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SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1860.

Democratic County Convention.

A Democratic County Convention will be held in the City of Erie, on Tuesday, the 7th day of February next, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of sippointing delegates to the f tate Convention, and to transact such other business as may come before the Convention, appertaining to the interest of the party.

Primary meetings will be held in the several Townships, Boroughs, and Wards in the County of Erie, at the usual places of holding the Township and Borough elections in the County, and at the Select and Common Council Rooms in the East and West Wards for the City of Erie, on Saturday the 4th day of February, A. D. 1860, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock 5.

in the County, and at the Select and Common Counce Rooms in the East and West Wards for the City of Eric on Saturday the 4th day of February, A. D. 1860, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock, P. M., serept the City of Eric, which will be at 7 o'clock, P. M.

JAMES C. MARSHALL,
Eric, Jan 7, 1800.

Erie, dan 7, 1860.

LE PAPE ET LE CONGRÉS.

Ma Entron -- 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 I give you the headings as I have taken them from a semi-politi cal, semi-humorous London periodical, divested of certain ribaldry exhibited in the paper trom which I copy, and you will at once perceive how the whole subject is exhausted by a very short schedule of but eleven paragraphs. l Let us keep our tempers

II The Pape must have some temporal pow et or there might be danger of his leaning somewhat too much towards, the nation which should best sustain him

III But his rule should be paternal, and to this end he need not have a large temporal de-IV The Pope it is believed would then not

interest himself with political matters, but would devote himself exclusively to his holy I His army shall be respectable and suffix

to act on the defensive always as becomes a bristian army VI But is the Pope to have the Romagnese

count for the sustaining of his authority, and

territory returned to him " VII. The Romagnese people, two millions in

VIII. Force therefore would be necessary And France is not disposed to continue the support of an army in the papal states. 1X It would be a re-introduction of Austri-

an power into Italy should the Austrians offer such force a state of things not at present de-

X And as for Naples, the King of Naples can with difficulty sustain himself.

XI The Congress must therefore settle the question May return Romagna or may not But must at least secure Rome to his Holiness and give him an Italian Militia to sustain his power in the city of Rome instead of a foreign army At present as a political or temporal ruler, he sometimes finds difficulty in relving "upon the love and respect of his people "

There, Mr. Editor, is a simple table of contents of the little pamphlet which is making such a noise in all Catholic Christendom In this country it is not for us to offer opinions upon it But the subject is so admirably handled, and so briefly and perspicuously stated, that it is deserving of the compliment that, "he who runs may read," as much as any political paper it has ever been the lot of this writer to meet with. Any man, from the above little table, may take such side as to his reason rection of a political pamphlet.

I dismiss the subject and offe premising that the essay appears over the signature of a certain Monsieur De la Guerroni ere, but is universally attributed to the Emperor of France

What a pity it is, Mr. Editor, that we have not some intelligent French gentleman in this country who could state our political case of to-day, in simple language like that which Louis Napoleon is supposed to speak? What infinite volumes of "sound and fury signifying nothing we would be relieved of " From what long stupid congressional debates. From what longer and stupider leading articles would we be delivered ' But alss! clothed, smothered in the twaddle of ten thousand politicians, all speaking at once, it is indeed, as Charles Dickens would say, "all a muddle."

The African is the great question of to-day. With his wooly head he seems to have butted out, or stunned, the very brains of our statesmen. editors, and politicians. And yet I be here the whole subject can be as simply stated us the Papal question has been in the European tract Let us essay it. Let some clear headed quiet American gentleman, write a similar pamphlet under the title of "Le Congres et le Negre," or in English, Congress and the Negro. I will propose the headings. The first shall be straight from M De la Guerroniere. namely

I. Let us keep our tempers

II Slavery has existed from the earliest times. It existed and was permitted at the adoption of the constitution of the United States in which slave holding and non-slave holding communities joined and were equal contracting parties That constitution contains a clause commanding that the obligations of contracts shall not be impaired.

III The rights of both are conceded in the constitution, and until that instrument shall have been abrogated, those rights must with equal and exact justice he respected.

IV. The humanitarian view of slavery has therefore nothing to do in this discussion, except it shall be admitted by both parties-and even then it would be irrelevant

V New accessions of territory come in en-

tirely subject to the morale of that constitution. VI. And a slave holder has an equal right with his slaves to that territory as Connecticut. New York and Pennsylvania had a right to keep such slaves as, at the adoption of the Constitution, they possessed. To keep them until such time as they chose to set them free.

VII. The North cannot get rid of this responsibility to do as she agreed at the heginning, and until she admits this, the South has just cause of complaint.

VIII. Let therefore Congress define its position on this subject in accordance with the Constitution of the United States as herein before stated. And the slavery question will cease ouce and forever. Always, excepting the restless humanitarians who may be permitted to meet as often as they like in Exeter Halls, and can can do no harm, but let them beware the fate of John Brown by desisting from overt acts

Here are but eight paragraphs, whilst Le Pope et le Congres required eleven, and yet, sir, I do contend that in those eight paragraphs the question is solved in the only honorable and manly way in which it can be solved .-Stick to your agreements whatever you do.

And now let us look at this in a Northern point of view. And in doing so, let us employ the enlightened selfishness always conceded to cation. He says that he expended \$36,000 diplomacy.

The worst thing that can happen to us hereafter, by adopting this manly course, will be money goes, pop goes the weesel."

simply that when a territory is ready to be-A CONSPIRACT:-There is an acknowlcome a State if we wish to sholish slavery we selved compact in the House of Represent may have to provide for the sale or manumisatives, consisting of Democrata. sion of such few slaves as may have dribbled to prevent an organization of that hodge into the territory during the interregum. This is a tax upon us to a certain extent, provided boldly set at defiance the demands of right into the territory during the interregum. This we do not choose to establish slavery But is and the necessities of the country to gradinot this tax justly due to our brethren of the fy their own passions for mischiel. should each and all be hurled from the Hall South! Did not our fathers agree with the which they disgrace with their unhallowed presence.—Buffalo Express. Southern fathers to recognize slavery, and with t all its consequences! Most unquestionably, Mr. Editor; and still I say stick your agreements whatever you do. But, sir, some of us

Northerners are afraid of the extension of slav-

ery, and such is our horror of the institution

that I will admit that it might be to us a grave

cause of alarm. Nothing, however, can be

proved with greater certainty, from even our

present experience, than that slavery will not

extend. The whole South has labored for

vears to extend it into Kansas. Yet how much

is it extended there! It is not at all extended.

and not only can it not be extended but it

cannot be even retained for many years in the

border States of the South West-in Missouri,

say, and Arkansas. And as for more South-

ern border States-say Texas for Inslance-

would ask: Is it not well known that the

South has gradually for years observed with

painful interest the approach of Northern, pre-

ponderance in our National Legislature? Have

not the free States even now an inevitable over-

balance in the Senate! And the South, always

with jealousy slive to this probable prepon-

derance, always vilgilant of power, would she

not have left no stone unturned, no political

artifice untried, to retain this power? You may

ask what stone was there left to turn ! what

nolitical artifice was there left to try? Where

is the great territory of Texas, Mr. Editor !-

Is that not South ! Is that not an area on

which the slave power could be enlarged—the

Senatorial representation increased. There

has been no time since the admission of Texas

as a State at which the South had not a right.

upon certain accretions of population to make

of Texas new slave States. Will it be presended

condition, on which new slave States could be

made out of Texas, has not falfilled itself. Yet

sir, who has heard a whisper from the South

in which her right is conceded to make them

Sir, if she disturbs the subject as it now sleeps

in Texas, that State may wake up and enfran-

chise herself. To use a vulgar expression-

All that the South asks at this moment is

her plain, inalianable right to occupy the ter-

ritories according to our agreement, tacit if

Again, Congress cannot legislate slavery in

whole thirteen States, had slavery. Then the

territories had slavery. Slavery the territo-

ries have now, and it cannot be removed until

they become States. Then why all this con-

fusion or Washington" The South asks but

what reason and common sense should at once

grant-indeed, what a sound tribunal could

not help admitting—what she already has by

In a word, the South asks an abstraction.

Constitutional light. Admit this right, and the negro question will sink into insignificance.

It is our duty to grant this abstraction .-

What possible evil can arise from the granting

what positive visit an arise from the granting an abstraction. Yet the granting of it would produce inestimable good in closing once and forever, as I said before, this baneful slavery

CORWIN ON JOHN BROWN .- From Corwin's

late speech in the House when he was ma-

king his best bid for the Speakership, we

extract the following choice morceme, in re-

gard to "Old Brown." We copy it sepa-

rate from the speech for the especial ben-

efit of LOWRY, CATLIN & Co. We have

been looking for it in the American, under

the crushing head of "Satanic," which it

gives to less noticeable extracts from Dem-

ocratic papers, but have not yet seen it.-

"I admit that there have been some dem-

onstrations—at least I take the newspaper

accounts as true—in various places North,

cannot account for them. I have tried

to find some philosophical reasoning for any man (except his family relations) going

into mourning for the unhappy death of

John Brown. It must be attributed to an

intellectual cholera—for there are intel-

lectual as well as physical epidemics. I have seen it in politics and religion. One

of these epidemics has gone over the country. In Cleveland it is said some have

draped their houses in mourning for the death of John Brown. * * Gov. Wise

said that he was the gamest man he ever

saw. Now, men will admire that charac-

teristic in anybody. We admire it in the game cock and in the bull dog, and why

er or not he could be considered insane ac-

another question. I believe, however, the

best course was to hang him. I think he

said so himself. [Laughter.] I think he

said that he was worth more for hanging

These men of the Garrison school take

purposes than any other. [Renewed laugh

up the statements of Gov. Wise, that John

Brown was the bravest man in the world-

that he wastruthful and honest-and then

allege that for so great a man Virginia only had a gallows. That is the way in which

those self-deceived, and I dare say very

never tell their audiences that this brave

man, this sincere man, this man who al-

ways told the truth, found no better em-

ployment for such great attributes than

that of cutting throats. A very brave man

may commit murder, and a man who never

lied might get up a rebellion; and a man

may be very sincere who is half crasy, but

men who understand the organization of

society well know that man, in his very

best estate, cannot be turned loose without

It is said that Elder Peck is making

a clean breast of the Maine treasury defal-

to elect various Republican Congressmen

from that State. "And that's the way the

sincere men, will pervert the truth.

cording to your medical jurisprudence,

Wheth-

not in our own humanity!

with respect to the death of John Brown.

In speaking of Brown, Corwin says:

DE LA GUERRONIERE, Americain

the fence."

exincing the remotest disposition to make an-

The reply to this is very simple. The Democratic party has in Congress just 93 otes-the opponents of the Democratic party have 136 votes, or a majority of 43.-Now, it does not take a great deal of arithmetical knowledge to demonstrate that the one hundred and thirty-six opponents of the Democratic party can organize the House by the election of a Speaker whenever they please. The Democrots do not prevent them, and for the best of rescons -they can't ... Ninety-three cannot control one hundred and thirty-six, no more than ing of Spring. two and two will make eight. This talk, then, about a "conspiracy" on the part of the Democrats to prevent an organization is all a humbug. There is nothing in it .--If there is any "conspiracy," it is on the part of the opponents of the Democratic party. Our opponents have a clear majority of forty-three members of Congress, who were elected to their seats in that body in opposition to the candidates put forward in the respective Representative districts throughout the Union by the National Democracy. Why do they not elect a presiding office, organize the House, go to work, pass appropriation bills, relieve the starving public creditors, revise the tariff try? But, say the Southern Opposition to the Northern Opposition-"You have put thing will be all right. a man up for Speaker who would war upon our institutions and our property rights that this accretion has not taken place—that the | and interests—who has endorsed an incendiary publication declaring the deadliest hostility to the people whom we represent, -a programme of antagonism, which, if carried out, would drench our soil with other slave State or two out of that territory fraternal blood, give our wives and daughers up to imperial rapine and butchery, and ferment a strife that would eventuate in the extermination of one or the other of the races; we cannot and will not vote there is the difficulty-there is the 'migger in for him." Are the Democracy responsible for thu! Say the Northern Opposition to the Southern Opposition-"We will not vote for your candidate—we will not vote for BOTELER, OF GILMER, OF MAYNARD-because you like, but implied most fully in the Conthey represent a slavenolding constituenstitution of the United States-the contract cy, whom we hate and abhor as particiunder which we all live. And what is this pants in the 'sum of all villainies:' and as that she asks. It is not the power to extend we are determined that the 'irrepressible slavery -- she can no more extend slavery North conflict' shall go on until all the States are than we can extend our winters South so as to either slave or free, therefore we will stick get lake ice from the reservoirs near the city to SERRHAN or some other odvocate and embodiment of this glorious and patriotic and sublimated doctrine." Are the Democto or out of the territories. Slavery is in the territories already by the Constitution of the racy responsible for this? If the opponents of the National Democracy choose to advo-United States, and irremovable, except by cate one doctrine in one section of the sovereign power. Sovereign power cannot exist in or over a territory until it shall have become Union, and its very opposite in another State. The united power of Congress and section of the Union; and when their repthe people of the territories, while territories, resentative men come to meet in the arens is provisional, inchoate-temporary, not sovof the nation, and cannot reconcile the ereign. Attempts of the people of the territodisagreements produced by such a Machries to oust slavery are usurpations, or rebeliavelian course of policy, cannot harmonize on any question wide as the Union itself. ions, which can be quelled by the Federal Government under the clause of the Constituare the Democracy responsible for their political tion empowering Congress to "make all needprostitution and profliquey? No, no- this inful rules and regulations respecting" the ter siteriou albang the words wates had regulations," instead of the word "laws," is a revill it be received as worthy of a tho't sovereignlies, or peoples; nor has sovereign by the great tribunal of the Republic, before whom all must bow in reverence—the power been given to Congress. What the terthinking, reflecting, patriotic and Unionritories were at the adoption of the Constitution. loving people, whose destinies are bound that they are now. Then twelve, if not the

> ervation of the Confederacy. THE CHAMPION OF 1860.—The Pottsville Standard raises its flag for the next campaign, inscribed with the names of John C. Breckingings, of Kentucky, for President : Francis W. Hughes, of Pennsylvania. for Vice President; and Jacon Fay, of Montgomery county, for Governor. Speaking of its nomination for the Vice Presidency the Standard says it was induced to named Mr. Hugges because of its "admiration for the man, his political course and great abilities, and by an anxious desire to see the Democracy triumph in the next Presidential contest. We are convinced that with BRECKINEIDGE and HUGHES for ous nominees, our success in Pennsylvania would be certain and complete. No one who scans the political elements now boiling with intense heat in the national cauldron, can doubt that the Keystone State will be again the great battle ground upon which the Costitution and the Union will be preserved and placed on a firmer basis than ever."

up in the unity of the States and the pres-

We gave last week the particulars of an accident on the Hudson River Railroad, by which several persons lost livesamong them a Mrs. Field, of Brooklyn. The York papers state that she had been wife only six hours, having been married that morning. Her name was Ann Tuttle, of Bloomingrove, Orange county, and was married on the morning of her death, in the Second Dutch Church of Kingston, to Mr. Fields, of Brooklyn-with whom she became acquainted while serving as a school teacher in that city. She and her husband took the cars at Rhinebeck, at 12:48, and at three o'clock the accident occurred which caused the injuries of which she died at seven o'clock the same evening.-Married at twelve o'clock and dead at seven. Her remains were carried on Friday from the same alter where she was made a bride on Wednesday. It is very seldom that so melancholy a tragedy strikes upon

the public heart. The Harrisburg Patriot of the 17th instant says : "Two prominent politicians. one spoken of as the Republican candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, while approaching our borough in the northern train of cars yesterday, had some misunderstanding in reference to political matters, which finally led to blows, and a genuine old fashioned knock-down. The combatants, fortunately, were separated before any serious injury occurred." Who were they?

THE NEGRO TROUBLES IN CANADA.-The work, &c. Detroit Free Press, of Friday, says the negro disturbances in Canada, at Chatham and the and Commission House in Nos. 1 Commorneighboring towns, centinue. The negroes are sial Buildings, next door east of Canghey led on by two natorious persons of their ewn & Chark. Mr. M. is a espable business man, color, named J. D. Shadd, and J. C. Brown, both and will no doubt build up for himself a thrivof whom figured conspicuously in the celerated "Provisional government," affair of old John Brown, which it will remembered, was organ-

ized at Chatham.

Bocal and Biterary

Skating of the parties of fun in the parties, but it is parties, but it is partied at the parties. but it is a partie of fun in the parties, but it is a partie of the parties of fun in the parties o

A company of "oil seekers" at Frank lin, in sinking a shaft, have struck a vein of salt water, which the Citizen of that place says is three or four degrees of strength The quanflity is not stated.

We hope no one will fail to read, on secount of its length, or its French title, the first article under our editorial head. The writer handles the all engrossing question of the day with a master hand. Bead it

The "oil fever" has reached Summi ewnship in this county-so we hear. Several 'eligible sites" have been selected, and the work of boring will commence with the open-

The Erie & Pittsburgh Rail Road is represented by Mr. GEO. H. McIntels as general agent. Mr. McINTRIE 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

We are requested to state that the Baptist Church of North East, Pa., purpose to dedicate their new House of worship, on Wednes. day, February 1st. Services commence at 10

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 laws, if necessary, and do all other things be presented to them, and a good time had demanded by the exigencies of the coun- generally. HARRIS gets up the supper, which is a guarantee that in that department the

> We have received the first number o the Eitusville Gazette, a paper that has been brought into existence by the "oil fever" raging in that part of our "moral vinyard" it professes to be independent in politics, and de voted mainly to the "oil question."

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 quaintly expresses it, from the primitive hair on his attenuated proboscis, down to the last kink in his symetrical tail. A better arranged and better looking stock of Hardware will hardly be met with. Our thanks for "creature comforts."

We do not wish to set ourselves up for moor in affairs involving questions of stiquette, 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. But we cannot help alluding to a ustom which prevails, to some extent, with the congregations of a number of our churches that of turning the back to the officiating clergyman during singing! It is generally supposed that the congregation is party to this most beautiful and expressive portion of public worship—choirs being instituted merely for the purpose of leading the audience in its performance: then with what propriety, setting aside the question of proper deference to the elergyman officiating, can a congregation rise

Brown, of the Kansas Herald of Freedom, has been making a speech at Conneaut ville to his old neighbors on "Kansas work." As he did not make out that other Brown-he dictment against the Democracy for the ther was suspended by the thousand the thousand the thousand the thousand be current in any court in christendom, of brick." The Republicans have a wonderful

and turn to the choir to be sung at

The Editor of the True American threat ens to write the history of another "Funk" 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 shough to steal coal, rob a niggar 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 matter and owner. Writing histories is a game, not only that two can play at, but we can play at two; and more than that, our histories shall be made up of facts, not fiction. So "pitch in," my good sir, just as soon as you

The Gazette says "a Democrat of the Forney stripe ' propounded the query to it, "Who will be the nominee of the Charleston Convention ?" Certainly, a "Democrat of the Forney stripe," could not have went to a more appropriate source for information "The ox knoweth its owner, and the ass its master's

and dry" under our window the other night, out, and the supply of fluids ample.

L. I. BALDWIN intends removing his Drug and Oil Store the coming spring from No. 5 under the Reed House to the improved wareroom 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 Pittsburg Journal, in speaking of the Republican platform for 1860, says it "desires a good, proad, substantial plank of Pennsylvania cak put into that platform, inscribed with protection to American labor." Well now, would'nt we like to see you get it at the Chicago Convention! What a precious row there would be, to be sure, with those New England free traders!

An accident occurred on the Buffalo and Brie Railroad, about two miles this side of North East, on Friday evening last, which resulted in the smashing of four freight cars of the accommedation train west. The accident was caused by the breaking of a car-wheel.

We understand that the room under the Reed House, at present occupied by M. Sanford & Co., Rankers, is to be "let down to prade," and lengthened to the full extent of the block from the Park to Pitch street, and otherwise improved, the coming season. When this contemplated improvement is made, it will be the Lir, a wareroom in the city, except those of the new Commercial Buildings.

New Pinns.--Mr. Gro. Sundan has associated with him J. H. Blics in the establishment on the Canal for ... manufacture of bent

Mr. L. J. Monntson has opened a produce ing trade in this city. We wish him success. P. MINNIG has associated with him in the

Jacob Minnig. The firm is good one.

High Rents or Low Rents. Mr. Entrop -I am among those who thank

you for your judicious remarks, in list week's Observer, upon the subject of incressed rents. There has been no more exact and prominent measure of the sluggishness of the sky of Eric than this very one of rental. It is cortain that no place can be a growing and prosperous one in which the rents do not pay some approximation to the interest of the money invested in buildings, and notoriously this is not done in Erie at the present time, nor will it be done by the advanced rates of rents for the coming year As a rule, it is impossible for property holders to exact more for the use of their property than the demand for such use will justify; and if thousands can be exacted where hundreds are now, it will indicate a proportionate increase of business, population, and general prosperity That prosperity will be realized in the increase of work, in the fuller employment of mechanics and laborers-the diffusion of money-tand the increase of cus-

ver and doctor. It is not high rents which drive people away from a place to which they have an active interest in coming, but low rents which show they have siready gone, or never came; and hence all who have hope and faith in the prosperity of Erie, will be glad to see the evidence of that prosperty in such an increase of rents as will invite to the construction of buildings, and the actual employment of, all associated trades and arts.

tomers to butcher, baker, grocer, editor, law-

With low rents, Erie is a beautiful place as a point of refuge for all who can afford best to live where rents are low, because they have no dependence upon the business of the place .-Such cities of refuge and asylums of retired competency, are not apt to be places of growth and activity. Will Erie become other than such an asylum under any policy which would keep rents down-in other words, under those influences which in the past have sunk it into the repose and lethargy of the "sleepy bor-

Every one admits the natural advantages of Erie Its founders anticipated for it a stately stature and all wonder it is not more of a place. But "there is a tide-in the affairs" of communities as of individuals, "which taken at the flood leads on to fortune." Has Erie taken that flood tide in the past " Will she now !-Certainly not, while her local improvements and facilities are directed by sectional jealousies rather than by principles of general utility; while her main thoroughfares are left in the darkness of desolation, because her whole expanded borders cannot be lighted; while improvement is refused to the central points to which capital tends, because it cannot be equally given to those remote points to which it does not tend. Such a policy may be one, apparently, of equal and considerate justice. but it is letting the heart die amid vain attempts to animate the extremities, whereas energy and vigor given to the former would exend their influence so the latter.

Certain general and local influences will in all places indicate particular points and direcions as those of building capital. When such endencies are manifested the true poiliey is to oster them . It is a contingency which must be accepted that one seit of individuals will be nore benefited than others , but still there will be benefit to all, whereas by a repressing and strangling policy there will be advantage to none-bricks will remain in their primitive clay and money in mortgages. It is evident that at the present time there is

nanifested a tendency to improvement generally, and especially on West Sixth street, but have the city authorities done what they instly and to develop the employment of capital'

Many years ago when there was no settle ment in this locality, property was burdened with long lines of plank walks which have fallen into ruin before they came into use : and now when the section has increased in building and population. there remains, under the sanction of the city, a miry slough for the punishment of all who have ventured to improve beyond it. Again-good taste, common sense, and com-

mon justice, together with a "decent respect for the opinion" of visitors and strangers who are unaccustomed to much sights, in thriving villasee would indicate instead of the present ricketty rattle trap, a crossing at the canal corresponding to the character of the street upon which it is placed—a street, which, if encouraged to improve would be second in beauty to none on the lakes. But, in addition to the above motives, it is now well known that there is no local improvement within the competency of the city, which would at once call into use so much building capital. One of the most extensive property holders and largest capitalists of the city, has said that he only waits a proper crossing of the Canal, handsomely to Improve his property in-that neighborhood .-One improvement will necessarily baget an-MEHL's Band blew themselves "high other If then a city improvement in one place will call forth the employment of fifty or a discoursing music worthy of their fame and hundred thousand dollars building capital name, which we endured with Christian forti- within a reasonable period of time, it is cleartude for some time; but our benevolence was ly a more general benefit than improvements finally melted, and we invited them in "out of which are not likely to develop any such exthe wet." Come again; our latch string is penditure of enpital within any time. The benefit will be not only in the creation of taxable property in that section, but in the growth of small houses in remote sections - a greater growth of these than will arise from any local improvements which do not induce so great an expenditure of building capital Our enterprising friends of the houndary street tannery, and the furnace on the hill, would find the "timulas of these improvements reaching to

them and their neighbors. But will the necessary encouragement for these results be given ; or will the flood tide of fortune which is now rising, be again permitted to roll by our city ! One fact is unhappily too evident-the sectional policy of the past has been a failure. Brie is now far behind her wonderful natural advantages-is dwarfed in mature below her age. The same policy will perpetuate the failure, lock up capital, leave her waste places still waste, put rents-post office hoxes and all-upon the descending scale of a down hill existence, and leave to the "oldest inhabitant" the melancholy satisfaction of telling "what might have been -but is not.

We notice that some of our cotemporaries are a little jealous because a liquor House in Cincinnati sent our neighbor of the Gazett. and us some samples of their wares "ha" wares," we suppose some would 'call it-at it they turn up the whites of their eyes as much as to say, "O Lord deliver us just such a temptation." They evidently have not made up their minds to live up to that command of the the latter is in a destitute condition. He bor's goods."

Congress is still unorganized. The House ballotts every day or so with about the same result. The interminable "Sherman" comes within five to three of an election, but there he sticks like a fly in a jug of molasses. When he gets out and into the Speaker's chair, we'll tell our readers.

The contract for repairing the Steam-Greecry and Provision business, his brother, or Michigan, the advertisement of which appeared in our columns lately, has been award- | will join the Baptist Church.

ed by the Secretary of the Navy to the Novelty Works, New York. We understand that the bid of Liddell & Marsh of this city, was \$2,000 below those sent in 40m Buffalo; but the Novelty Works bid \$1200 below Messrs L. & Mi

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

We notice our friend TELLER has been "spaking" 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 sets give the lie to our profession." Very well said, Mr. Teller; but don't you know the Republicans "give the lie to

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 this 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 glorious privilege!-but softly; we hope no one will take it into her beautiful "noddle" that we are her "affinity," because we have an acquaintance, a yery intimate one, that "leap year" or no "leap year," will certainly ob-

their professions" every day?

A GOOD NOMINATION. -At their recent state Convention in Indiana, the Democracy nomnated M. C. KERR, Esq., of Floyd, Reporter for the Supreme Court of that State. Mr. Kunn is a native of Titusville, Crawford county, and studied law in the office of Judge GAL-BRAITH, in this city. He is a young man of good abilities, an uncompromising Democrat. whose election will add honor to the party -He was nominated on the first ballot, by a vote of \$14 out of \$95, a most flattering endorsement which his friends in this section of the state cannot but feel proud of.

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

GONE UNDER .- The Brie Express has ceased exist. The materials have been purchased by the Brus American. The Express was a disrganizing pretender, claiming to be Democrat and has met with a just fate - Nayrelle Sen

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

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

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 porthern manufactures and products. The trade of Philadelphia is almost entirely confined to southern and south west ern demand-her manufacturers are, to a large extent, supported by the Southern states, in word, the wealth of Philadelphia, like that of Pittsburg, has been drawn from the sweat of slave labor. This being so, is it any won ier that both cities are threatened with the withdrawal of the support of the South, which feeds their mechanics, enriches their merchanics and manufacturers, and adds prosperity to the We think the mercantile and manu facturing interests of the north will find in the end that Abolitionism does'nt pay

BLOW I P THE EDITOR, -Whenever the paper is_dull and uninteresting, don't be mealymouthed in expressing your disapprobation. Go right to work and berate the editor, soundly He needs it occasionally. He has no business to be sick. His brain and his pen should always run smoothly, whether they are in running order or not. If you will sit down some day when you have the toothache -the real iumping kind-or the ague, or the sick headache, and write out two or three interest ing articles, you will understand his obligations and capabilities better, and he able to 'hlow him up'' more effectively tirre him fits. 'Twill do him good.

It is a remarkable fact, says an exhange, that nearly all of the candidates for the Vice Presidency in the Democratic National Convention at Cincinnati, in June, 1856, have since paid the debt of nature. Lynn Boyd, of Kentucky, J. C. Dobbin, of North Carolina, General Quitman, of Mississippi, General Rusk, of Texas. Aaron V. Brown, of Tennessee, were presented as candidates by their respective States, and obtained a large support. They are now all'dead! General Quitman got the highest number of votes of any candidate on the first ballot-more even than Mr. Breckinridge, who finally received the nomination. He was nominated by the eloquent and gifted Harris, of Illinois, who is also deceased. What changes time makes in four years!

The Washington Constitution says In the Post Office Department troubles seem to thicken. A number of letters were received yesterday morning from mail contractors in different parts of the Union, declaring their intention to break of their lines if no appropriation is made by the 1st

A man by the name of Smeltzer was rrested in Natchez, Miss., on the 14th inst., on the charge of attemptifig to commit a rape on a little girl of 12 years, and amid great excitement taken to prison.-In the evening the people, more excited still, assembled in a great crowd and marched deliberately to the jail, took the prisoner from his cell and hung him in the court house vard. A WICKED LITTLE WOMAN WITH GREEN

Space.—One Rev. Mr. A.S. Finch publishes a card, in which he says "that while attending the Brockport camp meeting, a woman, small in stature, wearing specs. and prepossessing in appearance, appeared, pursued him in a carriage, told him of her esteem and how much she was worth, and induced him to marry her. He consent ed, the knot was tied, and she having accomplished his ruin, forsook him, probably to find another victim. Mr. Finch says she served two men the same way before one in Canada and the other in Wisconsin; decalogue, "Thou shalt not covet thy neigh- gives warning that she may not inflict simar outrages again."

OUGHT TO KNOW .- Hinton R. Helper has the following in his "Impending Crisis:' We believe that thieves are, as a general rule, less ameniable to moral law than slave holders." The man who stole \$3(h) from his employer ought to know something about the feelings of thieves.

Eather Chiniquy, the excommunicated Priest of Kankakee, has joined the Presbyterian Church. About two-thirds of his flock went with him. The remainder

The number of people killed on railroads last year, in this country a over one thousand, while in England to the same time the number is less than on

A game dealer in Galena has shir ped over two thousand dozen of quale

besides a large quantity of other game the The latest advices from England announces the death of Thomas Balang ton Macaulay, the eminent highsh history

rian. His History of England is unfinished DEATHS.

On the 24th inst , MMA E , daughter , David M. and Ruby Ann Baldwin of America aged 7 months and 9 days At the residence of her son in law William King, Esq., in Erie, on the 22d inst. Mr. MARY G. McLEAN, widow of Rev. Danie McLean, late of South Shenango Crawford County, aged 75 years In Girard, on the 21st mst Mr FRANCE

MARRIAGES.

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