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DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

FOR GOVERNOR, HON. WILLIAM F. PACKER OF LICOMING.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER, NIMROD STRICKLAND OF CHESTER.

Reassembling of the State Democratic Convention of 1897.

In pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania, the delegates to the State Convention of 1897 are requested to assemble at the Capital, at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of nominating candidates for Governor, Canal Commissioner, and other offices, and for the purpose of adopting a platform of policy for the coming year.

News of the Week.

A. P. Andrews of the Albany Railroad ticket office, relates the following incident which occurred on the cars the other day: "When about three miles west of Albany, a gentleman in the car near him suddenly became excited."

The Pontiac, Mich. Gazette states that a young lady of about 20, living about a mile from that village, attempted self destruction on Thursday night of last week by shooting herself with a pistol.

The employees on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad have struck in consequence of a circular issued from the office of the Master of Transportation on Monday last, to the effect that thereafter, each and every car, containing merchandise to be transported over the road, should be delivered into the charge of the conductors and not a receipt taken for the same.

The girls, to which disbanded men refer in their wild and frequently impudent remarks, are the young women who are employed in the textile mills of the West. The young women in the West are becoming more and more independent of the men.

The Duvalle, Iowa says that a post mortem examination of Mr. Montgomery, the member of Congress lately deceased, which was conducted by a local physician, showed that the entire destruction of the membrane, both at the cardiac and pyloric orifices, with general loss of tone, and disorganization of the muscular and abdominal vessels, was the cause of his death.

The Reading Gazette, of the 23d, says that throughout Berks and the adjoining counties, the spring crops begin to assume a fine and vigorous appearance.

The American tarman, Tom Brock, formerly of Albany, attacked the people of Florence, Italy, by driving eight horses, two abreast, attached to a light vehicle, up and down the slippery streets.

The late Democratic State Convention of Tennessee passed a resolution inviting ex-President Pierce to visit that State and partake of its hospitality.

A young lady in Brooklyn, N. Y., has recently had her leg amputated midway between the hip and knee in consequence of a wound caused by a broken hoop.

Benjamin Tappan died at Steubenville, Ohio, on Sunday last at the age of eighty-five years.

The Governor has appointed Henry C. Hittok, Esq., as Superintendent of Common Schools for three years from the first day of June next.

The Hanoverville, Tex. Recorder announces that Gen. Houston will support Mr. Bickers' administration, as long as the latter adheres to the principles of his inaugural address.

Poisoned or not Poisoned.

We have never been inclined to accept the theory, so generally urged by some of the papers, that the sickness and death of so many of the guests of the "National Hotel" in Washington during the inauguration ceremonies was the result of poison; but there are some facts mentioned in an article in a late number of "The States" newspaper, that, if it is not entirely due to the presence of poison as the exciting cause of that fatal disease, seem to lead to the conclusion that a great epidemic that called for investigation. It will be recalled by our readers that the Board of Health of Washington investigated the matter, and reported that the sickness was caused by defective sewerage—that, from that defect, the hotel became the focus and outlet of all the poisonous gases generated in sewers of the city, and thus the pestilential atmosphere that had been prevailing, spreading a disease that in many cases led to death.

The article we refer to, most positively repudiates it, saying "defective sewerage must produce general ill health, but it does not cause the sickness of the 'National Hotel'." Physicians tell us, that in all cases of malarial affections in all places in which the patient suffers from a malarial fever, a change of place is usually required to remove the effects.

It continues, in another paragraph, "that has fallen under our observation goes to prove that the sickness resulted from drinking the water of the hotel, from entering at its table. The waiter at the latter, entrance declared that, having been on duty for many hours without food, he went into the kitchen and took a small plate of soup, and that he was shortly afterwards attacked with violent pains and paroxysms, which confined him to his bed for days."

Upon the other hand, while we acknowledge the facts and circumstances stated above, we would not neglect to mention that the cause of the outbreak was not the water of the hotel, but the water of the city. It is a well known fact that the water of the city is not pure, and that it is the cause of many diseases.

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KANSAS AGAIN.

In another part of today's paper that of the "Office of Kansas" and we believe every body may be pleased that we find the address of Hon. F. P. STROTHER, the Secretary, and, until Mr. WATKINS arrives, the Acting Governor. We publish this paper as a part of the history of the times, and as a record of the progress of the country, and as a record of the progress of the country, and as a record of the progress of the country.

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More Effects of Dred Scott.

The charter election in Philadelphia city on Tuesday, resulted in a complete Democratic triumph. The vote, with the exception of one ward, not reported, was as follows:

It will be seen by this that Dred Scott, with the help of Kansas, Kalkok & Co., have worked wonders in the Quaker City.

PASSED THE HOUSE.—The bill, setting apart three millions of the bonds taken in payment for the sale of the Maine Line as security for the same amount of the bonds to be issued by the Sunbury and Erie road, to enable that company to complete the middle division of their road, has passed the House finally by a vote of 49 to 43.

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A young man named Knox, a printer, has been troubled with a bad headache. An uncle who had never seen him the other day and left him \$7,000. Mr. Knox has no other sympathy.

Wood's Sore of the throat, in the original manuscript, is said to be in the possession of a gentleman in N. York, who has the only copy to purchase "for a song," as it were, the material for a "Shirt" is at the Golden Bee Hive of Tibbals, Hays & Co.

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Directly opposite Metropolitan.

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Furnishing Goods.

TAILORS' TRIMMING.

Custom Department.

Is under the Supervision.

Formerly of Erie.

F. D. WISNER.

GAS PETITIONS.

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SHANNON BROTHERS.

TEA.

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