

# The Bedford Gazette, Bedford, Pa.

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Thursday Morning, September 9, 1869.

### DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

Governor,

**ASA PACKER,** of Carbon County.  
Judge of the Supreme Court.

**C. L. PERSHING,** of Cambria Co.

### DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

Senator,  
**HIRAM FINDLAY,** of Somerset co.

Representatives,  
**JOSEPH B. NOBLE,** of Bedford co.  
**THOMAS S. SIEPE,** of Fulton co.

Prothonotary,  
**JOHN P. REED,** of Bedford Borough.

Sheriff,  
**WILLIAM KEYSER,** of Juniata tp.

Treasurer,  
**HUGH MOORE,** of Bedford tp.

Commissioner,  
**GEORGE ELDER,** of Harrison tp.

Post Director,  
**ADAM K. PENNY,** of Bedford tp.

Attalaor,  
**OWEN MCGER,** of Bedford tp.

Courier,  
**J. B. BUTTS,** of South Woodbury tp.

### FOR THE CAMPAIGN!

RALLY IN YOUR MIGHT!

Read, Think and Act!

Our appeal is to the intelligent, the candid and the independent. We ask only that people shall understand the issues before them, and that, understanding them, they reflect upon their duty in the premises and then discharge what they believe to be that duty when they come to cast their ballots. In order that the questions to be voted upon at the coming election, may be fairly and fully presented to the public, the *Bedford Gazette* will be furnished for the campaign, at the following low rates:

One copy.....	\$0.50
Three copies.....	1.20
Five copies.....	1.75
Ten copies.....	3.00
Twenty copies.....	5.00

In all cases the cash must accompany the order. We respectfully ask the active men of our party to get up clubs for the campaign at every post-office in the county. In no other way can the cause be more effectively supported than by the circulation of Democratic newspapers. It ought to be an easy matter to raise a club of twenty at any post office. Address **MATTHEW & MUNROE**, Bedford, Pa.

### GEARY'S PLATFORM.

*Resolved*, That we wholly approve the principles and policy of the administration of General George F. Geary, and do hereby ratify and especially do hereby ratify and approve the late amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by Congress, known as the Fifteenth Amendment, adopted at Philadelphia, June 21, 1869.—See *Bedford Inquirer* of July 2.

### FUDGE!

The *Inquirer* is badly cornered on the subject of the State Debt, and tries to wriggle out of its sorry predicament in the following style :

In December 1868, just eight years later, all of *Packer's* own statement the debt was \$21,467,141. But the *Gazette* forgot to make a very important deduction from this amount. At the time of this report there were in the State Treasury stocks, bonds and other funds/assets, making an offset from the public debt to the amount of \$10,795,353.62 beside \$1,012,925.37 in cash, making an aggregate of \$11,808,278.99 to be deducted from the \$23,280,346.15 and leaving as the actual debt to be provided for \$21,478,667.44 agains \$11,457,167.50.

Is it ignorance, or malice, that is the parent of this misrepresentation? For charity's sake, we conclude that it is the former. The stocks, bonds, &c., amounting to \$10,795,353.62, were in the Treasury during Gov. *Packer's* administration, and were placed there by the state of the public works. When *Packer* went out of office, (since which period the Radicals have had the State government) the State Debt was \$37,969,847.50. This statement the *Inquirer* admits to be true. If the \$10,795,353.62 of bonds and stocks in the Treasury (at that time as well as now) be deducted, then the amount of debt left when the Radicals went out of power was only \$27,174,493.88. The *Inquirer* claims that with the deduction of the above amount of bonds, stocks, and money in the Treasury last December, the debt at present is \$21,478,667.14. According to its own figures, then, in eight years the Radicals have paid off but a little over five and a half millions. But during those eight years upwards of twenty-five millions (including the receipts of 1865 nearly twenty-eight millions) have been paid in taxes into the State Treasury, which by law should have gone into the Sinking Fund for the payment of the State Debt; a sum actually greater than the whole debt! What became of this immense fund? Ay, there's the rub! Let the *Inquirer* answer, if it can!

### DON'T WANT IT.

In our issue of August 26th, we stated that upwards of twenty-five millions of dollars have been gathered into the State Treasury, since the Radicals came into power, which under the Sinking Fund Act, ought to have been applied to the payment of the State Debt, but that only about four millions and a half have been thus applied; that the interest on the State loans has been increased, under Geary's administration, from 5 to 6 per cent., that the Radical officials at Harrisburg compel the county commissioners of the several counties to pay State Tax on Real estate out of the County Levy; and that the people of Pennsylvania pay upwards of two millions more State Tax per annum, under Radical rule than they did during Gov. *Packer's* administration, the last one under Democratic auspices. We then proposed that we would forfeit One Hundred Dollars to any man who would show that we had made a single mis-statement in regard to those matters, and called upon the *Inquirer* to point out anything not strictly true in our allegations. That paper has failed to come to time. It cannot find a single flaw in our statements. We now call upon it to acknowledge the truth of what we alleged. If its editor is as candid as he claims to be dignified, he is bound to make this admission. He evidently doesn't want the \$100.

We want our political opponents to understand that while we are willing to meet them in fair and honest discussion we cannot consent to gross personalities or low vulgarity. Let political discussions be decent and dignified.—*Inquirer*.

Whenever that miserable coinage of the Radical slang-mint, the infamous epithet "Copperhead," is blotted out of the *Inquirer's* vocabulary, it may lay claim to some decency and dignity. Until that is done, its reproach of its political opponents will seem very much like Satan reproving sin.

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### A SOLID FRONT!

The Democrats of Bedford county have now an opportunity to increase their majority largely and to assist in winning a splendid victory for Packer, Pershing and the whole ticket. The State nominations command the respect even of our political opponents, and some of the most distinguished men in the Radical party have testified to the worth and excellence of Asa Packer and Cyrus L. Pershing.

The district ticket is one of the best presented for the suffrage of the people for years. Hiram Findlay our nominee for State Senator, is a man who is admired by all who know him, for his energy, uprightness and correct business habits. He has been a working-man all the days of his life, and his success in business is due solely to his good judgment, unflagging industry, and excellent moral character. Judge Noble is too well known to our people to need any eulogy. He is a man who can be trusted in any position. No man fears that if Joseph B. Noble is elected, the vote of Bedford county will be cast for any of the schemes of the legislative "ring." Capt. Sipe is, also, a first rate man. He comes before the people of Bedford county with the highest recommendations from our neighbors in Fulton. He was a soldier who served his country gallantly and faithfully.

The County Ticket is composed of the very best material. John P. Reed, for Prothonotary, is a nomination that challenges the approval of every right-thinking man. Mr. Reed is well acquainted with the duties of the office for which he is a candidate. He has had experience in the performance of those duties; he is one of the most correct accountants and one of the best counselors-at-law in the State. He has suffered greatly from the persecutions of political enemies, and the sympathy of every Democrat in the county should be aroused in his behalf.

Wm. Keyser, the Democratic nominee for Sheriff, deserves especial mention. He is one of those men whose lives ennable the humble calling of the laborer. Once a poor boy toiling for his daily bread, by patient labor, strict integrity and correct habits, he has won himself such a position in society and in his party as to indicate him as a proper person to fill the office for which he is a candidate. The enemies of the Democratic party hate him, of course, John Cessna, the contemptible trickster who now manipulates Radical politics in this county, has a particular grudge against him. In 1863, the immaculate John desired the Democratic nomination for State Senator. William Keyser was one of the conferees. *Cessna couldn't buy him* and therefore hates him. At present he is busily engaged in all sorts of schemes to injure Wm. Keyser at the election. Who would be the tool of John Cessna in his base intrigues with the enemies of William Keyser? Who would lend himself to this despicable renegade to be an instrument for his revenge on the man who refused his bribe? Shame on the Democrat who would take Cessna's dagger to strike down William Keyser!

The remainder of the County Ticket is unexceptionable. We shall speak of the gentlemen who compose it more fully hereafter. *Every man on the ticket*, from Prothonotary to Auditor, was fairly nominated, after a free and full and prolonged canvass. We are aware that all sorts of tales have been set afloat in regard to the manner in which the primary election was conducted. But these are as false in regard to the friends of one candidate as they are in regard to those of the others. It was a fair contest. The majority decided who should be the candidates. Now, let us act like men, like Democrats. Let us present a solid front to the enemy and march forward to victory!

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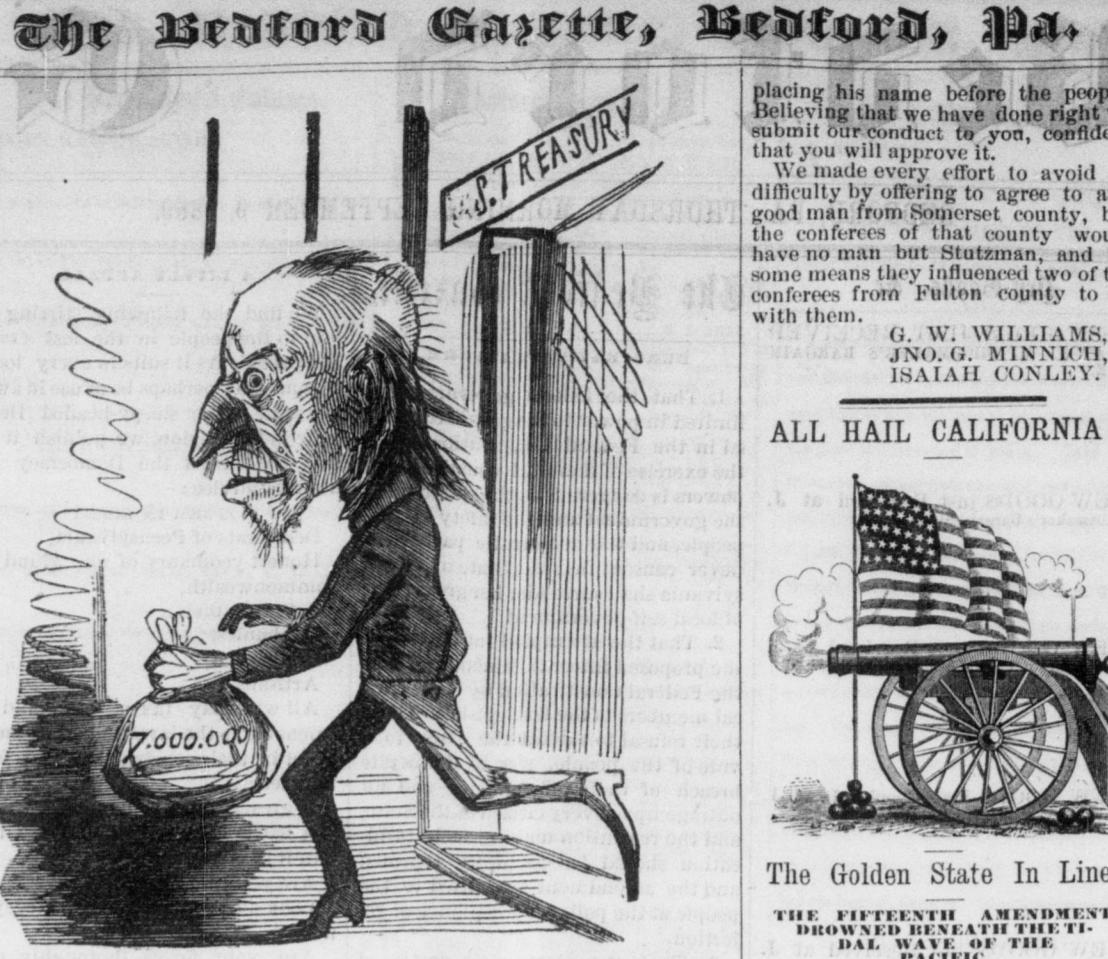
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During the years 1867 and 1868, (the first two of Geary's administration) *Severn Millions* of Dollars, over and above the payments on the State Debt; were taken out of the State Treasury. As the radical organs fail to show what became of those *Seven Millions*, it is presumed that some "loll" Paster and Folder carried it off, as shown in the above cut.

### GRAND DEMOCRATICALLY!

Brightly Breaks the Morning!

THE PEOPLE IN MOTION, FOR PAKER AND PERSHING!

The State, District and County Tickets Endorsed!

Pursuant to public notice, the Democrats and Conservatives of Bedford county assembled in Mass Meeting, at the Court House, on Mo'ay night last. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the Court House was filled to overflowing with an attentive and enthusiastic audience. On motion of E. F. Kerr, Esq., chairman of the Democratic County Committee, the following organization was effected:

President, J. Thomas Gephart, Esq.; Vice Presidents, John Boor, W. O. Leary, B. F. Edwards, J. D. Lucas, H. P. Diehl, A. W. Swoope, Jas. Cessna, Esq., J. J. Powell, Henry Fluek, Peter F. Lehman, James Roades, Geo. W. Beales, Emanuel Shearer, Andrew Crisman, S. McFeeters, Geo. Baughman, Geo. Shearer, Hugh Wilson, John W. Crisman, F. D. Beegle, John Frazer, Geo. Beegle, Daniel Barley, Aaron Reed, Hon. W. G. Eicholtz; Secretaries, William Foster, D. A. T. Black, John H. Bowser, Capt. S. B. Tate, J. H. H. Sparks.

The object of the meeting was then stated by B. F. Meyers, who introduced Capt. Geo. W. Skinner (late of the 77th P. V.) of Chambersburg, as the first speaker of the evening. Capt. Skinner delivered an able and convincing address. He was followed by W. S. Stenger, Esq., District Attorney of Franklin county, in one of the most eloquent and powerful speeches to which we have ever listened. After Mr. Stenger had concluded, R. Milton Speer, Esq., of Huntingdon, was called upon to address the meeting. Mr. Speer responded in a most effective effort, addressing himself closely and in an eminently logical manner to the living issues of the day. The speakers were frequently interrupted with rounds of applause.

J. M. Reynolds, Esq., then offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, by the Democratic Party of Bedford County, in the language of the platform adopted by the late State Convention,

That the federal government is limited in power to the grants contained in the Federal Constitution; that the exercise of doubtful constitutional powers is dangerous to the safety of the government and the safety of the people, and the democratic party will never countenance that the State of Pennsylvania shall surrender her great right of local self-government.

That the attempted ratification of the proposed fifteenth amendment to the Federal Constitution by the radical members of the last legislature, and their refusal to submit the same to a vote of every citizen of the State, and the resolution making such ratification should be promptly repealed and the amendment submitted to the people at the polls for acceptance or rejection.

That reform in the administration of the federal and State governments, and in the management of their financial affairs is imperatively demanded.

That the most important work to be done by the Radicals is to re-elect Senator Stutzman.

That the Radicals should support the nomination of Hon. Asa Packer for Governor.

That the Radicals should support the nomination of Hon. Cyrus L. Pershing for Lieutenant Governor.

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