

REPUBLICAN CITY CONVENTION.

The Republicans of the city of Wheeling are invited to attend Primary Meetings in their respective wards on

Next Saturday Evening, January 4th, 1879, to select five delegates to a Convention to be held at the Court House, MONDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1879, at 10 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of nominating Candidates for the various city offices to be elected at the charter election to be held THURSDAY, JANUARY 23d, 1879.

The Primary Meetings are also requested to nominate Councilmen from their respective wards.

The meetings will be called to order by a member of the Executive Committee from the respective wards, and the polls shall be open for the reception of ballots from 7 P. M. until 9 P. M.

The Primary Meetings shall be held at the following places:

First Ward—Vigilant House.
Second Ward—Market House.
Third Ward—Court House.
Fourth Ward—Atlantic Engine House.
Fifth Ward—Hose House.
Sixth Ward—United Engine House.
Seventh Ward—Tobacco Grocers.
Eighth Ward—Armory Hall.

W. S. PHIPPS,
Chairman City Exec. Com.
J. D. STANTON, Secy.

The Intelligencer.

Office: Nos. 35 and 37 Fourteenth Street.

The Intelligencer will be issued as usual to-morrow morning.

The WHEELING INTELLIGENCER closes the year with an increased patronage. It has more subscribers than when the year began. Notwithstanding the depression of the times, the INTELLIGENCER has held firmly and prosperously on its course right through the panic. It can well afford to smile gratefully and contentedly on its large circle of readers and wish them each and all a happy New Year.

GEO. GARFIELD will address the "Honest Money League," of Chicago, to-morrow in celebration of resumption. Those who look upon the General as one of the prominent "dark horses" expect something unusually able and brilliant.

Tux Franklin Insurance Company announced a 5 per cent dividend this morning out of its last six months business, payable on demand in gold. This announcement has the right ring to it. The same ring will be heard throughout the land in a few days. Sherman has made no mistake.

There were \$226,000,000 of gold in the United States Treasury yesterday, of which \$200,000,000 are available for resumption. Add to this, \$24,000,000 of greenbacks, and \$320,000,000 of bank notes, and we have a total of \$862,000,000 of money that we know of, saying nothing of \$500,000,000 of other gold and silver that is in the country.

But for the fact that "hope springs eternal in the human breast," even down to the very close of life, the regular completion of a new period of time, such as every twelve months bring round, would become very monotonous if not absolutely worthless to those who, having passed the heyday of youth, are in the midst of the sober and responsible duties of mature life.

To vary many persons the going of the old year and the coming of the new ones has been like the letting down and drawing up of "empty buckets into empty wells,"—a constant source of disappointment,—but yet everybody "hopes on and hopes over" for a blessed change of some sort that will at least sweeten the current of their ideal of a happy life. For the greatest number of persons it can probably be written that the passing years are like "a grain of sand or a falling star."

They start into each new year with anxious, half expectant, anxious to know what is to be unfolded to them in the course of good or bad fortune. And although

"The fates grow up and the ones grow down," and "And you grow green and the year grows brown," the future of their lives still remains an undeveloped mystery. Yet true to the principle that "man never is but always to be blest," they keep up the pursuit of happiness. Happiness is so much the law of human existence that it cannot exist without custom stable; the efforts which we are impelled to put forth to attain it. We just our nets into the stream again and again, even though we may have learned to fear that

"A hundred streams are the same as one," and we are constantly impelled to seek a new experience by the great law of our creation that makes each one of us an instrument to work out some purpose we know not of.

Life has long since been defined to be a struggle after the unattainable. Hence it were to find any one who is satisfied with what he has accomplished. There is no other and a better way that might have been availed of. Hence everybody says that if he had only his experience as a lamp to his feet, how grateful it would be to retrace the pathway of life afresh. But the philosopher knows that this is all a delusion. "Parasites as vain, hopeless wild" would again spring up by the wayside. Therefore it is the essential wisdom of life to learn early that sunshine and shadow are the two ingredients of which human existence is composed. According as we limit our desires, our eyes are not controlled our enemies, but govern our ambition, do we assure to ourselves the conditions that approximate that peace of mind that makes life worth the living. The whole philosophy of life was well expressed by that old poet who wrote

"The best of things is what we have not, and the worst is what we have not had."

Some years ago property on Stockton street, from California far to the north, was worth from \$100 to \$300 per foot front. Now the same could be purchased from \$25 to \$100 per foot front. A house lot on Zouval street, north of Clay, was lately sold for \$3,800. The owner had been offered \$3,800 for it but a few years ago. The 50 rates and improvements on the southwest corner of Stockton and Washington streets owned by Rev. Albert Williams, that minister to hold service in San Francisco. That gentleman mortgaged in some years ago for \$18,000, a third of the value then placed upon

BY TELEGRAPH.

TO THE DAILY INTELLIGENCER.

GENERAL NEWS.

Report of the Sub-Committee on Indian Affairs.

Potter's Little Side Show Open in New Orleans—More Documents from Mrs. Jenks.

Kansas the First State to Re-sume Specie Payments.

Louisiana Defaults on Her January Interest.

Extraordinary Produce Business of the West as Represented by Chicago and Milwaukee—Vastly More Business in 1878, But Less Money Value.

WASHINGTON.

OUTSTANDING UNITED STATES CURRENCY.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—The following is the United States currency outstanding at this date:

	Dec. 31, 1878.	Dec. 31, 1877.
Gold and silver coins	\$6,001,000	\$6,001,000
United States notes	20,000,000	20,000,000
Two year coupon notes	14,000,000	14,000,000
Five year coupon notes	22,500,000	22,500,000
Five year interest bearing	1,000,000	1,000,000
Fractional currency, all issues	16,000,000	16,000,000
Total	\$69,501,000	\$69,501,000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INDENTIFICATION OF NATIONAL BANK NOTES.

	Dec. 31, 1878.	Dec. 31, 1877.
Notes in circulation	\$3,513,500	\$3,513,500
Notes retired	2,700,000	2,700,000
Total	\$6,213,500	\$6,213,500

TAX REGULATIONS MODIFIED.

A circular from the Internal Revenue office modifies the existing regulations concerning the payment of taxes by the owners of distilleries, from apples, peaches, or grapes exclusively, so that hereafter collectors will not report to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the assessment of the amount of such taxes which becomes due and payable on the 10th of the month except in default of payment within four months from such 10th day of the month.

REPRODUCTION OF INDIAN ARTS.

Senators Patterson, Garland and Grover, who, in behalf of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, have been engaged in a tour of inspection into the condition of affairs in Indian Territory, will be ready next week to report to the full committee. They have agreed to recommend the enactment of legislation by Congress, which shall provide for the establishment of a United States Court in Indian Territory to possess both criminal and civil jurisdiction.

Second, That the Indians comprising the five nations, to be known as the Five Civilized Tribes, be placed under the jurisdiction of the United States, amenable to the Federal laws, and competent to serve on juries in United States Courts, etc.

Third, That the lands now held in common shall be divided and held in severalty, by the several tribes.

The sub-committee do not at present recommend the establishment of a regular territorial government for these Indians, but provide merely that they shall be entitled to representation by a delegate to Congress, who will probably advise the insertion in the proposed bill of a proviso that the conditional land grants which various railroad companies (receiving settlement of the territory) have announced that they will relinquish shall be formally relinquished. The recommendations of the sub-committee will probably be endorsed by a majority of the full committee, and the bill of legislation is strenuously opposed by authorized representatives of the five Indian nations.

Alleged Attempt to Blackmail a Park.

PARKERSBURG, December 31.—There was a decided sensation to-day, in certain circles, by the effort to blackmail a prominent attorney by Jas. Baker, ex-Constable, detective and saloon keeper. Baker charged the lawyer with having seduced his wife in his office, night before last, and said he stood near the door with a pistol. He called at the lawyer's house and threatened to kill him, but, not succeeding in bluffing, sent a challenge to fight a duel. A friend of the lawyer received a note offering to compromise the matter, but the lawyer refused to do so. Baker has just sent word that he would give bond and publicly retract if let alone, but the prosecuting Attorney will have him arrested for blackmail and sending a challenge to fight a duel. Officers are searching for him. Baker is a desperate man.

Prodigious Trade of Milwaukee for 1878.

MILWAUKEE, December 31.—The Wisconsin-to-night prints a full and comprehensive review of the produce trade of Milwaukee for 1878, as compared with former years. The receipts of wheat, flour and coarse grains show a very considerable increase over the two preceding years, while the receipts and manufacture of sugar aggregate a larger amount this year than ever before. The live stock tables show an unprecedented increase in the business done. The receipts of live hogs are nearly double and those of cattle are three times larger than last year. The receipts of these reached the enormous aggregate of 13,323,000 pounds, an increase of nearly 5,000,000 pounds over 1877. The receipts of wheat were 21,900,000 bushels; of corn 3,265,000 bushels; shipments of flour were 2,020,000 barrels.

A Victim That Deserves the Gallows.

CINCINNATI, December 31.—Chas. Doty, Superintendent of Gas Works of the Central Lunatic Asylum, was arrested to-day, charged with attempting to outrage the person of Flora Corradi, aged seven years. He was removed to the jail to-night to prevent possible violence from the outraged friends of the little victim.

Commercial Travelers' Association.

St. Louis, December 31.—The Western Commercial Travelers' Association held its first annual meeting at the Lindell Hotel to-day. There was a large attendance. Ex-Governor Stanford addressed the association by invitation, after which

FOREIGN NEWS.

ENGLAND.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

LONDON, December 31.—The Times financial summary for the 7th, says: The industries have been deranged, credit shaken and failures multiplied on every hand. The failures will be nearly 5,000 more than last year. Not only have wages been reduced and many thousands of artisans thrown out of employment, but many thousands of those above the artisan class are either in actual want or on the confines of it. The increasing numbers driven to grant bills of exchange on their own account is a significant proof of what is going on in the ranks of the lower class.

TROUBLE AMONG THE IRON WORKERS.

The Amalgamated Society of Engineers has resolved to resist to the utmost the increase of hours of labor proposed by the London Iron Trades Employers' Association. A general agitation of the trades to resist the extension of hours is intended, and there is said to be a large amount of funds available for the purpose in addition to the quarter of a million dollars which the engineers have.

TURKEY.

TREATY MATTERS.

LONDON, December 31.—A Constantinople dispatch says that All Pasha, President of the Council of State, has been appointed second negotiator on behalf of Turkey for a definitive treaty of peace with Russia. In the Eastern Roumelian Commission, Sir Harry Drummond Wolff, English representative, has proposed a mixed occupation of Eastern Roumelia in certain contingencies and its organization on the model of Lebanon.

HUNTING A FIGHT.

Marseilles, a Frenchman, who obtained a contract from Prince Doudouff for hunting, refused to go to Eastern Roumelia, endeavoring to prove to Sir Harry Drummond Wolff and Mr. Whitaker, editor of the Constantinople newspaper, into a duel, on account of their action in exposing that affair, but the British Consul general interfered and prevented hostilities.

ALARMING CONDITION OF AFFAIRS IN CON-STANTINOPLE.

A Vienna dispatch reports that alarming news comes from Constantinople of nocturnal arrests, general destitution and apprehended riots. Their correspondent writes that the occupation of the city is raised by a section of the official which thinks its interests are threatened or injured by the present Ministry.

ISRAEL.

AN ADDITION TO THE EMPIRE.

LONDON, December 31.—The Viceroy of India reports that Syad Mahomed, chief of the Kuram Valley, announces his intention of coming into the British Empire. The situation says this may be heralded as the forerunner of intelligence already hinted at, that the districts of Chitral, Smt and uran will be incorporated into the Indian Empire. By the occupation of this tract an easy and direct road will be opened from Panjnah to York.

SWITZERLAND.

ELECTION OF CATHOLIC PRIESTS.

GENEVA, December 31.—The Swiss Roman Catholics have received permission from their superiors to vote at the election of Parish Priests, instead of leaving to the Protestants a monopoly of this privilege. The old Catholics, a minority of the population, have just carried by 446 to 26 the nomination of a Roman Catholic Priest at Saige-leger, in Bern.

U. S. COURT MATTERS IN MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, December 31.—The United States Grand Jury, after a brief session to-day, adjourned until January 14. This action was taken partly on account of the holidays and partly because Judge Kreckel is too sick to hold Court. It was stated this afternoon, on what is said to be perfectly reliable authority, that the jury had ignored the bill against James B. Eads, failing to find any evidence against him in the indictment. The grand jury have not decided to indict any of the directors of the old Bank of the State of Missouri. The rumors previously mentioned in these dispatches seem to have been without any foundation in fact.

A Horse-Whipping Scrape.

CINCINNATI, December 31.—J. W. Morgan, hailing from Brown county, Va., created quite a commotion on the floor of the Chamber of Commerce at noon to-day, by horse-whipping Mr. Charles Maguire, of the firm of Milburn & Co., heavy dealer in real estate, who was arrested and jailed. He states that the trouble grew out of a grain transaction. Morgan was apparently under the influence of liquor.

Rain Fall on the Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 31.—Weather reports received to-day from all portions of the State show a general rain fall, quite plentiful in the southern counties and light in the north, but with the prospect of a continuance.

Indicted for Conspiracy.

NEW YORK, December 31.—The grand jury of Brooklyn has indicted the City Commissioners John W. Flaherty and G. C. Bennett, and two subordinates, for conspiracy to defraud the city out of \$50,000 through fraudulent claims.

Sudden Death.

MEMPHIS, December 31.—Judge Henry Smith dropped dead tonight at his residence on Madison street. He was at one time judge of the Supreme Court of this State. He had just returned from a citizens mass meeting.

Louisiana Defaults on January Interest.

NEW ORLEANS, December 31.—There seems to be no alternative but for the State to default on January coupons on consols. The State authorities express the belief that the entire interest will be paid within three months.

Marine News.

NORFOLK, December 31.—The steamer Tonic got aloft this morning and is on her way home.

How Men Grow Rich.

Men accumulate money by taking care of it. But the man who invests in "an Egyptian Fever and Ague and Live Red Nails, Brazil and Peru" to 75 to 85, 85 to 90 and 90 to 95, and 95 to 100, and 100 to 110, and 110 to 120, and 120 to 130, and 130 to 140, and 140 to 150, and 150 to 160, and 160 to 170, and 170 to 180, and 180 to 190, and 190 to 200, and 200 to 210, and 210 to 220, and 220 to 230, and 230 to 240, and 240 to 250, and 250 to 260, and 260 to 270, and 270 to 280, and 280 to 290, and 290 to 300, and 300 to 310, and 310 to 320, and 320 to 330, and 330 to 340, and 340 to 350, and 350 to 360, and 360 to 370, and 370 to 380, and 380 to 390, and 390 to 400, and 400 to 410, and 410 to 420, and 420 to 430, and 430 to 440, and 440 to 450, and 450 to 460, and 460 to 470, and 470 to 480, and 480 to 490, and 490 to 500, and 500 to 510, and 510 to 520, and 520 to 530, and 530 to 540, and 540 to 550, and 550 to 560, and 560 to 570, and 570 to 580, and 580 to 590, and 590 to 600, and 600 to 610, and 610 to 620, and 620 to 630, and 630 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