

Friday, June 11, 1880.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

To keep bugs off melon and squash plants, set a tomato plant in each hill. This is said to be a sure protection.

Petroleum has been found to be a very safe and efficient remedy for chronic bronchitis. The customary dose is a teaspoonful before each meal. After the first day's use nausea is not excited in the patient.

Raspberry plants in some parts of the States are attacked with a disease called "rust" which is an orange red fungus forming under the leaves, which sometimes turn black. Growers are advised to dig up the affected plants and destroy them, root and branch. But lime dissolved in water and freely sprinkled on the leaves will kill the fungus and save the plants. Look out for it.

Various chemical compounds have been tried, for preserving milk and butter from souring and becoming rancid. Dr. De Kleuze, a high German authority says, the best of all is a mixture of equal parts of boracic acid and sulphate of potassium. It can be obtained at the druggists, and sixty grains to a gallon of milk or a pound of butter is sufficient to preserve either from souring or rancidity.

Famine is laying its bony hand upon other countries besides those Russian and Indian provinces reported, and some of the South American States. Kurdistan, Armenia and Western Persia are suffering from wide spread want, and many persons are dying of starvation. Being remote from the swift means of communication in the great civilized nations, relief cannot reach them as in many cases of similar distress.

The San Francisco Chronicle reports the birth of a boy baby at Oakland which weighed only twelve ounces avoirdupois. In three days after birth it weighed one pound. When seen by the reporter it had a fine head of hair, and though rather wrinkled and old looking, was perfectly formed and healthy. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sangrey, are as proud of their progeny as if he weighed as many pounds as ounces.

Glass railroad sleepers are being constructed in England by an engineer named Lindsay Bucknell, who expects to introduce glass pipes for waterworks, gas works, drain pipes, etc. The material is toughened by a new process and although it is very doubtful that it can be utilized for sleepers, it is quite probable that it can be used for the other purposes named, and also for transparent bricks for building, which Mr. Bucknell proposes to manufacture. Glass is destined to come into use for many purposes not hitherto thought of by the multitude.

In the International Review for June is an article on "The Lowest Animals," by Charles Sedgwick Minot. It is really a brief presentation of the views and researches of Professor Leidy, of Philadelphia, which refute the Spencerian doctrine that simple protoplasm is the basis of all life. The article supports the idea, advanced in 1842 by Schwann, that the cell is the unit of life alike in plant and animal, and that a single cell may support life without direct assistance from other cells. It is interesting and instructive, as are many other papers in the International, such as "The English Language in America," "Our Godly Heritage," "Chateaubriand," etc., etc. A. S. Barnes & Co., New York. Jas. Dwyer, Salt Lake City.

"THE PROOF OF THE PUD- DING," &c.

Some discussion has taken place in this city since the nomination of General Garfield for the Presidency, over that gentleman's position in reference to the "Mormons." The low-lived element attempt to throw mud at the General for that, on his visit to this Territory, he did not avoid the society of gentlemen, with some of whom he was well acquainted, because they happened to be members of the "Mormon" Church. Others equally "liberal" take to themselves great comfort because the General is said to have expressed himself desirous to see the law against polygamy carried into execution.

We wish to say that in applauding the choice of the Republican Convention, we do so without any reference to the gentleman's views, assumed or actual, in regard to the "Mormon" question. We think him a harder man for the Democrats to beat than either Blaine or Grant, for the party will be mostly united under his leadership while the Blaine men would probably have been against Grant and the Grant men against Blaine in the election nearly as much as in the convention.

And Garfield's record, so far, on the "Mormon" question, is no more either way than might be expected of an honorable man in a public position. He has never, so far as we are aware, identified himself with the rabid "Mormon" cause, nor, on the other hand, expressed himself as in sympathy with us or our views on the marriage or any other question. The "Mormons" do not expect any President of the United States to ignore or oppose any law of the land, neither do they anticipate from a high-minded, honorable and fair Executive, honorable, proscription, bigotry and sectarian action against one small section of the body politic, to please canting hypocrites, or pander to the prejudices of pharisaical Puritans.

We think Garfield, if President, would try to perform his duty in all directions, without concentrating

his energies upon one supposed in- propriety, to gain the applause of the shouters or the smiles of the sanctimonious. But every man must be proved by his course, and if the Democrats put up a strong candidate at Cincinnati, it is by no means sure that General Garfield will march in triumph to the White House, or have an opportunity to show what would be developed in him by the chief place in the nation.

"HAZING."

The interest in the Whitaker case has scarcely subsided, when another sensation connected with the West Point military academy has drawn public attention to that establishment, and to a custom which is a disgrace to every educational institution in the country where it is permitted to continue.

On the morning of the 4th inst., Beaumont B. Buck, a young man twenty years of age, who had been appointed as cadet from Dallas, Texas, and who was studying at Highland (Pa.) Academy, a place two miles from West Point, and where prospective cadets prepare themselves for examination, shot and seriously, if not fatally wounded John G. Thompson, Jr., of Columbus, Ohio, a student for the same purpose at the same academy.

The circumstances which led to the affair were briefly these: As is the custom at most colleges, a series of practical jokes, commonly called "hazing," was played on young Buck, who, hailing from Texas, was not disposed to put up with that kind of treatment without resistance. After various annoyances had been resorted to, a plan was laid to let down a rope from the window above the room where Buck slept, pass it through his window, fasten it to his bed clothes and haul them away in the night. Buck had armed himself with a club, and when a fellow student named Alston entered his room stealthily, as he says, to warn Buck, but as the latter supposed to help in hazing him, Buck laid him out flat with the club, and loudly threatened the whole gang. He afterwards boasted to some cadets that he had "cleaned out the whole set of suckers."

This was soon noised about, and learning that Buck had a pistol in his trunk, the students possessed themselves of it and determined to make him withdraw his statement. Young Thompson, a fine, handsome fellow, nineteen years old, accosted Buck, and telling him what was reported, demanded that he "take back" what he had said. Buck immediately drew a pistol, larger than the weapon abstracted from his trunk, and fired at Thompson, the ball, of 32 calibre, entering just above the groin and passing right through the body, coming out at the back.

Thompson was cared for at once, and Buck went to the office of Squire Avery and gave himself up. He was taken to Newburg jail. The young man is described by those familiar with him as ordinarily quiet and un- offensive. He is tall and slender, of dark complexion and not dangerous in appearance. His father is President of Dallas College, and the young fellow has a gold medal won for his oratory in competition with the pupils of several Texas colleges. He thinks when the whole affair is investigated that he will be exonerated from blame.

Now, while the shooting was doubtless unjustifiable, no young man, it appears to us, should be censured for resisting by force the indignities practised at colleges under the name of hazing. It is a cowardly, dastardly attack of the strong against the weak. The pranks said to have been played upon Whitaker are samples of the treatment experienced by new arrivals at institutions where youths are trained for the highest professions in the land. Whether Whitaker committed the "outrage" upon himself or not, that is the style, of procedure called hazing. If the college authorities cannot put a stop to it, and protect the students from the insults and indignities of bullies and brutes, who can reasonably blame the outraged youths, if they resort to extreme measures for self-protection? Not a single excuse can be made for hazing, but many can be offered for many self-defence. The cowardly practice should be put down at once and forever.

BY TELEGRAPH.

AMERICAN.

ILINOIS DEMOCRATIC CON- VENTION.

Its Leaders Closed with Seymour as Favorite.

SPRINGFIELD, 11.—A resolution was adopted, instructing the dele- gates to Cincinnati to favor the two- thirds rule. County, of Chicago, then precipitated a lively contest by offering a resolution instructing the delegation to vote as a unit at Cin- cinnati. After modifying this to apply only to President and Vice- President, the Seymour men suc- ceeding in suspending the rule and passing the resolution by 261 to 233. Speeches were then made by Lyman Trumbull and General Farnsworth, accepting the nominations and Carter H. Harrison, after which the convention adjourned at 8 p.m. It is understood that nearly all the delegates named have friends in the delegation in Cincinnati, but Seymour claims to have 24 of the 42 delegates and expects under the unit rule to secure the vote of Illinois at Cincinnati for Seymour. Palmer and Davis carried their own dis- tricts and Morrison secured about a dozen delegates, but the friends of Trumbull and General Farnsworth were so strong that they were able to ground near the grove, traveling eastward. The track of the storm

TERrible STORMS.

Great Loss of Life and Damage to Property.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, 11.—Special dispatches to the Nonpareil give particulars of a terrible tornado that swept through the south-eastern part of Pottawatomie county, last evening. The cyclone or tor- nado is described by eye witnesses as something terrible. Wind clouds were first observed forming both east and west of Wheeler's Grove, the point where the most destruc- tion occurred, and in a short time came together. The cloud, which was conical in shape, came to the ground near the grove, traveling eastward. The track of the storm

was about half a mile in width, and swept everything before it, demol- ishing farm houses, barns and other buildings, and carrying some of them bodily for hundreds of feet, then dashing them to the ground in pieces. At one place a farmer's house, surrounded by a rail fence, was picked up, and the lumber and pieces in the yard, leaving every board of the house remaining in its place. There were from 15 to 20 persons killed outright, many wounded, while others cannot be found. Those known to have been killed were Jesse Osley, wife and two children, Wm. Pace, wife and his two children, and another child fatally injured. Alex. Osley, wife and child were carried in the air almost a hundred feet and seri- ously injured, and was killed by lightning, employed by the latter, name unknown, was killed. Other persons, six or eight in number, were carried away and have not yet been found.

The second after the storm spent its fury is described as heartrend- ing in the extreme. Not a house in the track of the tornado is left standing. The storm did not last 15 min- utes and was not accompanied by high winds. The storm was from the south-east and was blowing from the south- east, and the wind fell in sheets. The storm was blowing from the south-east, and the wind fell in sheets. The storm was blowing from the south-east, and the wind fell in sheets.

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DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

The Democratic National Com- mittee will meet June 21, in Cin- cinnati.

Endorsing the Delegation.

WHENEVER, W. V., 11.—A large meeting was held last evening by the republicans, who ratified the Chicago nominations and endorsed the course of Messrs. Campbell, Burley and McCormick, delegates from West Virginia in voting against a motion of Senator Conkling pledging the members of the convention to support his nominees.

Bank Suspended.

NEWARK, N. J., 11.—The First National Bank has closed. There are rumors of irregularities. The cashier sailed to Europe last week.

CALIFORNIA PREFERENCE.

Field the Decided Favorite.

OMAHA, 11.—Four delegates from California to the Cincinnati con- vention, McElrath, Foley, Frost and Maddox, passed through this city, today, on their way to Washington. They will be joined at Chicago by delegate Stevens, and two other members of the California dele- gation, Carl and Metcalfe are al- ready en route. The delegates are active in the matter of the California preference, and are highly en- thusiastic. They will follow to- morrow. The members of the dele- gation who were here today, are ac- companied by Senator Foster and California, Gen. John Ward, of New York, and delegate Stedwell of New- York. A correspondent was in- formed that California's delegation has no instructions. A vote taken by the State convention to indicate its preference gave Thurman a plurality. Tilden and Seymour also received votes, but the Field men who were in the majority in the convention, declined to take part in the vote. 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