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Negro Insurrections at the South. The newspapers lately have given frequent accounts of "risings" of the negroes in various parts of the South. That such things should occur, every good man must deplore; but is it not much more to be regretted that a state of society should exist in this country where such demonstrations are possible—nay, inevitable?

The fear of an insurrection of the blacks is ever-present with the whites of the South, and it is idle to suppose that any amount of punishment will put a stop to outbreaks of this kind. Any one acquainted with the negro character knows that his dearest hope is to die free!

It is not a strange and deplorable infatuation of the rulers at the South, that they cling with such tenacity to an institution that renders her physically helpless, mentally imbecile, and morally corrupt? And stranger still, that in the very face of impending destruction, she is putting forth her greatest power and straining every nerve to extend an institution which she has not the power to control within its present limits!

So far from rejoicing at this state of things at the South, we of the North deeply deplore it, and would willingly aid them in any feasible plan for getting rid of the curse; but if they are determined to repel all our efforts, shut their eyes to the danger, and court destruction, we shall hold ourselves guiltless of the consequences.

The Opposition Candidate for Governor. The Republicans and liberal minded Americans are discussing the nomination of a suitable candidate for Governor at the next fall election, and generally in a good spirit.

The Tariff. The bill for the modification of the Tariff, as reported in the House by Mr. Letcher, proposes a uniform reduction of 20 per cent. on the duties levied by the Tariff of 1846.

We clip the following notice of the negro excitement in Kentucky, and the humane and gentle means resorted to extort evidence from one who is not allowed to testify in a court of justice, from the telegraphic column of the Democratic Press:

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 20.—The Russellville Herald says the insurrection excitement still exists in the neighborhood of Volney and Gordonsville. A number of negroes had been arrested, one of whom pretended to know all about the plot, but said he would die before disclosing it.

Kansas. The President has sent a message to the House, covering dispatches from Gov. Geary, relative to Kansas affairs. The Governor reports that he has kept an hourly record of executive action since he entered upon his duties.

Governor Geary, who at first received his impressions of the state of the country from such men as Leconte and Titus, has begun to observe for himself and to form his own conclusions. He has declared his intention to govern the territory impartially, to keep himself aloof from the influences of any party, and to protect all peaceable citizens in the enjoyment of their rights.

We believe that we may assure those who think of emigrating to Kansas, that the way is now as clear to that territory as to Nebraska, and the rights of settlers as safe there as in the more northern territory; The men who were sent from the slave states to serve as soldiers of slavery for two years, have, for the most part, gone back; at all events they have disappeared.

This state of affairs is in happy contrast with the conduct of Pierce and Shannon last July, and shows clearly that what the Free State party said all along was true. Some of the Buchanan newspapers in this State are in ecstasies at this new state of things.

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Queer Revelations. Hon. Kenneth Rayner has been making a speech at Raleigh, N. C., in defence of his political course during the late Presidential canvass, especially in regard to the charge brought against him of having sought to aid in the election of Fremont.

It is always in your power to make a friend by smiles, what a folly to make enemies by frowns? It is stated that there are ten times as many newspapers printed in the German language in the United States as there are in Germany.

A NEW YEAR. A Happy New Year to all our readers "and the rest of mankind!" The old year has gone, the new one has come, and why should we not wish each other happy?

Eighteen hundred fifty seven. This date looks a little odd, but we shall soon get used to it, and date our letters with a 7 instead of a 6. In entering upon a new year it is an excellent opportunity to form good resolutions, to leave off bad habits, to forsake unprofitable associations, and strike out upon new paths of social and moral improvement.

There will be several eclipses of the sun and moon during the year, all of which may be seen when they are visible. There will be several tremendous thunder storms, during warm weather, and somebody will get struck by lightning.

There will be wars and rumors of wars, this year, and those who fight in battle will be apt to smell gunpowder. There will be fluctuations in the money and provision markets. Those badly in debt will realize the value of bank bills, more than creditor's bills, while those who have neither money nor credit will feel pretty well down—in the mouth.

There will be an unusual number of signs and wonders during the present year. Young people will dream singular dreams, and superstitious people will hear strange sounds—Stars will be seen to fall from heaven and snow will come down in small flakes, yet there will be green grass in the spring, and turkeys for next Thanksgiving.

A thousand other remarkable things will happen during the year 1857. There will be births and deaths, murders and riots, steamboat explosions and railroad accidents, but editors will continue to furnish their own brains to feed the mental appetites of other people, and go hungry themselves, while Old Nick will continue to collect the names of those who cheat the printer in order to give them "fist" hereafter.

Enthusiastic Republican Meeting. A very large and enthusiastic Republican meeting was held at the public house of Edward Eckert, at Siegfried's Bridge, Allen township, Northampton county, on the 26th ult. The meeting was organized as follows: President—Benoni Bates. Vice Presidents—Jos. Lerch, Thos. Grafflin, Joseph Kleppinger, Aaron Hower, Charles Shaffer, Solomon Kritzer, John Kleppinger, Daniel Shoemaker, John Rhoads, Ambrose Wesner, Charles Nagel, and Edward Kohler.

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A Caustic Rebuke. Hon. Lucien B. Chase, of Tennessee, writes a letter to the New York Mirror in reference to the recent attempted insurrection among the slaves of that state. He indignantly scents the idea broached by the Albany Atlas and other northern organs, that the disturbance was caused by the machinations of the "black republicans."

The Sugar Tax. The St. Louis Democrat, advertizing to the proposal of Senator Hotchcox, to suspend the duty on sugar for two years, states that last year the value of all the sugar imported into the country was near fifteen millions of dollars; this year it will greatly exceed that sum.

A Word in Season.—An exchange from a town where they have already had plenty of snow, remarks—which may also prove welcome and applicable to this place,—and we copy for "the benefit of whom it may concern," when the time comes. The season for the healthy exercise of shovelling snow has arrived, and our citizens soon have to turn out in the morning and clear the path. Particular care should be taken that the path be duly wide enough to admit the free passage of ladies with the hooped skirts, with switching off places at intervals in case two of them should happen to meet.

Allentown Brass Band.—We understand that the Band has permanently attached itself to the "Allen Rifles," and that hereafter they will parade together. The expense incident to maintaining such an organization is by no means trivial, yet the greater part has been borne by the members individually. Their expenditures since they first organized exceed \$2000.—\$600 of which was lately paid for a set of new instruments.

Value of Crops.—The value of all the crops produced in our country for the year 1856, is estimated at \$1,800,000,000. The man who has a right to do so, he pleases, generally pleases to do wrong.

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On motion, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to prepare resolutions for the consideration of the meeting: John C. Anewalt, Samuel Lerch, Wm. Fenicle, Joseph Kleppinger and Jacob Kleppinger. During the absence of the committee, E. H. Rauch of Bethlehem briefly addressed the meeting, in English and German. The following resolutions were then offered, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved—That we are opposed to the self-styled democratic party, and will continue to oppose it as long as it stands, as now, in opposition to human progress, and to the cultivation of free soil by free men.

Resolved—That we will forever oppose the extension of human Slavery into any Territory now free, or of annexing territory to the United States, tolerating Slavery.

Resolved—That Congress having the right, and representing a free and enlightened people, it should so legislate that neither slavery nor Polygamy should be tolerated in any Territory belonging to the people of the country.

Resolved—That we have confidence in the patriotism and honesty of the people, and firmly believe that they will soon achieve a signal triumph over the black power of slavery.

Resolved—That we confidently proclaim to our political brethren abroad, that Glorious old Allen, the bright Lone Star of Northampton in 1856, is permanently Republican, and able to give an increased majority at the next trial of strength.

Resolved—That we are in favor of a Republican State Convention at an early day, to nominate candidates for Governor and Canal Commissioner, and to strengthen our organization.

Resolved—That we recognize the Honorable David Wilmut as the embodiment of Republican principles, and the greatest of all champions of free labor, and that he is our first choice for Governor of this commonwealth.

Resolved—That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the general papers of this and adjoining counties, favorable to the Republican cause.

Counterfeits on the Allentown Bank.—10's, altered, on the Allentown Bank, are in circulation. Vignette—Three females, ship, &c., on the right; landscape with roads, and figures 10 on the left; a female writing in the foreground. The genuine may however be easily distinguished from it, as it has a vignette William Penn on the right, a female with a wheat sheaf on her head at the left, and a farming scene in the foreground.

Large Porker.—On Friday of last week, Mr. JOSEPH WEAVER, of this borough, slaughtered a hog weighing 501 pounds. Mr. CLEAVELAND, hotel-keeper in 7th street, intends shortly to kill his monster hog,—the largest ever seen in Allentown. It is three years old and measures 8 feet 4 inches in length, and 3 feet and 10 inches in height. For getting up big fat hogs, the Allentownians are the smartest people in all creation, or any other place.

Send them Along.—We have a desire to devote a large portion of our paper to local news, and our friends throughout the county will oblige us greatly by sending us accounts of all occurrences, incidents, accidents, items, &c., of whatever kind, which may be of local interest. It will be of no matter how they are forwarded to us; if they are not in the proper shape, they will be put into it and prepared for publication. Send them along, then, and let us have the local news of all parts of the county.

Christmas.—Christmas passed off finely in our Borough. The day, barring a sharp cutting wind, was rather pleasant, and our people seemed to enjoy themselves very much. The presents distributed made many a young heart glad. Stores were closed during the day, and in the morning and evening divine service was held in several of our churches. The taverns and lager beer saloons were, however, well patronized, as was evidenced by quite a number of drunken people that disgraced the streets during the day and night, to the great prejudice of the peace and quiet of the community.

Confagration in Philadelphia.—On Tuesday night of last week, a large building in Edward street, between Second and School, 4th district, occupied by different manufacturing firms, was burned out. Many persons thereby are thrown out of employment. Loss \$30,000.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Readers of the "Register" should remember that the place to get good and cheap Job Work done is at this office. Blanks, Cards, Bills, &c., done with dispatch and neatness.

Pocket Picked.—The Daily Eastonian says, that on Friday last, Mr. Thomas Steckel, of Allentown, had his pocket book stolen at the Trenton Railroad depot, containing about \$20 and some valuable papers.

The quantity of coal transported on the Lehigh Valley Railroad for the week ending December 27th, amounted 1,076 tons; for the season commencing December 1st, 1856, 15,006 tons.

Resulted in Death.—The boy BILLHAGEN, who was so shockingly burned by a campfire accident, an account of which we published at the time, died from the effects on second Christmas, after having suffered the most agonizing pains for three or four weeks.

Northampton County has 11,204 taxable inhabitants, as appears by the recent enumeration. Of this number, 2090 are in the borough of Easton. Four negroes are enrolled among the tax-payers, and there are 17 blind and 6 deaf and dumb persons in the county.

Fatal Accident.—On the 28th ult., ELIZABETH A., a daughter of Mr. Peter Miller, of North Whitehall township, this county, accidentally fell from the hay-loft in a barn, from the injuries of which she died shortly thereafter. She was about 14 years of age.

Shares of North Pennsylvania Railroad stock have steadily advanced in market since the completion of that road to its connection with the Lehigh Valley Road. When fully equipped and in operation we know no road running into Philadelphia with a fairer prospect of success.

North Pennsylvania Railroad.—The first car passed over this road from Philadelphia to the Lehigh over the Shinersville branch on the 20th ult., and returned next day. On the 26th ult., another train arrived and returned the same day with several gentlemen connected with the road. For the present one up and one down train runs daily.

Frozen to Death.—A man named CHARLES GORNBACH, was found dead in a field of Mr. Elich's Old, in Weisburg township, this county, on Sunday morning last. He left Greensburg last the evening previous for home, and was found in a pathway which lead through the field thither. It is supposed he died from cold and exposure, as he was stiff and frozen. He was 45 years of age.

Horrible Indian Capture.—A party of Sioux Indians captured a few days previous to the 23d, near Glenock, Minnesota, a Chippewa Indian. The Indians, in council determined, after retaining the Chippewa in their possession several days, to burn him. Accordingly, on Sunday, November 23d, the Sioux, numbering some seven hundred warriors, took the Chippewa to a point on Buffalo Creek, near Glenock, and there burned him to death.

Our informant derived his information from a constable, who was passing near the spot selected for the terrible outrage, with a wagon loaded with dry goods. All efforts made by him to save the Chippewa were futile. He represents that the Chippewa met all the horrors inflicted on him by the Sioux, with the greatest indifference. He was hurt at a slow fire, and lingered several hours before he expired. When the transfer passed, the Indian was tied to the stake, and the slow fire by which he was destroyed had but partially consumed his feet and ankles. While tied to the stake the Indian was scalped and otherwise mutilated.

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