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The Approaching Election—Governor and Senators.

The Convention of the Republican party called to meet on the 26th inst., to make nominations for State officers under the new Constitution has an important duty to perform.

The Democratic party of this State has many elements of popular strength. Its leaders represent all shades of former political opinion.

Gen. Dockery was chosen by the Republican party in its infancy to bear its standard in the race for Governor—at a time when defeat was certain and success impossible.

There is a report that one of the Justices of the Supreme Court openly declared a day or two ago, in a company of politicians, that the reconstruction laws were unconstitutional.

A correspondent of the London Times describing a horseflesh dinner wrote the following sentence which will perhaps be intelligible without very deep study.

Governor Brownlow, grimly complaining the Tennessee legislature for its economy in husbanding the small force of militia at his command, and advises it to retrench still more by adjourning as soon as possible.

Concerning Skating—A Curtain Lecture to Mrs. Mark Twain.

"Oh, go to sleep, you old fool." "Mr. Twain, I am surprised and grieved to see you on skates."

"Don't interrupt me, woman! I tell you it's absurd—you learn to skate!—You'll be wanting to play fairy in the Black Crook next. I tell you skating is an accomplishment suited only to youth and comeliness of face and symmetry of figure."

"Mr. Twain, I am surprised and grieved to see you on skates myself, and kicked the Irish Giant's eye out the first dash, and lit on my head and cracked the ice so that it looked like the sun with all its rays had dropped out where I struck, and they fined me ninety-two dollars for ruining the man's pond."

"What was it? Tell me what it was—tell me what it was this minute. I just know it's one of your lies." "Oh don't mind; it ain't of any consequence—go to sleep."

"Well, if you must know, he—he—he—however it's of no consequence." "Mr. Twain." "Well, he—took it and gazed upon it a long time in silence, and put his handkerchief to his eyes and burst into tears."

"He just stood there and went as if his heart would break, poor devil! There now, let's go to sleep." "Sleep, you lunatic? I'll never close my eyes till I know what that idiot was crying about—and you won't either, I can tell you that. Come!"

Last July the agents of the Merchant's Union Express Company in Syracuse boxed up a hen and started her on a journey to the West, as a joke. She has been travelling ever since, having gone over nearly every route of the company, more than 25,000 miles in all, and is still enjoying the transports of travel.

GENERAL NEWS.

Prince Albert Victor, son of the Prince of Wales and future king of England, has just celebrated his fourth birthday.

Edwin Booth announces *Clara Melnotte* among the characters which he is to play during his engagement in Chicago.

J. Madison Morton, author of "Poor Phil-coddy and a host of other successful farces, is giving public readings in England.

Mr. Charles Reade is fifty-four years old but if he said announces that the best part of his literary life is before him.

Suez has a model post office. On the arrival of mails from England and India, the rush for letters is said to be indescribable.

England promised in 1864 to send no more convicts to Australia after the close of 1867.

American wines, it is said, are becoming popular in Germany, but can hardly be deemed enough better than their own to pay for transportation in large quantities.

We hope to hear a great deal from the democratic papers respecting the great reaction as manifested at the election in the eight Ohio districts.

No young man in the Cyclades, where the principle business is diving for sponges, is allowed to marry until he can descend easily to a depth of twenty fathoms.

Mentana red is now the fashionable color in Paris.

Two railroads in Iowa are likely to lose the conditional land grants by the State, having entirely failed to carry out the stipulations under which they were made.

From the fact that the French government is buying lead in England it is inferred that it is the intention to build new iron-clads this year. Lead is sometimes used as backing for the armor plate.

Some people have been playing a nice little game in a western State. Adjoining counties pay bounties on goopers killed, but one accepts the scalp as evidence and the other the tail, and thus the bold hunters get paid twice for the same shot.

A court in England has given a decision against the legality of locking railway passengers into the cars, a custom which universally prevails in that country, although it has been the occasion of many accidents.

It is stated on the authority of the London Court Journal that the Fenian conviction has cured a great many officers, civil and military, of the gout.

Nobody, says the London Saturday Review who is not a busy person, ought ever to be permitted to write to those who are busy, except in a fine flowing hand. We fear if rule were carried out, the revenue of the post office would be very seriously diminished.

Victor Hugo's drama of *Hernani* was brought out at the French Theatre in New York the other night, for the benefit of M'lie Deborah.

It having been stated in a Detroit paper that large numbers of young men in that city were out of employment, a gentleman just across the Canada line writes that he will employ one hundred of them in cutting wood at five shillings a cord in gold, and others will do so much. But the young men don't want to cut wood.

The latest dandy fashion in Paris is to carry a walking-stick with a sword inside at one end and matches and a candlestick at the other.

There are three "Romeo and Juliet" operas running against each other in the theatres of Milan; one is by M. Gounod.

"Bad English" is the title of a new publication announced in England from the hands of Dean Alford's late antagonist, Mr. G. Washington Moon. It is said that he will take many of his illustrative examples from the leaders of the Times and the Pall Mall Gazette.

A new self-acting apparatus for coupling cars is in use on the Marblehead branch of the Eastern Railroad. It is not necessary to go between the cars at all. The arrangement is said to work finely.

In a Missouri town a concert troupe was lately requested to perform "Hail Columbia," as it would be apt to create ill feeling.

On the visit of the royal Duke of Edinburgh to Melbourne, he was received by a choir of eleven thousand children singing "God save the Queen," and streets were strewn with flowers.

Henry Kingsley is announced as the editor of a new edition of Robinson Crusoe, and has written an introduction to it.

Madame Anna Bishop spent last last year giving concerts in India.

New York is worth \$631,497,860.

Ex-Governor Cox of Ohio, after seven years of military service and official life, is about to resume the practice of the law in Cincinnati.

Great numbers of grasshoppers' eggs are found in Arkansas, and a renewal of the pest is greatly feared.

Mormondom is threatened with inundation by the Great Salt Lake, which is reported to be steadily rising, its underground outlet having become clogged.

A silver service of twelve pieces, weighing over 700 ounces, and costing \$4000, presented by Mr. Peabody to Cyrus W. Field, is on exhibition in New York.

Bandmann is about to appear in London in "Narcisse," and has been ransacking Paris for correct costumes.

It is understood to be the intention of the British government to confer a title on Professor Heatstone, in consideration of his great scientific attainments and of his valuable inventions.

Wheat has been received in Chicago from Tremont, Nebraska,—the first ever sent east from the Platte valley.

By a recent ukase the permission to those who participated in the Polish insurrection to emigrate to Spain has been withdrawn.

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L. G. ESTES, Coll. Int. Rev.

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The language of nature and experience demonstrates, that whoever would enjoy the pleasures of food—the beauties of landscape—the joys of companionship—the richness of literature—the honors of station and renown—must preserve their health.

The stomach is the receptacle of all nourishment, and the fountain from which all parts of the body, derive sustenance. The effect of foul injurious food entering the stomach, is to derange the digestive organs and produce headache, loss of appetite, unrefreshed sleep, field breath, low spirits, feverish burning, constipation, incapacity to perform any mental or physical duty, &c., and are the symptoms of that horrid disease

DYSPEPSIA.

which assaues a thousand shapes, and points towards a miserable life and premature death. The Medical Faculty has labored for generations to discover reliable appetizers and the proper means of overcoming stomach derangements. Certain ingredients have been long known as partially effective. Among these were

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