

Pay of Members of Congress.

The New York Tribune, of the 18th, contains an article denouncing the members of Congress who voted for the bill increasing their own compensation to \$3,000. In this instance, that paper has acted independently of party considerations, and the force of its condemnation falls on the heads of Giddings and a large number of other Black Republicans who voted for the bill. The Tribune gives the ayes and nays on the passage of the bill. From the list it appears that of the members from the slave holding States, thirty voted for the bill and forty-three voted against it. Seventy-five State members voted for the bill and fifty-five against it. The entire Massachusetts delegation voted in favor of it. The Rhode Island delegation voted for it in solid column, (two deep.) Vermont and Connecticut gave each one vote against it. In the delegations of all the New England States together, the bill had a majority in its favor of two to one. Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Virginia gave but one vote each in favor of the bill. Mr. Ritchie, of this city, voted against the bill. Mr. Purviance, who represents the 22d District, as also Mr. Covode, of Westmoreland, voted in favor of it. Upon a fair review of the vote, we have no disposition to prevent the Tribune, if we could do so, from indulging in the following strictures:—

"It was just forty years ago that the Congress of that day undertook to increase the pay of members. They put it up to barely \$1,500 a year, which is about what they now receive, on the average, at the old charge of eight dollars per day. We believe they did not make the rise retrospective, as the new act does.— Yet this \$1,500 a year demolished nearly all who were concerned in it. Henry Clay, who had not had a competitor at the polls for some time previous, barely saved himself from defeat by superhuman exertions, unrivaled ability on the stump, by appealing to his great and admitted public services, and by virtually confessing that he had done wrong, and promising to do better. Members of moderate abilities and ordinary services went down before the surge of public indignation like dry grass before a prairie fire. The new Congress hastened to repeal the Compensation Act and go back to the eight dollars per day, which did not look so insignificant to their constituents at their lonely fire-sides as to the dispensers of millions at Washington.

"But the retrospective feature of the new act is most indefensible. Every member now in Congress virtually contracted to serve through the last term for \$720. Instead of that, a majority have now voted to take to themselves \$3,000 for that service. This is not exactly stealing, but it is a very sharp kind of exacting. See if it does not howl down a good many of those engaged in it! We earnestly advise all parties not to put up members who voted for this grab in any of the close districts. It will not be safe.

"People of the United States! ask your present or prospective candidates for Congress what they think of this new Compensation Act, and try to have their answers in black and white before you vote for any of them!"

It is not long since Mr. Greeley congratulated the country on having such a glorious Congress as the present. He might have tolerated a little stealing in consideration of extra services on the Kansas question.

Col. Fremont's Financial Operations.

On Saturday the reports of the various departments in answer to Senator Bigler's resolution were sent into the Senate, and cursory examination of the facts and copies from the records therein contained justify us in announcing that their publication will develop some transactions connected with Col. Fremont's financial and military operations in California of the most astounding character. Heretofore there has been a veil of romance—a sort of charm—thrown around these transactions, whereby they have evaded public scrutiny; and while we have been of opinion that, under the glare of magnified achievements and adventures, there were covered up speculations and speculations of large and small degree, yet we confess we had no adequate conception of what seems now likely to be unfolded in the full light of day.

Heretofore we have been compelled to grope in the dark, having only isolated facts from which we might draw inferences of presumptions, and, therefore, however well grounded they might have been, still there was room for doubt. But in these reports the connecting circumstances and facts all appear, like the links in a chain. They follow each other, and bring the mind irresistibly to a conclusion fatal to Fremont.

P. S. My friends of the American party insisted on putting me as Chairman of their county committee, and as such I have been endeavoring to do something to bring about the defeat of *Levo Focism*. I am not altogether sure that you act cordially with the American party, but, not being very well acquainted in your township, I have ventured to put you on the above named committee, believing one thing at least to be certain, and that is that you cannot support the Cincinnati platform, or any one who stands upon it. Your compliance with the request of the above circular, I should consider as both a political and personal favor. Hoping it may suit both your notions of duty and propriety, I remain most respectfully yours, &c.

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Bedford, June 7, 1856.

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THE BEDFORD GAZETTE.

Bedford, August 29, 1856.

G. W. Bowman, Editor and Proprietor.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE!!!

"The Union of Jakes—the Union of lands,  
The Union of States none can sever;  
The Union of hearts, and the Union of hands,  
And the flag of our Union forever!"

FOR PRESIDENT,  
HON. JAMES BUCHANAN,  
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,  
HON. JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,  
OF KENTUCKY.

Electors at Large.  
Charles R. Buckaley. Wilson M'Cauley.

District Electors.  
George W. Neberger. Abraham Edinger.  
Pierce Butler. Reuben Wilber.  
Edward Wartman. George A. Crawford.  
Wm. H. White. James Black.  
John McNair. Henry J. Stalle.  
John H. Britton. John D. Roddy.  
David Laury. Jacob Turney.  
Charles Kessler. J. A. J. Buchanan.  
James Patterson. William Wilkins.  
Isaac Slenker. James G. Campbell.  
Francis W. Hughes. Thomas Cunningham.  
Thomas Osterhout. John Kvatley.  
Vincent Phelps.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

Chief Commissioner,  
GEORGE SCOTT.

Auditor General,  
JACOB FRY, JR.

COL. JOHN ROWE, (of Franklin County).

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

Congress—WILSON REILLY.

Assembly—Col. WM. C. REAMER.  
Capt. G. NELSON SMITH.

District Attorney—G. H. SPANG.  
County Surveyor—SAML. KATTERMANN.

Associate Judge—A. J. SNIVELY.  
Commissioner—H. J. BRUNER, (3 years.)  
CADWALADER EVANS, (1 yr.)

Poor Director—GEORGE ELDER.  
Auditor—HENRY B. MOCK, (3 years.)  
THOS. W. HORTON, (2 years.)  
Coroner—JOHN HARSHBARGER.

Mr. Buchanan and the Old-Line Whigs!

On last Saturday, week, Mr. BUCHANAN was in Bedford, and, having stepped into the house of Mr. SCHELL for a short time, a number of persons called in to take him by the hand. As he was about to leave for the Springs, it was remarked by one of the company—(Mr. Buchanan, we will give you an escort Mr. RENSBAW and Mr. Wm. HARTLEY, two old-line Whigs who intend to vote for you under existing circumstances." Mr. Buchanan playfully said in reply—"I am very much obliged to you, gentlemen; but I don't know that I am under any special obligations, as the compliment is to the principle of which I am the mere agent, and not to me." This was the highest mark of respect Mr. B. could have paid the intelligent gentlemen to whom he was speaking, conveying the idea that principles and not men were the motives now propelling the actions of the old-line Whigs. An individual sitting at an adjoining room, happened to overhear a few words of the conversation, and reported Mr. Buchanan as having seriously declared, in effect, that he did not think an old-line Whig to vote for him, and the result of this eaves-dropping is half a column of K. N. trash to carry out the fabrication. If Mr. Buchanan's remark could have conveyed such a meaning, it would have been a deliberate insult to the gentlemen he addressed. And will any one believe that gentlemen of the character and intelligence of Mr. Renshaw and Mr. Hartley would not have resented the indignity at once by declining to take a seat in his carriage? The charge carries its own refutation, and its authors are entitled to the appellation of ten cent men in every sense of the term!

FORD, a rank abolitionist from Ohio, made a speech in Bedford recently in favor of FREMONT and against FILMORE—and, whilst Fr. Jordan & Co. profess to be the friends of Filmore, their organ contains a fulsome article in commendation of the speech of this Abolitionist, which proves the secret coalition between the Filmore leaders and the supporters of FREMONT. Filmore declared in a public speech that the election of Fremont would result in a dissolution of the Union, and yet his professed organ in Bedford applauds the emissaries who are strolling over the country lecturing in his behalf!—Do candid men require any better evidence of the "bargain" than this?

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K. N. Oaths administered in Bedford County.

We publish below the Know Nothing initiating ceremonies as they actually took place in the several Lodges of BEDFORD COUNTY. The information comes through a source which leaves no room for doubt on the subject. Before an applicant could enter the lodge to be initiated, he was required to take an obligation of SECRECY, and to make satisfactory answers to the eight questions here-with appended:

- 1 Are you 21 years of age?
- 2 Do you believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator and preserver of the Universe, and that an obligation of this time taken will be binding upon you through life?
- 3 Were you born within the limits or under the jurisdiction of the United States of America?
- 4 Is religious belief are you a Roman Catholic?
- 5 Have you or have you not been reared under Protestant influences?
- 6 Are or were you ever of your parents Roman Catholics in religious belief?
- 7 If married, is your wife a Roman Catholic?
- 8 Are you willing to use your influence and vote only for native born American citizens for all offices of honor or trust in the gift of the People? Do you solemnly swear that you will not, do solemnly promise and swear that you will not, make known to any person or persons, any of the signs, secrets, mysteries or objects of this organization, unless it be to those, whom after due examination, or lawful information, you shall find to be members of this organization in good standing; that you will not, cut, curve, print, stamp, stain, or in any way, directly or indirectly, expose any of the secrets or objects of this order, nor suffer it to be done by others, if in your power to prevent it unless it be for official instruction. That so long as you are connected with this organization, if not regularly dismissed from it, you will, in all things, political or social, so far as this order is concerned, comply with the will of the majority when expressed in a lawful manner, though it may conflict with your personal preferences, so long as it does not conflict with the Grand, State, or Subordinate Constitution, the Constitution of the United States of America, or that of the State in which you reside, nor will you, under any circumstances whatever, knowingly recommend an unworthy person for initiation, nor suffer it to be done if in your power to prevent it. You furthermore promise and declare that you will not, nor give your influence for any man for any office in the gift of the People, unless he be an American born citizen in favor of American born ruling America, nor if he be a Roman Catholic, and that you will not, under any circumstances, expose the name of any member of this order, nor reveal the existence of such an organization. To all the foregoing you bind yourself, and you will not, in any way, divulge the secrets of this order, nor will you, under any circumstances, disclose in any manner, nor suffer it to be done by others if in your power to prevent it, the name, signs, passwords, or other secrets of this degree—that you will, in all things conform to all the rules and regulations of this order and to the Constitution and By-laws of this or any other council to which you may be attached, so long as they do not conflict with the Constitution of the U. States, nor that of the State in which you reside; that you will, under all circumstances, if in your power to do so, attend to all regulations and ceremonies that may be thrown or sent you by a brother of this or any other degree of this order; that you will support in all political matters for all political offices, 2d d. (second degree) members of this order, provided it may be necessary for the American interest; that you will, under all circumstances, when elected to any office, remove ALL FOREIGNERS, ALIENS or ROMAN CATHOLICS from office; and that you will in no case appoint such to office. All this you promise and declare on your honor as Americans to sustain and abide by, without any hesitation or mental reservation whatever. So help you God and keep you steadfast.

Having thus answered the above questions, the new-born "American" was introduced to the Elephant, and took the following oaths:

FIRST DEGREE—OBLIGATION.

You and each of you, of your own free will and accord, in the presence of Almighty God and these Witnesses, your right hand resting on this Holy Bible and Cross and your left hand on the neck of the Elephant, do solemnly swear that you will not, do solemnly promise and swear that you will not, make known to any person or persons, any of the signs, secrets, mysteries or objects of this organization, unless it be to those, whom after due examination, or lawful information, you shall find to be members of this organization in good standing; that you will not, cut, curve, print, stamp, stain, or in any way, directly or indirectly, expose any of the secrets or objects of this order, nor suffer it to be done by others, if in your power to prevent it unless it be for official instruction. That so long as you are connected with this organization, if not regularly dismissed from it, you will, in all things, political or social, so far as this order is concerned, comply with the will of the majority when expressed in a lawful manner, though it may conflict with your personal preferences, so long as it does not conflict with the Grand, State, or Subordinate Constitution, the Constitution of the United States of America, or that of the State in which you reside, nor will you, under any circumstances whatever, knowingly recommend an unworthy person for initiation, nor suffer it to be done if in your power to prevent it. You furthermore promise and declare that you will not, nor give your influence for any man for any office in the gift of the People, unless he be an American born citizen in favor of American born ruling America, nor if he be a Roman Catholic, and that you will not, under any circumstances, expose the name of any member of this order, nor reveal the existence of such an organization. To all the foregoing you bind yourself, and you will not, in any way, divulge the secrets of this order, nor will you, under any circumstances, disclose in any manner, nor suffer it to be done by others if in your power to prevent it, the name, signs, passwords, or other secrets of this degree—that you will, in all things conform to all the rules and regulations of this order and to the Constitution and By-laws of this or any other council to which you may be attached, so long as they do not conflict with the Constitution of the U. States, nor that of the State in which you reside; that you will, under all circumstances, if in your power to do so, attend to all regulations and ceremonies that may be thrown or sent you by a brother of this or any other degree of this order; that you will support in all political matters for all political offices, 2d d. (second degree) members of this order, provided it may be necessary for the American interest; that you will, under all circumstances, when elected to any office, remove ALL FOREIGNERS, ALIENS or ROMAN CATHOLICS from office; and that you will in no case appoint such to office. All this you promise and declare on your honor as Americans to sustain and abide by, without any hesitation or mental reservation whatever. So help you God and keep you steadfast.

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Will Mr. Jordan deny that he took both the above degrees? If not, we would ask him, how he reconciles his oath to support the Constitution of our country, (as a Representative in the Legislature of this State,) with these humiliating obligations resting upon him, requiring him to disfranchise every man who was born in a foreign country, or who belongs to the Catholic Church? Our glorious Constitution says—"No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States," and yet these K. N. obligations assume the very reverse, repudiating this beautiful feature in our Constitution, cemented by the blood of the Revolution.

We would ask him another question. How does he reconcile his desired *fascium* with Mr. FREMONT with the above obligations, now that it is proved that Mr. Fremont is a Catholic. Is there not a degree of recklessness in this whole business revolting to every sense of propriety and fair dealing? We call upon all candid men to pause, consider, and then answer at the ballot box. In order to sustain this declaration, we call attention to the following articles from the Daily News, a K. N. Filmore paper in Philadelphia, and heretofore one of the leading organs of the Whig Party in Pennsylvania:

From the Philadelphia News, Aug. 29.

IMPORTANT TESTIMONY.

Proving Fremont to be a Roman Catholic!

The following letter from the Hon. Nathan Sargent, well known as Oliver Old School to our readers, we find in the Boston *Register* of the 15th. Col. Russell, whose testimony is here given, is a close personal friend of, and an old companion in-arms with Fremont. We can hardly conceive how anything can be offered of a more conclusive character on the precise point of Fremont's Romanism. We give it without further comment:—

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2, 1856.

A. B. Ely, Esq.—Dear Sir: I have your note of the 28th July, inquiring where Col. William Russell, of Missouri, resides or may be addressed, and asking me what he has said, or will say, in reference to Col. Fremont's religious opinions?

Col. Russell's residence is at Harrisonville, Cass Co., Mo.; but I am informed that he is at present in Baltimore, in the city of the late President.

Col. Russell is a man who will say what he has said, and he has said to me that Col. Fremont was a Catholic when he was in California. I spent an evening with Col. R. at Brown's Hotel two or three weeks ago, and knowing that he had been much with Col. F. in California, and of very intimate terms with him, I asked him if he knew anything of Col. Fremont's religious views at that time? He replied that he did; that he was with him a great deal, and in fact might say that he had slept under the same blanket with him for eight months. I then asked him what Col. F. was? He replied, a Catholic. I asked him if he was sure of this? He replied, "Perfectly," he said; and then added, "Col. Fremont would deny that he was a Catholic; every body there understood it, and he made no secret of it."

Further conversation occurred between us on the subject, but this is the sum and substance of it. I asked him if I might refer to this conversation and use his name? He replied, "certainly; you are at liberty to do so." But he again said, "COL. FREMONT WILL NOT DENY THAT HE WAS A CATHOLIC."

Col. Russell, you may not be aware, was Col. Fremont's principal witness on his trial before the Court Marshal. Should Col. Fremont deny over his own signature, that he was a Catholic when in California, I presume Col. Russell will then speak for himself.

Col. R. is an old, ardent, personal friend of Henry Clay, with whose family his is connected, his daughter having married Mr. Clay's grandson. I am, very truly,  
Your obedient servant,  
N. SARGENT.

From the Daily News Aug. 29.

FREMONT'S CATHOLICISM has now been so lightly fastened upon him by the most indisputable testimony, that we can scarcely find one of his friends possessing the boldness and effrontery to deny it. At first, his friends were vociferous and indignant; but now they are meek and humble, and hope to see the subject ignored or forgotten. It only goes to show how debased politics can make some men, who will stoop to deny a self-evident fact, in the face of proof as strong as holy writ!

Read Carefully the First Page.

The first page is full of interest. Read it carefully—but especially read the masterly and convincing Letter of Rufus Choate to his Whig brethren of Maine, by which it will be seen that this distinguished Whig proclaims for Buchanan. In speaking of the letter, the Philadelphia Argus says:—

"The nationality of Mr. Choate is well known, but even those friends who knew him best were hardly prepared for such fearless and emphatic avowals of thorough Unionism, and such a decided and pronounced step. The National Democracy most respectfully and heartily welcome Rufus Choate into their crowded and augmenting ranks. What a splendid demonstration of the truth and soundness of our principles it is, that the very flower of the patriotism, learning, talent, and virtue of the late Whig party is compelled, by the mere course of events, to take refuge under the banners of Democracy! Rufus Choate is the peer of the pet rhetorician of Free Soilism—Charles Sumner himself—in eloquence and learning, and his superior in common sense and massive intellect. Choate's constitutional ideas and sympathies were formed and matured under the majestic auspices of Daniel Webster, having imbibed Webster's serene and impartial Constitutionalism and Nationality, Rufus Choate readily perceived the narrowness and shallowness, and evasiveness of what Dubois itself "Republicanism." He views the slavery question calmly and practically, from a stand point that embraces the whole country within its range of vision. His unflinching intellect always keeps itself in relation with the nation and the nation's common interests. He thinks, "not as a Northern man, not as a Southern man, but as an American." His fundamental thought always is that, at all hazards, at all sacrifices, and in any event, the Union must be preserved. And so thinks every great mind. The Union of the States has ever been, and now is, the joy, the hope, the political idol of every American patriot and statesman. That Union was sprinkled with the blood of our Fathers, watered with their tears, cemented and made strong by their concessions and sacrifices, sanctified by their prayers, sustained by their incessant and devoted labors, and watched over by their constant anxiety. Every public man among us who deserves the name of statesman has placed the Union in his heart, next to his God. Not that these great ones cherished any blind and unreasoning love for the Union. But they comprehended that the Union was the sole and strong safeguard of our liberties, the copious fountain of our prosperities, the essence of our national greatness.—As Washington and Jefferson felt and spoke, so speak now such minds and hearts as Rufus Choate. Alexander Hamilton once said in private conversation, that "to break the Union would be to break his heart." That expresses the throbbing devotion of the fathers to the Union—it expresses the desire and anxiety of true and intelligent patriots now.

The tide of untoward events has, at last, drifted the Union amid the breakers so feared and dreaded, by Washington, and all our fathers. The nation is divided by sectional party lines. The contest for the Presidency threatens to be sheerly geographical. Can the Union survive such a fearful trial? It is time for all wise and good men to come to the rescue. Mere differences about finance, currency and public works, and to surround the imperilled Constitution with a cordon of stout and fraternal patriots, whose one common feeling and purpose will be "the Union, it must and shall be preserved."

Dr. C. N. HEXOX has fitted up a new and elegant room in the Bedford Hall, where he is better prepared than ever to perform all operations in Dentistry, having recently furnished himself with the latest and most approved instruments. The Doctor is one of the most skillful Dentists in Pennsylvania, a fact well known and acted upon in many parts of the Commonwealth. His work bears so strong a resemblance to nature, that but few can detect the difference, especially when he inserts full sets of teeth.

WILSON REILLY, Esq. of Chambersburg, our candidate for Congress, will address the Democratic meeting on next Monday evening.

Rev. G. W. AUGENBACH, of Emmitsburg, Maryland, will preach in the Presbyterian Church on next Sabbath morning and evening, at the usual hour.

JUG LAW.

Next week we will publish the votes of Mr. Jordan and Mr. BARTHOLOMEW LAPORTE in favor of the Jug Law and all its ridiculous provisions. And we will show how Mr. Jordan refused, by his vote, to submit the matter to a vote of the people.

BALTIMORE, August 19, 1856.

Correspondence of the Bedford Gazette.

Dear Sir:—Since my last letter to you the ball in Maryland has opened finely, and the political horizon continues to brighten. Full fourteen thousand Free-men assembled in Frederick city on the 7th inst. to listen to the teachings of Gen. Lewis Cass, and other great Statesmen of the age. Most enthusiastic was here developed has never been manifested. On last evening there was a grand rally in our city. It was the greatest demonstration ever made in Monument Square; there was full an acre of people. Without exaggeration fifteen thousand persons were present. They were addressed by the old war-horse CASS, ex-Governor BIGLER, of your State, and others. Know Nothingism and Black Republicanism (twin brothers) were well and severely handled. Thousands in our State have come over to the cause of Truth and Justice. Old Maryland, the pride of her people, whose reputation has never been blackened by a charge of treason, will follow the example of Kentucky, North Carolina, Missouri, Alabama, Arkansas, and Texas, by casting her electoral vote for Buchanan and Breckinridge. On this you may rely.

A great mass Meeting

Of the Democracy of Bedford County will be held in the Court-House in Bedford on MONDAY EVENING of the approaching COLORED. A number of Speakers will be in attendance. Democrats turn out and prepare for a noble defence of our glorious Union. The issue and the only issue before the people is:— "Shall the Union be preserved?"

Democratic Meeting in Schellsburg.

Old Napier, Jamaica, and the surrounding neighborhood assembled in mass meeting at Schellsburg on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 20, and presented an appearance calculated to elicit the admiration of true patriots. No house in town was large enough to hold the people who had gathered together, and the consequence was that they had to repair to the commodious barn of A. J. Snively, Esq., and even this was not large enough for the occasion. Many were compelled to remain outside. On the 20th JOHN S. SCHELL, Esq. the assemblage was organized by calling to the chair that old veteran, Major JAMES BURNS, now in the 96th year of his age—the names of the other officers have escaped our memory, the list not having been handed to us.

JOHN CESSNA first addressed the meeting, in an animated and forcible speech, such as he always makes, and which was received with great enthusiasm. He concluded by introducing to the audience Hon. H. S. MAGRAW, formerly of Pittsburg, and at present Treasurer of Pennsylvania. Powerful as he has heretofore proved himself in debate (for better lawyers and able advocates are few) he presented a tissue of arguments with a force and clearness that chained his auditors to the truth of every thing he presented. His speech on this occasion was one of the best of his life. Among other things he said that the Fremont Abolitionists, who pointed to West Point as their first leader in anti-slavery doctrine; but forgot or willfully hide the fact that in Washington's administration Kentucky and Tennessee, two Slave States, were admitted into the Union. That they also held up to view the immortal Jefferson as the embodiment of their political heresies on the slavery question; but kept in obscurity that portion of the history of his administration which says that it was (Jefferson) who purchased Louisiana from the French, the territory of which then included that State, Arkansas, Missouri, and Kansas and Nebraska. That he took it with Slavery attached, and this State had the honor of being the rights of the Masters should be protected, and never attempted or suggested a slavery restriction. That Mr. Madison signed the bill for the admission of Louisiana as a State—that these Fathers of the agreement are now claimed by the abolitionists, and that the policy of the President, which was to keep the mission of Slave States into the Union, and its restriction to the time of the adoption of the Constitution. These and the like pretensions of the Fremont Abolitionists were so successfully scattered to the winds by the facts and history of the late President, as presented by the speaker, that we could only wish that the whole country could have been present to hear for themselves.

The Sumner and Brooks affair was well answered by charging upon J. Watson Webb of New York, and others of the same kidney, the murder of the late Judge, who made a speech at the Convention which nominated Fremont! But this was not all. Mr. M. showed that FREMONT had proved himself the "great bully and blackguard" so eloquently applied by his friends to Brooks. That he had waylaid, in 1850, Mr. Fugate of the U. S. Senate, for words spoken in debate, and committed a disgraceful assault upon his person, which brought blood, as he entered the ante-chamber, and afterwards challenged him to fight a duel, notwithstanding he disclaimed any intention of giving personal offence in the language used by him in debate. This fact should be thrown in the teeth of the Free-soilers every time they name the case of "Bully Brooks."

The reply of Mr. M. to howling, bleeding Kansas was in point. The cry of suffering, bleeding Kansas comes from whom? From Ex-Governor Ritner, Thaddeus Stevens, and a few more of that sort, who were delegates to the Convention which nominated Fremont. These men have professed to have the only horror for civil war and alleged frauds upon the ballot box in Kansas; notwithstanding they are the identical conspirators who originated the famous "Blackball War" for the avowed purpose of treating the election in the good old State of Pennsylvania as though it had never occurred, and committing a disgraceful violation of the manner in which they manufactured majorities of thousands in townships that could only claim a few hundred legal votes! And how their champions fled from the back windows of the Senate chamber and hid among the tomb-stones of a grave yard near and which the location of West Point of the Keystone appeared at the Capitol demanding that the Laves should be respected, and that the majority should rule at all hazards! The worst feature of the "Kansas Outrages," as represented by the abolitionists, did not half equal the outrages attempted by Ritner, Stevens, & Co. in the case of the election of the Keystone. The speech of Mr. M. has been interesting and amusing, and was well received. The meeting then adjourned with tremendous cheers for Buchanan, Breckinridge, the State and county ticket and the speakers.

The Young Men's Glee Club of Bedford entertained a choir of several beautiful and patriotic songs, which were highly applauded.

Many OLD LINE WHIGS were present on the occasion, and gave us their respectful attention. To this honorable class of men we look for a strong support in this campaign, and we are satisfied we shall not look in vain. Democratic and old-line Whigs stand upon the same ground, where the differences having passed away.— We are Brethren.

MEETING AT HOPEWELL, AUG. 21.

It is needless to say that the iron and coal region, with their mines and hard-fisted yeomanry, were out in their strength on this occasion. Broadtop was fully represented, as was Liberty also. The latter township came with music and banners, and wagons with their loads of voters came in with flags streaming, and shouts for Buchanan, Breckinridge, Democracy, the State and County Ticket and the Union. When the train from Stonerstown came up it brought scores of good men and true. It was estimated that 400 persons were present. At the hour of 1 o'clock the meeting was organized by the appointment of the following officers:—

President: James McIlhenny—Vice Presidents, A. Kensinger, William Fluck, Frederick Oaks, Joseph Morrison, A. A. Duval, Samuel Hamner, Francis Grove, Henry Gates, Sr. and Jacob Fluck. Secretaries—T. Crisman, William Ayers, & Samuel Fluck. Able and eloquent speeches were then delivered by Col. JOSEPH W. TATE, Hon. Wm. P. SCHELL, Mr. JESU, of Schuylkill, and Major SAMUEL H. TATE, which were received with enthusiastic cheers. Native and adopted citizens each to the other pledged themselves to support Buchanan, Breckinridge, the State and County Ticket, and the Union. Hoping they will do their whole duty and no mistake. So look out for the train.

MORRISON'S COVE RESPONDS.

If zeal be a test of honesty of opinion, which, to a very great extent, it undoubtedly is, we have every reason to congratulate ourselves, as Democrats, on the meetings of Friday and Saturday last at WOODBERRY AND PATTONSVILLE. Whilst, as to numbers, they were highly respectable, the spirit manifested indicated the firm belief of the Democrats of the Woodberries in the injunction, that "it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing."

At Woodberry the meeting was held at the house of Mr. Henry S. Fluck, the speakers occupying the porch, and the audience seats in the yard. William McDonald presided, assisted by John Stonderhout, Joseph Barley, Isaac C. Brantley, Henry S. Fluck, Dr. Oleg, Daniel Barley, Patrick Brantley, Wm. Wisegarver and Joseph B. Noble as Vice Presidents, with Dr. Smith and John Potter as Secretaries.

The meeting at Pattonsville was in the large and comfortable school-house at that place. Major Jas. Patton presided, with Samuel Oster, William Spielmann, Jacob Eversole, William Patterson, and Wm. S. Fluck as Vice Presidents, and John B. Fluck and William Grove as Secretaries.

Addresses were delivered at both meetings by MESSRS. SHANNON, O. C. HARTLEY, HALL, and JOS. W. TATE. The issue made by the Black Republicanism was fully and fairly discussed, the speakers planting themselves firmly on the platform that the people of every State and Territory ought and must, both of right and expediency, determine for themselves, at the ballot box, their own local institutions. This was treated by all the speakers as the only real issue before the country.

It is worthy of remark that in the village of Woodberry eight FREMONT Flags were suspended from dwelling houses of persons who, a few weeks since, were considered ardent supporters of Filmore, the course of his remarks at Pattonsville, Mr. SHANNON adverted to this defection of the Filmore adherents, and related a conversation which he had had with Mr. John King of Bedford Forge, in which Mr. King admitted that his feelings were for Fremont, and that the sentiments of the Filmore men upon the Filmore electoral ticket, were further, that he was at liberty to make any use of the declaration he saw proper, and that he was touching this point, Mr. King said that he had only asked 7 electors, and that the vote of the Filmore men