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Democratic State Ticket.
FOR SUPREME JUDGE,
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OF PHILADELPHIA,
FOR CAPITAL CHAMBERS,
WESELLY FROST,
OF EASTON CO.

News of the Week.

The friends consequent upon the long continued rains at the west have been very disastrous to property and life. Friday morning a freight train making down a ravine at Roseau, near Beloit, Wisconsin, and other undermined the bank or directly reached the house of Horatio Tracy, which was overturned and carried away. The Chicago Press gives the following particulars of the melancholy casualty. It is famous, the clergyman's wife and their eight children were in their beds, when they were swept into the ravine. The father alone managed, almost miraculously, to effect his escape, and reached the bank nearly exhausted, the mother and her children were seen no more alive. The most profound sympathy at once pervaded that entire community. The most active measures were at once taken to recover the bodies, and up to nine o'clock, A. M. four had been taken out. The eight children were of various ages, ranging from infancy to seventeen years of age. The family was one much beloved in that community, and the mate that has swept them thus into eternity will never marry. Other houses were also swept away, but we hear of no more being lost.

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The Cleveland Review says that one day last week, there passed down on the steamer Michigan, a man having in iron another who had been three years since reduced his sister. The education was under promise to marry, and the wedding day fixed, but the seducer ran away the day before. The brother of the injured woman planned in pursuit, caught him at Erie, but by some means the rascal escaped. The brother still kept on his track and found his again but again he lost him. Month after month passed up and still the resolute brother wandered about in search, but could get no trace of the object of his search. A little while ago, however, he saw a paper published in Ripon, Wisconsin, in which the name of the seducer appeared as editor. Thither he went armed with a request from the Governor of Pennsylvania, arrested him, and now after a period of three years has the violator of his sister's honor, truly in his grasp. The parties live in Pennsylvania, but where, or what their names are, we failed to learn.

A worthy citizen, one of the trustees, in attendance upon the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, from the state of Arkansas, stopped at the St. Cloud. Upon returning to bed he told the servant who conducted him to his room that he wanted his boots cleaned. The servant led him to set them outside the door, and the boot block would stand to them. He did so, and in the morning the boots came up missing. Instead of setting the boots out in the hall he had placed them outside the front door. That preacher has not a very elevated opinion of the morality of the people of Nashville. He wears a pair of new boots."

The Senate Committee on Commerce have reported in favor of removing the railroad bridge across the Mississippi at Rock Island, Ill., as an obstruction to the navigation of the river. The House Committee on Commerce report that they cannot doubt but that the bridge, as at present constructed, is material and dangerous to vessels that the courts have failed ample power to remedy any evil that may exist in that regard. At present they are determined to recommend any action by Congress in the premises; but whether, at some future time, it may not be expedient to direct the proper offices of the government to proceed against the bridge, the committee will set out now undertake to determine.

At Des Moines, Iowa, on Sunday night last, while a young man by the name of James Chandler was taking a walk with a Miss King, he was shot dead in his tracks, and Miss King was severely wounded at the same time. The outrage was committed by one Chas. Roseler, who, supporting he had killed them both, placed the muzzle of the pistol to his own head and shot himself. The tragedy was the result of jealousy. Roseler had been appointed by Chandler to the affection of Miss King. The lady it is thought will recover. Roseler died the next day. The affair has naturally caused great excitement.

The United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania conjugated a man named George Bush to the county jail, yesterday morning, on a charge of perjuring testimony before the United States mail. He was Post Master at Beaver, Allegany Co., and charged with detailing, opening, sealing, riding and stamping letters in his office, at various times, money and other valuable items. Some two hundred dollars in money, drafts and other articles of value were found concealed in his bed. He was committed by order of the United States Commissioner, and will be detained for a further hearing, which will take place next week.

Gen. Houston has not a very lively appreciation of the fine arts. In the course of an art discussion in the Senate the other day, the General commented on the statue of the lady, whom he supposed was the Goddess of Liberty, and evidently the work of a foreigner, she being in an engraving attitude, clad in a classic robe, with the stars under her breast, and on her feet a pair of plowshares and a serpent. "This was Crawford's famous statue of 'America,'" in the classic mounds Old San Jacinto saw only phantom dreams!

A few days ago, Gen. Houston was making handsome gains by the sale of lottery tickets, and invested his gains in real estate, which, hunting, presents and fines on account of his illegitimate son, he conveyed to his wife. After a while he got rid of his wife, and, satisfied of her infidelity, determined to make peace, but was dissatisfied by his friends. At last, however, he sold, with all his property in his possession, and proceeded for a divorce, whereupon he got his wife back.

There was a election held in New Haven for Mayor of the city, which resulted in a Democratic majority of over 500. This is a bad show for the "Democrats." It looks like a failure, and shows that the party is not strong enough to sustain its position.

Some political rights since in Missouri, Iowa, and Indiana, which have been given to the little friend, and leaving him on the roof of the public school building on fire. The greater part of the men were heard by persons alarmed by the fire, and he was captured. The shop was burned. Mr. Brown was saving many from drowning, and fought his friends with desperation, bringing them to his assistance.

The General, Gen. Dodge says that Mrs. Cunningham had brought a farm in Carroll county, Ohio, about four miles from Cincinnati, and about seventy miles from that city. She bought the farm from a man named Mr. Maynard, who was killed by a collision of two trains of which said Maynard was conductor, the last of which was the company's car for a load of coal.

On Friday last, a child of Rochester, three years old, was taken away from home, while her parents were at church. Her body is in the cemetery, three miles from her home, and her head rests on her sister's grave, "alone."

A lady residing in Albany place, New York, has been arrested on the charge of cruel and barbarous treatment of her adopted orphan girl named Elizabeth. She was confined to her bed, and about seven years of age, it is alleged that it was set on fire by parties who desired a better home.

We are pleased to learn that Hon. J. H. Wallace, of Philadelphia, has been appointed Treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Senate, the term appointed: Dr. Stanger, resigned. The appointment is a good one.

An unusual variety of a curious case in one of the New York saloons, where a purveyor, threatening to break his windows, made an excuse that the young ladies are not suitable!

THE CAUSE OF LIFE.

As an object was going to print last night, the news reached us that an attempt to New Orleans similar to that which was made in San Francisco a year and a half ago, at that time when the cause which led to it did not appear, and the people wondered if it could not possibly be a conspiracy directed by those who should be in it engaged and right to assume the responsibility of it. The cause of life, and seek to wrest from the constituted authorities their power. Now, however, the cause is apparent. The reign of Know Nothingism in New Orleans, as in every other place, has weakened public confidence, because to use the language of the Pennsylvania, wherever that party has obtained power, it has used it for the most vile and outrageous purposes. In Baltimore the members of this party have made the election a farce, they have dressed the streets of Louisville, and in New Orleans the same steps of riot, turbulence and bloodshed have followed their elevation to power. In the latter city the people bore the repeated outrages of this party until no man's life was secure, nor his property safe from the touch of the insatiate, or the tools of the burglar. The Know Nothing police of that city have been caught in the act of breaking into the houses of well known citizens of New Orleans, and yet so strong was the political tie which favored those high in authority, that they were allowed to leave the city without even being arrested for the offense. The political freedom of the citizens of New Orleans was a farce. Since 1855, when the Know Nothing came into power in that city, such a thing as a fair election was unheard of. A band of men called "Thugs" were employed by the dark lantern lodges, and not only were many persons of opposite politics severely beaten before the elections, but several were killed and many hundreds were driven from the polls. In the subsequent city elections this system of thuggery was carried to such an extent that last year only a little over 4,000 votes were cast out of about 12,000 registered voters. These proceedings were palpable and well known to the citizens, but the Know Nothing having the control of the whole City Government, prevented any steps being taken to redress the outrages of the past or prevent like occurrences in the future. To put a stop to these occurrences, and redress the city from this deplorable condition, Major G. T. Braud was nominated for Mayor in opposition to the candidate of the "Thugs" and a Vigilance Committee instituted by the Independent party to meet the crisis. This Committee issued a proclamation, reprobating the Know Nothing municipal police officers in the exercise of their mischievous power, and announcing that it would dispense justice, and that the "Thugs" must leave or perish. The election took place on the 7th inst., and the members of the Vigilance Committee expressed their determination to uphold the law of the State with reference to the manner in which said election should be conducted. In view of the alleged outrages and violence which derailed many persons of the Democratic party from voting, the Democratic State Legislature, some time ago, passed a law to regulate elections in New Orleans. It was of a very stringent nature, and put the conduct of the elections under the control of a State officer. The attempt to carry it into effect last year was, however, a failure. The election itself was a quiet one, but it was preceded by acts which effectively intimidated a certain portion of the population from going to the polls. The "Thugs" have never allowed that to be carried out. On the contrary, they have openly opposed it, and shut down every prominent man who was bold enough to stand up for its enforcement. The Vigilance Committee was based upon these facts, and it is evident that it assumed a deep responsibility. They will be held accountable for their actions at the bar of public opinion. Those who take unusual modes for closing grievances, must be sure that circumstances will fully sustain them in the course adopted.

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