



H. W. WEAVER, EDITOR. Bloomsburg, Wednesday, May 20, 1857.

Democratic Nominations.

FOR GOVERNOR, WILLIAM P. PACKER, of Lycoming County. FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER, NIMROD STRICKLAND, of Chester County.

Reassembling of the State Democratic Convention of 1857.

In pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania, the delegates to the State Convention of March 24, 1857, are requested to assemble at the Capitol at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 1857, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of nominating candidates to complete the State Ticket, and transacting all other business pertaining to the original authority of the Convention.

CHARLES R. BUCKALEW, Chairman. J. N. HUTCHINSON, R. J. HALDEMAN, Secretaries.

Wilmot's Letter of Acceptance.

Judge Wilmot has accepted the Republican nomination for Governor in a letter which reads as if he thought he was a candidate for the Governorship of Kansas, but an entire stranger to Pennsylvania. It is for the negro from beginning to end, and has not a word for the white citizen, except an incidental, libellous fling at the foreigner.

But why is there nothing in this letter upon questions of State policy? Has he no bowels of compassion for the 2,000,000 whites who live in Pennsylvania? He talks piously for the emigrant, but if he would take care first to relieve our debt-ridden and tax-ridden Commonwealth of her heavy burthens her industrious children would not so often be driven to the rough frontier life of Kansas.

Wilmot is like the sentimental lady whom John Randolph found sewing for the Greeks while her own children roiled in dirt and rags in the street, until the eccentric Virginian was constrained to cry out: 'Why madam, the Greeks are at your door.' Wilmot will find the cool-minded people of Pennsylvania more anxious to know what he will do with such corrupt projects as the lately bought through the legislature for the sale of the Main Line, than what he thinks on the abstract question of slavery.

The Anti-Slavery Party.

The Abolition or Anti-Slavery Society, which is only the most ultra branch of the Republican party, has for some time been in session at New York. Passmore Williamson and his sympathizers belong to this Society. We give the following extracts from its proceedings to show its character.

'Rev. Mr. Frothingham thought civil war or a dissolution of the Union was the only hope of emancipating the slave. Rev. Mr. Ross said George Washington was a traitor, Jesus Christ was a traitor, every man was a traitor to a tyrannous government and an infidel to a pro-slavery religion.

Death of John M. B. Petrik, Esq.

John M. B. Petrik, Esq., the member of the Legislature from Lycoming County, died at Harrisburg last Friday of the National Hotel disease. He was a young man of energy, industry and talent, which gave fair promise of a life of usefulness and honor.

We design to publish next week the clear and able report of Senator Welsh on the Dred Scott case. It is a powerful document which everybody ought to read if they wish to talk or listen intelligently upon this so common abused subject.

Messrs. Steele and Ent from this district have manfully voted against the Main Line bill in every form and at every stage. Mr. Steele made some pertinent remarks against the bill in the Senate.

THE MAIN LINE BILL.

The men who have voted to sell the Main Line will have a heavy judgment to meet with the people. Except those who live under the shadow of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, not one will be likely to be returned next winter.

Along the North Branch the public sentiment on this subject was always healthy, and neither speculators, demagogues nor fanatics ever gained much encouragement in their attempts to debase public virtue.

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Case of D. B. Vandersmith.

Deputy Marshal Jenkins arrived in Philadelphia on Tuesday evening, from Lancaster, having in custody D. B. Vandersmith, charged with having committed pension frauds upon the general Government, some three years since.

Mr. Twigg, the husband of Mrs. Twigg, the supposed paramour of Clark, died about a month ago, under very suspicious circumstances, complaining of great pain in the stomach and bowels, and nervous twitches, vomiting, &c.

The State Sinking Fund.

From a short statement made by the Commissioners of the sinking fund, and published in the Harrisburg papers, we learn that the fund is virtually a nullity—not a dollar having been paid into it for the last two years.

Sale of the Main Line.

The Act providing for the sale of the Main Line of the Public Works, makes it the duty of the Governor to advertise the sale within ten days after the approval of the Act.

NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE.

We have heard it stated that upon the completion of the Atlantic Telegraph the leading New York dailies propose to take a thousand words of news each day.

THE POISONING.

A Washington despatch says:—The Merchants and business men in this city are taking up a subscription of ten thousand dollars, which will be paid to any person or persons ascertaining the cause of the poisonings cases at the National Hotel.

The Sunbury and Erie Railroad Bill.

The bill giving this company three millions of dollars of the proceeds of the sale of the public works, in the event that the Pennsylvania Railroad company should buy them, has finally passed the House of Representatives by a majority of six votes.

We shall not attempt to censure the members who have taken an active part in the passage of the bill, particularly those whose constituents are immediately benefited by the road; but we do think that those who have remote from the road have taken a bold step, and brought upon themselves a responsibility which we would not like to incur.

It was further ascertained, on examination, that Clark had bought at Chalfant & Hughes' drug store one ounce of arsenic about the end of March, one ounce of arsenic about the beginning of April, one half ounce of arsenic about Thursday of last week, and four grains of strychnine about 4 or 5 days after that—all for killing rats, as he alleged.

Washington Affairs.

Washington, May 16.—The Secretary of War, to-day, examined the bids for the materials and construction of the Washington Aqueduct. The awards will probably be announced on Tuesday.

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THE KANSAS AID FUND.

Vermont having utterly refused to pay over her \$20,000 to the sufferers of bleeding Kansas, the New York Legislature followed suit, turning the cold shoulder upon the recommendation of Governor King, to appropriate \$100,000 for the same object.

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MEDICAL SCIENCE.

One of the most eminent British physicians has lately published a work, in which he falls back on what was substantially the theory of Hippocrates, more than two thousand years ago.

The old Greek divided diseases into curable and incurable, which is much the same theory as that of the modern Englishman. If these views are correct, they prove that what is called medical science is hardly a science at all; for that cannot be a science, which, at best, is merely experimental and empirical, and which cannot tell, till too late, whether an attack is to be fatal or not.

It cannot be denied, however, that medicine is less of a science than men wish that it should be. Many diseases wholly baffle the schools. Nor is this all. Often, when a disorder has raged for a generation or two, and, by long study of it, doctors have come to think they understood it, lo! it disappears almost entirely, to be succeeded by some new disease, as subtle, as fatal and as widely extended as it was in its fiercest fury.

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