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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1878.

RPUBLICAN BENATORIAL CONVEN

TION. A Convention of the Republicans of the 38th Senatorial District, for the parpose of nominat-ing a candidate for State Senator, will be held in Windom, ON TUESDAY, OCT. 8, 1878, at one o'clock p. m. The basis of representation will be one delegate at large in each county, and one for each 100, or major fraction, of the votes cast for Gov. Pilisbury at the last general election as

killed.

Watonwan 7; Cottonwood 5; Murray 2; Pipe-tone 1; Martin 6; Jackson 6; Nobles 6, Rock 3. By order Committee. A. D. PERKINS. Sept. 11, 1878.

REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVE CON. VENTION.

The Republicans of the Representative District composed of the counties of Jackson, Cot-tonwood, Nobles, Murray, Rock and Pipestone requested to meet in Convention at Her Lake, on WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9, 1878, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Representative. The basis of representation is one delegate from every county and one additional for every 100 votes or major fraction of that number cast for Gov. Pillsbury at the last general election, as follows:

Cottonwood 5 ; Jackson 6 ; Murray 3 ; Nobles 6 ; Pipeisone 1 : Rock 4. By order Com. G. C. CHAMBERLIN,

The M. E. Conference made the following appointments in the Mankato District: Worthington-C. H. Dixon. Rushmore and Heron Lake-D. E. R. Morse. Worthington Circuit-J. C. Ogle, Luverne-P. Clure. Luverne Circuit-J. W. Lewis.

The other children of the late Col. Vanderbelt expect to break the will by proving that he willed his property to his son Wm. H. by spirit direction. Spirits are supposed not to be capable advisers in business matters and this is thought to be good ground for contesting the will.

Read the Prospectus of the St. Paul Globe on our outside. The Democracy of Minnesota at last have a newspaper worthy of their support. No journalist in Minnesota understands better than Mr. Hall how to "raise Old Ned" and sell newspapers, and when the great National wave reaches this State and begins to melt down the Republi-

can sugar loaf, the Globe will come to the front prepared to hold its own.

The Catholic Review says:

Crime is rampant, and red-handed murder stalks through the land. And the criminals, nine out of ten, are men who have been educated in our public schools, and learned there to despise God and to defy his laws.

And yet the Bible is read in our pub lic schools and many of them are open ed with prayer. A large proportion of the teachers are as bigotedly devoted in their own church and their own view of theology as the Catholic is to his. But the Catholic thinks the Protestent is "despising God and defying his laws," and the Protestent thinks the Liberal "despising God and defying his laws, " and the Liberal thinks, well, he thinks what poor fools these church wranglers are, and that in all nations whosoever worketh righteous ness and feareth God is excepted of

THE SOUTHERN MINNESOTA. The resignation of General manager

W. C. Van Horn, to accept the position of Superintendent of the Chicago, Alton & St. Louis road, is to be regretted, for no man we know of has had better success in bringing non-paying railroads

In conversation with a gentlema recently about the Hall fire, he informed us that he was in the part of the building occupied by Mrs. Densmore, and that suddenly he saw the floor coming up toward him. This was at the moment of the explosion and he, with others, of course, rushed out of the house. He thinks that there must have been half a keg of powder placed under the building. The force of the

WHO FYRED THE HALL

As we have said often before, it is

universally agreed that the Hall was

deliberately set on fire. It is as clear

explosion was so great that the walls of the building were forced out and the ceiling over the hall up stairs fell. It is almost miraculous that no one was

FREE OPINION.

a case of arson as ever went into court. The difficulty is to ferret out the guilty party or parties. Whoever did it was a villain of the first water; (1) because nearly all the sufferers were non-residents and perfectly innocent of any local squabbles or entangling local al liances; (2) because it was an injury to

As we (my husband and myself) are Orthodox Congregationalists, with an ancestry on my own side of clergymen for several generations back, it will the whole community in depriving the public of a town hall: (3) because it destroyed a minister's library worth hardly be expected that we should cut the nerves of moral obligation and rest our faith on anything less than a per-sonal Deity, holding immediate rela-tions with us as earth-dwellers, mani-\$1,000 which was uninsured; (4) because it endangered the lives of a number of our citizens by the explosion of the powder placed under the building; (5) because it put the whole town in imminent jeopardy, for a single strong gust of wind would have fired the Stockdale building and then the town

tions with us as earth-dwellers, mani-festly created as subjects of moral ob-ligation in the universe. Our hearts and souls cry out continually with the Psalmist for the fountains of the living God. We feel that there must be a power above us that takes cognizance of all human actions, and either quick-ens or weakens the decisions of the in-ward monitor; and that this same pow-er governs and controls throughout the spiritual as well as the material world. It is to this revealed One that we must look, in all his inconceivable perfections, for whatever of truth there is n spiritual manifestations. In view of all this the Grand Jury, at the coming term of Court, will fail to do its duty if it does not institute a rigid inquiry into the question of who fired the hall. A most infamous crime has been committed in our midst, and, in spiritual manifestations. When we are told, therefore, that as we have said before, if the matter When

is allowed to pass without an investiprayer is a needless instrumentality in this world of sin, penitence and sigh-ing; that the ear of the Divine One is gation, we deserve to have a guardian appointed over us by the common closed to this continuous cry of human-ity for the explation of sin, the abyss realth.

DR. WRIGHT. The M. E. Conference at Rochester,

would have gone

acquitted Dr. Wright on the charge of writing anonymous letters of a "libelous, shameful and disgraceful character." The letters were received by Revs. Creighton, Bilbie and Chaffee. who united in charging Dr. Wright with being the author. The vote stood 41 against and 61 for Dr. Wright.

A SENSIBLE BISHOP.

intellectual belief, and our heart-expe-rience is in accordance with it. We have unquestioning, unwavering faith in our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as the Redeemer of the world, and in the efficacy of prayer-constant, earnest prayer to God for His sake. Every joy, every sorrow, every want, temporal or spiritual, we take to Him in preyer. Prayer is to our spirit what the puie air of heaven which we breathe daily is to our earth-ly bodies. When we "hunger and thirst after righteousiess," after pur-ity, truth and love, by prayer, and by prayer alone, are we filled. Do we want strength to encounter the trials and temptations of this earth-life, we read in the Book of Books, "Trust in the Lord with all thy heart, and lean The Bishop of the M. E. Church, at the recent Conference at Rochester, exhorted the ministers "to keep clear of all cliques and rings; each man to be a man for himself and act independently." This Bishop is a man read in the Book of Books, "Trust in the Lord with all thy heart, and lean after our own heart. We extend our hand and say, "shake." If the M. E. not unto thine own understanding, ' and we trust and pray. Does some unexpected joy brighten our pathway, our spirits offer a prayer of thanksgiv-Church were only wise enough to apply that rule not only as to its government and polity but as to its creed. it could increase its membership 50 per

Finally, do we earnestly desire to speak to the dear guardian angels, whom we feel assured are ever around us; do we want their assistance or ad-vice, we ask it of God in *prayer*, and *re have it*. cent in the next ycar. That was exactly Wesley's idea. Unity only in following Christ and liberty in everything else. The foolish churches have we have it! insisted on analyzing God and announ-We do not call ourselves "Spiritnal-ists," and I presume, in view of what I have written above, you would cing his will, and then they have in their lucid intervals of ignorance,

patched up a creed and have put the stamp of the Medes and Persians upon it and labeled it "this can never be changed."

PAY UP. The LeMars Sentinel of Thursday last says:

"good and perfect gifts which comes from the Father of lights, " not the point where they pay. Be-fore taking charge of the Southern Minnesota, Mr. Van Horn had the management of a St. Lonis road which he soon put on a successful basis. He was then induced to take charge of Nearly every name on our subscrip-

FREE OPINION.This department of the ADVANCE is open to any
one to express his or her views in appropriate
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He says that is his mission. We have
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f same languages. I should say here that she naturally, of course, took the pencil in her right hand, but it was immedi-ately changed, the left hand taking it from the right, and retaining it during the entire writing. Tills we found was not our friend communicating, but an-other whom she had brought with her, and who has since been our constant companion here. He is a bright, joy-ous, fun loving spirit, who left earth-lite in 1848, when only fontcen years old. We have since found has friends.

her and her brother, and permitting ouly those whom side k ows to be good to come to us. This she says God al-lows her to do, it is a part of her mission. We have had a great number of other spirits with us from time to time, but all brought by her, they say —she in many instances mitting for -she in many instances writing for them, saying, "It is not given them to write, "

Some peculiarities of our writings are that they are done at any tin e, without any preparation, frequently when we are not asking or expecting it, with no circle or arranged seance, and alone or with one, two, or an number present. There is no apparen psychological condition superinduced or otherwise brought about; but my daughte: seems in a perfect normal state, carryin. on conversations while her hand is thus occupied on the inci-dental topics discussed by those pres-ent. And these writings take phace even in her sleep, when pencil and pa-per are placed by her, and the most beautiful sentiments thrown off with the greatest possible rapidity. At all times when the name of God, Jehovah or Jesus Christ are write, the hand is arrested, the pencil moving with great slowness, and the fingers hoverity for the explation of sin, the abyss of man's guilt opens with too wide a chasm for anything but the most trag-ic sentiment to bridge. This is our intellectual belief, and our heart-expeing over it as if it were something in effably sacred and holy.

The hand, however, is more or less abnormally affected while writing, gen-erally be oming somewhat cold and damp after any considerable time. When she writes in her sleep she will give the exact time of night with no time-piece in the room or any clock that evident the house in the house that strikes the hours in the house, and also indicate the exact moment at which she will be awakened by her attending spirit. But the most remarka-ble exhibition in her case is that of a particular spirit who uniformly writes with the paper turned from the medi-um, so that the person on the opposite side of the table can read the messages as they are penned, each sentence ing written backwards and the word of each sentence and the last letword of each sentence and the first. These back-hand messages are written with great legibleness and rapidity, and form continuous seutences of extreme backtrone description of the set of beauty and appropriateness of thought and sentiment. This is done while blindfolded, and with ar left hand, and it is utterly impossible for her to perform this feat, with either hand when attempting to do so of her own accord. accord.

Among other extraordinary tests Among other extraordinary tests, the captain of on γ of our New Haven and New York steamboats lost a most ,valuable pair of sheeve-buttons which he prized most highly as a gift, and had vainly searched for weeks to find. He requested that our "sprit-friends" should inform t in where it could he not accord us that designation; but we are and have for some time been firm believers in spiritual manifestations of various kinds, and we deem the power of conversing with those who have gone to the spirit-world, and receiving comfort and advice from them, one of Gody bust gifts to your-owe of these inform him where it could b found. A message was sent him that it was not lost, but was where he put it, and his hand was involuntarily mov-ed to a lappel in his veit, where the companion button had been thought-lessly placed by him and overlooked. Our daughter had never seen the but God's best gifts to man-one of those ton, and was many miles away from him. It is a con mon occurrence in our family, when anything is lost and diligent search has been made for it, to ask where it is, and in every instance the place is it mediately indicate proposed a "family circle," to which we all acceded, and I was soon devel-oped as a writing medium. I wrote a great deal then, but it was not entirely satisfactory to myself, and I presume not so to my friends. After my marwhere it may b. found. On one occasion the question was asked, "What does 'S,' stand for in the initial of a newly-formed acquain-tance?" referring to a person who had satisfactory to mysell, and I presume not so to my friends. After mgrmar-riage I gradually gave it up, as my hu-band thought the "writing" injur-ious to my health. But we have never doubted the constant presence of our spirit friends, or their power to com-municate with us, although this belief mather "referring to a person who had but recertly and accidentally become interested in the mediumship of our seized and the mane "Saltonstall" was written. Then followed a sories of test answers of the most extraordi-"ary character. such as that he had two bas heav kent stieft within our own municate with us, although this belief has been kept strictly within our own family. About two years ago, my daughter's most intimate friend, a yoang lady of rare loveliness of character, passed to the spirit-world. She knew nothing of our belief in these matters, and felt a great shrinking and aversion to any-thing of the kind while in earth-life, A few weeks after she had left us, while a the wide was a lineal de scendant from old Gov-erner Saltonst all, of Connecticut, and who had a large family of children, the number being given, when not one of the facts stat d was known to our to a single person in the room. Othey questions were asked of our belief in these matters, and felt a great shrinking and aversion to any-thing of the kind while in earth-life, A few weeks after she had left us, while sitting together one evening convers-ing on various subjects, we heard some preculiar raps on the table near us. We soon heard them on other articles of furniture and in various parts of the sitting together one evening convers-ing on various subjects, we heard some soon neard them on other articles of furniture and in various parts of the room, and on inquiry, found that it was our friend lately gone. This was our first intimation of her presence, although we all daily mourned her loss. She then gave us, by raps and the al-phabet, some directions for her moth-er as to the disposition of certain artifurniture and in various parts of the room, and on inquiry, found that it was our first intimation of her presence, although we all daily mourned her loss. She then gave us, by raps and the al-phabet, some directions for her moth-er as to the disposition of certain arti-cles of hers—her watch and other things. This was the beginning of a series of constant communications from her and the there families, and such circumstances as the death of one member in Pisa. Italy; of another at a boarding-school for young lad ies; of the marriage of a third, with v ances, dates and places— all fully verified, even to the minutest particulars, when answers were received firm the parties addressed; and yet these families were hundreds of miles away, and not one of them of miles away, and not one of them known or ever before heard of. Our daughter will take her seat at the piano, blindfolded, but in a perfect normal condition, and without knowing what is before her will play difficult music that she has never seen. On several occasions we have been told that such and such things would take place before long—sometimes events relating to our own family, and in sev-eral instances relating to friends and acquaintances. These predictions have always proved true. One evening, always proved true. One evening, some evil influence calling himself "Xerxes" made several ineffectual efforts to communicate, and finally succerded in writing, "I want to succes ded in writing, "I want to write, but a girl here won't let me (with an outh); her name is — " calling the name of our friend. She immediately wrote, " No. I won't let him, or any evil come here or near you." I fully believe that if the medium and others interested de ire it, all evil influences can be kept far away, and only the pure and good permitted to write, which to us seems most desirable. This has been our experience, and I believe it to be the result of *prayer*. To give you the hundredth part of the remarkable messages that we have received through our daughter, would make this an article of magazine rather than newspaper length. We will therefore end wi'h a single other inci-dent, occurring but recently in a game of Cassino. The medium was blindfolded at the request of her spirit-friend, the cards were delt into the hand of a young brother sitting opposite her. The game was played by her, she tak-ing the cards singly from her brother's will. The Mankato Review contains the following death notice: DIED—In this city, of diphtheria, September 17th, James F., aged 5 years, 3 months and 20 d vs; September 20th, Edward H., aged 7 years, 10 months and 20 days—all children of Samuel and Catharine Randall. hand, and winning the game. Two or three times the brother exclaimed,



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the Southern Minnesota and from that day the road has been steadily coming

This change, of course, need not delay the extension nor put the road back in any respect. But it was safe in Van Horn's hands. We gave last week the fact that the company had given a trust deed of its lands and had secured thereby over a million dollars to continue the extension.

THE YELLOW FEVER.

About the time of the outbreak of the yellow fever, the ADVANCE, commenting on the filthiness and indolence of the Southern people, said that the general government ought to take the matter in hand and enforce cleanlihess and sanitary reform in the South. And now comes the Charleston (C. S. C.) News and Courier and calls for a national convention to devise a p'an "by which the occurrence of such a pestilence hereafter would be rendered morally impossible." And it thinks that. " if the power of the general government should be requisite to carry out the plan, then Congress should take the matter in hand and pass the necessary laws. "

Even then, we question whether the plan could be enforced unless some Ben Butler were appointed health officer at both New Orleans and Memphis. Butler ought to be presented with all the silver spoons in Louisiana for his work in cleaning up New Orleans and teaching the people how to keep out the yellow fever. But they cursed him, called him "thief" and "beast" and spat on his soldiers for condescending to be scavengers, do their dirty work and save their indolent and comparatively useless lives. It may not be just the time to indulge in such reflections, when the South is stricken with pestilence and again depending on the detested North for relief, but we cannot help thinking how patient, long-suffering and generous the North has been toward her bloody, indolent, insolent, wayward, boyish, hot-headed brother.

It is said that the Poet Longfellow pays an annual tax of \$2,230 on property he owns in Chicago. He probably pays more than this on his eastern property. Now, in the name of all the old notions about poets, we protest against this modern innovation. Poets and saints ought to be poor. They ought nct to make money, because wasn't it the style a few centuries ago for them to keep poor and live on charity. Here s Longfellow, Bryant, Holmes, Lowell, Tennyson, and the whole lot of them just getting rich and living like princes. Well, well, good-by to poetry and piety. This is surely "the work of the devil," to use the clerical phrase.

The Review says diphtheria is declining in Mankato. The number of cases has been from 100 to 125 and the deaths 16.

scriber, except those with whom we have advertising accounts, to come to the office and pay up, or to remit. We simply ask our own. If any one does not wish the paper, let him settle up what is due, and discontinue like a

Heretoe. That's the talk. They can pay up if they will. We, however, send bills out, and to those who take offense because we have trusted them so long. we say, "pay up and stop." Now is

the time to pay. We editors know very well that you can pay if you choose

MISTAKE CORRECTED. Since issning the call for Senatorial

to do so.

Convention Judge Perkins has received as veral letters in regard to the ap-pointment of Rock and Murray counties, wherein he only gave Rock 3 del-egates and Murray 2, when in fact they are entitled to 4 and 3 respectively ac-cording to the basis established in the call.—Windom Reporter.

In dealing with the community the Enterprise has kept its side strictly square. If any man in town has a dol-lar against it the account is worth a hundred cents, and will be paid on presentation.-Flandreau Enterprise. Here, too. Our motto has been, pay

constant communications from her and others, which has continued until the as you go, and we have paid. At the same time we have trusted others two present time; embracing many wonder-ful tests, and numberless messages of great beanty and goodness, all tending to three years and some of them are mean enough even then to "get up on to strengthen our faith in God and in our Savior Jesus Christ. Some of these I will try to relate. The raps began that night continued at intervals, un-til they were of daily occurrence at any time were of daily occurrence at any their dignity" when we dun them. If we pursued the policy of some men of putting all we get into houses, lands, etc., and looking to the merchant, the time and in various parts of the house. They were a source of great pleasure to us, and we felt more than ever that grocer, the printer, etc., to carry us along meanwhile, we might spread ourselves over this county like a green the presence of our spirit friends was a bay tree and be rich in a short time. reality

We had one evening some very loud We had one evening some very loud and unpleasant raps which annoyed us, and upon inquiring, the name of the Evil One was spelled out. We replied, "We will not have this," and my daughter and myself immediately *peag-*ed that God for Christ's sake would "deliver us from evil," and suffer on-ly the good and pure to come to us. This prayer for only good spirits to in-fluence us has been a daily one since, and it has been abundantly answered . But we have long since gone beyond The Worthington Journal says that between the 1st of August and the 21st of September, 53 deaths from diphthe-ria have occurred in Mankato. We do na have occurred in Mankado. We do not know its authority, but it is an un-truth all the same. Between the 1st of July and the 26 of September, there were only 16 deaths in Munkato from dyphtheria.—Mankato Review.

If the Sentinel's subscription books are any indication, the people of Mar-tin county are more sorely afflicted But we have long since gone beyond raps as a means of communication. While sitting around the center-table with hard times than they have been for five years. There are upwards of four hundred of our subscribers who one evening with an intimate friend of the family, a singular rubbing and are d-linquent, and who claim that they are not able to pay. Under this state of affairs the Sentinel's financial scratching was heard, seemingly on the under side of the table. We asked, "Who is there, and what is wanted?" "Who is there, and what is wanted?" but the rubbing continued until it be-came a distinct sound of writing— crossing the t's and dotting the i's. Thinking of my writing in former years, I said, "Do you wish to write? The answer, "Yes," cane quickly in decided raps. "Shall I write?" I ask-ed. "No." was the answer. "Shall our friend?"" No." "Shall my daugh-ter?" calling her by name. A shower utlook is anything but encouraging.-Martin Co. Sentinel. Neighbor Day, they are able to pay you a dollar or two. The trouble with nany of them is they won't divide around. They can pay part, if they

will.