

A \$50,000 fire recently occurred at Tompkinsville N. Y.

A dispatch from Portland Oregon reports warm rains of the past two weeks insure a beautiful grain crop throughout the State.

George Q. Cannon, the Mormon delegate to Congress being tried for lascivious cohabitation, the jury failed to agree upon a verdict.

The papers have to chronicle another terrible disaster at sea. The Eagle steamship Schiller, which sailed from New York on the 28th ult., has been wrecked and about 200 people lost. She had 149 cabin passengers and \$300,000 in gold. Insured for \$700,000, her full value.

In the District Court at Yankton, D. T., May 7th the Grand Jury found an indictment for murder against Peter P. Wintermute, for killing Gen. McCook, in 1874. It will be remembered that he was once found guilty of murder and the Supreme Court reversed the decision of the lower courts and it now comes before the Grand Jury for a third time.

A short time ago at Morroville, Indiana, a man named Joseph J. Maricotte was killed by the cars. As the deceased had been a Catholic, to perform the funeral services. After the priest had commenced the services he learned that the deceased had recently joined the Odd Fellows, when he stopped the services and refused to proceed further. Then the friends of the deceased becoming indignant, took the matter in hand, tore the cross from off the coffin and buried the man according to Protestant rites.

A State convention of sportsmen, it is announced by the Omaha Sporting Club, will be held in Omaha on the 28th inst., at 10 o'clock a. m. Sportsmen in different localities are requested to organize clubs and are invited earnestly to send delegates to the State Convention. Each club will be entitled to a representation of five delegates. The object of the convention is to form a State association for the purpose of securing united and friendly action between sportsmen and other citizens throughout the State in the observance of the game and fish laws, and the protection of game and fish from wanton destruction.

Somebody has sent us the first number of the Lompoc Record, published in Lompoc, Santa Barbara county, California. It is a neatly printed and well edited seven column paper. Lompoc appears to have been founded by a temperance colony on a body of land, owned by the colony, of 47,000 acres. They advertise their lands to be worth from \$15 to \$50 per acre. The sale and manufacture of alcoholic liquors are forever prohibited within the colony. The following item copied from the Record will give our readers an idea of what kind of a country that is:

The potatoes Judge Hancock had planted on the Mesa land in January last are now about ready to market.

The constitutional convention of Missouri convened in Jefferson City, on the 5th inst. Waldo P. Johnson was chosen president of the convention. This Johnson was expelled from the U. S. Senate in 1862 for his treasonable attitude toward the country, and afterwards served in the Confederate Senate. The reason why a man with such a record was chosen to preside over the Missouri Convention is because that body—69 members—are all Democrats but four. Johnson is the kind of men the Democracy promote whenever and wherever they have the power. A royal man has no more chance among them than an angel of Heaven would have among the demons of hell.

The Brooklyn Argus says of Mr. Bowen's testimony: Mr. Bowen contradicted Mr. Beecher on two of the most vital points of the case which, if right, must be determined by sustaining witnesses. It is remembered correctly, Beecher explained his grief and letters by his conviction that he had done Mr. Tilton an injury by advising Mrs. Tilton to separate from him, and by his advice to Mr. Bowen, by which Mr. Tilton lost his editorial position. Now Mr. Bowen swears that Mr. Tilton had been dismissed from his position prior to any conversation on the subject with Mr. Beecher, and that Mr. Beecher did not advise him to discharge Mr. Tilton. Mr. Bowen also swears that the payment of \$7,000 by him to Tilton had nothing whatever to do with the settlement of the scandal difficulties, the defence set up the theory that Tilton wrong that money out of Bowen by threatening to publish the scandal.

The New York Sun is very severe upon Beecher's lawyer, Tracy, for his treachery to Mr. Tilton. Mr. Beecher's partisans, says the Sun, are severe in their condemnation of Mr. Moulton for giving testimony against their hero, after having been his confidential friend and adviser, but what do they say of the far worse breach of confidence committed by Counselor Tracy? Mr. Moulton has at least this excuse, that he did not turn upon Mr. Beecher until Mr. Beecher attacked him as a conspirator and a black-maller; but Counselor Tracy has sought infamy, as it would appear, from no other motive than love and friendship for his celebrated client. He has made Mr. Beecher's quarrel his own, and for the purpose of carrying him safely through it, has betrayed by one man all that this court is approved by his associates, Messrs. Everts and Porter. Dragging them into the mire does not help him out of it.

The next Congress will contain twenty-five members who have held commissions in the Union army and sixty-eight who have held commissions and were actually engaged in the Confederate army during the late rebellion. Loyalty to the flag therefore, seems to be at a discount in these days of Democratic gains. There is something significant if not startling in the fact. It is barely possible that those who drew swords to divide the Union will remain constant to it in the National council, but is it not a dangerous experiment?

Sentiments and convictions which will prompt a man to perjure his life, and all that he has, are not to be shaken off in a day, and will probably influence him in the less dangerous but more effective character of a statesman.

The drift of our politics is toward another crisis; it may not be bloody, but it will be equally decisive of the fate of the Union. It is not from centralization that the danger is to be expected, but from the more alarming source of disintegration. Not that any prompt bold stroke will be made to restore the "lost cause," but the train is being laid; the first almost imperceptible approaches are to be discerned; influences are at work which, unchecked may involve us in a common ruin. It is the duty of Republicans, in this emergency, to stand by the principles of the party, which time and experience have vindicated. It is the division in this party upon side issues that has made the mischief and if not healed will soon raise issues which will again startle the world.

We had the pleasure of a call from Mr. H. C. Lett, of Brownville, this week. Mr. Lett is on his way to Columbus Ohio. If Brownville should be proud of anything, it should be that it can claim a man of such abilities, as are to be found in Mr. Lett, as a citizen.—Neb. City News.

And yet the Hon. Church Howe, whom the News seems to take great comfort in championing, refused to support Mr. Lett last winter, when he was a candidate for the U. S. Senate at the same time Neil. Patrick was, from Howe's own county, a more meritorious Democrat and a more able man than Patrick. And that is not all; Mr. Lett was not only of Howe's county and a Democrat, but he supported Mr. Howe, last fall for the Legislature—in fact Mr. Howe at the time gave Mr. Lett the credit of electing him. Could the News, or the Granger, or the State Journal, or any other Howe organ, or any other Howe organ, or Mr. Howe himself, give a fair reason why Mr. Howe gave his support to Neil Patrick, a Democrat of Omaha, instead of giving it to his neighbor and friend, Hon. H. C. Lett, a Democrat of Brownville? It is true, as we understand, that Mr. Patrick had more money at the Tichenor house than Mr. Lett had, but would that fact have any influence over Mr. Howe. These nuts our cotemporaries may crack at their leisure.

We advise the Grangers of Nemaha county to read carefully the letter in the ADVERTISER of last week, signed "Semper Fidelis." The writer very plainly states that Grangers ought not to vote independently.—Granger.

The Granger very plainly utters a falsehood. The writer very plainly states directly the contrary of what the Granger says he does. The idea of "the writer," as any candid man can understand, thinks grangers should vote independent of the grange, and that the use of any means within the grange to deprive its members of that independence or influence them politically, is contrary to the grange constitution and ritual. So everybody understands our correspondent, but the flimsy grasshopper clerk. We also advise the grangers of Nemaha county to carefully read that letter. They know every word in it to be true.

Col. D. R. Anthony, editor of the Leavenworth Times, and William Embury, editor of the Appeal, same city had a fight about 10 o'clock Monday night. Anthony struck Embury with his hand when the latter fired three pistol shots at him, two of which took effect in Anthony's breast. There is no hope for his recovery. The dispatch says Embury and an accomplice of his has been seeking a quarrel with Anthony for weeks, declaring his intention of shooting him, and the murdered man avoided as much as he could, a collision. Embury is denounced as a cold blooded assassin by those acquainted with the circumstances.

The Kentucky Democratic State Convention, on the 7th inst. nominated Jno. C. Underwood, of Bowling Green, for Governor; Thomas Moss, of Paducah, for attorney-general; D. Howard Smith, Auditor, and J. W. Tate, Treasurer.

It is boasted by the Democratic press that the venerable and nearly forgotten Cassius M. Clay, was present at the Convention, and promised to canvass the State in the interests of Democracy. With such help we doubt not that Kentucky will go Democratic by several majorities.

Near Belleville, Ill., recently, Samuel Hamilton, 16 years old playfully put his face up to a window on the outside of the house. Wm. Oates, 12 years old who was on the inside of the house, playfully pointed a shotgun at the face outside, as if he was going to shoot, this was repeated several times, when finally the gun was discharged into Hamilton's face killing him instantly.

Stephen Pearl Andrews says he is the author of the article in Woodhull & Claflin's Weekly which divulged the free-loveism existing between Beecher and Mrs. Tilton. They got their news from the matter at the Woodhull house from Mrs. Stanton.

The body of Isaac Lewis was buried by a snow-slide in the mountains in March, and was not recovered until May 7th.

ST. DEROIN, SPLINTERS.

School commences in this district next Monday. — Dr. Fitzgerald has quite a nice herd of young cattle. — Dr. Jackson, of Mound City, Mo., paid us a flying visit last week. — St. Deroin has three physicians, and still we are not a sickly people. — The grasshoppers have destroyed several pieces of wheat in this vicinity. — We believe in muscular Christianity; the kind that is not afraid of the dish pan or wash tub. — "Pete," are you the boy who wanted to get his hat colored? Or was it "Abner" or "Noah"? — Wonder how that St. Deroin boy who is attending court at Omaha, likes the name "darling." — The fruit prospect here is favorable. Mrs. Rice has about five hundred peat trees in full bloom. — A gentleman from the vicinity of Lincoln was in town Monday buying hogs, which he intends to ship to that place. — Mr. James Wolf and Miss Baldwin, of Hillsdale, were united in the bands of matrimony May 2nd. Elder Hullett tied the bands. — Since the shower Sunday the farmers in this vicinity are pitching into the work of tilling mother earth as though they meant business. — Lots of fun to go to church, wait four hours for the preacher who does not come, and then go home feeling it is the division in this party upon side issues that has made the mischief and if not healed will soon raise issues which will again startle the world.

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M. E. CONVENTION.

Programme of the Ministerial Convention to be held in Brownville 25-26 Church, Tuesday, May 12th and 13th, 1875. Sermon, Monday evening, May 11th, by one of the brethren. Address of Welcome, by J. M. Richards. In the Presiding Eldership, by L. F. Britt. Influence of German Rationalism on American faith (continued), by D. F. Rodabaugh. Is there a sufficient cause for the arrest of ministerial character? by C. W. Giddings. Baptism of the Holy Ghost; what was it in the days of the apostles, and is it continued in the church? B. P. Buck. The change of the name of Jacob from Jacob to Israel. J. W. Taylor. Should we practice three modes of baptism? S. D. Roberts. Prayer meeting; how made most efficient. J. M. Richards. The religious and moral condition of the church, and 4th, inclusive. J. H. Pesson. Woman's work in the church. H. Burch. Exegesis; Heb. VII, 1st and 3d, inclusive. P. Pitcher. Sermon; 1st Cor., I, 23-24, S. P. Wilson. Exegesis; Matt. XX, 22-23, R. C. Johnson. Immortality of the soul. C. W. Comstock. Duty of the church in the cause of temperance. D. B. Lake. The difference between justification and sanctification. W. S. Blackburn. What is the unpardonable sin? R. Burch. Can we best keep and train the practitioners in the church? J. W. Martin. Repentance prior or subsequent to faith? D. H. May. Second Cor., VII, 1, Z. B. Turman. Salvation conditional? J. L. Fort. Essay; the bond woman and the free. Thomas Audus.

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Redemption of Counterfeit Notes.

An exchange reports: The Secretary of the Treasury, in a letter to Treasurer Spinner with regard to the redemption of notes of the Treasurer's office from a National Bank in Nebraska, and for which there were at once made to said bank that subsequently it was ascertained that in the passage so received there was included one \$500 note of the issue of 1869, which was in fact a counterfeit, but had been redeemed by the remittance of other moneys for it. At the request of the cashier of the bank, the Treasurer submitted for decision by competent authority whether the liability for such counterfeit notes rests with the bank in question or the Treasurer. The Secretary says: "It appears from your letter that the principle upon which the bank claims its claim to be relieved from liability is that the person who pays the note is to be a genuine obligation given by him for the payment of money, but which is really a forgery, cannot recover the money paid, and the paper when he, with better opportunities to determine upon its genuine character than are possessed by any other person, pays the amount. Admitted that the courts have ruled to this effect as between private parties, the United States have always taken the ground that its agents in redeeming spurious issues could not bring the government into the operation of this general rule, and inasmuch as all the courts before which the issue has been tried have adjudicated in support of the position assumed by the government you can, with good reason, say that the minimum amount of the bank the refund of the amount in question."

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