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CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

Second District.

The Republics of the Second Congressional

District will meet in Convention, at Auburn,

Friday, May 4th, 1860, at 10 o'clock A. M.,

for the purpose of selecting two delegates to the

National Republican Convention to be held at

Chicago, May 16th, for the purpose of nominating

Republican candidates for President and Vice

President.

Every town and plantation will be entitled to

one delegate for every fifty votes thrown for the

Republican candidate for Governor in 1859.

H. G. RUSSELL, District

WILLIAM KILBOURNE, District

BENJAMIN KILBOURNE, District

J. W. FAIRBANKS, Committee.

Editorial Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, March 25, 1860.

In our former letters, we have omitted

reference to the final action of the House on

the question of chaplain. A majority came

to the conclusion, after the election of the

other officers of the House, to select a per-

manent chaplain, rather than depend upon

the clergy of Washington, who had, up to

that time, officiated in rotation. The principal

candidates voted for at the first trial,

were Rev. Dr. Ball, (Methodist,) Rev. Dr.

Nadal, and Rev. Mr. Proctor, all of this

city, and Rev. Dr. Stockton of Philadelphia.

Ball, all of the same denomination with Dr.

Ball. Dr. Stockton was elected on the 21

ballot. Twenty-five years ago, when but

twenty-six years of age, he occupied the

same place. He preached in the Represent-

atives' Hall, on the 18th inst., to a vast

audience, attracted thither by the high

reputation of the speaker, as a pulpit orator.

Dr. S. appears much older than he

really is; his hair is snowy white, while

his tall, spare, but graceful figure indicates

what he really is—an invalid. He spoke

in a sitting posture, on account of his feeble

health. His sermon was a finished, eloquent

production, rendered intensely interesting

both from its matter and manner of delivery.

His references to the scenes of other days

when, a quarter of a century ago, he spoke

in the old hall, to a class of men who had

passed away, many of them to their long

homes; the passing tribute he paid to Clay,

Benton, Calhoun, Webster, Forsyth, Wright

and the other great men of those times,

were listened to with almost oppressive still-

ness, and the glowing tear on many a

stern face told how well the speaker under-

stood the secret avenues to the heart.

The attenuated form and mellow tones of

the speaker, as they rose and died away in

the corridors of the spacious hall, chanting,

as it were, requiems to the memory of the

mighty dead, had an effect upon the listen-

ing multitude almost dramatic.

After the organization was completed the

Rules of the House were referred to a com-

mittee, of which Mr. Washburn of Maine

was chairman, for revision. He made a

report several days since, recommending var-

ious alterations, which were generally

adopted by the House. These changes fa-

cilitate business in many particulars. They

give private bills a better chance to be acted

upon, thus preventing the gross injustice

done to these claimants, in times past, by

leaving a large portion of the private calen-

dar unacted upon. A strenuous effort was

made by Mr. Vallandigham and others to

break down the "House Rule," but hap-

pily for business and "the country," it fail-

ed. Before the House rule was adopted,

members would get the floor and hold it for

days together, blocking up all business,

and thereby creating great confusion, ill temper

and mischief. The remark is frequently

made that it is very difficult doing business

with the Rules; yet certain it is that in a

House of 237 Members, nothing could be

done without them.

It is understood that a majority of the

select committee on a Pacific Railroad, are

in favor of one central route, and are op-

posed to granting land to aid its construc-

tion. The minority go for a Northern and

Southern route, thereby hoping to gain

support from both sections of the Union,

sufficient to pass the bill. There would

have been a road before this, and the two

oceans connected by an iron band, but for

the never ending meddling of the slaveholders

of the South. These aristocrats who boast

they have ruled the whole country for more

than sixty years, cannot allow a single

measure of public interest to be adopted,

unless they can dictate, and then reap the

main benefits legitimately flowing from it.

Such has been their course upon this rail-

road question. They demand a Southern

route, although it leads through barren

wastes and arid deserts—destitute of water,

vegetation and everything else that invites

improvement and civilization.

Such a scheme ought to be considered too

visionary, even for a fire-eating slave-driver;

but nothing is too fantastical or ridiculous

for that "select class" who live on other

people's brains and sinews.

One central route would convene both

sections of country; and California might

as well wait, until she can purge herself of

the agrarian law-fetters which now stick to

her, before she asks Northern men to

build a Southern route, over sand deserts,

for the benefit of nigger-drivers.

The democratic ride of the House is said

to be in favor of adjourning over from the 20th of April to the 20th of May, which time would cover both National Conventions; and a resolution to that effect was offered a few days since by Mr. Bonham of South Carolina, but objected to. The Republican side of the House, with a few exceptions, are opposed to any such course. But few Republican members will go to Chicago, feeling it to be their duty to attend to business, and leave the nomination to be made by delegates, specially authorized by the people for this purpose.

Congress will probably finally adjourn by the 20th of June. There is great dissatisfaction in democratic quarters, at the evident disposition manifested by the Charleston people to sponge those who should attend the convention. Seven dollars a day for board, looks a little hard to the hundreds who wish to attend that gathering. Taking the papers published in that city as the true exponents of public sentiment, it seems the people of Charleston consider this meeting of the democracy a sort of nuisance, for which they have no taste. After all, it must be conceded, on all hands, that Charleston, the hot bed and head quarters of nullification and disunion, is just the appropriate place for the disunion party of the country to congregate and lay out their programme.

The committee on elections reported a resolution to the House, through Mr. Dawes, granting time to Mr. Williamson to take testimony in support of his memorial against the right of Mr. Scales to a seat in the House, from New York. The resolution passed after a long debate. The same committee reported another resolution through Mr. Campbell of Pa., against the petition of Mr. Cooper, the sitting member from Detroit District, praying for additional time to take testimony, in his contest with Mr. Howard. It appearing that Cooper had entirely neglected taking any proof to rebut the testimony taken by Howard, the House, as we think very properly, passed the resolution, which in effect, prevents further delay. The committee on elections have seven cases before them, not one of which has been decided upon, even in committee. These matters must necessarily consume much time when reported to the House.

The rejection of the Mexican treaty by the Senate is a matter much commented on at the Capitol. All the Republican Senators, with the exception of Gen. Wilson, voted against it. The great objections to the treaty, are, first, the article which authorizes the President to use the military and naval forces at discretion, to protect our transit routes to California. Knowing the filibustering propensities of Buchanan, it is not at all strange that the Republican Senators do not choose to place the word in the hands of the present corrupt dynasty, by which we might be involved in interminable troubles with our Central American and Mexican neighbors. Second, by the provisions of this treaty, two millions are to be taken from the treasury, and given to Juarez, the pretended ruler of Mexico, to enable him to keep up the miserable intestine war now raging in that unhappy country. Another objection to the treaty, is the right to establish a sort of Protectorate over Mexico, for the benefit of the Juarez party; which, as a matter of necessity, would involve us as a nation, in war with Miramon, the revolutionary leader of the other party. It is said by the friends of the treaty, that unless it is ratified we shall be involved in another war with Mexico;—this may be, for it is a part of the policy of the administration, to get up a war with that government anyhow—but should the treaty be adopted, war would inevitably follow any attempt on the part of our government, to interfere with the domestic broils of that distracted country. The recent capture of two Mexican steamers off Vera Cruz, by Com. Turner, causes much excitement. This only serves to create additional embarrassments in the way of maintaining peaceable relations with Mexico.

President making, on both sides, goes on as brisk as ever. Douglas seems to be given over by all parties. Since the writing of Judge Bates' letter to the Missouri Delegation, his stock has come up. This letter places the Judge squarely upon the Republican platform. Seward's friends are pushing his claims most vigorously, yet he is strongly opposed by the Republicans in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Indiana. If it is a fact, settled so far as probabilities can settle it, that his chances would be doubtful in these States, then it is folly if not madness, to throw away success on our devotion to a man. Were it not for the advanced age of Judge McLean, he would walk over the course at Chicago and be nominated by acclamation. All parties admit that his nomination would be equivalent to an election. Feeder's nomination would be in fact an election—it is so conceded by all intelligent politicians, not tied up to the interest of a single man. To nominate any man who cannot carry Pennsylvania, and at least one of the other doubtful States, is to throw away the election. It is no time to worship men, and if we are beaten in the next contest, it will require less than even ordinary wisdom to trace such defeat back to its legitimate source.

NORMAL SCHOOL. A communication from the State Superintendent, published in the Daily Advertiser, announces that Paris Hill Academy has been designated, for a Normal School, in Oxford County. As yet we have no knowledge of the provisions of the bill, further than the fact that an appropriation has been made to establish a Normal Department. We have pleasure in adding that in the hands of Mr. Leonard, the accomplished principal, the people of the County will not fail to receive all the benefit to be obtained from the appropriation.

It is stated that prominent democrats are in Washington, trying to obtain the removal of Collector Leavitt who figures so prominently in the Peck affair. Mr. Weston thinks it cannot be effected; and for that reason thinks it hard that he, a Republican, should have been removed for the same cause.

Supreme Judicial Court.

Artemas Felt vs. Jesse S. Felt. This is an action of trespass. After the testimony was closed, the action, by the agreement of parties, was withdrawn from the jury and referred to the presiding judge. Judgment for defendant. Hammons & Gibson for plaintiff. Walton for defendant.

Moss Eames vs. Gilman L. Blake. This is an action against an officer, for the recovery of a coat, taken on an original writ, as the property of one Stephen Kimball. This was also submitted to the presiding judge.

William J. Hayden vs. Jacob B. Littlehale, is an action on account annexed. Defendant contends that the goods and wares enumerated in the account were never received. Plaintiff nonsuit. Hammons & Gibson for Plaintiff. Frye & Walton for defendant.

David Brooks vs. Alexander P. Eames, is an action of Trover, wrongful taking of a gun. Verdict for Plaintiff. Damages \$15.50. Exceptions. Hammons & Gibson for plaintiff. Walton for defendant.

George W. Everett vs. Bealzel A. Cushman. This is an action for damages which the plaintiff alleges he received to his person in consequence of an assault made by the defendant, in the town of Norway. Verdict for plaintiff. Damages \$20. W. W. Virgin for plaintiff. Dunsell for defendant.

Benjamin B. Bartlett vs. Samuel H. Houghton, App't. This is an action for the value of some thirty cords of wood, for which the defendant alleges that he has paid in full. After the evidence was concluded, the case was by agreement taken from the jury and submitted to the presiding judge. Judgment for plaintiff.

Rawson for pliff. Walton for def't. Eleazer A. Holmes vs. Charles Durell. This is an action on a note signed by the defendant as surety. Defendant pleads the statute of limitations. Continued on Report. W. W. Virgin for plaintiff. Perry and Walton for defendant.

Sally Walton vs. Samuel Richards et al. Action on note of hand. Defense, insanity of Samuel Richards, one of the defendants. Verdict for plaintiff. Kimball & Bryant for plaintiff. Black for defendant.

On the last day of the term, John R. Brown, Cyrus Rogers, and W. O. Russell, found guilty of larceny, were brought in for sentence. The former was sentenced to hard labor in State's Prison one year on the first indictment, and three on the second. The latter had three years each in the same institution.

The Court adjourned Wednesday, without day.

ANOTHER LABEL SET. The Editor of the Bath Times has been sued for libel by John Babson, of gun house notoriety, and the amount of damages laid at \$5000.

We also learn that the Times man has as a little affair on hand with Mr. Dimmore, of Oxford. The Times made the statement that a person on the street, after making an appeal to a merchant, negotiated for the purchase of a nice fancy pipe. Mr. Dimmore put on the coat and demanded satisfaction, and the editor after a few preparatory remarks had the "satisfaction" of showing him the door. The amount of damage claimed is not stated.

HON. ISRAEL WASHBURN, JR., is pretty freely spoken of in this region as our next candidate for Governor. [Jeffersonian.] So far as we can ascertain public sentiment, there is no man in Maine, for whom "Old Oxford" would vote more cheerfully, than ISRAEL WASHBURN, JR., one of the "three Washburns" that she is proud to call her sons.

FOR RANGOR. The Daniel Webster commences her trips from Portland to Bangor next Monday.

Rooms have been secured at the Briggs House, Chicago, for the Maine delegation. This house will accommodate 400, at a charge of \$2.50, per day, for board.

MASONIC. The stated communication, Paris Lodge, will be held Tuesday evening, April 3. Officers for the ensuing year will then be elected. Apunctual attendance is requested.

KNOX COUNTY. The following are the officers of the new county of Knox, who will enter upon their duties Monday:

S. S. Hodgman, Warren, Clerk of the Courts; T. B. Simonton, Camden, County Attorney; G. W. White, South Thomaston, Register of Deeds; Austin Jackson, Thomaston, Treasurer; S. S. Gerry, Thomaston, W. H. Meserve, Appleton, Z. Cook, Friendship, County Commissioners.

THE SCHOOL REBELLION. The story published two weeks since, entitled the "Pig-wacket School Rebellion," had so many points coinciding completely with scenes and individuals in Fryeburg, that many at once supposed that some good friend of the Professor had been posting him on the history of the Pequawet, or Pigwacket rebellion, in this county. Years since, Fryeburg Corner was the great business centre for all the region thereabout; and was a place of much greater comparative importance than since so many villages have sprung up in its neighborhood. It was there that an Academy,—one of the earliest in the State,—was located. Master Langdon, was also one of the first teachers of the school. He taught, however, for a considerable time; but was succeeded by Daniel Webster,—who has been supposed to be the "young man" alluded to in the close of the chapter. Though containing so many singular coincidences, careful inquiry leads to the belief that the Professor, if familiar with Fryeburg matters, has not attempted to introduce them into his story. A cursory examination of the matter, would point almost irresistibly to the valley of the Saco as the scene of the story.

NEBRASKA ELECTION. The Nebraska Republican gives returns from the late election in that territory for delegates to the Constitutional Convention. In 48 Counties the Republicans elect 26 and the democrats 12 delegates, with four counties yet to be heard from.

The Legislature.

Augusta, March 20, 1860.

The Legislature adjourned to-day, after a session of 77 days, sine die. One hundred and eighty-one acts and eight resolutions have passed and been signed by the Governor. Two have been returned with his objections. After the rest of the Sabbath, session seemingly returned to some of the members, and the vote abolishing the board of agriculture was reconsidered, and the salary of the Secretary fixed at one thousand dollars; and a board established consisting of one member from each county, and one from the Horticultural Society—in all seventeen—and allowing a session of 14 days at \$2 per day; and travel at six cents per mile.

The salary of the Superintendent of Common Schools is fixed at one thousand dollars and necessary travel. The Teachers' Conventions are abolished, and a Normal Department established in several of the Academies in the State, allowing each \$200 a year for maintaining a Normal department, in conformity to the provisions of law. The State's Prison and the Reform School remain unchanged.

A radical change has been made in the manner of committing patients to the Insane Hospital, and in regard to the support of those already there, relieving the State of its insane paupers.

Some of the great railroad projects were referred to the next Legislature.

The bill providing for a bank and insurance commissioner, with a salary of three thousand dollars a year, was indefinitely postponed, as were a multitude of other wild schemes and projects.

The remarks of Dr. Ludwig of Thomaston, when offering the resolution of thanks to the Speaker, for the ability and impartiality with which he had presided, were well-timed and highly complimentary to Mr. Pike, and characteristic of the high-minded and whole-souled representative from Thomaston. The remarks on the occasion, by Messrs. Blaine and McCrellis were characteristic and breathed the spirit of the true man. The Speaker responded in his usual felicitous manner. No man has filled the Speaker's chair, in the Maine Legislature, with more ability and uniform courtesy and impartiality, than Mr. Pike. He has presided to the entire satisfaction of all the members. He is a statesman of enlarged views, and one of the ablest debaters in the State. His constituents owe it to the State, to place him in the halls of Congress, where the whole State may enjoy the benefit of his eminent ability.

The resolution offered in the Senate, by Mr. Whitney of Aroostook, was highly complimentary to Mr. Marshall, who presided over that body with much dignity. Messrs. Drummond and Williamson, in seconding the resolution, made appropriate remarks, creditable to themselves, as well as complimentary to the President. Mr. Marshall responded in a very happy manner. The whole board, as a mark of respect, passed around and gave him the parting hand.

Resolutions were passed complimentary to the Secretary and his assistant; and in the House, to the very efficient Clerk and his assistant. These officers have been faithful and courteous, and have done much, by their gentlemanly deportment and kind attention, to make the session pleasant.

We have just closed one of the most laborious sessions of the Legislature ever held in the State. From the first day of the session to the last, the work has been arduous. The State valuation of itself, was worked enough for one session. But that has been attended to and completed to the satisfaction of a large majority of the members, as well as a large amount of other business. That there may have been blunders made, and errors committed, we shall not deny; but that a majority of the Legislature has been wise and conservative, I think will be demonstrated by time, and will meet the hearty approval of the people. But our work is done. Our action for the "weal or woe" of the State is before the people for their verdict. As all power is inherent in them, they can hold fast that which is good and cast the bad away.

Our last communication from the capital reminds us that we not only part with the few whom we have been accustomed to meet daily here, but from the numerous readers of your valuable journal. And as we make the parting bow, we wish both you and them abundant prosperity and success.

Some little fellows in Bangor, had a narrow escape from drowning, on Saturday. They were at play upon the ice, on the Kenoskeag river, when it broke up, sweeping them rapidly down stream. They were finally drawn to the wharf by means of ropes.

Goody's Lady's Book for April, has been duly received. It is beautifully embellished, and is a highly attractive number. Goody is one of the best caterers for the ladies that can be found. He exceeds their expectations, as he exceeds his own promises.

"COMING EVENTS." The Courier, as a new feature, has adopted the practice of announcing the births, as they occur in the prosperous town of Bethel.

The democrats of Portland have nominated Hon. Joseph Howard as their candidate for Mayor. We believe Mr. Howard has run for that place before, but the other candidate always had the most votes!

THREE MURDERS ON SHIPBOARD. On Sunday night, the oyster schooner E. A. Johnson, from Idip, Long Island, was boarded by "river pirates," and the captain, Geo. Burr, and two boys, were murdered and thrown overboard. The vessel when discovered presented a horrible scene of death struggles and bloodshed. The motive seems to have been the money—about \$500—which the captain had to buy oysters with on the Virginia shore.

ARROSTOOK DEMOCRAT. We have specimens of the new paper bearing the above title, published at Houlton. Messrs. Mansur & Madigan are the proprietors. It has the appearance of being a reprint of the Bangor Democrat.

FROM EUROPE. The Canadian steamship Bohemian from Liverpool at noon, 14th inst. arrived at Portland March 27th.

The most important intelligence is in relation to Italian affairs. The result of the voting in central Italy, so far as the returns have been received, is immensely in favor of annexation to Sardinia. In Tuscany only about 2-1/2 per cent. voted in favor of a separate kingdom.

TERIN, Wednesday. The Sardinian Government it is asserted, has consented to the demand of France to effect the cession of Savoy and Nice by a special treaty to be made between France and Sardinia. The treaty will be followed by the vote of the municipality, and the two contracting parties will afterwards report to the European powers the nature and motives of the territorial arrangements between them. By this arrangement Sardinia cedes to France, Savoy upon Mount Cenis and Nice upon Villa France, thus all the passes of the Alps will be possessed by France.

Judge Kent is to hold the April term for Sagadahoc County.

STATE CONVENTION. The Sentinel says: We learn that the Republican State Convention will be held this year at Bangor, and will probably be called for some day in the early part of June.

The People's party of Delaware will coalesce with the Republicans, and will not send delegates to the Union Convention at Baltimore.

The Louisville Journal says that according to present appearances, if Douglas be nominated, his nomination will defeat his party, and if he be not nominated the failure to nominate him will defeat his party. The Democracy can't get along with him, and the Democracy can't get along without him.

Lieut. Gov. John Wood, of Alton (Republican) becomes acting governor of Illinois by the death of Gov. Russell. The new election takes place in November, Illinois choosing its State officers for four years on a presidential year.

MAINE CONFERENCE. The Conference of the Methodist Episcopal denomination for the Western District of this State, convenes at Gorham, on Wednesday next, April 4th.

AN AGED VETERAN. Isaac Abbott is still living in Fryeburg, at the age of 98 years. He is the last survivor of the company that came to Bethel in pursuit of the Indians when Segar was carried off by them in 1771. He remembers all the incidents of that day with perfect distinctness. He held the plow last summer, and hoed his potatoes. [Bethel Courier.]

The Connecticut correspondent of the New York Times says that he has been informed that the Republican State Committee have completed their canvass, and figured up twelve hundred majority for their ticket. He has also heard that the Democratic figuring fell short of an election nearly five hundred votes.

Mr. Robert Tobey of Kendall's Mills has slaughtered an ox, weighing 2225 pounds on the foot—eight years old—raised by Wm. Connor, Esq.

A writer in the Salem Gazette states that the whole number of private armed vessels belonging to that port, during the war of 1812, was 40—making an aggregate of 2,045 tons—mounting 189 cannon of different sizes from 3-pounds to 32-pounds, and manned by 2,142 men.

A bridal party, four prisoners, and a funeral party, with a corpse, were on a railroad train that left Pontiac, Mich., one day last week.

On Saturday evening, while the steamer Chesapeake was entering Portland harbor, she came in collision with, and sunk the schooner Clarissa, of and for Friendship, Me. A young man named Isaac Brown of Bremen, Me., was drowned.

It is reported that Lieut. Bartlett has challenged Gen. G. P. Morris, editor of the Home Journal, in consequence of remarks made by that paper, recently, touching the "Diamond Wedding."

The Brattleboro' Phoenix says the run of sap this year is remarkable, and estimates the maple sugar crop of Vermont this season at 12,000 to 15,000 tons. Our Vermont friends must be having a sweet time.

SENATOR WILSON AND THE SLAVE TRADE.
The Washington correspondence of the New York Herald says:

"Senator Wilson has opened the war in earnest upon the slave trade, and strikes in the right direction. First for the construction of five steamers, of a size and armament to suit the African coast, and costing one million of dollars. Second, for reducing the punishment of those convicted of engaging in the slave trade from death to imprisonment for life, as more likely to insure conviction, and rendering ship owners equally liable with officers and crew. Third, a resolution of inquiry as to the expediency of instructing the President to enter into treaty stipulations with foreign nations, for the mutual right of visitation and search of vessels found within two hundred miles of the coast of Africa. These several propositions Mr. Wilson designs pressing upon Congress, and intends, if possible, to secure action upon them. The Democrats express cheerful concurrence in the first two but question the propriety of the third, in view of the differences in views of this and European governments, and our national repugnance to the right of search."

THE SOVEREIGN REMEDY. Every one acknowledges that Redding's Russia Salve is a Sovereign Remedy for all kinds of wounds, cuts, burns, scalds, corns, bunions, chilblains, chapped hands, erysipelas, etc. Sold everywhere at 25 cents a box.

THE OVERLAND PONT EXPRESS. St. Joseph, Mo., March 27. The first pony express leaves St. Joseph, Mo., at 5 P. M., on Tuesday, April 22, and every week thereafter on the same day and at the same hour. Mr. Russell promises to make the time from St. Joseph to Virginia City, the first station on the California Telegraph line, in eight days. Messages from California by this route can be forwarded from New York as late as 4 P. M., Tuesday, and reach St. Joseph in time for the express. The tariff from Virginia City to all points in California is \$2 for the first ten words, and 10 cents for each additional word. The tariff for expressing is not yet fixed.

The building in Conway, known as Fay's Mills, and occupied as a turning shop by John Ingham, and as a saw mill by Wm. R. Fay, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning. Loss from \$2000 to \$3000.

The Grand Jury of Dubuque county, Iowa, has indicted six or eight democratic county officers for misappropriation of public money. Among them is the county Judge, formerly a Governor of the territory. [Journal.]

A DEN OF THIEVES. Manchester, N. H., is undergoing some little excitement in consequence of a den of thieves being arrested in that city and Londonderry. The following persons are now under arrest, as connected with the gang: Charles Clark and wife of Londonderry, Mrs. Frank Chase, Mrs. Huldah Adams, Stephen L. Emery, Mary Mullin, and Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Page of Manchester, and Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Chase of Londonderry. These and other parties acting with them have carried on a series of plundering for a long time. The Mirror says that the last haul of the officers was a lot of stolen goods found in the woods, belonging to various traders in Manchester. The goods were brought in by the bag full. [Republican.]

WASHINGTON, March 25. The Post Office Committee of the House, this morning, after a two days' argument, resolved, with but one dissenting voice that the inland postal service should be restored to its condition on the 3d of March 1859, and instructed their chairman to prepare and report a bill for that purpose to a special meeting of the committee to-morrow.

The Representatives and Senators from Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina had their last conference yesterday, and decided that in view of the National Conventions which are about to assemble, it was advisable to postpone the proposed Atlanta Conference until after the Presidential election.

NEW ORLEANS, March 27. The prize steamers Miramonte and Marquette, and the sloop-of-war Preble are all anchored opposite the city. The Preble brings 129 prisoners among whom are commodore Marin and his two sons. The prize steamers bring 60 prisoners.

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STATE OF MAINE.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.
Augusta, March 13, 1860.
General Order, No. 5.
The nine Military Divisions of the State are hereby annulled, and all Division officers are honorably discharged from further service in the Militia.

Three new Divisions are hereby created, to be arranged as follows:
First Division to comprise the counties of Washington, Hancock, Penobscot, Acadia, and Piscataquis.
Second Division, the counties of Waldo, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Kennebec and Somerset.
Third Division, the counties of Androscoggin, Cumberland, York, Oxford and Franklin.
By order of the Commander-in-Chief,
DAVID TILSON, Adj. General.

Prices of Country Produce

Corrected weekly for The Oxford Democrat by Manning & Brown, Portland, and Hubbard & Hammond, Paris.

THURSDAY, March 29, 1860.
Apples, dried, sliced, 8 a 9
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" " " " 1/8 a 1/4
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MISCELLANEOUS.

—Why couldn't Job sleep at night? Because he had such miserable comforters.

—The young woman who was driven to distraction, now fears she will have to walk back.

—A modern tourist calls Niagara the pride of rivers. That pride certainly has a tremendous fall.

—Excess of ceremony shows want of breeding. That civility is best which excludes all superfluous formality.

—Why is a man climbing up Mount Vesuvius like an Irishman who wants to kiss his sweetheart? Because he wants to get at the mouth of the crater!

—In literature, as in morals, there is a certain taste and grace, which confers dignity on moderate acquirements; and there is a negligence and grossness that dignifies even when accompanied with ineffectual superiority.

—Every desire bears its death in its very gratification. Curiosity languishes under repeated stimulants, and novelty ceases to excite surprise until at length we cannot even wonder at a miracle.

—A man asked another, "Which is the heaviest, a quart of gin or a quart of water?" "Gin most assuredly, for I saw a man who weighs two hundred pounds staggering under a quart of gin, when he would have carried a gallon of water with ease."

—The response of the passions must not imply their stagnation. They must first rouse themselves at last and go forth, though it be only to bear a burden and be baffled by defeat. Successful or baffled, their duty is in the struggle. The struggle itself is the life. [Simms.]

—A man in battle is not allowed to whistle to keep his courage up, and the whistling of the bullets doesn't have that tendency.

THE HUNGARIAN. The Agents of the Hungarian report that there were 235 persons on board, on her last trip.

The divers report nothing standing but the ends. Her cargo was hanging in shreds about the wreck. A telegraphic dispatch states that the hull of the steamer was sold for \$3400, and the cargo on board for \$12,780. One third of the cargo saved sold for about \$8000. The salvage awarded by the magistrate was forty per cent on the gross sales.

THE CLASS OF 1852. In Waterville College, have chosen the following officers for their support at the end of the summer term: President—C. M. Emery of Waterville; Orator—F. S. Howland of Bangor; Poet—J. F. Norris of Monson; Toast Master—S. L. B. Chase of Lewiston.

FAST DAY ON FRIDAY. Governor Hill of Vermont, has appointed Friday the 6th day of April, as the day for the annual Fast in that State.

A CONNECTICUT BOY. A friend of mine, Mr. T., riding one day into Norwich, Conn., overtook a little fellow, about ten years old, trudging along on foot.

"Give us a ride?" said he, as the carriage came up.

"Yes," said T., "jump in."

The words were hardly uttered when the youngster was seated by his side. Thinking to enjoy a little sport by playing upon the boy's credulity, T. began to tell of a most wonderful animal that had recently been caught and brought to Norwich.

His body was blue as indigo, and his eyes as red as beetles. He had a mane like a horse, but as yellow as a yellow bird. He had six legs, and could run backwards or sideways as well as forward; and, moreover, six wings, with which he could fly like an eagle.

"Did you ever see such an animal as that?" said T., turning to the boy, and expecting to see him all agape with wonder.

"No," said the boy, with a tone expressive of the deepest commiseration for T.'s credulity; "we've got a dozen of them down to Stoughton!" [Harper.]

THE GHOST OF A PRIEST INTERPRETS THE MARE, AND ADDRESSES THE CONGREGATION. A remarkable story is current in Pittsburgh, and other parts of Western Pennsylvania. It possesses the elements of the wildest romance, but is religiously believed by very many persons. We give it as it was told to us, without, of course, endorsing the occurrence as actual facts.

About two weeks ago, in the village of Latrobe, in Western Pennsylvania, a solemn mass was performed in the Roman Catholic Church, for the repose of a deceased priest. A number of worshippers were in church at the time. Just as the officiating priest was to perform the most solemn part of the rites, his purpose was checked by an astonishing appearance. The form of the deceased priest himself appeared in front of the altar, with hand uplifted in a warning manner. The officiating clergyman stepped back, when the ghostly priest, or, possibly, ghost, addressed his brother in the flesh and the congregation.

He said they were taking unnecessary trouble to get him out of Purgatory. The priest might save his prayers and the penitents their penance.

They would not get him out of Purgatory, because he never was in it. Furthermore, there was no chance for him to get there, as there never was such a place as Purgatory. It was all a mistake. He should feel very much obliged if they could get him out of the spot where he was, but that was impossible. There were but two places of future existence—one of perpetual bliss and the other of perpetual punishment. Only two priests ever went to Heaven—and he was not one of them. He therefore warned them that their masses for the repose of his, or any other deceased person's soul, were useless.

With this monition this remarkable ghost disappeared, and the sacred congregation dispersed. [Cleveland Herald.]

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