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Bloomington, Thursday, Dec. 20, 1855.

The fragments of Know-Nothingism in Congress have no common sympathy or inherent principle of affinity that can hold them together...

For two weeks and a half grave and reverend dignitaries have been playing like a lot of boys to see who shall be "head."

The delay to organize is with that party which has preached its own particular fitness to govern America.

"Save me from my friends!"

So the member of Congress from this district might with good cause exclaim. His friends brought him out as a candidate for Speaker...

New Aqueduct.

It will interest boatmen and laborers to learn that the Bloom aqueduct of the canal over Fishingneck...

The old dilapidated structure has stood well since the first use of the canal; and has caused less trouble than any other aqueduct along the whole line of Canal.

FOUL PROCESSING.—As it is generally known that Es-Sheriff Snyder, the host of the "Exchange" is always provided with plenty of good things...

The Alteration of Bank Bills is now prevented in England by imprinting on the bank paper while being manufactured the characters or letters which denote their denominations.

The New Regiment.—The sixth regiment of infantry, now at Fort Monroe, Va., and under orders for the seat of the Indian war in Oregon and California...

A WITTY LECTURE.—Rev. E. H. Chapin is a wit, as well as a divine and a lecturer. The Springfield (Mass.) Republican reports that on being asked what his object was in lecturing so extensively...

Mrs. MOORE'S NEW BOOK.—Geoffrey Monckton; or the Faithless Guardian. The brilliant author of "Roughing it in the Bush," has produced a work worthy of her genius...

The heroine of the story, the sweet Margaret, is a beautiful creature of all that is lovely and feminine in woman...

REWARD OF MECHANICAL GENIUS.—Notwithstanding the state complaint that mechanical genius has to struggle against prejudices, and often dies poor and neglected...

A TUNNEL beneath the English Channel, it is said, will in five years' time connect Dover and Boulogna; and Mr. Favre, a distinguished French Engineer...

Letter from Gen. Cass. The following letter from this venerable Statesman and Patriot, will be read with interest by his friends and admirers...

GENTLEMEN.—I have received your letter, asking me if I am a candidate for the office of President of the United States...

SECIDE.—George Cooper, of Derry township Montour county, we are informed, committed suicide by hanging himself on Monday of last week.

THE COMMISSIONERS of Union and Snyder counties, are contending about the ownership of the county property. The Division law, erecting Snyder county, being silent on the subject...

STARTED AGAIN.—We are pleased to observe that the furnace of S. L. Bettle at Light Street was blown in some ten days ago, and is now in full operation.

EDUCATIONAL. PUBLIC SCHOOL MEETING.

In pursuance of a call from the School Directors, of Bloom township, the citizens of the district met at the Court-house in Bloomington, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 12th.

Mr. E. Armstrong moved that the present Board of Directors be continued. Mr. Wm. M. Kelly desired to amend, that a committee of investigation be appointed to report all the facts of the difficulty which had given occasion for calling the present meeting.

From the Minersville Bulletin. Schools in Minersville.

A few days ago, a very unpleasant and rather disgraceful affair occurred in one of our public schools, the particulars of which we have been credibly informed as follows:

Mr. Frezza desired to explain that by the law and the practice of the Common School system, the Board of Directors was the body before and by whom such an investigation as was proposed could alone be made.

Mr. Frezza then announced that the Directors would feel constrained to continue in office, and justified to use their authority to make the schools what they ought to be.

THIRTY-FOURTH CONGRESS. FIRST SESSION. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.

HOUSE.—The House resumed voting for Speaker, and on the 51st ballot the vote stood: Banks, 105; Richardson, 75; Fuller, 33; Lester, 9.

THE HOUSE again resumed balloting: 52d 53d - 44th 55th. Banks, 104 104 104 104; Richardson, 76 74 74 72; Fuller, 34 34 35 33; Scattering, 11 10 9 7.

John Van Buren writes to an Albany paper that he will not be a delegate to the Cincinnati Democratic Convention, and that, should it in any way concern his branch of the Democratic party of New York...

A NEW COMET has been discovered at Berlin by Mr. Bruhu, and the fact has been communicated to the Smithsonian Institute.

COMPARISONS are said to be invidious, so we will only express our pleasure in visiting the Upper Grade School, in Light Street, during the past week.

MATRIMONY FOR EVERY ONE.—Nothing is like it particularly if you are sure to get the object of your choice. But how? Oh, the easiest thing in the world just now. They cannot resist. They must love you, if you so will it.

The Eastern War and the Combustion. The Armies in the field. At our last dates from Europe, a rumor prevailed, that negotiations were about to be resumed between the contending Powers...

In the afternoon we called again to witness the manner in which the class in Astronomy have their study illustrated with an orrery, a tellurian and a separate representation of the earth upon its axis.

The Directors of the place and district deserve credit for the proper public spirit and interest which they have thrown into their schools; and as far as we can learn, it would be unjust not for us to say that Mr. Theodore McDowell is entitled to special thanks from the parents of the town.

The French army was much larger, and amounted to upwards of 100,000. The cost must be immense. The following table exhibits the pay of the French officers of all ranks, commencing with the Marshal of France:

Table listing military ranks and their corresponding salaries, such as Marshal of France (30,000 fr.), Lieutenant-General (15,000 fr.), Colonel of Infantry (5,500 fr.), etc.

It would be a curious estimate to calculate the real expenditure in men, munitions, steamers, transportation, provisions, &c., since the commencement of the struggle in the Crimea.

Philadelphia Markets. FLOUR AND MEAL.—The flour market continues dull, and shipping brands are selling at \$8 50 and 8 75 per bbl.

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ARRIVAL OF THE BALTIC. ONE WEEK LATER FROM EUROPE. RUMORS OF PEACE.

The Steamship Baltic arrived at New York Thursday morning, with dates from Liverpool to the 1st inst. Flour has declined 6d. per bbl, and Wheat from 1d. a 2d.

The principal feature of the news of the week, is a variety of rumors, all stating that at last there is a prospect of peace.

One rumor says that Russia has directly requested Prussia to make reconciliatory offers to the Western Powers, and Prussia is said to have accepted the mission, and Austria assenting.

The London Morning Advertiser says the Russian propositions are delusive and unsafe, and fall short of what the Western Powers have a right to demand, and what is required to satisfy the expectations of the country.

The Danish Conference met on the 20th, but took no action. The King of Prussia, in his speech to the Chambers, announces decidedly the continued neutrality of Prussia.

RETURN OF THE BALTIC FLEET. Prorogation of the British Parliament. HALIFAX, DEC. 18, '55.

The R. M. Steamship Asia, Captain Lott, from Liverpool, on the 8th inst., arrived here at half-past 6 o'clock, this morning.

Prussia has urgently demanded at St. Petersburg, that Russia should name the conditions to which she is ready to submit.

Russia's reply to this demand of Prussia is affirmed to be conciliatory, but vague. The Cabinet of St. Petersburg shrinks from the difficulty of making proposals that it may have the mortification to see rejected.

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PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION.—THE NICARAGUAN PHIBISTERS. OFFICIAL.

Whereas, information has been received by me that sundry persons, citizens of the United States, and others, residents therein, are preparing, within the jurisdiction of the same, to enlist, or enter themselves, or to hire or retain others to participate, in military operations within the State of Nicaragua:

Now, therefore, I, Franklin Pierce, President of the United States, do warn all persons against connecting themselves with any such enterprise or undertaking, as being contrary to their duty as good citizens, and to the laws of their country, and threatening to the peace of the United States.

By the President of the United States of America. W. L. MANSY, Secretary of State.

B. P. FORTNER, Auctioneer. On the 21st, at the late residence of Edwin Holmes, in Fishersville township, a large lot of hay, grain and stock.

Persons who desire the services of B. P. FORTNER as Auctioneer will do well to engage him before advertising the date of their sale.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS, a certain Remedy for Dropsy.—Charles Hutchinson, 33, of Burlington, Vermont, was for fifteen months a sad victim to this complaint, so bad was his case...

EVERY READER will please notice the advertisement headed "To Persons of Employment," and send for a full descriptive Catalogue of our Illustrated Works.

MARRIED. In Bloomington, on the evening of the 6th inst., by the Rev. E. A. Sherris, CHRISTOPHER COLE, to Miss EUPHENE AGNES HENDERSON, both of this place.

DECEASED. In Anthony township, Lycoming co., on the 3d of December, Mr. MICHAEL WELLS, formerly of Millville, in this county, aged 78 years, 7 mo. and 19 days.

DECEASED. In Liberty township, Montour county, on the 6th inst., MARTIN BILMETER, in the 74th year of his age.

DECEASED. In Bloomington, on Saturday last, JOSEPHINE R., daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Bomby, in the 5th year of her age.

Sheriff's Sale. By virtue of a testamur writ of venditioni exponas from the Common Pleas of Dauphin county there will be sold at the Court-house in Bloomington on Saturday the 12th day of January next, at 1 o'clock P. M. the following real estate...

FANCY GOODS, of every description and variety, new styles, and fresh from New York and Philadelphia, for sale at the cheap store of MURKELY, NEAL & CO.