April next.

"WELLSBORO, Tioga County. Will you please place my name to the call for the Convention? I am a Democrat of the straightest sect—I have always been and ever shall be; but I owe no allegiance to the present National Administration. Its heresies I cannot support. I am loyal to the great doctrine of popular sovereignty."

We rejoice that there is one democrat in the County, who has the independence to write such a letter. Alas! we fear that Mr. Henry Sherwood will "feel like one who treads alone" in his opposition to Buchanan in this county. We sincerely hope so. We hope not another man will be found to agree with Mr. Sherwood.

There is another little circumstance which we should like to see "cleared up." It seems that a meeting of the Democratic Standing Committee of this county (over which Mr. Sherwood presides), was held in this Borough on the 14th of February last.

The Columbia Republican is one of the best exchanges we get. It enters upon its third year with good prospects, and it certainly deserves success. Dr. John, is an able writer and aims to make the Republican the best country paper in the State.

"Hints toward Physical Perfection, or the Philosophy of Human Beauty; Showing How to Acquire and Retain Bodily Symmetry, Health, and vigor; Secure Long Life; and Avoid the Infirmities and Deformities of Age."

This is the title of a new work about to be issued by Fowler and Wells of New York. Coming as it does from a firm whose name precludes the possibility of humbug, this book will command the attention of every intelligent man and woman, and will, we trust, awaken a deeper interest in the physical development of the race, than has yet been manifested.

Harper for April is a good number. Its illustrations are unusually good. Harper and the Agitator will be furnished to any subscriber for \$3 a year. For sale by Smith & Richards.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

The Pittsburg Gazette says that Gen. Cameron is beyond doubt the first choice of the great Opposition party of Pennsylvania, and should the National Convention designate him as the People's standard-bearer, the vote of this Commonwealth will be cast in his favor by a majority of tens of thousands.

The Davenport Gazette calls attention to the coincidence that seventy-six members of the House voted against the Homestead bill. What is still more remarkable, the seventy-six persons in favor of raising the rates of postage were almost, identically the very seventy-six men who voted against the homestead bill; and of those seventy-six, all were Administration men.

A more encouraging feeling seems to be springing up on the Pacific coast, relative to the Fraser river mines, and letter writers now express the opinion that a great yield of gold will yet be obtained from them.

The N. Y. Churchman makes the following announcement: It is reported in newspaper circles, that an enterprise is in progress for the establishment in New York, of a daily paper, to be conducted on strictly religious principles.

Ex-Governor Robinson, of Kansas, was assaulted in the streets of Lawrence, K. T., a few days since, by Martin F. Conway, who hit the Governor on the head with a cudgel.

The successful culture of Oats depends in a great measure upon its early sowing. If the weather permits, the crops should be always in the ground by the first of April, or at the furthest the first week in April.

The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle says that Emancipation is "the certain result to which the reopening of the slave trade will lead—as certain as day follows night"—because in course of time Slavery will become unprofitable, and more and more so in the ratio of the fecundity of the slaves, let alone importation.

About a week ago a domestic, named Ellen Vaughn, employed at the Union House, had her ears perforated for the purpose of wearing ear-rings. The operation was performed in the usual manner, with the usual results at the time.

An exchange says that when Mr. Douglas was recently asked to consent to stand as a candidate for nomination, at the Charleston Convention, he declined, and said: "The Opposition are sure to succeed in the next Presidential election."

It is generally conceded, in political circles, that Douglas and Hunter have come to an understanding, by which the latter is to have the honor of being defeated by the opposition in 1860—the former awaiting the chances of 1864. This opinion receives additional strength from the fact, that the last three candidates of the Democracy have been taken from the North, making the next due to the South.

FROM THE PEOPLE.

To the School Directors of Charleston. You have been chosen to fill a very important, as well as a very responsible office. You will, no doubt, find it a difficult, if not an impossible task to give satisfaction to all, as the opinions and tastes of those whom you serve are so various and conflicting.

Many of the School houses in our township, and in others are mere shells—poorer by far than many of our stables; and yet to these miserable and neglected hovels we send our own children, and oblige them to sit and study through the long days.

I would beg leave of the Directors to recommend stone buildings wherever they may erect new ones. I have conversed upon the subject with a master builder; and he says that it will cost no more to build with stone than wood, except perhaps the hauling of the stone; and they might be hauled by the people of the district, with little or no extra cost.

I trust the School Directors will give this matter of School accommodation their early and earnest attention. Money judiciously laid out for this purpose, I consider a profitable investment. I think our "Common School System," like farming, pays in proportion to the liberality with which it is carried on.

Gen. Lane has issued an address to the people of Kansas in which he gives an account of the killing of Gaius Jenkins. He declares that when he received notice of the coming of Jenkins into his enclosure, he earnestly dissuaded him; that when the entrance was made he was fired at three times before he returned the fire; that when he did he only used shot; and he "appeals to Almighty God for the truth" of his statement, that he had no intention of killing Jenkins, but expected to knock him down and disable him.

The fact that his history is before the people of Kansas constitutes the reason for his being "in private life." No efforts of his, however sophisticated or rehenent, will avail to remove the weight of odium under which he rests.—The misrepresentations in which he now indulges will do him no good. He would not have ventured upon them but for the knowledge that the family of Jenkins had nearly all left the Territory. It was in evidence on the trial that only three shots were fired in all, and that the first of these was the fatal one by which Lane killed Jenkins.

BAD LAW, BAD MORALS, AND BAD LOGIC.—Some of our cotemporaries are advancing the theory that a man, in certain cases, has a moral right to be his own avenger. This is all wrong. No human being has any such right conferred by any law, human or divine. It is justifiable to take life only to preserve life; in other words, to kill the assassin who seeks to kill you. But this is self-defence. It is not revenge. "Thou shalt not kill,"—remember, is equally binding with "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Hence the folly, and wickedness, and bad logic, of violating the Sixth Commandment, simply in order to repair or revenge a breach of the seventh.—Exchange.

WELLSBORO ACADEMY. Wellsboro, Tioga County, Penna. Luthor, R. Burlingame, A. B., Principal. Miss FRANCES A. MAYNARD, Assistant. Miss ELIZA J. BEACH, Assistant.

Tuition. Juvenile Department, Common English Branches, . . . \$2.50 Higher English Branches, . . . 3.50 Languages, . . . 4.00 Drawing, (extra) . . . 3.00

Writing School. THE Second and last Term commences on Monday evening, April 11th, at 7 P. M. Terms, \$1.00. W. M. E. SEARS, Proprietor.

Important. DAYNE'S Picture Gallery will be closed for a few days. Those wanting good pictures will call soon. [April 7th, 1859.]

JUST OPENED. A WHOLESALE & RETAIL FLOUR AND FEED STORE. FLOUR BY THE POUND OR BARREL. FEED BY THE HUNDRED OR TON.

NEW FIRM! NEW FIRM! SEARS & WOOD. Have bought out the entire stock of C. L. Wellsboro now prepared to furnish CUSTOM BOOTS AND SHOES.

A New Stock of Groceries. AS GOOD AS THE BEST, AND AS CHEAP AS THE CHEAPEST. We intend to keep our assortment of Groceries and to sell them on as favorable terms as the same article can be bought in the County.

LIST of Letters remaining in the Post Office at Wellsboro Pa., Quarter ending March 31, 1859. Baker J., Mullins Timothy, Barker Wm., McNeil James, Burbank Miss Sophia, McNeil Mrs. Catharine, Burden Ben, Loeber Miss W. Verna, Brothers Rosefield, Lee Daniel, Bullock Charles, Kimball John, Butler Simon, Jennings Miss Elm, Campbell Samuel, Jackson C. M., Chapen Reuben, Hammond Neal D., Clark Leuel, or heirs, Parry G. A., Chapman David or heirs, Reason Joseph, Daugherty John, Buford Simon or heir, Davenport Nancy, Stone William, Daggett Seth, Smith John, English B. E. Mrs., Sharp Isaac, Marvin Miss Emily, Sly & Daggett, Morgan Mrs. M. P., Wallace D. H., Moberg W., Washburn McKenzy, Moore Miss Charlotte, Young John.

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FARRELL, HERRING & CO'S PATENT CHAMPION SAFE.

LATE FIRE AT DUBUQUE, IOWA. On the 24th inst. a fire broke out in the store of Messrs. Farrell, Herring & Co. at Dubuque, Iowa. The store was destroyed, and the loss estimated at \$50,000. The fire was caused by a defective chimney.

NEW Drug Store. THE UNDERSIGNED takes pleasure in announcing to the citizens of Wellsboro and vicinity, that he has just opened a new Drug Store in OSGOOD'S BUILDING, Main St. where he has a complete assortment of Drugs & Medicines, which he will sell cheap for cash.

PATENT MEDICINES. Jayne's Ayre's, Helmbold's, McLean's, and other popular Medicines, together with the most celebrated CHOICE WINES AND LIQUORS for Medicinal and Sacramental uses. Baints & Oils. of the best quality. Flavoring Extracts, Spices, Pepper, Saleratus, Soda, Glycerine, Sassafras, Turpentine, Alcohol, and an indeterminate variety of articles in general use. Please call at the NEW DRUG STORE, P. R. WILLIAMS, Proprietor. Wellsboro, March 10, 1859.