

Gold by Artificial Means.

The following article, translated from a Paris journal, is going the rounds of the American papers. "M. Theodore Telford has laid a paper before the Academy of Sciences at Paris, in which he asserts that he has produced gold by artificial means. He believes there are very few simple substances in nature, and considers the forty metals, now assumed to be such, as in reality compound ones, probably of one radical with some unknown body; hitherto not studied, but which itself alone modifies the properties of the forty bodies, while in reality there is but one. He asserts he has discovered this body, by which the radical is converted into gold. In relation to the above discovery, we would remark that Dr. J. B. Dods of New York claims priority. After lecturing in Washington in February, 1850, by written invitation from Clay, Webster, Houston, Rank and others, the substance of what he delivered was immediately published in a volume of Twelve Lectures by Fowler and Wells, of New York, and endorsed by these distinguished statesmen. In 1851 Dr. Dods was again at Washington when Mr. Clay remarked in relation to his discovery, "If what you have contended for be true, there are no simple substances in nature, there gold is not a simple substance, and why do you not artificially produce it, and politically and religiously regenerate the world?" Since that period Dr. Dods has been almost constantly engaged in studying and experimenting to produce gold by artificial means. In his 17th experiment, in February 1851, he succeeded in producing gold in all the qualities known to man. He has frequently spoken of to his friends and it was published in several papers before Mr. Telford's article appeared. Dr. Dods, we are assured, has now accomplished his task, and can produce gold equal in quality to any found in California, but the process is so simple that he is now laboring to overcome, and he thinks that in less than a year he will be able to produce gold in quantities sufficient to supply the wants of the world. He has been frequently spoken of to his friends and it was published in several papers before Mr. Telford's article appeared. Dr. Dods, we are assured, has now accomplished his task, and can produce gold equal in quality to any found in California, but the process is so simple that he is now laboring to overcome, and he thinks that in less than a year he will be able to produce gold in quantities sufficient to supply the wants of the world. He has been frequently spoken of to his friends and it was published in several papers before Mr. Telford's article appeared.

From Oregon-Indian Troubles.

A correspondent of the Mountain Herald, writing from Jacksonville, on the 18th inst., gives an account of a recent battle in the Rogue River Valley, between the whites and the Indians, in which five of our citizens were killed, and five seriously wounded. On the 16th inst., a party of 22 men, from Capt. Goodall's company, set out under Lieut. Eli, to hunt the Indians under the command of the chief Kiam. On the 17th, they proceeded up Elk Valley, on Kiam's Creek, and had gone only a few miles, when they met Sam and all his tribe, amounting to 150 fighting men. Not being strong enough to make the attack, Lieut. Eli's party retreated, and sent an Express back to Capt. Goodall, to hasten up with the rest of his company. They then camped in the best place they could, convenient to water, not anticipating any attack; but the Indians made an attack upon them at about 11 o'clock at night, taking them by surprise. Two of Lieut. Eli's party were shot dead at the first fire, and two more seriously wounded. The whites then retreated some 200 yards, to a point of timber, leaving their horses, saddles and baggage behind. The Indians retreated the attack with great fury, but meeting with a severe repulse, retired to a respectful distance. They continued shooting until about 12 o'clock, when they retired and held a council. After this consultation, which lasted some twenty minutes, they renewed the attack with increased fury, and entirely surrounded the whites. The battle lasted until 10 o'clock A. M., when the arrival of John D. Crosby, with six or eight men in advance of the others, caused the Indians to retreat, and undoubtedly saved the lives of the whites. The Indians were not held out, it is said, half an hour longer. About 100 of the Indians had rifles. It was one of the fiercest battles ever fought with the Indians in that section of country. Five of the whites were shot dead on the field, and three badly, though not dangerously, wounded, and one seriously wounded. The names of those killed are: John D. Crosby, James A. Smith, Stockitz, Albert Douglas, from Ohio, J. C. Johnson, from Jacksonville, and Francis Perry, from St. Louis, Mo. They were all buried the next day with the honors of war. Those badly wounded are: Lieut. Eli, shot through the hand; James Carroll, shot through the thigh; a man known by the name of Greasy John, of Hamburg, shot through the hip. The others were less seriously wounded. There were six Indians killed, and several wounded. The whites after the battle, camped near the battle ground, waiting for provisions and animals, to follow the enemy.

Kentucky Regard for Fair Play.

In the year 1838 I was traveling with a string of mules, and on my way to a small town in Kentucky, it was resolved to treat the inhabitants to a bit of the legitime. A suitable place having been secured, notices were stuck up informing the public that on that evening would be performed, by one of the best theatrical companies in the Union, the admired and popular drama of "William Tell, the Heroic Swiss." A night audience, many of whom had never witnessed a theatrical performance. The piece proved of very well eliciting much applause, and eliciting the sympathies of the audience in behalf of Tell, as they took several occasions to cheer the patriot on. When the shooting scene came, great excitement was manifested among the group of the lady sons of Kentucky. They began to think that some thing was not well. At this moment, when Tell remonstrates with Gesler for having picked out the smallest apple, and the tyrant says: "Take it as it will; it will be greater if you hit it." To which Tell replies: "True, true, I did not think of that. Give me some chance to save my boy." One of the group has mentioned, a lady saying who would have been especially at the scene, the Kentucky friends jumped upon the stage to back him side with Tell. It took some time to pacify and assure them that it was only a play. "Well, stranger, we won't stand any fool play in these dignities, and as its only a show, why, we'll step out," and the valiant Kentuckian as well as his friends resumed their seats.—V. L. Lockman.

PAINTED OVER BRICKS.—A man from a private source, that a painful occurrence took place in the neighborhood of Towanda a few days ago, distressing to the parties, and friends of the parties concerned. It appears that a temporary difficulty took place between Col. J. C. Hanson, and Mr. Warford, a brother of his mercantile partner, and that some words passed, when Col. Hanson struck Mr. Warford on the head with his fist, thereby causing instant death. The blow was given without particular animosity and hit him on the back, causing a dislocation. The families and friends of the parties are of course very much distressed, as is Col. Hanson; but as there was no malice in the case, and the result was almost in the nature of an accident, it is not supposed that it will be a prosecution.

Col. Hanson is well known in Harrisburg, who he is a public contractor, and is highly and very highly regarded here as a gentleman of mild and amiable manners; and we sincerely sympathize with him in the distress we know he will feel from the unfortunate occurrence.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

A GOOD REPLY.—A day or two since, several European gentlemen among whom there was one who has acquired a very lofty celebrity in the scientific world as a civil engineer, and a knight and nobleman visited Cincinnati, and, by invitation of several gentlemen of the city, were shown through the principal manufactures of the city, and saw the "Globe" generally. At every thing they saw, in the way of the mechanic arts, especially in the general character of the city—they were as well pleased as common civility could demand, with one exception however.

This exception was in a foundry corner, on Walnut street, where the proprietor, on showing the visitors a peculiar style of "chatts" of his own invention, and which are extensively used throughout the west, in preference to any other style, he said, "I have a very good article, but it is not as good as the British. The proprietor hit his lips, and proceeded to exhibit other articles; but, in every case Sir Robert—expressed the opinion that the English article excelled. The manufacturer now began to get out of patience, and turning to the Englishman, asked sharply:

"Do you wish to know, Sir, what article in the British article is better than mine?" "Yes," Mr. G. "I would like to hear of one." "It is Craypore, Sir."

Sir Robert and his party respectively bowed, and were politely escorted by the manufacturer to the street door.—N. Y. Sun.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.—The Secretary of the Interior has approved a very recent decision of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under which the latter refused to sanction an administrator's sale of a military land warrant.—The Commissioner rules that the 4th section of the act of 28th September, 1850, (under which the said land warrant was issued), exempted it from the debts of the person to whom it was issued, and made it, until the patent shall have issued, the property of the heirs of the deceased soldier, not to be aliened by any act of the administrator.

MAIL ROBBERY.—Wm. Gardner a mail carrier, has been arrested at Broad Creek, Maryland, charged with robbing the mail between Annapolis and Broad Creek. Gardner's capture was secured, and in it was found the entire mail from Kent Island. There were some hundred letters, of which several had been robbed of money.

THE STRONGER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WEAKER.—"Johnny, my boy, did you see the fight of the other evening?" "Nonsense, my honey, what kind of bats were 'Brick-bats, ye spalpeen."

Eric Weekly Observer.

ERIE, PA. SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 1, 1853. DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATIONS. JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT. JOHN C. KNOX, Of Tioga County. FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER. THOMAS H. FORSYTH, Of Philadelphia. FOR AUDITOR GENERAL. EPHRAIM BANKS, Of Meigs. FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL. J. PORTER BRAWLEY, Of Crawford. DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET. FOR ASSEMBLY. E. W. GERRISH, Of Edenboro. WILSON LAIRD, Of Erie. FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER. M. HUTCHINSON, Of Girard. FOR DIRECTOR OF THE POOR. JOSEPH P. GRANT, Of Wayne. Declines. We have been requested by Judge BRAWLEY to state that he most positively declines the use of his name as the Democratic candidate for Auditor. We have, therefore, not placed him among the nominees at the head of our paper.

The Democratic Ticket.

We ran up the Ticket nominated by the Democratic Convention on Saturday last, with pleasure. It is composed of good, reliable, responsible men from first to last, and as such should receive the undivided support of the party. It is true, we did not counsel a nomination; not because we were opposed abstractly to one, but simply because we doubted whether an attempt to call a convention at the day named, with justice so short, would result in such an unavailing and creditable to our party. In this, we are happy to say, we were partly in error, as the Convention was more numerous attended, and represented more of the bone and sinews of the party than we had anticipated. This accounts for the admirable character of the nominations. For the Legislature, we have E. W. GERRISH, Esq. of Edenboro, and WILSON LAIRD, Esq. of this city. Both of these gentlemen we know well; and when we say they are abundantly qualified—that they fully come up to the Jeffersonian standard, "honest and capable,"—we do no more than simple justice to two worthy and deserving members of the party. Aside from personal and political worth, they each possess qualifications, which cannot fail to prove highly advantageous to our local interests, should they be so fortunate as to be elected. Of the other candidates, Messrs. H. HUTCHINSON, BRAWLEY and GRANT, we do not deem it necessary to speak. Each one is universally known and esteemed, and if they are not elected, we can truly say the misfortune will be on the side of the people whose financial interests are at stake, instead of theirs. We think the Convention adopted the proper course in not nominating a candidate for District Attorney. The office has no political attributes—less so, perhaps, than any other, save a Judge in the gift of the people; and hence in the choice of a person to fill it, legal qualifications ought to be consulted more than political. It is an admitted fact, we believe on all hands, that the nominee of the Whig Convention is deficient, miserably deficient, in all legal qualifications, hence we take it for granted that those who think more of the public good than party success, will step outside party traces and vote for some one qualified by experience and practice for the station. From Mr. GRAHAM'S past experience in the office, for which he is now a volunteer candidate, the people have a guarantee that it will be faithfully and efficiently performed.

ELECTIONEERING CORPORATION.

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Hiawatha.—The new Editor of the Current brings to the discharge of his contract with the Railroad company a very refined taste, if language is any indication. In criticising the communication of a "Member," which appeared in our numbers, our refined contemporary sets out with the sneer that the writer is more likely "a member of 'Jackass club,' than of the Legislature. This is an exquisite opening, but it is matched by the closing paragraph. In that the Ex-Member, Ex-Senator says: "If the writer is a member of the Legislature, he certainly don't belong to the county, for we are not in the habit of sending 'hater heads' from this county to the Assembly, and we would advise him if he wants to make a fool of himself, to do it at home." This is certainly dignified for a grave ex-member of that august body, the Senate of Pennsylvania. Besides, it contains a palpable misrepresentation of facts, for, according to our belief, the county has been in the habit of sending 'hater heads' to the Assembly, and to the Senate too, for that matter. We need point no further that the Editor of the Current himself, whom any jury of twelve competent men would pronounce a most consummate "hater head" of the real calf-skin species.

Several specimens of valuable lead ore have been found near Lewisburg, Union county, in this State, lately. The deposits consist of veins, and irregularly interposed masses, from the fraction of an inch to more than half a foot diameter in a gangue, or matrix, of Carbonate of Lime. The specimens will yield from 50 to 80 per cent. of pure lead.

A Great Man's Blunder.

It has been well said, there is but one step from the sublime to the ridiculous; if we allow this sentiment a little we most aptly exhibit the past and present position of Hon. EDWARD EVERETT, for five months the successor of WEBSTER in Mr. Fillmore's Cabinet, as Secretary of State. When Mr. E. retired, after the inauguration of Gen. FRANK, he was justly regarded as one of the first men of the nation; but he has recently committed a blunder, which, in the opinion of the world, is in a statesman, worse than a crime. Let us state briefly what that blunder is. While he was Secretary he had, on the 14th of December last, addressed Lord Russell, the English premier, a letter in regard to the annexation of Cuba by the United States, or rather the tripartite Convention. To this letter, which, though usually bearing his signature, is considered in Diplomatic circles as emanating from the Government, and not from an individual, Lord John Russell has most graciously drawn up and published a rejoinder. Was there ever such a piece of egregious folly—such a ridiculous blunder! With the Philadelphia Bulletin, we have no doubt the writing and the publication of that letter will do more injury to Mr. Everett's reputation than can be repaid in fifty years. We refer not to its character as a composition, for it is elegant, forcible and pungent from beginning to end, and if Edward Everett were still Secretary of State, it would be universally honored and admired. But Edward Everett, a private citizen, had no right to reply to a letter addressed to him as a high public functionary. It is a piece of unparalleled presumption and a gross insult to his successor, Mr. Marcy, and the whole Government at Washington. The offence is aggravated by the well-known fact that Mr. Marcy, the Secretary of State, has written a reply to Lord John Russell, which will, at the proper time, be made public. No one doubts Mr. Marcy's ability to make a satisfactory reply, except, as it appears, Hon. Edward Everett, who, by himself called upon to regard our national questions as his personal affairs, simply because he is Secretary of State for four or five months, and, accordingly, he hurries before the public his reply to Lord John Russell. We trust his judgment will appreciate the value of such a comment, and pass it over as unworthy of comment or reply.

Free Democratic Convention.

Pursuant to call of County Central Committee, the Free Democratic of Erie county convened at the Court House in Erie on the 28th inst., and at 2 o'clock were called to order by D. H. Chapman. N. Gould was called to the Chair, J. J. Compton, and S. Eaton were voted Vice Presidents, and P. C. Compton and E. H. Kneeland, Secretaries. On motion, W. J. Liddle, G. Foster, Rev. Mr. Wood, and Wm. Teller, were appointed a committee to draft resolutions. In the absence of the committee the meeting was addressed by Messrs. Cheney and Mills with much spirit. The Committee reported the following resolutions, which were adopted. Resolved, That the great object of all governments should be to secure the rights of Liberty, Justice and Happiness to all the people; and that the power of all political parties is to see that the true objects of the Government are carried out by the agents selected to administer it. Resolved, That the two political parties who have heretofore ruled the country, have failed to administer the Government as to promote those objects, but instead, have administered it to obstruct the rights and liberties of the people, to make the principles of the principles of virtuous crime, and to expose those who practice them to pains, penalties and imprisonment. Resolved, That it is the duty of the Free Democracy to put in nomination and elect agents who will bring back the government within its true objects. The following resolution was then offered by N. Wilson, and after considerable discussion the Convention voted its adoption. Resolved, That to act with parties who promise to "assist" and "oppose" the exercise of the right of free discussion, to volunteer as soldiers but refuse to fight in the watchtowers of the worst disposition on which the sun ever rose or set; and if this right so dear to every lover of freedom is ever taken from us, we will not be guilty of the gross baseness of having voted it away from ourselves. N. Wilson, Wm. H. Johnson, D. H. Chapman, Galen Foster, G. C. Martin, were appointed a Committee on Nominations. After a short absence the committee reported the following, which were adopted by the Convention: ASSEMBLY.—Nat. Wilson, Nathan Gould DISTRICT ATTORNEY.—A. N. Coughly. COMMISSIONER.—J. J. Compton. SURVEYOR.—P. C. Compton. DIRECTOR OF POOR.—J. B. Fluke. AUDITOR.—Wm. Gray, Esq. of Wayne. MEMBERS OF ERIE COUNTY.—P. McCall, D. H. Johnson, W. J. Liddle, Wm. H. Johnson, Galen Foster, W. J. Liddle, Wm. H. Johnson, were elected County Central Committee for the year ensuing. The Secretaries were constituted a committee to publish the Convention's proceedings. On motion, adjourned. NATHAN GOULD, Pres. P. C. COMPTON, Secy. R. H. KNEELAND, Secy.

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Democratic County Convention.

The delegates from the different wards, borough and townships of Erie county assembled in county convention at the Court House, on Saturday, September 24th, at 2 o'clock, P. M. On motion, James Wilson, of Greenfield, was called to the chair, and David Olin, of Girard, appointed Secretary. The delegates then proceeded to ballot for candidates for the various offices and selected the following ticket. ASSEMBLY. E. W. GERRISH, Of Edenboro. WILSON LAIRD, Of Erie. COUNTY COMMISSIONER. M. HUTCHINSON, Of Girard. DIRECTOR OF THE POOR. JOSEPH P. GRANT, Of Wayne. COUNTY AUDITOR. JOHN BRAWLEY, Of North East. On motion, the following resolution was adopted unanimously. Resolved, That the office of District Attorney being like that of the Judges, one which from its nature should not be identified with party politics, this convention will not nominate any candidate for that office, but recommend G. W. GRAHAM, Esq., as having been announced as a candidate independent of party. The following named persons were appointed to act as Central County Committee for the ensuing year, viz: Murray Whallon, Arthur Greenwood, Isaac B. Taylor, Alden Pomeroy, Wm. A. Galbraith, Sherman Smith, James D. Smith, Wm. Griffith and B. W. Vance. The convention then adjourned.

Free Democratic Convention.

Pursuant to call of County Central Committee, the Free Democratic of Erie county convened at the Court House in Erie on the 28th inst., and at 2 o'clock were called to order by D. H. Chapman. N. Gould was called to the Chair, J. J. Compton, and S. Eaton were voted Vice Presidents, and P. C. Compton and E. H. Kneeland, Secretaries. On motion, W. J. Liddle, G. Foster, Rev. Mr. Wood, and Wm. Teller, were appointed a committee to draft resolutions. In the absence of the committee the meeting was addressed by Messrs. Cheney and Mills with much spirit. The Committee reported the following resolutions, which were adopted. Resolved, That the great object of all governments should be to secure the rights of Liberty, Justice and Happiness to all the people; and that the power of all political parties is to see that the true objects of the Government are carried out by the agents selected to administer it. Resolved, That the two political parties who have heretofore ruled the country, have failed to administer the Government as to promote those objects, but instead, have administered it to obstruct the rights and liberties of the people, to make the principles of the principles of virtuous crime, and to expose those who practice them to pains, penalties and imprisonment. Resolved, That it is the duty of the Free Democracy to put in nomination and elect agents who will bring back the government within its true objects. The following resolution was then offered by N. Wilson, and after considerable discussion the Convention voted its adoption. Resolved, That to act with parties who promise to "assist" and "oppose" the exercise of the right of free discussion, to volunteer as soldiers but refuse to fight in the watchtowers of the worst disposition on which the sun ever rose or set; and if this right so dear to every lover of freedom is ever taken from us, we will not be guilty of the gross baseness of having voted it away from ourselves. N. Wilson, Wm. H. Johnson, D. H. Chapman, Galen Foster, G. C. Martin, were appointed a Committee on Nominations. After a short absence the committee reported the following, which were adopted by the Convention: ASSEMBLY.—Nat. Wilson, Nathan Gould DISTRICT ATTORNEY.—A. N. Coughly. COMMISSIONER.—J. J. Compton. SURVEYOR.—P. C. Compton. DIRECTOR OF POOR.—J. B. Fluke. AUDITOR.—Wm. Gray, Esq. of Wayne. MEMBERS OF ERIE COUNTY.—P. McCall, D. H. Johnson, W. J. Liddle, Wm. H. Johnson, Galen Foster, W. J. Liddle, Wm. H. Johnson, were elected County Central Committee for the year ensuing. The Secretaries were constituted a committee to publish the Convention's proceedings. On motion, adjourned. NATHAN GOULD, Pres. P. C. COMPTON, Secy. R. H. KNEELAND, Secy.

TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

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Journal and Local Observations.

A Word on Dress. Fashion, it is said, rules supreme; yet how often does it not seem to be the reverse of the truth, as the slip of a banner, proclaim the true character of the wearer. You can tell a "body" by the fashion