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☞ The weather has become extremely wintry, and the business season of our town is pretty well over. The pork packing business has been light here, and prices have steadily declined. Four dollars twenty-five cents per hundred is now the highest figure. At this price there is no doubt money to be made in the business. There seems to be no more reason why pork should be low this season than there was why it should rule extremely high last year. The number of hogs packed this year will doubtless be far below what it was last, and the price of barrel pork, we believe, will generally range as high or higher through the coming season than it did through the last.

The prices of wheat and flour are almost up to the starvation point for the poor. It is said that there is not wheat enough in Wood county for the home consumption.—A few loads of good wheat could be sold here now at almost the seller's own price.

Potatoes continue moderately plenty.—They bring a good price, and, while breadstuffs are so high, may be made to supply their place to a considerable extent. Corn meal may also be used to good advantage in this way.

On the whole, any farmer in this vicinity, with a good farm and sufficient industry to work it, ought to lay up money yearly.—Our prices here would make glad the hearts of farmers in the interior of either Indiana, Ohio, or any other western state of the great basin, if they could enjoy them. In short, the markets in this vicinity for staple farm products, are among the best in the western country. This is a matter of the first importance to farmers, and those seeking new locations should bear this in mind when thinking of the great bargains in lands now offering in this county.

☞ Mr. Stumm, late of Fulton county, has bought the Democrat office, of this place, and taken possession. We wish him prosperity and success in his new location, and expect hereafter to be upon better terms with that paper and its editor than we have been able to preserve heretofore.

The Maumee Bay and Toledo.

On the 21st ult. Mr. Edgerton, the representative in congress from this district, introduced in the house the following resolution, which passed:

Resolved, That the committee on commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the erection of a custom house and marine hospital at Toledo, Ohio, and for clearing out and marking the channels in Maumee bay, in Ohio.

Very well, so far as it goes; but why not, Mr. E., go a little farther, and ask for an appropriation to improve the navigation to the foot of the rapids? His political friends here (if not his constituents) are entitled to his services. The people at the foot of the rapids have often petitioned congress upon this subject, and thir failure may justly be charged to the want of a representative who would take proper interest in the matter.

Among our different representatives there has been one honorable exception. Mr. Wood was indefatigable in his exertions, and had he lived to serve out his time would undoubtedly have succeeded. The late indications in the house seem to favor the opinion that a harbor bill of some kind will pass, the intimated wish in the president's message to the contrary notwithstanding. The more liberal it shall be, the more likely will it be to obtain favor in the public eye. If congress can be induced to do anything for the Maumee bay, why not for the river? *

☞ Mr. Smith, our representative, is a member of the house committee on federal relations, in the Ohio legislature.

☞ Those holding bills of the old Franklin Bank of Columbus, should send them home for redemption, as a decree of court will stop the payment of them after the first of October next.

LASALLE RIOTERS.—We learn from the Ottawa Republican that all but five of the thirty-two rioters arrested at Lasalle by the Shields Guards, have been discharged. Four more have since been arrested, two of whom, John Ryan and Michael Tuohey, are known to have taken part in the murder. They are two of the four persons for whom the sheriff offered a reward. A special grand jury convened on Tuesday to sit in this case. A detachment of twenty men from the Shields Guards have been employed by the railroad company to protect the property of the contractors. They have preserved order since the day of the riot. We learn that they destroyed all the whiskey at the groceries about the first thing.

FARMER'S COLLEGE.—Isaac J. Allen, of Mansfield, O., late whig candidate for Lieut. Governor, has been appointed president of this Cincinnati institution, in place of F. G. Carey, who resigned some time since.—Mr. Allen has had a thorough medical education, having taken degrees at two or more institutions; but the practice not being congenial to his tastes, he abandoned it, and studied law, of which he has been a very successful practitioner. He is a pleasant, effective and eloquent speaker and a fine scholar, and under his management we hope and believe Farmer's College will continue to flourish and exert a healthful influence.

DEATH OF HORACE CANFIELD.—Horace Canfield, editor and proprietor of the Akron Democratic Standard, died of lung fever on the 29th ult., at his residence in Akron.—Mr. Canfield was an able and independent editor, a good citizen and neighbor, and an honest man. He was formerly a resident of Cleveland, and partner of Mr. T. P. Spencer in the publication of the Cleveland Advertiser. Mr. C. had recently perfected an important improvement in hand printing-presses, and at the time of his death was making preparations for their manufacture.

NEW YORK, Jan, 9.—The steamship Geo. Law, from Aspinwall, and the Star in the West, from San Juan, arrived here this morning. The latter brought 450 passengers and $1,300,000 in gold, and the former 250 passengers and $540,000 in gold.

Francis P. Blair, of Washington City, died in San Francisco.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—The machine shop of the Reading railroad was burned last night with several engines—loss $100,000.

Both branches of the City Council have finally passed an ordinance authorizing the subscribing of $200,000 to the Sunbury and Erie railroad.

MAYOR OF PITTSBURGH—The whigs have elected their candidate, F. E. Volz, by a majority of 1035. The Gazette says that is the largest majority ever given to a whig candidate in that city. The whigs elect all the select councilmen but one, and all the common councilmen with the exception of five in the Fifth ward and one in the Seventh. The vote of Joe Barker has dwindled down to almost nothing.

KENTUCKY SENATOR.—John J. Crittenden, is returned to the Senate from Kentucky.—No one can fill the station better. He is a man of generous impulses, able and felicitous in debate, beyond most men who have ever shone upon that theatre, of wide legislative and administrative experience, and ability. No man will stand higher in that body among the whigs, no man will be more prominent for the highest gifts in their power to bestow.—[N. Y. Tribune.

Rare Sport for Killing Time.

The Democracy of Ross county has got a double kink in its tail—and is coming up to Columbus for exhibition, (admittance free—oysters and brandy-smash extra,) at the "throat-cutting" entertainment, advertised for next Saturday. The great "democracy of Ross" is divided as neatly as you can split an orange—not into *plastics* and *adamantines*, as with some other specimens of the genus; but into two fierce and belligerent sections; and each section duly labelled, the one, *Sammedarians*, and the other *Billallenonians*. The former of these held a *tremenjus* convention the other day, in a Dutch grocery, preparatory to the "throat-cutting" exercises of Saturday: and thereupon they *Resolved*, that they have and retain a strong and abiding affection for "President Pierce"—notwithstanding he permitted himself to be made a Judy of, in the matter of appointing "democratic" Postmaster at Chillicothe, and a person to receive the small change for the sale of remnants of "knob" lands in that quarter. They with characteristic modesty and entire unselfishness call upon the President to "review said appointment;" and inasmuch as said *Chillicothe* district is unprovided with a *Sammedarian* Representative in Congress, they further *Resolved*, unanimously, to send their polite note to the President, to Doct, Epsom Olds, (who was never known to decline a mean office,) to be by him delivered to the gentleman of the White House. Admirable!—This latter conception is in beautiful keeping and charming harmony with the balance of the proceeding. No doubt the "democratic appointments of Gen. Franklin Pierce of Concord, (N. H.)" will now be thoroughly "reviewed." And then ——!——?——?!?——

The *Main Law* suffered "some" at the hands of this ring-tail Chillicothe democratic convention—and it may be well for its friends to look after its welfare.—[O. S. Jour.

Another shocking murder has occurred at Lexington, Ky. Mrs. Weigert went into a cenfectionary shop, when a young man named Luther C. Cushing, who was in attendance, addressed her in a familiar manner, to which she took offence, and said she should notify her husband of the insult. Cushing at once told her he was mistaken, that he thought her a familiar friend, and begged her pardon. But she went off and soon after returned with her husband. As soon as he entered he commenced firing upon Cushing, and the fourth discharge killed him instantly. Weigert and wife were arrested and imprisoned, but the wife was afterward discharged. Cushing was a very orderly, respectable young man, a harness maker by trade, and has a mother residing in New Baltimore in this State.—[O. S. Jour.

Destructive Fire.

Metropolitan Hall and La Farge Hotel in Ruins!!!

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—About one o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the immense block of buildings on Broadway, containing the Metropolitan Hall, and in about two hours they were totally destroyed, leaving nothing standing except the marble front of the La Farge Hotel, which, being in a dangerous condition, was demolished by the firemen this forenoon. The fire originated in the Hall, in which Julien was making preparations for a splendid dress ball and supper, to be given on the 18th inst.

The Hotel had been leased by Charles Wright, and furnished in the most magnificent style, and would have been opened in a few days. Nearly all the furniture was burned or seriously damaged by the hasty manner in which it was removed. The Hotel was the largest and most expensive building of the kind in the city. It had an extended front on Broadway, and ran back to Mercer street. The Metropolitan was formerly known as Tripler Hall.

Several other buildings on Broadway and Mercer streets were more or less injured.—The roof of a frame house on Mercer street was crushed in by the falling of the rear wall of the Hotel.

The total loss by the conflagration exceeds half a million. La Farge Hotel was insured for $195,000; but the furniture, which, it is said, excelled any thing ever before manufactured, was insured for only $20,000—not one-sixth its actual cost. It was partly owned by a gentleman who was formerly proprietor of the La Farge Hotel, at Macon, Georgia, and who was interested with others in the lease.

Fire in Portland—U. S. Custom House Destroyed.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 9.—The Custom House building, in this city, took fire yesterday morning, and the entire block is now in ruins. The block was also occupied by the Post Office, Reading Room, Atlantic Bank, U. S. Court, Natural Historical Society, Mr. Bailey's Bookstore, and other tenants. Every thing was saved from the Post Office; but the contents of the Custom House, the splendid collection in the rooms of the Natural Historical Society, Judge Ware's valuable law library, and the contents of the Reading Room, were entirely destroyed. The loss is very heavy, but falls principally upon the Government. The building was formerly the Exchange, but was sold to the Government for $129,000. The collection belonging to the Historical Society, was valued at $20,000. The library belonging to Judge Ware and the U. S. Court, was valued at $3,000.

There was also an Odd Fellows' Hall in the building, all the books and records of which were destroyed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The sympathy meeting of sufferers by the late fire, was held at Metropolitan Hotel last evening. Mr. Sam. Leland, of the Metropolitan, presided.

Mr. Bryan, attorney for the losers of the Lafarge House, stated that the bills of furnishing that house amounted to $180,000, of which $130,000 had already been placed in the house. The insurance was only $27,000. The subscription for the relief of the sufferers, was commenced on the spot, and a committee of 50 was appointed to collect subscriptions, and to call a meeting for the same purpose.

The steamer Union leaves to-day in search of the San Francisco. Capt. Hudson of the Navy, will go out in her.

Among the recent appointments by the Governor, we notice that of Jacob J. Greene, as Judge of the Probate Court of Defiance County, *vice* John M. Stilwell, resigned.

The Ohio Statesman of Friday, contains the valedictory of James H. Smith one of the editors and proprietors. Mr. Smith, goes into the practice of law in Columbus, in company with Judge Warden, of Cincinnati.

The editorial Convention has been in session in our city for a day or two; the attendance is very slim, and the business, one of pleasure and sight seeing. We are always glad to meet and exchange congratulations with our editorial friends, and hope their stay in the Queen City has been productive of much pleasure. But for what practical purpose they have been brought together, is more than any one we have yet seen can inform us. There seems to be a general ignorance on the subject, and we would thank somebody to tell us. Who knows?—[Cin. Unionist.

SILVER COINAGE.—Recent appearances indicate that the New York assay office will be able to go into operation by the 1st April next, and the branch mint of California on the 1st February. As soon as the New York establishment gets under way, the mint at Philadelphia will be set at work chiefly upon silver coin, by direction of Mr. Guthrie, who desires to furnish, if possible, a supply of silver sufficient for the ordinary purposes of business. It is believed that there will be but little difficulty in getting the metal for coinage. Mr. Guthrie has already purchased $7,000,000 of silver since he went into the Treasury Department, and we can afford to offer sufficient inducements to procure us from Mexico any amount that we may desire.—[Washington Union.

Roll of Honor.

Receipts for Journal for past two weeks.

W. N. Gilbert, $1.50 Daniel Foster, $1.00
H. Mandell, (wood) $1.00

The Medina Whig has changed its name to Medina Gazette, and its politics from whig to free soil.—[Cin. Gaz.