



MONDAY MORNING, MAY 23, 1859. DEMOCRATIC STATE CIRCLE.

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News, etc. The election in Virginia takes place on Thursday next.

The Democratic National Executive Committee will meet on the 7th of December next, to fix the time for the holding of the Democratic National Convention at Charleston, which will probably be toward the close of April or early in May, 1860.

The name of Hon. J. C. Breckinridge is mentioned in connection with the Presidency, in a number of our exchanges.

Within the last seventy years there have been five wars between France and Austria on the continent of Europe.

Negroes are permitted to vote in Massachusetts. A runaway slave from a Southern State becomes a voter there after one year's residence.

The New Orleans Bulletin brags of having feasted already on green corn, full grown, and remarkably delicious.

The Connecticut Courier says that Prof. Wood, the great "Hair Restorer" man, was in that town last week, and finding his brother, "Dr. Wood, living there in indigent circumstances, bought a farm in Hayfield township, furnished his family with provisions, and left something for future wants.

The Agricultural Societies of Montgomery, Delaware, Chester, Bucks, and Philadelphia, have it in contemplation to establish a model farm, in one of the four named counties, convenient to the city, with botanical gardens attached.

Hog Cholera is carrying off large numbers of hogs in the vicinity of Decatur, Ill. It is said the Sangamon river bottom is covered with their dead bodies.

A Cincinnati paper says within a fortnight thirty young Germans, sympathizing with Austria, have left that city for Europe, and that these are the representatives of a large class.

A "powerful" English writer says, in the course of an editorial—"It would be more strange than improbable if St. Helena received another Napoleon, the past of Europe, to its rocky bosom, before the world is much older."

Save your newspapers and keep them in regular files. This is an injunction which every person will do well to heed.

We learn that by the fiat of the Supreme Court contrary to the decision of the Supreme Court of New York, the notorious Mrs. Cunningham has been pronounced not to have been the wife of the murdered Doctor Burdell. This decision is the result of certain legal proceedings taken by Mrs. C. to obtain possession of one-third of his property as his widow.

The Commissioners of York county have decided upon building a bridge across the Godorun creek on Princess st., below the Moravian Church, in York, during the present summer.

Fanny Fern says she once had a narrow escape from being a minister's wife, and tells how she would have acted in such a case. An exchange, in commenting upon the matter, says that she had a narrower escape than the minister, then it was fearful to contemplate, indeed!

Orders have gone out from the Treasury Department to the principal custom-house, to report what possible reduction of force can be made.

The Emperor Napoleon III., having been born on the 20th of April, 1808, has completed his 51st year.

Brigham Young keeps shut up, from fear—it requires the opening of over twenty doors, exclusive of gates, to reach his sleeping apartments.

A few days since, in Cincinnati, Ohio, a little girl nine years old, daughter of Caleb Potter, was thrown into spasms, and came very near dying, from the effects of orange peel, which she had eaten the previous two or three days, stopping digestion and the regular operations of nature, and poisoning her system. An emetic saved her.

"If man steals my umbrella," says Hunker, "He's no use makin' a fuss—it only shows that an umbrella equilibrium has been broken. Now, if I take one from some one else, that restores the equilibrium, there is really no umbrella lost; an umbrella is only lost when it is used up."

We have received from JOHN BRADHEAD, Esq., President of the Philadelphia and Atlantic City Railroad Company, an invitation to be present at a festival to be given at Atlantic City, on the 26th of the present month. We beg to return our thanks for this favor, but fear it will not be in our power to be present on the interesting occasion.

A friend at Harrisburg, writing to us on business, the other day, adds—and his authority is reliable: "Is not Ferry's faxia superb? We shall carry the States—at least all my inquiry leads me to this conclusion."

A Good Motto.—Our friend Nelson Smith, the witty editor of the Mountain Echo, boasts the following appropriate motto at the head of his last paper. It ought to be adopted by every Democratic press during the coming campaign: "Be Sure You're WRIGHT, then ROWE shall!"

None too Harmonious.

The Opposition journals are somewhat jubilant over what they call the troubles of the Democracy, and they consider the defeat of the latter certain. The indications, however, are that the Opposition are none too harmonious among themselves and that they will have their hands full to have all their troubles adjusted. For instance, a number of Republican journals denounce as a "trick" a movement that has been set on foot by Whigs and Americans, directing attention, by circular, to the importance of electing the right kind of men as delegates to the Harrisburg Convention, and recommending the adoption of a resolution by that Convention, calling a Convention of the conservative elements of the country to nominate Presidential candidates. The Republicans say it is a "trick" of the Americans to head them in the Republicians-off. The Delaware County Republican, the Chester County Times, and the Republican of Norristown, are speaking out on the subject. The latter is getting desperately alarmed; says "Sam" is "not a nigger" in the wood pile; "Sagittarius" is Republican exchanges that "a scheme is on foot to kill the Republican party," &c., and calls upon the faithful to watch these movements.

A Voice from Oregon.

The first election held in Oregon since the admission of that State into the Union, took place at Portland on the 4th of this month, and resulted in a triumph for the National Democracy. The whole Democratic ticket was chosen by a majority greater than has ever been obtained by any party in that City. For years past the Opposition had held the power in Portland, and defied all attempts to dislodge them, but the adoption by that party of the "bloody manifesto" of SWARD, and their double-dealing and duplicity with reference to the admission of Oregon, disgusted the Union loving portion of its inhabitants, and they banished them from power, and declared for the Democracy in language that cannot and will not be misunderstood. The result of this election will be felt in all parts of the Union. It shows that Oregon can safely be trusted in the great battle which is to be fought in 1860, for the Constitution, the rights of the States, and the perpetuity of the Union, and this fact will add fresh courage to the National Democracy, and nerve them for a fiercer fight against the Black Republicans. We congratulate the Democracy of the new State of Oregon on their initial effort, and assure them that the joy of this triumph is shared by their brethren in all sections of the Union.

The Chances of 1860.

Speculation is already afloat as to the chances of the next Presidency, and calculations are made to suit individual views. The following article, from an exchange, appears to us to be a reasonable view of the matter, and we transfer it to our columns: The Republican papers of late have been bragging extensively upon their prospects of securing the election of 1860. They declare it is now a certainty that a Republican President will be inaugurated on the 4th of March, 1861. It is undoubtedly true that they were pretty successful in carrying the Northern States in 1858, but that is no indication of the result in 1860. Their victories are generally a year or two too early or too late. Even taking the elections of 1858 as the criterion, and the chances for the next Presidency are against the Republicans. It is certain there will be no fusion between the Southern and Northern Opposition in 1860. The Republican will run their own candidates, on their own platform, just as they did in 1853. Of course, this being the case, they will not get a solitary electoral vote of the one hundred and twenty belonging to the Southern States. The Democracy may not get all of them, but they will get a large number. In 1858 the Democratic majority on the State tickets in Illinois was between two and three thousand. In Indiana the Democratic State ticket had about three or four thousand majority in that year.

In California and Oregon the Democratic majority is large. These Democratic States will run their own candidates, and with the South they would give one hundred and fifty-one against the Republicans combined. The whole number of electoral votes is three hundred and three. The Republicans, if they should carry the rest, would only succeed by one majority. Recollect that the electoral college is on the basis of the late elections. The loss to them of New Jersey, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, New York, Connecticut or New York would be fatal. They can hardly hope to carry all these States in 1860. If the election should go into the House of Representatives, the Republican candidate for President would not be chosen. He could not get one of the fifteen Southern States. He could not get Illinois, Oregon and California. These eighteen States are a majority of the thirty-three and would present a Republican choice. It seems impossible that any Republican can be elected, unless the Democrats make an outrageous blunder in their candidate and platform at Charleston. If a popular man is nominated there, on a national platform, he will be elected by a larger majority than Mr. Buchanan received in 1856.

The President and Directors of the Western Maryland Railroad have just published an exhibit of the agricultural and mineral resources of the country through which this road is designed to pass, and a statement of its condition and prospects. This publication is designed to attract to the capital of Baltimore accurate information in regard to this improvement, with the hope of obtaining the means necessary for its speedy completion. The length of the road to Union Bridge, the present contemplated terminus, will be forty miles. It is estimated at not more than \$750,000. Its means comprise \$250,000 of available stock subscriptions, and the balance in first Mortgage Coupons on Bonds, bearing interest at five per cent. per annum and payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July, and which will amount to more than \$150,000 have been sold at 80 cents on the dollar. The bonds which have been sold are held chiefly by the farmers of Carroll county, who are also large stockholders and are manifesting a laudable energy and enterprise in the prosecution of this work. Twenty-three miles of the road are already graded, and 3,000 of the 3,300 tons of rails required for the whole length of the road have been purchased and paid for. With the assistance now desired to be obtained by an additional sale of bonds in Baltimore, it is expected that the road will be completed by the winter during the coming autumn, and the Union Bridge by the succeeding mid-summer.

Messrs. IRVIN & TAYLOR are the contractors for the construction of the Road, and their well-known energy is a sufficient guarantee that the work will not be delayed on their account.

President BUCHANAN visited Baltimore on Monday last to inspect the several sites offered for a new Court-house. The President was accompanied by his Cabinet. They returned to Washington in the afternoon train.

The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church of the United States assembled at Pittsburgh on the 19th inst.

A national convention of Firemen is proposed to be held in Pittsburgh on the 4th of July next.

Proving Too Much!

The "Hesper Letter" may yet prove an unfortunate improvement for the Star managers. It may have served them well last fall—they may have by it assisted in humbugging a few votes for Mr. DEARBORN—but there we think they should have allowed it to remain. To reproduce it now evinces a degree of desperation on their part we were not prepared for. They publish it in their last issue, to show that Mr. Dearborn has kept his pledges. But—while falling entirely short of answering the question in regard to Mr. Dearborn's votes on the Hesper amendment—ACADIST making the daily pay of members 21.50—the letter proves too much for the Star's purpose in another direction. That precious epistle does not contain one word pledging a donation of \$200 to the county, neither directly or indirectly—and this is demonstrated what we have all along believed, that said donation was an after-thought, and only resolved on, by the advice of the Star managers, when the plans for a re-nomination were being concocted. In other words, that the \$200 donation has been set aside as an electioneering fund—as an "investment," so that five or seven hundred dollars may be made out of it next winter—provided the people will allow themselves to be sufficiently humbugged to carry out the deep-laid and cunningly-devised plot, by re-electing Mr. Dearborn.

In a few weeks we shall have the Journal of the House—"the documents"—which the Star folks cannot successfully deny or "dispute into thin air," labor as earnestly to that end as they may. By that record he must stand in the coming canvass, if the Star managers succeed in having him re-nominated—which, as they captivate the Chief Council of dark-lanternism in the county, will doubtless be the case.

One of the Fruits of the People's Party.

Not very long ago, a close union was effected between the Republican and Know Nothing parties throughout the country. This alliance, offensive and defensive, was entered into for the express purpose of demolishing the Democracy, an interesting feat, which neither of the high contracting parties was able to perform, single handed and unaided. These two elements of opposition, at one time so fiercely antagonistic, joined heart and hands in the most cordial and fraternal manner. All animosities were forgotten, and the Democracy was destroyed. The united bodies of Republicanism and Know Nothingism presented to an admiring public, a second edition of the inseparable Siamese Twins. Of course, when the combination was perfected, the leaders of the famous coalition went into all kinds of raptures. With the great Capt. Cattle, they exclaimed, in perfect ecstasies, "there's wisdom for you." They knew they were utterly powerless when they fought under separate banners. 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