

THE OBSERVER.

B. F. SLOAN, Editor. TERMS: \$1.50 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE. SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1860. DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION. FOR GOVERNOR. HENRY D. FOSTER, OF WESTMORELAND CO.

WHAT OF BALTIMORE?

Nothing, or, at least, at the time we write Friday morning, we have the proceedings of the meeting on Thursday, showing that hardly a step has been taken towards a nomination. A letter from a friend on the ground speaks hopelessly of ultimate harmony, and the nomination of Seymour of New York. We hope he may be true prophet, but the proceedings that have reached us so far do not look very favorable.

The proceedings on Thursday morning were the receipt of the report of the Committee on Credentials, which had been in session since Tuesday. To that Committee had been confided the consideration of the credentials of delegates from the States that met at Charleston. Most of these succeeding delegates had not arrived and it is not clear, but other delegates having been appointed, the question arose which, under the resolution of the Charleston Convention, involving the sending of a committee of delegates, we ought to have sent. The committee, in a meeting on report, re-estimated the number of delegates, so far as the admission of new ones was concerned, and said:

The following is the letter alluded to above BALTIMORE, June 20, 1860. DEAR SIR: We have done nothing yet. The committee are considering the credentials of the delegates from the seceding States. The delegation from New York are as cunning as foxes—making propositions against the South for the evident purpose of being magnanimous in voting them down.

DEAR FRIEND SLOAN: This place is situated at the head of the famous Genesee Valley about fifty miles south of Rochester. Of late years the wheat crop has suffered almost a total extinction from the invasions of the weevil. As the inhabitants of this valley depend upon this crop as their main stay, its failure for several successive years has proved highly disastrous to this whole region. Capital and labor have been forced into new channels, while the farming interests have suffered. Danville, like every other village in this State of a few thousand inhabitants, has its institutions.

ization was unjust and improper. Mr. Sumner is no more an abolitionist than those who support him: and we have the authority of the Legislature for this. The accredited and legitimate organs of the Republican party of New York will undertake to soothe Mr. Sumner and his late speech, but the Legislature of Massachusetts endorse him and it. And the same may be said of the Americans here, which publishes his speech with commendation; but to sure we have no legislature to endorse it; but its position as the original organ of the Republican party cannot be set aside by sleight-of-hand recruits, who look for spoils instead of principles.

Letter From the Genesee Valley.

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There is here an Educational establishment of the highest class under the control of the Methodist denomination. The President, Rev. S. S. Sager, D. D. is a gentleman of scholarly attainments, comprehensive views, and of large liberality. He is, withal, a fine pulpit orator, and is universally esteemed by all denominations. One of the Teachers I found to be a Baptist and another a Lutheran—once a Pastor in Erie. Rev. Mr. Boyer. The citizens in order to enjoy the advantages of such an institution have contributed some six acres of land and Fifteen Thousand Dollars towards the erection of suitable buildings. This for a place of Four or Five Thousand inhabitants, of no great amount of wealth, and considering that the business portions of the town have been burnt down twice within eighteen months, is doing nobly. It exhibits at least an appreciation of literary privileges which might well provoke the emulation of places of larger pretensions. On visiting the school I witnessed the exercises of a class of about twenty in the Latin Reader and another of about fifteen in Virgil. There are about one hundred and fifty pupils of both sexes in a full course at different stages, of a classical and collegiate training. They were all day pupils, residing with their parents or near the village. In fact, there are more pupils than accommodations for them. And this, notwithstanding, only twenty-five miles from here (at Lion, N. Y.), the Methodists have two other institutions with seven hundred and fifty to one thousand pupils.

The other Institution for which Danville is justly celebrated, and to which I wish to call attention, is the Water-Cure establishment of F. Wilson Hunt & Co. It occupies in the comfortable designation of "Our Home," is located on a mountain slope on the eastern side of the village. The mountain rises gradually to the height of about one thousand feet, and the "Cure" stands about two hundred feet up the slope, so that it overlooks the whole village, and the mountain ranges beyond, and the valley of the Genesee with its richly cultivated farms. The view in respect to variety, or beauty, or extent, can scarcely be equalled. Here the people come for health after being drugged to their hearts content. No medicines are administered. No cold baths, no medicated baths. Only soft water from the "All Healing Spring" (above 300 feet from the hill) and at long intervals. Best and sleep, and vegetable diet, and pure mountain air, and the exhilarating prospect and cheerful society, and harmless sports—these are the means resorted to for health, and they are, in many cases, completely successful. The expense while here ranges from seven to ten dollars per week. Clergymen of whatever denomination and Editors of whatever political complexion are invited to enjoy the hospitalities of "Our Home" without any charge whatever. Of the former class we find here several of our old acquaintance who speak highly of the treatment as being adapted to the restoration of their overtaxed energies.

The Laws of Life, a Health Journal, is published here monthly and is the advocate of the aims at creating a public sentiment in favor of a short dress for ladies, which is the style of dress adopted here. Most of the lady patients are converts to this doctrine, at least as long as they remain here. Although there is a small conservative minority who resist the innovation and persist in the old custom in conformity with the prevailing sentiment in the community at large, notwithstanding they admit that it is objectionable on the score of health. Dr. Jackson, the Physician in Chief at "Our Home" is a fine Lecturer and entertains an audience of about one hundred persons each morning after breakfast with an exposition of the Laws of Health. In one of his Lectures which I heard he commented most exultingly upon the recent address of Dr. O. W. Holmes, of the Atlantic Monthly, before the Boston Medical Fraternity, in which he recommended the abandonment of drugs and medicines for remedial purposes. The Doctor's religious influence is by some supposed to be deleterious. It is certainly dangerous to be in the constant society of a man of superior intellect, of an agreeable address and most facile utterance: who is at the same time a reformer, and who scruples not to pluck the beard of venerated error. But editors are not much given to mere theory, and clergymen are presumed to be grounded in the Faith, and inexperienced youth do not often find their way to such a place as a Water Cure. They have not yet lost their confidence in Patent remedies. Hence, although infidel sentiments are freely bandied about here, they may or they may not find judgment, according as the mind is or is not ready for their reception. Common sense rather than religious principle, seems to give tone to this little community. Certainly no indications of Free-Love-ism are noticeable to the casual observer.

Believing that "fair play is a jewel," even in politics, and that every man has a right to be heard through the columns of a public journal, either by himself or friends, we have inserted a communication in another column relative to the conflicting claims of Messrs. Babbitt and Walker to the Republican nomination in this district for Congress. This communication seeks the medium of our columns, simply because it was refused a place in those of the Gazette, the organs of the party. The fight now going on between these two rivals of the house of Lincoln is one with which we have no concern, except to record the sayings and doings of each as they arise. Whether Babbitt walks, or Walker walks, Babbitt is no concern of ours; but, as we said before "fair play is a jewel," even in a dog fight.

General News.

The Legislature of Rhode Island adjourned on Friday after a session of four days. The wheat harvest has commenced in Virginia, in the neighborhood of Lynchburg. Sayers' arm is said to be injured beyond cure, the tendons having been snipped by Heenan's terrible blows.

A conductor on a railroad leading from Petersburg, Va., took the liberty of telling a lady whose feet he saw, that they were pretty. The lady complained to the directors, and they dismissed the indiscreet official.

The Rev. H. M. Storm of Cincinnati has recently preached a sermon on murder, and stated that during his residence in that city there had been more than one hundred murders, or an average of two a month, while no instance had the perpetrator been executed.

The inhabitants of Carroll county, Ohio, are very much excited about a wild male child, from seven to ten years old, that has been seen several times in the woods. The place has been found where he had slept the preceding night and eaten a frog.

A new scandal case has transpired in St. Louis. A highly respectable man had married a young and interesting lady not long since. He thought her as pure as the unstained snow. Another wealthy merchant is accused of leading the lady astray. The wife would repent and the husband has brought the matter into the Court.

A man named William Pontus was arrested in Kittering, Pa., last week charged with having murdered his wife. The defendant is a resident of Wayne township and is alleged that, some weeks since, he took the life of his wife, that he might marry a girl in the house, of whom he had become enamored. The body of the deceased is said to have exhibited unmistakable marks of violence after death.

The Philadelphia North American expresses its surprise at the fact that the Pennsylvania delegation, led by Mr. Seward, secured the nomination of a sort of third rate champion of the "irrepressible conflict" in the person of Lincoln, the friends of the New York Senator came down upon him with all their force, and charged that his course towards their favorite was instigated through disappointment in not receiving office at his hands. To substantiate this, they claimed there was a letter extant from Greeley to Seward, which proposed the charge, Greeley, notwithstanding, called for this letter; and Seward, equally as willing, responded by placing it in the hands of Weed, of the Albany Journal, by whom it was forwarded to Greeley, and by him published in last week's Tribune. It proves to be a remarkable letter, and has attracted much attention. He gives it, it must be admitted, some very good and substantial reasons for dissolving the partnership which had been in existence fourteen or sixteen years, during which time Seward had obtained all the honors, wealth all the emoluments and money, and Greeley all the hard work. During that time Seward had advanced to the position of Senator, Weed had made himself rich out of the plunder and stealings of his party, while Greeley, in his garret with his crust, had battled with poverty until he rose to his present position solely by his own unaided exertions and without the assistance of a dollar or even a good word from his partners. Seward and Weed reaped all the benefit, while Greeley alone did the work. It is no wonder he thought it time the partnership was brought to a close. There can be little doubt but this disclosure will damage Greeley among the extreme partisans of Seward, such as are found in New York and some parts of New England, and at the West, but with the masses of his own party the philosopher will not be damaged in the least. All the justice, all the right, and all the truth are on his side. He found that he could not work with Seward, and therefore gave him notice of the fact, and this honest declaration Seward has used to his disadvantage. Greeley opposed him at Chicago, just as he had a right to do, and the reason he gave for it, was of availability, was sufficient, for it was true, no matter whether it was his real reason or not. As it is, Greeley has come out ahead. Seward and his desperate set of abolitionists were pretty well used up at Chicago, but what little was left of them has now been finished by the philosopher. They are shown to be as ungrateful as they are dishonest. We only wish we had room for the letter, for it is a crusher.

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General News.

It is almost useless to caution people in regard to lottery swindles, for we verily believe there is a class that like to squander their money in that way. Still a word of caution in reference to an address of the lottery dealers may save some money. We notice every now and then numbers of letters in the Post office in this city—one of the number generally addressed to us—sometimes written, sometimes lithographed, enclosing printed "Schemes" of the "Doleware State Lottery," and other similar swindles. The letters are signed, "Confidentially and respectfully yours, Smallwood & Co.," or some other fictitious name. The circular, which is in the form of a private letter, says, "Being anxious to create an excitement in your vicinity, we have selected for you a package of 25 tickets, in this most excellent lottery, which can draw the four highest prizes, amounting to nearly \$500,000. It adds: "We have made you this offer with the view of getting you a price," &c. Letters of this description from Baltimore and elsewhere are frequently circulated here, but we have never heard of any one green enough to be caught by them.

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