

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

On a survey of the present aspect of political affairs in this country, we discover, that whilst the dawn of a better day appears to be breaking, there are indications that some time and much patience will be required before every thing can be restored to its proper condition.

The election in New Hampshire, which took place last week, resulted in the success of the Republican party by something less than their usual majority, (about 5000), on an increased vote.

An election will come off in a few weeks in Connecticut, a State which is not in the latitude where much can be expected, but which promises something more than New Hampshire.

In Pennsylvania both parties have lately nominated their candidates for Governor, preparatory for the election next October.

In Maryland, where elections are a mere farce, we still have some noticeable features. President Johnson is here immensely popular.

At Hagerstown the people's meeting was broken up by an organized mob; and the country people, in retaliation, are threatening the town people, in return.

OUR CIVIL WAR.

Civil wars, being the result of a misunderstanding among citizens of the same country and supporters of the same government, are generally the most unkind and cruel of all wars.

Traced to its remotest causes we find it in the fact that negro slavery existed in the South; not that we believe it to have been the sufficient producing cause, but the pretext, which occasioned the misunderstanding which led to the war.

The various noticeable steps which led to this state of affairs may be thus enumerated. The Missouri Compromise of 1820—the acquisition of Texas and California and refusal to extend the terms of the Missouri Compromise to the new territory—the attempt at the North to adopt the Wilmot Proviso—the compromise of 1850—the repeal of the Missouri Compromise in the Kansas Nebraska Bill of 1854—the Kansas war—the formation of the Republican party of the North and their anti-compromise platform at Chicago in 1856—the Dred Scott decision in 1857—the final split of the Democratic party at the Convention of 1860, and the adoption of the anti-compromise platform of the Southern wing of the party—the election of the Northern Republican candidate for President in 1860—the secession of the Southern States leaving the Northern party in supreme control—and finally the four years bloody war to save the Union.

We believe in all this that there were a series of mistakes on both sides, and that by the exercise of a little wisdom at sundry points the whole catastrophe could have been avoided.

the South by open confession of their own error in sustaining a sectional party. For this desirable consummation, and for the speedy restoration of our former union and harmony, we have strong hopes.

CONGRESS.

The "Civil Rights" Bill has passed both Houses, with some modifications of its original form to make it as near constitutional as possible so as to prevent a veto. It provides that "there shall be no discrimination in civil rights or immunities among citizens of the United States, in any State or Territory, on account of race or color, or previous condition of slavery."

The Baltimore Sun of the 20th says: A new loan bill was introduced in the House of Representatives yesterday, which would seem calculated to carry out the desired policy of contraction, as urged by the Secretary of the Treasury.

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Justice of the Peace in Maryland—Decision of the Court of Appeals. We noticed, some weeks ago, an important case concerning the validity of the late appointments by Gov. Bradford of Justices of the Peace in this State decided by Judge Martin of Baltimore city and carried to the Court of Appeals.

A case in relation to the appointment of Justices of the Peace for the State of Maryland was recently tried before the Superior Court of this city, having been brought upon a petition of William H. Heiden, a magistrate in the Second Ward of Baltimore city, for a writ of mandamus against James W. Taylor, who was appointed by Governor Bradford a Justice of the Peace for the same ward.

Ladies' Southern Relief Fair.

The meeting of the Ladies of Carroll county in behalf of the above object, held at Carroll Hall Westminster on Monday last, was numerously attended.

M. E. Conference.

The East Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held at Williamsport, Pa., adjourned sine die on the 13th inst., after a six days session.

Pocket Book Lost.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Young, the young man who carries the Littlestown Mail, lost his pocket book on the 20th inst. between Grass's Hotel and the Post Office, in Westminster.

Change of Residences.

We hope those of our subscribers who contemplate changing their places of residence, either in town or country, will give us timely notice, in order that the carrier may know where to find them, or the change made on our mail book.

Quick Work.

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The American Agriculturist, for March, has been received.

Godley's Lady's Book, for April, is already received.

The Comptroller of the Currency and his Letter.

The violent opposition of Mr. Freeman Clarke to the financial policy of the Administration has been a subject of remark for some time. Many inquire whether it is of political origin, or is merely the offspring of the unwise spirit of speculation which has possessed the country, and is driving headlong into the depths of ruin.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL.

This canal is being prepared for the Spring trade, and will probably be opened by the 20th. It is expected that the amount of coal to be transported over this channel during the coming season will be much greater than ever before.

Elections in Pennsylvania.

On Friday last several town elections took place in Pennsylvania. At Harrisburg, the democratic candidate, Oliver Edwards, was elected mayor by a majority of 147, being a democratic gain of 150 since last fall.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

The first rafts of the season, six in number, arrived at Marietta, Pa., last Friday. The river is said to be rising rapidly, and is in good rafting order.

A Radical Description of the President—His Great Power and Ability Contended.

The Hon. John D. Baldwin, Member of Congress from Massachusetts, writes this description of Andy Johnson and his late speech. Baldwin is of the Sumner-Stevens stripe in politics.

Loyalty at the South.

The newspapers of the extreme stripe are engaged in picking out of the testimony before the Reconstruction Committee such statements as show evidence of a feeling of discontent and dissatisfaction on the part of the people of the South, which, to us, seems to be an unprofitable business.

DEATHS.

At Union Bridge, on the 14th inst., WILLIAM HUGHES, aged about 70 years. He had walked rapidly from his home to the depot, purchased a ticket for Westminster, got down a chair, and died in a few minutes, from an affection of the heart as is supposed. He was a member of the society of Friends.

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

Flour.—Choice Super is scarce and wanted for the local trade. Last sale of City Mills, fresh ground, was at \$8.75. We quote prime choice Howard street and City Mills at \$9.00.

Valuable Lots at PUBLIC SALE.

The Subscriber will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, on Friday, the 6th day of April, 4 VALUABLE LOTS, adjoining Westminster, fronting on the Washington Road, near the intersection of Green Street, with said Road. Each Lot contains about 1/2 acre.

Lime! Lime!!

Butler & Fritchey HAVING purchased the Large and Valuable Lime Stone Quarry formerly owned by Edward Lynch, on the Western Maryland Railroad, about 300 yards from the Westminster Depot, are now prepared to offer to the public, WOOD AND COAL BURNING LIME, also LIMESTONE.

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Chestnut Posts and Rails FOR SALE.

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Mr. John Kinzior, of Johnsville, died very suddenly, at his residence, on Tuesday morning last. Whilst in the barn yard he complained of feeling bad, and almost immediately fell into the arms of his son who was with him, and died in less than five minutes. Mr. K. was a very worthy and respectable citizen, and for a long time a prominent member of the Democratic party.—Lib. Banner.

MARRIED.

On the 13th inst. at the residence of the bride, in Taneytown, by the Rev. N. E. Gilds, M. D. JAMES KOONS, to MRS. CATHERINE E. GALT, both of Carroll county.

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