

BY C. ASHCROFT.

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Freeman, arise! if still one drop of patriot blood flows in your veins, if still one spark of Freedom's fire...

Alas, for Freedom! if her sons must linger in a felon's cell, for daring to assert the rights...

How would each traitor's spirit grieve? How would each coward's eye grow dim? If, echoing on the sudden gale...

Is this the noble Dorra's reward? Is this the guerdon for the free? Long years of weary, silent toil—

Her noblest sons must thus be torn, Soon shall the last despairing cry Of Freedom on the winds be borne...

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THE COTTON CROP.—Immense Destruction.—The Opelousas Gazette of the 4th inst. says—"The caterpillars have at length made their appearance in our neighborhood...



THE AMERICAN. Saturday, Sept. 28, 1844.

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 Warshorn. 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 McCANDLESS, Senatorial. ANA DIMOCK.

REPRESENTATIVE. 1. GEO. F. LEHMAN, 13. GEORGE SCHMIDT, 2. CHRISTIAN KNEASS, 14. NATH'L. B. ELLIOTT, 3. WILLIAM H. SWETT, 15. M. N. IRVINE, 4. JOHN HILL, (Phila.) 16. JAMES WOODBURY, 5. SAMUEL E. LEECH, 17. HUGH MONTGOMERY, 6. SAMUEL CAMP, 18. ISAAC ANKENY, 7. JESSE SWARTZ, 19. JOHN MATTHEWS, 8. N. W. SAMPLE, 20. WM. PATTERSON, 9. WM. HEIDENREICH, 21. ANDREW BURKE, 10. CONRAD SHINER, 22. JOHN M'GILL, 11. STEPHEN BALDY, 23. CHRISTIAN MYERS, 12. JOSAB BREWSTER, 24. ROBERT ORR.

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Francis R. Shunk and the Bible. Our readers are aware of the slanders urged against Mr. Shunk, charging him as being opposed to the Bible.

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E. Y. Bright, Esq. Mr. Bright having received the nomination of the Convention, and as no organized opposition is brought out against him...

Let it be Remembered. Democrats of Northumberland, remember that there is a United States Senator to be elected next winter by the Legislatures of this State.

Character of Col. Polk. At a whig mass meeting near Wellsville, Ohio, Col. John A. Rogers, a distinguished and talented speaker from Tennessee, was present by invitation...

CLAY AND THE BANK.—At the Extra Session in 1841, Mr. Clay introduced a bill to re-charter a United States Bank, accompanied by a report, from which the following is an extract.

MR. CLAY ADVOCATES THAT THE BANK IS THE GREAT ISSUE.—In his speech on Mr. Tyler's veto, at the Extra Session, he said:—"I came to Washington, at the commencement of the session, with the most confident and buoyant hopes that the whigs would be able to carry all their prominent measures, and especially a BANK OF THE UNITED STATES, by far that one of THE GREATEST IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE."

MR. CLAY'S OPINION OF THE EFFECT OF DUTIES ON PRICES.—If there is any truth in political economy, it cannot be that the result would agree with the prediction; for we are instructed by all experience, that the consumption of any article is in proportion to the reduction of its price, and that in general it may be taken as a rule, that the duty upon an article forms a portion of its price.

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RESULT OF THE MAINE ELECTION.

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The Slanderers of Mr. Shunk.—The Pittsburg Gazette.

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