



DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

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Grand Union Celebration OF The Eighty-Ninth Anniversary OF American Independence.

In accordance with resolutions adopted by the Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bedford, the citizens of Bedford county, without distinction of party, are respectfully invited to attend a celebration of the Eighty-Ninth Anniversary of American Independence, to be held on "Mann's Hill," immediately North of Bedford, July 4th, prox. Come on and all give one day to the commemoration of that glorious epoch in the history of the world, which set on the hill-tops of America, the beacon-light of civil and religious liberty! Come, Soldiers, who periled your lives under the banner bequeathed to you by the patriots of the Revolution! Come, Citizens, who would transmit to your children, the sacred love of liberty which you inherited from your forefathers! Come, Ladies, and lay the tribute of your smiles upon the altar of Liberty, wreathed with chapters of glory by the maidens of '76!

A FREE DINNER will be given on the occasion. The reading of the Declaration of Independence, patriotic addresses, singing of National Songs, &c., will be among the exercises of the day.

A GRAND PROCESSION will be formed at the Court House, in which all are invited to join. Should the weather be inclement, the procession will be held in the Court Room. Men of all parties are invited to attend, and will be made heartily welcome. Let our watchword be, "Liberty and Union, Now and Forever, One and Inseparable!" BY THE COMMITTEE.

Impressions of Olddom. For the benefit of those of our readers whose eyes have never rejoiced in a sight of the land of petroleum, we will jot down a few recollections impressed upon our mind by a recent visit to that elegant country.

HOW WE GOT THERE. There are several ways of getting to the "oil regions" besides walking. The traveler can go by way of Pittsburgh on the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railway, Pittsburgh and Erie R. R. and Atlantic and Great Western Railway. This route is preferable on account of its "close connections," the Atlantic and Great Western and especially, because of the commodiousness of the cars. Another route is via Harrisburg and the Philadelphia and Erie R. R. On this route you go to Corry and thence to Shaffer, the present terminus of the Oil Creek R. R. Believing in the German adage, "Mittelmaas die beste strass," we diverged from the Pennsylvania Railroad at Tyrone, taking the Bald Eagle Valley road which intersects the Philadelphia and Erie R. R. at Lock Haven. This is a kind of compromise between the two routes above mentioned, but we found that twelve hours intervene between the time of the arrival of the B. E. V. train at Lock Haven and the departure of the cars from that place, on the P. & E. R. R., for Corry. This involved the spending of a night in Lock Haven, for which delay we were amply repaid by the kind hospitality of Mr. Dieffenbach, of the Clinton Democrat, and the obliging attentions of our old friend and former fellow townsman, Mr. J. J. Sansom, who, is now a resident of that beautiful and flourishing village. The country between Lock Haven and Warren is generally mountainous and very heavily timbered. The scenery along this part of the P. & E. R. R. is grandly romantic and must be seen to be appreciated.

WHAT WE SAW THERE. Corry is one of the newest of towns, right in a forest wilderness, and looks for all the world as though it had been imported to order, from the far West. Brick and mortar are at an awful discount, for lumber is king in Corry. Leaving Corry, you take the cars on the Oil Creek R. R. and going due South, you pass through a comparatively uncultivated region, until you reach Shaffer on Oil Creek. Desiring to go to Plumer, a little town on Cherry Run, we found it necessary to travel afoot, the distance to be traversed being about seven miles. A high ridge intervenes here between Oil Creek and Cherry Run and we could not help thinking of the fight at Lookout Mountain, as we slowly clambered up the steep acclivity. Once on the summit of the ridge you traverse a plateau several miles in width, whence you slowly descend to the waters of Cherry Run. This stream is aptly named, as its banks are covered with wild cherry trees

for a number of miles. Our impression is that this stream at and N. E. of Plumer, is considerably above the altitude of Oil Creek. Some three miles above Plumer there are a number of wells being bored, and we were told that the "shows" of oil were good. Just above Plumer there are many derricks and between that place and the Humboldt Refinery every half acre has an engine upon it, giving the place an air of activity which we saw nowhere else in all our travels. Right here the "Bedford Mutual" is sinking a well, boring having just commenced when we visited the place. The territory in this neighborhood has not yet been fairly tested, but a few months will determine whether the Cherry Run basin extends to this locality. There are certainly strong indications that it does. A flowing well was struck here the day prior to our arrival at Plumer; as the seed-bag (an arrangement to shut off the water in the well) was not put in tight, it is hard to tell the amount of oil produced by it per day. The oil and water flows out together at the rate of about 150 barrels per day. The depth of the well is 480 feet. It is about 300 yards South of the "Mutual's" well. Another well has been struck on the hill a few hundred yards East of the one just described, which it is thought will be a good one. A well producing at one time at the rate of a hundred barrels per day (so we were told by the operators) and within a stone's throw of the scene of the "Mutual's" operations, through some disarrangement of the tubing, has ceased to yield. There seems to be an indefinite amount of trouble with the breaking of boring tools, the improper tubing of wells, &c., and the misplacing of seed-bags, it is thought, has prevented more than one well from enriching its owners.

FROM PLUMER TO OIL CITY. From Plumer we continued our trip afoot till we reached Oil City. We followed the course of Cherry Run to its junction with Oil Creek, visiting on our way, the "Reed," "Yankee" and other famous wells. It is called a "Reed" well and a half from Plumer to the Reed well. But by the Run road, we think it two miles, at least. We were very anxious to see the flow of the Reed well and as there was no other way of getting to the top of the tank, than by climbing a greasy pole, we performed that slippery operation to the serious detriment of linen coat and cassimere pantaloons. The flow of this famous well, is irregular, the oil sometimes gushing forth to the full capacity of the pipe, at other times running in a stream, but we were informed that it maintains its original flow of about 300 barrels. In the immediate neighborhood of this well, there are many tanks and the yield of oil seems to be large. New wells are going down on the hillsides, some good ones having been struck far above the level of the Run. But even in this locality, considered by many the most fertile in the oil-bearing product, there are ten "dry holes" for every paying well that is struck, showing that oil-seeking is, more or less, a lottery. This is accounted for by the theory of the geologists, that petroleum is found in vertical crevices in the sand rocks, which crevices must be tapped in order to obtain any considerable quantity of oil. Hence a "dry hole" and a paying well may be bored within a few feet of each other. Notwithstanding this fact many persons have become immensely wealthy, through this business of oil-seeking, and thousands are now trying their luck with the "jars," the "reamer" and "sandpump." The region from the Reed well to Oil City is literally "pepperboxed" with wells, some of which never produced anything but water, a number of which yielded oil at one time, but have been abandoned, and many of which are still paying handsome profits to their owners. The flood in the spring did great damage to the operations along Oil Creek and many wells had to be abandoned on that account.

FROM OIL CITY TO EMLENTON. Oil City, the centre of the red tape portion of oil-dom, is built along the base of a steep ridge, which overlooks the west bank of the Allegheny river. It extends from above the mouth of Oil creek, about half a mile below it. The single street in the place, is beautifully diversified with numerous mud-holes, and the way teams flounder about in them, is a caution to horse-flesh. There are a number of hotels at which tolerable fare is to be had at the rate of four dollars per day. The stage of water in the river, at this place, is too low at this season for navigation by steamboat, but flat-boats are still "dragging their slow length along," and assist very materially in the transportation of oil. These are towed up stream by horses, three or four being attached to a single boat, each bestrode by a rider, to guide it along the banks of the river and over rough places in the water. We left Oil City for Franklin, by the Franklin Branch R. R., and arrived at the latter place in time to take the coach for East Sandy. Franklin is the county seat of Venango county, and is a pretty, thriving village. There are a number of good oil wells, on the banks of the Allegheny river, near this place. After trundling along for about six hours, over a road without any apparent bottom, we arrived at East Sandy, whence we took passage in a hay wagon returning from Oil City. We rode about seven miles in this conveyance and when we alighted therefrom, we were about as young as Davy Crockett after his fight with the bears. We then "watched our chance and walked" the remainder of the road to Emlenton, which place we reached just before night. Emlenton is a pleasant little village on the East bank of the Allegheny river, at the Southern extremity of Venango county, 20 miles East South from Oil City. Here we found our friend Elias Widel, to whose kind attentions and the friendly hospitality of his family we are deeply indebted. In company with Mr. W. we visited

the well in process of being bored by the "Stump Islands Oil Company," of this place. The operators at this well have been very unlucky in breaking their boring implements. A reamer is now fast in the well and cannot be removed except by reaming from the top or drilling it out. The surface indications here are good and there are strong hopes that the company will get a good well. From Emlenton we were compelled to travel as far as Kittanning, in a small, leaky skiff. Our traveling companion was kept constantly employed in bailing out the water, whilst a young man, who managed the skiff for us, and ourself did the rowing. Eleven "mortal hours" were spent in coming the distance between Emlenton and Kittanning, with the sun beaming upon us in unusual intensity, and the wind, hot and sultry, squarely against us all the while. With our hands blistered, our feet soaked and our face tanned a beautiful brown, we stepped ashore at Kittanning and soon were on our homeward way rejoicing.

The Coming Celebration. In accordance with an almost universal practice, the Burgess and Council of this Borough have recommended the appropriate celebration of the coming anniversary of American Independence. The recommendation is to the citizens without distinction of party. We quote their resolution: "Resolved, That the Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bedford, do recommend that the coming anniversary of our Independence be celebrated by the citizens in an appropriate and becoming manner."

The Burgess appointed a committee of ten, consisting of five Democrats and five Republicans, to make arrangements for the celebration, and also proposed that there should be two orations delivered, one by a Democrat and the other by a Republican, politics to be excluded from both. That the course of the Burgess and Council was perfectly proper and entirely fair to all parties cannot be denied. Nay, that it was liberal, as coming from the majority (politically speaking) is equally indisputable. But mark the result! Whilst many Republicans were willing to respond to this recommendation of the Burgess and Council, a little intolerant clique, which would "rather rule in hell than serve in heaven," refused to join in the Union celebration, issued a call for a partizan meeting and are now striving to divide the people on this sacred occasion, when the American people should be one in their commemoration of the natal day of Independence. This was provocation enough to Democrats to justify them in getting up a counter political celebration. But they will not permit any feelings of resentment against any human creature, to enter into their observance of this glorious day. They respect the recommendation of the Burgess and Council, and therefore, will not engage in any partizan work in relation to the celebration in which they expect to participate. They are for the restoration of harmony and fraternal kindness among our people, and not in favor of continuing bitterness and strife such as the clique before spoken of are striving to perpetuate. Having given the recommendation of the Burgess and Council, we will now submit to the judgment of the people, the call issued by the clique of malcontents. [It is just to say that some of the names attached to this call, were appended to it under a misapprehension of its contents.]

To the Soldiers and Union People of Bedford County: Through the heroic daring and endurance of the brave soldiers of the Union, our country has been preserved, and the respect by the nations of the earth been continued us—if possible, to a greater degree than ever before—and all against the machinations of Rebels and their sympathizers everywhere; we, the loyal people of Bedford county, who have sorrowed with your sorrows, and who have rejoiced with your rejoicings, who have also regained for you the rights of suffrage; who say you have conquered the enemy of our nationality, and not "compromised with the mightiest of traitors," that therefore, the war was not a failure and the principles of Copperheadism have not triumphed, in order to manifest a due regard for your services to the country, do propose to give you the soldiers of the whole country, a benefit on the 4th of July, next. Come and have a free dinner and be greeted by your friends. Loyal people from the country, throughout the county, come all, and each family bring a basket of good things for our brave soldiers. W. W. SHUCK, JOHN T. KEAGY, JOHN G. MINNICH, Jr., JOHN R. JORDAN, E. M. ALSIP, D. Z. SIFE, J. H. HULTON, A. B. CARN, COLIN LOYER, VAL. VONDERSMITH, JOSIAH HALEY, WM. HORN, MAT. SPIDEL.

Comment is unnecessary. Let every man judge for himself, as between the Union celebration and the political meeting. As for ourself, we have determined to disregard the conduct of the few discontented spirits who are striving to keep the people divided, and hope that Democrats will set their political opponents such an example of forbearance as will put to lasting shame the intolerance and bigotry exhibited by some of the would-be honorable and patriotic people of this borough. We hope that the people from every part of the county will attend. Returned soldiers are respectfully requested to participate in the celebration and to come dressed in uniform. Come everybody, and show your devotion to the principles of the fathers. Shame! Shame! The Chief Burgess of this Borough had two sons killed in the army, one of the Conciliators had a son who was a long time a Federal prisoner in the South, another had a son who lost his life through exposure in the discharge of his official duties at the funeral services of President Lincoln; another was the only man in this place who volunteered for the defence of Harrisburg at the time of Lee's invasion; but all these sacrifices don't make them "loyal" enough to mingle in a Fourth of July celebration with some men in this town. Shame! Shame!

The County Convention. The Democratic County Convention which met in the Court House, on Monday last, was a body such as any party might well be proud of. Every district in the county was represented, forty-four delegates being in attendance. In forming the ticket the convention ignored all personal considerations and did what, in their judgment, seemed best calculated to promote the success of the party and the furtherance of Democratic principles. The gentlemen chosen as candidates on the ticket, are indisputably good and true men. We have not room to speak of them separately in this issue, but will do so at an early day. Suffice it for the present, to say, what no man will deny, that they are well known to be among the worthiest citizens of the county, several of them having served their country as soldiers. We commend the ticket to the consideration of the people and ask for it that liberal support which its character deserves. Let the conservative masses, all who are opposed to striking the word WHITE out of our Constitution, as proposed by the Pittsburg Gazette, rally around this ticket and give it at least 1,000 majority. The war is over. Former political questions are settled. "Gild things have passed away; behold, all things are become new." Let the past be forgotten. Let every man, calling himself by the name of Democrat (for principle's sake) fall into the ranks of the great conservative Democracy. "Come, let us reason together" ere the "night cometh when no man can see."

Democratic County Convention. Pursuant to the rules of the Democratic Party of Bedford county, a convention of Delegates elected for the purpose of nominating a County Ticket to be supported at the next election, was held at the Court House, in Bedford, on Monday, 19th inst. The Convention was organized by the appointment of VALENTINE STECKMAN, of Bedford Borough, as President, and G. W. Gump, of Napier, and W. Fyan, of Bedford Borough, as Secretaries. The following named delegates presented their credentials: Bedford Borough—V. Steckman, W. Fyan, Bedford Tp.—M. Holderbaum, J. T. Gephart, Bloody Run—Fred. Steckman, Jere. Thompson. Broad Top—M. A. Hunter, Patrick Dohew, Colerain—H. P. Diehl, B. F. Morgart, Cumberland Valley—Wm. Mason, Robt. Derrimore. Hopewell—George Steel, Henry S. Flake, Harrison—Geo. R. Bailey, John P. Powell, Janata—Geo. Gardill, James E. Burns, Liberty—Geo. Roudes, John C. Neary, Londonderry—James Mattingly, C. Devore, Monro—Lewis Howsara, H. Means, Napier—Abraham Egoif, G. W. Gump, Prov. E.—D. A. T. Black, M. Ritchey, Prov. W.—A. J. Morgart, Peter Koons, Schellsburg bor.—Wm. Sively, A. E. Schell, Snake Spring—John G. Harshy, John Koons, Southampton—Hugh Wilson, A. Partew, St. Clair—John Hershberger, Simon Hershman. Union—Samuel Dubbs, James M. Sleek, Woodberry M.—Daniel Barley, Henry Fleck, S.—J. S. Brumbaugh, John Grose.

On motion the Convention proceeded to the nomination of a county ticket. Hon. J. G. Hantley stated that he was authorized to withdraw the name of E. F. Kerr, Esq., as a candidate for the nomination of District Attorney, with the recommendation by Mr. Kerr, that the delegates instructed for him support Mr. Palmer. Balloting was then had with the following result: District Attorney, JOHN PALMER, Esq., Bedford Borough. Associate Judge, CAPT. W. G. EICHOULTZ, S. Woodberry. Treasurer, GEO. MARDORFF, Bedford Borough. County Surveyor, P. DONAHOE, Southampton. Jury Commissioner, I. KENSINGER, Esq., Liberty. Commissioner, M. S. RITCHEY, Snake Spring. Poor Director, 3 years, D. R. ANDERSON, C. Valley. Poor Director, 2 years, SAMUEL BECKLEY, St. Clair. Auditor, JAMES MATTINGLY, Londonderry. Coroner, JOHN FILLER, E. Providence.

On motion the nominations were made unanimous. The following named persons were then appointed a County Committee for the ensuing year: E. F. Kerr, Chairman; J. T. Gephart, Robert Steckman, John C. Figard, B. F. Morgart, Thomas Fisher, George Steel, W. Egoif, John S. Brumbaugh, John S. Schell, John K. Sauer. Messrs. John Sill, A. J. Morgart and D. A. T. Black were appointed Representative Conference. W. Fyan, Esq., then read the following platform of resolutions, which was unanimously adopted: Resolved, by the Democracy of Bedford county in convention assembled, That we renew our fidelity to the Constitution of our common country. Resolved, That the Constitution was ordained and adopted for the purpose of forming a more perfect Union, to establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to the citizens of these United States. Therefore, be it further Resolved, That the States which form our Federal Union, are sovereign and independent communities, bound together by the Constitution, and possessed of all the powers belonging to distinct and separate States, excepting such as they delegated in the Constitution to the general government.

Resolved, That the Democratic Party would hail with delight, the restoration of the writ of Habeas Corpus, believing it to be the greatest bulwark of personal liberty, as well as one of the strongest pillars of Republican Government—that abolishing it, we lost our best protection in time of peace and our noblest defence in time of war, that being one of the inalienable rights bequeathed to the freemen of our country by the sages who framed the Constitution, its restoration would be hailed with glad hearts

and unbounded joy by the Democratic and conservative masses of this great and powerful Republic. Resolved, That the late speech delivered by that arch fanatic, Wendell Phillips, urging a repudiation of the national debt, for the sake of negro suffrage, should receive the contempt and condemnation of all good men, believing that repudiation would cause bankruptcy to the Government, and its concomitant, insolvency to its people. Resolved, That we find much in the administration of President Johnson, worthy of commendation, and his opening of the battles, his pardon of persons whose conviction by courts-martial sitting in States in which the civil courts were not obstructed, his opening of the Southern ports, thus destroying a foul monopoly in trade, as well as his stern resistance of the attempts of the Radicals to force him into a recommendation of negro suffrage, induce us to hope that he will be true to his Democratic antecedents and faithful in the fulfillment of the high office which in the inscrutable Providence of the Ruler of the Universe, he has been called to fill. Resolved, That we congratulate our fellow citizens upon the return of peace and the prospect of a speedy re-union of all the States; that while we lament the desolation and sorrow bequeathed to the Republic, by the fratricidal war which has just ended, our hearts are gladened at the return of the survivors of the hard-fought fields of the South, and we welcome them to the recreations of civil life, with the hope that they may never more be called therefrom by the battle-cries of sectional or civil feuds. Resolved, That as the Democratic Party, actuated by the grand precept of the Divine Teacher, strove to maintain peace before the war broke out, as it endeavored to re-union, in peace, the broken sections of the country when war existed, so now it will strive to restore to concord and perfect amity, the divided people and to keep forever alive among them that fraternal love which alone can make a nation great and prosperous. Resolved, That as we warned the people (with what faithfulness to truth the past four years have shown) against the fanaticism of those restless agitators whose innovations assisted in bringing upon the country, dissension and civil war, so we again urge that their efforts to disrupt and distract the public mind, with their radical and revolutionary teachings, whether in the pulpit, the rostrum, or the press, be discontinued and frowned upon by every man who values the peace of society and the stability of our Government. 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