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DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

FOR GOVERNOR,

HON. WILLIAM F. PACKER,

OF LYCOMING.

FOR CANAL COMMISIONER,

NIMROD STRICKLAND,

OF CHESTER.

Reassembling of the State Democratic Convention of 1857.

In pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania, the Delegates to the State Convention of March 2d, 1857, are requested to assemble at the Capitol, at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 1857, at 10 o'clock A M., for the purpose of nominating Candidates to complete the State Ticket, and transacting all other business pertaining to the original authority of the Convention

CHARLES R. BUCKALEW, Chairman

J. N. HUTCHINSON, R. J. HALDEMAN, } Secretaries.

News of the Week.

—The famine in Northern Michigan continues to be a topic of painful interest. A letter from Lansing in the Detroit *Advertiser* gives the result of the visit of the Lansing committee of investigation The reported cases of starvation in Gratiot county are not substantiated, but the destitution is more wide spread than was generally supposed. There are very many families who had obtained a supply of provisions sufficient to have served them until after harvest, but all such, from week to week, and day to day, have been dividing with their less fortunate neighbors, until it is doubted whether there is now a family in the county with two week's provision on hand. Many families are entirely destitute, with possibly the single exception of maple sugar. It is believed there are nearly or quite 500 families who will require assistance, and that no less than 2,000 barrels of flour, or its equivalent in provisions, will be sufficient to supply their actual necessities until harvest. This is for the county of Gratiot alone. Isabella and Montcalm need assistance also. The former, especially is believed to be quite as destitute as Gratiot.

—A boy about fourteen years of age, named George S. Parker, was arrested near Doylestown a few days ago, on the charge of stealing a horse from Mr. Samuel Johnston, in Warwick township, Bucks county. The Doylestown *Democrat* says. "On Thursday last we went to the jail to see the unfortunate youth, and found him to be quiet a nubbin of a boy, very poorly and thinly clad, and apparently about fourteen years old. He stated that he took the horse to sell, and that four men living on the York road near Hartsville, told him to do so, and they agreed to meet him that afternoon at a certain place near the Alms House, which they did not do. He also informed us that he was born near Wilmington, Delaware his father and mother died within a week or two of each other, about five years ago; his brothers and sisters are all lead, and he has no relations living that he knows of He has evidently never received any parental care or education, and his situation cannot fail to excite the sympathy of all."

—From a letter from Gov. Broome, of Florida, to Col Houston, bearing date at Washington City, May 6th, it appears that hostilities against the Seminole Indians are to be prosecuted with unabated vigor, under the command of Col. Loomis. The exigencies of the government, it seems, require the presence of Gen. Harney upon another field, but the policy inaugurated by him is to be carried out. The Governor had an interview with both the Secretary of War and Gen. Scott, and received assurances from them that the war will be prosecuted with the utmost vigor, and that no suspension of hostilities was contemplated — He also expresses the belief that Gen. Harney will return to Florida, if necessary, after he shall have "tranquilized" Kansas, where he has been ordered, and in the meantime he promises to urge upon the War Department the necessity of increasing the force in Florida

—Mr. H H McLean, of New Orleans, whose wife was deluded into going to Utah with a party of Mormons, taking with her her children, has recovered the children in the Cherokee country. His wife is in the hands of the U S. Marshal, and the Mormon rascal, named Pratt, who induced her to desert her husband, has also been arrested and brought to Van Buren, (Ark.) Mr. McLean was in California when his wife ran off. He says —I arrested Pratt and E. J. on a charge of larceny, in stealing the clothing on the children when kidnapped—in value $8 or $10. This is the only way I could reach them in these Territories. When I fall before the U. S. Commissioner at Van Buren. I mean to have Pratt arrested, for having fled from justice from St. Louis, Mo., and get a requisition from the Governor of Missouri for him." Energetic

—It is represented in our Southern exchanges that in Tennessee, and other Southern States, the wheat crop is in a very flourishing condition, and will be twenty five per cent. larger than the great yield of last year. The present crop will be ready for harvesting in about a month, and in a month more some of it may be in the hands of the merchants. Notwithstanding the croaking, the crop of the United States, it is said, will be a good one this year. There is a large breadth of land sown with wheat, and even if a part of it is winter-killed, and still more is damaged by the backward spring and other causes, there will still be left a yield above the average of past years.

—The New York *Times* makes the formal announcement that it will hereafter be an independent, not a party paper, thus withdrawing the powerful influence which it has hitherto exerted for party, from the Republicans. Probably, no paper in this country is conducted so closely with an "eye to the main chance," or whose Editor has so strong a scent for majorities; hence the withdrawal of the *Times* from the support of Republicanism has peculiar significance.

—"An Irish gentleman," with an estate of £70,000 per annum, has been figuring in New York. He was upon the point of marrying a rich widow, when he gave a dinner, at ten dollars per plate, to a party of friends. The clerk of the hotel thinking he smelt a rat sent in his bill, and insisted on payment. The swell could not pay, and is now in jail on a charge of false pretences. All his estate and its magnificent income are invested "in a horn."

—They have no Mayor in the city of Providence, R. I., and they do not seem likely to have one soon. Two elections have been held, but there was no choice on either occasion, there being three candidates in the field, and no one having a majority. On the second trial, on Friday last, the Republicans polled 1678 votes, the Democrats 1083, the bolting Americans and Republicans 682, and Scattering 120. Another election has been ordered for today.

—Anson D. Williams, of Mercer county, came to his death on Monday last under painful circumstances. He descended into his well for the purpose of cleaning it out, and while engaged in bailing up the water, took a fit and fell into the water, which was of considerable depth. He was almost immediately afterwards discovered, and rescued as soon as possible. He was alive, but died within two hours.

—Dr. Biegler, of Buffalo, New York, has, after a long and exciting trial, been convicted of manslaughter, in causing the death of his mistress, Amelia Mair, by producing an abortion. The offence was committed nearly a year ago. The penalty is imprisonment for not less than four or more than seven years, and Judge Clinton on Monday sentenced him to the full extent—seven years.

—Rev. Benjamin N. McPhail, Pastor of the Presbyterian Churches, at Snow Hill, Newton and Pitts' Landing, in Worcester county, Maryland, committed suicide about 9 o'clock on Saturday night, by jumping into the Bay from the hurricane deck of the steamer Wilson Small. His health has been bad and his mind impaired for some time. He leaves a wife and five children at Norfolk.

—Last week a man who has been for a long time a resident of the south-eastern portion of Berks county, left his wife, children, grand-children, farm and debts behind, and fled for parts unknown, in company with a *lady* (?) much younger than himself. The affair has caused considerable gossip, particularly among his creditors.

—Under the head of "Spiritualism and Seduction," the Chicago papers publish an account of a spiritual medium of the female sex, foully murdered by another medium, her paramour, in attempting to destroy evidence of the mutual guilt of the parties. The case is one most horrible and revolting in its shameful details.

—The Boston *Post* says Edmund Pixley, of Great Barrington, was killed last week while following his plough. The plough struck a stone, and the handle hit him so violently in the abdomen that he died after suffering intense pain for several days.

—During a recent exhibition of Van Amburgh's menagerie in Wayne county, Indiana, the lion attacked the cougar, and tore the beautiful animal to pieces. The lion tamer entered the den with an iron cage-cleaner, and very soon brought the king of beast to terms.

—The Alton *Courier* warns the public against the eating, as greens, the tops of the pie plant or rhubarb. Within the last few days a number of instances have occurred, in which their use has severely poisoned those who ate of them. The symptoms were violent purging and vomiting.

—Brigham Young, in a recent sermon to the Mormons, told them it was more "important to raise saints than to raise crops." At the present time, Brigham seems more intent on "raising the devil," than anything else.

"POLITICAL REFORM."

The *Commercial* of this week has a chapter on "political reform" that is decidedly good, considering the party affinities of the paper, and its field of action. We pass over that part of the chapter devoted to general "reform," and dip at once into the "cream of the joke" After stating that the Republican party has made happy selections in its nomination of State officers, this "political reformer" thus sums up what ought to to be done *locally* in the same line

"* * * But there is yet a great work to be accomplished. Before we can successfully begin political reformation and complete the overthrow of Locofocoism, we will be compelled to kick overboard a lot of hungry, mischievious, noisy and dishonest politicians who are working with all their power to make the party subservient to their own selfish purposes. Fresh from the old schools of political trickery and chicanery, these camp followers are endeavoring to appropriate the new party to themselves, and mould and shape it so as best to advance their schemes. They should be repelled with scorn and the party should not only devote its energies to the advancement of freedom, but select new and honest men to represent it—men fresh from the ranks who will honestly labor to promote the welfare of the country, and elevate the standard of political morality—men who prefer the common good to the advancement of pet schemes—who have a higher and more worthy object in view than the obtaining of public plunder to distribute among themselves and their favorites. Especially should the Republicans be careful in the selection of men for Assembly. Our county should choose representatives who will not pledge themselves in favor of the policy or plans of any corporation—who have some better motive than the persecution of one corporation, or the plundering of the State Treasury for another—who have more honesty and manhood than to vote in favor of an act to legalize swindling bank officers We ought to have representatives with enough of honest independance to repel a bribe and scout the lobby borer of a corporation from their presence Unless the party is prudent in the choice of its representatives, and careful to *select men*, of firm integrity, it will ere long be in as bad repute as its enemies, and no amount of earnest professions of devotion to Liberty and Humanity will save it from ruin. The energetic Republicans of the county should take this subject into consideration, and promptly devise means to give old party hacks the cold shoulder and elevate to offices of profit and honor none but the truly meritorious"

Of course the whole drift of the above has a practical habitation and a name," which no one at all conversant with the State of facts, can fail to understand—and hence it is that the advice given to the faithful that, in order to purify the political atmosphere of Erie county, they will be compelled to "kick overboard a lot of hungry mischievous, noisy and dishonest politicians," is decidedly the best joke of the season Why, our "reformer" never read of the fox and the flies, and do you suppose that when you get clear of the present swarm of hungry polit cians that their successors will be any less hungry from their long fast! No, indeed! "Political reform" is an excellent idea, and we know of no place where it is so much needed as here, but what chance of "political reformation" is there in "kicking overboard" one set of hungry black republicans, and inaugurating a set more ravenous still in their stead To fully appreciate the absurdity of such a "reform" as this, we have but to look at the culprits and antecedents of the hungry outs We need not name them personally The people of Erie county know them well—know the same men who, at last, left the Democratic party for the sake of a pretender, and will ask where they now are—why they are there, and what their wants in this respect must be supposed. They are in truth and in fact "camp followers," and will either "mould and shape" their new nest "so as best to advance their schemes," or they will defeat it But, as the boy said, "that is none of our funeral," and we only allude to this to show how utterly absurd it is for the *Commercial* to preach about "political reform" as long as a majority of the people of Erie county will persist in allowing to their present political organization Their present party leaders are corrupt, according to the *Commercial's* own but given above, while a more ravenous set, with mouth a gape, like a parcel of young black birds, stand ready to snap up the expected morsel, if the old birds should be so unfortunate as to drop it in their endeavors to save themselves from being "thrown overboard." Truly, "political reform" is in a bad way in Erie county

ANOTHER HORRIBLE MURDER

Another of those mysterious murders which every anon shock the public mind, came to light in the city on Wednesday by the finding of the body of an unknown man in the water near the foot of State Street Upon examination it appeared that his scull had been fractured by a blow from a stone or club on the left side of the head. His hands were tied together behind his back with a dark colored silk pocket handkerchief, both ends of which were tied in a hard knot around each wrist A cotton handkerchief was around the neck in the shape of a drawn loop, to the loose end of which was attached a piece of lime stone, supposed to weigh about ten pounds. He appeared to be a man about 30 or 35 years of age—well dressed—height 5 feet 6 or 7 inches, weight about 165 pounds, stout, black hair, heavy brown whiskers, cut pretty short. The two centre teeth, in the upper jaw, out—had the appearance of being out for some years, large scar over the right eye which appeared to have existed for some years His dress consisted of dark plaid pants, with a narrow stripe, calico shirt, with small lilac figure, figured satin vest, dark drab frock coat, with outside hip pockets, cloth of heavy material, and short skirts; calf skin boots. In his pocket a small sheep skin pocket book with red morocco lining, in which was a five dollar bill on Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Tennessee Had also a small tooth brush, small key and pocket looking glass in his pockets

From appearances, it is supposed the body has been in the water some two or three weeks. No one to his identity, or as to when or where the murder was perpetrated, other than that given, has come to light. We hear, however, that two or three weeks since the seamen on the U. S. Steamer Michigan, lying opposite where the body was found, heard one night the cry of murder on the dock—that the boat was lowered and a party came ashore, but when they arrived all was still. Supposing it was some of the rowdies that infest the city, and occasionally make night hideous, nothing more was thought of the circumstance until the body of this murdered man was found'

HOW THEIR TUNE HAS CHANGED.

It is rather amusing than otherwise, to note the wonderful change which has come over the Republican press since last Fall. Then, from the New York *Tribune* down to the most obscure country "shrieker" the tune sung was that Kansas would certainly be doomed to slavery if Buchanan was elected President. Now, from the same high source down, the very contrary is the pitch of their key note—thus showing conclusively that all their fears then were assumed for the occasion. True, it is evident now, as it was then, that our political opponents desire Kansas to come in as a Slave State, for well they know that her admission as a free State would irretrievably damage, if not totally destroy their party. Hence, while they reluctantly admit the fact, they still continue to croak, in order to cover their retreat. This course of the "freedom-shriekers" is strongly reprobated by the *Herald of Freedom*, the leading organ of the free State men in Kansas.—That paper charges, what we have heretofore charged, that the journals of nigger-worship desire Kansas to be a slave State. These journals have predicted, from the organization of the Territory, that slavery would be established therein, and they are very unwilling that their prophecies shall prove erroneous. Here is what the *Herald of Freedom* says:

"THE CROAKING POLICY.—Eastern journals continue to predict that Kansas will be a slave State, evidently with the intention of preventing emigration to the Territory and making it a slave State. If Kansas is not a slave State it will not be the fault of demagogues throughout the North, who, we honestly believe, desire it to be made such that their predictions may be verified. We say again and again that Kansas can never be a slave State. Nineteen-twentieths of the population of the Territory, at the present rate of increase from the North, are, or soon will be, in favor of freedom, and will never consent to be enslaved. It is an outrage upon the people of Kansas, those who have borne the fight in person in the past, to be thus misrepresented in the East, and through political journals.—Travel over the entire length and breadth of Kansas, and it is almost impossible to find a man of either party so lost to truth as to express a doubt as to the ultimate result.

"Let our friends in the States, instead of desponding, send us words of cheer and hope. A cause was never benefited by laboring continually to discourage and dishearten its advocates. Partisans may hope to gain position by pursuing the course they do, but their triumph will be short-lived. We are disgusted, almost angered, at the croaking policy of some of our exchanges, and wish they would clip our acquaintance."

For the Erie Observer.

ERIE CITY BANK.

ERIE, PA. May 28, 1857.

MR. EDITOR.—There appears to be some misunderstanding in the public mind as to the object of the late act of the *Legislature* in relation to the Erie City Bank. It is merely to prevent any ill-disposed persons, if any such there be, from instituting proceedings against the Bank after successful efforts has been made to resume payment, as it was the opinion of some that even if the Bank should resume, the charter might still be forfeited for its previous inability to pay.

Many persons owing the Bank, refuse to pay up until the Bank resumes payments. To collect those debts by suit will require a long time; it therefore becomes highly important to resume rather than make an assignment and to do this I am exerting my utmost efforts.

I understand it is stated by the *Constitution* of yesterday that I had refused an offer for the charter of the Bank. I think the Editor must have been misinformed. I have never received any such offer.

Yours Respectfully,

JOSEPH G. LAWTON, Cashier.

THE NEW APPORTIONMENT.

The following is an abstract of the bill to apportion the State into Senatorial and Representative Districts, as it finally passed the Legislature. Politically speaking, it is considered a fair bill for the Democrats. Presuming that the several Districts will vote as they did at the last general election, it will give our party the Senate by one majority and fifty three members of the House, leaving four doubtful

SENATORIAL DISTRICTS.

The city of Philadelphia,	4
Chester and Delaware,	1
Montgomery,	1
Bucks,	1
Lehigh and Northampton,	1
Berks,	1
Schuylkill,	1
Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne,	1
Bradford, Susquehanna, Sullivan and Wyoming,	1
Luzerne,	1
Tioga, Potter, M'Kean and Warren,	1
Clinton, Lycoming, Centre and Union,	1
Snyder, Northumberland, Montour & Columbia,	1
Cumberland, Perry, Juniata and Mifflin,	1
Dauphin and Lebanon,	1
Lancaster,	2
York,	1
Adams, Franklin and Fulton,	1
Somerset, Bedford and Huntingdon,	1
Blair, Cambria and Clearfield,	1
Indiana and Armstrong,	1
Westmoreland and Fayette,	1
Washington and Greene,	1
Allegheny,	2
Beaver and Butler,	1
Lawrence, Mercer and Venango,	1
Erie and Crawford,	1
Clarion, Jefferson, Forest and Elk,	1
Whole number of Senators,	33

REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS.

Philadelphia city,	17
Delaware county,	1
Chester	3
Montgomery,	3
Bucks,	2
Northampton,	2
Lehigh and Carbon,	2
Monroe and Pike,	1
Wayne,	1
Luzerne,	3
Susquehanna,	1
Bradford,	2
Wyoming, Sullivan, Columbia and Montour,	2
Lycoming and Clinton,	1
Centre	1
Mifflin	1
Union, Snyder and Juniata	2
Northumberland,	2
Schuylkill,	3
Dauphin,	2
Lebanon,	1
Berks,	4
Lancaster,	2
York,	2
Cumberland and Perry,	2
Adams,	1
Franklin and Fulton,	2
Bedford and Somerset,	2
Huntingdon,	1
Blair,	1
Cambria,	1
Indiana,	1
Armstrong and Westmoreland,	3
Fayette,	1
Greene,	1
Washington,	2
Allegheny,	5
Beaver and Lawrence,	2
Butler,	1
Mercer, and Venango,	2
Clarion and Forest,	1
Jefferson, Clearfield, Elk and M'Kean,	1
Crawford and Warren,	2
Erie,	2
Potter and Tioga,	1
Whole number of members,	100

The Senators are apportioned in the ratio of one to every 17,011 taxables, and the Representatives in the ratio of one to every 5 976 taxables. Under this distribution, the 6 Democratic counties of Berks, Bucks, York and Westmoreland, and the opposition county of Lancaster, each lose a Representative, while the city of Philadelphia gains two, and the counties of Schuylkill and Luzerne each one.

COLD COMFORT, VERY.

In accounting for the defeat of the three million bill, the *Gazette* places the whole blame upon the shoulders of Gov POLLOCK. It says it was "Gov. POLLOCK'S agency, merely, that produced the unfortunate result—that without that agency the bill could not have been defeated. * * The Governor actually interfered to prevent the incorporation of the Sunbury appropriation into the Main Line bill, and to effect this end, promised to approve the former if passed in a seperate and distinct form. Under this promise it passed the House and went to the Senate, with a seeming certainty of its adoption by that body. The Main Line bill disposed of, the Sunbury began to be talked about, and then, from causes sufficiently tangible we suppose, doubts arose respecting the Executive action in that behalf. A number of Senators—personal and political friends of the Governor—who stood committed for the bill expressed an unwillingness to support it under the pressure of those doubts, and desired that a committee might be sent to the Governor to ascertain if possible the effects of the case Such a committee was sent, and soon returned, reporting a *change* in his Excellency's views upon the subject—that he regarded it in a hostile light, and had determined it should never become a law *if he could prevent it*" In view of the fact that this same *Gazette* pledged Gov. Pollock to the people of Erie county as "all right" upon every thing pertaining to our railroad interests, this cool announcement is a little the coolest piece of cold comfort we think we have ever seen. Our city and county both, in their corporate capacity, have a large pecuniary interest in this road—the people of the county, too, are privately interested to a very large amount—more, we fear than they can ever pay without embarrassment—and much of this private and corporate investment has been urged on by the delusive promises heretofore held out by our cotemporary, that "Pollock was all right on Erie matters," when it was apparent to every person not blinded by party, that Pollock was all wrong—and was only using the Sunbury and Erie men to help the Central Railroad steal the Main Line.

The Lockport N. Y. *Journal*, of Saturday, says: A man named Edward Darner, a night watch on the Railroad at the Lockport Junction, was cruelly murdered on Thursday night. He was on duty walking on the track, when he was attacked by some unknown person or persons, who knocked him down, dragged him into a ditch, and completed their work by kicking and pounding him in that situation. He survived until last evening, when he expired from his wounds.

The Springfield *Republican* says that the amount of money lavished upon profligate females in that city, is more than it costs to sustain all their churches—a fact from a black Republican paper concerning a black Republican city, which we desire to call to the special attention of the Jamestown *Democrat* man.

The Crawford *Democrat* says that on Thursday the 21st inst., a child ten months old, of Johnathan Hammond, near Blooming Valley, in that county, was dangerously scalded, by a tea-kettle falling from the stove on to its head, pouring the boiling water all over it. It died in a short time

The Democrats of Crawford held a meeting in Meadville last week, at which Hon, G. Church was "earnestly recommended as one of the candidates for Judge of the Supreme Court." Next to Judge Thompson, of our own County, we are free to say we prefer Judge Church to any man named.

The Schenectady *Reflector* says that a man has been picked up at Amsterdam a raving maniac—made so from having, unfortunately for him, made a thousand dollars in one day's speculation.

It is stated that about twelve thousand people of color left the United States for Africa during the last year. More than half of them were emancipated for the purpose.

Thos. D'Arcy McGee has relinquished his paper the *American Celt*, and has proceeded to Montreal to establish a new tri-weekly newspaper, to be called the *New Era*.

HAIR RESTORATIVE.—Every one will, we think, agree with us in the opinion that the human hair is the greatest natural ornament that is possessed either by a gentleman or a lady. Just meet an apparently good looking man, for instance in the street; you admire his features, whiskers, and general bearing; but lo! he lifts his hat in recognition of your bow, and the charm has vanished, for Ichabod is written on his bald head, and the glory has departed with the flowing locks that once flourished luxuriantly there. In the case of a lady, the matter is, if possible, worse—such cases reminding one of the circumstance on which the following epigram is founded:

"O! give me, fair Emma, a lock of your hair,"
A beautiful young lover took courage and sighed:
"Twas a sin to refuse such a modest request—
No take FER WHEELS WAY," the dear creature replied.

Now, to prevent such a catastrophe, is within the power of every lady and gentleman; for by using Prof Wood's Hair restorative, hair is not only prevented from falling off or turning gray, but the article will restore hair to bald places; and even if it has changed color and become gray, it will bring it back to its pristine beauty and luxuriance. Those who are acquainted with the anatomy, phisiology, and pathology of the hair, must be well aware that certain substances have a specific action upon it; and it is by a judicious combination of those that Prof. Wood has succeeded in compounding a mixture possessed of remarkable virtues.—*Waverly Magazine and Literary Gazette.*

Sold in Erie by all Druggists.

NEW YORK.

Correspondence of the Erie Observer.]

Weather, Business and Commercial Agencies—Slavers—Libel Suit—When will New York be finished—Crimes—The New Police Bill—Death of an Editor—Spiritualism—Hydrophobia—Items, &c., &c.,

NEW YORK, May 28, 1857.

This is the first cheerful day for a week. Till to-day we have had clouds overhead, rains under feet, and between both, an atmosphere of which "watery vapor" formed far more than the proper proportion. Under the influence of such weather the wheels of our multitudinous life have moved slowly, or grown rusty for want of motion. Down town there was desolation; the lords of the great warehouses tarried late over their savory breakfasts, leaving sub clerks and porters to attend to any chance customers whose wants should drive them abroad in spite of wind and rain which laughed umbrellas to scorn. The spring trade in dry goods is closing very unsatisfactorily. We have had high prices for raw silk, wool, cotton and flax, while the demand for fabrics has been unreasonably limited, owing to the unfavorable aspect of spring weather and the tightness in the Western money market. There has been considerable discussion this week as regards the propriety of publishing the failures in the business community. This is far less objectionable than the system of espionage which the three "commercial agencies" of this city have established throughout the country. Their reports must naturally be influenced to a great extent by the connections or prejudices of the agents through whom they obtain information as regards the standing and prospects of thousands of small firms scattered all over the country. Most of our merchants subscribe to all three of the agencies and compare all the reports before deciding on the character of a customer. They frequently differ very materially in their statements. The bulk of the reports however, are rather in the non committal style of the Delphia oracle, and wil bear a double construction.—The chief advantage obtained from these agencies is in the early forwarding of actual failures, which often prevents heavy losses to our merchants.

There are still some slavers fitting out from this port which continue to elude all the vigilance of Marshal Rynders. We have encountered parties purchasing goods for the African market, who were understood to be connected with operations of this kind. They have invested largely in the printed cottons of New England, but as they pay cash and do not ask sellers to take out their bills, "in the way of trade," there is no disposition to interfere with their movements. Part of the goods thus sold, however, have already found their way into the capacious pocket of Uncle Sam.

Gotham must always have something to make a noise about. Of this character is a somewhat famous libel suit now progressing in the Supreme Court. The parties are a member of a well-known silk house, Mr. Bowen, of Bowen, & M'Namee, and a former clerk in the establishment named Fowler. The case has been tried once before.—Plaintiff charges that defendant—his former employer—discharged him, and represented to other parties that he was dishonest. This allegation plaintiff proposes to disprove; also to show that Bowen's enmity to him grows out of a knowledge that he had of defendant's having sold gloves under false trade marks. The awful disclosures about those "trade marks" make a great noise.

Will New York ever be finished, is a question one involuntary asks, as he sees building after building torn down to make room for more substantial and costlier edifices. We have no doubt that fifty or more large buildings upon Broadway, well built and in excellent condition, have been levelled during the past ten days for this purpose. It is estimated that over six millions of dollars will be expended in this city during the present season in prominent improvements of real estate, throwing out of view the numerous new buildings of small pretensions.

We can't of course, be expected to chronicle all the crime and its consequences which is committed in New York—still an occasional item of this character cannot fail to prove good seasoning to our weekly epistles. The negro Dorsay, convicted of the murder of the frail Ann Hopkins, has been sentenced to death by hanging on Friday, the 17th of July next. Judge Russell, in his address to the prisoner, before pronouncing sentence, was much affected by emotion; but the convict heard it all with the most stolid indifference. He is evidently but little elevated above the brute creation, so far as mental qualities are concerned. Upon entering the outer door of the Tombs, whence, in all human probability, he will never depart alive, he exclaimed, "three cheers for the Kingdom of Heaven! I am going to die! I am going to God!" Joseph Jackson, convicted of a felonious assault—several times repeated in the course of a few hours—upon the person of a not over bright Irish girl, named Catharine Sullivan, at Sheepshead Bay, in August last, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. The prisoner has a family dependent upon him for support; and his wife, who has been present with him in court day after day during the trial, heard the sentence with distracted shrieks, clinging to her husband with a grasp which the officers found it difficult to break.

The Supreme Court to-day have given a decision in favor of the constitutionality of the new Police Bill—but it does not amount to much—when it is understood that of the three Judges on the Bench, two of them, Mitchell and Peabody are red hot Republicans and understood to have been so committed to the plans and policy of the Regency that no other decision could have been anticipated. A dissenting opinion has been submitted by Judge Roosevelt, who is a Democrat in politics, but an "upright Judge," whose judicial opinions are not likely to be warped by mere party considerations. The next step will be, to carry the question up to the Court of Appeals, in which case a decision may be looked for early next month. That it will be in favor of the City, and the Rights of the People, there is but little reason to doubt. The decision to-day was upon the application for a *quo warranto* by the Attorney General against the Albany Board. The judgment of the special term, dismissing that *quo warranto*, is affirmed, with costs to be defrayed by the relator, Mayor Wood.

Patrick Lynch, editor and proprietor of the Irish American, died Saturday morning of brain fever. He had been ill several days, but his demise was not expected until shortly before it occurred. He was a native of Limerick city, Ireland—a talented, candid, and honorable man. He had been connected with the press in this country for eleven years; and was aged about 45.

For the last three days that most absurd of all isms—Spiritualism—has been holding a Convention at Mechanic's Hall, but the proceedings do not excite much attention. The attendance to day was quite sparse. The speeches and essays were ineffably stupid, and the proceedings as a whole, are not even ridiculous enough to be interesting. Quite a number of strong minded females participate in the "deliberations." None of them are very young.

A very melancholy case of hydrophobia occurred in this city the other day, and as the case is a little peculiar, we itemise it for the benefit of your readers. The victim was the coachman of Ex-Alderman Alvord. It is said that the deceased, although several months have elapsed since he was bitten, never exhibited any symptoms of hydrophobia until he learned that Mr. Beach, a relative of Mrs. Alvord, had been bitten by his own dog, supposed to be mad, when he was seized with paroxysms of such severity that he had to be chained down to his bed until death released him from his terrible suffering.

The reward of $5,000 offered by the *Daily Times* for information in regard to the Burdell murder, is understood to have developed already some important facts which may lead to the arrest of parties who have not, hitherto, been directly implicated. We are in a peck of troubles just now with our municipal and State authorities, of which you have already received details. The police, however, are the only parties deeply interested. Who shall decide when doctors disagree? Early vegetables are now in market, but at very high prices. Rhubarb and asparagus are the only green things within the reach of slim pockets. ERIE.

—Hackett, the comedian, has recently purchased a 1200 acre farm in Clinton county, Illinois, and will hereafter be simple "Farmer Hackett." The farm is said to be one of the handsomest places in the Western States.

—A bride fell dead at midnight, amid the rejoicings of the bridal party that had a few hours before witnessed the marriage ceremony, at Cleveland, Miss., on the evening of the 5th inst. She was a Miss Mary Roberts, and had just been married to Mr. W. McKee, Principal of the Georgetown Academy.

QUITE A LITTLE ROMANCE.—Several months since the highly educated daughter of a wealthy Connecticut gentleman, slipped quietly down to Brooklyn, and was privately married to a loving and very worthy ship carpenter living in the same town with herself. They kept the marriage a dead secret from the old folks, to prevent a household "row," and the husband frequently called on his bride until ordered off by the parents, as an unacceptable lover. Soon after the parents observed a change in their daughter, and subsequent investigations caused the old man to visit the shipwright and demand his marriage to the young woman, in order to save the family from disgrace, and after a flat refusal at first, and a subsequent acquiescence on condition that $12,000 were placed in the bank to his (the young man's account,) the old marriage certificate was produced, and the loving couple are now enjoying their regular honeymoon, with the full consent of all concerned.

Pen and Scissor Items.

Cards at $2 per 1000, and other Job Work in proportion, can be done at this office

Blake has come out with a new sign—done up in Chevalier's best style—and rich as gold leaf can make it.

The mail from Terre Haute to Chicago, was robbed last week near Matoon It was supposed to have contained a large amount of money

The Elmira *Gazette* notices the passage through that place on Saturday of over six hundred Mormons bound for Utah.

Flanigan, of the Daily *News*, has sued Fletcher, of the Daily *Sun*, for libel. Editors in Philadelphia, it appears from this, are as great a set of fools as some of their country brethren.

Hon. A. P. Butler, U S Senator from South Carolina, is dead Col. B. was one the ablest, among the able men of that body It will be difficulty to supply his place

Senator BIGLER was in Pittsburg on Monday, on his way to the Western States, on a tour of observation. He purposed visiting Kansas and Nebraska, returning via the Lake Superior mining regions.

Col. Forney was tendered the appointment of Consul at Liverpool formally, and has within a few days declined it. This position has always been considered a pet and personal appointment of the President

Hon James Bell, U S Senator from New York Hampshire, died one day this week. In politics, Mr B was a republican, and a very excellent man. His term would have expired March 3, 1861

Those interested will do well to look at the advertisement in another column of "Grindle's Magic Compound"—a medicine that is said to have the greatest sale of any known remedy in the world for pulmonary complaints.

The issue of the new cent was commenced at the Philadelphia mint on Monday, but the demand was so great that the Director found himself unable to supply the numerous demands, and will receive no new applications for several days

The genial weather of the last ten days has brought out the blossoms on the trees and the ladies on the streets—one indicating a bountifull yield of fruit, and the other that milliners are well patronized in Erie, and that times is'nt so very hard after all.

At an auction in Albany the other day, a "barrel with contents" was put up for sale, Mr. Sold smelt at the bung hole; concluded barrel was full of whiskey; bid and paid $2 for it; took it home, and found it was rain water he had bought. He sues for restitution

The *Gazette* has at last heard from Iowa It devotes nearly half a column in explanation of the why and the wherefore of the sound thrashing Black Republicanism received in that state Good---a reluctant "acknowledgment of the corn" is better than none

The N. Y. *Evening Post* says there is a man in that city who has not partaken of any food for eleven days, and intends to live without food for the future He has been recently married, and himself and wife are spiritualists. He sits at the table and takes hold of her hands, while she does the eating

A merchant on Main street, Lockport, N. Y banteringly made an offer to a young lady of $10 if she would wear one of his posters, in flaming capitals, publishing his business, in place of a shawl, on her way home. She took him up, to his astonishment, performed the act, claimed and got the money. Sharp girl, that!

The Madison (Wisconsin) *Argus* says: There is an older citizen than Peter Nassau of Pomfret, Vt., in Wisconsin He is called "Old Crele," and was born in Montreal 130 years ago. His memory is distinct for a period of 117 years He was married at New Orleans a century ago, and now resides with one of his grandchildren, who is upwards of 60 years old He is still hale and hearty, and does not appear to be over 70.

The baloon ascension, advertised in another column to come off—or rather to go up—on the 11th of June is a novelty here. Nothing of the kind has ever taken place here, and we anticipated a most exciting time The intripid aerial voyager, Mr. Steiner, is a pupil of Wise, who has taken so many journies to the clouds, and like his preceptor, is a proficient in his profession.

D. A. Finney, Esq., of Crawford county, was elected speaker *pro tem* of the Senate, on the day of adjournment. The Democrats voted for William H. Welsh, the Senator from York. In times past we have said some pretty sharp things of Finney; but this does not prevent our saying now that, the Republicans could not have conferred the honor on a better man.

We continue our quotations from the "Modern Poets" by the following from M'Kay's beautiful song, "Tell me, ye winged winds."

Tell me ye winged winds,
That round my pathway roar,
Do ye not know some spot
Where women fret no more?
Some lone and pleasant dell,
Some 'holler in the ground,'
Where Dry Goods always sell
With Groceries pure and sound!
The loud wind blew the snow into my face
And Shrieked—BARR & BROTHER'S the place!

A man named Henry Sherman—a farmer from Ashtabula county—was robbed in Cleveland, on Saturday of a pocket book containing $23.—The manner in which the money was taken evinced a great deal of daring on the part of the thief He had engaged the farmer in conversation, and induced him, upon some pretext or other, to take out his pocket book, when the fellow seized it and ran away with it. The money has not been recovered yet.

Orson Pratt, the Mormon elder, who seduced Mrs. H. H. McLean, of New Orleans, into deserting her husband, has been killed by the latter, a "fate he richly deserved. McLean was in California when he heard of his wife's elopement, but came home and followed them as far as the Cherokee Nation, where he overtook them. Pratt he arrested for larceny, in stealing the clothes of the children who had been taken along by McLean's wife. He intended to have Pratt brought to Van Buren, Ark., and legally punished, but it appears that from some cause he thought proper to take the law into his own hands, and kill Pratt before reaching that point. The verdict of the public will be—*served him right!*

SPECIAL NOTICES.

WE have often felt interested at witnessing the patience with which numerous persons of both sexes, waited the professional services of Dr. Newhall, whose mode of treating diseases of the Eye and Ear has been eminently successful. The following among others have been brought to our notice.

Mr. John S. Vance, who has been suffering from inflammation of the eyes, for three years—has not been able to do any kind of work for two years, has been under treatment three weeks, and is so far restored as to be able to pursue his business without inconvenience

Isaac Bradenburg—Deafness—ringing noises in the ear—so much as to be very annoying, has been under treatment four weeks, and is now cured.

Sarah Martin—Deafness—intense pain in the ear—headache—offensive discharges from the ear, cured in two weeks

R. S. Bassett from Indiana—Deafness—inflamation of tympanum—noises in the ear like the ticking of a watch, cured in five weeks.

Davis—Amaurosis or dense fog and mist constantly before the eye—could not tell one person from another, in ten days was so far restored as to be able to read and see small objects well Wm know of other cases that the Doctors have treated with similar success, which we will notice at a future day

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