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Democratic State Convention. The delegates elected to the Democratic State Convention are requested to assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives, in Harrisburg, on Wednesday, the 16th day of MARCH next, at ten o'clock A. M. By order of the State Committee.

R. BIDDLE ROBERTS, Chairman. N. B. BROWN, Secretary. Wm. H. MILLER, Secretary.

The Right Spirit. We have, during the last two days, conversed with Democrats from almost every Township in the county concerning the future prospects of the party...

'Measures, not men,' has always been the motto of the Democratic party. It is not its mission to elevate demagogues to office. The duty assigned it is that of preserving our free institutions unimpaired...

We have received the first number of a new Literary paper published in Philadelphia, called the 'Red White and Blue.' It is handsomely printed and contains a large amount of interesting reading matter...

The office of the 'Democrat & Sentinel' has been removed to the building on High street one door east of the Arcade Hotel, formerly occupied by Mr. Felix Henle...

A British officer writing from Teheran, Persia, to the 'London Times,' remarks: 'A Cathartic Pill manufactured by an American Chemist (Dr. J. C. A. YER, of Lowell, Mass.) has cured the Shah of a Liver Complaint that threatened his life.'

the delegate elections in the district where they reside; all sincere members of the party should think and act for themselves...

We have received a letter of explanation from our mysterious Pittsburgh correspondent 'Observer,' of whom we spoke last week. He still persists in withholding his name...

Last Friday morning we seated ourselves in one of the Pennsylvania Railroad cars at Wilmore station, and in less than half an hour found ourselves west of the 'everlasting Alleghenies.'

Deputy Marshalls.—The Butler Herald, a paper which doubtless speaks on the authority of the Marshall of the Western District says there is in many quarters, we understand, some anxiety to know when the appointment of Deputy Marshalls will be made...

Fatal Railroad Accident.—An employee of the Cambria Iron Company, named Wm. Marks, was so severely injured at Altoona, on Saturday night last, as to cause his death on the night following...

A Man Hanging Himself to a Corpse.—At a late hour last night we learned the following details of a most singular affair, which occurred near Cumminsville, some four or five miles from this city, on Saturday night...

Retirement of General Houston.—This veteran hero and statesman has closed his long and eventful public career. In 1814 he was a volunteer in Jackson's army in the Creek war...

Slavery Abolished in Kansas.—We find the following under date of the 8th, in the Lawrence correspondent of the Leavenworth Times: 'Council bill to abolish and prohibit slavery was then taken up, with only two hours to insure the Governor's signature...

Gold from Clear Creek.—St. Louis, March 5.—A Leavenworth despatch says: A commission house in this city yesterday received, from Clear Creek diggings near Long's Peak, a nugget of gold slightly intermingled with quartz, weighing \$50...

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Our friends know that this is court week, and we are certain that they will not grumble if the present number of our paper does not come up to their expectations. They know that at present we have but little time to devote to writing editorials...

The Store of Davis & Jones on High street is the very place to buy goods if you want bargains. Their stock is extensive and well selected, and they sell cheap. Give them a call...

We met in the cars the other day our old friend, James Carroll, Esq., U. S. Mail Agent on the Pennsylvania Railroad between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Jim is a sincere Democrat, and is possessed of that which is extremely rare at the present time—a good heart...

Harrisburg, March 2.—The Governor has signed the following bills:—An act relating to certain charitable corporations. It makes it lawful for the Courts to permit married women to be incorporated with others in an institution composed of women, or to be under their management, for the care and education of children...

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News Items.

The Penn'a Railroad carried during the past year 1,012,808 first class, and 16,862 emigrant passengers, without the loss of a single life—but one accident having occurred from which injury resulted to passengers. In this case three persons were slightly injured, whose claims for damages were adjusted for \$1,217.

Jacob Faust, formerly of Hollidaysburg, was tried at Erie city, during the past week, for the murder of Alfred Dinsmore, and, after the absence of the jury for twenty-four hours, convicted of murder in the first degree.

The Interior Department is in receipt of a letter from John H. Clark, Superintendent of the Commission to survey and establish the boundaries between the Territories of the United States. He says that the parallel, from which the survey commences, has been fixed approximately, and the party are now at work on the base line, and he hopes in a few weeks to be able to advise the Department of the establishment of the initial point and the tracing and marking of the boundary as far as it can be done from the valley of the Rio Grande.

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A man named Skilling, an oyster dealer in New York, died suddenly, a few days since. He weighed six hundred and seventy-eight pounds. The physician making the post mortem weighed some of the internal organs—the liver weighed sixteen and a half pounds, the heart two pounds seven ounces. The fat on his abdomen was sixteen inches in depth, and on his chest seven inches.

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Election of State Treasurer by the People.—Mr. Schell has introduced in the State Senate a bill to make the office of State Treasurer elective by the people—the first election for said office to take place at the general election, on Second Tuesday of October next, and the Treasurer then elected to assume the duties of his office on the first Monday in May ensuing.

The President has selected the circle in Pennsylvania Avenue, near Georgetown, as the location for the equestrian statue of Washington, in the completion of which Mr. Clark Mills is now engaged.

Miss Stratton attended a ball, and on her way home, accompanied by her brother, complained of being unwell; and sat down on a doorstep, while he ran for assistance.—When he returned, she was a corpse.

In the city of Chicago, including police duties there was paid for salaries during the past year the enormous sum of \$222,000.

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By the Apportionment Bill which passed the Legislature of Kansas at its late session, that body will in future consist of fifty-two members—thirteen in the Senate and thirty-nine in the House. Philip Barton Key, who was killed in Washington on Sunday last, was a son of Francis S. Key, author of the famous national ode, 'The Star Spangled Banner,' a nephew of Roger B. Taney, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and a brother-in-law of the Hon. John A. Pendleton, of Ohio. Daniel E. Sickles was originally a journeyman printer, but last a lawyer. He is about forty years of age. Mr. Key thirty-nine, and Mrs. Sickles twenty-two.

Col. Alexander, of the Clarion Democrat declines being a candidate for the nomination for Auditor General, at the Democratic State Convention.

The receipts in the United States Treasury last week, were \$1,536,000; a month on deposit, \$8,312; balance, \$4,807.

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The milk that exudes from the sun-burnt, when limb or leaf is broken off, makes the best indelible ink that can be used. In a short time it becomes jet black, and can never be washed off.

A gallon of strong lye put in a barrel of hard water will make it as soft as rain water.

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Fatal Railroad Accident.

Explosion of a Locomotive on the Steubenville and Indiana Railroad.—Three Persons Killed. We have gleaned the particulars of a distressing railroad accident, which occurred at an early hour on Tuesday morning, at Mingo Station, three miles below Steubenville, on the Steubenville and Indiana Railroad, resulting in the death of three persons, caused by the explosion of a locomotive.

It seems that the passenger train on the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Road was behind time, and the locomotive Avtrater was standing on the track at Mingo, waiting for it, with steam up, ready to go out. The train came in, and the engine backed towards it, when, on the second revolution of the wheels the boiler exploded. The brakeman, fireman and engineer were instantly killed. The explosion was terrific, tearing everything to pieces. A portion of the boiler was thrown through the corner of a dwelling house. Both telegraph wires were broken, the through wire to Cincinnati being buried in the ground under a piece of the boiler, and the other carried into the top of a tree, where it lodged.

The grade on the switch was heavy, and a few moments before the accident the boiler showed three full gauges of water, which, on a level, would have been low. On starting, cold water being thrown in from the tank, the boiler exploded.

The bodies of the deceased were much mutilated, one being blown into fragments. The names of the engineer was John Shole, of Cadiz, O., that of the fireman, John James, of Rochester, Pa., and the brakeman, Richard Barry, of Frazerburg, O. The engine was one of Norris & Son's, and nearly new.

The Memphis Avalanche, of the 21st inst., states that the steamer Comet, Capt. P. G. Kennet, was lost in a storm, some eighteen miles below that city, on Saturday the 19th. The boat left that port on Saturday morning, with an average trip of merchandise and freight, and was, soon after her departure, caught in a storm, which caused her to sink in fifteen or twenty feet of water, the line parting from the shore, where she had been tied up to avoid the tornado.

The number of lives lost by the accident is estimated at from seven to ten. The following persons were lost:—Overboard and drowned, John Pope, the first clerk of the boat, late of Haywood county, Tennessee.

John Hill, cabin passenger, from Harrisburg, Arkansas. John Clark, the second cook of the steamer, Comet, of Memphis.

William —, the third cook of the Comet, supposed to be from St. Louis. Joseph Howard, a deck hand, an Englishman by birth, of Memphis.

Samuel Hardeman, a deck hand, an Englishman.

A little daughter of a deck passenger, name unknown. In addition to the above list, two or three cabin passengers were lost, whose names the officers of the boat did not remember.

The sufferings of the remaining passengers were alleviated by the arrival of the steamer Victoria, of the Virginia Belle, on which they were taken to Memphis.

Mrs. Kennet, the wife of the Captain, was saved by the exertions of a negro boy, who carried her in his arms to the roof of the boat. A female deck passenger made a bold attempt to escape with her two little girls on a bale of wool, but one of the children was swept away by the rushing tide and lost.

The Comet was an old boat, and was owned principally by Capt. Kennet.

The Senate of the Thirty Sixth Congress. The terms of twenty-two members of the United States Senate expired with the thirty-fifth Congress on the 4th. Appended is a list of those who fill the seats thus vacated, so far as elected. Ten of them are old members re-elected. The others are new members.

Re-elected.—Messrs. Fessenden, of Maine; Hale, of N. H.; Wilson, of Mass.; Hunter, of Va.; Toombs, of Ga.; Clay, of Ala.; Brown, of Miss.; Benjamin of La.; Sebastian; Ark.; and Douglas, of Ala.

New Members.—H. B. Anthony, of R. I.; W. Salisbury, D. of Del; T. Bragg, of N. C.; J. Chesnut, of S. C.; J. W. Hemphill, of Texas; L. W. Powell, of Ky; A. O. P. Nicholson, of Tenn; K. S. Bingham, of Mich; J. W. Grimes, of Iowa. The last two named and Mr. Anthony, of R. I., are Republicans—the rest Democrats. Three of the twenty-two seats are still vacant—these are of New Jersey, Oregon and Minnesota. Of the new members, one has been elected in the Senate before—Hon. James Chestnut, of South Carolina, served for a short time in place of Hon. A. P. Hayne, who was appointed by the Governor to the seat left vacant by the death of Hon. A. P. Butler.

Another Affray in Washington City. WASHINGTON, March 5.—A serious affray occurred in the office at Willard's Hotel, last evening, between F. P. Lander and William Magraw. The latter was appointed a year ago Superintendent of the great Central Wagon Road, and the former was engineer of the expedition. Magraw abandoned the enterprise and joined Col. Johnson's forces.

Magraw has been removed and Lander appointed Superintendent of the road. Owing to some personal difficulty between them, Lander challenged Magraw, but the affair was settled without a fight. Last night Magraw attacked Lander, with a slung-shot, and struck him several times, wounding him severely about the head. Lander rallied and threw Magraw, and would have punished him severely if not fatally, had he not been taken off when he exclaimed 'I am a Massachusetts man and unarmed. I have challenged the scoundrel, and he refused to fight me, and now he assaults me thus with a slung shot.' This exclamation soon elicited the sympathies of the bystanders for Lander. Magraw was taken away by his friends, and Lander was conveyed to his lodgings badly wounded. The latter belongs to Salem, Massachusetts.

Appointments Confirmed. WASHINGTON CITY, March 5.—The Senate in executive session, confirmed the nomination of A. N. Zevely, formerly of N. C. and a long time a clerk in the Post Office Department, as third Assistant Postmaster General, in the place of Mr. Marron, deceased. Also the appointment of Robt. Ould as U. S. Attorney, for the District of Columbia, vice Mr. Key deceased.

Daring Feat at Niagara—Crossing on Stilts above the Fall.

The Chicago Press has an account of a Yankee adventurer, named Andrew Greenleaf, crossing Niagara river between Goat Island and the Falls on stilts, on the 1st inst., for a bet of \$1000, made with a Southern. Greenleaf (or Morelli, as he calls himself, for he passes for an Italian, and a 'showman') had with him a pair of stilts about twelve feet long, made of wrought-iron, flat, sharp-edged and pointed—shaped in fact almost precisely like a double edged dagger. These were firmly fastened to his legs, and he walked towards the terrible river with a confident smile. The morning was clear and cold, but he was attired very lightly, in a dress not unlike that usually worn by professional gymnasts. At ten minutes past seven he stepped into the water, which was bubbling and boiling, gurgling and rattling beneath his feet. The boldest of the looking on held his breath in suspense, as the daring man receded from the shore. He advanced seemed unmoved, and passed on, slowly and carefully, avoiding the larger rocks which were made apparent by the eddying current. His steps at first were very short and carefully made, but afterwards became bolder and longer. The stilts of course were so placed that the current struck only against their sharp edge, and produced but little effect, but the danger from sunken rocks, and the conviction that a single false step would send him to death, produced a feeling which was horribly painful. Once or twice he seemed to lose his balance, and a sickening shudder ran through each one of the beholders. Recovering himself, he still kept on—still receding until our straining eyes could scarcely be distinguished from the foaming waters.

The middle of the river was attained, at last, hours seemed to have fled, but barely seventeen minutes since he left shore. As he approached the deepest and most dangerous part of his route, the suspense became more fearfully intense. No word was spoken, except that one man offered another five dollars for a moment's use of his netting, which offer passed unheeded. Just as Morelli reached the swiftest and deepest portion of the current, he seemed to totter—'he threw up his arms! I closed my eyes. Opening them a moment after, I saw that he was still standing. A few moments more, and he had reached the Canadian bank—he was safe, and fell exhausted into the arms of two men who were waiting to receive him.

At this hour (3 P. M.) he was nearly recovered, and though still in bed, received the congratulations of dozens of visitors who came pouring in. He left the American shore 500 feet above the fall, and came out about 1000 feet above the Canadian. The money has already been handed over to him, and he will agree that it was fairly won. His generous opponent is able to afford his loss, and speaks in praise of Morelli more enthusiastically than any.

From the Los Angeles Star of 19th Feb. Battle between the U. S. Troops and the Mohave Indians. The San Bernardino stage has just arrived bringing the startling intelligence that the command of fifty dragoons, under Lieut. Chapman, the escort of Col. Hoffman, was attacked at the Colorado by the Indians, and compelled to fall back, leaving several Indian dead.

The Mohaves had united with the Pi Utes and other tribes, and declared that no military post should be established in their country but that the whites should have permission to pass through.

The report was brought into San Bernardino by Mr. Griffith Williams, who had accompanied the command.

It is said that Col. Hoffman had retired to the Mohave river.

There are no letters in town from the command.

There were fifty men of the First Dragoons. The Indians numbered about 800 warriors.

The rumor had created considerable excitement. By some it is not credited.

The Southern Vineyard, of the 20th of January, gives the following version:—The mail from San Bernardino came in at the evening of the 19th. We learn from Mr. Grainger, the mail carrier, and also from A. H. Clark, Esq., of San Bernardino, that news arrived at that place on the 18th, at about 12 M., that Col. Hoffman, with his escort that accompanied him from the Tule had arrived on the Mohave river on his return.

It is further reported that Col. Hoffman when near the Mohave villages on the Colorado, was met by a party of the Mohaves numbering about 400 warriors—that they forbade the advance of the command, and that a skirmish ensued, in which some five or six Indians were killed. On the side of the command there were none killed or wounded. Five or six miles and some horses of the command were killed and wounded.

The force presented by the Indians, and their determination to oppose the advance of the command, composed of fifty dragoons, delayed the march of the escort so much that they had not provisions sufficient to warrant the further advance, and the commanding officer, in view of the circumstances, was induced to return.

This report was current, and generally believed in San Bernardino.

The State Constitution.

In the House of Representatives of the State, a series of resolutions have been introduced, proposing amendment to the Constitution of our Commonwealth. The first amendment strikes out section two from the first article, and substitutes a provision requiring that hereafter, members of the Legislature shall be elected biennially, and also requires that members of the Senate shall be elected for a term of four years, in place of three years, as at present. The ninth section of the first article is to be stricken out, and a new one to be substituted, which provides that the Senators that shall be elected at the first general election after the adoption of these amendments, shall be divided into two classes. The seats of the Senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the second year, and the second class at the expiration of the fourth year, so that hereafter one half of the whole number of Senators may be chosen every second year. This does not interfere with the term of Senators elected before the adoption of this amendment. These are the most important features of the proposed amendments.—Pitts. Spirit.