

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

Pursuant to the call of the State Central Committee, the delegates of the Democratic State Convention, for the nomination of a candidate for Governor, to supply the place of the lamented MULLENBERG, met in the Court House in the borough of Harrisburg, on Monday, September 2. The Convention was called to order at 10 o'clock, A. M., by the President.

The following gentlemen took their seats as officers of the Convention: President: Hon. JACOB FRY, Montgomery. Vice Presidents: Wm. F. COPLAN, Fayette. ALEXANDER JOHNSTON, Westmoreland. GEORGE GREENBERG, Philadelphia city. BENJ. CHAPMAN, Phila. co. Gen. R. H. HARMON, Northumberland. Secretaries: FRANCIS L. BOWMAN, Luzerne. Franklin Vansant, Bucks. Hon. JACOB FRY, President of the Convention, then addressed the members.

The list of delegates was then called over, being the delegates that met in the last Convention. The following letter from Gen. M. DALLAS, to Judge Bucher, and others, was read, and ordered to be incorporated with the proceedings: PHILADELPHIA, August 30, 1844.

GENTLEMEN:—A professional engagement which I cannot control, will prevent my participating in the proposed Democratic meeting at Harrisburg, invited to welcome the formal nomination of our candidate for the chief executive office of the State.

I have said formal, because, in reality and substance, the nomination has already been made by those with whom reside the unquestionable right and power to make it when and as they please. The People of Pennsylvania have loudly spoken their prompt and harmonious sentiment on the subject. Of this not the shadow of a doubt can or will be suggested. As far as consulting him the candidate of the Republican Party is involved, it may justly be averred that the prevailing popular unanimity rendered it unnecessary to re-assemble the convention, and that FRANCIS R. SHUNK has been, for some time and from the highest authority, designated "de facto et de jure," for our support.

We have reason to rejoice in the condition of our politics, when so serious and sudden a loss as that experienced in the departed death of Henry A. Muhlenberg can be thus immediately and thus fully supplied. The fact is eloquent of union, of generous and cordial confidence, of an entire absence of small local or personal jealousies, of a high devotion to the cause and a hearty will to maintain it. The Keystone Democrats, so emboldened and so animated, never have been and never will be defeated. Governor Shunk will address in confirmation of this historical and prophetic declaration, very many thousand unanswerable ballot-proofs.

It has been my good fortune to know Mr. Shunk long and well, and to have noted the unstained purity of his private life as well as the manly patriotism of his political career. I cannot be mistaken in the conviction that he richly deserves the wholesome lack of every one of us, that is of every one whose creed is Jeffersonian, of every one who professes the faith for which he has vigorously and consistently, and generously, and always battled. No firmer morals than his—no honest purposes—no deeper sense of the obligations of public duty—no more untiring industry—no clearer intelligence—no wider experience in the business and wants of this Commonwealth—no purer democracy! He is fit for the office, fit for the occasion, fit as a statesman, fit as a party man—We, who cling to the precepts and practices of republicanism, who eschew corporate monopolies and moneyed monsters, who inculcate economy, love good faith, toleration, frugal and plain habits, and equality—we, I say, can fasten our reliance upon Mr. Shunk as fearlessly as ever mariners looked to the tried and truest pilot. Whom, indeed, could we more proudly and safely trust than one who, during war, with equal modesty and devotion, wheeled into the ranks as a common soldier—who, during peace, fronted firmly and victoriously, in the very halls of our Capitol, the menaces and machinations of treason, and whose unvarying tenor of individual and official department has been marked by upright justice, peace, and good will to all? That he will be our candidate appears to me almost a matter of course; but it would delight me to see the national lesson, "E pluribus unum," exemplified in the action of the Convention, and the one hundred and thirty voices at once concentrated upon his name.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, sincerely and respectfully, your friend and fellow citizen. G. M. DALLAS.

To John C. Bucher, Jacob Saffade, John B. Eratton, H. Buchler, and others.

The following is a part of an address delivered before the Convention by ROBERT M. BARR, Esq., of Berks:—

MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION:—Never have the vicissitudes of life imposed upon me a more melancholy duty than I have now risen to perform. While the state and nation have sustained an irreparable bereavement, I have suffered deep anguish. On the 4th of March last we convened in this place, and united in presenting to the public consideration, as the candidate of the Democratic party for the office of Governor of Pennsylvania, the name of HENRY A. MULLENBERG. We separated, not only in harmony, but with an abiding confidence that our labors would in due season, be crowned with the approving plaudits of our common constituency. At that time our distinguished favorite had in store the apparent promise of many years of protracted activity and usefulness, and we all rejoiced in the unclouded certainty of the future.

We rejoiced both for his sake, and the sake of our glorious state, that seemed soon destined to reap the benefit of his pure and patriotic services. But by the mysterious dispensation of that over-riding Providence, from whose hand alone promotion cometh, these hopes were unexpectedly and forever blasted. They were the vision of a night, which, when the day returned, were all blotted from existence. On the 11th ultimo, our beloved Muhlenberg was suddenly translated from the agitations of time to the peaceful rest of eternity, leaving his friends to realize, in bitterness of spirit, that "all flesh is grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the field." In the hour when the calamity was least to be borne, and reconciliation to our loss most difficult, he has been called from our midst to the enjoyment of the more substantial glories of "another and a better world" beyond the skies.

To us no other duty now remains than to designate a successor for the high office to which Mr. Muhlenberg had been named, and it is an alleviation to our regrets to know that this duty can be easily performed, as the People and the Press have already, with unexampled unanimity, made the path of duty plain. Whilst we mourn over the loss of a great and good man, may we not rejoice that his mantle has fallen upon another, eminently worthy of our suffrages? MR. FINDLAY, of Lancaster, then addressed the Convention on the same subject, and offered the following resolutions, viz: Resolved, That the Convention deeply lament the premature death of the Hon. HENRY A. MULLENBERG, recently the nominee of the Democratic party of this Commonwealth; and unite, with unfeigned sympathy, with the Democracy of this State in bearing testimony, to his unsullied virtues as a private citizen, and the high toned patriotism which marked his character as a public man; and that we deplore his sudden transition from time to eternity, not only as a mournful and irreparable loss to those with whom he was most intimately associated in private life, but as a public loss which will be long felt by the Democratic party.

Resolved, That the members of this Convention, as a testimony of their high sense of the public and private virtues of the deceased, and in testimony of deep regret, will wear crepe on the left arm for thirty days. Resolved, That Messrs. Findlay of Lancaster, Wright of Luzerne, Penniman of Philadelphia co., Dillinger of Lehigh, and Tyson of Berks, be appointed a Committee to communicate to the family of the deceased, the condolence of this Convention for the loss they have sustained. The resolutions were seconded by Mr. JONES of Allegheny and unanimously adopted. On motion of Mr. WELSH, of York, it was Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to procure the erection of an appropriate tablet, in honor of Henry A. Muhlenberg, in the Lutheran Church at Reading, of which he was for many years a member.

The following gentlemen were appointed the committee:—Messrs. Welsh, H. M. Magraw, Frazer, Dolbert, G. R. Espy. Mr. BARR said: Whilst we mourn the loss of a great and good man, we may be permitted to rejoice that his mantle will fall on one pre-eminently worthy of the honor to be conferred upon him, and as the duty seems to have devolved upon me of nominating in this Convention a successor to our lamented friend, I nominate FRANCIS R. SHUNK of Allegheny, in the room of HENRY A. MULLENBERG, as the candidate of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania for Governor; and I move you that this nomination be concurred in by acclamation.

Dreadful Explosion. FOUR MEN KILLED.—On Monday evening, about 8 o'clock, a terrible accident happened on the Reading Railroad, by the explosion of a locomotive attached to a return train. The locomotive "Richmond," with eighty-eight empty coal cars, had reached a point, about two miles above Reading, on the Road to Pottsville, when the dome of the fire box gave way, and in consequence, the boiler was blown from the frame and wheels, over a fence into an adjacent field. We regret to have to add the mournful fact that four persons, the engineer, James Ward, the conductor, John McCabe, and two firemen, whose names are Mason and Tigh, were instantly killed by the explosion, and their bodies thrown a considerable distance in different directions. The locomotive was built by Wm. Norris, and had been placed upon the road on trial about ten days since, and previously had worked extremely well with a train of one hundred empty cars; twelve more than were attached at the time of the accident. The explosion occurred during a heavy thunder storm, which was felt here. The unfortunate deceased are represented to have been amongst the best and steadiest hands employed upon the road. No further injury occurred to the train or the other loads engaged on it. It was reported yesterday afternoon that the locomotive was struck by lightning, which caused the accident. This, we believe, is incorrect. The above particulars were obtained from J. Nichols, Esq., the superintendent of the road, and he was not aware of this feature of the case. Phil. Ledger.

There are in Pennsylvania 167 Episcopal churches, with 8,988 communicants; and 400 Presbyterian churches, with 49,009 communicants. The former had 1,055 additions during the past year; the latter 4,100. The Catholics expended for home missions in the United States last year, \$138,196, and the American Home Missionary Society, \$92,000. The Sheriff of the county of Albany was tarred and feathered by the people of Rensselaerwyck, on Saturday last, and his papers and his arms and his money were taken from him.

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THE AMERICAN. Saturday, Sept. 7, 1844.

Democratic Nominations. FOR PRESIDENT, JAMES H. POLK, OF TENNESSEE. FOR VICE PRESIDENT, GEO. M. DALLAS, OF PENNSYLVANIA. FOR GOVERNOR, Francis R. Shunk. FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER, Joshua Hartshorn.

COUNTY TICKET. FOR ASSEMBLY, EDWARD Y. BRIGHT. FOR COMMISSIONER, DAVID MARTZ. FOR AUDITOR, THOMAS STRINE. ELECTORS, WILSON McCANDLESS, ASA DIMOCK.

V. B. PATER, Esq., at his Real Estate and Coal Office, No. 59 Pine Street, Philadelphia, is authorized to act as Agent, and receipt for all wanted due this office, for subscription or advertising.

"The American" for the Campaign.—As it has become fashionable to furnish newspapers from this to the elections at a low price, we propose to furnish the "American," or our German paper, until the elections, for 25cts for one copy, or five copies for one dollar.

We have not been able to give much attention to the editorial department of our paper this week, on account of our absence at the Williamsport Court.

In another column will be found the proceedings of the County Convention for the nomination of candidates.

The Pole erected by the democrats in this place, bearing a flag with the names of Polk, Dallas and Shunk, was bored and cut down on Thursday night last. We shall not follow the example of the whigs, charging the whole party with the act.

The meeting at Milton, on the 14th, will no doubt, draw together a large number of persons. Mr. Buchanan will be present. He was at Danville on Thursday last, at the mass meeting held at that place, and will visit Milton on his return from Towanda.

There has been no political meeting in this place for a whole week, and there is now quite a calm in politics, which may probably last several days longer.

The Ticket.—The delegates met in convention at the Court House, in this place, on Monday last. The proceedings were conducted with greater harmony than they have been for a number of years past. This augurs well for the triumphant success of the Democracy of all Northumberland county. The present campaign is one that should have the undivided support of the whole democracy. The conflicting interests which have, of late years, divided the democracy of this county, and proved so detrimental to the party, have given way to a better feeling. The result will prove a larger democratic majority than we have had for a number of years past.

LYCOMING COUNTY.—The convention of delegates met at Williamsport, on Tuesday the 3d inst., and nominated Gen. Wm. Pettriken for Congress, in the 13th district, Andrew A. Stewart for Assembly, and Wm. Riddle for Sheriff.

JOHN STROM has been nominated by the whigs of Lancaster, for Congress.

ELECTIONS.—The Vermont elections were held on the 3d, and the Maine elections on the 6th of the present month. No returns have yet reached us.

POSTAGE.—A pledge should be exacted from every candidate for Congress, whether whig or democrat, to go in for postage reform. One of the reforms specified, should be to permit newspapers to be carried free of postage within the bounds of the county in which they are published. Unless this is done, the city Press will always have an unfair advantage over their country contemporaries.

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FRANCIS R. SHUNK NOMINATED BY ACCLAMATION.—It will be no surprise to our readers to hear that Mr. Shunk has been nominated by acclamation. The democracy of the state were unanimous in pointing him out as the man to succeed the nomination of the lamented Muhlenberg. Of his triumphant election, we presume there is no intelligent democrat or whig who entertains the least doubt. Pennsylvania, it is well known, can poll a democratic majority of twenty thousand, and as there never was a nomination effected with greater unanimity, or one that gave more general satisfaction, we cannot conceive why she should not give Mr. Shunk that majority.

HARRISBURG ARGUS.—This sterling democratic organ has passed from the hands of Col. V. Best, who established the paper, to C. C. Kaine, who will be assisted by his brother, Hiram Kaine, late of the Pittsburg Aurora. Col. Best will resume the management of the Danville Intelligencer.

THE LYCOMING GAZETTE.—Hamlet A. Kerr has left the Gazette, and has been succeeded by C. D. Eldred, Esq., in the editorial management of the concern.

WHIG ORATORS.—Our whig friends, in sending out missionary orators to address the people, should have been more careful in selecting persons, not only of good character, but men of some judgment, lest they might do more harm than good. The Buckeye Blacksmith can certainly do the democratic party no harm. His conduct and actions will always betray him, and are true exponents of the character of the man. Mr. Gibbons, of Philadelphia, who is travelling the country, and who is governed by much more zeal than judgment, recently made a most violent and ungentlemanly attack upon Wm. F. Packer, Esq., at a meeting at Williamsport. Many of his political friends, we know, were displeased with his conduct, and were fearful that it would injure their cause, by reacting in favor of Mr. Packer, as it most certainly will. Mr. Packer, we understand, afterwards made a most masterly speech in defence of himself and the principles he sustains.

GEN. MARRER.—This renowned champion of the whigs must feel that his position is rather a humiliating one. His name is seldom mentioned by the whig orators in their public meetings, and when it is referred to, it is pretty much in the same manner as the testator, who, in order to show his heir that he had not wholly forgotten him in his will, cut him off by leaving him a shilling. The poor General is not often favored even with a shilling. Mr. Chandler, the editor of the U. S. Gazette, recently made a political speech at Williamsport, and was so absent minded as to wholly forget the whig candidate for Governor. Probably the most renowned exploit on record since the famous attack of Don Quixotte on the Wind Mills, is contained in a short sketch of the life of Markie, extensively circulated by the whigs, in which he is represented, on his first trip to New Orleans, as having swum across the Mississippi with three or four cords in his mouth, for the purpose of towing a raft across the stream.

The Harrisburg Argus, speaking of the proceedings of the meeting during the recent convention at that place, says:—

"Some of the banners in the procession afforded a great deal of amusement. The Penn township delegation bore a banner, upon which was delineated a fine, chivalric looking Chapmann, mounted on the breast of a prostrate coon, holding cooney's mouth open with one spur, while he appeared to be in the act of dropping a piece of Poke weed down his unfortunate throat. Considering that Poke weed is a deadly poison, the coon deserved, and he no doubt received, the sympathies of his biped brethren. The effigy of a huge ox, placed in a wagon, attracted much attention and amusement. It was, in part, covered with a white cloth, on which was written the legend 'TWO DOLLARS A DAY AND ROAST BEEF.'"

After marching through the principal streets, the procession halted at the Capitol, where a beautiful staging had been erected, decorated with wreaths and colors: when it was organized by Gen. SIMON CAMERON taking the Chair. He opened the proceedings with a speech, brief, spirited and appropriate, during the delivery of which, he was repeatedly interrupted by shouts of hearty approbation. When he had concluded, and in acquiescence to the almost deafening shouts of the people, he introduced the Hon. C. J. ISERHOLT, of Philadelphia. In a few minutes after Mr. I. commenced, however, the train which had threatened for some time, began to fill, and the meeting adjourned to the rotunda, or as many as could get into it, when Mr. ISERHOLT continued his remarks.

ON DET.—That Gov. Briggs, of Massachusetts, wrote recently to Gov. Fenner, of Rhode Island, that if Thomas W. Dorr was not released from prison, that state would go for Polk and Dallas, and that Old Darham wrote in reply that he didn't care a damn if it did.

The pious Telegraph is seized with holy horror, because the Democrats looked about for a successor to Mr. Muhlenberg with so much haste? Doubtless it would have gratified that paper much more, if they had neglected the work until after the election.—Democratic Union.

JUST AS WE SUPPOSED.—It seems by the Globe that there is really a southern edition of Clay's Raleigh speech, containing views on the Tariff exactly opposite to his views on the same subject in the northern edition. According to the Globe both editions were printed at one office, and in doing them up to forward to their respective destinations, they made rather a serious blunder, by sending several packages of those designed for the South, to the North. After discovering their mistake, they immediately took measures to recover the missent documents. Whether successful or not we have not exactly the means of knowing.—Dem. Union.

The following lines, entitled "Reflection," were sent us by one who signs himself "Mahogany Bard." We publish them, without any "reflection" of our own in regard to the authorship: FOR THE AMERICAN.

Reflection. In youth's most genial, joyous hour, I ne'er was wholly gay,— For still a thought of spectral power Upon my spirits lay: Fiend-like, on loveliest things it breathed, And bade their beauty flee;— I saw them prematurely wreathed In frail mortality! If e'er with love my bosom swell'd, Too buoyantly for earth, That shade sepulchral came and quelled The pulse's mad'ning mirth: If friends sat round, with smiles endeared, More dear than words can say, That withering phantom rose and sear'd Their beauty with decay. Still rose the same prophetic shade, Health, hope and joy to mar— And bid the sweetest prospect fade, In darkness seen afar: And thus life's greenest leaves of prime, While spring yet smiled around, Grew lifeless, as in that sad time When autumn strews the ground. Thus fairest things began to seem But born to smile and die: And birth was looked on as a dream, And mingled with a sigh:— Love's, friendship's, pleasure's fairest flowers Seem'd wither'd as they grew, Alas! dark dreams of brighter hours, That time should prove ye true! MAHOGANY BARD.

INDIANA. Some of the Whigs, (says the Pittsburg Morning Post,) treat the fact that the democrats obtained a majority of the popular vote of Indiana, at the late election, as incredible and impossible. They assert what is true that they have a majority on joint ballot in the legislature, and ask how it is possible for them to be defeated in the popular vote? We will devote a moment to the enlightenment of these benighted and self-deluded people. In 1843, the democratic Governor was elected in Indiana by about 2,000. This year the majority in the democratic counties have been largely increased. In the doubtful counties, the whigs exerted all their efforts, and carried the representatives in most of them. They have 6 or 7 majority in the legislature, all of which they obtained by a majority less than 100 of the popular vote, as follows: They carried their Representative in Floyd by only 6 votes. One in Montgomery, " 5 " " Morgan, " 6 " " Ripley, " 6 " " Allen, " 7 " " Tippecanoe, " 7 " " Boone, " 6 " " Marshall and Fulton, " 8 " And they reported Whittly & K. " 1 " They carried their Senator in " " Vermillion, " 10 " " " " Park, " 7 " " " " Green, " 7 " 26 votes.

Here we see that 76 votes controlled the election of 12 members of the General Assembly, making a difference of 24 on joint ballot—and extending the number to 86 votes, it would have carried two more representatives in Park, making a difference of 28 on joint ballot in the legislature.

In the counties above named the whig candidate for Governor had a majority of 390 in 1843—now, although the whigs have carried 12 members of the legislature, they have lost 284 on the popular vote since 1843. This will assist the whigs in explaining what they seem to regard as a great mystery.

After the nomination of Mr. Muhlenberg by the 4th of March convention, the York Advocate, a rabid coon paper, thus spoke of Mr. Shunk:—

"On the other hand you have the father of your common schools—a man who has stood with you through thick and thin in the noble cause of Democracy—who has ever practiced what he professed, and a man in whom you can place reliance for every thing calculated to promote unsullied the fair character of your state and yours also. Who then do you think the most worthy? No man of common sense need be at a loss to answer.—FRANCIS R. SHUNK."

Of course the advocate had not then the most distant idea, that the man it thus warmly organized would yet become the Democratic candidate.—What will it say now? Why, turn round and abuse Mr. Shunk, of course.

No War! Mr. Clay is peculiarly the peace candidate.—The Cincinnati Enquirer says—an old coon the other day was urging the importance of his election as the surest and safest means for the "peaceful and honorable annexation of Texas—without offending Great Britain or provoking war and the breach of treaties with Mexico." Said he, "elect Clay and Texas will be annexed, and there will be no war!"

A sly kind of a waggish Democrat standing by remarked that he thought mister coon was about right, at least there were good grounds for believing him that if Clay was elected there would be no war; for said he, Clay is already under heavy BONDS TO KEEP THE PEACE! The coon growled and "Grinned horribly a ghastly smile!"

Ole Bull intends remaining in retirement at Bristol, Rhode Island, until October, when he expects to have completed two new compositions: "The Falls of Niagara" and "The Death of Washington."

COUNTY CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the delegates of the several townships and boroughs of Northumberland county, convened in pursuance of a call of the standing committee, in the Court House in Sunbury, on Monday, the 2d September, 1844, MAJOR WILLIAM H. KASE was chosen President, ABRAHAM SHIPMAN and CHARLES W. HEGINS, Secretaries.

The following persons appeared, and produced certificates of their election as delegates: DELAWARE.—John McKinney, Henry J. Reader. LEWIS.—Hon. John Montgomery, David Watt. TRENT.—William Waldron, William Marr. MILTON.—A. D. Patterson, H. L. Dieffenbach. CHILTSQUAKE.—Christian S. Brown, John B. Snyder.

PORT.—Robert Curry, John W. Stamm. NORTHUMBERLAND.—John Youngman, William Wilson. SUNBURY.—S. D. Jordan, Charles W. Hegins. PETER CULP, Benjamin Katterman.

RUSH.—Jacob Gearhart, William H. Kase. SHAMON.—Samuel Hales, Jacob Leisenring, Samuel Hummel. COAL.—John K. Robins, Joseph Zeiner. LITTLE MAHONNY.—Conrad Raker, William Rothermel.

FREDERICK MAHONNY.—Jacob Hoffa, Daniel Heim, Jacob D. Hoffman, John Hamilton, LOWER MAHONNY.—Christian Albert, John Doekey.

On motion, Charles W. Hegins and William Wilson were appointed Congressional Congresses, to meet the Congresses from the other counties, to place in nomination a candidate for Congress. On motion of C. W. Hegins, Esq., Resolved, That the Congresses be instructed to put in nomination for Congress, no one who will not pledge himself to vote against a repeal of the Tariff of 1842.

On motion of Henry L. Dieffenbach, Resolved, That the Congresses of Northumberland county be instructed to support the choice of Lycoming county for Congress, and in the event of the Congresses not agreeing on the choice of Lycoming county, to endeavor to place in nomination A. Jordan, Esq., of Northumberland county.

The convention then proceeded to balloting for the different offices, which resulted as follows: Representatives.—Edward Y. Bright, 21 votes Samuel T. Brown, 12 " Scattering, 2 " 25 " Commissioners.—David Martz, 25 " Peter Bixler, 12 " 37 " Auditor.—Thomas Strine, 21 " William Follner, 6 " Jacob Rhoads, 5 " 32 "

On motion of S. D. Jordan, Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to support the ticket just formed, and that we will use all honorable means to ensure its success. And on the question, "will the committee agree to the resolution," the yeas and the nays were called for by Messrs. H. L. Dieffenbach and Charles W. Hegins, and were as follows, viz: YEAS.—John McKinney, H. J. Reader, Hon. John Montgomery, David Watt, William Waldron, William Marr, A. D. Patterson, H. L. Dieffenbach, Christian S. Brown, John B. Snyder, Robert Curry, John W. Stamm, John Youngman, S. D. Jordan, C. W. Hegins, Abraham Shipman, John Yordy, Peter Culp, Benjamin Katterman, William H. Kase, Samuel Hales, Jacob Leisenring, Samuel Hummel, John K. Robins, Joseph Zeiner, Conrad Raker, William Rothermel, Daniel Heim, Jacob Hoffa, Jacob D. Hoffman, John Hamilton, Christian Albert, John Doekey,—35.

NAYS.—none. The delegates who declined voting, were William Wilson, of Northumberland, and Jacob Gearhart, of Rush. On motion it was Resolved, That the standing committee of Northumberland county consist of the following persons, viz: John McKinney, A. D. Patterson, A. Jordan, Abraham Shipman, Jacob D. Hoffman.

On motion, Resolved, That the proceedings be signed by the officers, and published in all the Democratic papers of the county. Adjourned. WM. H. KASE, Pres't. ABRAHAM SHIPMAN, Sec'taries. CHARLES W. HEGINS, V.

PHILA. READING & POTTSVILLE RAIL ROAD.—This enterprising Company deserves the thanks of the community for the promptness and alacrity with which it has commenced and nearly completed the second track of its Railway from Pottsville to Philadelphia.

Not only those who feel an interest in the prosperity of the Coal Region, but indeed all who appreciate the general comfort and convenience of the citizens of the State, will be rejoiced to know that a great thoroughfare is now in course of completion, destined at no distant day, to connect the fruited valleys of the North and West Branches of the Susquehanna with the Sea Board. To our West and North Branch friends, we say it is your duty to foster and encourage this company—your merchandise should be brought, and your produce forwarded by this route. Travelling too, will be found as reasonable upon this road as on any other in the State. The officers and agents concerned in the transportation of freight and passengers, are among the most faithful, obliging and gentlemanly to be found any where. In short, it seems to us this route commends itself to the attention of the public by every consideration of justice, economy, and gratitude.—Pottsville Emporium.