

Proceedings of the Congressional Conference.

At a meeting of the Democratic Conferees of the counties of Lycoming, Northumberland, Union and Clinton, composing the 13th Congressional district, convened at the house of Theodore Wells, in the borough of Muncy, Lycoming county, on Wednesday the 11th day of September, 1844, for the purpose of nominating, in accordance with the usages of the party, a person to be recommended to the support of the Democracy of said district as a candidate for Congress.

The meeting was organized by choosing G. LEISENRING, Esq., of Northumberland county, President, and appointing Col. JAMES BENNETT, of Lycoming county, Secretary.

When it appeared that the conferees from the following named counties were in attendance and answered to their names:

Lycoming—Hon. Thomas Taggart, Col. John Bennett. Northumberland—William Wilson, Gideon Leisenring. Union—R. B. Barbour, Jonathan Wolfe.

The conferees from Clinton county not appearing, Mr. Wolfe moved,

That the conference adjourn until to-morrow (Thursday 12th) in order to give them an opportunity of being present, which motion was agreed to.

THURSDAY, Sept. 12. The conference met pursuant to adjournment. The conferees from Clinton county appeared, and presented their credentials, viz:

Clinton—J. Harlan, Allison White, Esqrs. Col. John Bennett moved that the conference do now proceed to the nomination, which was agreed to.

Col. Bennett nominated Wm. A. PETRIKIN, of Lycoming county.

Mr. White nominated Wm. DUNN, of Clinton county.

Mr. Wolfe nominated ALEXANDER JORDAN, of Northumberland. The conferees then proceeded to ballot, which resulted as follows:

1st ballot. 2nd ballot. Gen. Wm. A. Petrikin, 4 5 William Dunn, Esq., 2 1 Alexander Jordan, Esq., 2 2

It appearing that Gen. Wm. A. PETRIKIN received a majority of all the votes of the conferees, he was declared duly nominated as the candidate of the Democratic party for Congress, for this district. Col. Bennett presented a letter of Gen. Petrikin in reply to one addressed to him by a number of citizens of Lycoming county, and asked permission to read it to the conference, which was agreed to.

The letter and correspondence being read. On motion of Mr. Wolfe, it was ordered that the same be published with the proceedings of this meeting.

Mr. Wilson presented and read the following resolutions and moved that they be adopted, viz:

Resolved, Unanimously, that Gen. Wm. A. PETRIKIN, the nominee of Lycoming county, is the Democratic candidate for Congress, in the 13th Congressional District, and we individually and collectively pledge ourselves to support the nominee, and that we will use all fair and honorable means to secure his election.

Resolved, That we place implicit confidence in the patriotism and capacity of Col. JAMES K. POLK, of Tennessee, and GEORGE M. DALLAS, of Pennsylvania, the nominees of the Democratic party for President and Vice President, and that we will give them our undivided support at the ensuing election in November.

Resolved, That we approve of the selection of FRANCIS R. SHUNK, as the candidate of the Democratic party for Governor, and we had his nomination as an earnest of certain victory.

Resolved, That we can and we will elect our whole ticket in the 13th District by a triumphant majority at the ensuing election; which resolutions were each unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wolfe, Resolved, That the conferees of the 13th Congressional District meet hereafter at this place, on the 2nd Wednesday of September.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the officers and published in all the Democratic papers of the district.

GIDEON LEISENRING, Pres't JOHN BENNETT, Sec'y

[We annex the correspondence above referred to.] WILLIAMSPORT, Sept. 4, 1844.

GEN. Wm. A. PETRIKIN—Dear Sir—The Democratic County Convention of Delegates, from the several townships in Lycoming county, having recommended you for nomination as the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 13th Congressional District, and it being generally conceded that Lycoming county is entitled to the candidate, we as members of the Democratic party and your fellow citizens, take the liberty of propounding to you the following interrogatories:

"Are you in favor of a tariff for revenue and protection to home products and manufactures?" "Are you opposed to the charter of a United States Bank?"

An early answer is respectfully requested. We remain, with great respect Yours, &c.

J. A. GAMALE H. A. KERR, JAMES LOWDEN, O. WATSON, JACOB RODEARMILL, T. B. TORBETT, A. H. M'HENRY, JOHN BENNETT, THOMAS TAGGART.

Muncy, Sept. 11th, 1844.

GENTLEMEN—Your favor of 4th inst., informing me that I have been recommended by my democratic fellow-citizens, through their delegates assembled in Convention, as their candidate for Congress in the 13th Congressional district, and propounding to me certain interrogatories, is before me.

I feel thankful to you, gentlemen, for thus affording me an opportunity to express my grateful sense of the very high honor conferred upon me, by this flattering testimony of the esteem and confidence of the democracy of Lycoming county, in selecting me as their candidate, and particularly at this highly important crisis, when our party are buckling on their armour, to reinstate the 13th Congressional district, in its former high and honorable position which it recently lost, by the accidental ascendancy of the Federal Whig party.

To your first question, viz:—"Are you in favor of a Tariff for revenue and protection to home products and manufactures?"—I promptly and frankly answer in the affirmative. I am now and ever have been in favor of a Tariff sufficient to raise revenue to meet the necessary expenses of the Government, economically administered, and at the same time affording protection to the great leading interests of the country, to the farmer, mechanic, merchant and laboring man, as well as the manufacturer; and although some have thought that the Tariff of 1812 may be advantageously modified in some of its details, yet, upon mature reflection, inasmuch as it is found upon trial to be highly beneficial to the interests of my native State, I have no difficulty in coming to the conclusion that it ought not be disturbed. I am therefore opposed to its repeal and if I shall be honored by my fellow citizens of the 13th Congressional district, in being elected to represent them on the floor of Congress, I shall ever be found sustaining the interests of Pennsylvania and our common country to the best of my abilities.

In regard to your last interrogatory:—"Are you opposed to the charter of a United States Bank?" I can say that I ever have been, am now and ever will be. My opinions on that subject were formed in my youth; were in fact part of my education; have grown with my growth, and strengthened as I advanced in years and experience, and it is the settled conviction of my mind that a bank chartered by or in any way connected with the general government, either in the shape of Clay's Bank, with a 50 million capital, his great fiscal or Tyler's exchequer, is unconstitutional—dangerous to the liberties of the people and destructive of the best interests of our country.

During the bitter and vindictive war waged by the cohorts of the old rotten and corrupt Bank with Biddle at their head, aided by Webster, Clay, Frelinghuysen and other of its stipendiaries in Congress and throughout the Union, against that great, good and incorruptible statesman Andrew Jackson, when many a democrat quailed and many a heart waxed faint, I adhered still more closely to the democratic cause, and with all my feeble energies I sustained the administration of that distinguished and revered hero and patriot, and the principles he contended for and carried out.

I am very respectfully Your obedient serv't, WM. A. PETRIKIN. To J. A. Gamble, H. A. Kerr, James Lowden, O. Watson, Jacob Rodearmell, J. B. Torbett, A. H. M'Henry, John Bennett, and Thomas Taggart.

NEW YORK AWARD.—There were eight meetings of the Democracy at New York on Monday evening. Mr. George Bancroft, Mr. Robert Tyler, Mr. Farnum and others made addresses. The True Sun (neutral) says:—"The meeting at Tammany Hall last night, and its branches in the open air, formed collectively one of the largest popular gatherings we have ever seen in the city of New York." The Herald says:—"The meeting, or rather the meetings, of the locofocos of this city, last evening, indicate the existence of a degree of enthusiasm and unanimity in that party, such as none of its leaders dreamed of a few weeks ago. In numbers, enthusiasm and unanimity, these great popular gatherings have never been surpassed in this city, or probably in any section of the Union, during any of the contests which have heretofore agitated the country."

IMPORTANT FROM TEXAS.—The schr. "Star," from Galveston, arrived at New Orleans on the 7th inst., bringing news of the death of the Hon. Tighman A. Howard, U. S. Minister to Texas, who died at Washington on the 10th ult. Gen. Howard numbers the fourth American Minister who has found a grave in that republic. It is but a few weeks since we recorded the deaths of Gen. Murphy, the American Charge, and A. M. Green, Esq., U. S. Consul, within a few days of each other.—It pains us to learn also of the death of Commander J. T. K. Lathrop, of the Texas Navy. He died at Washington on the 14th ult. of bilious fever. He was a native of Massachusetts.

Commodore Moore's trial was progressing, as was also the canvass for the Presidency. In the "Star" came Mr. E. O. Carr, with despatches for the U. S. Government, and for the British and French Ministers at Washington city. The despatches are supposed to refer to the invasion of Texas. Gen. Well, with some 10,000 of the advance detachment of the Mexican army, has, it is said, arrived on the banks of the Rio Grande. This is indeed deeply interesting intelligence, and may be supposed to have created great excitement in Texas. The despatches were immediately sent to Washington, by the Collector at New Orleans, Mr. Barrett. Since the above was in type we have received the appointment of Major Donaldson, the Private Secretary of Gen. Jackson, as Charge d'Affaires to Texas, in the place of the Hon. Mr. Howard, deceased.

The news above, brought by Mr. Carr, in relation to the inva-sion of Texas, is said to be a false report.

EXCESSIVELY PENNY.—The Boston Courier is disposed to ascribe the defeat of its party in Maine to the falling off in the Millerite votes. It says the Millerites are Whigs, but thinking the world would come to an end in the course of a few months, they did not think it worth while to vote for somebody to legislate for the country after the world is burned up!



Democratic Nominations.

FOR PRESIDENT, JAMES K. POLK, OF TENNESSEE. FOR VICE PRESIDENT, GEO. M. DALLAS, OF PENNSYLVANIA. FOR GOVERNOR, Francis R. Shunk.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER, Joshua Wartschorn. FOR CONGRESS, GEN. WM. A. PETRIKIN.

COUNTY TICKET. FOR ASSEMBLY, EDWARD Y. BRIGHT.

FOR COMMISSIONER, DAVID MARTZ. FOR AUDITOR, THOMAS STRINE.

ELECTORS, For President and Vice President of the U. States WILSON MCANDLESS, Senatorial. ASA DIMOCK.

- REPRESENTATIVE. 1. GEN. F. LEHMAN, 13. GEORGE SCHWABE, 2. CHRISTIAN KNEASS, 14. NATH'L. B. ELLERD, 3. WILLIAM H. SMITH, 15. M. N. IRVINE, 4. JOHN HILL, (Phila.) 16. JAMES WOODBURN, 5. SAMUEL E. LEECH, 17. HUGH MONTGOMERY, 6. SAMUEL CAMP, 18. ISAAC ANNETT, 7. JESSE SHARPE, 19. JOHN MATTHEWS, 8. N. W. SAMPLE, 20. WM. PATTERSON, 9. WM. HEIDENREICH, 21. ANDREW BEEBE, 10. CONRAD SHIMMEL, 22. JOHN M'GILL, 11. STEPHEN BABBY, 23. CHRISTIAN MYERS, 12. JONAS BREWSTER, 24. ROBERT OER.

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A letter of Gen. Wm. A. PETRIKIN will be found in the proceedings of the conference, published in another column of this paper. The General speaks to the point on the United States Bank.

WHO CAN BEAT IT?—A Tomato was presented us on Tuesday last, by Mr. James Husted, of this borough, which was raised in his garden, weighing 36 ounces. It can be seen in this office.

We were also shown a Peach, a few days since, from the garden of Mr. J. Zimmerman, of this place, which weighed 9 1/2 ounces.

HON. JAMES BUCHANAN.—This gentleman visited our borough on Monday last, as the guest of his old friend, Mr. Lewis Dewart. He was waited upon and cordially greeted by many of our citizens.

LITTLE'S LIVING AGE.—This valuable periodical, of September 7th, is before us. It is a periodical that every person should possess. This number, like all those that have preceded it, abound with the choicest matter of the Age. Published in Boston, 112 1/2 Washington Street. Price, 12 cts. a number.

A COON ON HIS BACK.—As the thousands of Democrats were passing up the canal, to the Great Mass Meeting at Milton, on the 14th inst., a coon was observed lying at full length on his back. The Maine election was, undoubtedly, a "coon killer."

ONE-FELLOWSHIP.—On Friday evening, 13th inst., we had the pleasure of listening to a very interesting lecture on this subject, by the Rev. Wm. T. Eames. The lecture was delivered in the Court House, in this place, to a large audience of ladies and gentlemen; and from the attention that was paid to the remarks of the talented orator, and the commendation bestowed upon him after the lecture was over, we have no doubt that all were highly gratified and pleased with them. The subject was new to a great many, some having never heard that such a society was in existence, and few being aware of the benefit such an institution is to the persons belonging to the society. The lecturer treated the subject in a very masterly and eloquent manner, and proved clearly to his audience the benefits arising from mutual relief societies, if properly conducted. Mr. Barnes, in the course of his remarks, stated that he had frequently been asked "why not admit the ladies to membership?" He very justly remarked that ladies were Odd-fellows already, because they were always engaged in works of benevolence and charity, in soothing the couch of pain, and in administering to the wants of the afflicted.

Are you Assessed.

From to-day, but 16 days intervene to the election; if you are not assessed before the 28th inst. you cannot vote. Again we say, are you assessed? Let every Democrat look to this, and let those who are assessed look around them to see that there are none of their friends who have neglected this important requisite. At the approaching election we wish to secure every Democratic vote. "A fair field and a fair fight," and the victory is ours!

GRAND RALLY OF THE DEMOCRACY OF THE 13th DISTRICT, at Milton, 6,000

DEMOCRATS ASSEMBLED IN COUNCIL. Last Saturday was a glorious day among the unconquerable Democrats of this district, a sure presage of the great victory which will crown our exertions on the second Tuesday of October next, and an auspicious harbinger of a still more glorious victory on the 10th of November, over the medly array of coons.

The Borough of Milton presented no unusual spectacle as late as ten o'clock of that day, and the coons began in their usual braggadocio style, to cry failure! a complete failure! but the democratic masses soon began to come in by thousands, and the poor coons disappointed, mortified and dismayed, fled to their cooneries thoroughly convinced that the 13th district would be redeemed from the yoke of modern whiggery. The hardy yeomanry arrived in such masses that it is impossible for us to describe in detail the different clubs and processions as they marched in; for they came on horse-back and on foot, in wagons and by boat loads, with their banners raised aloft, their flags flung to the breeze, and their hands pealing forth the soul-stirring airs of '76 and '78. Our readers may form some idea of the enthusiasm which pervades the Democracy, from the fact that one single procession from Lycoming, numbered three hundred and sixty-five wagons and 1200 hardy democrats. The Democracy of Anti-masonic, Bank-ridden Union were represented by hundreds; the "Star of the North" was there with her unfeigned democracy, and our own gallant little county poured forth her masses of Democratic Yeomanry. By 12 o'clock the town was literally filled with people, so that it was almost impossible to make one's way through the streets. At 1 o'clock, Gen. Green, the Chief Marshal, attempted to form the procession, for the purpose of proceeding to the island where a stand had been erected for the speakers, but the dust was so annoying that not more than two-thirds of those in attendance could be prevailed upon to enter the procession. The persons in procession was counted as they crossed the bridge to the island, and their number was four thousand seven hundred and sixty-three.

The meeting was organized by calling GEN. ROBERT FLEMING to preside, assisted by a number of Vice Presidents and Secretaries. Gen. Fleming made a few eloquent and pertinent remarks upon taking the chair, and concluded by introducing to the people the HON. JAMES BUCHANAN, whose appearance was greeted with shouts that seemed to shake the very earth.

"Our own Buchanan" addressed the assembled multitude in a speech which enchained the attention of the vast assemblage for several hours. Every eye throughout the mighty concourse was intently fixed upon the eloquent speaker, and every ear hung upon his convincing argument—his thrilling appeals. We will venture to say, that no Democrat left that ground without clearer views of the great political questions that now divide the country—the mighty consequences involved—and a firmer conviction of the truth of his principles, and an abiding confidence in their ultimate triumph. We wish that it was in our power to give our readers even a sketch of this speech, but it is not.

The meeting was also eloquently addressed by the Hon. Ellis Lewis and John W. Forney, Esq., of Lancaster. The speeches of both these gentlemen were very effective and commanded great attention. About 600 ladies from Danville, Northumberland and the surrounding country were in attendance, and presented a splendid array of youth and beauty. Their smiles cheered on the young democracy in the well tried path of their democratic ancestors. The ladies from Northumberland carried a banner representing THOMAS W. DORR in his cell, with his manacled hands raised to Heaven, asking for mercy for his cruel and aristocratic tyrants.

This meeting was emphatically THE MASS MEETING of the campaign, out-numbering by many thousands all the meetings held in this quarter, either by the whigs or democrats. It has stricken the coons with dismay, and filled the bosom of every democrat with enthusiastic confidence in the success of our candidates by a triumphant majority.

Gen. Wm. A. Petrikin.

Our readers will see, by the proceedings of the Congressional Conferees, that Gen. Wm. A. Petrikin, of Lycoming, has been nominated as the Democratic candidate for Congress, in this district. This gentleman is well qualified in every respect to represent us with honor and ability. He was born and bred a democrat of the Jeffersonian school, he has labored long and earnestly for the cause of Democracy, and is richly entitled to the support of every true democrat. His moral character is unblemished—not a word has ever been breathed against it. His letter, published with the proceedings of the Conferees, must satisfy the most ardent friend of the Tariff that his views upon that subject are sound and correct. He avows himself in favor of the protection of home industry, and unequivocally opposed to disturbing the Tariff of 1842. He is then the Tariff candidate of the Democracy, and will be elected by an overwhelming majority.

UNION COUNTY.—The Democracy of this county are aroused, and determined to give the coons a warm contest. The whig majority will be greatly reduced at the coming election. Meetings were held at New Berlin on Monday and Tuesday evenings last, which were ably addressed by A. Jordan, W. L. Dewart and C. W. Hegin, Esqrs.

On Wednesday a very large county meeting was held, far out-numbering the coon meeting of the day previous, and eloquent speeches were by Gen. Wm. F. Packer in the English and E. W. Hutter, Esq., in the German languages. These gentlemen gave the coons such a skinning as they will long remember.

VICTORY! One Thousand Cheers for MAINE!

The returns from this gallant little State indicate a much greater Democratic triumph than we had any reason to anticipate. Never has Whiggery sustained such a defeat, or Democracy gained a more BRILLIANT VICTORY!

We extract the following returns from the Augusta (Maine) Gazette of last Saturday: Anderson, (Dem.) 50 far as heard from, 47,122; Robinson, (Whig,) 37,406. Present Democratic majority, 9,416. In 1840, Fairfield, (Dem.) 44,047; Kent, (Whig,) 44,615.

There are 31 towns and some plantations to be heard from, which in 1840 gave a Democratic majority of 601. Allowing no further gains, the Democratic majority in the state will be 10,017, and the Democratic gain, compared with 1840, 10,418.

The Democrats have carried 5 members of Congress, the Coons 1. In the strongest democratic district in the state there is no choice, the Democrats having run two candidates. The next trial will elect another democrat, making the delegation stand—Democrats 6, Coons 1. Senators elected—28 Democrats, 3 Coons. The House of Representatives will probably stand, Democrats 101, Coons 49—when all the vacancies are filled.

POPULAR VOTE OF INDIANA.—The New York Journal of Commerce, (whig paper), recently gave a statement of the popular vote in the counties of Indiana, except eight, showing a democratic majority of 721. Add the majority in the eight counties, 1069, and the majority in the State is 1,790. Harrison's majority in 1840, 13,108. Democratic gain, 14,898!

POPULAR VOTE OF ILLINOIS, as indicated by the congressional elections: Dem., 51,758, Whig, 56,803. Democratic majority, 11,775. Van Buren's majority in 1840, 1,039. Democratic gain, 12,836!

THE NEXT STATE ELECTION.—The next State that will vote will be Maryland, on the second of next month. Then follows soon after Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio and Georgia.

In speaking of EDWARD Y. BRIGHT, our Democratic candidate for the Legislature, the Pottsville Emporium says:—"Our democratic friends have nominated their late able and faithful representative. This is right—no member at Harrisburg, last winter, stood higher in the estimation of the public for probity, integrity and industry, than Mr. Bright."

The New York Express says, that Captain Stockton offers the following bets, to wit: \$10,000 that Polk and Dallas will be elected, \$10,000 on each of the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and New Jersey, making \$50,000; all to be taken together.

The following is an extract of an address, delivered by GEN. SIMON CAMERON, on being called to preside at the Democratic Mass Meeting, held at Harrisburg, on the 21st inst.:

"But it may be more appropriate now to speak of the living. The broken unanimity with which FRANCIS R. SHUNK has been made our leader, is at once an evidence of his great worth, and of the strength and harmony of the Democratic party. No other party could thus, in the heat of the conflict, the battle more than half fought, have suddenly selected a new leader, and placed him at the head of the mighty host without experiencing the best confusion or disorder. Mr. Shunk has been tried in many stations, and found faithful in all. During the last war he was content to serve as an humble private in the ranks—a grateful people will now, by acclamation, make him the Commander in Chief! He owes nothing to family or fortune. The son of a poor man, he had not, in early life, the advantages of collegiate training. His journey up the hill of science was arduous and painful—but by persevering industry, coupled with good sense and sound principles, he has reached the summit. For such a leader no man can refuse to do the battle. The old will rally round the standard, and turning to the young will incite them to emulate his example. The unanimity with which ALL now come to the rescue, is a beautiful commentary on the efficiency of free government. It is proof that here 'all men are free and equal,' and that the road to distinction is open to him whose only inheritance is a sound head and an honest heart. Stimulated by such a noble exhibition of the character of our free institutions, we shall emerge from the October and November struggles, as in times of old, with the Democratic banner streaming in VICTORY!"

JUSTICE TO FRANCIS R. SHUNK.—The following resolution was passed unanimously at a Native American meeting, Philadelphia, for New Market, Cedar, Locust and Pine Wards, held on Saturday evening last:

Resolved, That the Native American party neither recognize nor endorse as true, the charges brought against the Democratic candidate for Governor, in relation to an alleged speech made by him in Pittsburg, as published; that we desire every American Republican to vote for such candidate for Governor and President as he pleases; we as a party endorse no slander against any man.

Will the whigs now retract their slanders against Mr. Shunk? They were published to secure the Native vote, but the bait did not take, it seems.

The Democrats of Unity township, Westmoreland county, the home of Markle, recently held an immense public meeting, and unanimously passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the friends of Gen. Markle ask the people to vote for him on the ground of principles, we cannot sustain him, because he is in favor of a National Bank, of an assumption of the State Debts and of the various measures that characterized the old Federal, and new mark the modern whig party. The friends of Markle must not be offended if we take them at their own word, and again condemn his principles, as we once did, by a majority of 2,500 in Westmoreland.

NOTE THE PROPERTY.—On the 22nd of October, 1841, the Pittsburg Gazette, a rabid coon paper, made the following prophecy. It will be verified to the letter: "Henry Clay can never be President of these United States, and it is useless for the whig party to throw away their votes in the attempt."

Letters from Mr. Shunk. The Slanders Nailed.

The following letter from the Democratic candidate for Governor, will be read with interest. It puts to rest a vile, infamous fabrication, which the whigs, with their usual industry in propagating falsehood, have been retailing through their Journals and stump speakers. Is it not disgraceful that a great party, claiming to possess so much of the "talent and respectability" of the country, should be found willing to make use of such detestable trickery and falsehood, for the purpose of incalculating their opinions, and forcing their incompetent men upon the public? They never say one word in relation to their own candidate. His lamentable incompetency is too notorious for even federal assurance to deny. They spend their energies, therefore, in inventing slanders against the Democratic candidate; which would be hateful, did their flimsiness not sink them into contempt.

It is true, that after the 4th of March Convention had nominated Mr. MOULLENBERG, the Clay presses, with one accord, were lavish in praise of Mr. Shunk, lauded his unexceptionable character, and expressed a great deal of tender sympathy for him. "Had honest Frank Shunk received the nomination, we confess our chance of electing Markle would have been but slim," was echoed from every whig mouth in the State. But since a Providential Dispensation has made Mr. Shunk the candidate of the Democratic party, they have assumed a different tone, entirely, and do not hesitate to charge upon him every species of high crime and misdemeanor. Oh! Whiggery, Whiggery, if we had no other name by which to know thee, we would call thee rank hypocrisy.

It will be seen that Mr. S. confronts his accusers with a broad and unqualified denial. What now becomes of his petty slanders and falsifiers! They will go on, toying and fretting, until they wind themselves up in the filaments of their own disgrace, for it is but an act of justice to the impotency of their calumnies, to state, that even now, when their paroxysm is at its zenith, no one apprehends the least evil to the State:

"PITTSBURG, August 24, 1844. DEAR SIR:—The publication in the Harrisburg Telegraph, of the 14th inst., says, as you observe, require some notice. It is an extract from the Pittsburg American, and purports to be the substance of a speech made by me at a Democratic Mass Meeting, held at Broadhurst's, in this city, on the evening of the 31st instant. THE SPEECH ASCRIBED TO ME IS ENTIRELY A WORK OF FANCY. I DID NOT UTTER A SINGLE SENTIMENT IT CONTAINS, AND IT DOES NOT CONTAIN A SINGLE SENTIMENT I UTTERED."

Being called upon, on that evening, to speak to my German fellow-citizens in their native tongue, I made a short address to them, in which I alluded to the causes which tore them from the homes of their youth, and the graves of their ancestors—from the pleasant Fatherland upon the Rhine—and induced them to come to this land of freedom, where the power of government is vested, not in Emperors and Kings, but in the sovereign people. I also alluded to the questions which at the next election for President are to be decided, and without entering upon a consideration of the details, I urged them, in common with all good citizens, to examine these questions with that care which their importance demanded, in order that their decisions might be made with a view to the preservation of our free institutions, and keeping sacred, in the hands of the people, the control of the government. Ich habe sic crudit, die gleichen Nothe für Wenigheit zu vertheilgen. I said not a word, and did not allude, directly or indirectly, to religious disputes, or sects, or to the movements of the Native American party. I appeal, with the utmost confidence, to every man who was present, of whatever party or politics he may be, who heard and understood what I did say, for the truth of the statement here made. In this city, where the facts are known, the publication alluded to, is understood and known to be a fabrication, and has no effect, but abroad it may be believed. I have lately seen a version of it in a German paper, published at Lebanon.—Hence I am troubling you with the statement.—Use it as you think best.

In haste, I am, Yours respectfully, FRANCIS R. SHUNK."

*I urged them, to vindicate the Equal Rights of mankind.

The following letter was addressed, by Mr. Shunk, to the editors of the Pittsburg Daily, for publication, refuting the base slanders published in the whig paper of that city, concerning his hostility to the Bible. It gives them the direct lie. What will these honest worthies invent next!

"PITTSBURG, Sept. 12, 1844. To the Editors of the Daily: Gentlemen,—The opposition papers are crowding accusations against me. The Pittsburg Gazette now says that I am hostile to the use of the Bible in Common Schools, and the conclusion the editor draws, is I am told, for I have not seen his sheet, that I am an enemy to the Bible itself.

The truth is, that I am friendly to the use of the Bible in our Common Schools, and among my first acts, after I was elected a School Director in Harrisburg, in 1837 or 1838, I proposed that the Bible should be read in the Schools of our Ward, which was agreed to by the Board. I do not know whether a record of this proceeding was kept, but I am certain that Dr. Fager, the Secretary, and the other members of the Board who were present, remember it.

In conversation, I have no doubt said, because it is my opinion, that in Schools where the parents of the children differ with regard to the use of the Bible as a School book, it is well, rather than make that holy book an occasion of unholy strife, not to insist upon its use for this purpose. For the religious education of children belongs to their parents and their Sabbath School instructors, and is not in common entrusted to the Schoolmasters whose scholars generally belong to various denominations. There are many good men who conscientiously believe that it is improper to use the Bible for the purpose of teaching children to read, because, it may be calculated to lessen their reverence for