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FOR PRESIDENT.

HON. JAMES BUCHANAN.

The Editor is absent, having been suddenly called away on official business, which will account for any deficiencies in this paper.

Speeches at the State Convention.

There were a number of able and eloquent speeches delivered at the recent State Convention. We have only room this week to make extracts from one of them.

FROM MR. REILLY'S, OF FRANKLIN CO.

Where then shall we find another equally worthy and capable to be the standard-bearer of the Democratic party. I have thought anxiously of the many capable men we have in all the States. I have studied with some care, the private character and public acts of those, who it is thought, will be most prominent before the National Convention at Cincinnati. I have endeavored, and with the best wishes of my heart, to be right to discard all prejudices, not to be narrow minded or selfish in my choice; and I say here on my conscience, and with a due respect to all others, that there is no man now living, with one or two exceptions, who, in all the qualifications necessary to make a successful candidate, and after success has been attained, a safe, judicious, and patriotic President, is comparable with James Buchanan.

In every emergency he has been found ready, willing and able to defend the right, and to expose and defeat the wrong. In the most important political body of this nation, at a time when the Senate of the United States had more really and truly great men in it, than at any other period of our history, and perhaps more really great men than ever appeared in any political body of the same size, James Buchanan, "Pennsylvania's favorite son" stood among them the acknowledged equal of the mightiest of them all. When Massachusetts, South Carolina, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, and other States, were represented by great giants, James Buchanan grappled with the strongest and came out of every conflict with honor to Pennsylvania and to himself. (Applause.)

In later years, sir, when called to discharge the duties of the highest office, save one, in the United States, at a period when it was necessary, not only to battle with, but to overthrow a mighty party, mighty in intellect and numbers, and not only to overthrow a party of our own countrymen, but to raise men and means to chastise an insistent foreigner, who but James Buchanan stood side by side with the then patriotic President of the United States, battling for the honor and glory of his country? (Applause.) At a later period still, when our present excellent and able President, and his excellent and able Cabinet, found it necessary to be represented at the proudest Court of the most arrogant and exacting Nation on the face of the globe, who, but Pennsylvania's favorite son, was thought most fit to represent the American people there, and who even now, when that proud Court and arrogant Nation have broken their treaty, and put forth pretensions at once absurd and impudent, who is it, but Pennsylvania's favorite son, grapples with the old lion of England, and dares her to assert those pretensions in a contest with Young America? (Great applause.)

Why then, Mr. President, shall any man oppose the nomination of James Buchanan? Shall any man who has an American heart, attempt to defeat the voice of the people in electing James Buchanan? I say there is not a man in the country that ought to oppose it. He has defended the rights of American citizens here and elsewhere, and everywhere, Pennsylvanians ought not to oppose him. Pennsylvania demands his nomination and election as a right, and the nation is moving to do her justice. I say to that man who would attempt to defeat the will of the people, beware, for a nation's frown is sure and certain death to him on whom it falls. As Pennsylvanians we have a right to have some State pride about this matter, but permit me to feel a little prouder still than almost any man on the floor, when I think and speak of James Buchanan as a son of my native county. Long before I became personally acquainted with him, although acquainted with his history, I passed by the humble spot on which he was born, and standing upon one of the little mountain ridges above it, looked down upon the little stony batters where once stood his father's dwelling, until the pulsations of my heart quicker and louder, and there standing, I pronounced, first in soft, then in louder tones, the name of Pennsylvania's favorite son, until the little dell and mountains around echoed and reechoed the name of James Buchanan. In conclusion, I pledge all I have, all the talent and all the energy of soul and body, to the election of James Buchanan.

The above eloquent remarks will be more appreciated, when it is known by our readers that Mr. Reilly was in 1848 and 1852 the zealous, devoted friend of Gen. Cass, and labored hard to promote his nomination and election to the Presidency.

Presidential Items.

LOUISIANA FOR BUCHANAN.—A telegraphic dispatch from New Orleans to Washington, announces that Mr. Buchanan has carried the State.—Mr. Soule heading the Delegation to the Cincinnati Convention.

The Democracy of Pike county, Missouri, at their meeting on the 31st inst., for the purpose of appointing delegates to their State Convention on the 31st Monday in April, unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That whilst the Democratic party can point to many statesmen in its ranks endowed with talents, which would adorn the Presidential office, we believe that its success, and the best interests of the country will be most surely promoted, by conferring the nomination for the office of President, on a citizen of one of the great Middle States of the Union—a Statesman long tried, and fully tested, alike distinguished in Cabinet Council and Senate Chamber—ever ready and able to defend and maintain the dignity of his country, and the right of her citizens, whether at the courts of Kings, or in the councils of the American Statesman—James Buchanan of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That our representatives in the approaching State Convention be and they are hereby requested to pursue such a line of action, as will tend to secure the nomination of that distinguished Statesman.

The increased vote at Chicago over that of 1855, was 29,121.

A Slander on the Illustrious Dead.

The Know Nothing candidate for Vice President is reported, to have stated, in a public speech, that the Old Hero, whose name he unworthily bears, if he were now living, would give aid and countenance to the dark lantern party; and, taking their cue from the wicked slander, the whole tribe of Know Nothing editors are busily engaged in this work of defamation of the glorious old Patriot.

We hardly supposed, that those Know Nothings would have dared to allude to the illustrious Jackson. They ought to have been struck dumb at the mention of his name. Jackson, whose father and mother were both Irish; whose two brothers were born on the other side of the ocean, and when, but headless boys, fell fighting in defence of their adopted country—Jackson, who, like all brave and honest men, hated oppression and tyranny in every shape—he sanctioning a policy which would degrade his fellow-men on account of their religion or birth—trampling upon the poor, friendless immigrant who came hither, as his own father and mother and brothers came, to seek for freedom where alone in the wide world it could be found. Jackson a Know Nothing! Think of the lion-hearted hero; the man of iron nerve and inflexible will; who openly assumed every responsibility; who uttered whatever he thought, and cared not for the consequences; who feared no being but his God—think of him stalking like a guilty thing towards some secret haunt at the dead hour of night with a dark lantern in his hand; furtively glancing round on every side to see that he was not detected, and then, with hurried hand lifting the latch and entering among a crowd of men, each bound like a bandit under oath, not to betray his neighbor! Let us picture to ourselves this illustrious man standing in the centre of a group with one hand on the Bible and the other on his breast, while some Buntinite bids him swear, that he will obey their behest "in all things political or social" under the penalty of having his name posted and circulated as a perjurer and traitor to God and his country, as being unfit to be employed, entrusted, countenanced, or supported in any business transaction, as a person totally unworthy the confidence of all good men, and as one at whom the finger of scorn should ever be pointed. Bold indeed would be the man who dared to make such a proposition to Old Hickory, if he were now living; and he would probably find considerable difficulty in effecting an insurance on his ears after having announced his intention to do so.—Lancaster Intelligencer.

From the Southern Advocate.

LASSOED.

The Know Nothing platform, in its 13th article, draws up a bill of indictment against "the reckless and unwise policy of the present administration" as "shown in granting to unnaturalized foreigners the right to suffrage in Kansas and Nebraska." This part of the Kansas act has been a standing theme for the patriotic denunciations of the know-nothing orators and papers! We may as well lasso them now as at any other time. Here is the clause in the Kansas act:

"Provided, That the right of suffrage and of holding office shall be exercised only by citizens of the United States above the age of twenty-one years, and those above that age who shall have declared on oath their intention to become such and shall have taken an oath to support the constitution of the United States and the provisions of this act."

Now, this clause is copied letter for letter, comma for comma, word for word, from the act of Congress establishing the Territory of Washington, approved March 3d 1853, by Millard Fillmore. Then Mr. F. was in favor of letting "unnaturalized foreigners" vote: in their whigs and democrats were so also, for the bill excited no opposition, and was passed as a matter of course. In condemning the Kansas act for this clause the Know-Nothing claim, at the same time, passed sentence on Mr. Fillmore.

Curious Suit for Damages.—The New Orleans, La., Crescent says that Mlle. Maria Susanna, a white maiden lady, in the 39th year, and a Creole, has instituted a suit claiming heavy damages of one Matthieu Richete, for depriving her of her proper position in society, by industriously circulating reports that she is of colored extraction. The defendant is father of the lady. Mlle. Marie was placed in a colored family in her infancy, and until she at her majority believed she actually was of African extraction.—Public Ledger.

To the Editors of the New Orleans Crescent:—Gents: The above dispute may be decided in a few minutes by a good microscopist. Let a transverse section of the pile of the head of the lady be submitted to the microscope, and if she is of pure white origin, the filaments will be found to be all oval or ovoidal; if she has any mixture of the African blood, some of them will be found to be eccentrically elliptical. The talented Prof. Riddell, of the University of New Orleans, is a proper person to perform the experiment. P. A. BROWN.

Politics Makes Strange Bedfellows.—In the year 1851 A. J. Donelson was one of the editors of the Washington Union, and rated Millard Fillmore roundly for being an Abolition Whig. Now their fortunes are embarked in the same boat, and he considers him "sound on the goose question."

UNFORTUNATE MAN.—We hear of a Pennsylvania Justice of the Peace who marries as many as fifty people per week. What will he have to answer for when he dies?—N. Y. Pictor.

DIED.

On Sabbath morning, the 16th instant at Spruce Mills, in Blair county, after a lingering illness, Miss EMMA E. SPANG, aged 20 years, 8 mos. and 3 days.

The deceased was a member of the Lutheran Church, and, at the close of her earthly pilgrimage, was enabled to look back upon a life of exemplary piety. Her sufferings, though long and severe, were borne with patient resignation and child-like confidence in "Him who doth all things well."

This loved—thus died she; never more on her Shall sorrow light. She was not born. Through years of moon's the inner weight to bear, Which o'er her ears endore till they are laid By age in earth!

On Saturday, the 5th of January, at the residence of Simon S. Stuckey, in Knox County, Ill., CATHERINE, second daughter of Hugh E. and Ann Kinton, of Bedford county, Pa., aged 11 years.

POOR HOUSE ACCOUNT.

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