



STAR OF THE NORTH.

Bloomsburg, Thursday, August 8, 1850.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER, W. T. MORISON.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL, EPH. BANKS.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL, J. P. BRAWLEY.

Democratic County Convention.

The Democratic citizens of Columbia county are requested to meet at the places of holding the general elections for their respective townships on Saturday the 31st day of August next...

The Convention will also at the same time choose Delegates to the next Democratic State Convention to be held at Reading.

By Order of the Standing Committee, L. B. RUPERT, Chairman.

A PARALLEL.

One of the most heartless displays of political feeling we ever heard of took place when Robert Peel was on his death-bed.

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Internal Improvements.

The bill upon the subject of internal improvements which is now before the House of Congress makes appropriations to 81 objects and grants \$2,087,000 for clearing out rivers and harbors, removing sand shoals, making surveys, &c.

At this rate of expending the people's money we shall no doubt soon be told that there is an urgent necessity for a change in our tariff law, to bring into the treasury an increase of revenue.

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A Lecture from the Pennsylvania.

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Repeal Meeting

In pursuance of public notice a meeting of the citizens of Roanoke and the adjoining townships was held at the public house of D. Reinhold in Numidia, on Saturday afternoon, August 3d.

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Green, the reformed gambler, is about to attempt the suppression of gambling in New York city by means of an association of which he is to be executive agent.

He is to employ a kind of secret police or spy system to note the visitors. This precious volunteer scheme for lessening the duties of the proper public officers will be likely to do more mischief than good.

In the hands of unprincipled men it may be made the means of extorting hush money from the visitors of such places. The only safe mode of suppressing unlawful practices is for the proper public officers to do it themselves, and that public opinion should be sufficient to compel them to do it.

It is a legal remedy which public magistrates know how to enforce. All supererogatory aid only afford additional excuses to neglectful magistrates to lessen their own exertions.

It may be wise policy to set a thief to catch a thief, but a gambler, however reformed, is not exactly the person to commence a moral crusade against gambling.

Mr. WISE AND HIS BALLOON.—At Lancaster, on Saturday last, Mr. John Wise, the Aeronaut, attracted a vast crowd to see his balloon ascend, in which himself, his wife and children, his sister, and one of his friends, had secured seats for the voyage.

The body of the deceased infant of the Queen of Spain had been embalmed and was to be placed in the royal chapel. Among the measures employed to preserve the life of the Prince were poultices, baths of ether, inflation by the bellows, and finally the placing of the body in the warm skin of a sheep, which was killed in the royal chamber.

Important Legal Decision.—In the District Court of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, Judge Lowrie has recently decided that a building committee may sue or collect a subscription made for building a church.

Pittston Bridge.—The contract for building a bridge across the Susquehanna at Pittston, Luzerne county, has been taken by Messrs. Trescott & Hurlbut, who have been prosecuting the work in a spirited and energetic manner.

Laborers are now scarce in the country not an idle hand is to be picked up in Schuylkill county. Between the increased demand for agriculture owing to the wet seasons, and the urgent works on canals breaks everywhere, there is employment for all.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.—Monday, in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia, Judge King delivered his final opinion, under the new law, in reference to the rights of married women over the property possessed by them.

CORWIN AS A FINANCIER.—The Hollidaysburg Standard thinks the following extract from Corwin's Mexican speech, of February, 1847, constituted his claim, in Mr. Fillmore's eyes, to be regarded as financier enough for the Treasury Department.

Carlyle, an English author, asking, "what thing to admire has America ever done," has been fully answered thus: "She has produced a girl, deaf, dumb and blind, who, with her own hands, did sewing enough to send a barrel of flour to some of your starving countrymen, sir!"

The Much Chunk Gazette states the relaying of the Beaver Meadow Railroad with iron rails, will be finished during the present week, when the place of shipment will be as formerly, at East Mauch Chunk.

The Cincinnatians, when their water is too thick with mud, as is frequently the case, are in the habit of filtering it through a canebottomed chair. After that it sits well on the stomach!

Gov. Hubbard, of Maine, has been unanimously re-nominated by the Democratic members of the Legislature.

A meeting has been held in Georgia denouncing Clay's Compromise as a "base concession."

Actors and Actresses in Society

The following is from the pen of N. P. Willis, who was recently corkscrewed by Forrest, charged with keeping too late house with Mrs. Forrest:

"That the society of actors and actresses is the most entertaining and agreeable of all society, is generally admitted. That men of rank and of high official standing in Europe, frequent themselves, with no imputation on their moral character, but do not allow their wives to frequent it, is also understood. That it is the wit, playfulness of thought and manner, disregard of burthen-some etiquette, quaint mixture of the dramatic with the common place impulsiveness and frankness—and not the immorality of the class, which makes its charm, is, we fancy, what every one will allow as well.

But where these fascinating qualities exist without the immorality, as they do in many cases, is it not a pity, (in a dull world like this,) that so charming a creature should be lost to the best society of ladies and gentlemen? Should American wives avoid the society of actors and actresses, (because Marchionesses and Baronesses do.) and let their husbands enjoy its fascination, (as Marquesses and barons do.) without them? Would it not act powerfully on the moral character of the profession, if actors and actresses were excluded from society only on the same grounds with other people, and welcomed gladly to circles they could so enliven and embellish, as long as they were as good repute as other people?—We suggest a compromise in this matter, as very good material for an Americanism.

A MONSTER DIVIDEND.—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company, of which Messrs. Howland & Aspinwall are the representatives, have declared a dividend of fifty per cent., their first dividend. The Journal of Commerce states that this company started with a capital not exceeding \$600,000. It has since purchased the steamships Unicorn, Tennessee, Cherokee, and Philadelphia, for which there must have been paid all of \$700,000. This fact, considered in connection with the dividend above mentioned, will afford some idea of the profits of the business.

WASHINGTON, August 5.—By a despatch just received from North Carolina, by a member of the House, I learn that the Democrats have gained 2,500 votes in the counties heard from in North Carolina. Reed, Democrat, is certainly elected Governor. The Democrats have gained six members for the Legislature. The Legislature will doubtless be Democratic.

WASHINGTON, August 5.—Mr. Henry S. Grier has declined the Secretaryship of the Interior. He prefers, no doubt, coming to the Senate. No Secretary of War yet. Gen. Scott answers admirably ad interim.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS.—A correspondent of the New York Tribune intimates that Mr. Ewbank will probably be removed from the office of Commissioner of Patents, and that Dr. Lee, of Georgia, the well known agriculturalist, will be appointed to the vacant office.

HAZLETON COAL WORKS BURNED.—A despatch received in Trenton, N. J., on Sunday, states that the sugar-loaf works, the coal chutes, breakers, mechanic's shops, saw-mill and foundry, were all burnt on Sunday morning. These works belonged to the Diamond Coal Company, and were one mile from Hazleton. The business of the Company will, it is supposed, be suspended for the season, and will cause a further reduction of the supply of coal from that region.

THE COMPROMISE BILL was defeated in the Senate on Wednesday of last week by striking all from the bill except what relates to Utah. This proposition prevailed by a vote of 34 to 25. The bill has been revived, however, and President Fillmore has sent a message to Congress in which he takes ultra Whig ground in defiance of the rights of Texas.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.—The members of the Democratic State Central Committee are respectfully requested to assemble at McKinnen's Merchants' Hotel, Fourth near Arch street, on MONDAY EVENING, August 21, 1850, at 8 o'clock. JOHN HICKMAN, Chairman.

BAD SIGN.—The sheriff of Schuylkill county has advertised property of 30 persons for sale—among them several large property holders—Enos W. McGinnis, Howel Fisher, and Robert Morris.

SIR HENRY BULWER, the British Minister, says his own government will be delighted to learn that Daniel Webster has been selected as Secretary of State. Not a doubt of it.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.—The Commissioners to locate the County seat for Sullivan County, attended to that duty last week, and fixed upon Laporte as the County seat.

THE TELEGRAPH.—The Hon. J. M. Porter, of Easton, was last week elected President of the Philadelphia and Wilkesbarre Telegraph Company, in place of G. H. Hart, Esq. resigned.

THE BANK OF NORTHUMBERLAND, we understand, is about to issue ten dollar notes from a new plate, in order to defeat the circulation of the counterfeit which have latterly made their appearance.

SEAROT'S LOSS.—The loss of property by the late storm and freshet in Lancaster county alone is estimated at one million of dollars.

A quantity of unripe peaches were hawked about the streets of New York, on the 2d inst., at two quarts for a penny!

Fatal Stage Accident.

An accident occurred to the passengers coming from Harrisburg in the stage or open wagon which has been running between the Junction and Northumberland, since the high water, about three o'clock, on Thursday morning, at Northumberland. The wagon being heavily laden, there being eleven passengers in it, the bridge over the basin, a little north of the West Branch bridge, in the town of Northumberland, gave way, precipitating horses, wagon, and passengers in the water. One of the passengers by the name of Jones, from the neighborhood of Harrisburg, was killed. He was found in the water under the wagon. It is supposed that some of the timbers of the bridge struck him and killed him, or stunned him so completely that he could not help himself out of the water. Another of the passengers had several of his ribs broken; and the rest were more or less injured. Two of the stage horses were drowned. The bridge has been in a bad condition for several years, and we have been told that the council of Northumberland, often urged its repair by the canal officers, but it was never attended to.

Mr. Jones, we have been informed, was a poor man, about sixty years of age, and was on his way to Danville in search of employment.—Sunbury Gazette.

DISASTERS ON THE LAKES—Aggregate Loss of Life. The committee appointed by the citizens of Cleveland, Ohio, to consider the causes of steamboat accidents on the Lakes, have made their report, from which we gather the following facts:

From 1830 to 1850 there were seven explosions on the Lakes, by which 111 lives were lost; during the period between 1836 and 1850 eleven steamboats were destroyed by fire, causing a loss of 804 lives; from 1840 to 1850, a period of ten years, there were thirty-one collisions by steamers, by which 62 persons were killed. The loss of life on the Lakes during the last ten years, from explosion, fire, and collision, amounted to 977. The committee was unanimous in their adoption of a memorial to Congress setting forth the defects in the present system of Lake steam navigation, and in recommending the passage of a law embracing suitable remedies.

PROFESSOR WEBSTER AND SUICIDE.—The Boston correspondent of the New York Tribune, says: Professor Webster is in remarkable good health, is constant in his devotions, and appears like a man who realizes the awful and ignominious fate which awaits him. He is allowed the usual articles in his cell that he had before the decision.—I mention this because some have thought it a matter of surprise that he should be allowed a knife and fork, glass, &c., they being impressed with the idea that he would commit suicide. He once said, when spoken to upon that subject—"I am too much of a Christian to commit suicide." We shall see. Bots run high that he will never be hung—that he will take his own life. Others are as equally as fierce in betting that he will be hung.

PROF. WEBSTER IS ACCORDING to the jail record, in the 55th year of his age, and is five feet two inches and one-eighth in height.

APPOINTMENT.—General A. L. Rounfourn of this County, was yesterday unanimously appointed by the Board of Canal Commissioners, Superintendent of the Motive Power on the Columbia Railroad, in place of Col. Wm. English, resigned. General Rounfourn is a radical democrat of the true Jeffersonian stamp, and his appointment will give universal satisfaction to the Democracy of this section, and will reflect credit on the appointing power. We feel certain that the interest of the State, and the gratification and the benefit of the public will be advanced by this most excellent appointment which takes effect on the first of September.—Spirit of the Times.

ELECTION OF JUDGES.—It appears from recent disclosures, that an organized attempt to prevent the consummation of this measure, is now on foot. A circular dictating the minutiae of a secret movement, has lately been issued from this city, signed by Garrick Mallory and C. Ingersoll. It advises the appointment of two delegates—a Whig and a Democrat—from each county, who are to meet in a general convention for the purpose of co-operation and efficient action. We imagine that the people are too wide awake for the success of any schemes. It is well enough, however, to be warned in season.—Times.

THE BODY OF A female child between three and four years old, was found among the willows bordering the river, a short distance below this place after the subsidence of the late flood. The child was drowned in the Mechoyoon creek, about forty miles above, and the body had floated this long distance. Its parents hearing of the recovery of the body, we learn came after it, and took it home for burial. We hear various rumors of the bodies of a number of men being found in the river above this place, but cannot trace them to any authentic source.—Wilkesbarre Farmer.

THE MINERSVILLE BULLETIN.—Mr. George Winkop has issued a prospectus for a Weekly paper to be published in the Borough of Minersville, Schuylkill county. It is to be impartial in politics, and as far as possible to be made a "Family Newspaper." We wish the new enterprise abundant success.

SMALL NOTES.—It should be borne in mind that the law prohibiting the circulation of all Bank notes of a less denomination than \$5, except the Relief Notes of the State, under a severe penalty, takes effect on the 21st inst. Up to that time we will receive Small notes of all Solvent Banks for Subscription or deposit this Office.