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Democratic State Convention for 1857.

The Democratic State Convention, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for Governor, Canal Commissioner, and Judge of the Supreme Court, to be voted for in October next, will be held at HARRISBURG, on MONDAY, the second day of March, 1857, at 11 o'clock, A M

J W FORNEY,
Chairman of State Central Committee.

News of the Week.

—Elsewhere in this weeks paper the reader will find all the particulars which have yet come to light of a contemplated Slave revolt at the South In laying these details before our readers, we cannot express our own views better than by echoing the language used by the Cleveland *Plaindealer* in commenting upon the same facts. No one capable of tracing cause and effect, says that paper, can doubt for one moment that the present alarming slave insurrection in the South are the legitimate fruits of the late campaign, and are chargeable to sectional agitation against the South by the Northern press and pulpit, as a race of ruffians, unfit to enjoy the equal blessings of Government, have reached the ears of of those, not intended by some, but fiendishly desired by others, and not only whites but blacks are reaping the bitter fruits of their political incendiarism Slaves in all the free border States well understood what was going on in the North, that a powerful party had been organized on colored principles alone, led on by the outlaws of abolitionism, and was making fierce warfare against the Constitution and the Union, all for the glory of Negrodom and the spoils of Government.—They became generally impressed with the idea that if Fremont was elected, they were forthwith to be free! This will account for their present conspiracies all over the border States and the preparations for a general uprising which of late have been discovered to an alarming extent and which have been put down by the halter and the whip Had Fremont been elected, the howlings of the abolition press and the maniac shouts of abolition orators would have worked up a fearful state of things in the South, and put in jeopardy the lives of every white man, woman and child in that dark and doomed region. But the dismal results of a general Slave insurrection in the South would pervade alike the whole country. Thousands, yea, millions of degraded human beings of all ages and sexes, who never have had to provide the means of a livelihood for themselves, would be thrown suddenly upon the Free States for the necessaries of life, and they would be justified, in the absence of employment, which they could not obtain, in plundering a subsistence from those who, by their fanatical intermeddling, have brought this great evil upon them With trembling interest should white men North and South watch this new feature of danger to our country's peace The work of slaughter has already begun and the poor blacks as is usual are the first to suffer If they are not hung to the nearest tree by the order of Judge Lynch they are put under restraints of bondage hitherto unknown Every effort of these ruffe religionists and political abolitionists makes their condition worse, and has done so from the beginning of their party activities If they won't treat the subject as a great moral question letting all men of all religions, sects and all political parties North and South, enjoy their peculiar views without threat, violence or denunciation, as it was in the earlier days of the Republic, when slavery was tolerated in every State save one, all interests would be better subserved

—From all accounts Albany, N Y is blessed with more desperadoes—devils in human shape—than any city of its size in the Union. We published some few weeks ago the fact that a lady—a Mrs Bulger—was foully murdered in the streets and that no trace of the perpetrator of the tragedy could be discovered Following in the wake of this, we find in the Evening *Journal* an account of an attempt in the same direction equally diabolical in design, but happily frustrated by the presence of mind of the party attacked. Saturday evening last, as a daughter of Edmund Dorr, Esq, was returning to her home, at about 9 o'clock, she was met by a person, whose features were hid by a slouched hat and turned up coat collar, who, in the act of passing, suddenly raised his hand and attempted to place it over the mouth of Miss Dorr The movement was noticed, and quick as thought Miss D. turned her head slightly, receiving on the cheek what was intended for the mouth, screaming loudly, the ruffian fled, and in a short time several citizens came to the rescue of Miss D. She was taken into a dwelling near by, when it was found that the ruffian had attached to her cheek a plaster of such cohesive properties, that its removal brought the skin from the face with it! The evident intent of the assailant was to cover the mouth, and thus prevent an outcry, that he might accomplish his fiendish purposes (whatever they might be) with comparative ease.

—In Virginia a full vote was polled, and Buchanan's majority is more than thirty thousand The State has never voted against the Democratic candidate for President since the rise of parties She gave her electoral vote twice for Washington, three times for Jefferson, twice for Madison and Monroe, for Crawford in 1824, twice for Jackson, twice for Van Buren, once for Polk, Cass, Pierce and Buchanan.

—We observe that the question of Bissell's eligibility to the post of Governor of Illinois, to which he was recently elected, is again becoming a subject of discussion Col. Bissell accepted a challenge from Col. Jeff. Davis, of Mississippi, in 1850, for words spoken in debate. The Constitution of Illinois declares that the offer or acceptance of a challenge shall be deemed a disqualification for the office of Governor Now the question is, whether the application of these words is limited to the State of Illinois, or intended for all creation.

—Advices from Lake Superior says that the statements which have recently appeard in the papers, to the effect that the inhabitants of that region were short of supplies, and likely to suffer severely during the winter, are untrue. They have supplies sufficient to last until the opening of navigation, and a good stock of powder for mining operations.

—A young lady at the Female Seminary, Elmira, came near dying on Friday from the effects of chloroform. She found a bottle of it, and being pleased with the flavor, inhaled too much. Prompt medical treatment restored her.

—A Mail Robber was discovered at Owego a short time since in the following singular manner. The robbery was committed on the 17th of May last, and it appears that the keeper of the Union Hotel in Owego, last week, in making some improvements, determined to change the location of some of the fixtures in one of his rooms, which would incur a necessity for removing the floor. A porter who had been employed by Mr. B last summer, but who had recently been discharged, was present, and protested against the proposed change, and the design was abandoned. Afterwards the children dropped some articles through a large knot hole in the floor, and in attempting to hook it up with a wire, a letter was drawn up. Another attempt drew up another letter, when the floor was taken up and the missing bag discovered, with a large number of letters partially burned

—A man named Charles Town has been arrested for forgery in Philadelphia. He appears to have been very bold in his operations, in one of which he forged a note and check, and drove to Bristol, and went with them to the Farmer's Bank. Bank hours were over—he visited the Cashier's house and presented them, and the Cashier, after some scrutiny, actually took the trouble to go to the Bank to get the money to pay the forged check. The audacity of this move is hard to equal.

—Two boys set out to throw a train off the Providence Railroad, last week. One was a great scamp. He said, when arrested, that his calculations were that quite a number would be killed, and in the excitement and confusion he expected to reap a considerable sum, with which he proposed to leave for the West.

—It is said Secretary Marcy is on the track of certain parties, engaged in forming an expedition, under General Paez, for a descent on Venezulia. Rumor says that the information in the State Department implicates a leading New York steamboat man, and also that the balance of the Law muskets not sent to Central America were to be employed in this new filibustering expedition. The steamer Daniel Webster is closely watched.

—Late advices from Kansas say that Captain Walker's militia at Lawrence were mustered out of service on the same day that Titus' militia were dismissed at Leavenworth. Governor Geary had the claims of the free State prisoners reserved from sale at Leavenworth until they could be released and bid for them.

—The Mayor of Chicago has provided for the purchase and delivery of 3,000 cords of wood, at cost, for the use of the poor, the ensuing winter. The different lines of railroads second this philanthropic object, by bringing the wood into the city.

☞ It is stated by one of the Portland, Maine, papers, that there are about five thousand believers in Spiritualism in that city. Perhaps this fact—if fact it is, and we have no cause to doubt it—may account, in part, for the unprecendented popularity of Fremontism in that locality.—Where one fanaticism rages, others generally find a congenial soil.

What are they Doing in Congress?

Nothing! Or, what is worse, perhaps, keeping up the eternal, never ending, din about the negro. Every thing, or rather every question, now revolves around the Black Race. Although the descendents of Ham number only about three millions, to something over twenty millions of whites, the legislation of the country—the talk of the solons of the country, in Congress, in the press, in the pulpits, even—ends where it commenced, with the *negro* Thus Congress consumed a month or six weeks in electing a speaker at the last session, and the whole difficulty at the bottom was "Sambo!" After it had succeeded in this particular, and was ready to proceed to business, "Sambo's" woolly head was thrust in, and then the balance of the session was spent in discussing the relative merits of free wool, or slave wool At last Congress adjourned, but "Sambo" did not, for "Sambo" never adjourns, except from the Halls of Congress to the hustings, and from the hustings to the polls And hence the Presidential election was fought for "Sambo" as an issue. That over, we were in hopes to get rid of him; but it seems all such hopes are fallacious—for no sooner, is the Speakers rap heard, calling the re-assembled Congress to order, than in pops "Sambo" again, as lively as ever, and not a shade whiter. And hence we say that Congress is doing nothing—it's only discussing "Sambo" But patience, reader—the white man's day will come ere long This Congress is drawing to its close! On the Fourth of March next it will sink into oblivion, only to be remembered as a warning to the people to beware of placing power in the hands of fanatics and knaves!

Very apropo to the above, is the following from the New York *Express*:

THE INSTITUTION OF THE AFRICAN —The negro is the end, and aim,—the Alpha and Omega, the Beta, Kappa, and Delta too, of our New England Yankee countrymen, and of our States Rights people down South,—and yet but few of them know the *capacities* there are latent in the African

Congress, for example, has but three months to sit,—and has a world of legitimate work to do The Secretary of the Treasury, in his Report, has laid out enough to occupy earnest men's minds continually for three months One week has gone,—and from breakfast till dinner, and from dinner to tea, and from tea to bed,—it is "negro," "negro," "negro,"—as if there was not a pure white man in America

Well,—why is this? Mainly *to crowd into the last days of the session and the last nights of the session* THE $60,000,000 CONGRESS HAS TO DISBURSE When there is no discussion upon white man's appropriations, all other time being devoted to "the negro,"—of course, the chance for theft and plunder by the lobby, is great,—whereas, if white man's public business was properly attended to, the Lobby would be watched, and the Treasury guarded. Many South Western members thus combine with some of the pure Abolition patriots we send from the North, thus to absorb all time for public business discussion, in discussion of "the negro" Is there not honesty enough in Congress,—if not sense enough, to stop this?

It is in the storms of Passsion and Fanaticism that great public robberies are perpetrated —Throw dust into the People's eyes, and they cannot see who picks their pockets Hence, as we started with saying, the *capacity* of the negro is infinitely greater than many people calculate upon

Why So Silent about California?

The Fremont press is very silent about the result in California; and well they may be—as he has only received about twenty thousand votes in the State, and is beaten by Mr Buchanan in the neighborhood of forty thousand This result proves how utterly he was lacking the necessary characteristics for a popular candidate—how the people "at home," on his own domain, where he should be best and most favorably known, do utterly repudiate and reject him California, it was supposed by many, would be the turning point in the Presidential election The Black "Republicans" hoped to take all the free States from us except, perhaps, Pennsylvania; and of this they were not without strong hopes and expectations In yielding to us Pennsylvania, they knew we required one more State; and California would thus most likely become the real battle ground To make sure of this State, it was necessary for our opponents to have a candidate who would carry it without peradventure This was a subject of much and earnest debate in Philadelphia by the wire pullers during and before the sitting of their Convention Their decision is known Fremont was selected as their champion *because California was his* "home," and the scene of his *great exploits* But his *fame* and his popularity it seems was distant from his home There, where he ought to have been best and most favorably known, where his popularity should have been greatest, and where his character and achievements should have been most respected and first acknowledged, he seems scarcely to have had friends enough to give him a decent interment, certainly not with military honors He averages about one vote in five! In Mariposa County, the very citadel of his power, nearly all the voters knowing him personally, out of fifteen hundred and fifty five votes, he received just 88!' In what way will the Black "Republicans" accounts for this? No one, unless he had in some way shamefully forfeited the respect of a people among whom he had resided for years, could have been so utterly repudiated and rejected as he has been The damning proof we had in the Atlantic States of his entire unworthiness for the place he was aspiring to, could hardly have reached California to have had any effect, but it is clear the people there required no such documentary evidence

SENATOR BIGLER'S SPEECH.—The *Gazette* publishers, on the authority of the N Y *Times*, that the admirable Speech of Senator BIGLER which we have promised to publish next week, "is kicking up quite a bobery among the supporters of Mr. Buchanan" How much truth there is in this can be infered from the remarks of the Washington *Union*. That paper says "it will be received by the whole country with the consideration due his eminent position, his large experience in public life, his undoubted abilities, and his well known devotion to those principles under which the republic has become prosperous and powerful The debate in the Senate widens and deepens in interest and importance as it progresses; and we fell quite sure that Gov. BIGLER's constituents will rejoice at an occasion which has placed their representative's love of country and the peculiar powers of his well-balanced mind in such a prominent and advantageous light before the nation."

☞ The Christian *Intelligencer*, organ of the Dutch Reformed Church, has a pointed rebuke of the Beechers. It alludes to the *Independent* as—

"A hybrid concern published somewhere in Beekman st. which advertises itself as religious, while it is more outrageously reckless and unscrupulous in its fiery partizanship than even the adventurous Herald, with which it consorts in tone, purpose and spirit."

Kansas Affairs.

The late election has shed a flood of light on Kansas affairs, and motives of concealment having been removed by the defeat of the Black Republican candidate, their organs and agents can afford to give us ocassionally a glimmer of truth For instance, in reference to the outrages committed in that territory, the *Herald of Freedom*, an organ of the Emigrant Aid Society, published at Lawrence, K T, says:

"Disguise the fact as much as we will, there is a class of irresponsible persons, calling themselves Free State men, *who are engaged in horse stealing, and other crimes against the Pro Slavery settlers*, and excusing themselves under the plea that they have sustained injuries at the hands of the party on which they commit their depredations Whether they have sustained injuries or not, they are not justifiable in committing outrage upon the person or property of others, and if continued should be punished for it—While Free State men sanction these outrages upon the Pro Slavery party, we hope they will not complain if they, or their friends, suffer at the hands of their enemies

Every property holder and actual resident of Kansas let him belong to what party he will, desires peace, and he should labor to secure it. Both parties will be compelled to join hands, in ridding the country of the blackleges, horse thieves and murderers with which Kansas is infested It twenty or thirty of this class of persons on each side were disposed of *a la* Vicksburg, we should have quiet again A Vigilance Committee, made up of the members of both parties, is needed to bring to justice those who are laboring night and day, to bring about another collision between the conflicting political parties

We are conscious that *many professed Free State men will censure us for asserting that members of our own party are concerned in these outrages*, but we love justice and quiet to the country more than their good will No wrong doer, belonging to what party he may, need expect to find an apologist for his wrongful acts in the *Herald of Freedom* It was planted to subserve the cause of Truth, and it shall be faithful to its mission whose it has an existence"

The same paper boastingly asserts that Kansas cannot possibly become a slave State, let the National Administration do what it will

The two principal assertions by which the Black Republicans sought to influence the public mind prior to the late election, viz: first, that an immense number of "outrages" had been committed upon the Free State men with out provocation or retaliation; and second, that upon the issue of the Presidential election the future fate of Kansas would depend, are thus authoritively branded as falsehoods by the very best evidence that could be adduced A Black Republican paper, published in Kansas Territory, the scene where all those events have transpired, the *Herald of Freedom*, far from desponding, assures its friends that "*the political horizon of Kansas was never brighter than now*"

To those honest but misguided men who confided in the statements of the Black Republicans previous to the election, these revelations will indeed seem strange, and, we hope, learn them what folly it is to pin their faith to the sleeves of such false demagogues —*Pennsylvanian*

J Glancy Jones, Esq.

(From the Richmond Enquirer

MESSRS EDITORS —It has become so common for indiscreet persons or friends to bring forward the name of some favorite for some responsible post, and so to laud him that it is really difficult to get the public to give due weight to an unvarnished statement of the truth when presented, touching a man of real merit, and one every way qualified to fill a post to which his fellow citizens may, from a sense of his entire fitness, call him The national election so recently held has resulted in the choice of the Democratic standard bearer, Mr Buchanan, who will, if he lives, be at the head of the nation for the next four years, from the 4th of March next It will soon be necessary for him to look around for a Cabinet to aid him in the administration of this government, and doubtless, many friends, will bring forward the name of some favorite for a seat in the Cabinet

Here, if in any post in the Cabinet, a man is wanted eminently national, and practically acquainted with all the duties and interests coming within the range of his responsible station; a man too with a clear head, of industrious habits, and of undoubted, well tested fidelity to whatever trusts may be confided to his management; these are facts which we presume none will question But where are we to get such a man for these posts in the Cabinet, may be a question? To this we answer, that we have one, just such a man, the very man himself, in J. Glancy Jones, Esq, the popular, able, and deserving representative from Old Berks, Pennsylvania. Mr Jones is a practical man—in every way familiar with every matter of this government however great, or however minute, connected with the interests and workings of this government; has indeed been connected with its affairs, for many years—has spent many years in the service of the nation, and therefore, from his long experience, from his well known energy and unquestionable fidelity, and, in a word, from every element going to make up his character, he is the very man whose elevation to the Cabinet will be hailed with delight by his many friends from one end of the Union to the other.

Speech from the Vice President Elect.

The electors of Kentucky, after getting through their business, waited on Hon. John C Breckinridge, the Vice President elect, and after a speech of congratulation from one of their number, he replied as follows:

GENTLEMEN: I am very much affected by the unexpected call made upon me, and by the honor which has been paid me, but I receive it with gratitude The eloquent gentleman speaks of my having been one of the leaders of the party in this struggle I have been, gentlemen, a leader, without effort and without duties. It was my humble position to sit by and see the battle won by those standing around me

I am very happy, I assure you, to see these gentlemen who have contributed so much to revolutionize Kentucky, and bring her back to her old principles I hope I may be pardoned on this occasion for making a single suggestion, as I have not had an opportunity of making a speech in Kentucky during the canvass. We have greatly the ascendancy, and it is necessary for us as a party to maintain the supremacy. In this contest the victory was not won by the Democracy alone We would have perhaps been in the minority, for we lost numbers of Democrats last year, who went into Know Nothing lodges, but we have received accessions from the Whig party, and have carried the State by the united efforts of the Old line Democrat and the Old line Whig parties

I would, therefore, say to my Democratic friends that it seems to me to be our duty to welcome and accept these choice old line Whigs, the gems of their party, who have joined us in order to manifest their patriotism by uniting in supporting the Constitution and the Union, and to break down the worst organization that ever had an existence Now, by maintaining this organization, composed of all the Democrats and Whigs who love the sight of the States, and who are opposed to the proscriptive tenets of the Know Nothing order, by associating together on the principles of cordiality and friendship, we will not only maintain the position we have, but those Whigs and Democrats who have for a time been led astray, will again return and join our ranks Again, I return my sincere and profound thanks for this testimony of favor and regard

☞ A new bonnet is a great help to piety—hence a fashionable milliner does more to fill our churches than a dozen dozens Slow, or Parsons Proxy.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of the Daily Pennsylvanian.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 1856.

I have carefully abstained from entering into speculation on the subjects of the Cabinet in my correspondence with the *Pennsylvanian*, but really if you were in Washington yourself, and could see the arrangements going on among some of the politicians on this subject, you would smile. Men are put up and pulled down for the Cabinet, just as if Mr. Buchanan had no hand in selecting his own constitutional advisers; and what is more amusing than all, is the learned mystery which some assume who are anxious to create the impression that they alone understand what is going on. The real, strong common sense men of the House and Senate, have full confidence in the patriotism and experince of Mr. Buchanan, and do not for a moment doubt his perfect ability to select his own Cabinet officers.

It is stated that the Hon Caleb Cushing intends remaining in Washington after the close of the present administration, to practice at the profession of the law.

The vote in the Savannah, or Southern Commercial Convention, of three States, in favor of reviving the slave trade, is much commented upon here, and I am within bounds when I say that there is scarcely to be found in the City of washington, any man from the South or North, Who is not surprised and mortified that any State should have thrown its vote in favor of the revival of this scandalous, inhuman and barbarous traffic There is no reason, no justice in the idea of the slave trade, and therefore it is deeply, to be regretted that any individual, much less a State of this Union, should commit the error of recording a vote in favor of it As the Richmond *Enquirer* very ably and powerfully said, the judgment of Christendom; the whole moral and religious sentiment of this country and the world, it against a revival of the slave trade, and the attempt to bring it about is much more worthy of some savage region than of a civilized community

The Cabinet.

The Washington correspondent of the *Atlas & Argus*, sends the following to that paper concerning the Cabinet of Mr Buchanan:

"Of course, nothing positive can be known yet in reference to this matter, but the current belief that prevails here is entitled to some consideration. The opinion is very general that Gen. Cass will be Secretary of State. His appointment would be very popular New England will have a man, and that man will likely be Senator Toucey, of Connecticut. J Glancy Jones, of Pennsylvania, it is thought, will be appointed The remaining man to be taken from the non-slaveholding states, will be either Bright, or Wright, of Indiana, or Richardson, of Illinois There will be four members of the cabinet from the North, and three from the South. The Southern States from which the appointments will probably come are Virginia, Georgia, and Alabama The latter State, with perfect unanimity, is presenting Geo S. Houston, as the choice of both her politicians and people. Cobb will certainly be the man from Georgia In Virginia, Floyd's chances are best.

JUDGE CAMPBELL —Of the report of the Postmaster General, the Philadelphia *Gazette*, an opposition print, remarks:

"It is due to Mr Campbell, who has made his last annual report to Congress, and is about to retire from his high office, to say, what indeed we can say in strong and cordial terms, that he has performed the onerous but honorable duties of that office with a single eye to the interests of the public, with a faithfulness, industry, and ability unsurpassed, that he has fully met and answered all just claims of the community upon him, and will leave the department in as prosperous a condition as was possible for the administrative skill of a single man to render it"

Negro Plot in Virginia.

We learn that a plot, formed among discontented negroes, for a movement against their masters, was discovered during the first of this week, in the vicinity of Williamburg, Va Five of the ring leaders have been arrested, and an end put to the attempt at revolt A similar occurrence we hear took place in Montogmery county — *Richmond Despatch, Dec 13th*

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Dec 14, 1856 —Apprehensions are entertained of a negro insurrection at Alexandria, Va, seven miles distant — The whites are much alarmed One of the city authorities applied yesterday to the War Department for a supply of ammunition, for use in the event it should be necessary. I cannot learn the ground on which these fears are based —*N Y Times*,

THE NEGRO RISING IN FLORIDA —A gentleman writing from Quincy, over the anonymous signature of Floridian, informs us that a bloody conspiracy is now ripening with a certain class of the population of this State, against the lives of our citizens, and that the development of the plot is to occur sometime between the morning of the 25th inst, and the first day of January next, ensuing We frankly confess that we place but little confidence in the statement, yet such a thing is possible, and suggests very forcibly the propriety of organizing an active police force in every neighborhood to guard against the improbable contingency.

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE —A heart-rending occurrence took place in Stockport, Columbia County, N. Y, in which a child was killed while in the arms of its mother, and by her sister. Mrs. Dickerman was sitting in a room with her child, a boy of about two years of age, upon her lap, engaged in dressing it, while at the same time her sister, a Miss Platner, was cutting the wick of a candle with a pair of scissors.—The sisters were engaged in an angry conversation when Miss Platner, in a fit of rage, threw the scissors at her sister with great force, the point striking the child upon his breast, penetrating to the heart The innocent little one exclaimed, "Oh, mother! mother!" and immediately expired Mrs Dickerman did not see her sister throw the scissors, and was not conscious of what had been done until she saw the instrument of death planted in his breast A coroner's jury was called, who, after a full investigation of the affair, rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts. Miss Platner is now confined in the Hudson jail to await the action of the grand jury

TRUE AND JUST —The New Haven *Register* has these true and just remarks about the course of the Republicans in endeavoring to prevent the admission of Whitfield, the legally elected delegate from Kansas:

"It will be seen by the proceedings in Congress on Tuesday that Hon. Mr Whitfield, of Kansas, has been admitted to his seat by a majority vote. Mr W. is as much entitled to his seat as any other member, and has only been kept out of it by a violation of all the rules of law and propriety. It shows another gratifying point—the waining power of the anti-democrats in Congress. At the first session they had a majority of about fifty in the House; but it has been growing 'beautifully less' from that day to this, and in a few short weeks will be 'wiped out' entirely"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.

The truth of the rumor of Judge Lecompte's removal is now confirmed by the nomination by the President to the Senate of James O. Harrison, of Ky., as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas The removal of Judge Lecompte, was contemplated at least forty days ago, and of which it is said he was aware, but up to this time nothing has been heard from him in defense of his official conduct.

The recent proofs and representations of Gov. Geary, determined the course of the administration in the premises.

Wm. Spencer has likewise been nominated as Marshall of Kansas, vice Donaldson; and Thos. Cunningham, of Pa., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas, in place of Burrill deceased.

THE THREATENED INSURRECTION IN LOUISIANA —It is said that the blacks had threatened to rise against the whites on the 14th of October, in Louisiana, and the Morehouse *Advocate*, published in Bastrop, gives the following account of its detection, and the punishment of two white men accused of being engaged in it:

We learn from the Caliborne *Advocate* of the 21st ult. that an Abolitionist of the name of Hancock was arrested in Union county, Arkansas, a few weeks since, on suspicion of being engaged in an attempt to excite the slaves in that vicinity to insurrection, and after making some confessions managed to escape; he has been captured, carried back to El Dorado, tried and shot. He was not found guilty on his trial, says the *Advocate*, but said he knew all about the matter and who were engaged in it, but would not tell who they were. This so much excited and enraged the people that a mob of citizens, who were convinced of his guilt, after his trial seized him, carried him to the woods and shot him.

Martin, another one of the villians engaged in the vile plot, was arrested last week, tried by a Court at El Dorado, found guilty and hung — There was to be a general concentration of about 300 negroes at a given point, led on by Hancock and several others The town of El Dorado was to be attacked, its inhabitants murdered, and money and provisions obtained by force. Kansas seems to have been their destination, where a promise of freedom was held out. The plot was to have matured on the 14th of last month

About a fortnight ago there was considerable excitement among the citizens of our town, in consequence of a report put in circulation here, to the effect that an insurrectionary movement had been discovered among the negroes in Ashley county, Ark The plot was disclosed, as the tale goes, by a negro woman of that county to her master

This disclosure led to the examination of several others, which developed the fact that a considerable number of negroes in Arkansas, and the upper part of Morehouse, were engaged in the plot, led on by white men. In consequence of this rumor, a meeting of the citizens of our town was called, and twelve gentlemen were appointed to investigate whether or not any slaves of our town were connected with or knowing to the plot The committee have examined several slaves in this place very strictly, and report that they have not been able to elicit, by a thorough examination, a single fact or any connection or knowledge on the part of the slaves in this vicinity with the contemplated insurrection A number of planters in this neighborhood have examined their negroes, but they have not been able to detect anything of a suspicious character.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18

House—Seventy thousand copies of the President's Message, and accompanying documents, were ordered to be printed

The consideration of the President's Message was then resumed

Mr Quitman believed that every word used by the President on the slavery question was well timed and true, and the developments show that the objects of the Republican party were such as the Executive had attributed to them.—Speaking on the subject of Central America, Mr Quitman said he was opposed as an American, to bowing and yielding to England or France We want no treaty with any foreign nation relative to our duty on this continent, and should not therefore call on any European power to come across the ocean to help to regulate Central American affairs He believed General Walker was an instrument in the hands of Providence to carry on American colonization, and that it was the duty of our government not to throw obstacles in the way

"ANOTHER FASHIONABLE ABOMINATION"—Under this head the Lancet says that the use of Belladonna is now boldly advertised to give brilliancy and the power of fascination to woman's eyes It is a poison and a powerful alterative But what of that? So is Arsenic—Yet in Austria it is used internally to give redduess to woman's cheeks "Fashion" is quite competent to compell her votaries to diet on Prussic Acid, Belladonna, Morphine, Arsenic—anything If she prescribed the fangs of rattlesnakes for the production of irresistable sighs, a band of these reptiles would ensue throughout North America which would extinguish the species Beautiness in articles of the toilette—Very well If we must, we must Only "draw it mild," ye druggists

MAIL ROBBERY —Another arrest for mail robbery took place at Florence, Oneida county, in this state, on Saturday last The unfortunate victim in this instance, is John C Stanford, a man about sixty years of age, and for some time past, an acting magistrate in that town

The arrest is supposed to account for a good deal of trouble and loss, to which the people in that region have been subjected in their connection with the mails Owing to the age and standing of Mr Stanford, no suspicions seem to have attached to him, but it has again proved true, that "murder will out;" and if reports are correct, justice has at last overtaken an offender who ought to have known, and probably did know better Stanford, we are informed, was examined yesterday, at Utica, and committed for want of bail, the proof being of the most positive character.

This case was ferreted out by one of the special post office agents, J Holbrook, by which he has done the public important service

☞ The New Bedford Express says, in speaking of Gen Pierce's administration:

"Since the days of Jackson, no administration has had so violent an opposition to contend against; and as we have often said, like the administration of Jackson, posterity will do it justice—history will set it right upon the record, and the young American of coming time will proudly point to the name of Franklin Pierce as one of the patriotic Presidents of olden time, who was alike proof against the whirlwinds of fanaticism, the storms of sectionalism, the earthquakes of disunion, and the thunders from the Protestant Vatican of the '*three thousand New England clergy*!'"

LOUISVILLE, Dec 17

The correspondent of the *Journal*, writing from Campbellsville, Ky, on the 10th, says that a negro boy had disclosed a plot of the negroes to rise about Christmas day Several arrests had been made, and an examination was held on the 9th before Justice Cloude, but nothing was elicited save sthe statement of the boy that he overheard the negroes say that they intended to make war upon the whites about Christmas, and that if he would join them they would make him rich The negroes are reported to possess guns, pistols, &c The correspondent adds that considerable dissatisfaction exists among the negroes, which if not promptly suppressed, may lead to serious trouble

CINCINNATI, Dec 17

The latest advices from Cumberland River, Tennesee, state that twenty-five iron furnaces in that region have stopped operation in consequence of the negro troubles.

LATER FROM SANTA FE.—The St Louis Democrat of the 2d inst has advices from Santa Fe to the 22d ult. The news, however, is unimportant. The Indians continued their depredations. The gold deposites on the Gila are said to exceed those in the richest portions of California. A large number of citizens had already left Santa Fe for the mines.

WELCOME TO WINTER.—THOMPSON, the poet of nature, thus gives welcome to the icy King of the seasons:—

"See, Winter comes to rule the varied year,
Sullen and sad, with all his rising train,
Vapors, and clouds, and storms Be these my theme,
These! that exalt the soul to solemn thought,
And heavenly musing. Welcome, kindred glooms!
Congenial horrors, hail! with frequent foot,
Pleased have I, in my cheerful morn of life,
When nursed by careless Solitude I live,
And sung of Nature with unwearied joy,
Pleased have I wandered through your rough domain
Trod the pure virgin-snows, myself as pure,
Heard the winds roar, and the big torrent burst,
Or seen the deep fermenting tempest brewed
In the grim evening sky. Thus passed the time,
Till through the lucid chambers of the South
Looked out the joyous Spring, looked out and smiled."

Erie Wholesale Prices Current.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY P. MINNING & BROTHER,

Dealers in Groceries and Provisions, State street.

Flour, ₩ barrel,	$7 25	Lard,	13
Buckwheat, ₩ cwt.,	3 00	Butter,	20
Corn Meal,	1 25	Cheese,	7@8
Fruits, &c.		Eggs, ₩ doz.	14
Apples, green, ₩ bush.	62½	White Beans,	1 00 @ 1 25
" dried, "	1 25	**Hay.**	
Peaches, " ₩ lb,	14	Timothy, ₩ ton,	6@7
Raisins, ₩ box,	4 00	Clover, ₩ ton,	5 00
Almonds, soft shell ₩ lb	16½	**Lumber.**	
" hard "	12½	Poplar, ₩ 1000 ft.	$ @ 10 00
Chestnuts, ₩ bush.,	3 00	Hemlock,	6 @ 7 00
Fish.		Pine, clear scaled	14 @ 20 00
Dry Cod, ₩ lb	6	" common,	8 @ 10 00
Whitefish, ₩ barrel,	9 50	Ash,	9 @ 10 00
" half bbl,	5 00	Shingles,	1 75 @ 2 00
Mackerel, ₩ bar No. 1,	24 00	**Oils.**	
" " No 2,	14 00	Winter st Sperm ₩ gal	2 00
" " No 3,	11 00	Summer do	1 25
Grain.		Winter st Lard,	1 00
Wheat, winter, ₩ bus.	1 50	Tanners' Pure Banks	90
" spring, "	1 25	Linseed,	1 20
Buckwheat,	62½	**Seeds.**	
Rye,	75	Flax, ₩ bush.	1 12½
Corn,	80	Timothy,	2@3 00
Oats,	32	Clover,	7 50
Barley,	1 12	**Vegetables, &c.**	
Provisions.		Potatoes, new, ₩ bu	50@62
Pork, ₩ bar	$18 @ 20 00	Onions,	75
Hogs, ₩ cwt.	7 25	Turnips,	20
Beef, ₩ bar	14 00	Plaster, in bulk ₩ ton,	7 00
" Fresh ₩ cwt	4 @ 7 00	" barrels,	9 00
Mutton, ₩ lb	5 @ 6	**Wood.**	
Hams, ₩ lb	12½	Hard, ₩ cord,	2 50@3
Shoulders, ₩ lb	9½	Soft, "	2 00

New Mail Arrangements.

POST OFFICE, ERIE, PA
Aug 1, 1856

On and after this date, the Mails will close at this Office as follows:

Buffalo, Albany, and New York, at 11 A M, and 5 30 P M
Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Boston and Hartford at 5.30 P M.
Way Mail supplying all offices between Erie and Buffalo at 10 A M
N Y & Erie R R Mail supplying all offices between Dunkirk and New York City, at 5.30 P. M
Cincinnatti, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Louisville, Wheeling and Pittsburg, at 9 A. M.
Chicago and Dubuque, 12 M and 7 30 P M
Detroit, 12 M
Cleveland and Toledo, 9 A. M. and 7.30 P M.
Way Mail supplying all offices between Erie and Cleveland at 9 A M
Way Mail between Erie and Pittsburg, 7 A M
Waterford—Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 6 A M
McKean, Edinboro and Meadville, 12 M.
OFFICE HOURS—From 7 A. M till 8 P. M, except Sundays. Sundays, from 7 to 9 A M, and from 4 to 5 P M.

B F SLOAN, P M

☞ **Nothing like It.** Nothing like it, is the common remark of those that have used *the Balm of Gilead for Coughs, Colds etc etc. It acted like a charm.*

Letter from Mr. Sewell.

HARBORCREEK, ERIE CO, Pa., Aug 20, 1856.

MESSRS. CARTER & BROTHER

I have used your Balm of Gilead in cases of colds and cough, both for myself and children—feeling compelled by the condition of my health to have frequent recourse to medicines of that class—and can unhesitatingly say that I have never yet used any that gave such prompt and effectual relief I can use truthfully in regard to it the common expression, "It acted like a charm."

Yours truly, R. SEWELL.

☞ **JUST READ THIS.**—Messrs. Carter & Bro., your German Worm Candy is certainly the most effectual Worm Medicine that every I got hold of, and I have tried different kinds on my children and have also had the Doctors to prescribe for them, but none ever did up the business half so effectually as did your Candy I divided the contents of one box between two of my children and the result was that not less than Two Hundred animals of various sizes vacated the premises to the very great relief of both children and parents These are facts and therefore I recommend it as the most valuable worm remover that I ever tried—and you can publish this statement or not, just as you please S H ANDERSON

Cleveland, Dec 10, 1856

The Reader will observe that the Candy used in the above case was the *German Worm Candy* which is always of two kinds, Red and White—and is Prepared by no one but the Proprietors.

Erie, Dec 13, 1856 CARTER & BRO

☞ **A PERFUMED BREATH.**—WHAT lady or gentleman would remain under the curse of a disagreeable breath when by using the "BALM OF A THOUSAND FLOWERS" as a dentrifice would not only render it sweet but leave the teeth white as alabaster Mamma's do not know their breaths is bad, and the subject is so delicate their friends will never mention it. One single drop of "Balm on your tooth brush and wash the teeth night and morning Fifty cent bottle will last a year

A BEAUTIFUL COMPLEXION may easily be acquired by using the "BALM OF A THOUSAND FLOWERS." It will remove tan, pimples and freckles from the skin, leaving it of a soft and rosy hue. Wet a towel, pour on two or three drops, and wash the face night and morning

"HAVING MADE EASY.—Wet your shaving brush in either warm or cold water, pour on two or three drops of "BALM OF A THOUSAND FLOWERS," rub the beard well, and it will make a beautiful lather, thus facilitating the operation of shaving Price only fifty cents Beware of counterfeits None genuine unless signed by F. W. PETRIDGE & CO.

Oct 4th, 1856—tm Franklin Square New York

☞ **Important to Females—Dr. Cheeseman's Pills.** The combinations of ingredients in these Pills, is the result of a long and extensive practice, they are mild in their operation, and certain of restoring nature to its proper channel In every instance have the Pills proved successful The Pills remove those obstructions to which females are liable, and bring nature into its proper channel, whereby health is restored, and the pale and leaden countenance changed to a healthy one No female can be in good health unless she is regular, and whenever an obstruction takes place, whether from exposure, cold, or any other cause, the general health immediately begins to decline, and the whole system is thus laid the cause of so many complaints among the female Headache, pain in the side, palpitation of the heart, starting of long and disturbed sleep, dimness of sight, are from the interruption of nature and whenever that is the case, the Pills will invariably remedy all these evils. Are there less efficacious in the cure of Leucorrhea, commonly called the Whites These Pills should never be taken during pregnancy, as