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JOHN ROWE.

State Democratic Ticket.

Grand Juries.

The Reading Journal has some well-timed and appropriate criticisms upon the Grand the Grand Jury is an obsolete and useless impedes public justice. There doubtless was a time, in the history of England, when tirand Juries were useful.-composed, as they were, of the leading men of the country, and serving as a check to the power of the crown. In this State, until within some years past, the Grand Juiors were selected with special reference to their ability. All this has been changed and all juries are now drawn from one lot of names As a consequence a majority of its members are not unfrequently entirely ignorant of the necessities and the forms of justice, and must trust to a very few members of their body for the propriety of what is done Hence one or two members often rule, the whole body, --finding true bills when they please, and ignoring them when they see fit, or as caprice, interest or prejudice may dietate, and without regard to the evidence before them. Everyone who has anything to do with our criminal Courts has been astounded to find bills ignored, and the prosecutor perhaps ordered to pay the costs, in spite of the clearest testimony. And this is done because one or more of the jury has some outside information which he brings into the jury, or has been operated upon by an interested party. To what extent this latter influence has been brought into play can never be fully known, but it has long been more than suspected. The irresponsibility of Grand Juries, and the censurable manner in which they do business, is to be attributed to the secresy of their deliberations. There are no judges, no counsel, no public, to see what they are doing, and to judge of the propriety of their actions. They decide as they plese, without accountability to the public. No one hears the evidence, but themselves, and it is easy to say that the proof did not make out the case, and thus let a criminal slip. In trials before the "petit" jury this is not the case. There we find the Court to see that the law is properly administered; counsel to insist upon the rights of the commonwealth, and the rights of defendants. and, not least, the public, which hears the evidence and can judge whether juries act rightly. All this is wanting before the Grand Jury,—a secret and irresponsible tribunal, worthy of the middle ages, and only fitted for letting criminals escape. An innodent man has nothing to fear from a true bill bees are heard, and he may be confident of justice,-nor can a rogue, there, hope to escape when the proof is clear, -his only hope now is with the Grand Jury. But we adhere a long time to obsolete institutions. and years may clause before this clum-y contrivance is abolished. Still, the time

It is a habit, which has become chronic in such papers as the Gazette, to reiterate the slander against the present Administration that it secretly favors the illegal importations of Africans into this country To such papers the following information will not be at all palatable. It is derived from the Washington dispatches for the New York papers.

will certainly come, sooner or later

"From Washington we have a despatel stating that the Administration had be stowed upon the subject of the African slave trade its earnest attention, and with a view of suppressing as far as possible thi traffic, have initiated measures more efficient and extensive than ever before, for that purpose. The squadron for the Coast of Africa, as arranged by the Secretary of the Navy, will consist of the following ves sels: The steamers Mystic, Sumpter, San Jacinto and Mohican, and the sloops-of-war Constellation, the flag ship, Portsmouth, Marion and Vicennes. officers are assigned to their command.-Those of the steamers Mystic and Sumpter are, respectively, Lieut. W. E. LEROY and Lieut. G. F. Armstrong. These gentlemen were at their own request ordered to thi service. These vessels being of light draft, can penetrate waters too shallow for those which have heretofore been on that coast besides have the advantage of steam; hence slavers will be more closely pursued. The Joint Treaty with England requires that the United States shall keep there a force of 80 guns, but by the recent arrangement on the part of the Administration, the num her of our guns will be 116. Mr. BIRNEY who succeeds Mr. Morse as Navy Store keeper, went out in the Constellation with instructions to remove the naval depot for the African Squadron from Porto Praya to Autaul De Donde, which is 330 miles south of the Congo River, or about 2,500 miles distant from Porto Praya. This new depot will consequently be much nearer than the former to the principal coast, and will in a great measure obviate the necessity of long cruisés. On our own coast there is to be an efficient naval force composed of the steamers ('rusader, Lieut, Mafrit; the Mohawk, Lieut, CRAVEN; the Wyandotte, Lieut, Stanley; and the Fulton, Com. G G WILLIAMSON. They are to cruise in the neighborhood of Cuba for the purpose of capturing any slavers which may by their expertness escape the vigilance of our naval police on the African coast. The arrangements will soon yo into full operation, and the Secretary of the Navy is now hurrying the preparations of such of the vessels as are yet in portf, or this important service

The Spanish American paper in New York, El'Noticioso de Nueva-York gives the following account of Mr. ALEXANDER DIMITRY, the President's recently appointed Minister to Central America:-"Mr DINITRY is by birth a citizen of Louisiana, and combines in himself two rare qualities: he is by decent a representative of the blood of ancient Greece mingled with that of the native Indian of America. His father, a Greek by birth, emigrated years ago to Louisiana, and there married the daughter of a chief of one of the civilized Indian

SANDERS W. JOHNSON has been nominated for Congress by the Democrats of Kansas. Mr. Jounson was formerly a citizen of Ohio. He represented Brown counsent to Kansas by President Pierce as a United States Judge.

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The recent advices from Europe are extremely unfortunate for our Republican Republican papers of Maine, draws the folfriends who were so sanguine they were lowing "first rate" portrait of its party: about to make a point against the Admin-TERMS: \$1 50 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE. Istration on the Naturalization question. According to the London Times the government of Hanover will comply with the States, and release from its army a naturalized citizen of this country who has been impressed into its army. The prompt and energetic manner in which the administration of President Buchanan has acted in this instance is most creditable to it, and is a full refutation of the falsehood, that it was direlict in its duty upon this question. It has laid down the principle that no naturalized citizen of the United States can be forced to do service in the aimy of his Jury system. It says that it believes the native land, unless he has been an actual opinion of the legal profession, -which has the best opportunity for watching the open on the full equality of the rights of natu-

ration of the machinery of justice-is, that radized with native citizens, even to the cannon's mouth if need be. The Times institution, and, far from aiding, actually thus bears testimony to the vigor and efficiency of the United States government. lisar.

> "It seems that a native of Hanover, who stands in this position (naturalized in the United States,) has recently returned to the country of his birth, was drafted into the militia and compelled to do military

"He refused, pleaded the laws of hi adopted country, and applied for protection to the American Consul. The American Government has taken up themåtter warm ly, and has peremptorily demianded his reease. It has done more than this. It has caused similar requisitions to be made upon the other German Governments who are made to understand that Américan citizen can not be called upon to submit to the dictates of arbitrary rule. The German powers however distasteful it may be to hem, will give way, and they will respect the rights of these Germanic-Americans who return from the Far West with a handsome amount of dollars, with which to pass the evening of their days in their native

"It is a remarkable fact, that there is no great power in the world with so small an army and navy as the Unifed States, and vet which makes itself more felt and respecied abroad.

It seems to be a settled fact that the Americans will not unite with the Repubheans in the State of New York. Both parties are holding conventions and caucusses of their own, and the leaders of both seem determined to go into the contest this fall with separate tickets. This is mainly caused by the arrogance of the Republicans, who have yielded nothing to their American allies in the past, and treat them with contempt now The Americans claim to have one hundred thousand voters in their ranks, and they are no longer willing to transfer all this strength to an ally in-law and stole away his son, a lad seven who does not even thank them for the fayou It is probable, therefore, that each party will make its own nominations and test its strength this fall, preparatory to the great Presidential contest of 1860. If this should be the case, and the Democracy of New York remain united, the latter party can accomplish an easy victory.

convention-whatever that may be-was held at Columbus, Ohio, in which GIDDINGS and various of the Oberlin saints were the nost conspictions participants. Some seventy-five delegates were present, representing found against him. In court his witness- ing churches as follows Congregational, 38: Wesleyan, 12; Baptist, 2: United the whole family. The Wheeler family Brethren, 2: United Presbyterian, 1. Free Presbyterian, 7; Free Baptist, 1; Reformed | neighors, whose buildings had fired, and Pre-byterian, 1. Free-will Baptist, 2; Presbyterian, 1; Disciples, 1. Methodist Episcopal, 7. The usual abolition resolutions were adopted, and the usual abolition speeches rehearsed. The whole convention was a unit of the Oberlin order. The only point of difference that arose was upon the wording of the resolution denouncing slavery. It was spoken of as the greatest crime, the deadliest sin. Some one thought it should be ranked as one of the greatest crimes, and not the greatest, for slavery was hardly more beingus than the sin against the Holy Ghost. But the convention thought it was, and so resolved. It only remains now for some pro-slavery christian convention to be gotten up to resolve that belief in slavery is absolutely necessary for the attainment of eternal life and then the thing will be even.

. During the late gubernatorial canvass in Texas, the Hon. Sam Houston delivered a speech at Nacogdoches, which is reported and published in full in the pa- his wife in a strange but accidental manpers. In it he distinctly defined himself ner. The hogs were in the corn, and Mr. to be a Democrat, abjured his Know Nothingism, denounced Seward and the Republicans, supported Buchanan, and opposed "popular sovereignty," as understood by orney, the African slave trade, and the fire eating conventions of the south | If our republican friends, who have been shouting over his election, can find any consolation in such a victory they are welcome to

We're satisfied, at all events. The Baden Government has recent y made some declarations regarding the Exputriation question—It is declared that the government of Baden does not require American naturalized citizens, who have been subjects of Baden, to perform duty there in case they return, even if they have emigrated without consent - that is, if they return merely for a visit. It is presumed that the Expatriation confroversey here, and the last lotter of Gen. Cass, has had a wholesome influence abroad.

Here is tireeley's personal descriply, not always with Grammatical accuracy, one of them snatched up a brick and, heed but with no hesitation or reserve. He was very plainly dresped in thin Summer clothing, and with no air of sanctimony or fanatparticular hurry to get to heaven." The greeted by the sight of his late antagonis

reward of \$2,000 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of the late E. T. Sterling. The county has also offered a reward of one thousand dollars. The sum offered by Mr. W. J. Warner will make the made since the last arrival, between Cape total reward amount to three thousand five Dajondre and the Chevenne, although the hundred dollars

Hon John Hickman, in a recent speech at West Chester, said that he "would sooner vote for two good negroes than Wright and Rowe." . He belongs to the Express' household of political saints.

A bull-probably of the Slaymaker breed—attempted to butt a train of cars off allusion is made to the slavery question. ty in the Ohio Legislature of 1851, and was the Allegheny Vally Road, one day last

The Belfast Age, one of the leading

"Now it is high time to come to an under-tanding. It is no longer of any use to pass the 'Republican' party off for what it isn't, and thus lead great minds to suppose it a very different party from what it is .demand of the government of the United | We might as well confess it—the party is made up of small men-the common class-very seldom a man can be found in it wiser than our Revised Statutes-very few live on the mountain tops. It is manifestly not the party where great minds will enjoy themselves the best, and we think for their own comfort, they had better not come into it. There is such a total want of appreciation of great men and great ideas that it is almost like casting pearls before swine for such to undertake to preach or talk to such

> Pretty plain talk, and we agree with The Age that it is useless longer to attempt to pass off the "Republican" party "for what it isn't." What it is is quite bad enough.

> MR. O. JENNINGS WISE, of the Richmond Enquirer, has had another duel. This time he fought Mr. Ould, of the Richmond Examiner, but, after twice firing, neither was hurt. If Mr. O. Jennings Wise does not challenge some one once too often, he will go down to posterity as the great unshot.

We learn from the Monesolian that the military forces called out to aid the civil authorities in the arrest of the parties who lately lynched a murderer in Wright county, report that they have scoured the and assisted her to rise. She said, county over, and had arrested several parties said to have been participants in the murder of Jackson.

The Milwaukee Wisconson has no doubt that the crop of spring wheat now harvested in that State is larger than in any former year. It estimates the amount at 14,000,000 bushels, and allowing 4,000,000 Upon examining them at the station for consumption, there will be 10,000,000 for house, it was found that she was shot in

It is thought that the Sunday-travel question will enter largely into the polities of Philadelphia and some other large and loaded for this express purpose. cities next fall.

Ex-Governor Stevens, democrat, has been re-elected by a considerable majority as a deligate to Congress for Washington

A NIGHT OF CRIME.—The town of Preston, Connecticut, last Monday night, was which is unparalled in this country. seems that a man named Chapman had quarreled with and abused his wife in such a manner that she could not live with him, and returned to the house of her father, farmer named Wheeler. A short time since he drove to the house of his father years of age, whom he ill-treated for several days, during which he was pursued. Ar officer finally overtook him at a place called Noank, took the boy away from him, and served on him a petition for divorce, his wife having resolved upon such a step. On Monday night he returned from Noank in a perfect rage, not only against his wife and her family, but against the whole town for taking her part. At a late hour he com-menced his fiendish career, and, as he passed along the road, he fired nine build ings, most of them barns, full of grain, wagons, farming tools, &c., which created a loss of many thousands of dollars to the different owners. At length the stealthy villian came to the house of Mr Wheeler, his father-in-law, where the closing scene of this drama of devastation was enacted, and where he no doubt intended to murder were aroused by the son of one of their who came there for assistance Before they could get ready to depart to the assistance of others they discovered their own out buildings on fire, and while they were car rying water to extinguish the fire in the barn, one of the boys discovered Chapman at the corner of the house, attempting to set fire to some dry brush lying against the house. He immediately gave the alarm. A regular fight now ensued, and Chapman snapped a pistol twice at the head of Mr Wheeler, but the weapon missed fire. The contest was finally ended by a son of Mr Wheeler, discharging a musket loaded with shot at Chapman: the latter fled. It was afterwards discovered that this shot proved fatal to the wretch, for when parties went out to scour the woods the next morning. his body was found near a spring, where he had gone to bathe his wounds. abdomen were found about one hundred

fiendish revenge. Daniel Steel, who is represented as a hard-working and frugal farmer, near Paterson, New Jersey, on the 29th ult., killed Steel and his daughter were racing them out-the daughter handing stones to her father to throw at the intruders. Mrs. Steel saw there was difficulty in expelling the hogs, and running to the fence, near which some of the swine were approaching, she proceeded to let down the bars. Mr. Steel hearing the bars, with excitement seized a large stone which his daughter had picked up, and quickly threw it in the direction of the noise at the fence, under the impression that it proceeded from the hogs, which he could not see through the weeds or high corn. The missile struck the unfortunate wife on the temple, from the effects of which blow she fell to the ground in an insensible state. The force of the blow on the temple had been so great that it had literally driven out the eye. She lived only a

shot wounds. A general feeling of relief

followed, when it was known that the in-

cendiary no longer lived to prosecute his

FIGHTON A HOUSE TOP .- Two masons who were employed in builing a chimney on top of a new house on Congress street, got into a quarrel vesterday in consequence of too free indulgence in intoxicating liquors. They maintained their precarious footing and carried on the dispute by holding to the half-finished chimney, and striking a tion of Brigham Young: "He spoke readi- This method of fighting being rather slow, less of consequences, hurled it at the other's head. The unfortunate individual who received this salute toppled over and rolled off the roof, while the victor cooly reicism. In appearance he is a portly, frank, sumed his trowel and added a few bricks good natured, rather thick set man of fifty to the chimney. Hearing no noise below his curiosity induced him to slide down to five, seeming to enjoy life and be in no the eaves and look over, when his gaze was same may be said of almost every body, scrambling up a scaffold pole with ven-scint as well as sinner. neck, whereupon he took to flight and slid The Cleveland Council have offered down on the opposite side, believing his reward of \$2.000 for the arrest and contumble. - Det. Free Pres.

> Later advices from Pike's Peak announce new and very rich discoveries of gold. The richest discoveries have been opening of new leads was of daily occurthe miners towards the Cheyenne Pass where it was reported that \$100 to \$1,000 a day was being made by single hands.— The emigration continued light but steady Business at Denver City was brisk, an merchandise and provisions were selling cheap. A portion of the recently framed State Constitution has been published. No In the bill of rights the right of suffrage

Tragedy in Cincinnati.

Last evening occurred one q' those ter ible tragedies in real life, which for fear fulness of intensity surpose the conception of the dramatist, and reveal the terrible earnestness which often exists beneath an exterior the most frivolous and abandor

A young man, whose name it appear from papers found on him is Thomas Eugene de Marbais, has had a wife, named Blanche, living in a house of assignation on Plum street, above fifth. From his papers and from his declarations to the coroner, we learn that five times has he attempted to kill both himself and his It would also appear that he married wife. her, aware of her abandoned life.

About 11 o'clock last night he called the house on Plum street and desired to see her. She was up stairs in bed. She came down to see him, and he told her he wanted to walk out with her, and said he 'I am going to kill you." She said she wasn't afraid, and they went out.

The next known of them, the reserve corps of policemen in the Ninth street station house were startled by two pistol reports at the corner Plum and Eighth They immediatly ran to toe corner, and

there saw DeMarbais and Hanche at the door of Brookfield's marble yard. Blanche was sitting up quietly, while he was stretched at full length on the pavement, apparently dead. Mr. William DeBeck of the Auditor's

office, who accompanied the police, caught the young man by the shoulder saying "I've got you sir." DeMarbais spoke up 'There is no one to blame but me. I die it." Policeman McGrew went to Blanche came out of the house to die." exclaimed in agony, "Oh my daughter!" Mr. McGrew asked her where her daughter was. She said she was with the Marsh troupe, and upon being removed, as she was forthwith, to the Ninth street Station House, she took off a splendid jet cross, tipped with gold, kissed it, and desired it to be sent to her daughter Adele.

the left breast just above the nipple, and that he was shot in the right ear. policeman took from him two three-inch packet pistols of Allen's patent which he said he had purchased yesterday morning As he was lying in the station house

Doctor Carey informed him of the probabinity of his recovery. He said, "if I live I want you to hang me for this damnable deed-for shooting the wife I loved so

They were removed to the Hospital, where he said that before they came out of the house they had taken thirty grains of morphine, divided it into two portions lissolved it in water, and drank it.

Blanche is a young woman of beauty and has a sweet countenance. It is thought she is French. DeMarbais is a young man, of short stature, and we learn is or has been in the negro minstreley business At half-past two o'clock this morning the physicians thought it possible Blanche might recover, but had no hopes that De-Marbais would. - Cin. Gazett

Women Tarring and Frathering a Wo wan.-On last Friday afternoon, says the Chicago Democrat, three women, living in the town of South Bend, Indiana took a fourth woman, a sort of grass widow, and said to be of loose morals, stripped her clothes entirely from her, leaving upon her nothing but her shoes and stockings, cut nair and tarred and f from head to foot! This was all done in the public streets of that town, in broad daylight, and in the presence of a large croud who, incredible as it may appear, stood by and saw this infamous act pernetrated and raised no hand to stop it. The women who were the perpetrators of this outrage were residents of South Bend, members of church, and two of them were married. The victim of their rage or jealousy, as soon as she escaped from the clutches of he inhuman persecutors, ran to the shop of a blacksmith near by, who received her, shut the door upon her pursuers, and furnished with clothing to hide her nakedness.

in Cleveland, last Monday afternoon while a number of deck hands were engaged n placing a large quantity of linseed oil in the hold of the steamer Iron City, something gave way, and hogshead fell fair and square on the head of a stalwart darky who was at work in the hold. The height from which the ceshead fell was some six feet, and it ended sut so that one of the heads struck him. A wild though smothered yell came up from that hold, and the other larkies, turning pail as fidelity to their parents would permit, rushed down to gather up the mangled remains of their Imagine their consternation comrade. upon seeing the hogshead standing upright and the frightened and somewhat larcerated countenance of the negro protruding through the upper head! His adamantine cranium had driven through both heads of the hogshead without doing material injury, more than a few cuts and a very bad The hogshead had to be knocked scare." to pieces in order to release him, and he emerged the greasiest nigger probably ever seen in America. While they were binding up his head he was heard to remark," Go a mighty, guess dis ere darkey don't want any more ile on har!" He was at his work in the afternoon, as well as ever appa-

ON A STRIKE.—On last Monday, the hands on the railroad jobs near St. Mary's, Elk county, struck for higher wages. They were receiving \$1 12 per day, and wished to get \$1 25. Monday was a holiday among them, and liquor was the cause of the dis turbance. We understand that a few were sent to jail for outrageous conduct. About December it is usual for the wages to be reduced to about 80 cents per day. generosity of the contractors offered to con tinue the present rates through the winter or until the work shall be done. It is supposed the most will go to work, and that some will be turned off.—Jefferson Star, Aug.

An editor has been shot by a congress candidate. The Vickburg Whig of the 12th inst. learns that on the Wednewlay previous the Hon. Franklin Smith the Independent Democratic candidate for congress in this district, shot Owen Van acter, Esq., editor of The Commonwealth, on the streets of that town. A controversy arose between them about an article in he Commonwealth relative to the discus- Hill is ahead on ghost stories. sion between Smith and Singleton, at Ray nond, on the 1st inst. The wound of Mr. Van Vacter was severe though not necessarily fatal.

MICE AND RATS. - Mr. Gienny says: Mice and rats are very easily destroyed if we set about it in earnest. Get live plaster-ofparis and flour, mix them dry in equal Mr. Haight, to witness the mantities, lay it in dry places, and sprinkle | ceremony. The bride, if no mice eat ravenously, the plaster sets firm lirectly after it is moistened, becomes a ump inside them, and kills to a certainty

Queen Evidence .- P. Yousy has been on trial for horse-stealing in Kentucky.-One part of the evidence was a piece of inger. Just before he stole the horse his nger was taken off by the knife of a cutting box, and a Mr. Young got possession and has kept it for more than a year. At

Mrs. Antoinette L. Brown Black cll preached in Theodore Parker's church in Boston, recently. There was pretty nearl, a 'titter' manufactured by the Tocal and Titerary.

J. B. Van Dusen has been appointed Post Master at Sugar Grove, Warren county, vice James Pattersen resigned.

Ex-President Pierce is now in England, having left the Continent. He means to return home in the Pall. .

Judge Thompson, of the Supreme Court rived in town on Thursday, and will spend a lew days with his oldfriends and neighbors.

Arbuckle, at the P. O. News Depot, now receives the New York daily papers the norning after their publication.

The contract to pave a portion of Stat street has been let, and we understand operaions will commence at once

There is to be an Agricultural Fair s Riceville, Crawford county, on the 6th, 7th and 8th of September.

Duncan Brown, a Cleveland printer. lisappeared from that city a week or two ago. and his wife is now in search of him, thinking that he had wandered away while deranged. Bennett's Hotel, in Union, is a capital

place to stop at when a man is tired, hungry and -dry. We tried it the other day, and therefore speak whereof we know.

The Painesville Advertuer of Saturday says arrangements are being made for a grand Horse Exhibition on the Fair Grounds, in Painesville, on Monday, the 29th of this month.

We return our thanks to the managers

of the Girard Fair, which is to be held in that beautiful village on the 13th, 14th and 15th of September, for a ticket of admission The "American Agriculturist," for

September, is out, and is one of the best numbers ever issued. Every farmer should take it lt is only \$1 per year.

The Express carries its recently expressed determination, not to notice the naughty Observer any more, so far that it neglects to give us credit for the Jury Lists which it copied from our last paper.

We call attention to the advertisement Vanamburg & Co's great show It embraces a fine collection of animals, and 14 worthy the attention of the currous and the

Dan Rice, the Erie county showman. is creating quite a furore in Connecticut, and has turned colporteur, distributing religious tracts as liberally as he does his "witticisms He lectures upon Man and Manners

We call the attention of our agricultural friends to the Advertisement in another column, of the Allegheny County Fair It will be seen that the premiums offered by this society are worth contending for Erie county can take some of these, and we call upon her

The Editor of the Jamestown Demucra has laid down the pen and the scissors, and gone to "snuff the glorious New England breezes." If he gets fat on that kind of fodder we hope he'll let us know.

basket of the finest and best flavored Pcaches we have seen this year-indeed we do not particularly that talsed by Mr B., was better.

The receipts for tolls on the Erie Extension Canal, thus far, show a large increase over last or any previous year The Superintendent thinks they will foot up over twenty thousand dollars above those of last year -This shows a gratifying increase of business not only here, but along the entire line

The "Atlantic," for September, contains several good papers, among them one entitled "October to May;" also, "Once and Now," "A Trip to Cuba,' "My Double, and how he undid Me," together with the usual number of pages of the Professor, sprinkled with his quaint sayings and genuine humor Phillips, Sampson & Co., Boston

We learn from the Warren Must that the Saw Mill of Mr. W P Mitchell, in South West, in that county, was burned last Tuesday morning about 3 o'clock The fire was not discovered until it was too late to save any thing except perhaps some of the board piles around the mill. It was run the day before, but no fire had been in it or around it for s long time, and the origin of the fire is a mys

Was it spirits, or what was it " We are not a believer in spiritual manifestations by any means, and therefore the following "well attested occurrence," related to us hy one who saw it, must pass for what it is worth The relator, who lives in Harborcreek, in that classic portion of the township called Gospel Hill, says that on the evening of the 23d, about nine o'clock, while his wife was engaged about some culinary matters-no candle being in the room, of course, -she partially filled a tin vessel with hot water. Immediately the water in the vessel became beautifully illuminated with small globes of light, each moving in every possible direction-something like a fashion able walts, we presume-and having amused themselves in this manner for some time the "little jokers" began to roll up out of the vessel onto the table, and on up along the sides of a cupboard standing near. And then-(here is the most wonderful part of the evening's entertainment) a little hand, disconnected with any human form, was seen moving quickly about the table among the balls of light. The phenomena, our informant adds, continued about fifteen minutes, and produced enough light to see every object in the room. Our informant "sticks to it" that he had'nt been dozing in his chair while the "guide wife" was "doing up the chores," consequently we are forced to conclude that, as far as heard from, Gospel

The Buffalo Express chronicles the fact that a couple were married on the cars of the Buffalo and Brie road, soon after the train left Dunkirk on Saturday evening coming west .-It says the party got on at Dunkirk, including some who had been invited by the Conductor. ertain. a little sugar amongst it. Both rats and ly fat, and considerably past forty, whilst the groom was older-if not wiser-than the bride The train was put in motion, the manly groom and his blushing bride took their places, and the Rev. Mr. Edson, of Dunkirk, soon made them man and wife-literally at the rate of twenty miles an hour. The bell was rung, the train stopped to allow the reverend gentleman, and the invited guests from Dunkirk, to get off and walk back to the Depot; and the trial Young produced the piece of then sped on its way again. The newly mar-finger, and it fitted is exactly. above Dunkirk-apparently well satisfied with their hasty wedding and short bridal tour, as well as with themselves and all on board-including their accommodating friend, Mr. Haight. Amongst the spectators—and not the least inthe Allegheny Vally Road, one day last is restricted to the whites. The local palews, and was cut up into sausage meat for his temerity.

In the bill of rights the right of suurage is restricted to the whites. The local palews: "When I was a child I spake as a

bride, neglecting, however, to imprint a fatherly kiss upon her brow. We did not learn whether the whim of being married "on a train" was to be attributed to the bridegroom. or to the buzom bride.

Listen to this, girls A writer, who evidently has studied the question, says men who are worth having want women for wives. A bundle of gew-gaws bound with a string of flats and quavers, sprinkled with cologne and set in a carmine saucisse-this is no help for a man who expects to raise a family on veritable bread and ment. The piano and lace frame are good in their places, and so are ribbons, trills and tinsels; but you cannot make a dinner of the former, norra hed-blanket of the latter And, awful as the idea may seem o you, both dinners and bed-blankets are essential to domestic happiness. Life has its realities as well as fancies; but you may make t a matter of decoration, remembering the tassal curtains, but forgetting the bedstead .-Supposing a man of good sense, and of course good prospects, to be looking for a wife-what chance have you to be chosen ' You may cap him, or you may trap him, but how much better to make it an object for him to catch you. Render yourself worth catching, and you will need no shrewd mother or brother to help you o find a market

We are glad to announce that arrangenents have been perfected whereby the Pittsburg and Erie road will be put in running order, from Erie to Jamestown, Mercer county, by the first of November. To the people all along the the county. Bishop Young, of this city, office line of this road as far as built, as well as ated. those living along the route from Jamestown south, this will be welcome news, -because with the road once running to Jamestown it is plain to every one that it must be pushed through to the Ohio river. The time when this will be consummated, of course, depends upon the people themselves If they take hold at once and give the enterprise a helping hand, the capitalists interested in the finished portion of the road will not let it rest with a termin at so unimportant a place as Jamestown

The Republicans -held their county convention in Warren last week, and among the quests present-whether invited or not, we don't know-was the Editor of the Express -We have heard it said that he went there to get a certificate that he didn't vote for Fremont in 1856 because - he was in New York But we don't believe it --we don't think he would crawl out of so small a hole as that On the contrary we think he went over to see the hole he fell into last year when he submitted his claims for a nomination to a party he had never voted

Next Tuesday the 30th inst, then will be an excursion trip on the road is & E event of its opening thus far Of course, the citizens of Erie, Union and Waterford with many others will join largely in the festivities -Express

We are requested to say by the Superintendent that this arrangement is premature .-Some talk has been had out at Union about getting up an excursion from there and a celebration, but when it does take place it will be purely a private affair, with which the company, or those connected with the road, will take no part other than as private citizens -Doubtless if the citizens of Union wish to cel ebrate their connection by Railroad with the 'rest of mankind" in an appropriate manner the railroad company will afford them all the recollect any former year when this fruit, and facilities in its power-but no time has yet been fixed for even that

> The Commissioners appointed by the Governor to inspect the western division of the Sunbury and Eric road, from Eric to War ren, and report in accordance to law whether it is graded, arrived here last Saturday, and stonned at Brown's Hotel They were Messrs HAGEF, of Centre, DALGHERTY, of Harrisburg. and MITCHELL, of Clinton On Monday, in company with a party of gentlemen connected with the road, they left Erie in the cars for Union, and from there they passed over the road to Warren in private conveyance On Wednesday they returned much pleased, as we understand with the work, and sent on their report to the Governor. This report will entitle the company to receive from the state one uillion of dollars in certain securities in the hands of the state, to be appropriated towards the construction of the road

Every body who has had the pleasure of riding over the finished portion of the S. & E road, express themselves highly pleased with the perfect manner the track is being finished up. There are few old roads, after years of ballasting, that ride as smooth as this. This is partly owing to the very superior ma terial-found along the route out of which to construct a road bed-but even this, without the science and skill of the master track layer Mr CLAYTON, would not suffice to make so smooth a track. We think the Contractor, Mr. CASEMENT, is truly fortunate in having so ca-

puble and efficient a master mechanic in charge The acquittal of Prussia, in Crawford

county, noticed by us last week, does not appear to meet the approval of the people. The general sentiment is that a guilty man has escaped a penalty which he richly deserves -The Age says the whole trial was a judicial farce, and that consequently another murderer as guilty as any that was ever placed within the dock has been let loose upon society. The Democrat is very severe upon the Attorney for the Commonwealth, and says that much important testimony, filling up the broken chain of circumstantial evidence, was passed over without any effort to bring it forward. We are not surprised at this state of feeling. It is the second case of murder by poison in that county, within a year or two, where the criminal has been acquitted when the evidence was almost positive as to his guilt

We are satisfied that the story set afloat, by some wag doubtless, that the Sunbury and Erie road did not succeed in crossing the Waterford "sink hole" until the hole was pulled out by the Editor of the Express is untrue. We passed over it the other day, and the Chief Engineer convinced us by occular demonstration that it had not been pulled out, but filled up. We "acknowledged the corn," and asked him how he would take it and he said, in

tumbler The Conneautville Courter accuses the Harrisburg Telegraph of stealing one of its editorials favoring the nomination of Gen Can ERON for President It seems to us that "hon ors are easy" between these two exponents of little journey that was left togeth er Republicanism—the theft was not creditable to the Telegraph, nor the article to the Courier :

Torday the Republicans elect delegates o their county convention which assembles in this city next week. Here in the city but little if any interest is taken in the matter; and we understand the same state of feeling is we understand the same state of feeling is aging about six inches in length. Some of manifest all over the county. The result will them were on the front porch, four feet be that, with the present unjust apportionment, the Gazette and Kelley clique will doubtless hare it all their own way. So mote it be !

Mr. Jacob Kidnicut of Chicago has set

In noticing the card announcing the name of WM. KELLEY, Esq., as a candidate for nomination to the Legislature, by the Republi can convention which assembles next week we said it was doubtless from the pen of the Colonel of the firm." Col. CAMP, the gentle. nan alluded to, has called upon us and de ires us to say that our guess was wide of the mark-that he was not the writer of that card We make this correction cheerfully and with pleasure: because, in our opinion, the Colone has rode the rail road "filly" on the political course pretty sharply for a year or two past and this denial is evidence that he think, it ought to be turned out to pasture for a while

Hon. Thomas B. Florence, a Democrat member of Congress from Philadelphia, has ist issued the prospectus of a new publication to be called the "National Democratic Quater ly Review." It is designed as an exponent of the school of statesmen founded by Jefferson The political and literary articles will be contributed by the most eminent writers in the country. The first number will be insued at Washington, on the 17th of September.

The annual advertisement of the Eric Academy appears in another column li is the universal testimony of those who have parronized this institution that Mr. OLESTED. and his assistants, are making a marked improvement in its character and usefulness

A new Catholic Church was recently dedicated at Neillsburg, Venango county, the first and only church of that denomination in

THE MURDER OF FENNO. -At the request of the relatives, on Monday the 22d inst, Coroner Dillow held an inquest upon the body of JOHN FENNO, when a post-mortem examination was made by Drs. PHELHS and HUMPHELL, of Union Mills, eliciting facts which induced the jury to believe that Fisk's confession was in correct in several important particulars, and that he did not kill him in self-defence. The jury rendered a verdict accordingly, "that JOHN FRANO Was wilfully murdered by CHABLE. Pisk." The post-mortem examination showed that, from the direction of the shot, either FISE or FENNO must have been down when the gun was discharged. A good deal of feeling has arisen in the neighborhood in relation to this transaction, parties taking sides for and against Fisk As the matter will be judicially investigated, we refrain from giving further the version of either party.-Gazette

BLONDIN AGAIN -- Monsier BLONDIN did it again yesterday, with variations. That he can do it is now a fixed fact, a foregon, conclusion and should be announce in his next programme that he would walk the rope on its under side as flies walk a ceiling, every body would believe him. The "Liberian Slave" operation of yesterday was not, in itself, as exciting or aston isning as some previous peregrinations. His we have seen upon free white women at a fashionable party. They consisted of a till collar, tin wristlets, and anklets, we suppose we must call them, all connected by tin chain more formidable in appearance than in reality His shackles may have weighed a pound or two But they were appropriate to his character. He appeared as a "Liberian Slave". Their are no slaves in Liberia. Had he come on as a South Carolina nigger, he would have been in duty bound to appear in solid and weights shackles, like Longrettow's chap

A man of giant frame " Thus accoutred, the Monsteur went out again

upon the rope, and in the course of his mascen

on," as they call it at the Falls, stood up a is head, suspended hunself beneath the calve turned in his grand comic character of the smart nan who knows how to keep a hotel. His stove was a good-sized Russia from arrange ment, some two feet and a half long, and weigh ing with all the traps, some of pounds, a good load to carry. Midway the rope, he attached the store to the cable, climbed over it, started his fire, mixed his omelette, cooked it secunders artim, and then lowered it away to the people on the Maid of the Mist, who scrambled and fought for fragments of it as a good Cathern would for a piece of the True Cross formance over, he packed up his kit, shoulderest it with a good deal of difficulty, and returned to the American side, having occupied 45 min utes in the passage. To stay three-quarters of an hour on that dizzy rope is in itself a marv-

Next Wednesday, at 8 o'clock in the evening BLONDIN will cross the rope surrounded by Bengal lights, in a blaze of glory. The ground are to be illuminated by locomotive lamps furnished by the Central and Great Western Railroad Companies, which are practically partners with BLONDIN in his exhibitioner all Brown is a genius, and teacher he lessons like any other. He shows us what en feebled, degenerate fellows we are, all for want of proper physical education. It is not quite necessary that we should be skilled on the tight rope, but we have no business to be the feeble, elpless children we are in all difficult physical situations.-Buffalo Commercial, Aug 25

TRENTON, N. J., Aug 24. The Democratic State Convention met here to-day, and was the largest and most stormy ever held. 2,000 delegates were present.

On the 6th ballot: Gen. E. R. V. Wright of Hudson, was nominated for Governor The next highest competitor was Charle-Skelton, of Mercer. The Anti-Lecompton delegates of Sussex

had a long and tedious fight in regard to their admitance, and finally both with The resolutions favor popular Sovereign y, and oppose the opening of the slave

unanimous. There is a great rejoicing a mong his friends. 19. A few days ago, a bright little girl of probably three or four summers, who recently lost her father, came up to Professor Wise, at the Jones House, and said

The nomination of Mr. Wright was made

"Mr. Wise, wont you take me up with you in your balloon?" "Why do you want to go my dear?" re plied the Professor. "I want to see my papa," was the touch

ing response. A tear was visible in the eronaut's eve is he assured her that it was impossible to him to take her high enough to see her papa. - Lafayette Journal.

A most extraordinary affair occur red in Jasper county, Indiana, last week An Ald man named Wm. Haskins, aged 70, married an old lady of almost the same age. named Anna Mead. Theenty-seven yours were they were man and wife, with five children. Becoming dissatisfied at the time, the separated, and, hearing nothing of er ch other for years, both married again. But both being left alone, after the deat in of their partners, and coming together thus late in life, they concluded to trat, el the extraordinary a case we do not remember ever to have heard before.

SHOWER OF SNAKES. -- Immediately atter the great shower of last week, a gentleman residing on Grand River st., on walking about his premises, discovered a large number of striped or garter snakes, aver from the ground, and some on the kitchet door-steps. Our friend commenced kill ing the reptiles until he had dispatched forty-seven by actual count. His neighbors also killed quite a large number, and the finding of the "snaix" continued for four