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Moving day, proper, comes this season upon Sabbath, but many of our citizens have anticipated its arrival, by moving and removing in March.

Editorial Circular.

Week last entered upon the third volume of the COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT, and according to custom, should have accompanied that issue with an Address, or Editorial Circular.

The business of conducting a public journal, onerous and responsible, is nevertheless, attended with some degree of pleasureable satisfaction.

Protracted indisposition and family affliction, through which we have been called to pass several months, and out of which we trust we have now safely emerged—must excuse our short comings and will mitigate, in some measure, the non-performance of our duties.

We notice that the Democratic County Convention, which met in Pittsburg, for Alleghany county, on the 21st instant, have acted upon the subject, and their deliberations resulted in approving of the course of Mr. Harper, and erasing the name of Mr. Morehead from the County Committee of Correspondence.

Death of Hon. B. A. Bidlack.

The New York Herald of last Monday, contains intelligence of the death of Hon. BENJAMIN A. BIDLACK, American Chargé d'Affaires to the Republic of New Grenada.

Mr. BIDLACK was a Pennsylvanian—a citizen of Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county. He had served with distinction in the Legislature and in Congress, and was appointed, in 1845 by President Polk to the mission which he filled at the time of his death.

The Conspiracy Case.

In the Supreme Court of nisi prius, of Philadelphia, before Judge Barneide, the conspiracy case against Morgan Hinckman, a citizen of Bucks county, who was forced into the Lunatic Asylum, and kept there for near two years, by a party of Quakers, for the purpose of depriving him of his property, is still progressing.

Triumph of right over Might.

The riot cases in Pittsburg, which occurred sometime in last August or September, have excited a large share of interest, and formed a fruitful theme for comment and discussion.

The consequence was a turn-out—a riot—arrest of the work-hands—a Court trial—and imprisonment of children! L. HARPER, Esq., the fearless Editor of the "Morning Post," espoused the cause of the laborers and oppressed through his excellent paper, for which the vengeance of the "Factory Lords," with Gen. J. K. Morehead, in lead, was ushered upon his devoted head.

Like all aristocrats and tyrants, their first effort at inflicting injury upon Mr. Harper, was to discontinue his paper, muzzle the Press, and thereby shield themselves from exposure and merited contempt.

Philadelphia and Reading Rail Road Co. We understand that from and after next Monday, the Philadelphia and Reading Rail Road Company, run two Daily Trains, each way, between Pottsville and Philadelphia.

Canal Navigation.

The various lines of our public works are now in active operation. Boats freighted with Coal and other articles of produce, are hourly passing our village, for the Southern markets, and the spring trade bids fair for an increased and increasing business over that of past seasons.

Packet Boats are running daily between Harrisburg, Northumberland and Williamsport. Will they run on the North Branch Canal?

A New California Production.

A letter recently received by a merchant in St. Louis from one of Col. Fremont's party, announces that the Colonel has dispatched to Corpus Christi a living, nondescript animal which his party succeeded in capturing at the river Gila, after a chase of three days.

LAWRENCE COUNTY.—This new county has been formed out of parts of Beaver and Mercer. The seat of Justice is New Castle, a thriving and beautiful borough on the Canal, containing a population of over 2000 souls.

New Sheriff's Sales will be found under the appropriate head.

How Bill Brown got his Bitters.

Whether Bill was any relation to General Brown or not, the Documents before me do not show, but certain it is, Bill was a tinctician; and professedly acquainted with human nature.

Upon one occasion Bill was at work with an old Dutchman who "liked a drop," and always kept a demijohn of "old rye" in the cupboard.

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Corporations.

Yet it has been the policy of the loco foco party to oppose enterprise of this kind, and a bill to incorporate the company, which was the first to embark in manufacturing here; and which is now the pride of this city, was twice made the subject of an executive veto, and it is even yet allowed to proceed under many embarrassments, for want of a charter.

The article from which the above is an extract, relates to cotton mills in the city of Lancaster.—We do not intend to write humbly on the subject of Corporations, although the present occasion seems to court it, and the time is not inopportune.

He was personally as well as politically opposed to an act of incorporation, giving the most solid and substantial reasons for his position.

But of what consequence is all this flummery about "want of a charter?" None whatever, for notwithstanding all these disadvantages and embarrassments, this mill "is now the pride of this city."

Heyer and Sullivan.

Those pugilistic vagrants, about whose exploits the public have heard so much of late, have gotten through with their difficulties and are again at large.

Thomas Heyer, the victor in the late contest, we learn has had his trial in Baltimore, and been fined \$1,000.

James Sullivan, the vanquished competitor of Heyer, is said to have set sail for California.

A Sovereign Prince.—In a recent response to a complimentary speech, Mr. Polk said, "I am no longer a servant but one of the nation."

Who don't? The editor of the Montgomery Ledger, in speaking of the "Columbia Democrat," says it is a paper, which "we always read with pleasure."

Terrible news from Santa Fe.

All the Men and Animals of Col. Fremont reported to have perished, except himself.

St. Louis, March 29.

Intelligence from Santa Fe to Feb. 24 has been received at Independence, Missouri. The Republican contains letters from Taos, which represent the writer as having been so very severe that Col. Fremont while passing through one of the mountain gorges, lost 130 mules in one night.

Col. Fremont, though much emaciated and worn out by anxiety and the deprivations to which he had been subjected, accompanied the dragoons.

Mr. Greene, who brought news to Independence, left Santa Fe several days after his publication.

Cholera on the Western Waters again.

CINCINNATI, March 25.

The steamboats from below report that the cholera has again made its appearance on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

Arrival of California Gold.

BOSTON, March 26.

The ship Tzar, Capt. Kennedy, arrived here today from the Sandwich Islands having left Nov. 10th, and Tahiti, Dec. 8th. She brings \$70,000 in California gold.

Terrible Disaster—Boiler Explosion—Five Persons Killed—Five Dwellings Destroyed.

PITTSBURGH, March 25.

Our neighboring city of Alleghany was thrown into a great state of alarm and excitement by the explosion of the boilers of the cotton batting of Messrs. Fife & Brothers.

DESTRUCTIVE WHIRLWIND—Central Rail Road Bridge Destroyed.

HARRISBURG, March 27.

During the storm that has been raging in this vicinity all day, twelve spans of the new bridge across the Susquehanna, at Cox's town, six miles above, was torn away by a whirlwind and the wreck has since floated down the river past this city.

EXAMPLE FOR THE YOUNG.—The Pennsylvania of last Friday has a capital article, showing what industry and perseverance may effect, as demonstrated in the history of the FENICE LINGER.

THE PROULDEST MOTTO OF THE YOUNG, Write it in lines of gold Upon thy heart, and in thy mind Its shining deeds unfold!

COLUMBIA CO. SPRING ELECTION.

We republish on our fourth page this week—revised and corrected—the Spring Election Returns, which should be preserved for future reference.

At CHICAGO, Ill., recently, a man was sent to the Penitentiary for one month for murder, and a woman one year for stealing four yards of Alpaca.

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A Significant Vote.

On the 23d inst., the Senate in secret session according to the correspondence of the New York Herald, disposed of Mr. Benton's protocol resolutions as follows:

Mr. Benton, in secret session, concluded his speech on the protocol, and was replied to by Mr. Foote, who pronounced a most scathing philippic against the Missouri Senator.

Mr. Foote's speech lasted about an hour, and at close Mr. Benton offered a resolution declaring the protocol a portion of the treaty, and that it conflicts with the articles substituted by the Senate in lieu of the original articles contained in the project submitted by the Mexican government through Mr. Trist.

This vote extinguishes the whole affair most completely.

Mr. Foote, in the course of his speech, vindicated Mr. Buchanan, to the entire satisfaction of the Senate, from the instructions of the late Secretary of State to Mr. Sevier and Mr. Clifford, that he had forewarned these gentlemen not, under any circumstances, to put pen to paper.

Gen. Taylor, according to the Washington Union good-humoredly said to the swarm of office seekers around him on Thursday—"Gentlemen, I have nothing to give you except my own office, to which you are perfectly welcome."

LARGE SPECIMEN OF CALIFORNIA GOLD.—Among a lot of California gold, amounting to about \$5000, deposited at the Mint yesterday, was a piece which weighed 8,87-100 ounces.

OUR PRESIDENTS.

First stand the lofty WASHINGTON, That noble, great, immortal one; The elder ADAMS next we see; And JEFFERSON comes number three; Then MADISON is fourth, you know, The fifth one on the list, MONROE, The sixth an ADAMS comes again, And JACKSON seventh in the train; VAN BUREN eighth upon the line, And HARRISON counts number nine; The tenth is TYLER, in his turn, And POLK eleventh, as we learn; The twelfth is TAYLOR, people say; The next we'll learn some future day.

House rents have much fallen in New York city lately, by reason of many moving out into convenient neighborhoods, and others going to California.

NOVEL DECISION.—A woman was convicted of stealing a piece of lusey, in Randolph county, Ia., and the justice sentenced her husband to jail for the offence.

Spring—the Blue Birds.

Where the fell tyrant, Winter, so lately held his reign, we now behold rising beauty and tranquility, for Spring is about to appear.

It comes the sweetest of its race, And flies with gentle wing; It seeks the frequented place, And there it loves to sing.

THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE, during its session passed 671 acts and 14 joint resolutions.—Among the acts were 198 granting divorces. A pretty respectable number.

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The March of Resolutions.

Think of Austria, with a population of Rome, a republic! Think of the revolutions which, by the blessing of God the Liberator, have been accomplished in one short year! Let us glance backward for a moment.

Since January, 1848, the main stay of European despotism, Metternich, has been driven into exile; the imbecile Ferdinand of Austria, dethroned; the royal voluptuary of Bavaria, compelled to abdicate; the King of Prussia forced to temperance and compromise with his embattled subjects; Louis Philippe hurried from his throne like a stone from a catapult, the Pope expelled from his dominions. Four sovereigns dethroned, and the remainder of the batch compelled to make vast concessions to their subjects—to give them parliaments—liberty of the press—general suffrage comparative freedom; and all this within twelve months!

Who will now prate of the divine right of kings? Are they not God forsaken? It not vox populi vox Dei, written as with a hand of fire upon the walls of their palaces?

Talk of romance! What fairy tale can match these marvellous realities? Ere long the only relics of feudalism to be found from the White Sea to the Straits of Gibraltar, will be the towers and halls where, for so many centuries, it ruled with a rod of iron. These have gradually mouldered into ruin, but the People, more impetuous than time, have levelled the heirs of those who built them at a blow.

Who would have believed, in 1776, that the seeds of freedom then germinating in America would have produced such a glorious harvest!

Things in General.

"A Snapper-Up of Unconsidered Things."

Punch, alluding to the saying of the Duke of Wellington, that "it is time ignorance should cease in the British army, intimates that when their ignorance ceases the red-coated machines will refuse to stand and be shot at for sixpence a day.

Two gentlemen in New Orleans were recently presented by their friends with a spade and pickaxe on the eve of their departure for the "Gold Diggings." How much better than a presentation of swords and revolvers!

Only one female has been permitted to practise medicine by the college during the past year. It won't answer. A man says he should not like his wife to be called out of bed at night to visit another man.

A gentleman, who used but little water for his purification, when playing whist, was good-humoredly told by his partner, "It dirt was trumpa what a hand you would hold!"

The Prince de Joinville and wife have made a sound investment of \$200,000 in American six per cent stock. Not so poor, after all. He can take good care of the poor old fellow.

It has been a hard winter in Italy. The canals at Venice were frozen, and there was snow at Constantinople. Both are rare occurrences.

Old vessels, we fear, have been vamped up, painted, and rigged, to be sold to California adventurers. How many will be able to weather Cape Horn?

Mrs. Sarah Lemington, aged 104 years, widow of a revolutionary officer, resides in Canton street, Brooklyn, in good health, and in possession of all her faculties.

Mr. Leslie, of Albany, had four children at a birth; but they have all died. The mother has been married five years, and has had sixteen children—Profigions.

There is a man under sentence of death in South Carolina, so sick that all the doctors are at work to cure him before the day of execution arrives.

Sausage Row is the name of a street in Cincinnati. The great source of wealth in Ohio turns its names for many streets, we presume—such as Ham Alley and Lard street.

Henry Lytton Bulwer, the new minister from Great Britain to this country is a brother of the distinguished novelist, Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton and was recently ambassador at the court of Madrid.

Joseph Kelly, an old reprobate, who died at Buffalo last week, made a "clean breast before he expired, by confessing one murder and several robberies.

A proposition has been made to the government by Riddle & Co., of Montgomery, Ala., to convey mails across the Ist mva, to St. Idm Chagress, for 12,000 per annum.

A country fellow, bound for California, called on a merchant having vessel up for San Francisco, and desired to see his bill of fare.

The United States has been sold to Prussia for \$205,000. Awful! isn't it? Said—b's the steamer, not the country. Always bear the hull story.

Some 5000 male and female socialist Democrats recently dined together in Paris. A female named Dugoin made a speech, and many pointed teats were drank on the occasion.

They are talking of issuing three-penny pieces in England—a silver coin which it is evident as a substitute for heavy copper.

The Pawtucker Chronicle thinks that women, had better keep away from California at present. We think on the contrary, that the more who go the better will be the morals and condition of the men.

Partridges and quails are carried to England by our packet ships, and are first rate articles for the gourmands, bringing a high price at the clubs.

There are said to be no less the 3000 office-hunters at Washington, and the number is constantly increasing.

A landlord in Cincinnati, not being able to eject an obstinate tenant, fastened a band over his chimney, and thus smoked him out.

A gardener at San Francisco raised on an acre of ground \$1,500 worth of vegetables in one season. People will not believe this is a gold mine.