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THE Republican Senatorial Conference will be held at Patterson on Thursday the 10th inst. Each county in the district has nominated a candidate Charles H. Smiley, Esq., being the candidate named by this county.

THE Early county, Ga., News hopes that no man in that county will say or do anything during this campaign that will in the least disturb the kind feelings that exist between neighbors. The News says: "It will require an effort to keep down the devil, but it will pay to do so."

Elections of Last Week.

Elections were held last week in Arkansas and Vermont.

The returns from a number of counties in Arkansas indicate the election of Churchill Democrat for governor, over Parks, greenback by a majority ranging between 40,000 and 50,000. From returns received and as estimated by those best informed, it is believed that the proposed constitutional amendment repudiating certain state bonds will fall to receive a majority on all the votes cast as required by the constitution to insure its adoption.

In Vermont the republicans make considerable gains over the vote of 1876, and elect the governor by 25,000 majority, and all the members of Congress.—The State Senate will be entirely Republican with one exception.

In Trouble From Kindness.

Sheriff Hoffman of Butler, Pa., was arrested for "misdemeanor in office in permitting James Borland and Edward McTiernan to run at large unlawfully." Upon oath of Samuel Rea, Borland and McTiernan were both convicted of crimes and sentenced to pay a fine and costs, and were discharged under the Insolvent Laws after being in prison ninety days. McTiernan was 95 years of age, and the allegation is that the Sheriff did not lock up the old man in a cell, but allowed him to sleep in private apartments and to be outside of the jail. The Sheriff's reason for this treatment was that it would be inhuman to incarcerate so old a man in the close confines of an iron cell, and would probably result in his death. Borland is also an old man, and the allegation is that the Sheriff allowed him to attend church on several occasions. Both men were subsequently discharged by the Court. On a writ of habeas corpus the Sheriff was discharged, and the prosecutor was directed to pay the costs. Politics was at the bottom of the trouble.

THE WRECKED STEAMER VERA CRUZ.

A St. Augusta, Fla., special of the 3rd inst., to this morning's Herald says:

The main part of the ill-fated steamer was beached on the Island some twelve miles from the city, near Matanzas, and her freight strewed the beach the entire length of the Island, and also on the north beach (main land) for several miles. The freight was very valuable, consisting in the main of provisions, dry-goods, furniture, etc., and it came ashore in great quantities.

The plots of St. Augustine, of which there are five, were the first to discover that a wreck had occurred, and what was of more consequence to them, the vast amount of freight already beached and more coming. They at once formed themselves into a joint stock company for the time and went for that freight with a vim, Monday and Tuesday, August 30 and 31.

They kept the matter of the wreck a profound secret, and it was a secret well kept, for it was not until the night of 31st of August that the news reached the city. In the meantime our industrious pilots had worked both day and night like beavers—having entire possession of both beach and cargo, they managed to have many a goodly pile stored up at different points of the beach, worth thousands of dollars.

Several trunks belonging to the ill-fated passengers came ashore in good order, only to be broken open and rifled. One, evidently belonging to a lady of wealth, for it was filled with costly silk dresses and clothing of the finest order,

and lace worth many a dollar; a gold watch and chain, and two valuable bracelets were found in the trunk. In another trunk a large pocket book well filled with bills was found by the fortunate pilots.

In fact, they had a bonanza, and they worked it for all it was worth, having gold watches, diamonds, well-filled wallets, elaborate clothing and many tons of valuable freight as their reward. Indeed, the latter was in such vast proportions that teams were employed for several days in hauling their find, and large lighters were loaded with produce.

As before stated, the secret was faithfully kept Monday and Tuesday, but when the matter leaked out late on Tuesday night the whole city was alive with excitement. Everybody that had a boat or could borrow one, or press one into service, hied away to the beach.—Nor was this wrecking fever confined to the Minorcan, or negro, but business men and clerks for the time turned wrecker, and the beach was thronged with anxious hunters for the cast up treasures of the sea; notwithstanding the pilots had the cream of the find, and only the gleanings remained, yet enough was gathered to repay them all richly, and enable the major part of the population to dispense with hog, millet and hominy, and live on the succulent ham, preserves, canned goods, and wash it down with either wine or ale.

An Old Adage Knocked to Pieces.

It is a common saying that lightning never strikes twice in the same place," but it is refuted by the following incident, related by the Clearfield Journal: "In June last, a post on the farm of L. D. Weld, in Beccaria township, was struck by lightning and badly splintered, and the rails resting upon it were mashed into pieces. The fence was repaired, but scarcely had this been done until, during the month of July, the same post was again struck and the rails shivered to atoms. Again the fence was repaired by the planting of a new post, and again during the month of August the lightning struck and demolished the new post and fence adjacent thereto. At last accounts the fence was again in a perfect condition, but there is no likelihood of anybody sitting on that post to watch the progress of a thunder storm. The lightning is probably attracted by the outcropping of some mineral substance."

Solving a Difficulty.

A young man and his girl arrived at Chautauqua at a late hour in the evening, and after careful and anxious search the only accommodations to be secured were found to be one small room in a cottage. Then was presented a dilemma. To occupy that room together would be a manifest violation of the proprieties of life; to return home was impossible—the last boat had left. For either of them to sit up and pace the grounds the long night through, or occupy the chilly canvas cot in the breezy amphitheatre, was an alternative not to be thought of. Genius solved the problem. A minister was sought out—a very easy task at Fair Point—and in a few minutes a short ceremony was said; the twain were husband and wife; John Backwoods and his bride occupied the little room in the cottage together, and the proprieties were preserved intact.

A Rascally Fellow.

A young woman about eighteen years of age, neatly dressed and of prepossessing appearance while walking along a street in Pittsburg on last Sunday night, was brutally assaulted by a young ruffian, who sprang upon her from a crowd on a corner as she approached, and struck her three times in the face with a hand-billy. The poor girl screamed and then fell insensible to the pavement. A crowd collected speedily, and the injured girl was carried into a house and a doctor summoned, who found that her nose was broken, her jaw shattered and several teeth knocked out. The stench of the assault escaped, but the police think they know him, and hope soon to have him in their grasp. No cause is assigned for the dastardly deed. If caught, that villain should be sent to the penitentiary for not less than ten years.

Get Out Your Furs.

Furs will be extremely fashionable next winter, and more fancy furs will be used than ever before. The manufacturers are making up finer class of fur-lined garments, and these, it is said, take the place of seal garments, mainly in consequence of the very high price of the latter. Black dyed lynx and fox, silvered hare and fox, silvered clipped coney and brown and black dyed beaver, will be largely used. Chinchilla will be more costly this season than last, on account of the prevailing war in South America.

Killed by a Falling Ramrod.

A singular and fatal accident occurred near Fremont, Mahaska county, Iowa,

a few days ago. Two boys were amusing themselves by throwing a heavy ramrod into the air as high as they could, until finally one of the boys, a ten-year-old son of Jacob Miller, met his death by the fatal missile descending with the velocity of a bullet and penetrating entirely through his head, producing almost instant death.

A Sad Accident.

Friday afternoon a sad accident occurred in Huntingdon resulting in the death of James Lytle, a seven-year old son of H. M. Lytle, of that place. A number of men were trying the capacity of several steam engines. As one of them belonged to the town was being pulled along the street by a number of men, including Mr. Lytle, that gentleman's son ran out to catch hold of the rope near his father. Just as he was about to grasp it he fell and before the ponderous machine could be checked the front wheel passed over the child's breast and the hind wheel over his legs. The poor child was picked up and tenderly cared for, but lived only about fifteen minutes.

Treasures Trove.

The publication of the article in this department last week relating to the burying of a large sum of money somewhere in the vicinity of Hanover by a trooper during the passage of Kilpatrick's cavalry division in June, 1863, and the search being made for it by various parties, has elicited the fact from responsible parties, that some years since, a well-to-do farmer residing in Conowago township, Adams county, near McSherrystown, about two miles northwest of this place discovered buried on his premises a large sum of money, the exact amount of which could never be definitely ascertained. Whether this was the identical money buried by the soldier referred to, is a matter of conjecture; but sufficient was learned to know that it was quite a large sum, enabling the lucky finder to pay off a number of mortgages and judgments resting against him, and making considerable addition to his farm. Many parties in the vicinity where this party resides, are fully cognizant of the fact of this discovery of the money, and the uses to which it was put, as indicated.—Spectator.

A Severe Storm.

LONG BRANCH, September 9.—The storm raging here to-day is the severest September gale since 1854. At 8 P. M., the wind was blowing sixty miles an hour. The break in the New Jersey Southern railroad has been repaired but it is feared the tide at midnight will make another break in it at Asbury Park. Portions of a wrecked vessel are being washed ashore. The waves are breaking over the iron pier here but the structure only shows a slight vibration.

Terrible Colliery Explosion.

LONDON, September 7.—An explosion occurred this morning in Seaham colliery, near Durham. Egress is blocked. Two hundred and fifty or three hundred men are in the pit. Some are still alive. Communication has been opened with a group of eighteen men, who are safe. They do not know how many have been killed, but fear they are the only survivors.

Later reports prove that 150 men and 200 horses are dead.

Miscellaneous News Items.

The seventh leather-back turtle ever caught on the Atlantic coast is now at Martha's Vineyard, in preparation for a museum. It is eight feet long, and weighs half a ton.

Among the special prizes offered by various persons to the woman who will be married publicly in front of the grand stand at the central Michigan fair at Lansing, is one of 40 acres of land in northern Michigan. Title perfect.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., September 6.—During a severe storm yesterday Mrs. Julia Fairbank, wife of Captain Noah Fairbank, was instantly killed by lightning near Summit Station.

HELVILLE, N. J., September 6.—Johanna Walling was arrested last night on suspicion of murdering her child. The body of the child was found in an outhouse having been strangled by a string about his neck. The woman is single and respectably connected.

At a murder trial in Kentucky, last week, in which Senator Voorhies was one of the counsel, the prisoner's brother drew a revolver on the prosecuting attorney, who had to finish his speech within locked doors, and without other hearers than the court and jury.

A New York merchant, returning unexpectedly from the country, found his cook and coachman banqueting their friends, and learned that they had kept a dozen or so of them by night as well as day. He cleared his house by a shotgun policy.

While Mrs. Sophia Meyers was carrying a vessel of melted sealing-wax across the kitchen, the handle melted off and let

the contents of the cup run into one of her shoes. It burned the skin of her ankle and foot and cooked the flesh under it. In some places it was burned to the bone.

A San Francisco paper says: One of the retail coal dealers who violated the rule of the trade in selling coal for less than the combination price, was tried by his fellow retailers, last week, and found guilty of the offense. He charged the correct price in his bills, but accepted fifty cents per ton less for a receipt in full. He was ordered to pay the secretary \$50 fine. For the second offense the fine is doubled, and for the third he is denied any more coal.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., September 6.—To-day for the first time in Louisville, negro jurors were chosen on the grand and petit juries. The jury commissioners in accordance with recent decisions, in making out the list of names selected the proper proportion of colored citizens among the rest. As a result two colored men were drawn among fifteen to serve as grand jurors, while a number were drawn on the petit jury.

PETERSBURG, Va., Sept. 7.—A violent storm visited this city and vicinity last night. Several places were struck by lightning. At the custom house, which was struck, several persons were severely stunned. The Tabb Street Presbyterian church was badly injured, and the wires at the Western Union telegraph office were considerably disarranged and a number of the employees painfully injured. A number of houses in the lower part of the city are flooded. The rain in adjacent counties is reported as very heavy, and the roads badly washed.

The Pittsburgh Leader says: Several members of the medical fraternity in Lawrenceville are scratching their heads over a case of birth which recently occurred at an humble home on Forty-third-and-a-half street. The mother of the child is the daughter of a hard-working German. She is only 13 years and 10 months old and is considered small in size for her age. On the 28th of last month she became the mother of a large male child, and it is alleged that the father of the prattling stranger is a locomotive engineer who runs on the Allegheny Valley Railroad.

A Baltimore seegar dealer went out the other afternoon leaving his seegar store in charge of his wife, who sat working on a sewing machine in the room just in the rear of the store. You can well imagine she was rather scared by what occurred.—She suddenly felt a peculiar warmth on her left cheek, and turning her head to ascertain the cause, saw a large Durham bull holding his nose close to her head. She gave a tremendous scream, and his bullship retreated into the seegar store, and behind the counter where he got stuck between the counter and the shelves so tight that it took four men to get him out, and then they had to move the show cases and counter.

An old German woman, who had lived in Berrien county, Mich., for many years in a miserly manner, died recently, after having long deprived herself and children of the comforts of life. A search of the premises, made by one of her daughters, resulted in finding a sack containing \$1,500 in gold.

NEW YORK, September 1.—A human foot, apparently that of a lady, enclosed in a high heeled kid boot, was picked up last Friday, at Squam Beach, near Barnegat Bay. The flesh above the ankle appeared to have been torn or bitten off by fishes.—The foot is now in the possession of Mr. William P. Chadwick, whose hotel is close to Life Saving station, No. 12.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 8, 1880.

A friend of Senator Thurman, who lately left him, told your correspondent that the Senator refused to express any opinion as to the prospect in Ohio this fall. But last night a letter from the Senator to another Washington friend was shown, in which a prophecy of Democratic victory in the State in October was made. While one of the best lawyers in the country, the Senator is not, nor ever can be a skillful politician. His opinion about Ohio, whether unfavorable to the Democracy, as in the case first mentioned above, or favorable, as expressed in his letter is of little account. There are a hundred Democrats in Ohio who have more knowledge of the political machine's work than Thurman has.

Many exaggerated stories are told of "assessments" upon office holders here. More classes are probably applied to during this year than ever before, but that seems to be only fair if we once concede the propriety of collecting money from office holders. Certain local organizations here, however, have undertaken to collect money for the good of the Republican party at large, and that attempt is properly and generally condemned. All stories of removal from position because of refusal to pay, may safely be set down as fabrications. There are dismissals from office here every day in the year—sometimes from inefficiency or inattention to duty, and sometimes a particular class of work is exhausted, or for other reasons—but there is no well authenticated case of "bulldozing" under this administration.

The result of the Arkansas election created but little comment. It was expected, of course, that the State would give a huge Democratic majority, and the expectation has been realized. Nor is there much interest centered in the Vermont election of yesterday. The Re-

publicans look for a majority of 25,000, and a vote of about 65,000. The principal feature of the Arkansas result is the victory of the debasing faction over the repudiationists. The fight was against the so called Fishback amendment. It was proposed by this to amend the State Constitution so as to prohibit the Legislature from making any provision for interest or principle of certain State improvement bonds. At the Democratic headquarters in this city they are exchanging congratulations over the position taken by Arkansas.

Zenas F. Wilber, who resigned the position of examiner of interferences in the United States Patent Office to attend to the Patent business of Edison, the inventor, is in the city. He says that there is now being put up in the wood around Menlo Park a number of lamps, and at an early day experiments will be made which will demonstrate fully the success of the Edison system of electric lights. The great difficulty, which is now being overcome, is to get an engine suited for the purpose. Such engines are now being built, and when completed, Mr. Wilber says, will be the last link necessary to complete in detail the Edison theory. Without such an engine Mr. Wilber says that to light Pennsylvania avenue with electricity it would be necessary to lay a sheathing of copper along the entire surface.

OLIVER.

Peterson's Magazine.

Peterson's Magazine comes out in great force for October. Besides the principal steel-plate, "The Rescue," which illustrates a thrilling story by Mrs. Mary V. Spencer, and the double-sided, colored steel-plate of fashions, there are two colored patterns, one a "Baby's Afghan," and the other a design for embroidering handkerchiefs, each alone worth the price of the number. There is also a charming love story, illustrated with numerous engravings, called "A Summer Episode," and many other good articles.

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