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Ex-Senator Jos. A. Bayard died in Wilmington, Del. at 1 o'clock on the morning of the 12th, instant.

Mr. M. V. B. Davis whose appointment as successor of Gov. Fouts as Supt. of the New Orleans mint has given such general satisfaction, has filed his bond, and the mint will be in active coinage operation again within a few days.

A press dispatch of eleven words, announcing the result of the recent Derby race, was filed at the office of the Direct Cable Co., in London, at 10:43 a. m. New York time, and reached New York at 10:43:25, the time of transmission from London to New York being 25 seconds.—Scientific American.

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HAUNTED ME.—A Workingman says: "Debt, poverty and suffering haunted me for years, caused by a sick family and large bills for doctoring, which did no good. I was completely discouraged, until one year ago, by the advice of my pastor, I procured Hop Bitters and commenced their use, and in one month we were all well, and none of us have been sick a day since; and I want to say to all poor men, you can keep your families well a year with Hop Bitters for less than one doctor's visit will cost."—Christian Advocate.

A most heartrending accident occurred at 11:15 p. m. of the 12 instant, on Long Island Sound, off Connecticut river, in the collision of the steamers Stonington and Narragansett. The loss of life amounts to between twenty and thirty persons. The Narragansett being struck amidships and cut down to the water's edge, took fire from the gas tank below decks, and was soon wrapped in flames. In ten minutes from the moment of the collision she sank out of sight. The accident occurred in a fog. The survivors, some 350 in number were picked up by the city of New York and the Stonington.

INTERESTING FROM THE QUAKER CITY.

The following letter from a true, tried, zealous Democrat and intelligent, far seeing political observer, of Philadelphia, will prove of much interest to our readers and afford more real, reliable information as to the true condition of party feeling and the effect of the recent Republican Nominations, than can be gathered from newspaper articles which are generally dished up to suit the tastes of the reader or the prejudices of the writer: PHILADELPHIA June 12th, 1880.

EDITOR FELICIANA SENTINEL:

You requested me to give you the opinions of parties here after the Chicago Convention; of course you know that my first choice was Grant, simply because we would have had an easy walk over the course. Had I thought of Garfield he would have been my second choice. Any man who was in that credit Mobilizer steal, De Golyer Job & Co., can never be the chief magistrate of this country.

With a solid South I really can't think of any man in the Republican party who they could elect, if the Democrats make a good nomination. Blaine, was the only one I had any fear of. He and Grant had all the working element in the party with them; (it is the workers that elect the President), they care nothing about a man's record so he is with the "Boys." The third term was the only great stumbling block for Grant. The workers or "Boys," as the saying is, have had one black horse, and have no use for another. The nomination of Garfield, has created as great consternation among them as a thunderbolt in a camp meeting. As for Arthur, his own party branded him as a thief while in the New York Custom House. I can't think which is the heaviest load, the kite or bob-tail. Had the anti Grant men not been stone blind at Chicago, they would never have made that ticket.

Our Democratic friends in the North all have their choice for President, but all agree to one thing; give us the strongest man. Bayard, Seymour, Hancock, Hendricks, Sherman and Randall are all favorably spoken of. Tilden is out of the race, he may name the man, hence Randall is spoken of. After the Cincinnati Convention I will let you know how it is received here. I feel satisfied with the brains that are going there; they will not make any mistake.

During the month of May the weather was warm and dry, which has cut off the hay crop about one third; other crops are generally good.

The cotton, or army worm has made its appearance in New Jersey destroying all the crops. The health of this city is good. I receive your paper regularly. I see the prospects are good, hope they may continue so. Keep us posted about the crops &c.

Kindest regards to all friends. Yours truly G. B. E.

COLLECTION OF THE POLL TAX.

One of the most unjust laws passed by the recent legislature is Act. No. 120, entitled: 'An act to levy an annual poll tax and to provide for the collection of the same.'

For a number of years we have had a statute providing for the levying of a poll tax. One of the provisions of the Radical constitution of 1868 was that an annual poll tax should be levied, but, owing to the inconvenience of collecting the same, such laws both legislative and constitutional have remained a dead letter. The collection of a poll tax upon property itself is a pledge for its payment; but the collection of a poll tax has no such safeguard. The special object of a poll tax is to compel those who own no property to contribute something towards defraying the expenses of the government. Therefore, as imprisonment for debt has been abolished, it is obvious that the collection of a poll tax, unless enforced by some penalty, is almost impossible. Our present legislature, by the act above mentioned, has made the collection of a poll tax possible, but at the expense of perpetrating a great injustice upon the agricultural interest of the State.

Section 1. provides: 'A poll tax of one dollar per capita shall be levied annually upon each male inhabitant of the State over the age of twenty-one years, said tax to be due and payable on and after the first day of January in each year.' Section 3. provides: 'Whoever shall employ in his service for any purpose for which any wages or compensation are to be paid, any person subject and liable to pay such poll tax, between the first day of January and the thirty-first day of December, inclusive of each year, shall be liable to pay said poll tax of such employe, which amount of poll tax such employe shall have the right to deduct from the wages or compensation of such employe, provided, he shall pay the same to the proper collecting officer thereof and shall take a receipt therefor in the name of the employe; but that he shall not have such credit, until he shall exhibit said receipt therefor and deliver the same to the employe. That the collector of such poll tax shall have the right and it shall be his duty, if such poll tax be not paid by the employe or employe, to seize any property, real or personal, or share or interest in any crop, gathered or ungathered, or rights or credits belonging to such employe or employe, and to sell the same, free from all mortgages or privileges whatsoever.'

1. Thus we see that this act makes every farmer who shall employ laborers at any time between January 1st and December 31st liable for the poll tax of such laborers for that year provided such laborers have been in his employment for ninety days during the year in which said tax is due. And not only that, but all farmers who have had the same labor or laborers for ninety days of the same year in their employment are liable in solid for the poll tax of such labor or laborers; for it is provided in the same act. 'That all employers, at any period of the year and without regard as to whether the employe had been employed during the same year, shall be liable for said poll tax, and no employer shall resist payment thereof on the ground that a previous or other employer is liable therefor, but that the collector of such poll tax may proceed against any such employers or all of them if need to collect the same; provided, that no enforcement of said poll tax shall be made against any employer, unless the employe shall have been in his service for at least ninety days during the year in which said tax is due.' Therefore a farmer who may hire a laborer at the beginning of the year is liable for the poll tax of that laborer even though the laborer runs away at the end of three months and gets employment elsewhere.

2. We perceive also that the property of both employer and employe is liable to seizure for

the non-payment of the poll tax. It is obvious at first glance that this act will work a great injustice on farmers. Take for instance a large cotton planter who works fifty negroes, suppose that the negroes, as will be the case nine times out of ten, do not pay their poll tax, then the farmer will have to pay fifty dollars every year which will be a dear loss unless the negroes make enough to pay him. From the context of the act it would seem however that the farmer who rents land would not be liable for the poll tax of his renters. If it is necessary for the State to have a poll tax law, of course adequate provision should be made for its enforcement, but it is questionable whether the provision made in this act was the best that could have been desired. K.

EDITORIAL POLITICAL NOTES.

The Greenbackers' Convention at Chicago, on the 11th inst., nominated on the first ballot, Gen. James B. Weaver, of Iowa, for President, and R. J. Chambers, of Texas, for vice President.

A meeting of the National Democratic Committee will be held at the Grand Hotel, Cincinnati, on Monday, June 21st, the day previous to the assembling of the Convention, in obedience to the call of O. Prince, Secretary.

Indiana Democrats, in convention assembled at Indianapolis on the 9th instant; nominated Landers for Governor, by acclamation. The nomination is a strong one. Landers ably represented his district in congress during the session of 1876, and was a prominent antagonist of "Blue Jeans" Williams for the nomination for Governor in that year. He will command the enthusiastic support of every Democrat in the Hoosier State.

The Democratic Convention of Illinois made a strong nomination on their State ticket in the selection of Hon. Lyman Trumbull for Governor, and Louis B. Parsons for Lieut. Governor. Delegates to the National Convention go unimpressed, but are impressed with the request of the convention to take such action as they deem advisable to present the name of Horatio Seymour before the National Convention for the office of President of the United States.

Republicans in the House of Representatives defeated the passage of the electoral count bill by filibustering. It is obvious that the Republicans rely upon the pretended power of the vice President to count and declare the Presidential vote. The National Republican newspaper, confirms this opinion in the following excerpt: 'The concurrent resolution fails to take away any power from the vice President, for he is not bound by it.' In the same article it is intimated that the State of New York is to be cut up into electoral districts so as to give the Democracy only thirteen.

An attempt was made to have a Grand Republican ratification meeting at Jackson, Miss., on the 11th instant. It was an "immense affair" in the way of a failure. Ten colored and eight white men composed the "select and intelligent audience" upon the occasion. The presiding officer suggested that the meeting adjourn until they had time to find out what sort of a platform the party had fixed up at Chicago. Unanimously adopted, and thus ended one of the most remarkable political demonstrations on record. Hurray for "Garfield." The Democrats will have a walk over in Mississippi in November next.

The Union, N. Y., Observer of the 11, says, with reference to Gov. Seymour's position: "There is no truth in the report that the latter has in any way changed or modified his views with regard to the presidential nomination. He says now, as he has said all the time, that he is not and cannot be a candidate, and that he could not accept the nomination even if one were tendered him. He deems it honorable for any one to enter upon a public office when his health is unequal to the performance of its labors. He can only consent to this and cannot yield his decision to the opinion of others. He has never anticipated the possibility of his nomination; has only regarded the mention of his name as one of the coincidences which always mark political speculation before the meeting of a convention. In reply to any complimentary allusions to himself, he has always distinctly and clearly stated his purpose to withdraw from an active part in public affairs, although he felt a deep interest in the success of the party to which he was attached."

The statement is reiterated that Mr. Tilden will not permit the use of his name before the Cincinnati Convention, and that he indicates Henry B. Payne, of Ohio, as the candidate most eligible for the nomination of the Democracy. Mr. Payne was the first Democrat ever elected to represent the Cleveland District, and served in the Forty-fourth Congress. He has always been a faithful Democrat, and has adhered with great fidelity to the policies of the Democratic party. He would be, no doubt, a most acceptable nominee, so far as his individual fitness is concerned, but it is presented now, as a question of party economy, whether, in view of the nomination of an Ohio man by the Republican party, the presidential campaign shall be made to hinge as it were, on the result of the October elections in that State, by the selection of one of her sons by the Democratic Convention. Ohio is notably fertile, particularly in presidential campaign years, and it is not probable that the Democratic Convention will venture to act so that the outcome of her October campaign shall by possibility militate against our chances in November. To review, it is altogether probable that the illustrious gentlemen from that State who are prominently urged for the presidential honors, will be wisely dropped in the National Convention.

SUCCESSION SALE.

The State of Louisiana—Parish of West Feliciana. 15th Judicial District Court. In the matter of the succession of Lenos Frankenberger, deceased. BY VIRTUE OF AND IN OBEEDIENCE to a commission and order of sale issued in the above styled suit from said Honorable Court, and to the sheriff of the Parish of West Feliciana directed, I will offer for sale, in front of the Court House, in St. Francisville, said State and Parish, and according to law, on

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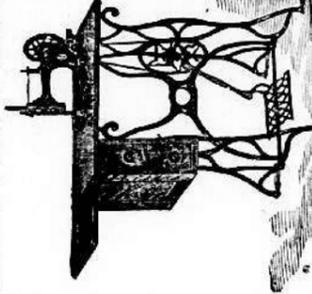
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