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EASTERN DISPATCHES.

NEW YORK, 2.—Charles O'Connor, while endorsing the project of nominating a regular "straight out" Democratic ticket for President and Vice-President, declines to be the nominee, and has already written letters to that effect to the Louisville Convention.

WASHINGTON, 2.—The *Capital* yesterday contained an article, based on one from the New York *Sun*, reflecting upon Judge Dent and General Dent, in the matter of the appointment by the President of Wm. J. Farrand as consul to Callao, and J. H. Withy as commissioner to settle claims of citizens of the United States against Peru, charging that certain moneys were paid the Dents for their influence. This morning Judge Dent visited the *Capital* office, and on inquiry for Henry Reed, one of the editors, was directed to his room up-stairs. Calling Reed's attention to the article he asked who was the author. Reed replied he was responsible for it; whereupon Dent pronounced it false, and called on Reed to defend himself. Then raising his walking stick he struck Reed several times over the head, breaking his cane. Reed got to his feet and a struggle ensued, which was ended by some attaches of the paper, who rushed in and separated the combatants. Policemen took them into custody, and charged Dent with assault and battery. The hearing of the case is postponed till to-morrow. Reed claims that the assault was made without other warning than the question asked.

LOUISVILLE, 2.—This afternoon, in the rotunda of the Galt House, Colonel Blanton Duncan casually interrupted a conversation between General George A. Custer, who is here to attend the opening of the Industrial Exposition, and Dr. J. M. Keller, a prominent physician of this city. A sharp conversation ensued, in the course of which Duncan declared he had been offered a million dollars by the Greeley party to break up the "straight-out" Democratic Convention. General Custer responded that the other party must have offered more; that he could prove that Duncan had said that the whole thing was a bargain and sale, and if he was to be sold he would sell to the party that would pay the highest price. Duncan responded that Custer's informant was a liar. Dr. Keller said, "I am responsible for the statement," and demanded a retraction. Duncan refused, whereupon Keller struck him in the face. Duncan reeled and attempted to strike Keller. Several blows passed, when the parties were separated.

LITTLE ROCK, 2.—Serious troubles have again broken out in Pope County. On Saturday evening while county clerk Hickoff, sheriff Dodson, and deputy sheriff Williams were attempting to remove the county records from the county seat to a place of greater safety, they were fired upon by concealed assassins. Hickoff was killed dead, but the others escaped. While justice of the peace Brown was holding an inquest on the body of Hickoff, he was also shot and mortally wounded. Dodson and Williams arrived here this evening and reported the facts to Governor Mansfield.

LOUISVILLE, 2.—There are large accessions to the delegations and it looks as if the convention would be composed of four to five hundred delegates. They are fine-looking men, but generally not well known as politicians. S. J. Bayard, Judge Woodward, of Pennsylvania, J. Proctor Knott, of New Jersey, and Hon. W. M. Carry, of Ohio, are perhaps the best known. Nearly all the States will be represented. There is an absence from the South of men of prominence. There was a good deal of excitement created this evening among the friends of the movement, by the discovery of a scheme to force the nomination of Greeley, by taking possession of the convention, or through a judicious application of force, creating such confusion as to prevent the nomination of O'Connor. A large number of Greeley liberals are in the city. As far as Louisville is concerned there is little sympathy shown for the "straight" movement. General Bayard will be permanent chairman. The ticket that has been most favorably canvassed is Charles O'Connor and John Quincy Adams; but there is a letter from the latter in the hands of his friends declining the honor. The contents of Adams' letter has not been made public. It is known that a dispatch was sent to Charles O'Connor this evening, asking if he would take the first place if Adams would the second, but no reply has been received. It is understood that if Adams should not be nominated, ex-Senator Fitch, of Indiana, will probably be the man for vice. The New York delegation numbers forty men, representing thirty congressional districts, and more are expected. The delegates here represent $20,000,000 of property.

WESTERN DISPATCHES.

VICTORIA, 2.—Edward Hooker, while attempting to pull a boat through the rapids, at George, yesterday afternoon, was carried out and drowned. Up to a late hour last night the body had not been recovered.

A young man named John Dunston, while out hunting on Saturday had his left hand badly shattered by his gun bursting.

Work will be commenced to-morrow on the mouth of Frazer river. The channel will be surveyed and sounded from the mouth over the sand heads, and the buoys are all to be raised and replaced.

STOCKTON, 2.—Considerable activity was manifested in the wheat market to-day, 1,50 @ 1,55 for choice.

Owing to the action of the C. P. R. R. in hauling off their steamers from the San Joaquin river, vast quantities of grain will have to remain on the river banks till the water rises in the river.

The fair which commences on the 10th inst., it is generally thought, will surpass anything ever held in this district.

COLUSA, 2.—Six thousand tons of wheat have been brought here since Saturday morning; the streets are blocked with wheat teams.

SAN FRANCISCO, 2.—The Pacific diamond and ruby mining company, capital ten millions, trustees, B. F. Sherwood, Jos. de la Montagnie, Joel F. Lightner, S. W. Lee, Frank Lawton, O. Dickinson, and B. Dore, was incorporated to-day; a company of twenty picked men, under the command of Captain Mike Gray, filled up by Rupert's Harpending company started off on Saturday last, going *via* Denver and Santa Fe, the report that they would go *via* Los Angeles being intended, it was suspected, as a blind. They had tickets through to Chicago, but will switch off at Denver.

It is expected that the new United States branch mint building, will be ready for occupation by July 1st, 1873. Had it been a private job the building would have been finished a year ago.

Two of the crew of the Japanese bark *Fu ju Mara* died from natural causes yesterday, and were buried at Laurel Hill cemetry.

Silver dollars will be coined at the United States mint this month, for the first time since 1859.

EUROPEAN.

GENEVA, 2.—The Swiss council of state has invited the members of the board of arbitration to a banquet on Saturday. Sam. Bowles, editor of the Springfield *Republican*, gives a dinner at his hotel on Wednesday next, in honor of the arbitrators.

LONDON, 2.—Great public demonstrations are contemplated in Dublin against the Italian occupation of Rome and the suppression of the religious orders in Italy.

BERLIN, 2.—The Emperor of Russia, the Czarovitch, and Grand Duke Vladimir, will enter this city on the afternoon of the 4th. The Emperor of Austria and the Crown Prince of Saxony, will arrive and be received on the evening of the 6th.

LONDON, 2.—A special to the *Telegraph* states that the King of Abyssinia issued an ultimatum ordering the Egyptians who threaten to invade his country to retire. The Egyptians refused, and continued to advance, and several Abyssinian chieftans have already submitted to the invaders.

CANADA.

TORONTO, 2.—The cricket match between the English 11 and 22 of the Toronto club, was decidedly the best game played here. The grounds were crowded with thousands of spectators. In spite of fielding and bowling of more than usual excellence, wickets were drawn with the English 11 at bat, for 243, and eight wickets down. Grace's score was 142. The game will be continued to-morrow.

A Week of Weather.

Last week was as notable as any in the experience of this quarter of New England. We venture to say that very few would wish to pass through a like experience again, even could they feel assured that they would have a safe deliverance. Every day through the week it rained, and every day there were imposing demonstrations of an electrical character. Tuesday brought down a copious shower, to drench everything; but Wednesday followed it, with such spouts of watery discharges, and such terrific and appalling accompaniments of electricity, as never were witnessed during an entire lifetime in this or any other latitude. The evening thunder storm of Wednesday was one of the atmospheric sovereigns of its kind; but that which came up with such a rush and roar of wrathful energy at midnight was the crowning and culmination of all similar phenomena. It is saying little to describe it as terrific, impressive and overwhelming with the consternation it produced; it was a perfect king of terror, a very demon of power let loose, a giant of wild energy that seemed to delight in the havoc of its exercise. No one will forget its visit while he lives. The clouds came up out of the distant southwest, pealing forth their thunderous salutes one after another with fearful rapidity and flashing their blinding lightnings through the sky with all the recklessness of a spirit of destruction. The unbroken succession of electrical discharges was like the incessant reports of whole parks of artillery, and so near as to tear their very echoes to tatters before they reached the startled ear. The lightnings leaped and darted and played with the fiercest illumination, and human dwellings were kept in a constant blaze of fire throughout their whole interior. An entire population sprang affrighted from their beds. The alarm guns that were pealing and crashing with such rapidity through the sky, struck every one dumb with terror. None regarded the torrents of rain that accompanied these terrific demonstrations, their thoughts absorbed with the effect of the unparalleled electrical displays. For an hour there was universal consternation, and for another hour the feelings strove hard to regain their self-control in every breast, while the east was a field on which the lightnings still continued to play with the fiercest joy over their results. One by one the stars came peeping out in the west, and even an aurora flashed up its evanescent waves of light in wild rivalry of the scene just enacted. Not until morning's dawn were people able to compose their feelings, after the most impressive night ever passed.—*Boston, Massachusetts, Ploughman, August 24.*

The Temperature.

It is with more than usual pleasure that we announce a change in the temperature and the prevalence of a cool, light breeze, that make earth endurable and labor possible. For two months this planet of ours has been passing through a fiery furnace; the sun has shone through all the days like a great ball of fire, and the air itself has seemed incandescent. We have had rains, but the bath was a warm one; winds, but they were wafted from an oven. The "oldest inhabitant," after refreshing his memory and consulting his weather record, has admitted that he "never saw the like before;" an admission the old gentle man is not in the habit of making, and therefore all the more important. Vegetation has been parched and all nature has suffered. The only redeeming feature of the season has been that its very heat has compelled the over-taxed business man, the politician, and even the journalist, to quit the precincts of the city for the country and the seaside (often only for a day, but even that was twenty-four hours of earnest, wholesome enjoyment), and leave their cares and work behind. But now the mercury has gone down, and life is once more a blessing, and we have something to be thankful and to live for.—*Philadelphia Press.*

BREVITIES.

The Crispins believe that awl men were created equal.

The most beautiful hand in the world is the hand that helps the needy.

Ponds and rivers of Massachusetts have not been so high in any August for ten years.

The ladies of Carthage, Ind., have notified one McLaughlin that if he opens a saloon in that place he must take the consequences.

Mrs. Horace Greeley's health continues to grow worse rapidly, and her physicians think she cannot survive the year.

Addie Ballou recently married a couple at Terre Haute, Ind., and in the nuptial lecture told them "that cradles were cheaper than divorces."

Several of the English railway companies contemplate abolishing the use of class carriages and adopting the American style.

The St. Louis *Globe* says: "We are breaking in three new types who have a remarkable talent for knocking the sense out of an article. Gratuitous contributors will please send in manuscript at once, as these midnight butchers take a "fierce delight" in "setting up" contributions.

The somewhat celebrated "Beau Hickman," of Washington City, who formerly lived in luxury by assessments levied upon verdant Congressmen, and who then constituted himself the glass of fashion and the mould of form," now has to find boarding with a negro family in a back alley in that place.

To judge from what was said at a recent meeting of laborers at Oxford, the working-men of England do not take kindly to the clergy. It was remarked that "the parsons are the enemies of the working-men; and he (the speaker) should like to see the time when churches should be turned into barns, and parsons into threshing-men."

Brain-work costs more food than hand-work. According to careful estimates and analyses of the excretions, three hours of hard study wear out the body more than a whole day of severe physical labor. Another evidence of the cost of brain-work is obtained from the fact that though the brain is only one-fortieth the weight of the body it receives about one-fifth of all the blood sent by the heart into the system. Brain-workers therefore require a more liberal supply of food, and richer food than manual laborers.

The following instance of extraordinary good fortune is recorded in the London *Era:* Miss Edith Challis, a well-known actress in London and New York, while traveling some months since, was very attentive to an old lady, who fell ill on the journey and subsequently died. Lately Miss Challis was greatly astonished at receiving a letter from her executors, to the effect that the kindness shown to the old lady had resulted in her being remembered in her will to the extent of a clear two thousand a year for life. In consequence of this she retires from the stage.

Perhaps it will be some comfort to swearing mankind on this side of the water to learn that the heat is in other countries also perfectly terrible, and that on the high mountains of Switzerland it is almost unbearable. In the last number of the *Swiss Times* we read: the heat has become simply insufferable. the cattle already at break of day retire to their shelter. For years past the glaciers have not melted as during this season. Great masses as large as a church roll down into the depths below, producing a noise like that of rolling thunder. Wild animals of all kinds may be seen, and innumerable herds of chamois graze peacefully with the cattle, and, if no attempt is made to catch them, are perfectly tame.—*Ex.*

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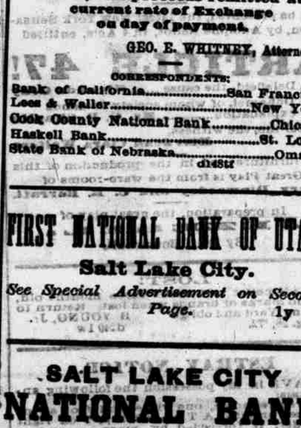

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