

Democratic County Convention.

A Democratic County Convention will be held in the City of Erie, on Tuesday, the 7th day of February next, at 10 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of appointing delegates to the State Convention, and to transact such other business as may come before the Convention, appointing to the duties of the party.

LE PAPE ET LE CONGRÈS.

Ma Editor.—Recently there has appeared in Europe a small pamphlet in which the great question of the proper and respectful arrangement of the Pope's temporal authority to suit the state of things existing at this day, is disposed of with such clearness and perspicacity, that it is at once understood and appreciated by every reading man on the continent and the Islands of Europe.

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simply that when a territory is ready to become a State if we wish to abolish slavery we may have to provide for the sale or manumission of such free slaves as may have drifted into the territory during the interim.

A CONSPIRACY.—There is an acknowledged conspiracy in the House of Representatives, consisting of Democrats bound together by a written and signed pledge to prevent an organization of that kind.

The reply to this is very simple. The Democratic party has in Congress just 93 votes—the opponents of the Democratic party have 136 votes, or a majority of 43.

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Local and Literary.

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The Erie & Pittsburgh Rail Road is represented by Mr. Geo. H. Melvins as general agent. Mr. Melvins is lately of the freight department of Cleveland & Erie Road, and we are assured that the interests of the E. & P. Company will not suffer in his hands.

The "Wayne Guards" give their first annual ball next week, in the New Hall in Commercial Buildings, when a flag constructed by the fair hands of the Ladies of our city is to be presented to them, and a good time had generally.

We have received the first number of the Titusville Gazette, a paper that has been brought into existence by the "oil fever" raging in that part of our "moral vineyard."

We dropped in at the Hardware store of J. C. Selden & Co., the other evening, and were shown the "entire animal" as our friend Ely quizzically expresses it, from the primitive hair on his attenuated proboscis, down to the last kink in his symmetrical tail.

We do not wish to set ourselves up for censor in affairs involving questions of etiquette, and especially not in cases where obedience to custom may serve as a partial excuse for the non-observance of the usual requirements of society.

Brown, of the Kansas Herald of Freedom, has been making a speech at Conneautville to his old neighbors on "Kansas work." As he did not make out that other Brown, he was taken down on him like a "thousand of brick."

The Editor of the True American threatens to write the history of another "Punk"—one B. F. Funk—if we don't shut up! Well, we shan't—so go ahead; and when you get through we'll try our hand—try it, too, not only on a fellow who is mean enough to steal coal, rob a nigger like Tabs Gross—borrow his landlord's money, and cheat him of two years board—but we'll try our hand on that fellow's master and owner.

Mr. L. Baldwin intends removing his Drug and Oil Store the coming spring from No. 5 under the Reed House to the improved warehouse No. 6. Baldwin has of late shone as "a bright light set upon a hill," compared with his neighbors, but now, like the proud man, he has his "fall."

The Pittsburgh Journal, in speaking of the Republican platform for 1860, says it "desires a good, broad, substantial plank of Pennsylvania oak put into that platform, inscribed with protection to American labor."

High Rents or Low Rents.

Ma Editor.—I am among those who thank you for your judicious remarks, in last week's Observer, upon the subject of increased rents.

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Ad exchange gives it as its opinion that wives who do not try to keep their hands will lose them. A man does the "courtship" before marriage, and the wife must do it after marriage, or some other woman will.

We notice our friend TALLER has been "speaking" at Harrisburg, and his theme was economy. On a proposition to print a certain number of a public document, he said: "The treasury is not overflowing, we are heavily in debt, and as a Republican party, in the majority, professing to be economists, do not let us by our first acts give the lie to our profession."

We guess it must be so, for all the papers have repeated it, that this is "leap year." Well, what of it? Not much truly, only it is said that the year the ladies, "God bless 'em," have the undoubted privilege of choosing from among their male acquaintances the person they desire to "love, honor and obey."

A GOOD NOMINATION.—At their recent state Convention in Indiana, the Democracy nominated M. C. KERR, Esq., of Floyd, Reporter for the Supreme Court of that State. Mr. KERR is a native of Titusville, Crawford County, and studied law in the office of Judge GARRATT, in this city.

A patent pocket umbrella is among the latest inventions that have been patented. A company, with a capital of \$10,000, and employing about fifty men, has been started in the East for their manufacture.

True; it has fulfilled its mission, and gone where all such politicians as it represented will eventually go in the ranks of the Abolitionists! There is an eternal fire of things in politics, as in every thing else.

The Philadelphia Ledger complains that business in this city is thoroughly prostrated. There is literally nothing doing.—Erieans.

If the complaint of the Ledger is true, and we have no doubt it is, it goes to show that there is more than our Republican friends are willing to allow in the threats of the South to cease purchasing northern manufactures and products.

It is a remarkable fact, says an exchange, that nearly all of the candidates for the Vice Presidency in the Democratic National Convention at Cincinnati, in June, 1860, have since paid the debt of nature.

A man by the name of Smeitzer was arrested in Natchez, Miss., on the 14th inst., on the charge of attempting to commit a rape on a little girl of 12 years, and amid great excitement taken to prison.

The number of people killed in the railroad last year, in this country was over one thousand, while in England at the same time the number was less than one hundred.

A game dealer in Galena has shipped over two thousand dozen of quails besides a large quantity of other game this season.

The latest advices from England announces the death of Thomas Babington Macaulay, the eminent English historian. His History of England is still in the press.

On the 24th inst. ALMA E. daughter of David M. and Ruby Ann Baldwin of Ames aged 7 months and 9 days.

At the residence of her son-in-law, William King, Esq. Erie, on the 24th inst. MARY G. McLEAN, widow of Rev. Dr. McLean, late of South Shenango, Crawford County, aged 75 years.

In Girard, on the 21st inst. Mr. FRANK WEBSTER, aged 58 years.

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