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The People's Choice for President, ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

CHICAGO AS A LUMBER MARKET.—The total receipts of lumber by lake at Chicago during the year 1863 were 333,074,882 feet. These are largely in excess of the receipts of the year before, and do not include the receipts by railroad, which were considerable.

Geo. A. Coffey, Esq., United States District Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, died at his residence in Philadelphia, on Saturday last, the 20th inst., of paralysis, aged forty-three years. He was a graduate of Dickinson College, a man of considerable ability, of popular manners and genial disposition.

A man in France has been cured of deafness by repeated visits to a chamber filled with air compressed to two atmospheres and a half. Similar cases have occurred before, and the subject is at last attracting much attention among the French as it should among American physicians.

Railroads of Pennsylvania. The annual report of the railroad department of this Commonwealth has been presented to the Legislature. This report exhibits the highly gratifying and remarkable fact, that the aggregate receipts of the several lines are about double the expenses, and show that in this department of business we have a wonderful degree of prosperity.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION. The joint resolution recently introduced by Senator Anthony to provide for submitting to the several States an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, is in the following words:

ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 1.—Neither Slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for a crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States or any place subject to its jurisdiction. SECTION 2.—Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

The War in the Duchies. On the 24 of February, the first conflict between the Prussians and the Danes took place. The town of Missunde, on the Schlei, was attacked vigorously, and after a six hours' conflict, the Prussians were repulsed. Several minor engagements are reported as having occurred on the 24, 4th and 6th of February.

MILITARY DAMAGES.

We observe that a bill has been introduced into our Legislature to compensate the people of the border Counties for the losses sustained by them by Rebel invasions. The bill provides for the payment of all damages occasioned thereby, including those done by the Militia and National troops as well as the Rebels.

We have no doubt that in view of this bill will receive the hearty support of the representatives of Counties which have not suffered, as it certainly will of those whose counties have sustained the direct injuries of the war. The additional taxation necessary to carry out the provision of such a bill will not be felt by the State at large, while the compensation so given will relieve many who have lost almost destitute since the invasion of last Summer.

What shall we Do with Them? By many who are pleased that the fortunes of this war are likely to put a final period to African slavery, the question is asked with some anxiety, "What are we to do with the multitude of freedmen?"

THE NEGROES FOR THE SOUTHERN ARMY. The Rebel House of Representatives, on the 1st instant, had under discussion a bill, reported from the Committee on Military Affairs, to increase the efficiency of the army by the employment of free negroes and slaves under certain circumstances.

Our Next President. It is a decided thing—the people have decided it—that Abraham Lincoln shall be re-elected President, and no human power can prevent it.

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down to posterity with contempt, because it refused to amend out of the measures within its reach.

Various other amendments were proposed, some of which were adopted and others rejected, and the bill finally passed.

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Town and County Matters.

UNION MEETING.—There will be a meeting of the Union men of Carlisle, at Riehm's Hall, on Friday evening, Feb. 26th at 7 o'clock.

Prof. WILSON will deliver a lecture in Riehm's Hall on Tuesday evening, March 1st for the benefit of the S. A. Society.

The anniversary meeting of the Soldiers' Aid Society will be held in the 2nd Presbyterian Church, on Thursday, March 8th at 7 o'clock P. M.

UNION PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.—On Monday last, the 22d inst., the members of the Union Philosophical Society of Dickinson College, celebrated the seventy fifth anniversary of their society.

THE HANDEL CONCERT.—The concert of the Handel Musical Association came off on Thursday evening last.

The programme presents a number of songs, duets and concerted pieces. The chorus is good—their singing evincing careful cultivation and considerable artistic research.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNION SOCIETY.—The 74th annual anniversary of Union Philosophical Society of Dickinson College, came off on Monday evening, in Riehm's Hall.

THE SPEAKER WAS S. ASHENFELTER. He handled his theme—"Perfection"—with ability, and displayed considerable elegance of diction and good taste in the general arrangement of his remarks.

UNIVERSAL LIBERTY, was discussed by Mr. J. S. Elliott. This gentleman's enunciation was very distinct, and our position being somewhat remote from the stage, we could catch only portions of his speech.

"Patriotic Conduct to National Stability."—Mr. Wm. H. Hamilton elaborated this somewhat hackneyed truism into a very respectable address.

"Superiority of Mind."—by W. D. Lukenback. This gentleman was laboring under a severe cold which seriously interfered with the effect of what was a well written, and would have otherwise been a forcibly delivered speech.

"The America Idea."—This was Mr. Joo Hood's subject and his treatment of it showed that he had devoted to its consideration much care and time.

The exhibition was a complete success and afforded the audience great pleasure and profit. We would be doing the garrison band injustice if we neglected to notice the excellent music rendered by it.

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