

Getting interesting.

There is nothing plainer to him who is a careful observer of the drift of things than that the slave question is rapidly hastening a rupture between the nigger-drivers of the South and the driven-niggers of the North...

More trouble among the Harmonists. "Col." Russell, our old Tennessee friend of the Portland Times, has got himself into a terrible hobble. The ex-organ it seems has been charging that the Colonel, about the time he came here, tried to set up shop by a little "bargain and intrigue"...

With the Republican editors of Oregon he kind enough to inform their readers whether they are for or against the doctrine of "popular sovereignty" - Delusion's Medium.

Seward's "Conflict." - The pro-slavery dough-faces have pretty much all found out that the howl about Brown's insurrection being the beginning of Seward's "irrepressible conflict" doesn't pay very well even among their stupid subscribers.

BETTER CHANGE. - As Jo Lane (or, as some of the Democrats call him, "Stupid Jack") stands a pretty fair chance to get the Charleston nomination, we hope the Blacks will change the time of meeting, and instead of the 23d April call their Convention April 1st.

and wagging their tails when they get a bone, as other 'spaniels' do. We see a New York correspondent of the Richmond Enquirer charges that the "New York Democrats are almost universally Wilnot Provino men, which is the stepping-stone to Abolitionism - that they didn't even get up disgust enough over Old Brown's foray to induce them to go to the polls at the late election; that while the Republicans are enthusiastic and carrying everything before them, the Democracy are becoming more and more cold and indifferent, and the fact is there is no longer any dependence on the Northern Democracy."

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Explanatory. SALEM, Feb. 4th, 1860. Editor of Argus - Sir: As I have been accused of writing or assisting in writing the article entitled "Widowed Love," which appeared in the Argus of Jan. 28th, I wish to state through your columns that I did not write, or assist in writing, said article, neither have I any knowledge of its author.

We give place to the above card at the request of its accomplished author, although we think a simple verbal denial from her ought to have satisfied any gentleman of its truth. The article alluded to is a very affecting little story, and might have appeared in Godey or the Waverly without attracting any notice aside from its literary merit.

The authorship of 'Widowed Love,' over the signature of 'Winnie Wintergreen,' which article was published in the Argus of January 28, ultimo, has been attributed to various persons in Salem and Oregon City, but in each instance without any just reason. Our old friend 'Squib' is among the number of the accused, and, in justice to him, we take it upon ourselves to give the accusation an unqualified denial.

Thus might, or could, or would, or should have written 'Squib.' The curiously interested may compare it with 'Winnie's' article, and judge for themselves whether the two productions are emanations from the same source, or not.

Decided Improvement. - We have heard a general complaint among the ladies for a good while that the sectional organs in Oregon never had any decent reading matter in them.

JOYFUL MEETING. - We noticed the fact a good while back that Lane had sold Hibben in Missouri, having no further use for him. We see he has got back to his old master and is writing for him to the Lane press here.

ACCOUNTED FOR. - We have always wondered why the Sectional press didn't howl any when Old Brown run off that wagon load of niggers from Missouri just before he left Kansas.

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. - Hon. Judge Mason, of Iowa, who made himself so popular with the Inventors of the country while he held the office of Commissioner of Patents, has, we learn, associated himself with Mann & Co., at the Scientific American office, New York.

J. W. SULLIVAN. - To this indefatigable agent in the line of books, magazines, newspapers, etc., we are indebted for a liberal supply of papers by the Pacific.

Edward Furste, of the Pioneer and Democrat has been elected Public Printer of Washington Territory.

National Republican Convention.

CALL FOR THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTION. A National Republican Convention will meet at Chicago on Wednesday, the 13th day of June next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates to be supported for President and Vice President at the next election.

The Republican electors of the several States, the members of the People's party in Pennsylvania, and of the Opposition party of New Jersey, and all others who are willing to co-operate with them in support of the candidates who shall there be nominated, and who are opposed to the policy of the present Administration, to Federal corruption and usurpation, to the extension of slavery into the Territories, to the new and dangerous political doctrine that the Constitution, of its own force, carries slavery into all the Territories of the United States; to the reopening of the African slave trade, to any inequality of rights among citizens, and who are in favor of the immediate admission of Kansas into the Union under the Constitution recently adopted by its people; of restoring the Federal Administration to a system of rigid economy, and to the principles of Washington and Jefferson, of maintaining inviolate the rights of the States, and defending the soil of every State and Territory from lawless invasion, and of preserving the integrity of this Union, and the supremacy of the Constitution and the laws passed in pursuance thereof, against the conspiracy of the leaders of a sectional party to resist the majority principle, as established in this government, at the expense of its existence, are invited to send from each State two delegates from every Congressional District, and four delegates at large to the Convention.

- Signed, ERWIN D. MORGAN, New York, JOSEPH BARTLETT, Me., GEORGE G. FOGG, N. H., LAWRENCE BRAINERD, Vt., JOHN T. GOODRICH, Mass., WM. M. CHACE, R. I., GIBBONS WELLS, Conn., THOMAS WILLIAMS, Penn., GEORGE HARRIS, Md., ALFRED CALDWELL, Va., THOMAS SPOONER, Ohio, CASSIUS M. CLAY, Ky., JAMES RICHIE, Ind., NORMAN B. JEDD, Ill., ZACHARIAH CHANDLER, Mich., JOHN H. TWEEDY, Wis., ALEXANDER H. RAMSEY, Minn., ANDREW J. STEVENS, Iowa, ASA S. JONES, Mo., MARTIN F. CONWAY, Kansas, LEWIS CLEPHANE, Dist. of Columbia.

Titles Changed.

The Chicago Times, Douglas's home organ, suggests that it would be very appropriate for Administration Democrats, who follow the lead of Atty.-Gen. Black, to take the name of Black Democrats. The Blacks are retorting upon the Douglastes, that since the squatter sovereignty Democracy have been so terribly whipped in all the Northern States, by the Republicans, it would be quite appropriate call to them Blue Democracy.

THE CONTEST FOR SPEAKER. - The Pacific reached Portland on Saturday last, bringing dates from the East to Jan. 6. Capt. Myrick, of the Jennie Clark, furnished us with papers of the latest dates, in one of which it was stated that Sherman had been elected Speaker, and that the Republicans of Chicago had fired one hundred guns in honor of the event.

VALENTINES. - Next Tuesday, Feb. 14, is Valentine day, and valentines, sentimental and comic, of all sorts and sizes can be had at Post's Bookstore, and also at the Post office. Mr. Fleming requests us to state that all of these tender missives dropped into the Post Office had better be prepaid, or they may not be delivered.

That's So. - Delusion says there was 'no ambiguity' about the National Republican platform and 'everybody could understand it without an interpreter.' What a pity he couldn't say as much about about the Cincinnati Platform.

OREGON CITY SEMINARY. - The next quarter of this institution, under the charge of the Rev. F. D. Hodson, will commence on Monday, Feb. 13. Superior facilities for the education of youth are afforded at this school.

M. A. K. - We publish, with slight alterations, what we consider the best of your article. In this age, when Milton is scarcely remembered or read, blank verse is not appreciated.

NOTICE. - McLaughlin Fire Co. No. 1 will have a meeting at the Engine House to-day, at 4 o'clock p. m. All the members are requested to be on hand at that hour.

We are indebted to Dr. Noble for late papers by last steamer. The Richmond Whig says: "If Virginia and the South can't be saved without being democratically saved, they both may be damned, and damned to all eternity, so far as we and the Southern Opposition generally are concerned."

Another Romance.

The usually well-informed Oregon City correspondent of the Portland Daily News relates the following: "A very romantic, or unromantic occurrence has just come to light, if credence can be given the mysterious whispers which are occasionally heard. It is said that the parties interested reside within a hundred miles of Oregon City, and that the time was during the holidays. The circumstances are briefly as follows: A young man, suffering under compunctions of conscience as to the propriety of his living a single life longer, concluded to marry. This, you will admit, was just and proper. Not content, however, with winning the consent of one "fair lady," (or perhaps he was absent-minded, and forgot the prior engagement,) our gay Lothario, Brigham-like, obtained the consent of two. But, alas! for human calculations! The ladies interested, having their suspicious aroused, compared notes, and resolved to turn the tables on the unsuspecting victim. The all-important evening came - friends assembled - minister in attendance. The marital rite proceeded with, to the satisfaction of all, until it came to the lady's place to respond. Imagine the astonishment and discomfiture of the husband in expectancy, when, instead of the gentle response usually uttered on such occasions, a bold and defiant "No!" came from the lady's lips. He was surprised, the minister was surprised, the company were surprised, and I think it can be safely said that it was a surprised party. At the moment of the response of lady No. 1, lady No. 2 made her appearance. Here was a second surprise, and it is said that the face of the candidate for matrimonial honors then presented the variegated appearance usually attributed to Joseph's coat. The parties interested pledged the company to maintain a profound secrecy concerning the matter, but by some means it leaked out. The names of the parties are still unknown."

A YOUNG HERO. - In the Madison (Wisconsin) Daily Argus, we find the following account of the martyrdom of an American boy - a youth of whom our nation may be proud - who died because he would not tell a lie. A case of moral heroism exceeding that imputed to Knud Iverson, occurred in Marquette County a little over a year ago, the facts of which were established by judicial investigation, and were related to us by Judge Larabee, who presided at the trial. A beautiful, fair-haired, blue-eyed boy, about nine years of age, was taken from the Orphan Asylum in Milwaukee, and adopted by a respectable farmer of Marquette, a professor of religion. A girl, a little older than the boy, was also adopted into the same family. Soon after these children were installed in their new home, the boy discovered criminal conduct on part of his new mother, which he mentioned to the little girl, and it thereby came to the ears of the woman; she indignantly denied the story to the satisfaction of her husband, and insisted that the boy should be whipped until he confessed the falsehood. The man - poor, weak bigot - impelled by a sense of religious duty, proceeded to the task assigned him, by procuring a bundle of rods, stripping the child naked, and suspending him by a cord to the rafters of the house, and whipping him at intervals for over two hours, till the blood ran through the floor, making a pool upon the floor below; stopping only to rest and interrogate the boy, and getting no other reply than, "Pa, I told the truth - I cannot tell a lie;" the woman all the time urging him to "do his duty." The poor little hero, at length released from his torture, threw his arms around the neck of his tormentor, kissed him, and said, "Pa, I am so cold," and died. It appeared in evidence, upon the trial of this man and woman for murder, that the child did tell the truth, and suffered death by slow torture rather than tell a lie. The age of heroism and of martyrdom will not have passed till mothers cease to instill holy precepts into the minds of their infant offspring. The man and woman who murdered this angel child are now in the penitentiary at Waupun, to which they were sentenced for ten years.

PAINTED OCCURRENCE. - Last Saturday evening a lad twelve or thirteen years of age, named Samuel Thomas Cox, was killed under the following painful circumstances: Mr. A. S. Kightlinger had mended chickens from his roost, and, supposing it was some full grown man, set a gun, loaded with shot, in such manner that the opening of the door leading to his chicken-coop would pull the trigger. The gun was aimed so as to hit an adult in the legs. About eight o'clock in the evening, young Cox, with other boys, was passing Kightlinger's. Cox proposed to go in and get some chickens and sell to the Chinamen. The other boys declined to do so they say, but young C. went in. On opening the gate he received the contents of the gun just above the hips, making a ghastly wound, carrying in wadding and all. The lad survived several hours, in great pain, and died during the night. The occurrence is a most painful one to all parties. Young Cox, we believe had neither father or mother living, and no relations in Oregon except one cousin, a very respectable young man. Mr. Kightlinger is also a respectable citizen. - Statesman, 4th inst.

MARRIED. At Salem, Feb. 5th, by Rev. W. Roberts, Mr. John G. Wright to Miss Caroline Cross, all of that place.

DIED. In Fox Prairie, Oregon, Jan. 12th, 1860, Mr. FRELLOVE BULLINGAME, wife of Joel Burlingame, Esq., and mother of Hon. Anson Burlingame, member of Congress from Massachusetts. She was 61 years of age.

Sands' Sarsaparilla. - This purely vegetable remedy combines in itself the properties of an Antiseptic, a mild cathartic, and a tonic. It quickly removes from the blood, and other fluids of the body, the impurities of unhealthy secretion which engender and feed disease, thus striking at the root of the malady. Although proved so efficacious it may be taken at all times with perfect safety, as it contains no powerful drastic drug to debilitate the system, or pinch the pores to raise the constitution.

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Funeral Services. On Sunday, Feb. 12, at 10 1/2 o'clock A.M., the funeral services of the late Capt. C. E. Switzer will be preached at the M. E. Church in this city by Rev. D. Rodledge. Feb. 6