

THE ANDOVER ADVERTISER

Republican County Convention. The Republican electors of Allegany county will send (8) three delegates from each town to a Convention to be held at the Court House in Belmont on Tuesday April 20th, for the purpose of choosing (5) five delegates to represent the County in the Convention to be held at Rochester, April 28 1870, pursuant to a call of the State Committee.

SEVERAL BARRICKS. M. S. BLAIR, F. G. STANLEY, Washington Messrs. Wm. E. HAMMOND, County Com.

Republican Town Canvass. The Republican Electors of the town of Andover are requested to meet in caucus on Saturday evening, April 23d, at A. & M. Bondy's store, for the purpose of choosing their delegates to attend the County Convention, to be held at Belmont on Tuesday the 26th inst.

By order of town Com. The total increase of receipts of taxes on tobacco in New York State for the past eight months over the time for 1869 has been \$1,560,602.

It is said that farmers in Minnesota can now make more money in raising beets at \$2 per ton, for sugar making, than they can in raising wheat or any kind of grain.

A bill establishing Elmira as one of the points at which Federal Courts are to be held, has passed the lower house of Congress.

The Rochester Chronicle has a lengthy editorial on the funding matter before Congress, with this conclusion: "It is a fraud upon the intelligence of the country."

It is said that a Democrat from the rural district was lately heard in New York City inquiring of a "Young Democrat" for "Nasby's Stomach" the man that had to be putmaster in Kentucky. The city brother replied that he "knew" was somewhere in the 6th Ward, but he couldn't tell exactly where.

There is a bill before the House Committee on Public Lands, amending the Homestead act of May 20 1862. The bill provides, that soldiers or sailors shall be entitled to choose 160 acres of land, by the production of their discharges to the proper officers, and delay settlement on the same for two years, the time to be deducted out of the five years' settlement as required by the Homestead act.

Gov. Jewell of Connecticut has set a good example for other Governors to follow. Two of those semi-brutes who are to be left on earth in order to show to the civilized world a picture of savage barbarism, lately went into Connecticut, accompanied by a crowd of roughs and pickpockets, to engage in a prize fight. A few companies of militia were ordered out, and succeeded in capturing eighty or more of the gang, and one of the principals and lodged them in jail. We hope that not a particle less than the full extent of the law will be meted out to them. A few such examples would put a full stop to those brutal and disgraceful exhibitions called prize-fighting.

A bill for "regulating the manufacture and sale of so-called patent medicines," has been introduced in the Assembly, which is any stringent restriction on a most lucrative sort of business. It renders it unlawful for anyone to make or sell any patent medicine unless the names of the articles of which these nostrums are composed shall be printed on the wrappers, and also the diseases for which they are claimed to be useful. Violation of the law, if law it should become, incurs heavy penalties of fine and imprisonment. The bill provides for a commission of five persons, appointed by the Governor, whose duty it shall be to analyze all "patent medicinal preparations" and aid in enforcing the rules.

On Tuesday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee had a protracted discussion on the question of an appropriation of \$100,000 to Capt. Hall, for making further explorations in the Arctic Regions. The committee was divided on the question, whether Hall or Hayes should be the lucky man. However, it was finally decided not to name any party in the matter, but leave it entirely with the President to indicate the person or persons. At this, Mr. Sumner was directed to offer the amendment to an appropriation bill, appropriating \$100,000 for the above purpose. We sincerely hope that Congress will most emphatically refuse to make any such appropriations, and we have not got money to use in that way until at least our public debt is paid.

Lewiston, Me., April 15.—The Grand Lodge of Good Templars adjourned this forenoon, after unanimously adopting the following resolution: Resolved, That the Grand Lodge hereby disavows any purpose to bind any member of this Grand Lodge, or of any subordinate lodge, to act with any particular party, but simply urges upon Good Templars the duty of voting with such parties and for such candidates as are in favor of enforced prohibition. The State Committee of the Third

Dead Beasts.

Under this head the Rochester Chronicle, thus wisely speaks of those "dead beasts" who are trying to get Congress to give them \$100,000 to visit the North Pole.

The appropriation committee of the House of Representatives are actually devoting time to a discussion of the propriety of giving \$100,000 to Mr. or Capt. or Dr. Hall, for the purpose of enabling him to go to the North Pole. It is mortifying to think that there are such idiots in the National Legislature. What the device do we care about the north pole? The committee ought to turn Hall out of their room in a summary fashion. The people of the United States don't want to pay Hall \$100,000 for going to the arctic regions. If he is anxious to go, let him do it on his own responsibility, and freeze himself to death at his leisure, and at his own expense. There is a Mr. or a Capt. or a Dr. Hayes, also, who is not fond of Hall, and Hayes would probably be glad of an appropriation on his account; and Hayes is arguing in the committee against Hall, and Hall is arguing against Hayes. Our hope in that direction is that Hall will beat Hayes and that Hayes will beat Hall, so that no appropriation will be made. Not one dollar should be spent from the National treasury to ascertain what there is at the north pole, because the knowledge will not and cannot be of any possible service to anybody. It might perhaps be a good thing to give Hall and Hayes \$100,000 to go to the north pole, on condition that they stay there and never come back.

JUDICIAL ELECTION. On the third Tuesday of May an election is to be held throughout the State for the purpose of selecting a Chief Judge and six Associate Judges for the Court of Appeals. And as so few seem to know the importance of this election, it is well that they should look it up, and as the election has been called when men generally are the most busy; undoubtedly thinking, perhaps they could get an easier victory. It stands the Republicans in hand to work for it is an important election. So much so that every voter should be out and at work. The office for fourteen years, and therefore this will decide who shall compose our highest courts for the term of fourteen years. The following lives from an article in the Elmira Gazette are well to the point: If we allow fanatical, narrow-minded, perhaps corrupt men to be chosen we cannot remove them in one or two years, but must submit to the disgrace of having such men administer the law and interpret the Constitution. Just at this time it appears to us especially important that we have a Court of Appeals that will not only protect the State itself from any unjust, illegal, or unconstitutional encroachments whatever. Our best interests as individuals, or as the great Empire State, imperatively demand that we have Judges firm, incorruptible, and true to their oaths to support the constitution."

POLITICAL REFORM. The State Council of Political Reform, which appears to be an organization having a very commendable and worthy object, lately held a convention at Albany, at which they passed resolutions "against the giving of the public money to sectarian schools, the desertion of office who are theoretically or practically sound on the "liquor question," the corrupt use of money in political canvasses, and the criminal negligence of Christian citizens in the discharge of their duties as citizens." There is wide margin for reform in all of these items, and the convention will do no harm and may do good by calling the public attention to them.

ANNEXATION. Those in favor of Canadian annexation have called an Annexation Convention at Niagara Falls on the 4th of July next, for the purpose of "fraternal and political intercourse" with the hope that a speedy union may be effected, so necessary to the continued peace and the material and political prosperity of the two kindred countries.

One delegate from each Congressional District in the United States and one delegate from each 100,000 inhabitants in all the British Provinces will compose the Convention. A striking illustration of the purpose of the Convention, the "Old Shirts" will be presented, intended to manifest and insure a fraternal feeling, and encourage the speedy union of the two kindred countries." The call is issued by order of the Canadian Annexation Society, and signed:—Amos T. Wilson, President, Washington, D. C.

Settarian Schools in Missouri. The Common Council of St. Louis having sought to make appropriations of public funds to sectarian institutions, the Republicans of that State made issue against it, and at the recent election there Protestant Democrats voted with the Republicans of that city, and succeeded in changing entirely both the religious and political character of the council.

So will it be throughout the whole country. A few unprincipled politicians may accede to the demands of the enemies of the Common Schools, but the masses of all parties will follow the lead of such traitors to think that Protestant Democrats will not tax themselves for the support of Roman Catholicism, and that they will not make common cause with the enemies of Common Schools. They will stand side by side in defence of the American system of instruction free schools, as against the intrusion of any European Ecclesiastical system fitted to build up and maintain the domination of a sect, but contrary to the principles and interests of free Republican institutions.

In Missouri, in consequence of the attempted misuse of the public funds in St. Louis, the Legislature promptly adopted a constitutional amendment to be submitted to the people, forever forbidding the appropriation of public moneys for any sectarian purpose whatever. The attack on the Common school system will undoubtedly lead to similar action in every State in the Union. The people seeing the nature of the attack, and conscious of

the support of sectarian institutions. They will not dare to leave power in the hands of any persons to make such misuse of the public funds. They will feel that the safety of the Common Schools, the prosperity of which they regard as vital to the perpetuity of a Republican Government, imperatively demands that an effectual safeguard be placed over the public treasury—that the public funds be not proscribed to serve sectarian schemes and of sectarian ends.

It is plainly evident that the Convention of New York needs an amendment forbidding the appropriation of public moneys for sectarian purposes. Will our Legislators move in that matter?

Disastrous Conflagration. An old wooden building occupied as a barber shop, and by several families situated in the business portion of the town, and in four hours every business block but two was burned. There were no fire engines, and the efforts of the people with buckets were unavailing. Many persons were unscathed, but no lives were lost. Several persons were taken from second story windows, and others escaped with only such clothing as they could hastily lay their hands on. The fire was finally stopped on the west side of the square at Aaron Anderson's Block, which, however is a ruin. Over fifty persons suffer more or less by the fire.

It is impossible to tell what the total loss will amount to. The business part of the town is in ashes. While the fire lasted, men, women and children fought the flames with the only available means—buckets—but were driven back. Many merchants had but recently stocked their stores with new goods, while others were on the way to purchase. The Court-House and several churches caught fire a number of times, but were saved.

AMONG THE INDIANS. Lieut. Herndon tells us that no tribes of aborigines are found in the deepest forests of South America, from the Andes to the Atlantic coast, that do not have and use Doct. Ayer's medicines and Lowell cotton. "Tincture," "Syrup," "Balm" are seen stamped in large red and blue letters upon their garments, while Ayer's Pills and Cherry Pectoral are among the treasures of their habitations. Their native soil furnishes them all their food and most of their remedies, but they suffer from some affections which must have the intervention of higher skill. —Scientist, Liberty, Va.

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