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Forney's Convention.

None of our readers, we are sure, have forgotten the presidential campaign of 1856. It was, perhaps, the most exciting political contest which ever occurred in this country since the adoption of the Constitution.

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Co. in calling another Convention. They are all in favor of it, and express the hope that it will be extensively attended.

We think the delegation from little Cambria to Mr. Forney's Convention will be small. The "call," it is true, is signed by Thomas Collins, the leader of a clique of demagogues in this county.

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Important to Farmers. As the season for plowing has just commenced, many of our farmer friends will doubtless thank us for informing them that they can purchase cheaper and better plows and plow points at the Foundry of E. Glass & Co.

A large wild Goose, was shot on the pond above the Catholic Church last Saturday. It weighed something less than fifteen pounds, including the feathers.

The emigration to the Pike's Peak gold diggings is becoming very large. But few of the gold seekers will realize their dreams of "untold wealth."

The Legislature will adjourn on the 14th, inst.

The political contest in Connecticut is becoming exciting. The democracy are confident of success.

Leavenworth City Kansas, contains a population of 10,400 souls. It is only four years old.

Any of our readers afflicted with SCORFULA or Scrofulous complaints, will do well to read the remarks in our advertising columns respecting it. But little of the nature of this disorder has been known by the people, and the clear exposition of it there given will prove acceptable and useful.

For the Democrat & Sentinel.

At an exhibition of School N. Gallitzin, on March 9th, 1858, Messrs. David Watt and John Fox were chosen Moderators.

The performances commenced. Master Robert Watt, declamation; Jas. Smith and Thomas Robinson, dialogue; Charles Robinson, declamation; Robert Taylor and Charles Mills, dialogue; John Smith, oration; Robert Watt and Samuel Watt, dialogue; James Smith, on education; N. Attig and John Storm, dialogue; Misses M. A. Smith, B. Kelly and M. Robinson; Joshua Williamson, Black Hawk's speech; Jas. Matthews, song; Nellie Gray, H. Williamson, Augustus Stephens and Ellen, dialogue; N. Attig, speech; Miss M'Cluskey and Kelly, song; Bernard O'Hagan, on Education; John Bradley and Jos. Williamson, dialogue; B. Kelly, Miss Bradley and N. Attig, song; Charles Mills, on Education; John Storm, Poetry Song, by female pupils; Augustus Stephens and Ellen, dialogue; N. Attig, declamation; John Bradley, on Intemperance; Misses Smith and France, song; H. Williamson, speech; Bernard O'Hagan, School No. 2; Augustus Stevens and Matthews, song; Joshua Williamson, speech; Charles Mills, speech; James Smith, declamation; Miss M. M'Cluskey, dialogue; Williamson and G. Robinson, dialogue; Misses Amanda Fox and Miss Lenahan, dialogue; James Smith, on National Glory; Aug. Stephens and Dawson, dialogue; Miss Dawson, song; Mr. M'Laughlin, address; Mr. Baker, declamation; B. O'Hagan, speech; James Smith, speech.

The performances were peculiarly interesting, and from the large attendance thereat, it would appear that a lasting and deep interest is felt in the cause of Education by the citizens of Gallitzin and vicinity. The march of the cause of Education appears to be onward, and its friends are daily increasing in number.

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A Disorganizers' State Convention.

One of the most unscrupulous organs of Republican sectionalism in this city—a paper which is maintained by contributions, and is controlled by a motley array of editors, representing all the factions of the day, including the British interest in America—contains yesterday morning, a call for a State Convention to assemble at Harrisburg on the 12th of April next.

Four of this band of patriots are connected with the newspaper in which the call appears, as editors, reporters, or correspondents, and of course their bread and butter depends upon the success of the establishment, which can only be secured by keeping up a factious contest with the Democratic party.

There are at least twenty applicants for the vacant Commissionership of Patent and Indian Affairs, which will not be decided on for a week to come.

In thus classifying these illustrious fifty-nine, we have told the plain truth, and we challenge a contradiction of the accuracy of our statements.—These are the men, then, who intend to purify the Democratic party. These are the men who are to claim the pure principles of Democracy to an astonished world!

Ex-President Pierce.

The following letter from Ex-President Pierce puts the question of his re-nomination entirely at rest. He will not again be a candidate for public office under any circumstances.

It would be difficult, as I believe I have said to you enclosed, to convey you an adequate idea of the extent to which I have enjoyed the repose which, for the first time in twenty-four years, it has been my privilege to command.

An Editor's Defense.

The editor of one of our exchanges, being charged with drunkenness, thus defends himself: "In copying these slanders our contemporaries forget that some of the most celebrated men of ancient or modern times have had a weakness for wine.

The foregoing gives an aggregate of 303 Electoral votes, namely, 183 from the free States, and 120 in the slave.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Navy Department has named the new third class steamers as follows: That at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the Mochican; at Boston, the Narraganset; at Brooklyn, the Iroquois; at Norfolk, the Dakota; at Pensacola, the Seminole; at Mare Island, California, the Saginaw.

From the officials advised received to day it appears that the steam frigate Minnesota reached Bombay on the 16th of January, having on board ex-Minister Reed, who left on the 25th for Suez. The frigate Minnesota had visited Singapore and Penang and several ports in Ceylon.

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The non-arrival of the British steamer Curacoa, with Lord Lyons, excites additional fears for her safety.

A despatch from Charleston, S. C., says the Courier of that city, contains a telegram from Washington stating that the war in Europe has actually commenced, and that George Sanders had brought a despatch to that effect to the President.

Our vessels will, it is said, be concentrated at the most exposed points, for the protection of the persons and property of American citizens, within their reach.

Definite arrangements have been made to accord to the District Attorney acceptable and efficient aid in the trial of Daniel E. Sickles.

Benjamin Furgison, of Wisconsin, has been appointed Register of the Land Office in the district of lands subject to sale at Superior, Wisconsin.

The Navy Department is officially advised of the taking possession of an island by Lieut. J. M. Brooke, estimated to contain 25,000 tons of superior guano.

Curtailling the Post Office Department.

A correspondent of the Baltimore Sea, referring to the omission by Congress to make appropriations for the carrying on of the Post Office Department, says: "In consideration of extraordinary labor thrown upon many of the post offices by the extension of the railway system of the country, or by radical changes in the mail arrangements, the Post-master General became invested by an act of Congress, approved June 22d, 1854, with discretionary power to grant relief in cases where additional duties had thus devolved. Special allowances were from time to time accordingly made from the postages collected, until the number of offices reached seventy-seven, in various States of the Union.

It was pleasant to find here letters and papers from home awaiting our arrival. My satisfaction, however, in reading the papers was somewhat marred by certain paragraphs, which impute sinister political motives to my friends and myself, in connection with my protracted absence from the United States.

I cannot speak with any certainty as to the period of our return, but whether it be earlier or later, you may be quite sure that I shall I shall under no possible circumstances consent to the use of my name in a manner calculated to disturb the tranquil pursuits which alone pertain to the life of a private citizen.

Your friend, FRANKLIN PIERCE Hon. B. M. FRALEY, Hollis, N. H.

Peace or War in Europe.

The European news by the City of Washington steamer is as late as the 24th of the month. The newspapers speculate upon the chances of war, but it is evident that England has no such apprehension, for she is actually reducing her military force, and Lord Derby, Lord Malmesbury, and Mr. Disraeli have declared, in Parliament, that they have no reason to believe that the Emperor Napoleon has any intention of breaking faith with England.

Dangerous Counterfeit.—A dangerous counterfeit has just been detected at the Treasury Department in Washington, in the shape of a \$5 piece, the exterior of which is pure gold, plated upon an alloy of which about three dollars' worth of pure gold, and is of such really superior execution as to make it pass readily for genuine. It was detected by the treasury experts in consequence of a slight flatness at the edges, but which would escape unnoticed in its ordinary circulation.

A Voice for Italy.

Mazzini and others have published a declaration in the London Daily News, from which we copy the following:—That between the combatants for Italian liberty and Louis Napoleon Bonaparte is fixed a gulf impassable and eternal—the blood of Rome.

That where the cry is not "Out with the foreigner," but only "Out with the Austrian," the war is not, and cannot become national.

That a war undertaken in alliance with Louis Napoleon Bonaparte, and for his purposes, cannot have for its object the unity of Italy—an object directly opposed to his ambitious views, and by him declared impossible.

That an insurrectionary war by one faction of Italy on its own behalf, leaving the rest a prey to tyranny, misgovernment, and dismemberment, would be treason at once to honor, to our country, our oats, and our future.

That an alliance of the Piedmontese monarchy with Louis Napoleon Bonaparte would at once produce an European coalition against the cause patronized by him for his own ends and at the mere probability of such an alliance has already led to Italy much of the sympathy with which all Europe was disposed to regard her cause.

That, if no Italian war be instituted and patronized by Louis Napoleon Bonaparte, they shall deplore the event, and abstain from all participation therein.

That, as regards the Piedmontese monarchy, the question of to-day is not, in their eyes, a question of Republicanism, but of national unity and independence.

That, reserving the right of voting and of pacific propaganda, they are ready to-day, as they always were, to sacrifice the immediate triumph of their individual faith to the well being and the opinion of the majority, and will follow to the field of action, the Piedmontese monarchy, and will promote, with all their might, the success of the war, if undertaken with a distinct intention in favor of the national unity of Italy.

That, as they have participated in times past, by their aid, their counsels, their arms in the Italian war against the dominion usurped by Austria on Italian soil, wherever there is fighting to be done for Italian liberty, they will fight; but that, having been betrayed in 1848 on the very grounds, then solemnly accepted, which are now again proposed to them, they have the right to hold themselves free from all obligations, other than those of humanity generally, till they have some unambiguous pledge to the conduct of the government.

IMPORTANT DECISION.—The Supreme Court now in session at Philadelphia, rendered its decision on Wednesday last week, in the case of Powell vs. the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

The plaintiff shipped a valuable mare from Pittsburg for the East, over the defendant's road, and the straw used as bedding for the animal taking fire on the trip, from a spark from the locomotive, she was horribly burned, so much so that she was rendered valueless.

The jury found for the plaintiff, and awarded her the value of the mare, and costs. The case then went to the Supreme Court, and on Wednesday, Judge Woodward delivered an opinion in the matter, reversing the judgment of the Court below and ordering the case to be tried anew. The decision establishes the principle that when the Company, through its agents, permits that to be done which endangers the safety of stock passing over their road, they are liable, should injury ensue, even if the owner should have signed a release.

Move of Run's Doings.—The body of a man named James O'Harra was found in the One Mile Dam, about four miles below Johnstown, on Sunday forenoon last. O'Harra had been indulging freely in strychnine whiskey for some time past, and a short time ago he had an attack of delirium tremens. Being missed from his boarding house for several days, a party of his friends set out on Sunday morning in search of him. They traced him down to the railroad, and met with a watchman who had conversed with a man answering his description on the evening previous near the place indicated, to whom he had declared the intention of drowning himself. Proceeding in their search, they found a shirt which was recognized as his, and traced his footsteps in the soft earth to the margin of the stream, and about twenty yards below this they found his body in some five feet of water. Information was instantly conveyed to Esquire Purse, who summoned a jury and proceeded to hold an inquest. A post mortem examination of the body was held by Drs. H. and A. Yengley, by direction of the coroner, who found the usual evidences of death by drowning, with no marks of violence or external bodily injury.—An examination of the internal organs indicated a healthy condition, except the stomach, the mucus membranes of which were much inflamed. The stomach contained a quantity of liquor, mixed with whiskey, or other alcoholic liquors. The jury returned a verdict of suicide by drowning. O'Harra was a widower, about 35 years of age, and leaves a son about 5 years old. He was a native of Ireland.—Tribune.

The Mississippi river is said to be open to St. Paul, and navigation is now resumed for the season.