

Confere Meeting.

The Representative Conferees of Cambria, Bedford, and Fulton Counties, will meet at the Washington Hotel in Bedford, on the 22nd of February, and select two delegates to represent this district in the Democratic State Convention.

The State Central Committee met in Philadelphia on Saturday, and passed a resolution that the next State Convention be held at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, the 1st day of March next.

Blair County holds its delegate meeting on Saturday, and County Convention next Tuesday when Senatorial Conferees will be selected, and the time and place of the meeting of the Senatorial Conferees from Cambria, Blair and Huntingdon, will, no doubt, be designated.

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When the popular and gentlemanly proprietor of the Pittsburgh "St. Charles," Wm. S. CAMPBELL, Esq., returned home with his bride from an eastern tour, a fete was given, in splendid style, in honor of the event; a full report of which is published in the Daily Union. A hundred ladies and gentlemen were seated at the tables, participating in a feast which would have caused joy to the heart of the most refined epicure. The large dining hall was radiant with light, and gemed with beauty. All the delicacies of the season, and wines of the choicest flavor, were amply provided. After discussing the substantial, Judge SHANNON was called upon to preside, and on taking the chair he delivered a brilliant and witty extemporaneous speech, which called forth thunders of applause.

The health of host and hostess being given, Mr. Campbell replied in a frank, manly and appropriate speech. The "Press" being toasted, next speeches were made by Harper of the Post, Barr and Thurston of the Chronicle, and Keenan of the Union. The toast complimentary to the merchants, was responded to by Messrs. Hampton, Sample Campbell, John S. Wilson, Hunter, and J. L. Shee. A number of other gentlemen delivered short, appropriate, and neat speeches. The Ladies sung several beautiful songs. Our friend, DUSENBERY, who is a "singer as is a singer," by his magic voice filled the hearts of all with music—soft, sweet, soul-entrancing music. Long life and continued success to the "St. Charles" and its proprietor.

Mexico.—The Revolution and its Consequences. The storm that has been so long gathering upon poor Mexico has burst at last. State after State having pronounced, the city of Vera Cruz and the Castle of San Juan de Ulloa having joined in the movement in favor of the plan of Guadalupe, President Arista has resigned his office, and retired from the capital. Senior Cavos, a Judge of the Supreme Court, will only until the arrival of Santa Anna, who may be expected in the course of a few weeks. The country is prepared for him, and he will every where be received in triumph. The career of this man has been truly extraordinary. At one moment the idol of the people of Mexico, at another the most unpopular man in the whole Republic—at yet another an exile—and now recalled in fact, and about to be received with every demonstration of enthusiasm. At the battle of San Jacinto he was signally defeated and taken captive—at the attack of the French upon Vera Cruz he lost a leg—and during the war between the United States and Mexico, he was fully conquered by General Taylor. His star appeared to wane from that hour, and the popular indignation gathered so strongly against him, that he was compelled to seek safety in flight. And now, after an absence of several years, fortune again dawn upon him, and he will soon occupy as much influence in the halls of the Montezumas as ever. Mexico, however, is in a deplorable condition, and Santa Anna will find it extremely difficult to infuse life and energy into her political, commercial and financial character. What he will be able to do without means, we are at a loss to conceive. He is no longer a young man, and his mental energies must be considerably impaired. It is indeed singular, however, to find Mexico at one time denouncing and expelling, and another appealing as a last alternative, to such an unprincipled and unscrupulous chieftain and statesman as Santa Anna.

Adjutant General's Report. An extract from the report of Adjutant General KEENAN will be found on the outside of our paper. Gen. KEENAN has devoted much time and labor in attending to the interests of the Volunteers in this State, and his suggestions for their further advancement meets with a hearty approval. He seems to take special pride in discharging the duties of his office in an able manner, and aiding the volunteers of the State. Close attention to the wants of the service has familiarized him with his office, and ere his time expires we expect to report more thorough and more efficient organization of the military of the State. His report, we commend to the attention of every one.

New Advertisements. Property for rent by Wm. Russell.—List of Causes.—George Lippincott & Co., Grocers, Philadelphia.—Auditors Notices, M. Hasson, Public Sale, Jas. Byrne.—Executors Notice.—Election of President, &c., of Plank Road.—Card of C. Albright, Esq., Attorney at Law.

A description of the new Caloric ship Ericsson, and the mode of applying the power, will be found in this paper. It is an interesting account of the new motive power and will well repay perusal.

Mr. Buchanan. A Washington despatch to the New York Times says,—"Mr. Pierce has written a cordial letter to Hon. James Buchanan, inviting him to name a member of the Cabinet from the State of Pennsylvania."

Blair County Courts. A bill has passed both Houses of the Legislature finally, "providing that from and after the 1st day of April, A. D. 1853, the several Courts of Blair county shall commence on the fourth Mondays of April, August and October, and on the first Monday of February, and shall continue two weeks if necessary." The present arrangement is unquestionably a bad one; but whether this new one will be regarded as much better we are not prepared to say.

The Florida Indians. The Tallahassee Floridian regards the passage by the Legislature of the bill authorizing the raising of two regiments of volunteers, for Indian service, as determining the question of peace or war. The bill appropriates \$500,000, pledging ten per cent. of the State revenue for the redemption of the bonds authorized to be issued to raise this sum. The Governor is required to keep the tender of these Volunteers open until the 4th of May next, when if they are not received, and nothing is being done towards removing the Indians in the meantime, the State is to go to work and do the business herself.

ITEMS.

The Cambrian of last week very properly speaks highly of the appointment of Hon. P. C. Shannon, as Judge of the Pittsburgh Courts, and of the able manner in which he attends to his duties. Mr. McCormick has too much of the "milk of human kindness" in his breast, not to be willing to bestow praise upon a political opponent, where it is justly deserved. We like to see an editor overstepping the lines of party and doing but justice to a political antagonist.

St. Valentine's day is the 14th of February. Prepare your missives, ye sighing lovers, and send by the post to each other your "tender expressions." Any person sending a Val. to the Editor will please paste a postage stamp up on the envelope.

The Harrisburg Item is daily becoming more "Jakeyish" in its contents. Too many cant phrases, and too much vulgarity appears in it. Such a course, Messrs. Editors, must give you a fall.

The last number of the Standard is one of the best of the season. A perfect boquet.

Lieut. J. D. O'Connell, U. S. A., of this County, reached San Diego, California, on the 4th of December last, in good health, after an extremely unpleasant voyage, having experienced much difficulty in crossing the Isthmus.—He was to leave on the 12th of that month for Camp Yuma, a distance of 220 miles in the interior from the sea coast.

The only important item of news from Europe by the Africa, is that Kossuth is again about to visit the United States, for the purpose of stirring up the Democrats. He had better remain where he is. We suppose it is not necessary for him to attempt to stir up the Whigs, as they have not yet sufficiently recovered from the "stirring-up" they received from the Democrats last fall.

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Christian Reiffer, the independent candidate for Mayor of Lancaster, was elected on Tuesday, by 752 majority.

The Pittsburghers are making an attempt to have the next Annual State Fair held in the vicinity of that city. We are up to our eyes in favor of such a movement.

Cool White, the inimitable, unrivalled delineator of negroisms and Shakspearian quotations in Pittsburgh, with his troupe, delighting the inhabitants of that city. We would like to "roar," once again, over his comicalities.

Neal Dow, the famous Temperance advocate, passed over the Portage Road, on Tuesday morning, en route for Pittsburgh, where he was to lecture last evening.

The good sleighing has disappeared under the influence of sun and rain, and hill and vale are enveloped in fog. The mud is something less than a foot deep, except on the Plank Road.

A hunting party, consisting of Messrs. J. Carr, J. H. Gould, and Fred. Marker, of Blairville, were out all of last week, on Laurel Hill, Westmoreland County, and succeeded in killing two deer, one bear, five wild Turkeys and a number of pheasants, squirrel and other small game. Pretty good luck.

Some young gentlemen, who has spent all his money in obtaining a profession, advertise in the Blairville Apalachian, "A Wife Wanted!" He desires a young lady 20 to 25 years of age, medium size, good character, willing to reside in a country town in the western part of Pennsylvania, with not less than \$5,000. Here is a chance girls. Offers received at this office for one of the same kind, with the additional proviso that she must be good looking, and no objections to the "pile" reaching \$50,000.

The new Catholic Church at Tunnell Hill, (Gallitzen,) in this County, was opened for Divine service on Sunday last.

Messrs. Schell, Collins, and Evans, of the Penna. Legislature, have our thanks for Public Documents. Also, Hon. Linn Boyd, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington City.

Mr. Webster, the private Secretary of General Pierce, it is said was a class-mate at college with Mr. Fillmore, the private Secretary of President Fillmore. He is said to be a gentleman of fine legal education and talent.

Mary Greenfield, the colored woman known as the "Black Swan," and whose concerts in some of the Northern and Western States, last year, attracted attention, is now in Europe, and at last accounts was about to give a concert at Vienna.

The new St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, built on the site of the hotel of the same name destroyed by fire in 1851, has been completed, and will shortly be opened. A lengthened description of it is given in the Picayune, from which we judge it will vie in costliness of finish and splendor of decoration with the hotel palaces of New York. The building occupies a whole square of ground, and has 407 rooms devoted to the accommodation of guests, in addition to the numerous offices, parlors, &c. The gentlemen's dining-room will accommodate 500 guests. All the arrangements in the way of heating and lighting are on the most improved plan, and steam occupies an important part in facilitating the operations of the establishment. The ladies' parlor is fitted up in magnificent style, the furniture, made expressly for it, costing \$15,000 in Paris. A gold service, designed for private dinner parties, numbers 122 pieces, and a silver set, designed for the ladies ordinary, numbers 400 pieces. In all the elaborate description, the Picayune, however, makes no mention of a "bridal chamber," so that in this particular at least our New York neighbours may felicitate themselves on not being yet eclipsed.

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Major Geo. A. Babb, late clerk of the Portage Rail Road, goes to Pittsburgh, where he has received a situation in Adams & Co., Express office. The Major leaves behind him many ardent and attached friends, in whose social circle his departure creates a not easily filled vacuum.—We commend him to our friends in the smoky city, and hope, where'er he goes, he may ever have uninterrupted happiness and prosperity.

J. Blair Walker, Esq., of Hollidaysburg, has been appointed clerk to the Superintendent of the Portage Road. His selection meets the approbation of every man. A ready and most competent clerk, he will discharge the duties of the station ably and expeditiously. He is one of the working, active, and never-tiring democracy, and we are glad to chronicle his appointment. The office of the Superintendent is in the room formerly occupied as a Bank, by Bryan, Gleim, & Co.

On Saturday morning, about 1 o'clock, a small log house in Duncansville, caught fire from the stove pipe and was burned down. The furniture was removed; so intent, however, were the inmates in removing the furniture, that the baby was nearly overlooked. It was the last article removed, while the foot of the cradle in which it lay was on fire.

The "Union Line" has gone out of existence, having disposed of the entire stock, 25 boats, 200 cars, and a large number of mules, to Bingham's, Leech's and Pennsylvania & Ohio Line. The price paid was \$57,000.

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It has already been stated that a report prevailed in this city, yesterday, that the President elect had invited the Hon. James Buchanan to accept of the State department, and the announcement was received with much gratification by Northern and Southern Democrats in Congress. We have no means of ascertaining whether the report was well founded, not being, like many of the Washington scribbles, possessed of the extraordinary power of discovering men's thoughts and actions afar off. But we have no hesitation in saying that if Mr. Buchanan has been thus invited, he should acquiesce in the tender, as no man could bring with him into that office more enlarged and patriotic views and a greater fund of experience. Besides, there is no doubt about his principles, no undue prejudice against him on account of past political conduct, and no suspicion apart from high and commanding national sentiments. He would, as heretofore, be an ornament as well as a brilliant adjunct to the new administration.—As we have heretofore ventured to assert, General Pierce has placed himself on the basis of the "sacredness of the Union," in all its parts; and this determination has since been avowed by him to the municipal authorities of Boston. Sectionalism will hereafter have no charms for him in the due administration of public affairs.

Among the many strangers in the city, we notice several members elect to the next Congress. They have doubtless come hither to get the "hang of affairs" by the time they shall assume the duties of their station.

The arrangements for the Fair of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute, will be held in the new building of the Patent Office, are rapidly progressing. As manufacturers of Philadelphia and the adjacent country will probably make deposits for exhibition, it would be well for them to make early application for places in the splendid hall.

Hon. Joseph R. Ingersoll cannot well be called the "Minister resident" to the Court of her Britannic Majesty, as we perceive he is interesting the "little isle" and making speeches on a cutting and drinking dinner. There seems, however, to be some truth in the remark which he recently made relative to mutuality of interests and a growing friendship between the "peoples" of the two countries, as the following announcement, published in the Washington papers of this morning will show:—"Married, on the 27th inst., by the Rev. Smith Payne, at Mrs. Wainwright's residence, and afterwards at her Britannic Majesty's Legation, to Elizabeth Feltus Synges, Esq., Attaché to the Legation, to Henrietta Mary, youngest daughter of the late Colonel Wainwright, United States Marine Corps."

Although the New York Branch Mint bill was signally killed in the House the other day, it is believed that the advocates of that measure will make another effort, in some form, to accomplish their purposes, before the close of the session; probably, by way of amendment to some one of the general appropriation bills. The entire Pennsylvania delegation were active in defeating the measure the other day, especially the city members. Chandler sprang the game by objecting to the second reading of the bill, and Florence fired the shot that effectually killed it, by moving to lay upon the table the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to order the engrossment of the bill.—In this respect the proceeding resembles the currency proposed by Col. Benton—the mint-drops.

A GOOD RULE.—The Democrats of Philadelphia city and county have adopted the following among their rules to govern their primary elections in June next:

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General Scott, at the late election, received 11,690 more votes than Gen. Taylor, 32,909 more than Mr. Polk, and 98,612 more than Gen. Harrison.

The entire family bearing the name of HYDE, in the United States, or so many of them as may please to attend, are invited to meet at the United States Hotel, in Boston, on the 16th of February next, to make arrangements for securing an unclaimed inheritance in England.

The cholera is still raging at St. Petersburg and also across the Ural mountains, in Persia. There are 27 people dying a day in the capital of Russia. At Tiflis the disease is on the increase, and at Tauris, in Persia, on the 10th of November last, the number of deaths was 1000 people in one day.

CRITICISM.—The New York National Democrat remarks of the last number of Harper's Magazine, that the engraver has represented Mount Sinai, while Moses is giving the law to the Israelites, as enclosed by a post and rail fence! and in the cut of the Angel's feeding Elijah, the cakes are represented as baking on a modern gridiron!

The foreign mails by the steamer Europa, which reached Boston on Saturday evening, were sent to New York by an Express train, via Worcester, Springfield and New Haven. The train left Boston at 7 P. M. on Sunday, and arrived at New York at 9 o'clock and 45 minutes, making the whole distance of 236 miles in 5 hours, 45 minutes, including 9 stops.

We have ascertained from Mexico that the Castle of San Juan de Ulloa is in the hands of the insurgents, and that the citizens of Vera Cruz have "pronounced"—the only people in any of the towns who have done so. The military at Jalapa have done the same. The Governor of the State has resigned, unwilling to take part in the revolution.

The sister of Gen. Pierce, (widow of the late Gen. John McNeill,) for whose relief Congress has just passed a special pension bill by an overwhelming majority, had been in vain pressing her claim on Congress for years past—ever since the death of her distinguished husband. The good fortune of the brother, however, has happily influenced her fortunes also, and she gets her pension.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?—It is stated that a locomotive for the Rochester and Syracuse Railroad has been adorned with a title of inscription "still live!"—the last words of Daniel Webster.

A correspondent of an eastern paper suggests in view of the frequent accidents occurring, one would be more appropriate bearing the last words of John Q. Adams—"This is the end of Earth."

Vieux Temps, the renowned violinist, whose talent met with so many admirers in the United States, is on the eve of leaving Europe to begin a tour in the East Indies, where, no doubt, he will enchant the Indians and the Englishmen, not to forget the Malays, Chinese, Cochin Chinese; and other barbarians. The idea is a new one, and may prove very successful.

Miss Maywood, of Philadelphia, who has been dancing in Florence, Italy, created such a furore that on the occasion of her benefit it took place on the stage to her credit. Says many of the ladies who had been dancing with her, were as large as flour barrels. The shower of flowers from the Duke of Talleyrand's box, nephew of the late prince, it is stated, was particularly heavy.

A CARGO OF LADIES FOR CALIFORNIA.—The French ship Sonsonate arrived at Valparaiso, recently, with a cargo of 200 ladies, for California. The young ladies quite enlivened the streets of that city for a few days, and one or two soft hearted strangers tried hard to induce some of them to remain, but it was no go. The ladies said that having come so far, they were determined to see the elephant.

We are indebted for the following interesting paragraph, to the New York Times:—"The sad bereavement in the family of the President elect, reported the other day, brings to recollection a similar painful incident which occurred, with almost equal suddenness, amid the congratulations that surrounded General Jackson, as President elect, in the winter of 1828. Mrs. Jackson was taken suddenly ill about the close of December, on the eve of her preparations for removing to Washington, and in a very few days was numbered among the dead."

Forty-seven.—We find the following in an English newspaper, and submit it to the curious inspection of those who are inclined to be superstitious on the subject of numbers:—"It is now 47 years since Nelson