

State rejoices at it. The "free democracy" leaders have the exclusive honor of having attempted to make party capital in the Convention—and they are richly entitled to the disgrace which their failure entails. Even "Smith of Weston," a favorite of Free Democracy, and one of its *ex officio* members, received *twenty six votes less* than Mr. STURTEVANT, an old-line democrat, who was nominated by CHARLES K. FIELD Esq., and elected.

—The Convention have shown that they hold themselves to have higher duties to perform than to aid in bolstering up the falling fortunes of a spurious party—that they were elected to consider grave and important Constitutional questions that have no relation whatever to party contests. We congratulate the State on their firmness and independence. No better man to preside over their deliberations than THOMAS BARRETT JR., could have been selected; as, under the circumstances, no worse one could have been chosen than LEB. B. VILAS. Partnership has been rebuked, and the dignity of the Convention vindicated.

—To the counsels of such men as ALVAN SARRIS, CHARLES K. FIELD, LUTHER B. HUNT, CARLOS COOLIDGE, JOHN N. POMEROY, this creditable result is doubtless greatly owing. We tender them our thanks, at least.

The Island House—Bellevue Falls.

Our readers will remember that the very large and commodious Hotel at R. STURTEVANT, Esq., had reconstructed from the elegant residence of Mr. BAXTER, on "the Island" at Bellevue Falls, was entirely destroyed by fire, in September last, just as it was ready to receive the furniture designed for it. The disappointment was shared by the Public, the enterprising proprietor, and the Lessee, Mr. GAGE, as the necessity for additional public accommodations at the Falls, created by the opening of the several Railroads that have a common terminus at that place, was very apparent. But Mr. STURTEVANT, a man who "never says die," we find in the *Bellows Falls Gazette* the following "Card," from that gentleman:—

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The disappointment to Mr. GAGE, the Lessee of the Island House, in consequence of its destruction by fire, and the great increase of travel upon the various Rail Roads, entering at this place, has induced me to fit up a Hotel, for the use of Mr. GAGE and the accommodation of the Public, by making large additions to another House on the Island, which is situated directly in front of the Deposits of the Rutland & Burlington and Champlain Rail Roads, which I trust will serve as a home for the Traveler, until the new House, already commenced on the site of the Island House, destroyed by fire on the 25th of Sept. last, can be completed.

I can now only ask the patience of the Public, while I try again, and hope, early in the coming season, to have finished for their accommodation, a House more pleasant and commodious than the one destroyed, and where Travelers upon the various Rail Roads from the North, South, East and West, may rest and find accommodations equal to the best in the country.

R. STURTEVANT.

Bellevue Falls, Dec. 25, 1849.

We take it upon us to say that no man ever asked for "the patience of the Public" with larger claims upon their kindness and indulgence! "THE ISLAND HOUSE," which he has, with extraordinary dispatch, fitted up near the Stations of the several Railroads named, as we know from personal examination, is admirable in all its appointments. Mr. STURTEVANT does nothing by halves! His temporary "House of Refuge," as he calls it, will surprise and gratify those who visit it by the extent and completeness of its arrangements for the comfort and convenience of its guests. We doubt not it will be kept by Mr. GAGE in a manner to do equal justice to the expectations and wishes of Mr. STURTEVANT himself, and the wants and requirements of the public.

—The *Boston Daily Advertiser* says that the case of Prof. Webster, charged with the murder of Dr. Parkman, will be investigated by the Grand Jury on Tuesday next. The *Mail* says:—

"Thus far Prof. Webster has borne his confinement and solitude with most singular firmness; to all appearances, coupled as it is with a dreadful crime, very little effect has been made visible upon his body or mind. His family, counsel, and friends have visited him daily, and these visits have in some instances been prolonged to hours. On New Year's day his wife and daughter spent most of the forenoon in his cell, devoting the time to reading and conversation. Mrs. Parkman, the unhappy consort of the deceased, has also visited Mrs. Webster in Cambridge twice, mutually offering to each other consolation under the severe afflictions which Providence has cast upon them.

We have also heard, it stated, from the highest and best authority, that some of the friends of Dr. Parkman waver in their belief as to the remains found in Dr. Webster's closet being those of Dr. Parkman, yielding to the conviction of other circumstances strong in their nature, that the unfortunate man, while laboring under an aberration of mind, wandered away and came to his death in some manner to their unknown."

The Coroner's Jury, as it is known, charged Prof. Webster with the murder. The *Mail* says:—

"We have been informed that the result of the inquest as to the identity of the relics was based upon facts pretty much the same as those which have from time to time been published."

We are among those who believe that the facts published are quite insufficient to prove either that the remains discovered are those of Dr. Parkman, or that, if they are, Prof. Webster murdered him. Our opinion is that there is a mystery connected with this tragedy that has not been disclosed. Prof. Webster's counsel have been furnished with a copy of the testimony before the Coroner's Inquest. We entirely concur with a most able writer in the *Daily Advertiser*, that the public should have been furnished with it long ago. If it justifies the positive and unqualified verdict of the Coroner's Jury, no injustice could result from its publication;—while it is manifest that the grossest injustice follows its suppression, in the other alternative. It appears to us that the course of the Jury is a "Star Chamber" proceeding, as unauthorized as it is indefensible.

Personal Movements.

It will be noticed by our letter from Montpelier, that the Editors of the *Burlington Courier* and the *Brandon Post* are now at Montpelier, attending to the great "rail delivery" of the "Free Democracy." With such *ex officio* members, the "mouse" may be confidently expected to be born! The "mountain is in labor" at any rate, and "the gentleman from Orange" is looked for!

The solemn countenance of "the corresponding editor of the *Brandon Post*" will naturally suggest "Mortality" as the appropriate epithet on the occasion.

The Financial Anniversary.

Yesterday was a great day for the pecuniary population! The several Banks in Burlington held their Annual Meetings for the election of Directors, and there was a decided flutter among the "upper ten";—a sort of *hickory breeze* and financial flare-up. The \$100 bills didn't know who were to take care of them for the year to come, and the little dollar-bills looked very grave on the occasion. The "old Bank of Burlington," and the young Commercial Bank were so much agitated, we understand, as to cause an audible jingling of the specie. As, didn't like B, and B thought A was small potatoes, and C looked upon both A and B as small potatoes at all. So there was a pretty muss! The Farmers and Mechanics, we understand, did not partake in the general excitement—it was as calm as a bowl of oil, and did up its annual business and went quietly to bed. The other "great corporations" are understood to have "fit, bled and died" in the case, each party carrying off its wounded with the honors of war! The following is the general result, with the names of the survivors!

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By Last Night's Mail.

FAVORABLE PORTENTS OF THE NIGARAGUA QUESTION.—HIGHLY IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.—Washington, Jan. 6.—The British Minister has already opened negotiations with the U. S. Secretary of State upon the subject of his mission. The Nicaragua question will not do to be amicably settled; the right of way for a ship canal will be guaranteed to both the United States and Great Britain, and Sir Henry Lytton Bulwer will disavow Mr. Catfield's acts on the coast of Honduras, respecting Tigre Island, &c. There is every reason to believe, that there is the best understanding between the two Governments, and a determination on the part of both to keep the peace.

No Whig caucus was held to nominate a Clerk. A caucus was talked of last evening, but given up. The Whigs seem to think, if the present officers held over under the law, they are well enough off, or as well as could be expected. But a desperate effort will be made tomorrow by the Democracy to elect Forney, and their other nominees.—By *Magnetic Telegraph* to the N. Y. Express.

Richard Rush, Esq., of Philadelphia, late Minister of the United States in France, is now on a visit to Washington. George W. Hopkins, Esq., of Virginia, our late charge to Portugal, is also on a visit to Washington.

John Hon. John Clayton, Secretary of State, gave a diplomatic dinner, Saturday evening, at which the whole diplomatic corps was present, with the exception of Sir Henry Bulwer, whose absence is attributed to the death of the Queen Dowager, of England. Several members of Congress were likewise in attendance.

The sixth and last volume will be published the 7th of January.

The Editor of the Windsor Journal—an obstinate sort of a bachelor—learns that "Professors of Dancing" in New York have recently introduced a new style of cotillon, called the "Kiss cotillon," the peculiar feature of which is that you kiss the lady as you swing corners.

The Editor is a crusty sort of a fellow who never dances, but says he wouldn't mind waving his objections to the amusement so far as "swinging corners," now and then, in this new cotillon—the selfish scold! He reminds us of the old lady who had an unaccountable aversion to eggs, and never could eat it in any form till of late years, she said, "they have got to making it into whiskey, and I find I can, now and then, werry down a little!"

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