



Wednesday Morning, February 27, 1856.

WILLIAM BREWSTER, EDITOR. SAM. G. WHITTAKER, JR., EDITOR.

Flour, Flour.

A splendid article, for sale. Inquire at this office. This is decidedly the best article in the market. It is warranted good. Price \$8 per barrel.

Twelve cars laden with coal, passed over the Stonerston Bridge on Saturday last. Their arrival in town created quite an excitement.

Rev. N. S. Beckingham, the pastor of the Methodist congregation of this place, delivered his farewell sermon in the Presbyterian Church, to a large audience, on Sabbath eve.

We in all good nature again request a certain offspring of a certain Papish priest to leave off slandering his neighbors. A man born in a nursery has no right to vilify his betters. Remember that, brother Augustine.

The literary gentleman who behaved so outrageous in the Town Hall the other evening is requested to call round at the barber shop, as there is a leather medal for him, there.

The Raven.—By the particular request of our particular young friend and correspondent "Kate," we next week will publish that admirable piece of Poe's, entitled the "Raven," which he wrote.

Upon a midnight dreary, While he pondered weak and weary.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

LESLIE'S N. Y. JOURNAL.—This magnificent magazine of fashions, comes to us for March, superbly filled with plates of the very latest fashions, engravings, &c. It is a splendid work.

GRAHAM'S MAGAZINE.—This magazine for March has been received. It fully sustains its high character, and we believe the present No. is equal to any other magazine in the country. Send \$3.00 to A. H. See, Phila.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK.—This valuable book for March is on our table, and is an admirable No. The engravings, fashion plates, &c., &c., are beautiful, and we really cannot see how the ladies can deprive themselves of this rich treat, when by sending only \$3.00 to L. A. Godey, Phila., it can be obtained.

The Insane.

Judge Wilkins has introduced into the Pennsylvania Senate an Act to establish a Western Asylum for the Insane Poor, to be located at or near Pittsburg. An appropriation of ten thousand dollars was granted by the Legislature, last year, to enlarge the present Hospital at Pittsburg, but being totally inadequate to accomplish any practical good, was suffered to remain unfiled in the hope that the present Assembly would add to the sum sufficiently to greatly increase the accommodations of the old or allow the erection of a new Western Hospital for the Insane.

It is a lamentable fact that whilst there are hospital accommodations in Pennsylvania for but nine hundred insane, there are at present in this State three thousand human beings whose minds God has clouded with insanity. What nobler cause for the patronage of a great State than to devise means to alleviate the condition of this most afflicted class of our fellow beings. We trust the present Legislature may take the matter in hands and make that provision demanded by the character of the constituency they represent and the cause.

Public Schools in Pennsylvania.

We learn from the Superintendent of the common schools, that during the past year the whole number of school districts was 1,632; of schools, 10,469; number of schools yet required, 959; average number of month taught 53; number of male teachers, 8,003; number of female teachers, 4,194; average salaries of male teachers per month, \$22.29; average salaries of female teachers per month, \$14.89; whole number of male scholars, 295,889; whole number of female scholars, 233,120; number of scholars, 529,009; number of total scholars learning German, 10,015; average number of scholars attending schools, 261,316; average cost of teaching for one scholar per month, 56 cents; whole number of teachers, 12,147; whole amount of tax levied for school purposes, \$1,242,223 70; amount of tax levied for building purposes, \$159,076 45; total amount levied for the system, \$1,401,300 15, amount received from the State appropriation, \$159,554 17; amount received from collectors of school tax, \$1,127,992 61; cost of construction, \$1,041,571 96; cost of fuel and contingencies, \$110,383 19; cost of school-houses, purchasing, building, renting, repairing, &c., \$266,198 76. These figures exhibit a large increase over previous years. The totals do not include the public schools of Philadelphia, which are organized under an independent system, and make no report to the Superintendent.

Hand Him Around.

We advise all printers to keep a look out in purchasing paper from a certain paper vender in Pittsburg, by name of J. L. Shee. We speak from experience, having been sheered out of a considerable amount by this rascal sheet. We caution the editorial fraternity against having any dealings with him, as his name characterizes his dealings. Pass him around.

Look at This.

The books of the late firm of "Africa & Whitaker" have been placed in the hands of John W. Matern, Esq., for collection. All persons indebted to said firm, for subscription, Job Printing or Advertising, will make immediate settlement to him.

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Republican Convention in Pittsburgh.

The great Republican National Convention which assembled in the city of Pittsburgh, on the 22d inst., was the most harmonious one that ever assembled under that banner in the country. The proceedings were marked with the courteous and gentlemanly language of member to member, all coinciding in the great principles of the party, and manifesting a disposition to forget all questions of sectional or individual interest, and intent on furthering the interests of the Republican organization.

We had the pleasure of attending this convention, however only as a spectator. Over three hundred delegates were present, representing twenty four States of the Union; and the territory of Kansas was likewise represented. Many thousand persons constituted the interesting audience. Francis P. Blair, of Maryland, formerly editor of the Washington Union, under the administration of Jackson, and a man of sterling integrity, was appointed President. His election to that office was unanimous, and was received with great applause. Vice Presidents and Secretaries were appointed.

Whilst the Committee were drafting resolutions, &c., the audience was entertained by able addresses from several of the most eminent men of the nation.

In the evening, a telegraphic dispatch was received from Philadelphia, from T. Spooner, a delegate from Ohio, to the American Convention in that city, to the effect that "the American Party is ready and willing to unite under the Republican banner," concluding with these significant words: "No further extension of slavery. The Americans are with you."

Philadelphia American Convention.

This body met on Thursday last, and a very stormy time they had of it. It appears that the convention was composed of extremes of all parties. Southern fanatics who were opposed to the striking out of the 12th section of the platform adopted by the Convention last June, Abolitionists who were not disposed to yield that point, and so on. This being the material out of which the Convention was composed, the proceedings could not be expected to be marked by any great degree of harmony. After a stormy debate, the platform containing the obnoxious 12th section, relative to migration, adopted last June, was broken down, demolished and cast overboard, and in its place, a member from Somerset county in this State, submitted as a substitute a platform leaving the vexed question of slavery out altogether. After a severe "passage at arms" the gentleman's resolutions were adopted, and they now constitute the new platform of the American party.

Kansas.

The New York Post says, that Missouri State stocks, which stood at 97 before the last invasion of Kansas, have since fallen to 85. This, however, may just as well be owing to the newly adopted policy of the State, of extending aid lavishly to railroads. A person named White recently lectured at the capital of Georgia, on the subject of colonizing Kansas, of which he alleges himself to be a citizen. He said that his mission was to raise pro-slavery recruits to triumph in Kansas at the ballot box, but that if his party failed in this they were determined to achieve a victory at the cannon's mouth.

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News Items.

Letter from the Rev. John Chambers to a Member of the Legislature.

"The following letter says the Philadelphia Sun, and though it is a week old, it will keep for many months to come without spoiling. We regret to say that the rebuke which the reverend writer administers to the Democrats is fully merited, and that as a party, they show themselves the persistent enemies of all effective Temperance reform. Omitting the name of the gentleman of the House of Representatives to whom it is addressed, the letter reads thus: PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24, 1856.

MY DEAR FRIEND—I see from the papers that the Democrats have passed to second reading a bill to repeal the Restraining Liquor Law and it is expected to-day the bill will pass the House of Representatives. Now, let me propose to you, and through you to our party, that they forthwith pass a bill requiring the County Commissioners of each County in the State to have erected, or placed at all the cross roads, a trough with half a dozen or more mugs chained fast; and those troughs well and constantly supplied with rum and lager, that they may drink and the Democrats may have their fill. The County need not be at the expense of fencing in the troughs, for there is not a hog in the old Keystone so far lost to respect for his honorable hogship, as to put his snout within more than smelling distance of the vile drag.

It does seem to me that the Democrats were resolved that at the crisis of temperance should be established upon this land perpetually. It is to me most galling and mortifying that the political party which I consider the true party of the country, should so identify itself with Rum, Rags, Ruin. My dear Sir, I most deeply regret that you, as a father, and a good citizen, should lend your influence to this vile traffic. It matters not, in my judgment, how much of the rumsellers' money may pass from their pockets to those of the Democratic members. Now, allow me to ask you, as an honest, clever fellow, have you ever known any good result to the individual, the family, or the community, from rum-drinking? Give me one example in which rum-drinking has reformed one man? For thirty years I have been asking for this example, but thus far in vain. Will you do me the favor to ask the Democratic members for one example? 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