

DAILY POST. PITTSBURGH. SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1864.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION. The Democratic State Central Committee met at the Merchants' Hotel, in Philadelphia on Thursday last; there was a large attendance, and they appointed on Thursday, the 24th day of March, on which to hold their next State Convention; and the place designated for holding it in Philadelphia.

TAX ON WHISKY. The increase tax of sixty per cent. per gallon on whisky, proposed by the Committee of Ways and Means, in the lower branch of Congress, is not sufficient, in the estimation of the Pittsburgh Gazette. It argues that it ought to be a dollar per gallon at least, because it is "persecuted," it says that, "there is a contribution of ten cents to thirty millions of dollars to the Treasury involved in this question, and every motive of patriotism, as well as morality, calls for such action upon it as will promise the largest amount of revenue, irrespective, in this case of all other considerations."

We would advise the Gazette, not to insist on the rise on whisky, in the name of "morality," "patriotism" will do better; but loyalty should be substituted for both. The very idea of appealing to the present Congress of Abolition contractors, in the name of morality, is the finest bit of irony we have seen for a fortnight. Our neighbor's anxiety for the increase, regardless of "all considerations," is, doubtless, prompted purely by motives of morality, it ought, however, to have some compassion for those of its party in Congress, who are addicted to an excessive use of "corn" and "rye." Place these stimulating beverages beyond their means, and the sudden transition from habitual drunkenness to sobriety would cause at least a hundred cases of mania pota; in the lower house of Congress, thereby clogging legislation, as effectually, as it is stopped in Harrisburg, by the ontrogous and revolutionary conduct of the Abolition Senators.

On next Fourth of March a year, when the Democracy will take charge of our public affairs, they will begin the work of National regeneration. We shall then have no such debauches as the Chevaliers WIZOW and CONWAY stretching their necks through the land; it must be stopped, else corruption will destroy the country. These fellows, the RICHARD DAZELERS of Washington society will have to fall back upon their old customers, including restaurants, and put up with the andid change which will reduce them like Dr. O'GALLAGHAN, "enshine and champagne to clouds and ginger pop." The transition will be inconvenient for those countries of honest Aes; but he, like them, must prepare for the change, and "like well used dogs walk quietly down stairs, when they see preparations to kick them into the street. We shall have no "hops" in the East room of the White House; nor shall we permit American gentlemen, of African descent, to lounge about upon the sofas, indulging in tete a tates with the Cabinet members "lovely daughters." In a word, we will have no nonsense, but everything will be conducted as it used to be in the better days of the Republic. Then will there be blundering piety and patriotism, when even Abolitionists will be admonished and induced to forsake even light potations, and to live as Christian gentlemen should. Then we shall have no bastard loyalty and fond-motivated patriotism, no JERRY BRADDOCK, PERRYMAN and EMERSON SLEKES will be permitted to insult the understanding of the people by their blarneying and upon the basis of the Constitution and Union. There was a free expression of opinion concerning all questions of government policy. In Northern Georgia there is a scarcity of provisions thought not so great as to produce actual suffering. Manufactured fabrics of various kinds have been quite plentifully supplied by blockade runners, and the abundance of Confederate "greenbacks," compensates, in a large degree, for their depreciation in value. The slaves are as little affected by the emancipation proclamation as they would be by a leaf from a Dutch almanac of the past year, and attribute whatever diminution of creature comforts they experience to the advent of "Linkum."

UNION SENTIMENT SOUTH. Every day we see evidence of Union feeling, even in the Gulf States. The editor of the Chicago Times, announces that he had, the day previous, a conversation with a gentleman from Georgia, who left Macon, some two weeks since, and who is a slave and real estate owner in that city. He represents the Union sentiment of the State as being largely in the majority, and has no doubt that Georgia would return upon the basis of the Constitution and Union. There was a free expression of opinion concerning all questions of government policy. In Northern Georgia there is a scarcity of provisions thought not so great as to produce actual suffering.

THE GOOD QUEEN. Queen Victoria, and the children of the workmen on the Obowen estate assembled on Christmas, were in the Queen's presence, was arranged, assisted by members of the royal family, the Queen spent the afternoon in distributing the presents to the children, consisting of wearing apparel, books, toys, &c. Afterwards she gave great coats, blankets, &c. to the laboring men and women. A few days before, the Queen dispensed liberally to the blind and paralytic in and around London. The King and Queen are commencing the bestowing of charity during the Christmas holidays, and their amiable Queen is giving strength and beauty to the fashion by her bright example. Her good heart finds comfort in the relief of sorrow and poverty.

HARRISBURG CORRESPONDENCE.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 16, 1864. Editor Pittsburgh Post.—The Senate has made no progress in its efforts to organize. Indeed, it may be said to have ceased to labor for an organization, for the Republicans now refuse to proceed with the balloting for Speaker, on the ground that they have one and do not need another. It is curious that they did not find this out before they tried to elect a new one.

It would be a great misfortune to elect McCANNISS, and one or two other Republican Senators, to have this contest in the Senate brought to a close. It has enabled them to follow their vulgar instincts and pour out the vials of their wrath upon the Democratic members, who are simply standing up courageously for a constitutional principle. The ravings and scurrilousness of Lowell and McCANNISS bring to mind the famous fight between two flat-boatsmen down along the Mississippi, which was thus described by the poet of that day: They swore and bit, And tumbled in the mud, Until the ground For ten miles round Was kicked with their blood.

A novel attempt to effect the result of the contest in the Senate, has come to my knowledge. Some days ago a Democratic Senator received a letter, purporting to be signed by eight or ten prominent Democrats in his county, advising him to cease his opposition to the Republican candidate for Speaker. The letter informed him that his course was disapproved by his best friends—that in refusing to concede to the administration the right to organize the Senate as they saw fit, he was grating the edge of treason, and that if he persisted in his course, he would destroy the prospects for further political advancement, &c. Suspecting the genuineness of this epistle, the Senator wrote to two or three of the gentlemen whose names it bore and receiving for answer from them that every name to it was forged. This forgery is believed to have been concocted in Harrisburg and communicated with the assistance of abolition scoundrels in the county in which the Senator resides. Efforts will be made to ferret out the "loyal" villain.

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The following anecdote is from the Columbia South Carolina: "Two old ladies were recently conversing on the wharf, as General Borge in a Christian man, that he had been dead and in heaven; that it would be a God-send to the Confederacy if they could only get the General's body, and put it in a casket, and then, if the General were near the gate, heaven, and invited in, at the other moment he would fall back."

What it Equals. The aggregate steam power of Great Britain is put down at 33,685,214 horse-power, or equal to 400,000,000 men. This is the force that is adding to the wealth of modern society in a greater degree than any power which has existed since the foundation of the world. The power of steam has produced a wealth representing the labor of a population twenty times that amount.

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