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State Democratic Ticket.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL, RICHARDSON L. WRIGHT.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL, JOHN BOWEN.

The Erie Distribution Post Office.

As a good many of our friends have expressed some anxiety as to the reasons which controlled the Post Master General in abolishing Distribution Offices at the Erie Post Office...

Your letter to the President of the 16th ult., in reference to the discontinuance of distribution duties at Erie, Pa., has been referred to this Department, and I regret that an earlier answer has been prevented by pressure of business.

The order in question was a part of one withdrawing distribution from thirteen offices, situated in twelve different States, and is but the initiatory step to the gradual reduction of the practice of distribution...

The location of distributing offices has never been fixed at points specially favorable to the interests of individual states, their functions affecting the mail interests of the entire country as one community...

It is estimated that one fifth of all the postage (nearly seven million of dollars) on letters passing through the mail is absorbed in distribution commissions...

TAKE PLEASURE IN SAYING THAT I KNOW OF NO COMPLAINT AGAINST THE PRESENT INCUMBERT OF THE ERIE OFFICE, OR THE MANNER IN WHICH HIS DUTIES ARE DISCHARGED...

HON. ARNOLD PLECKER, Franklin, Pa.

The Cleveland National Democrat relates the fact that upon the arrival of the Packet Union at that port on Monday morning last from Fort Stanley, C. W., were brought sixteen fugitive slaves, who had escaped from the South at various periods within the last two years, and who had been living at the negro settlement at Chatham, Canada West.

The Marysville Express describes the following romantic incident as having lately occurred in that town: A wealthy Frenchman of this city, who long since quit France in search of fortune, stayed on only a short time in the city...

How KING'S STANBY.—There is probably a nominal republican majority in the constitutional convention of Kansas, though we are not yet advised of the precise political classification of members...

We are conscious that we shall be charged with a desire to play into the hands of the democracy, because of this article. Our design is to show our friends in the States the result of the election at considerable length, concluding as follows:

We agree with the Washington Constitution, that in order to steer clear of the ultraism of Congressional interposition for the protection of slave property in the Territories...

Previous to the preparation of the recent official letter to our minister at Berlin, instructing him to demand of the Hanoverian government the surrender of Wilhelm Ernst, Attorney General Black, at the request of the President, rendered an opinion in the case, maintaining the general right of extradition as incontestable...

The duel between Mr. O. Jennings Wise and Mr. P. H. Aylett, the peppery Richmond editors, was quite an absurd affair. Shot were exchanged verbally...

The Committee who have in charge the calling of the Charleston Convention will meet at Washington in December, to fix upon the time. The Public Ledger thinks it probable that it will be called in May...

At Okalabosa, Iowa, a young woman whose husband came home drunk the other day, took down the box, and chastised him most gloriously—until he promised not to do so again. He had the blame upon a friend who asked him to drink...

An extraordinary elopement took place from Gaines, Orleans county, New York, on the 4th. Two juveniles, named Isaac Perkins and Mrs. Polly Burgess, each about thirty years of age, stole away at ten o'clock at night and were married by the Rev. Mr. Keeler. They had the deed in contemplation for some time, but were restrained by their friends.

The Bremen of Birmingham, N. Y., has a remarkable way of serendipity about it. One of them got married a short time since, and his companion honored the event by "plying" into his bed-chamber, and nearly drowning him and his bride.

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