

DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATIONS.

FOR SUPREME JUDGE, WILLIAM A. PORTER, OF PHILADELPHIA.

FOR CASSIL COMMISSIONER, WESTLEY FROST, OF FAYETTE COUNTY.

A METEOROLOGICAL WORK.

It is well known to most of our citizens that the venerable Capt. Sessler has been for the last eighteen years kept accurate records of the thermometer and barometer each day, noting the state of the weather, the height of the water, the amount of rain and snow which falls, and a great variety of other interesting facts and phenomena, in relation to our city and county, have been carefully preserved by him. These observations he has made into a book, which is of vast utility, and will be of still greater value in years to come. It is for the benefit of the public that these tables and memoranda of facts should be preserved and put into such a form, as to be easily accessible to all who wish to use them. The expense of publishing them in book form would not be great, but, as it is a public matter, the public should pay the cost of printing them. Will not the City Councils, the Marine Association, or the Board of Trade take hold of the book and publish it? The work will be of great public interest, and, when once issued, copies would be sold to private individuals to cover the expense of printing. We have on our shelves of the public bodies named will take hold of the matter.

Universal Suffrage.

The Richmond Examiner of a late date, has a curious article on "universal suffrage," which, it alleges, is a northern institution, and it also alleges that wherever it has been introduced, it has had a demoralizing tendency, and corruption has increased among candidates and voters. The tenor of its argument is that no benefit can result from conferring the right of suffrage upon those who will not exercise it with discretion and independence, but who, from corrupt motives or ignorance, are bought, or misled. To us the remedy is in the power of an enlightened public sentiment—not in disfranchising any voter. Let the press and the people speak in behalf of the vote of election; let all those who buy and sell votes be sternly condemned; let that political party which would attempt to overturn its opponent by brute force, be punished by the law, and those who seek effect through the medium of vice and corruption, must reform or be undone. Improve the moral tone of the voter—show him the value and power of his privilege, and he will properly appreciate his political obligations.

Execution of James Powers.

On Saturday last, at Washington, D. C., the convict and murderer Powers was duly executed according to the sentence of the law. Every exertion had been made to induce the President to commute his sentence. The mother of the culprit had beseeched the President, thrown herself at his knees, and with all a mother's energy begged the life of her son. Persons of humane character, though unacquainted with the facts of the case, had brought considerable influence to bear. Mr. Buchanan without all appeals, replying to one intercessor, who drew his attention to the youth of the prisoner, "Sir, nearly all the murders and crimes of violence so frequent of late years have been committed by such young men," and the murderer was duly hanged.

Death of Hon. John K. Tyson.

We are deeply pained, says the Pennsylvania Freeman, to record the death of John K. Tyson, which occurred yesterday at his residence, Woodland Hall, in Montgomery county. Mr. Tyson was a man of cultivated intellect and scholarly attainments, and eminently distinguished in all his feelings, had won the affection and warm regard of all our citizens by his energetic and enlightened advocacy of all the interests of his native city. He occupied an enviable position as a lawyer, and was an esteemed and useful member of several of our scientific and philosophical societies. He possessed great force as a writer, while as a speaker few men were more pleasing, effective, and his writings, as well as his public addresses, whether upon law, commerce, or the arts, were all marked with close and cogent reasoning, and a sound practical tendency. In 1854 he was elected to Congress from the Second District, and served in that capacity with marked advantage to the interests of the city. His age was about fifty-five.

Death from Ganing.

A Mr. Stoffer, editor of the Lexington, Mo., Express, on a voyage down the Missouri lately, on board the steamer A. B. Chambers, was attacked by a fever, and refused to play any more. Clark then directed him to be taken upon the gun of the boat to avoid a quarrel, but the gambler followed there, and upon his refusal to play again shot him dead. Clark was seized, tied up with ropes, and delivered to authorities at Lexington.

Health of Mr. Buchanan.

We regret to learn that the President is not well, though he was better on Monday. His complaint is called the quotidian fever, and it has greatly prostrated him.

Death of Judge Conrad.

The telegraph has already announced the somewhat sudden death, in Philadelphia, on Sunday evening last, of Hon. Robert L. Conrad. In remarking upon his death the Leader says: Judge Conrad was a gentleman of fine literary attainments, an eloquent speaker, and these accomplishments gave him prominence both at the bar and in politics. He had established a reputation both as a writer and an orator. He was a devoted man, who was appointed one of the Judges of the Circuit Sessions, an office which he held until the Court was abolished. He four years ago was elected the first Mayor under the act of consolidation, and held the office for two years. He always was an active politician, his peculiar talents and his ardent temperament finding something congenial in the turmoil of party strife. He was a man of high character, and his death will be deeply regretted by a large circle of warm attached friends.

Custom House Appointments.

James A. Gibson, Surveyor of Customs for the Port of Pittsburgh, on Tuesday made the following appointments in this office: First Clerk—John Taylor. Second Clerk—Charles C. Donnell. Watchman—Col. Hugh McCleeren.

Various Things.

From the Bank Note Reporter, quotes the Bank of Pittsburgh at par cent. discount. The Philadelphia Ledger says the notes are par in that city. From the parliamentary returns published on the 14th, it appears that the national debt of Great Britain amounted, on the 31st of March, 1877, to £790,111,000, bearing an annual interest of £23,410,000, and on the same day of 1878 to £770,225,000, with an interest of £21,725,000. A new bank has just been organized in Richmond, Virginia. Its minimum capital is fixed at \$500,000, and its maximum at \$2,000,000. The Chesapeake Iron Company property, the Chesapeake Iron Works, was sold at Sheriff's sale, Thursday, for \$100,000, subject to the mortgage, which has been estimated at \$600,000. The Moravian congregation, at Bethlehem, Va., have over one million dollars at interest. American agents are receiving substantial acknowledgment abroad. Professor Morse is coming home, it is said, with \$80,000 in his pocket, the fruit of his telegraph in Europe. In his own country, he has been called the fruit of his telegraph by practical plagiarists of his patent. There is no doubt as to the commission of the crime, the defence attempted to set up the plea of insanity, but it failed, and on the 14th of June, the jury returned a verdict of guilty. On the following day, Chief Justice Shaw pronounced the sentence of the law upon him—that he be taken to the Suffolk Jail, there to remain for a year, after the expiration of one year, as the Executive Council should appoint for the further performance of the sentence, that he be taken to the State Prison for a few weeks since his excellency Governor Banks, with the advice and consent of the Council, issued the death warrant of fixing Friday, June 29th, as the day for the execution.

THE LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Movement of Troops. St. Louis, June 29.—A dispatch from Leavenworth dated the 27th, by the steamer Plato Valley, to Denver, says that two companies of the 10th Cavalry, with their arms and accoutrements, were sent to Fort Leavenworth, together with two companies of the same command now at Fort Scott, ordered back to Fort Leavenworth, and kept on duty until they could be sent to the frontier. The companies were sent to the frontier, and the companies were sent to the frontier, and the companies were sent to the frontier.

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From Washington. Washington City, June 29.—The Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles, has been ordered to the purpose of inspecting the Northern navy yard, and to see that the orders in Mexico at present occupy the attention of the Administration.

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