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PRICE-CURRENT.

Those intending to advertise in the *Price-Current* this week are invited to send in their advertisements as soon as possible. THE EDITOR.

THE NEWS.

The Democratic State Convention of Iowa have nominated G. W. McCleary for Secretary of State; James Pollard, Auditor; George Paul, Treasurer, and James Baker, Attorney General.

The delegates elected from New Jersey to the national Know Nothing convention, which meets in Philadelphia on the 22d of February, are opposed to George Law and in favor of Commodore Stockton for the Presidency.

Friday last was the birthday of Daniel Webster. The Boston admirers of the Great Expounder celebrated the event by a supper at the Revere House, at which Hon. Edward Everett presided.

President Pierce gave a dinner party on Thursday evening last, which was attended by the Judges of the United States Supreme Court, the Judges of the Court of Claims, and its Solicitor, the United States Attorney, and Marshal of the District of Columbia, Attorney General Cushing, and others, with the ladies attached to their respective families.

According to a report just published there were arrested in Chicago, during the last six months, no less than 5,716 persons, of whom four were ministers, four lawyers, eight doctors, and 282 females. Twenty-five were arrested for murder and attempts at murder, and one hundred and ninety-four for being inmates of brothels. Amount of fines collected during same time, $27,245.

THE SEVENTY-FIVE.

The effort is still made to fix upon the seventy-five Democrats in the House at Washington the blame of a failure to elect a Speaker. It is a gross absurdity. There are 234 members of the House, of which the Democrats number but 75. The 159 members opposed to the administration have it thus in their power to elect a Speaker whenever they please. The Democrats merely vote for their own candidate, and leave it for the 159 opponents, more than two-thirds, to elect whom they please Speaker. But because the K. N.'s and Republicans cannot agree the Democrats are charged with delaying the organization. A more perfectly silly electioneering device has never yet been tried, or occasioned more general derision and contempt.

The next effort is to frighten the Democrats into a fusion either with the K. N.'s or Republicans by threatening to refuse appropriations for carrying on the government. And who would suffer in that event? Not the politicians, or the administration, but the people, the whole country. The army unpaid would disband. The fleet unprovisioned will loosen all its effectiveness. The Indian appropriations withheld, the faith of treaties is broken, and the Indians who depend upon the supplies must starve. Public works and defence unprovided for will stop just when our foreign relations look threatening. Contracts for carrying the mails will stop when the pay stops. A few weeks stoppage of that branch of the public service would arouse the people of this country to such a storm of indignation as has never been witnessed before. There are but a few of the consequences of such treason. Let it be remembered that all this has been proposed and advocated by Mr. Greeley, of the New York *Tribune*, for months. We shall see whether the Abolitionists in their little brief authority will dare venture on such an experiment as this. They would doubtless do it had they the courage. But that essential element of a revolution will be found wanting when the time comes for the test. Try it, gentle Free Soil Congressmen, if you will. The Democracy will carry every State in the Union next fall if you do. Your masters at home are watching you.

Let the anti-administration members elect a Speaker as soon as they please. It is only a quarrel between K. N.'s and Free Soilers that prevents; and the Democrats don't choose to enter into entangling alliances with either.

The Black Republicans in Motion.

The Republicans, a thirteenth-rated abolitionists and abolitionists of all grades, like themselves, have issued the following call for an informal convention:

TO THE REPUBLICANS OF THE UNITED STATES:

In accordance with what appears to be the general desire of the Republican party, and at the suggestion of a large portion of the Republican press, the undersigned, Chairmen of the State Republican Committees of Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin, hereby invite the Republicans of the Union to meet in informal convention at Pittsburgh, on the 22d of February, 1856, for the purpose of perfecting the national organization, and if deemed best, a National Delegate Convention of the Republican party, at some subsequent day, to nominate candidates for the presidency and vice presidency, to be supported at the election in November 1856.

A. P. STONE, of Ohio. DAVID WELLS, of Pa.
J. Z. GOODRICH, of Mass. L. BRADNER, of Vt.
WM. A. WHITE, of Wisconsin.

The New York *Tribune* desires it to be distinctly understood that no nominations are to be made at this gathering; but only to take action on the subject of calling a National Convention, should such a move be deemed desirable. This abolition journal also hints that it may be politic to unite on the Presidential question with any other party determined in its opposition to the very extension. If Sam will unite his fortunes with Sambo he will probably have an opportunity next fall. We would, however, almost as soon expect to hear of oil and water mixing as to hear of the Fillmore men fighting under the same banner with the Seward Woolly Heads.

STATE TREASURER.

We announced on Saturday that H. S. Magraw, Esq., had received the caucus nomination for the office of State Treasurer. The election takes place to-day. His term of office commences on the 1st of May. A better choice could not have been made as we have repeatedly said heretofore. His ability and business capacity are well known throughout the State, and we doubt not that he will make one of the best officers in that branch of the public service that the State has had for years.

The Caucus for State Treasurer.

We learn from a gentleman who left Harrisburg on Saturday morning, that at the Democratic caucus on Friday night the vote stood as follows on the first ballot—Henry S. Magraw, of Lancaster county, 40; E. W. Hamlin, of Wayne, 12; Jonas R. McClintock, of Allegheny, 7; and 19 scattering. The number in attendance was seventy-nine. E. A. Penniman, of Philadelphia, and Isaac Hugus, of Somerset, both sent in letters which were read in caucus, declining to be candidates. The election takes place at 12 M. to-day.

MONEY FOR PROSELYTISM.—Rev William Arthur, an Irish minister of the Wesleyan Methodist persuasion, has been traveling in this country for two months past preaching and taking up collections to raise means to convert the Catholics of Ireland. The sum of $45,000 having been secured, the reverend gentleman sailed for Europe on Saturday last. If, with this fund, he is able to convert the Catholics of the "Gem of the Ocean," we presume the mystic Sam will drop his objections to the imigration of the Irish to this country.

THE WAY OF THE TRANGRESSOR IS HARD.—Edward Norton, who was lately convicted of various burglaries in Trenton, New Jersey, has been sentenced to thirty years in the State Prison. He is now only twenty-four years old. He will be an old man if he lives to serve his time out.

To ILLUSTRATE what an important institution the telegraph is, we will mention the following incident. A meeting of the Magnetic Telegraph Company, (the line running between Washington and N. York,) was called on for Thursday week, in Washington City, and several of the directors started for the purpose of attending at the appointed time, but owing to the terrible condition of the railroads, their project was "nipped in the bud," just as their toes and fingers were by the frost, in consequence of undergoing considerable detention and exposure in the snow banks along the route, in trains which were compelled ultimately to return whence they started. But the fact men of the telegraph were not to be thus thwarted by those lesser agents, the railroads; those indeed who had subdued one great elemental principle to their purposes were not to have its power and influence wrested away on that occasion at least by another—so the President of the company made a telegraphic call for a meeting at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday last, the directors to be at their respective offices in the different cities to transact the business by the same lightning agency. At the appointed hour the President took the chair in Philadelphia, and the directors in Washington, Baltimore, Wilmington and New York promptly answered to the call of the roll, when the business commenced. Resolutions were proposed, and motions were made in one city, and seconded and debated in the others with as much promptness as though all had been present in one room. In the course of about two hours the business was all transacted, a dividend declared, and the meeting adjourned.

Atchison and the Abolitionists.

David R. Atchison, "the leader ruffians," has written a number of letters to Southern editors which have been published, in which he appeals to the South to send men and money to Kansas to give state to the territory. He says we want no but true men. Let them come well armed, with money to support them for two months, and we are determined to see the thing out. By nonresidable sectional appeals to the cupidity and fanaticism of the hoarding and hireling class of the New England Aid Society. The abolitionists must induce their brethren to come out armed with Sharp's rifles" and make Kansas free. Atchison and his party also barely smoke to the end the Hotspurs of the South. But it is not yet known which of the two factions will be matters had been of war to take their initiation current, the new territory will be admitted into the Union with all the slave interest which has since been developed. For unless it be a party that exists from an overdose of the slavery question, to-day, it has no reason for a peaceful term.

THE LATEST BOARDS.—Maryland is the only State that has not yet voted for President. The working [illegible] of the form for which the [illegible] are issued. The Baltimore papers have the case so hardly await the good time coming. Lately a new kind of [illegible] carried into such an extent [illegible] hanger on of these [illegible] out with an [illegible] described [illegible].

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