

CAMBRIA FREEMAN.

EBENSBURG, PA., THURSDAY, DEC. 19, 1867.

A MEETING of the Democratic State Central Committee will be held at the Democratic Club Rooms, Harrisburg, on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1867, at 7 1/2 o'clock P. M. A full attendance is especially desired. WILLIAM A. WALLACE, Chairman.

Another Richmond in the Field.

We publish under its proper heading, in our paper to-day, a communication from a most worthy man and sound Democrat, on the vexed Poor House question. Our personal regard for the author induces us to publish this paper at a time when we had resolved to close the Poor House controversy, so far at least as the Freeman is concerned. But the strictures of the writer are mainly directed against the editor of the Freeman, and we are not willing to take advantage of our control over a newspaper to prevent a reply, couched in proper terms, to anything we may say.

Our design in connecting ourselves with the Freeman was to accomplish a double purpose. First, to sustain, in all its integrity, the Democratic organization of Cambria county; and secondly, to print a readable newspaper for the people, old and young, male and female. We think we departed from both these purposes in admitting the second communication of A. D. Criste; and if our friend had been in our situation we doubt not he would have excluded it.

It is true Mr. C. only attacked some ten or twelve persons in his second article, but the first time he only attacked one, so in the same ratio our Loretto correspondent might soon have been the subject of censure for some imputed sin. And having permitted causeless defamation, we felt in duty bound to retract and admit what we believed to be the unworthy character of the paper we had published.

So far as the persons attacked are concerned, they are to us like other citizens—no more, no less. Certainly acts or conduct unconnected with the Poor House will not inform the people of the mismanagement of that institution, and unofficial Poor House gossip, God knows, has cost Cambria county enough in the Quarter Sessions and Oyer and Terminer already, without hatching more imaginary grievances.

If A. D. Criste had been confirmed as steward the Freeman would never have been troubled with this controversy. He really, as it seems to us, appeared more desirous in his second article to damage private reputation than to benefit the people by exposing mismanagement of the Poor House. We have declined publishing any reply to his last letter, as we might have a dozen letters, defending as many persons and attacking him, which was not done by Mr. Byrne in his reply. We could not yield our columns for this purpose, and we cannot but think the author of the communication we print to-day will ultimately agree with us.

A Splendid Record. The posting of the political books of the year shows a glorious work for the Democracy. Of the twenty States in which elections have been held in the year past the Democrats have carried ten. They carried but three last year. In these twenty States they have a popular majority of nearly one hundred thousand and have made the unprecedented gain of nearly three hundred and sixty thousand votes. A change of sixteen thousand votes will, next year, give to the Democrats seven of the ten States which the Radicals have carried this year. The ten States which have gone Democratic this year cost one hundred and sixteen electoral votes. The ten Radical States have seventy-seven electoral votes. If we take from the list of Radical States, Ohio, which was carried for the Radical candidate for Governor by a small majority of illegal negro votes which may be thrown out by the Legislature, the electoral vote in the twenty States will stand thus: Democratic, one hundred and thirty-seven; Radical, fifty-six.

An Important Case. The case of David Gillis vs. The Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, which occupied the whole of last week in the Court of Common Pleas of this county, and which was a suit to recover damages for injuries sustained in the falling of the railroad platform at Johnstown, on the occasion of President Johnson's arrival at that point, in September, 1866, was decided in favor of the Company—the Judge withdrawing the case from the jury and ruling it as a question of law. It goes to the Supreme Court, and the counsel for the plaintiff feel confident of reversing the Court below. The injured parties and their friends feel much aggrieved by this unexpected result, and await patiently the decision of a higher tribunal.

The Senate refuses to sustain the President's suspension of Stanton. If this is persisted in the President will issue an order removing Stanton, and force him to

Radicalism Repudiated in the House of its Friends.

One of the most remarkable and unlooked for reverses with which the Radical party has been confronted since the political tide has turned against it, is the election of a Democratic Mayor in the city of Pittsburgh. At the municipal election held in that city, on Tuesday of last week, James Blackmore, a prominent and popular member of the Democratic party, was chosen for that responsible position by a majority of nearly 3,000, being a gain of almost 4,000 votes in one year. True, Mr. Blackmore was not regularly nominated as the candidate of the Democratic party, but was accepted by all parties as the recognized representative of those principles, and as such his election cannot be viewed in any other light than that of a great Democratic triumph. The Radical press of Pittsburgh, which before the election declared that Mr. Blackmore was the standard-bearer of the Democracy, and as such urged his defeat, are now very anxious to create the impression that his election is not by any means a victory for the Democratic party. This little game of political thimble-rigging will not work, however, as the popular verdict has been recorded against the party of "grand moral ideas," and they may as well acquiesce in that decision first as last. The popularity of Mr. B. may have gained him many votes that would not have been accorded to any other man, but even this fact must be taken as an evidence of a great change in public sentiment since the time, not long past, when, in Radical parlance, to be a Democrat was to be a traitor and an enemy to the country.

Following closely upon the triumph in Pittsburgh comes the gratifying intelligence that a Democratic Mayor has been elected in Boston by some five hundred majority, making the second victory for the good cause in that Radical stronghold within a year. When two such impregnable fortresses as Pittsburgh and Boston are forced to capitulate, it may reasonably be conjectured that the days of Radical misrule and oppression are drawing to a close in this once favored land.

MEMORIAL FOR THE RELEASE OF DR. MUDD.—The members of the medical profession of the State in attendance at the Medical Convention held yesterday in this city, after the adjournment of said convention, held a meeting in Radcliffe Hall, which was organized by calling Dr. Eli J. Henkle to the chair, and appointing Dr. Curry secretary. Dr. Dunbar of this city, said that he held in his hand a memorial to the President of the United States, asking for the release of Dr. Mudd, a prisoner of the Dry Tortugas, to which he hoped the members of the profession would attach their signatures. He would not enter into any discussion of the causes of his imprisonment. It is known that he rendered surgical aid to a wounded man, and the memorial suggests that if he was guilty of any wrong, he has suffered sufficient punishment and atoned for his offense. He moved the appointment of a committee of five members of the medical profession to take such measures as they may think necessary to procure the release of Dr. Mudd. Dr. Rogers of Baltimore county, seconded the motion. He has been intimately acquainted with Dr. Mudd in former years, and gave testimony to his honorable character and high standing in his profession. The motion was adopted, and the chair appointed Dr. Dunbar, Warren Whitbridge, Williams and Rogers the committee. The meeting then adjourned.—Baltimore Sun, 12th.

SINGULAR DIABOLISM.—A private letter from Tennessee gives the particulars of a most inhuman outrage which was recently perpetrated in Williams county, some twelve or fifteen miles southeast of Franklin, in that State. While riding along the road a few nights ago, Mr. Wm. B. Early, a grand nephew of Bishop Early, of Virginia, was attacked by three negroes and a white man, whose chief object is supposed to have been robbery. Having beaten their victim until they thought him dead, they robbed his person of all that was worth taking, and laid him upon a pile of rails which they had thrown up for the purpose, set the rails on fire and then fled. Mr. Early came to his senses in time to save himself from the flames, but not until he had been severely burned. Having crawled from the burning pile, he again became insensible, and lay in that condition until about sunrise the next morning, when he managed to reach the nearest house. The negroes were all arrested. Upon one of them were found evidences of his participation in the crime, and he at once confessed his guilt. Unfortunately the white man made his escape.

THE MESSENGER CASE.—The recent trial and conviction of the publisher of the Philadelphia Sunday Mercury, for a libel upon District Attorney Mann, has excited considerable interest in this community. Whatever opinion may exist as to the merits of the case, the public cannot fail to unite with us in expressing surprise at the unusual haste that has marked the whole proceeding. No interest, public or private, required such swift justice. The daily proceedings of our several courts continually show delays in their legitimate business, and, in some instances, term after term is permitted to pass away without parties, as deeply interested as those in the case before us, being compelled to proceed to trial. It is evident that this hasty action has evolved an amount of sympathy for defendant which otherwise might not have been exhibited, as it is generally believed that the ends of justice might as easily have been attained by a more generous course on the part of

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The jewelry store of Reinman, Meyers & Seidle, Pittsburg was destroyed by fire on the 13th.

Drake, the President's calumniator, is charged with voting in the Mobile Legislature, seven years ago, to sell free negroes into slavery.

In sinking an artesian well at Manchester, near Pittsburg, recently, a stream of hot salt water was struck, which gushed out freely.

The Canadian, St. Marie, has demanded compensation for the information furnished by him against John H. Surratt. Pay Judas his blood money.

Edward Moore murdered his wife at Newtown, Va., on the night of the 9th inst., by stamping and kicking her to death. Liquor was the cause.

St. Marie, the betrayer of Surratt, is not likely to receive any reward from the government for the part he took in that to him rather disgraceful transaction.

It is stated that Mr. Edwin A. Stevens, late President of the Camden and Amboy Railroad Company, has, or is about to construct street railways in Paris, and has engaged General McClellan as engineer.

Not a single measure for the benefit of the country has yet been passed or even taken up by the Kamp Congress. The Rad. are entirely engrossed in cutting out mere negro legislation and in writing begging letters for money to Africanize the Southern States.

Several warehouses were fired in London on Sunday night, and the Fenians, who will have to bear the blame of all the villainies committed in England, are of course charged with the incendiary acts. John Bull is badly scared, but deserves to be worse hurt than frightened.

About fifty armed men of Athens, Georgia, gathered into a mob, on last Thursday night, and threatened to mob some students of the Georgia University, but were dispersed by the military. The "coming man" is coming along too fast, ain't he, Billy Kelley?

On Monday morning last a tenement house in New York city, occupied by ten families, caught fire, and eleven persons either perished in the flames or were suffocated to death by the smoke. Several others were injured by leaping from the windows of the burning building.

Mr. Michael Sherk, a merchant of East Haverock township, Dauphin county, was crushed beneath a large loghead, on Friday last, while assisting to put it into the cellar. He was only a few hours after the accident occurred. The deceased was a well and prominent citizen.

A collision occurred between a party of negroes and the civil authorities at Elderton, Elbert county, Ga., on the 14th inst., in which the Sheriff, George Allen, was killed, and several others, whites and blacks, wounded. The difficulty originated at a ball. The parties implicated are under arrest.

A special dispatch from Cuba dated the 12th inst., says that authentic information has been received from Spain to the effect that that government has made a formal offer to the American Minister at Madrid to sell Cuba and Porto Rico to the United States for one hundred and fifty millions of dollars in gold.

A carless engineer on the Vermont Central Railroad backed a car and tender containing one hundred workmen over the abutment of the Harlow bridge, near Northfield, on Wednesday, and down a perpendicular descent of sixty feet. About twenty men were killed and a majority of the remainder were severely and dangerously wounded.

The rumors of the offer of Cuba to the United States are increasing, and the Washington correspondents seem to agree that the State Department has an idea of acquiring that island. It is also stated that a large amount of the loud talk against the purchase of St. Thomas and Russian America originated with "lobbyists" at Washington, who are anxious to be silenced by a consideration.

The Great Western Gun Works at Pittsburgh were totally destroyed by fire on Saturday morning last, together with a marble manufactory, feed store and Government warehouse, all under the same roof. A large number of loaded guns were stored in the warehouse, and when they became heated a rapid discharge of musketry took place, killing one person and seriously wounding three others.

One of the passenger cars attached to the fast line east, on the Pennsylvania railroad, ran off the track and overturned, near Lochiel iron works, on Friday last, completely wrecking the car, but strange to say, none of the passengers were seriously injured. Fortunately the locomotive became detached from the train after the accident, and thus prevented what might otherwise have been a most terrible catastrophe.

A daring attempt was made on the 13th inst. to release the Fenian Colonel Burke from the Clerkenwell prison, London. Powder was placed beneath the prison walls and exploded. The whole side wall was blown into the air, and three adjoining buildings were destroyed. Many persons were injured, and it is feared that some lives were lost. Burke was confined in another part of the prison at the time, and did not escape.

A messenger of the Bank of the State of New York was robbed of \$1,000,000 in exchange checks, in daylight on Friday last, while passing through William street, New York city, by three men who drove up in a sleigh and stopped beside him. They jumped out, and while one seized the messenger by the throat, the other two wrested the satchel containing the checks from his grasp, when all three jumped in the sleigh and drove off.

A German family named Pepsy, consisting of husband, wife and two children, were murdered on Sunday week, near Alton, Ill. The murder was committed with an axe, and a negro named Joseph Marshall was arrested on suspicion of being the murderer, but was taken from the custody of the officer who had him in charge by a party of Germans, and hung to a tree. He acknowledged being present, but charged the murder upon his com-

—Most of our exchanges agree that the Fenian cause is gaining in strength, by its complications with the rights of naturalized American citizens, of which the late great meetings in New York, St. Louis and Boston give evidence.

A little girl some six years of age, belonging to a band of Gipsies, died near Minersville, Allegheny county, was hurried to death last Friday night, by her clothes catching fire. She lingered in great misery until Saturday forenoon when she expired.

The London police authorities report three killed and about forty injured by the Clerkenwell explosion. The excitement in the city was very great. Nearly all the morning papers in the city have editorials on the explosion. The entire press seems of opinion that the time for lenity towards Fenians has passed. The Times is particularly decided in its remarks, and closes a lengthy article with the following words: "Let there be no more clemency for Fenianism, which is a mixture of treason and assassination."

A REMINISCENCE OF 1837.—An American Exile.—Not long since an elderly man, bent almost double with age and work, and in garments tattered and torn, while passing through Home, N. Y., stopped at one of the stores and asked for bread or money. He volunteered the remark that he was ashamed to beg, and stated, as an explanation and extenuation, the following as the cause of the necessity: "His home was Saratoga, and he chanced to be in Canada at the time of the rebellion in that country in 1837. He was charged with being engaged in that outbreak, was tried and convicted for being in complicity with the "Patriots," and sentenced to Van Diemen's Land. He says he was not guilty, but that the feeling was so strong against the "Yankees" at the time of this trial, it required but slight evidence to convict.

He was then some twenty-one or twenty-two years of age; he was taken to that penal colony, and there subjected to the severest drudgery and the most inhuman treatment; he and other convicts were compelled to draw the plow and cart like oxen, and to labor early and late, and treated not much better, if any, than the dumb beasts. Thus were twenty-eight years of life passed, never hearing from friends nor home, nor allowed to communicate therewith. He, with others, was finally pardoned, and allowed to reach home as best he might. He left the country a hale and hearty youth, erect and full of vigor; he returns to it, after nearly thirty years' absence, a decrepid old man, bent over with age and work, and with broken health and a shattered constitution. The narration he gave of his life there, and the details of his treatment, fully impressed his hearers with the truth of his statements, and that he was no impostor. He was on his way home, not knowing that he would find a being who knew him when he was a boy.—Utica Herald.

EXTRAORDINARY REVENGE.—The Providence (R. I.) Herald of a late date tells the following ridiculous story of a hen-pecked husband who took a most singular revenge:

A singular case of matrimonial infelicity is reported in Village street, two or three evenings ago. A couple, both slightly under the influence of beverages, had a "cheerful discussion," which culminated in a regular quarrel after they retired to their couch for the night. At last rendered frantic by the stinging words of his wife, and in order to revenge himself upon her, the man sprang from the bed and seated himself upon the hot cooking stove, "accoutered as he was" in a very limited line of wearing apparel. The stove being very hot, the man's flesh burned on, and his night garment somehow catching upon the rear of the stove, he was unable to release himself. His screams for help were treated with cool indifference by his wife, and it was only when his cries had called in two men from another room he was extricated from his uncomfortable position, by being pulled off the stove by main strength. Of course his burns were terrible, and the physicians who attended him predict that they will result in permanent lameness.

SHIPWRECK AND LOSS OF LIFE ON THE SOUND.—The sloop Maria, Captain C. A. Harris, from Montauk for New York city, anchored during the gale of Thursday, about four P. M., near David's Island, Long Island Sound, and soon after dragged her anchor and went ashore among the rocks on the island, where she fell over on her side. The sea made a clean sweep over her, washing from the deck Samuel Harris, one of the hands. The captain and crew took to the masthead, from which position Alonzo Beebe was washed away and lost. The shouts of the remaining sufferers were heard by some men on David's Island, who reported the same to General David B. McKibbin, in command of that post, who immediately arose from his bed, and taking with him in a small boat George M. Layton and a colored man whose name we did not learn, proceeded in the direction of the voices of the distressed men, and after most heroic efforts succeeded in saving Captain Harris and Elvin Beebe from the masthead of the sloop.

Captain Harris came to this city yesterday morning, and the other rescued man is in the hospital on the island. Captain Harris is profuse in his thanks to General McKibbin and his assistants, also to Maj. George M. Randall, who volunteered to assist in the attempt to rescue, for their gallantry and humanity.—N. Y. Herald, December 14.

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