

TO ADVERTISERS: THE "LEHIGH REGISTER" HAS A LARGER CIRCULATION BY SEVERAL HUNDRED THAN ANY OTHER ENGLISH PAPER IN THE COUNTY.

FOR GOVERNOR: Col. Andrew G. Curtin, OF CENTRE COUNTY.

The Step Downwards. The history of the Democratic Party for the past few years is a striking exemplification of the fact, how rapid becomes any movement in a wrong direction, whether in politics, morals or religion. The tendency downward is always stronger than the tendency upward.

SECTIONALISM. The Republican Party has been denounced because of its being a sectional party. Its opponents will not undertake to dispute its principles, will not pretend that in justice to the South these principles cannot be avowed, do not deny that the principles now entertained by the party were the principles avowed and acted upon in Legislation by all the early fathers of the Government, of all sections of the Union, both North and South, but consider it a sufficient condemnation, that the party only happens to maintain itself in the Northern Section of the confederacy and thus far has gained no solid footing in the Southern States.

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OLD BERKS.—The Berks and Schuylkill Journal in its latest issue assures us, judging from the recent spring elections through the county, that with a proper nomination at Chicago, the Democratic minority in Old Berks can be brought down to one thousand next fall, if not entirely wiped out. Good for old Berks!

THE CONNECTICUT ELECTION.

The election in Connecticut, to come off shortly in April, is said to be the most exciting political contest the State has witnessed for years. The majorities of the Republican party in the State have never been large. Last year the majority of the Republican nominees for Governor was but 1800. Stimulated by the hope of a possible victory, the Democracy have resorted to unexampled efforts to regain the State.

THE POLITICAL POSITION OF HON. EDWARD BATES OF MISSOURI.—Hon. Edwards Bates has written a long letter to the delegates from Missouri to the Chicago committee, in answer to inquiries made, stating his position to the leading political questions of the day. Mr. Bates has become a prominent candidate for the nomination for the Presidency at the hands of the Republican party, and his views will be read with interest.

MEETING OF IRON MASTERS.—A Convention of Iron Manufacturers of Pennsylvania was held at the La Pierre House in Philadelphia on Thursday last. The Convention unanimously approved of the Tariff bill reported by the Republican committee of Ways and Means in the House of Representatives at Washington. The following are the resolutions unanimously adopted.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN VIRGINIA.—The Republicans of Virginia have issued a call for a Convention in the city of Wheeling, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Chicago Convention. In view of the difficulties with which this party is surrounded in Virginia, the language of the call is bold and courteous and indicates that those who endorse it will not shrink from the exercise of their constitutional rights.

THE PENNSYLVANIA DELEGATION AT CHICAGO.—The Pennsylvania Delegation at the Chicago Convention are to have their headquarters at the Briggs House instead of the Richmond House as previously announced in the Register. There are thirty-five names in Chicago and the Landlords have announced their determination to charge no more than their usual rates during the sitting of the Convention.

THE REPUBLICAN CLUBS OF CHICAGO are taking steps to erect a public hall capable of holding from seven to ten thousand persons. The hall is for the use of the Republican Convention, which assembles May 16th.

XXXVth CONGRESS.

MARCH 21st.—In the Senate the bill to reduce the price of public printing and binding, was considered. The bill reduces the prices of printing 20 per cent, and provides that the binding shall be done by the binders elected by Congress.

MARCH 22nd.—In the Senate Mr. Seward (Rep.) of New York introduced a resolution calling on the President for information relative to the expulsion of a naturalized citizen from Prussia in 1857. Mr. Clingman (Dem.) of North Carolina opposed the passage of a resolution which Mr. Hale (Rep.) of New Hampshire advocated the passage of the measure.

MARCH 23rd.—In the Senate communications were received from the Governor, announcing his approval of the supplement to the charter of the East Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and of the bill incorporating the Easton and Nazareth Railroad Company.

MARCH 24th.—In the Senate the bill relieving the Southern and Erie Railroad Company from the sale of its works on execution until April 1st, 1861, in case of non-payment of the Bonds of the Commonwealth for two non-payment of interest till April 1st, 1861.

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Highly important from Mexico.

Vera Cruz besieged by Miramon. Two Mexican Steamers captured by American vessels off War. By intelligence from New Orleans of the 19th inst., we learn, that Miramon with his insurrectionary forces had attacked Vera Cruz and was repulsed. Two Mexican Steamers were captured off Vera Cruz by American vessels and brought to New Orleans as prizes.

THE BOATING SEASON.—The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company have already commenced letting the water into their canal. Boating will not, however, be actively resumed until about the first of April.

APPROVED.—Governor Packer on Friday sent a message to the Senate announcing his approval of a number of bills, and among the first of these was a bill to incorporate the Easton and Nazareth Railroad Company.

THE EAST PENNA. RAIL ROAD.—The support of the Governor to the East Pennsylvania Railroad Company, allowing the Company to construct a branch road running from Tipton and connecting with the Reading Railroad at Leesport, has become a law.

THE TOWN COUNCIL.—The Town Council of the Borough met on Tuesday evening of the 27th inst., for the purpose of electing Charles Eckert as President. The following appointments were made: Clerk, E. J. Moore, Esq.; Treasurer, Jonathan Reichard; Borough Engineer, G. A. Aschbach; Policemen, Stephen Leniz, and William Weber.

BATTALION.—The first Infantry Battalion of the Brigade, under command of Major Horn, will have a grand Battalion in Allentown on the 10th inst., for the purpose of being made to secure a suitable field, and if the weather proves favorable, we expect to see a large concourse of citizens to witness the military display, which promises to be one of the finest that has witnessed in our borough for years.

ARREST OF THIEVES.—Samuel Rust and Wilhelm Gehring were arrested at Mauch Chunk on Saturday a week since, charged with the larceny of sundry packages from the office of Howard's Express Company at that place. The packages had been missed by the Company at their office for some six months past, but the perpetrators of the mischief could not be detected.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

RECOVERING.—The colored man, Edward McIntire, who was injured by the explosion on the Allentown, is recovering.

NEW LANDLORDS.—The American Hotel of Mauch Chunk was transferred by Mr. Miller, former proprietor, to Michael Wilhelm & Son, on Monday last, and will hereafter be under their management.

THE EXHIBITION OF THE ALLENTOWN ACADEMY.—The exhibitions of the scholars of the Allentown Academy took place at the Odd Fellows Hall of the city on Tuesday evening of this week.

ADVICE.—As the season for garden making and transplanting is near at hand, we take occasion to inquire of our readers, whether they own a patch of ground forty feet square or a dozen of acres, the importance of providing themselves with trees, shrubs, &c., for planting. The value of a few fruit trees is a vast and valuable one.

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APPOINTMENTS OF BRIGADIER GENERAL ALFRED FRY.—Brigadier General Fry has appointed the following persons members of his staff: Peter M. Landis, Aid with the rank of Capt. William H. Hoffman, Quarter-Master with the rank of Captain. Owen Herman, Pay-master with the rank of Captain. Alfred J. Martin, Surgeon with the rank of Major. Alfred B. Schwartz, Judge Advocate, with the rank of Major.

NEW FURNACE IN PHILADELPHIA.—The Standard is informed that a company of gentlemen residing in New York City are endeavoring to secure grounds for the erection of a new furnace, which will be located in Philadelphia. An agreement has already been made for a portion of the grounds, and as soon as the Company can secure the other portion desired, measures will be taken for the completion of the furnace.

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ALLEGANY, SENARY, MARCH 28th, 1860. This is to give notice to all who are concerned, that the boys, of the Allentown Seminary, intend to appoint one of the smallest and youngest of their number, to meet the boy editor of the Allentown Register, and his boyish "common sense" contributor, and call upon them to prove certain assertions made in the Allentown of March 24th, and in case they refuse to fall to do so, said "boy" will whip them both, one after the other, with a willow switch, with which he will be provided.

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