

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

The firmen of Binghamton, N. Y., have a remarkable way of serenading each other.

Mons. Blondin has decided to cross the Genesee River, at Rochester, early in August.

All the news from the west with reference to the crops is good news.

A cotemporary affirms that a memorial requesting the Hon. D. E. Sickles to resign his seat in Congress has received 1,400 signatures.

The Republican State Convention of Minnesota, which met last week, nominated Alexander Ramsey for Governor.

The Philadelphia Press thinks that the Administration would not have withdrawn the national protection from naturalized citizens if it had not owed its election to them.

The Providence Journal, speaking of the practice of shooting birds on cherry trees remarks as follows:—"Undoubtedly the cherries suffer somewhat from the birds; but drive off all the birds, and the next year every cherry will have a worm in it."

The next Electoral College, chosen in November, 1860, to meet in February 1861, will—if Kansas should be admitted at the approaching session of Congress—consist of 306 votes, 134 of which will be necessary for a choice for President.

The Leeds Mercury says: "Gov. Seward is now on a tour of observation through our manufacturing districts, the development of which, since his visit to this country a quarter of a century ago, strikes him, we believe, as most remarkable."

In Scio, on Wednesday last, during the severe storm occurring a little after noon of that day, Fletcher Middaugh, son of Elijah Middaugh of Middaugh Hill, Scio township, a young man about nineteen years of age, was instantly killed by lightning.

Barnum made the 4th of July speech at Bridgeport, in the course of which he said: "The American Eagle is a considerable of a bird—may she fly forever—but if every ragabond who can stuff ballot boxes and swindle his way into office is allowed to pluck a feather; if the Bird of Liberty is to be despoiled by unprincipled politicians; if she is to extend her wings over the slave trade and piracy; if she is to protect repudiation and be made responsible for all the crimes which Congressional, Legislative and Municipal bodies can commit, she will soon be as naked as a well-dressed turkey."

We are requested to publish the celebrated Cass-Le Clerc letter, through which the National Administration declares naturalized citizens to be in the same condition as fugitive slaves:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, May 17, 1859. To Mr. Felix Le Clerc, Memphis, Tenn. Sir:—Your letter of the 18th inst., has been received. In reply, I have to state that it is understood that the French Government claims military service from all natives of France who may be found within its jurisdiction.

Oscar, the King of Sweden and Norway, whose death is announced, was a son of the celebrated Bernadotte, alternately Napoleon's friend, rival and opponent.

The Lawrence Republican thus posts the books: "Buchanan, Cobb & Co., began business on the 4th of March, 1857. Then they had in hands, in surplus funds, \$26,000,000."

On the 3d of June, 1857, they had only \$17,500,000. On the 1st of January, 1858, they had only \$20,000,000. On the 10th of January, 1858, they borrowed \$20,000,000.

THE AGITATOR.

HUGH YOUNG, Editor & Proprietor. WELLSBOROUGH, PA. Thursday Morning, Aug. 4, '59.

REPUBLICAN STATE NOMINATIONS. AUDITOR GENERAL: THOMAS E. COCHRAN, YORK COUNTY. SURVEYOR GENERAL: GEN. WILLIAM H. KEIM, BERKS COUNTY.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION. The Republican electors in the several election districts of Tioga County, are requested to meet at the usual places for holding elections on SATURDAY the 20th day of August next, to elect two delegates from each district to meet in Convention at TIOGA VILLAGE on FRIDAY the 26th day of August 1859.

Two persons to meet in Conference at Wellsboro, with an equal number selected by the Republicans of Potter County for the purpose of nominating one person to represent this Senatorial District in the State Legislature.

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Just now the Republicans of Tioga County are in a state of political apathy amounting almost to indifference. It is the dead calm which invariably precedes the storm; but as the storm is inevitable, would it not be wise for us to wake up and prepare for it?

The frequent successes of our opponents may not always be accounted for by the triumph of principles, these being but poorly understood by those who vote for them; but it is a fact worthy the attention of Republicans, that the strength of our opponents lies in the avowal and advocacy of corrupt measures, is sometimes more than made good by their unceasing party drill, and their untiring vigilance.

A certain editor speaking of the resolutions passed upon the subject of Slavery by a certain Church existing only in the free States, says: "There is but one way that they can reach the evil—that is, by the way of the mercy seat; and though that way seems somewhat round-about when you aim at the dominion of slavery, yet the Lord of the whole earth will keep it open."

Is it true that an anti-slavery Church in the free States can reach the evil of slavery only in one way, and that by way of the mercy seat? May they not do something by their "valiant words," uttered by their presses and in their pulpits, to create in the free States such a thorough, universal and intense anti-slavery sentiment as shall give an effective blow to the dominion of slavery? Not a blow by force and by arms, but by knocking from the peculiar institution every Northern prop.

Again: Is it true that by way of the mercy seat is a "round-about" way to reach the evil-slavery? It may indeed seem so, but in fact it is not. It is, of all others, the most effectual. It has availed more than once in the history of our world. It will avail again, and the oppressed millions of these United States shall go free.

We are indebted to Mr. L. recently returned from a whaling voyage, for the following touching narrative. Jonah may henceforth hide his diminished head:

On the home trip of one of our New York and Liverpool packets, she being crowded with emigrants, that awful scourge, the ship fever, broke out. The carpenter of the vessel, one of nature's noblemen, and having on board his little son, a lad of twelve summers, was one of the first victims.

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FROM THE PEOPLE.

A Leaf by the Wayside. For many weeks the eyes of the children had grown brighter and opened wider as our Sabbath School celebration became an "oft repeated tale" by them.

The Lawrenceville Sabbath Schools, with three schools of adjoining places, met at the Methodist church at half-past nine o'clock A. M., where they formed themselves into a procession. Each class bearing a banner with appropriate scriptural mottoes, marched to the sound of music, to the grove selected for the celebration.

After the feast of the soul came the feast of the body. All marched to dinner to the sound of music. After dinner a short time was given to do whatever you liked. The conversation of the elder folks mingled with the silvery voices of childhood, and "all went merry as a marriage bell."

Next in order came a few excellent remarks by the Rev. E. D. Wells. Then the choir sang, as those strains floated over the hills, I thought of the songs that we shall one day sing, with the blessed in those mansions of our Father.

The Secretary of the M. E. Sunday School of Lawrenceville read the report. The number of verses recited from Jan. 1st 1858 to July 3d, was 66058. The number of scholars in attendance 150.

After the report the Choir sang again. A prayer was made, the benediction given, and the several schools marched to the church in the same order as they left it in the morning.

At half past three o'clock, the Fire Company came out in uniform. The people, and children were much gratified at their appearance. Many hearts throbbed more quickly, in kind appreciation as they remembered their untiring efforts to save the property of their neighbors on the night of a terrible fire.

Almost at the close of day, as I watched the departure of little pattering feet, I asked myself, how many of these little boys and girls, will in coming years be found walking in the "straight and narrow way that leads to Heaven?"

How many of those silvery voices which now fall upon the ear, like angel's voices, will ring out in tones of glad worship, for Him "who gave his only son to die for us?" In years to come, how many of those little hands will be ever ready to do good to his neighbor, eschewing the forbidden practice of living for himself.

For the Agitator. FRIEND YOUNG: The permission of yourself and the readers of the Agitator, as the lawyers say, "first had and obtained," I propose to write a series of articles upon the leading political questions now at the bar of public opinion in this country.

But a few months will elapse, before this whole country from the great lakes to the Gulf of Mexico—from the Atlantic to the Pacific, will be agitated by another mighty political conflict. All classes of men, all shades of politicians will be found rallying around one or the other of the great political organizations.

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THE GREAT QUESTION SOUTH.

New proofs are every day accumulating of the hold which the question of reviving the African slave-trade has taken on the Southern mind. The pending gubernatorial contest in Texas turns entirely on that question.

In this emergency the citizens of Texas opposed to that policy have appealed to Gen. Houston to give them the advantage of his name and leadership. Educated in the old Virginia school, of which Thomas Jefferson was the apostle, and brought in his youth to regard Slavery as an evil, Gen. Houston has not yet been converted to the new ideas which of late have made such rapid progress at the South.

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CLARK'S GREAT GIFT BOOK ESTABLISHMENT.

How can great reforms be forwarded, or gross abuses corrected except the freemen of this Union, fully understand the effect of their votes and conduct themselves accordingly? How can they vote intelligently without being correctly informed? And how can they obtain the desired information without giving the matter their honest attention?

Old ones either become the settled policy of the government, or are repudiated altogether and new ones spring up in their stead. At times the great political parties have been divided upon the U. S. bank, the tariff, the sub-treasury, the distribution of the proceeds of the sale of public lands, of the improvement of rivers and harbors, and many others.

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As an evidence of the truth of what has been asserted, I append the names of a few gentlemen who have purchased or ordered books from me, and who have expressed their satisfaction in the most liberal manner.

Death to all Vermin. IT IS TRULY WONDERFUL WITH WHAT CERTAINTY Rats, Roaches, Mice, Moles, Ground Squirrels, Badgers, Skunks, Mosquitoes, Fleas, Beetles, and other animals, in short every species of vermin are utterly destroyed by "Costar's" Rat, Roach, &c. Exterminator, "Costar's" Bed-Bug Exterminator, "Costar's" Electric Powder for Insects, &c.

Notice. ALL persons having unsettled accounts with the Subscribers, are hereby notified to call at their store in Stoney Fork and settle the same immediately or costs will be made, and all persons indebted by note or judgment are hereby notified that if payment is not made before the 1st day of September next, such notes and judgments will be placed in the hands of an Attorney for collection.

New Wheat Flour, JUST RECEIVED at my Store some First Quality NEW WHEAT FLOUR. Also some more of that Botted Corn Meal. FRED K. WRIGHT, August 4, 3d.

HOWARD ASSOCIATION. PHILADELPHIA. 1859. A Benevolent Institution, established by special enactment for the relief of the sick and distressed, afflicted with Venereal and Epidemic diseases.

TIOGA CABINET WAREHOUSE. On Wellsboro St., Tioga. THE undersigned would inform the citizens of Tioga, and of the county generally, that he keeps constantly on hand, for sale, at low prices, A FINE ASSORTMENT OF CABINET WARE, CHAIRS, & C.

WELLSBORO ACADEMY. Wellsboro, Tioga County, Penna. Luther R. Burlingame, A. B., Principal. Miss ELIZA J. BEACH, Teacher.

Tuition. Juvenile Department, \$2.50. Common English Branches, \$5.00. Higher English Branches, \$10.00. Languages, \$15.00. Drawing, (extra), \$5.00.

Application for Divorce. To Louisa Tiffany: You are hereby notified that John M. Tiffany, your husband, has applied to the Court of Common Pleas of Tioga County, for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and that said Court have appointed Monday, the 5th day of September next, at two o'clock p. m., of said day for hearing the said John M. Tiffany in the premises, at which place you can appear if you think proper.

Application for Divorce. To Amy Daniels: You are hereby notified that Barna Daniels, your husband, has applied to the Court of Common Pleas of Tioga County, for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and that said Court have appointed Monday, the 5th day of September next, at two o'clock p. m., of said day for hearing the said Barna Daniels in the premises, at which time and place you can attend if you think proper.

Application for Divorce. To Harriet Lewis: You are hereby notified that Lewis C. Lewis, your husband, has applied to the Court of Common Pleas of Tioga County, for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and that said Court have appointed Monday, the 5th day of September next, at two o'clock p. m., of said day for hearing the said Lewis C. Lewis in the premises, at which time and place you can appear if you think proper.

Fair Warning! Last Call!! ALL persons indebted to the late Sheriff JOHN MATHIAS are notified to call upon the undersigned, at the Prothonotary's Office, and settle immediately, or they will be sued, without regard to personality or favor. WM. T. MATHERS, Agent. Wellsboro, June 30, 1859.