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FOR THE PRESIDENCY IN 1852,

WINFIELD SCOTT,
OF NEW JERSEY.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT IN 1852,

JAMES C. JONES,
OF TENNESSEE.

WHIG STATE CONVENTION.

A Whig State Convention will be held at Harrisburg, on the 25th of March, 1852, for the purpose of nominating a Canal Commissioner, forming an Electoral Ticket, and choosing delegates to the National Convention. The Whigs of the various counties of the Commonwealth are hereby notified to elect delegates equal in number to their representatives in the Senate and House of Representatives, to attend said Convention.

N. B. MIDDLESWARTH, Pres.
CHARLES THOMSON JONES, Secretary.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

A public meeting of the friends of the Temperance cause will be held in the Court House, in the borough of Huntingdon, on the evening of Monday the 23d of February, inst. Addresses will be delivered by several speakers, and an organized effort made for the adoption of the principles of the *Maine Liquor Law*. The friends of the cause in the town and county are requested to aid with their presence and influence at this meeting. The ladies are also respectfully invited to attend.

MANY.

See new advertisements.

We return thanks to the Hon. Jas. Cooper, M. C., for a document.

We see that the Locofoco Convention for the nominating of candidates for the Presidency has been called to meet at the city of Baltimore on the first Thursday of June next.

A Gold Medal, enclosed in a silver case, has been presented to Henry Clay by his friends and admirers of New York, in token of their profound regard and gratitude for his services rendered the country.

The Methodist Protestant Annual Conference assembled at Georgetown, D. C., on the 11th of March next.

On Thursday, of last week, Christian Kieffer was elected Mayor of Lancaster city—the first Whig ever chosen to that office.

The Senate of Rhode Island has adopted the Maine Liquor Law by a vote of 16 of 15, with a condition that it be submitted to a popular vote.

The Rhode Island Senate has passed, by a majority of three, a bill for abolishing the punishment by death—substituting imprisonment for life.

Appointments by the Canal Commissioners.

COLLECTORS.—James Morison, Easton; John Sands, New Hope; Robert Patterson; Bristol; J. J. Rowan, Paoli; Cyrus Carmony, Lancaster; Jacob Strickler, Columbia; Stephen Wilson, Portsmouth; S. J. Goodrich, Harrisburg; William R. McCay, Lewistown; David Black, Huntingdon; Jas. P. Hooper, Hollidaysburg; G. W. Marchand, Johnstown; D. H. Barr, Blairsville; Peter Clossen, Freeport; John Hastings, Pittsburg; Wm. A. Packer, Dunsburg; Wm. Wilson, Northumberland; Geo. Smith, Beach Haven; John Huggins, Liverpool; J. Shoemaker, Juniata Aqueduct; Robert Martin, Freeport Aqueduct; Wm. Cole, Outlet, Portsmouth.

Mr. Beck says that everything is of some use. We should like him to tell us of what earthly use brains are to a dandy.

Important Decision.

The Supreme Court of this State, Judge Lewis delivering the opinion, has decided an interesting case. The Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia county instructed the jury in the case that if they believed "that the defendant was the tenant of the plaintiff, and rented the land of him for farming purposes, and the manure was made upon the land in the ordinary course of farming and was heaped up in the yard, and the defendant, about the time his lease was to expire, took the manure (now the subject of controversy) and hauled it away, without the consent of the plaintiff, when there was no authority given by the lease for him to do so, the action can be sustained, and the plaintiff will be entitled to recover the value of the manure that was in this manner taken and carried away." An appeal was taken and the Supreme Court affirmed the decision.

(Gettysburg Star.)

STEAM AND GAS FIRE ENGINE.—A Steam and Gas Engine for extinguishing fires, has been invented by Mr. William L. Lay, of this city, says the *Philadelphia Sun*, who has taken measures to secure a patent. It is intended to be the fireman's friend, by doing the severe work, and requiring attendance only. It is so constructed as to propel itself to fires, and to work the pump when there, by the rotary motion which drives the wheels, while the wheels, by a contrivance, are made to act the part of fly.

When the engine is standing in the engine house, says the *Scientific American*, the boiler always contains a sufficient quantity of water to get up steam, and at the same time is charged with carbonic acid gas by suitable apparatus, until it contains sufficient to work the engine for ten minutes, in which time steam can be raised to take its place, when exhausted. The kindling and fuel is laid in the fire-box, ready to be ignited in an instant. When an alarm of fire is given, the engineer mounts his seat, and by opening the throttle valve, the engine will instantly propel itself in the direction of the fire, while at the same time the kindling in the fire-box is ignited, and the blower being in motion, will raise steam in time to work the engine before the gas is used up. When the engine arrives at the fire, by merely choking the fore wheels, and pulling the lever connected with the standards, the hind wheel will be raised from the ground, and act as fly wheels when the rotary pump is put in motion by letting on the steam. The pump will force three or four hundred gallons of water one hundred feet high per minute, which will extinguish any ordinary fire in a very few minutes. It is intended to use two three-horse power engines to do the work. The whole will weigh about one and a half tons.

A Harrisburg correspondent of the *Village Record*, says: Quite a number of petitions have been presented from the western part of the State, praying that the law prohibiting the circulation of foreign small notes may be repealed; also for authorizing our State Banks to issue small notes. The members of the Legislature from that section are exceedingly anxious to bring these things about. They represent the present condition of things as intolerable. It is not unworthy of remark, that the hue and cry of the democracy against Banks, has vastly subsided. We can all recollect the clamor that was raised a few years ago. Now the opposition to Banks could hardly be inferred from the tone and action of the leaders of this party. Democracy, which as they say, "is" always and everywhere the same," has vastly changed, since I first made its acquaintance. Wherever a Bank is wanted in a democratic county, the members pursue such a line of policy, that no one could suppose them to have conscientious scruples against these "monsters." Nearly all the bank Bowers, who have exhibited their faces at Harrisburg, are democrats!

A bill is now before the Legislature which changes the salaries of Associate Judges. It gives those who do not attend court more than four weeks \$120; those who exceed four, and not reach eight, \$160; those who exceed eight, and not reach twelve, \$200; those who exceed twelve, \$250.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—A young lady yesterday standing on the Bath track, at Brunswick, waiting for the Kennebec train to pass, was killed immediately by the Bath train backing over her. The whole train passed over her, except the engine. Her name was Lincoln, the daughter of widow Lincoln, of Brunswick, about 18 years old, and very beautiful. Her body was horribly mangled. There was another lady standing with Miss Lincoln, but she saw the train just in time to escape.

Portland Argus, Tuesday.
The small pox prevails to some extent in Chester county.

From California.

The steamer Daniel Webster arrived at New York on the 13th inst., from San Juan. She brings the following news:

On the night of the 4th inst., occurred the most destructive conflagration that the city of San Juan de Nicaragua has ever witnessed. At least one-third of the most populated section of the city has been destroyed by the devouring element, including the large and valuable property known as the United States Hotel, owned by P. F. Mancozes; dwelling house and counting room of Mr. S. Shephard, agent Royal Mail Steam Packet Company; dwelling house and store of Don Francisco Granias; do. of Pedro Pous, do. Domingues; besides a large number of other houses occupied by natives, and stores owned by merchants in Granada.

The city was not provided with fire engines, Capt. Platt, of the Albany, sent Lieut. Armstrong with a crew and engine, to their assistance, Capt. Fade of the Express with his crew, ropes, &c. And through the exertions of those gentlemen and their men, at length the flames were arrested. The large ware houses of Mr. Deforest, Mancho Seguid and others, had a narrow escape from the flames.

In this heavy calamity it is a satisfaction to state that no loss of life has occurred.

FROM SAN DIEGO.—The Indian disturbances appear to be entirely at an end, and affairs are settling down into their accustomed channels.

The two Lugo's charged with an assault with intent to kill, and forcible resistance of the Sheriff, have been discharged by Justice Mallard.

The grand jury of the county of Los Angeles have found eight indictments at their last session—one for murder, four for assault with intent to kill, and three for grand larceny.

The *Star* publishes a portion of the evidence in the case of Edward Hines, who is on trial for the murder of Carriage. The trial was not concluded at the last date, but was exciting much interest.

We clip the following from the *Star*. THE SOUTHERN MINES.—Mr. Charles Herald, who has been on a prospecting expedition beyond the Mohave, informs us that he found gold throughout the whole range of country which he had visited. Even in the Cojon Pass, he found places which he believes may be worked profitably.

The quartz mine at the Salt Springs, he says, is the richest he has seen in the country, and he has seen most of the quartz mines, north and south.

We learn that some alarm has been excited in the neighborhood of the Vicente ranche, in consequence of some seven or eight Indians having been seen prowling about, with the intention, it is supposed, of stealing stock.

AFFRAY.—On Wednesday last, Cerbelo Varel, was stabbed in the breast by Felipe Ballesterro, in the course of a quarrel between the two. The wound is not considered mortal. No arrest.

A company of forty Sonorensians arrived at Tamecula a few days since. They state that they have suffered considerable loss in property by the Indians, whom they represent as very hostile. The fact that they escaped with their lives was doubtless owing to their travelling in so large a company.

CLOSE OF THE WAR.—The late Indian war in the southern portion of the State, which threatened at one time to be disastrous, has at length been terminated.—The Executive of the State has issued an order to Gen. Raines, commanding him to proceed immediately to San Diego, and disband the volunteer forces called into requisition by Gen. Bean. The mustering officer will probably leave in the mail steamer, and in a few days will have accomplished his task. It is to be hoped that the excitement attending political schemes at the seat of government, will not make our legislators forget the claims of those brave persons who so gallantly responded to the call for services.—*Alta Californian*, 17.

By the Nevada *Journal* we learn that two China men were murdered on Sunday last near Independence rancho on Wolf Creek. They were killed by Indians.

The Marysville people have commenced grading their plaza and constructing a sewer across it, so says the *Express*. Also that a new quartz vein has been discovered near Downville.

A QUEER WAY OF SETTLING A DISPUTE.—A San Francisco paper gives the following account of a cool proceeding in that city, which illustrates very forcibly life in California.

A party of four persons were spending the Sunday quietly in playing all-fours.—One of the parties, however, not content with the chances of the game, and determined to change the fickle goddess to his side, established a kind of telegraph with his partner, by laying his hand carelessly on the table after each deal, and extending his fingers; designating very intelligibly the number of trumps which he held. The device was ingenious and highly successful for a while, but was unfortunately discovered by one of his opponents, who, on a repetition of the offence, very dexterously whipped out a bowie-knife and cut off two fingers! The unfortunate hombre screamed with pain, and having picked up his stumps, rushed from the room. His partner inquired of the amateur surgeon what his reasons were for such conduct, when he quietly replied, "It was fortunate for your friend that he had no more trumps, or he certainly would have walked off with fewer fingers." Cool, that.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Dreadful Murder in Maryland.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Feb. 12.—A terrible tragedy was enacted here last evening, which resulted in the instantaneous death of Wm. O. Sprigg, son of Jos. Sprigg, Esq., of this county, by the hands of Robert Swan, brother of the late John Swan, and formerly a Lieutenant in Capt. Archer's company of Voltigeurs, in the Mexican war. It appears that a difficulty has existed between those two young men for some three weeks past. I will not undertake to state the particulars of the affair; but last evening Robert Swan entered the hotel kept by Mr. Helffenger, at about 7 o'clock, armed with a double barrel shot gun, loaded, as it seems, with a patent wire cartridge, containing bird and squirrel shot.

Upon entering the bar-room where Sprigg was, the latter, being unarmed, attempted to escape by the back door; Swan, however, fired at him just as he reached the door—a few scattering shot struck him upon the left cheek and shoulder. Sprigg then turned and attempted to make his escape into the reading room, but just before he reached the door, Swan fired his second barrel, which took effect in the back part of the neck, the charge passing through the head and coming out at the right eye; he fell dead instantly. Swan has been arrested, and intense excitement exists in this community.

Railroad Riots in Ohio.—Man Killed.

WHEELING, Feb. 12.—The Railroad riots at Steubenville, between the Corkonians and Fardowners, have been renewed. James Casey, a Corkonian, has been killed. Several of the Fardowners have been arrested.

Brutal Murder.

POTTSVILLE, Feb. 11.—Last night, a man named James Cavanaugh, living near Minersville, tried to kill his wife by stabbing her. Failing in this, the wretch seized his child and threw it into the fire and burnt it to death. Cavanaugh was arrested, and is now confined.

Pardon and Release of Mr. Thrasher.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Information has been received at the State Department of the pardon and release of Mr. Thrasher by the Spanish Government.

Great Fire in Portland, Me.

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—Last night a fire broke out in the American Hotel, which, with the stables, outbuildings and thirty houses, were consumed. The fire also consumed a wooden dwelling on the corner of Elm and Congress streets, and several small tenements on the corner of Proble street. The total loss is between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Fires in Troy.

TROY, Feb. 13.—A fire occurred in West Troy, yesterday, P. M., destroying the building known as the "Old India Rubber Factory," which was occupied by 10 families. Loss not known. Insured for \$5,000.

Another fire broke out at one o'clock this morning, destroying some wooden buildings owned and occupied by James Donnelly. Loss \$1,500. Partly insured.

General Scott for President.

ROCHESTER, Feb. 12.—The Whig Convention of Genesee county met at Batavia yesterday, to appoint eight delegates to the District Convention. A strong resolution in favor of General Scott for President was adopted.

Rhode Island Whig State Convention.

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 13.—The Whig State Convention, yesterday, nominated for Governor, Hon. Amos D. Smith, of Providence. Lieut. Gov.—Rowse Babcock, of Westerly. Sec'y of State—Christopher E. Robbins, of Providence. Attorney General—Sylvester C. Sherman.

Loss of Life at the Late Fire.

PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—It is ascertained that Joseph Lincott, of Brunswick, perished in the flames of the American House, on Thursday last. It is feared two others were also burned to death in the same building.

Convicted of Mutiny.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 14.—Five seamen belonging to the ship *Compromise*, who were tried in this city for mutiny, have been convicted and sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

Flood in the Susquehanna.

COLUMBIA, Feb. 14.—The ice in the Susquehanna started this morning a few miles above here, and in consequence of the obstruction presented by the bridge, is now gorged up to within about six feet of the bridge, and at some points above, even to a greater height than the bridge itself. The river is much swollen, and, in consequence of the immense mass of ice, it is greatly feared that the bridge may be swept away.

[Second Despatch.]

HAVRE DE GRACE, Feb. 14.—We learn from Port Deposit that the ice in the Susquehanna has broken up at that place, and for some miles above. The water is six feet deep over the ice, and a serious freshet and much damage is apprehended.

Gen. Horatio Davis has been appointed Adjutant General of Louisiana.

ARRREST OF THE SUPPOSED MURDERERS OF YOUNG LEHMAN.

YESTERDAY morning, from information given by a citizen of Southwark, whose suspicions were excited, officers Hamilton, Glassmire and Myers, of the Northern Liberties division of the Marshal's police, arrested two young foreigners in the southern part of the town, who are supposed to be two of the perpetrators of the horrid murder of the poor lad Jacob Lehman. These men, on the 16th of January, the very day they left Richmond, rented a three story brick house, on Front street, below Moore street, Southwark, a little above the Canal. They took the house from Robert Martin, agent for the owner, a colored man by the name of J. Cephas. Here they had remained until this morning. When the officers got there, a car was backed up in the train, with their furniture a few mean articles, piled on it, ready to be carried away.—They were taken to the police station of the Northern Liberties, where they were positively identified by the baker (Mr. Snyder) who rented them the house in Richmond. They also acknowledged that they had lived in this house at Richmond.—They both have carpet bags; and from the finger of one of them, officer Hamilton took a ring of precisely the description of the common rings that were in the box of the boy Lehman. The prisoners were conveyed to the main station of the consolidated police in Adelphi street, to await an examination. They give the names of John Shupuski and Mathew Shupuski. Their appearance and mother language seems to be Polish. The third suspected party, it is thought, has gone to Baltimore, though he may still be in the city. The police are after him in every direction.—*Daily Sun*, Feb. 12.

A MYSTERIOUS DEATH.—On Sunday morning, the 25th ult., says the *Easton Argus*, a young girl named Mary Hogan, in the neighborhood of South Easton, was found dead in her bed. On Saturday evening the friends with whom she resided, left for some part of New Jersey on a visit to some friends, and left the girl alone in the house; according to directions, she was engaged in ironing clothes, a young girl of the neighborhood called in and remained with her until 3 o'clock in the morning, whilst she was thus employed she heard a noise at the window and she went out, and in a short time returned to the room as pale as death, whereupon the young girl who was with her interrogated her as to the cause, and she told her that she had seen a friend who had died long since, and told her that she was going to injure her; the girl was very much frightened, and requested her companion to remain with her during the night, who refused and went home, after which she retired, and in the morning, when her friends came home, they went into her room to call her, but to their astonishment found her dead.

SEVEN NEGROES have been committed for beating and maltreating the family of Mr. Place, of Waterloo. One of them seized a young woman, Mr. Place's eldest daughter, and commenced choking and otherwise abusing her. This infamous conduct roused the inmates of the house, who endeavored to defend themselves, when the negroes commenced a general assault. After beating all the older members of the family until they were senseless, and throwing the young ones into the snow, they finally decamped. The members of the family gradually recovered their senses, but were found to be shockingly bruised, and some of them cut with knives, so that their clothes were completely saturated with blood.

Tom Paine's Birthday (January 29th) has been celebrated more generally this year, it would appear, than has hitherto been the case. The celebration in this city consisted of a dinner, a dance, and an oration, the latter a sort of eulogy upon "the man to whom (quoting the speaker) we are as much indebted for the liberties we enjoy as to the living voice of the greatest orator, or the sword of the bravest general." One hundred guns were fired on Boston Common in honor of the occasion.—*New York Express*.

SUCH IS LIFE.—One of our Cincinnati exchanges says, as a half-drunken woman was perambulating the streets on Thursday night, the 8th ult., a rowdy led her into a paint shop on Fifth street, and daubed her face in a mere blackguard wantonness, and then took her into a back room, where there was a light. The light discovered the disfigured face of his own mother!

Jenny Lind was married by the Protestant Episcopal rite. She is thirty-one years old, and her husband twenty-four. He is a gentleman and a man of genius—of Hebrew origin, we believe. We will remember his performances on the pianoforte, too good for the popular appreciation, and never deviating from the severity of art to draw out the public plaintiffs by tricks of clap-trap, which he had dexterity enough to do if he had chosen.—On those occasions Jenny, who was not on the stage at the moment, used often to stand forward in her private box and clap her hands vigorously in sight of the audience, who by no means seemed to share her admiration for the pianist. However, she understood his merits a great deal better than they did.—*New York Tribune*.

Mrs. Partington nominates poor old General Debility, as her military candidate for the next Presidency.

HORRIBLE MURDER.—We learn from

a gentleman, belonging to Far Rockaway, Long Island, that a most inhuman and unnatural murder was committed at that place, last Sunday night, by a father upon his own child. It appears that a man by the name of Thorne, who has kept a store in that village for some months back, on Sunday, while under the influence of ardent spirits, commenced breaking up the furniture, crockery, &c., of his store, to which his wife objected, at which he attacked her, and in the molea a young child, less than a year old, was struck by the father, with his clinched fist, which broke the nose of the child; by this time the infuriated ruffian had removed all the clothing from his person, when he rushed into the street and violently assaulted several persons who were returning from church, he continued in this enraged way until night fall, when he made a second attack upon his wife and child, which resulted in the death of the child. This monster it seems had sense enough to make good his escape, and has not since been found.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

PROTECTING LETTERS.—Many thousands of letters sent to the post-office are returned as dead letters, the persons to whom they are sent not being found.—These are destroyed unless they contain enclosures of some kind; and often information of value to the persons addressed, or their friends, is destroyed with them.—In a new edition of the regulations of the post-office about to be published, it is provided that in every case where the writer of a letter chooses to protect it from the chance of being opened at the Department, and destroyed as a dead letter, he can do so by prepaying the postage, and writing legibly on the sealed side the words "to be preserved," in which case it will be rescued from the liability of being committed to the flames, and its seal will remain intact.

THE BRUTUS OF FRANCE.—Who will immortalize himself by ridding France of its usurper? When the next coup d'etat in France is struck, we are inclined to think with the *Mirror*, that LOUIS NAPOLEON will be the victim, instead of the victor. But vengeance will come, not from an uprising of the people; not from an *emue* in the streets of Paris; but from the bullet or the dagger of the assassin.—*The ghost of Charlotte Corday sits through the chambers of the Tuileries.* [Lebanon Courier.]

DR. HOOGLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS.—That this medicine will cure liver complaint and dyspepsia, no one can doubt after using it as directed. It acts specifically upon the stomach and liver; it is preferable to calomel in all bilious diseases; it acts as specifically upon the liver as calomel; calomel prostrates the patient, weakens his strength and never restores the patient, and will give renewed life and health to the delicate invalid, and restore the liver to its functions, and give digestion and appetite in those severe cases wherein the ordinary medicines fail in producing any effect.

PRICES CURRENT.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21, 1852.	
Flour per bbl.	\$4.50
White Wheat per bushel	1 02
Red do	92
Rye	72
Corn	65
Oats	40
Cloverseed	4 90

MARRIED.

On the 10th inst., by the Rev. M. Allison, Col. A. K. McCLURE, (editor of the *Junata Sentinel*), to Miss MATILDA S. GRAY, both of Millintown.

DIED.

In Sausburgh, on the 10th inst., of Pulmonary Consumption, Mrs. SARAH, consort of William Hirst, Esq., aged 74 years.

PETITION.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the peace for the county of Huntingdon.

The petition of John G. Stewart respectfully sheweth: That your petitioner now occupies the house heretofore kept as a public house of entertainment, situated in the village of Sausburgh, in the township of Barre; that he is well provided with stabling for horses and all conveniences necessary for the entertainment of strangers and travellers, he therefore respectfully prays the Court to grant him a license to keep an Inn or public house of entertainment there, and your petitioner will pray, &c.

Feb. 19, '52. JOHN G. STEWART.
We the undersigned citizens of Barre township, aforesaid, being personally acquainted with John G. Stewart, the above named petitioner, and also having a knowledge of the house for which the license is prayed, do hereby certify that such house is necessary to accommodate the public and entertain strangers and travellers, and that he is a person of good repute for honesty and temperance; that he is well provided with house room for the lodging and accommodation of strangers and travellers. We therefore beg leave to recommend him for a license agreeable to his petition.

Samuel Coen, Thomas Bell, Silas A. Cresswell, Job Slack, James Forrest, Jas. McGeehan, John Harper, Gilbert Chene, Christian Peightal, John Hirst, Peter Livingston, George Bell.

Auditor's Notice.

The undersigned, appointed Auditor by the Orphans' Court, to distribute the fund in the hands of James Terry, Administrator of William Baum, late of Tyrone township, Huntingdon (now Blair) county, dec'd., and among those entitled to the same, will attend for that purpose at his office in the borough of Huntingdon, on Thursday the 11th day of March next, when and where all persons interested can attend.

JACOB MILLER, Auditor.
Huntingdon, Feb. 19, 1852.

FLOUR.

100 Barrels ground out of White Wheat, expressly for family use, for sale at the Store of GEO. GWIN, Feb. 12, 1852.