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Where parties are unknown to us, our rules for advertising to require payment in advance, or a guarantee from known persons. It is therefore useless for us to send advertisements to pay at the end of three or six months. Where advertisements are accompanied with the money, whether one, five or ten dollars, we will give the advertiser the full benefit of cash rates.

PEOPLE'S MEETINGS.—A meeting of all opposed to the National Administration will be held at Gwin's School House, in Logan township, on Friday Evening, October 8th 1858, at 7 1/2 o'clock, to be addressed by L. W. Hall, Esq., of this place. The last meeting of the Campaign will be held in this place, on Saturday evening, October 9th, at 7 o'clock in front of the "Logan House," and will be addressed by H. Bucher Swoope, of Clearfield county, Gen. John Williamson and A. W. Benedict of Huntingdon, Col. L. W. Hall of this place, and should health permit, by S. S. Blair, Esq., the People's candidate for Congress.

Declination of Mr. Patton.—Below will be found the Card of the Committee, appointed at the American Conference, withdrawing the name of Mr. Geo. W. Patton from the list of candidates for Congress, and also the card of Mr. Patton declining the nomination tendered him by the aforesaid Conference: NO AMERICAN CANDIDATE.—The Congressional American Executive Committee informed Geo. W. Patton, Esq., of his nomination by the Americans as a candidate for Congress. He replied that he did not desire an election to that office, at this time.

ALTOONA, Oct. 4th, 1858. MR. EDITOR.—Seeing my name used as a candidate for Congress in this Congressional District, I desire to say that I have never accepted a nomination for that office, and do not wish to be considered a candidate. GEO. W. PATTON

The Election.—Before the next weekly visit of the Tribune, the freemen of Pennsylvania will be called upon to exercise one of their dearest rights and most important duties. They are to cast their ballots for their county and some of the State officers. This is a privilege which they should not only highly appreciate, but conscientiously exercise. There are two extremes upon this subject, both of which they should alike carefully avoid. The one is undue excitement and mere party feeling, for the sake of party, without regard to principles. The other is indifference, leading to the neglect of an important duty, or the omission of a sacred privilege. The one is an abuse of liberty—the other is a failure to appreciate its blessings.

In this country every man is supposed to have some settled views as to the policy of the general or State government. And if so, it is his bounden duty to express it through the elective franchise. It is a culpable neglect of a high duty for any one, except from necessity, to stay from the polls. His country calls, and he is morally bound to obey. It is no more than a suitable return for the protection to life, property, &c., which she guarantees to him. Some will say, my vote can not change the result. This they can not possibly tell. One vote has before now controlled some of the most important elections. But, besides, suppose all should reason thus, and be so indifferent to such matters; what then would become of our public interests? Again, it is sometimes said that we are always beaten anyhow; so what is the use of my spending time in going to the polls. My vote is ever lost. This principle has the benefit of its moral force, by showing the strength of his cause. For this reason, if for no other, every man who loves his country, and who believes that the principles which he holds will be for his advancement and the good of his fellow men; is bound to vote. Then, freemen, to the Polls—to the Polls, and in an independent, manly way, unbiassed by prejudice, untrammelled by party feeling or party drill, exercise your right to choose your own servants for office. These officers are not your masters—they are your servants. You vote for them not as men, but as the exponents of certain principles. Don't vote for any man because he is your friend, your neighbor, or your acquaintance, but because you believe him to be the advocate of that policy which you think is right.

The Questions at Issue.

On next Tuesday morning of our 10th Commonwealth, "Key-Stroke," the election will be held upon a decision of the most important issues. Especially will this be the case in the contest for Congress. The Administration is extremely anxious, and is putting forth every effort to secure such a vote in Pennsylvania, as can be construed into a sanction of its course. In every district where its influence and immense patronage could accomplish it, Leocompton Democrats have been nominated for Congress, with the hope of their election, and thereby the next Congress be Leocompton in its complexion—the Administration be endorsed, and the track cleared for a second nomination of James Buchanan for the Presidency.

One issue, then, fairly before the people of Pennsylvania in the coming election, is the Kansas policy of the Administration. The question is, will they endorse "the Leocompton Swindle" and "the English bribe," or will they not? Will they sanction the attempt of the President of the purest Republic on earth to force upon a free people a Constitution conceived in iniquity, begotten in sin, and a nondescript monster in its parts, or will they not? Will they stand by bleeding, wronged and distracted Kansas, whose noble sons have rejected by such an overwhelming majority the bribe held out to them, in lieu of slavery? And will they say, by the men whom they elect to Congress, that she shall be one of the sisterhood of States whenever she shall, with a republican constitution approved by the majority of her own citizens, knock at the door of the Union for admission? Thus they will be deciding against oppression, and wrong, and the dictation of Southern fire-eaters, and in favor of popular sovereignty and the right of the majority to rule. They will be intimating to Mr. Buchanan in language not to be misunderstood, that they do not approve of his being intimidated by the threat of disunion on the part of Southern radicals—and forsake his own cherished measure, popular sovereignty, and try, in order to please them, to force slavery upon Kansas.

A second issue is, that of protection to home industry, and especially to Pennsylvania's interests. In this issue we, as Pennsylvanians, are more deeply interested than any other. The want of the protective policy has filled our country with the cry of distress. But particularly has our own State suffered for want of it. Our inexhaustible coal fields are, comparatively, unworked—the fires of most of our furnaces are in general standing still. And whence comes the supply of coal, iron and goods? From foreign ports. The balance of trade is by millions against us. What must be the result? What would be the result of a family expending more than their income? Need the question be answered? And what is a nation but a large family? And if she buys more than she sells, what will inevitably be the result? Will not her treasury be exhausted, she become bankrupt, and her people impoverished? The rates could not prevent it. Has this not been the policy to which Mr. Buchanan has long been committed and that which has, or will, by the end of his term of office, involve his administration in a debt of over \$100,000,000? No one will pretend to deny this. Then he and his administration are committed against the policy of protection. Yet for the want of such a system we are this day suffering from the effects of one of the most terrible commercial pressures which has ever befallen our country. The protective policy, then, is an issue in the present campaign. The people are to decide whether they will sustain the President in his free-trade policy or not. If they do, let them vote for the man of their choice. If not, they will oppose them.

In this Congressional district, we are favored in having as candidates men who are, personally, as unexceptionable as the Commonwealth can produce. Personally we hold them both in very high esteem, enjoy the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with the gentlemen, and stand in friendly relations to them. They are high-minded, honorable men, ornaments in their profession, and men of high moral worth. Personally we could not possibly distinguish between them. And we commend them each to the district as an honest exponent of the principles which their parties profess.

Mr. Perring is the nominee of the Leocompton Democrats—the former law-student and present bosom companion of Jeremiah S. Black, Attorney General, sworn friend and counsellor of the President. He is the avowed friend of the Administration, and stands upon the Cincinnati Platform—and more recently the Canbria County Platform; and is there-fore fully committed to the Kansas policy

of the Administration and for protection. Mr. Blair is a decided American in his feelings; an ardent and extension of slavery—in favor of the moderate extension of Kansas, and an ardent advocate of the protective policy. He has those whose opinions accord therewith, vote for Mr. Perring—both as for ourselves, we most support Mr. Blair.

Whether that it has been reported throughout the country that J. B. Warfel, an independent candidate for sheriff, will run a heavy American vote in this place. We beg leave to contradict this rumor. The Americans in this place have ever been consistent in their votes and actions, and it is not at all likely that they would drop a good and true man to the party, and its regular nominee, to support one who is now trying to disorganize the party and defeat the county ticket. The object of Mr. W. in coming out as an independent is well known, and is universally condemned. The Americans throughout the county may rest assured that their friends in this place will stand by the regularly nominated ticket, and will expect all others to do the same. The Americans here know Mr. Funk to be a man in whom they can place the utmost confidence and will vote for him to a man. Let nothing deter the friends of Mr. Funk from voting for him, and our word for it, they will not regret doing so.

A very ungentlemanly and entirely uncalled for editorial article appears in the last number of the Standard, commenting on the connection of Rev. A. B. Clark with the editorial department of this paper. We can not conceive what motive the writer of the article had in view in thus noticing the fact, unless it be to disparage that gentleman in the estimation of this community—an act certainly beneath the dignity of an editor. Associating him with the political department, is gratuitous on the part of the Standard, and betrays the base intent of the article. We looked for better things from the editor of that paper, and feel inclined to attribute his remarks to undue excitement on political matters, which cause men to say and do many things they afterwards regret or feel ashamed of; and such we are sure must be the case with our contemporary when he reflects upon the injury he has attempted to inflict upon one who never injured him.

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