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TO FRIENDS AND OTHERS.

The time of an Editor of a daily paper is as precious as money, so during the hours he is necessarily compelled to spend it on his editorial duties. We, therefore, most respectfully request our patrons and friends that when they have any business to transact with us, that they will do so at half past six in the evening, when all our business is attended to. It is nearly impossible for us to converse with our friends during the morning.

ENTRANCE UP STAIRS, THIRD DOOR ON PRINCE STREET.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES is still in a disorganized state. The vote taken on Saturday last shows no disposition on the part of the majority to bring matters to a close. The people are sick of this wrangling, and evidently place the responsibility where it belongs—upon the Anti-Nebraska party. The Union says, that “after a long discussion on Saturday, a resolution was adopted by 119 to 74, closing all debate and personal explanations for the ensuing week, unless by unanimous consent of the House.” But one ballot was taken on the 19th, which resulted as follows: Banks, 94; Richardson, 67; Fuller, 31; Scattering, 8. Necessary to a choice 102.

THE UNION says:

“The recent action of the friends of Mr. Banks would seem to indicate that the House is to remain hopelessly disorganized, unless a Speaker shall be made, either directly or indirectly, by concession on the part of the Democrats or National Know Nothings. It is scarcely necessary to say that Mr. Banks can never be the Speaker by the direct votes of either of these parties. His position on the paramount issue before the country is a barrier utterly impassable. Until Mr. Banks announced the revolting sentiment, a few days ago, as to the absorption of one of the races by the other, as the test of superiority, it was not impossible that a portion of the Democratic and National Know Nothings might yield to the passage of the plurality rule, although the possible result might have been the election of Mr. Banks. But since that awful, which has so deeply shocked the moral sense of every national mind, we do not see how his friends can ever expect a Democrat or National Know Nothing, or, indeed, any one but an Abolitionist, to give a vote which could be possibly contributory to his elevation to the Speakership. At present, therefore, the three parties appear to be immovably determined upon adhering to their respective position and candidates than at any former stage of the contest, and as a natural consequence, a feeling approaching to despair as to an organization now prevails.”

KEMMERER'S CONCERT.—We understand the Juvenile Concert last night was well attended and gave universal satisfaction. The pieces performed were highly applauded. The farewell concert will take place to-morrow (Wednesday) evening.

RECEIVED.—The December No. of Blackwood, has been received. Leonard Scott, & Co., 74 Fulton St., New York. American publishers

DR. GODEY, for February, has also been laid upon our table. Godey is a great favorite with the ladies. It has its usual variety of light literature and plates. Price \$3 per year.

UNFORTUNATE OCCURRENCE.—We learn that a few days ago, a Mr. Horn, and a Mr. Green of this county, were making preparation at the house of Green for a deer-drive, when Mrs. Green was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of Horn's gun. He had placed the muzzle of his gun against the house, for the purpose of tightening the cap on the tube, when it suddenly fired.

Some three or four children were seriously wounded by the same discharge, but we learn they are now recovering.

This again demonstrates the importance of caution by persons handling fire-arms.

Cleveland, N. C., Tues.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION OF TENNESSEE.

The Democrats of Tennessee met in convention on the 8th of January at Nashville, and selected as electors for the State Hon. Wm. H. Polk and Hon. Isham G. Harris, leaving the electors for the districts to be chosen by the districts.

CIVIL WAR IN KANSAS.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 19.—Advices from Kickapoo, announce that a conflict had taken place at Easton, in Kansas, between a company from Lawrence, under Captain Brown and the Kickapoo Rangers. A number of persons were killed, and several wounded on both sides. Many persons are flocking to Easton to take part in settling the affair. The disturbance is supposed to have originated at the election on the 15th inst.

ARTIFICIAL DIAMONDS.

On account of its hardness, transparency, brilliantcy and rarity, the diamond has always been regarded as one of the most valuable of the precious stones. It has long been known to consist of pure carbon in a crystalline state. Chemically, it differs little from charcoal, black-led, or lamp-black; it may be readily burned in oxygen gas, and the resulting compound is carbonic acid—precisely what arises from the combustion of charcoal. In view of these facts, the production of diamonds in the laboratory has long been thought possible, and at length this wonderful achievement crowned the labors of the chemist.

From a charcoal prepared from crystallized sugar, M. Despretz has produced crystals of carbon having all the properties of the diamond. This result was obtained by the long-continued action of the galvanic battery. The crystals are microscope, but clearly recognised as octahedra, some black, others transparent. Gaudet, the famous lapidary, found these crystal to cut diamonds and rubies like powdered diamond itself. It yet remains as an achievement of chemical science to produce these crystals of a size sufficient for ornamental purposes—then will be found the “philosopher's stone,” sought in vain for ages.

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GROSS SUPERSTITION.—At the execution of Hubbard, a few days ago, in Wabash county, Indiana, for the murder of the French family, after he was entirely dead the enclosure was taken down and more than five hundred persons went in and touched him, giving their reasons for so doing that it would in the future protect them from witchcraft. The rope that he was hung with, the crowd afterwards took, cut it up in small pieces, and divided it among them, to act as a charm in protecting them in the future fromague and all other diseases.—Exchange.

There is about as much truth in the above story as in the one recently told by the Pittsburg Gazette—The Gazette says:

“A German, who was an inmate of the city poor-house, had become deaf and dumb through infirmity and exposure, some four years ago, but on Friday last he suffered from severe headache, and water ran from his ears. The next day he recovered his speech perfectly, and in a few hours afterwards his hearing was entirely restored.”

MORE WHEAT FOR FRANCE.—The Chicago Daily Press says: “Some days ago we noticed the shipment of 20,000 bushels of wheat from this city, via the Illinois Central railroad and Cairo, for France. From the Lausanne Press we observe that similar shipments are made from other points for the same destination. On Saturday last 8,000 bushels were received at that place from Iowa over the Rock Island road, which were transferred to the Illinois Central to go to the Cairo, and then to France. The Press says: ‘A still larger quantity is to arrive from the same State this week, for the same destination. This, we believe, is the first instance in which grain has been shipped from Iowa to New Orleans via Lausanne, and is perhaps the forerunner of more shipments.’”

UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE.—The biographical sketch of the poet Rogers, in the London Times, was written some five years since, in anticipation of his death, then expected. His biographer has been three years in the grave!

THIRTEEN DIVISION—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

A list of premiums awarded at the 1st annual Fair of the Sampson Agricultural Society, held in Clinton, the 6th and 7th of December, 1855.

COMMITTEEES.—Dr. T. J. Baykin, C. H. Stevens and James A. Moore.

13TH DIVISION—PAINTINGS AND WORKS.

Mrs. L. C. Graves, 1st stand of fruit, water-color, first premium.

Mrs. L. C. Graves, one land scape, Niagara falls, oil, 1st premium.

Mrs. L. C. Graves, one basket of fruit, pastille, 1st premium.

Mrs. L. C. Graves, 1st portrait, diploma.

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Miss Frank Porter, 1st portrait, diploma.

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Sarah Haynes, 1st portrait, diploma.

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Mrs. W. Faison, Paintings, water-color, diploma.

S. E. F. Shaw, Landscape.

COMMITTEEES.—Dr. H. A. Burrell, Mrs. F. A. Moseley, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Mrs. Isom Royal, Mrs. Owen Peacock and Mrs. J. Moseley.

14TH DIVISION—TROTTING MATCH.

J. C. Williams, pair horses, 1st premium; Dr. C. Holmes, 2nd premium; R. E. Holmes, oil diploma.

Wm. Lane, a half barrel of flour put up at his mill, equal to Superior or Family, entitled to the 1st premium.

Cats: There was but 1 specimen, by E. Peterson, 1st premium.

Ross Wm. Williamson, 1st premium; R. C. Holmes, 2nd premium. Mr. Holmes made 135 bushels to the acre, and the rye not being quite so heavy as Mr. Williamson's, Williamson's not measured.

Cotton: In This Bunting one bale, 1st premium, William Kirby, best specimen of Cotton plant, it being 12 feet high, 1st premium.

Potatoes: R. C. Holmes, J. C. Williams, Dr. Theo Bunting, J. Bryant, a single potato weighing eight pounds, 1st premium.

Pumpkins: a lot of these were exhibited by John L. Baykin, sixty-seven in number, and weighing 1350 pounds, all round and ripe, 1st premium.

Mohawk Wool: E. Peterson, 1st premium.

James H. Stevens made from one acre of land 67 bushels, 1st premium.

Coon-hounds: T. W. Lane, John Baykin, Sr., John L. Baykin, Thomas Ashford and Mr. Thos Bunting.

Underwood & Baykin, best Stallion, 1st premium.

Brown Mare, Wm. A. Faison, bay Mare, 1st premium; Wm. A. Faison, grey Mare, 2d premium; G. W. Hobbs, grey Mare, diploma.

Thos. L. Faison entered a thoroughbred Filly, no premium awarded.

Cattle under two years old: W. W. Ingram, bay Calf, 1st premium; Jacob Newman, brown Calf, 2d premium.

Cattle under three years old: W. W. Hobbs, bay Filly, 1st premium; W. C. Brangham, black Filly, 2d premium; W. Faison, grey Filly, diploma; James Vane, bay Horse, 1st premium.

Fast pair Horses: Lewis M. Baykin, pair grey horses, 1st premium.

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Fast Mares: W. H. Morrissey, Mare two years old, 1st premium.

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Coon-hounds: A. C. Chesnut, Jack, 1st premium.

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