

SPIRIT OF THE TIMES

Tuesday, April 26 1852.

R. L. H. AND H. S. COOK, Editors. A Liberal Democracy, an eternal basis for the Republic. A Liberal Administration, the foundation of a permanent and popular government.

STATE ELECTION. (ELECTION TUESDAY, OCT 11/4.) FOR GOVERNOR: WILLIAM MEDILL, of Fairfield. LESTER BLISS, of Allen. SECRETARY OF STATE: WILLIAM TREVITT, of Franklin. TREASURER OF STATE: JOHN O. BRESLIN, of Seneca. JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT: THOMAS W. BARTLEY, of Richland. ATTORNEY GENERAL: GEORGE W. McCOOK, of Jefferson. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS: WAYNE GLIWOLD, of Pickaway.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

There is much in the present state of our country to excite the admiration of every philanthropist, and to invite the investigation of the curious in all parts of the world. The United States as compared to other governments, has only just sprung into existence. Those of the old world count their centuries, while men are still living, whose birth dates anterior to that of our nation and nearly all are convergent with its entire history.

Death of Vice President King. The telegraph announces the death of Vice President King, at his residence in Dallas county, Alabama, on Monday 18 inst. This is an event that has for some been expected. Several months ago he went to Cuba with a faint hope that its delicious climate might restore his health.

Pierce is the Man for the Time. The time and somewhat stagnant atmosphere of English politics seems to present Englishmen at present from reading truly that which passes in countries less lost to action; and the incapacity shows itself in a variety of ways, and at such distinct parts, as to attest its deep seat and its extent.

Valuable Invention. We promised last week to explain the new invention of consolidating light into a solid substance—the method is this—a large iron box is placed so the sun light can strike in upon its interior; as soon as light enough is forced within it by means of a large burning lens, it is suddenly closed—the inside surface of the box being thoroughly plastered with shoe-maker's wax, the light sticks to it—the box is closed it is placed in a dark room and then opened. The wax is scraped off, to which the light still adheres—it is then put beneath a powerful pressure; the wax is squeezed out and a thin wafer sheet of light is left, which being taken up and rolled or folded can be formed in any shape desired. This light can be converted into bricks or any other material for building washed for.

Packet Line Change of Hours. To meet the change of schedule on the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Cincinnati Packets will leave Pittsburgh after Tuesday April 19, at 10 o'clock A. M. instead of 12 M. as heretofore.

Politics in Georgia. The papers say that Governor Cobb has written a letter advising the dissolution of the Union party, and the reunion of the democracy. He has yet possessed.

What need had a man, thus selected because he fitted the ideas of those who made him really their leader, to trim his language for popular acceptance? Why his were the very sentiments sought; and if he had altered, he must have disappointed. But if he were to speak with an equivoque meaning, has Pierce's history marked him out to be not a man of his world? Eminently the reverse. He attained to the highest position in his native state and in the Union; and yet, as our readers are aware, he retired into private life, to repair his own fortune.

Fanny Fern's Best thing. We think Fanny Fern never wrote a better pair of paragraphs than the following from the Olive Branch: "Look on this picture, and then on that. 'Father is coming!' and little round faces grow long and merry voices are hushed, and toys are hustled into the closet and mamma glances nervously at the door, and baby is bribed with a lump of sugar to keep the peace; and father's business face relaxes not a muscle; and the little group huddle together like timid sheep in a corner, and tears are despatched as silently as if speaking were prohibited by the statute book, and the children creep like culprits to bed, marvelling that baby dare crow so loud now that 'Father has come.' 'Father is coming!' and bright eyes sparkle for joy, and tiny feet dance with glee, and eager faces press against the window pane, and a bevy of rosy lips claim kisses at the door, and picture books lie unrebuked on the table, and tops and balls, and dolls and kites are discussed, and little Susy lays her soft cheek against the paternal whiskers with the most fearless abandon," and Charley gets a love-pat for his 'medal,' and mamma's face grows radiant, and the evening paper is read (not silently, but aloud), and tea and toast and time vanish with equal celerity, for jubilee has arrived, and 'Father has come!'"

State of Italy. The news from Italy is of a most uncertain and contradictory character. Upwards of three thousand muskets have, it is said, been found in the forests which skirt the Piedmontese and Austrian frontier. We are told that the revolutionary chiefs are as active as ever, and that Kossuth and Mazzini are more friendly disposed to each other than they have ever been. Their proceedings are kept profoundly secret; no one seems to know where Mazzini is. Three more capital executions had taken place at Ferrara. The Austrians continue to strengthen their forces along the Swiss frontier.

Singular Geological Fact. At Modena in Italy, within a circle of four miles around the city, whenever the earth is dug, and the workmen arrive at the distance of sixty-three feet, they come to a bed of chalk which they bore with an auger, five feet deep. They then withdraw from the pit before the auger is removed, and upon its retraction the water bursts up with great violence, and quickly fills the well thus made; the supply of water being unimpeded by rains or droughts.

NEGRO'S PRAYER.—An old negro returning one night from a dancing frolic, when crossing the river lost both his ears, and came near being swamped. Determined to do what he never did before, he dropped on his knees and exclaimed, "Oh Massa Lord! if eber gwine to help ole Ira now is de time!"

NAVY.—The United States corvette, Macedonian, JOEL ANSON commanding has sailed from New York for Hong Kong to join the Japan expedition. There is hardly any bodily blemish which a winning behavior will not conceal, or make tolerable; and there is no external grace which ill-nature or affectation will not deform.

A BUTCHER was apprehended and fined last week, in Cincinnati, for killing a dog, and dressing it like mutton, for market, with evident intention of selling it for dead sheep. Awful!

MORMONS.—From the St. Louis papers we learn that about three hundred and thirty persons, Mormons, have recently arrived that city from England. It is also stated that six more ships are on their way, freighted with about three thousand disciples of the Mormon faith. Arrangements, also, it is said, are now making for the transportation from Europe next year, of at least ten thousand Mormons.

"Pete are you into them sweetmeats again?" "No ma'm them sweetmeats hev' got into me."

WASHINGTON ITEMS. WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Cabinet session yesterday was a short one. The chief topic of discussion was the condition of our foreign relations. The unsettled question with England will for some time occupy the attention of the Cabinet. The Union of this morning says that the rumor of changes in the Cabinet are silly fabrications and untrue, and get up for purposes well known here.

OHIO has in progress of construction the largest extent of railway, and also the largest amount of surplus produce to carry off. No other state compares with her in this respect. Take the following general fact in advance: In 1851 her wheat crop, in round numbers (which was carried off in 18,52) amounted to 35 millions of bushels.— This was about one-fourth of the entire amount raised in the whole Union. The state contains two millions of people, and their consumption of breadstuffs was, therefore, 20 millions of bushels, and the surplus 23 millions. By the actual exports we reach the following results of the year's operations:

Table with 3 columns: Bushels, Wheat crop of 1851, Exports to Oct. 1, 1852, Consumption, Remaining on hand.

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives have passed the bill repealing the Railroad Gauge law. The measure had previously passed the Senate.

THE HANDSOME woman is, the more likely she is to die an old maid. Show us a gimble-eyed feminine, and we will show you a young lady, who will be Mrs. Somebody before she is out of her teens.

PLEASANT POSITION of Soldiers in Italy. We read in the Opinions of Turin, under date Milan 12th: Count Giulini and the other military chiefs throughout Lombardy never absent by a dozen officers and followed by three and even files of soldiers armed to the teeth. Single officers are accompanied each by two soldiers; and the other night at the theater of the Scala the public was not a little surprised to see the precautions adopted to protect the officers against any attempt.

THE FRENCH Assembly had given a fete to the Emperor and Empress, on which occasion 297 persons were pardoned, and 400 others had their sentence commuted.

SEVERAL outbreaks of armed peasantry occurred in Switzerland, but put down by the military.

A CONSPIRACY was discovered at Berlin on the 29th, when twenty-seven arrests were made.

NEGOTIATIONS were still going on respecting the confiscation of the property of naturalized Piedmontese.

AUSTRIA continues to make arrests of Hungarians. Eighty political prisoners had been shipped from Geneva for America.

LATE advice from Berlin give the particulars of the discovery of the conspiracy. Nearly all the ultra-Democratic leaders are under arrest. Among them are Dr. Falkenbhall, Dr. Collman, several merchants, and a member of the Assembly. All kinds of weapons and revolutionary pamphlets were found.

ARRIVAL OF THE PACIFIC. New York, April 18. The Pacific arrived this afternoon at 9 o'clock, bringing Liverpool dates to 6th. Sir Lacey Evans gave notice of a correspondence between the British government, Spain, France and the United States, concerning the alleged Cuba annexation projects.

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