

Synopsis of the Covode Committee Report.

This report has been presented. It sets out with speaking of the embarrassments which attended their labor.

The Committee examined the emphatic pledges of the President to leave the people of Kansas perfectly free in their institutions;

The next point examined involved the abuses in the Philadelphia Custom House. It was found that improper combinations exist among the federal officers with a view to control primary elections, and a corrupt and improper use of the public money is made in the employment of persons in the public service in violation of the laws.

THE RIGHT WAY.—A story has been traveling through the newspapers, in relation to an ingot of gold that was recently forwarded to Paris from San Francisco, and sold for \$2,075 but which afterwards proved to be nothing but a guinea mass of lead.

AN INTELLIGENT MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—Tom Florence is the bluff of the House. The other day a motion was made to fix the salary of mail agents at the maximum rate of \$900.

Mr. Florence: Do I understand the proposition to be to reduce the salary of mail agents to \$900 a year?

Mr. Florence: I have no objection to making that the maximum; but I am opposed to the reduction of the salary of route agents below \$1000.

THE SAW-LOG CANDIDATE.—As an offset to Abraham Lincoln's rail-splitting feats, the Democrat (Ill.) Magnet exhibits the following saw-log:

We have recently seen a saw-log cut, thirty years and three months since by Stephen A. Douglas, when he attended a saw-mill nights and Saturday and taught school the balance of the time.

THE AGITATOR.

HUGH YOUNG, EDITOR & PROPRIETOR.

WELLSBOROUGH, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 28, 1860.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL NOMINATIONS.

FOR PRESIDENT,

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

OF ILLINOIS.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,

HANNIBAL HAMLIN,

OF MAINE.

REPUBLICAN STATE NOMINATION.

FOR GOVERNOR,

ANDREW G. CURTIN,

OF CENTRE COUNTY.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Editorial Correspondence of the Agitator.

WASHINGTON, June 21, 1860.

THE COVODE COMMITTEE.

On Saturday last Mr. Train, from the House Investigating Committee, of which Hon. John Covode is Chairman, submitted a majority report which we will lay before the readers of the AGITATOR just as soon as we can find space.

At present we can only give an abstract. The report sets out by reference to the celebrated protest of "The Old Public Functionary," as "J. B." calls himself, in which he denies the power of the House to investigate his official conduct or the conduct of any other of the executive officers of the government.

In regard to the Leecompton Constitution, the Committee lays bare to the gaze of the world such a mass of corruption as will astonish even the most incredulous—corruption which even the most shameless pro-slavery democratic partizan dare not defend.

The Committee also examined the abuses of the Custom House Officers, and the officers of the Navy Yards in Philadelphia and New York, and show by incontrovertible evidence that large numbers of men were uselessly and unnecessarily employed in these places for the purpose of controlling the primary and general elections for members of Congress.

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A HOMESTEAD BILL.

but not the Homestead Bill of Mr. Grow has finally passed both houses. The conferees appointed by each house met on Tuesday morning last, for the twelfth time, and surprised everybody by agreeing to a report.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Congress will adjourn on Monday, the 25th inst., at noon. Every body wants to get away from here, a wish which is heartily shared by the undersigned.

Major John Schwartz, the honest old Representative from Berks County, died last night of liver complaint. He was a Jackson Democrat of the old school, and in the present Congress, acted with the Republicans in conjunction with Messrs. Hickman and Haskin.

I see the cheerful smile, and hear the kindly words of our friend, M. H. Cobb, every day. He is on the editorial staff of the New York Daily World, and at present represents the interests of that paper in Washington.

Of the Baltimore Convention, I think it is safe to use a quotation from Bonner's Ledger, as that this is all any one can say about it in its present condition, viz:

"To be continued next week." H. Y.

THE NOMINEES AT BALTIMORE.—The National Democratic Convention has at length split its party into two rival and intensely hostile factions, and has nominated two antagonist tickets, as follows:—1. For President, STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS, of Illinois; for Vice-President, BENJAMIN FITZPATRICK, of Alabama.

From the New York Tribune.

The Democratic Disruption.

"All that's bright must fade," and political parties are especially subject to the general law of mortality. Next to an annihilating defeat, an overwhelming victory is to be dreaded by those who have pinned their faith and their fortunes to any political organization.

If the Democracy shall be utterly routed in the contest before us, they will owe their disaster to the foolish backing and filling of the "Soft" managers in our State.

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start. And if they shall thus bargain, Douglas must lose his precarious hold on thousands in all the Free States. He made a very damaging concession last week, in consenting to the following addition to his Platform:

"Resolved, That it is in accordance with the Cincinnati platform, that during the existence of Territorial Governments the measure of restriction, whatever it may be, imposed by the Federal Constitution on the power of the Territorial Legislature over the subject of the domestic relations, as the same has been or shall hereafter be finally determined by the Supreme Court of the United States, should be respected by all good citizens, and enforced with promptness and fidelity by every branch of the general government."

This either means nothing at all, or it means that "all good citizens" should unite in reprobating and putting down any attempt at legislation in a territory to uphold the right of every one who labors to the fruits of his labor—of every rational, innocent human being to the ownership of his own brain, bones and sinews.

To the Republicans, the path of duty is now plain. Our adversaries are not about to give us the election—far from it. Mr. Douglas and his backers have staked their all on this struggle, and they will prosecute the canvass with an energy and desperation rarely, if ever, before known.

At half-past eight the young folks assembled at Porter's Hall, which was decorated in the most gorgeous style, and surrounded with hundreds of beautiful oil paintings, flags and banners, and a large bust of Webster and Clay were placed in the center.

Kansas Correspondence.

The Great R. R. Celebration—Three thousand flags and streamers—A rival of the Black Hawk Eastern Delegation—Refreshment show—7,000 people in procession—The first and only ladies—Bread, ground on the Railroads—The action—Speakers invited—The Barbecue Dinner—The Wine Supper—The Ball, &c., &c.

Armenian Cry, K. T., June 17, 1860.

The great Railroad Celebration which has for a long time been talked of, came off on Wednesday, the 13th inst., and was one of the proudest days that ever dawned upon this young city.

The first thing that attracted my attention in the morning, was two large American flags unfurled to the breeze, and waving from the windows of Freedom's Champion office, and in a few hours afterwards upwards of three thousand flags and streamers were floating in the breeze from nearly every house top, and stretched across the streets.

At 10 A. M. the steamer Black Hawk arrived from Kansas City, Mo., with several hundred guests, and having on board the Leavenworth Brass Band, and several of the most distinguished citizens of Kansas.

After several pieces of music from the Atchison, St. Joseph, and Leavenworth Brass Bands, the large crowd assembled on Second street, in front of the Massachusetts House, and formed in procession led by the Atchison Brass Band, and marched through Commercial St. to the western outskirts of the city.

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The St. Louis Democrat learns that Capt. Simpson passed through that city en route for Washington, with dispatches from Utah, containing propositions from Brigham Young to sell the Mormon property at Salt Lake to the United States, the saints to remove to some point on the Pacific coast, either in the British Possessions or the United States.

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After the ceremonies of breaking ground, the procession marched to the south part of the city where the oration was delivered by Gen. B. F. Stringfellow, and several able and eloquent speeches made by Geo. Austin Blair, of Mich. Capt. Prentiss, of Quincy, Ill., Dr. Evans, of Chicago, Judge Williams, of the Supreme Court of Kansas, Hon. Henry Buchus, of Detroit, and others, when the President announced that the Barbecue Dinner was ready; but so large was the crowd that not one half of them could get a sight of the first table.

The dinner over, the procession was again formed and marched to the city, where they dispersed to meet again at the Wine Supper in the evening. It will be needless to say that this was largely attended, speeches were made, toasts given, and that a large number went away in rather high spirits.

The Missouri is now up nearly full bank, and still rising. I have never seen it so high since I came here in the spring of '37. Trains are starting out for Salt Lake and the Great Plains every week, loaded with Government stores. There are acres of wagons in town, and to see a train start out with all the drivers cracking their whips, forcibly reminds one of the "Fourth of July." The lashes of the whips are made of buckskin, some ten or fifteen feet long, and in the center measure full an inch and a half in diameter, and the stock some two inches in diameter, and eight or ten feet in length.

Miscellaneous Items.

There are now eight journals in Missouri that support Lincoln and Hamlin.

Mr. Seward has given a fireman who had his shoulder dislocated by falling from his barn, \$100, and paid his doctor's bill.

One day last week there was shipped over the Williamsport road via Elmira to New York City, five tons of butter, in firkins and tubs.

The new expedition to the Arctic regions, under Dr. Hayes, will sail in about two weeks—the required sum of \$50,000 having been raised.

President Buchanan has signed the Overland Telegraph bill. It is therefore a law, and proposals will soon be out for building the line.

Resolutions approving Senator Sumner's course in the United States Senate have passed the Massachusetts Legislature by a vote of 80 against 44.

The politicians have thrown me overboard," said a disappointed office seeker, "but thank fortune, I have strength enough left to swim to the other side."

The Daily Wisconsin, of Milwaukee, has come out in gallant style for the Republican ticket. The Wisconsin has for a long time been the leading Democratic journal of Milwaukee.

Oliver Wendell Holmes says: "Our brains are seventy year old folks." The angel of life winds them up once for all, he closes the doors and gives the key into the hands of the angel of resurrection."

"Occasional," of Forney's Press, says that "Bigger in the most unfortunate and bungling Senator that ever filled a seat from Pennsylvania. All his political movements are awkward, ignorant, and pertentious."

The census takers find great difficulty in ascertaining the ages of girls, a large majority of them being only sixteen. In one family in an eastern State, there were found to be twelve girls between ten and sixteen years of age.

The steamship Great Eastern seems to have some difficulty in getting from England. She was expected in New York last week, but it is ascertained from reliable authority, by private advices per Niagara, that she was not to sail till last Saturday.

The New York Court of Appeals, the highest judiciary in the State, has decided that beers, including lager beer, are intoxicating drinks. The Germans of New York are indignant at this decision, because it will have the effect of shutting up their beer shops on Sunday.

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The N. Y. Chronicle says that a young girl, 18 years of age, was struck blind on the 31st ult. in the City of Baltimore, under singular and awe-inspiring circumstances. She had been accused by her aunt of falsehood, which she positively denied, calling upon God

to strike her blind if she was not telling the truth. In a moment after, a film began to gather over her eyes, destroying the sight, and leading her to confess her guilt.

Last week, in one of the Western countries of this State, two prominent Democrats and Republicans, both of whom had been delegates to their National Conventions, happened to meet. The latter asked the former what he saw at Charleston? "Why," replied he, "sandy, dreary deserts, niggers, hominy, and turkey buzzards, principally. What saw you at Chicago?" quired the Democrat. "Why, sir, I saw one of the fairest landscapes my eyes ever beheld, and the homes of freemen." It was a synopsis of the argument for Liberty over Slavery.

Hon. T. Corwin is, as most folks know, a man who has a dark complexion. His joke about his "stomach's" adventure in New Orleans, which he tells at his own expense, is equalled by this one, which we never before happened to meet with.—Corwin was introduced, in New York, to a freshly arrived Englishman, as being an Ohioan. This term evidently puzzled John Bull; but in a moment his face brightened, and he seized C. by the hand, expressed his joy at making his acquaintance, and kindly inquired "whether his tribe were at peace with the whites?"

In the town of Onondaga, New York, nearly all of the farm work on a snug farm is done by females, two daughters of the proprietor. Recently they had for an assistant, early all the summer season, a female hired man. They "plow and sow and reap and mow" almost equal to men. They wear the Bloomer costume upon all occasions, whether at home or abroad. It is not an unusual sight, in wet weather, to see them about the premises, and even at the neighbors, with their jaunty little hats on, and the bottoms of their pants tucked into the tops of their tall boots, a la man-kind. It is said that they can "finger the piano," talk politics, discuss the sciences, literature, &c., equally as well as any man can handle the pruning-hook or drive the plow.

A somewhat curious case was tried in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne Co., a short time since. The administrators of the estate of Elisha Harris had offered his effects at public sale. Among other things was an uncouth block of wood, supposed by some to be a part of a chess press, but the true character and object was unknown. David M. Hutmacher bid it off for fifteen cents, and laid it out against the fence until night, when he carried it home. Subsequently he determined to gratify his curiosity, and accordingly split the block open, when he discovered a queer secret drawer, opening by the pressure of a large key, and containing bonds, notes and other matters, besides about \$2,500 in gold and silver coin. It had long been conjectured that money and other valuables were secreted somewhere about the premises. An amicable suit was brought for the contents of the block to test the question of rightful ownership. Verdict for executors, \$4,500.

MUSICAL.

NORMAL SCHOOL.

PROF. S. JEWETT & HARRISON will open a Normal Music School, in Wellsboro, Tioga Co., Pa., commencing

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14th, 1860.

And continue in session Six Weeks. It will be the object of the Principals of this school to impart a thorough course of instruction to all wishing to qualify themselves for teachers, either vocal or instrumental, as well as to those who wish to make greater proficiency in music, either practical or theoretical, for their own individual gratification or benefit.

The course of instruction will embrace the art of playing the Piano Forte, Organ, Melodeon, Violin, Violoncello, Guitar, and all instruments used in Orchestras or Brass Bands. Singing in all its departments, thorough Bass, Harmony, and Composition.

Tuition, (payable in advance,) \$10.00. Allowing students the privilege of pursuing any or all of the above studies.

Board in private families can be secured on reasonable terms, by addressing Mr. H. P. Erwin, Wellsboro, Pa., before the commencement of the school. Board at Hotels may be obtained without the necessity of special notice.

Should further information be desired, it can be had by sending for a circular to Dr. W. W. Webb, Wellsboro, or communicating with Mr. H. P. Erwin, Wellsboro, or Prof. R. Harrison, Friendship, Allegany Co., N. Y.

Wellsboro, June 28, 1860.

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J. R. BOWEN,

M. BULLARD,

A. HOWLAND.

Wellsboro, June 28, 1860.

TO THE SACK.

DR. JACKSON

MAY BE CONSULTED AS FOLLOWS:

Corning, N. Y., Dickinson House, Tuesday, July 10.

Tioga, Pa., Goodrich House, Wednesday, July 11.

Wellsboro, Pa., Stage House, Thursday, July 12.

Covington, Pa., Covington Hotel, Friday, July 13.

Blossburg, Pa., Hall's Hotel, Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15.

Addison, N. Y., Doollittle's Hotel, Tuesday, July 17.

Jornellsville, N. Y., Chadwick House, Wednesday, July 18.

Alfred, N. Y., Stage House, Tuesday, July 24.

Andover, N. Y., Eagle Hotel, Wednesday, July 25.

Wellsville, N. Y., Van Buren Hotel, Thursday, July 26.

Saco, N. Y., Exchange Hotel, Friday, July 27.

Belmont, N. Y., Tracy House, Saturday, July 28.

Angelica, N. Y., Charles Hotel, Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Delmont, N. Y., Stage House, Thursday, Aug. 2.

Rushford, N. Y., Stage House, Friday, Aug. 3.

Cuba, N. Y., R. R. House, Sat. & Sun., Aug. 4 & 5.

Olean, N. Y., Fobes House, Monday, Aug. 6.

Ceres, N. Y., Store House, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Smithport, Pa., Bennett House, Thursday, Aug. 9.

INVALIDS SHOULD MARK WELL THE TIME.

Those suffering from Chronic Diseases of any description, may be assured that their cases will be treated fairly and candidly, and they will not be encouraged to take any medicines without a corresponding prospect of success.

HAVING TOOLS.

CAST STEEL, Silver Steel, and the Golden Tan-ner's Sythes, Snaths, Rakes, scythe stones, grind stones, iron cradles, &c., at

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100 PIECES VELVET RIBBON, just received

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