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**Mrs. Editors.**—The political waters, which have been so fearfully agitated for the last four days, will certainly become smooth and calm within the next twenty-four hours, for within that time the hopes of many a poor fellow, who came here strong in the belief that his services would be recognized and rewarded, will be utterly blasted, and he will go hence muttering "curse, deep, but not loud." This thing of getting a petty office at Harrisburg is, after all, nothing but a lottery, since I have noticed the very wheel-horses of a party shied aside to make room for a mercenary drone, a raving, brazen-faced demagogue without a redeeming trait in his character. The army of office-hunters here has been four-fold larger than any former occasion. All were sanguine of success, and some of them would scarcely realize the fact of a decided and most unequalled defeat.

The Republican caucus of the House last evening nominated W. C. A. Lawrence for Speaker, E. H. Rauch for Clerk, and John Hall for Assistant Clerk. Capt. Bell was an applicant for the latter office, and at one time I thought his success was certain, but by some bargaining he got but ten votes. I am sorry for the Captain, but "such is life."

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**"No. 17—Wanted—somebody to induce the little jokers to let go their hold on the tail of the bull of the "Standard Dutch breed," as 'he' cast neither frighten them away by bellowing, nor shake them off, and they are annoying him greatly. Want some of the members of the band "pitch in" and help him."**

**A negro insurrection occurred at Bolivar, Mo., on Monday night, which created considerable excitement. The negroes collected in the public square and commenced an indiscriminate attack on the whites, with stones and stones. They were, however, soon driven to the hills. A number were arrested and lodged in jail. Only one person was seriously injured.**

**"A band of bellowing and great pretensions availed in the hills. The bull's might, on a momentous occasion, has frightened a locomotive of the track and thereby saved his hide. The price of the quadruped over the hill is likely to prove about as available in frightening the little jokers. The fate of the former will prove a warning to the latter."**

**An Irish com-ender, named Mac-McNally, helped "batty" to drink a pint of tangy whisky, at Johnstown, on Saturday evening, when, from the effects of which he became so "darkly, deeply, beautifully blue" that he could not get home that night, and has not been heard of since. Suspicions of foul play have been excited in consequence. We think the whisky would put him out of the way without the aid of a knife or bludgeon.**

**"Slightly riled—the bull of the "Standard Dutch breed" at the noise we took of his bellowing around our streets and the day of the celebration. He intimates that he will "never do so any more" unless proffered a goodly loadful of bran, in the absence of which, we presume, we shall not be permitted to "look upon him like again," in the same capacity, for some time to come. His attempt, however, to construe our reference to himself into an insult to all the members of the band, is ridiculous silly. We are of the opinion that all of them have sense enough to distinguish between an allusion to one of their number, and a reference to all, unless, perchance, it should be the bull of the "Standard Dutch breed." We imagine the "we" was either to the thought," in his case; but if really took it as he says, he argues a very small amount of perspicacity for the members of the band, certainly much less than we gave them credit for."**

**Opposition County Convention.**

Agreeably to previous notice, the delegates elect of the People's Party, met in County Convention in the Court House, at Hollidaysburg on Tuesday, December 27, 1859. On Motion SETH R. McCUNE, Esq., was chosen Chairman, and H. C. DERN, and H. C. NICODEMUS, Secretaries.

The following persons presented their credentials and were admitted as Delegates:

Allegheny—Jno. M. Gibson, Jno. Higgins.

Andis—Jno. Irvin, E. B. Tipton.

Altoona—W. N. John W. Humes, H. C. Dern.

Armstrong—Jno. C. Reed, W. H. Boyce.

Butler—W. W.—J. G. McFadden.

Blair—Isaac Ferrel, Sam'l J. Confer.

Cambria—Frederick Kyle, G. W. Reed.

Clarion—John K. Jones.

Huntingdon—W. J. Port, F. McCoy.

Jeanes—Abraham Yingling, Geo. W. Smith.

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Franklin—Seth McCune, Samuel Smith.

Frederick—Dr. L. P. Butler, Benj. Samuel.

Westmoreland—Jno. S. Berlin.

Washington—Curtis Kidder, H. C. Dern.

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Hollidaysburg—W. W.—S. P. McFadden.

Logan—W. J. Port, David R. Lingefelter.

McKeesport—Jno. W. Blair, David R. Lingefelter.

Monroe—Jno. W. Blair, David R. Lingefelter.