

Who are the True Friends of the Democratic Party?

This is an important question, says the York Gazette, and, in the present crisis in our political affairs, it requires a serious answer. If the great party whose foundation was laid in the early days of the Republic is worth preserving, those who follow its flag and keep step to its music, should earnestly strive to harmonize all discordant elements, and endeavor to infuse the healthful spirit of conciliation through every vein and fibre of its organization...

The New News.

On the landing of ex Emperor Solouque at Kingston Jamaica, it appears that some exiled Haytiens with exceeding bad taste, grudging his fallen Majesty the shelter which had been extended to themselves when in trouble, and that one of them went so far as to attempt an assault upon his person. It is highly probable, had not the British Frigate Melbourne touched at Port Antonio, that either Solouque or his Cabinet Ministers, or perhaps all of them, would have lost their lives at the hands of the excited populace. As it was, the ex Emperor, his wife and family had to be escorted through the streets leading to the harbor by a strong force of British marines, accompanied by the British and French Consuls. It was proposed by the crowd to fire the house in which the ex Ministers were lodged, but President Godard having issued a soothing proclamation, the explosive efforts were permitted to go into exile. Solouque was a about to rent a mansion at Kingston where his appearance might perhaps by his cash, had impressed the white population favorably towards him.

THE WATCHMAN.

BELLEFOONTE, PENNA.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1859.

PARDON OF C. M. DONAVAN. — Some of the Opposition Press are making great ado about the pardon of this gentleman by Gov. Packard, for an assault upon the person of J. M. Church, a member of the House of Representatives, from Philadelphia. The Governor did not act unadvisedly in this matter. He refused to grant the pardon until such a force presented itself at the S. M. Department that it was impossible for him to resist the appeal. The petition asking for the pardon was signed by a large number of the opposition members of the House, and also by every opposition Senator in Harrisburg at the time the paper was prepared, and when he was liberated there was but one feeling exhibited, and that was approval. We regret we have not room this week to publish the list of members who petitioned for his pardon.

On the subject of the Tariff.

The Philadelphia Argus considers an editorial on the present political phase of the Tariff.

What we the eleven Republican members of Congress from this State desire, now to secure protection for Pennsylvania enterprise and industry? It is true that Mr. Morris has read an essay, and published it in favor of the doctrine of protection, but here their zeal has stopped and they have found employment in silly investigations of the management of Government workshops, and in more silly denunciations of a Democratic Administration. Will such conduct satisfy our people? Will they be satisfied to see unqualified incompetents, and when questions of vital importance to all of our people are pending in our national councils? We think not. Our people are sensible as they may be at times, are too independent and patriotic to permit the interest and honor of their State to be perilled in the hands of a man who has been in Congress to a serious reckoning. Let us hear no more, then, about Democratic insincerity on the tariff question; the facts are before the country, and they speak for themselves.

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PEN, PASTE & SCISSORS.

Good Teacher—The Weather.

Getting Fashionable—Fashioning.

Celebrated the 22d—The Martial Band.

Do—A number of citizens at the Franklin House.

Why the proper name of Crinolines—Fire-balloons.

Pleasant Girl, was bobbin' round on election day.

Why a man without legs like an even exchange? Because he has nothing to boot.

Why are darned stockings like dead men?

Because they are mended.

Why is a man up stairs beating his father like a christian? Because he is above doing a bad action.

Why are ladies corsets like the Mississippi steamers? They grip the high pressure system and reduce the fair.

Economical—A man who chews fourteen dollars' worth of tobacco a year, and smokes his newspaper, because he is poor.

Why is the Engineer on a train of cars like a schoolmaster? He regulates the minds the train, and the other traffic of the mind.

A preacher "down South" recently informed his congregation that heaven is but 1500 miles square. He appealed for proof to the 21st of Revelations.

New clothes are great promoters of piety. A new bonnet or a new dress will induce a "girl" to go to church at least three times on Sunday, where she didn't go once before she got it.

A wife says that, while sitting in the gallery of the Senate Chamber, during the session, she collected sixty-four resolutions for the Presidency.

"Ah me," said a prosy lady, "our minister was a very 'powerful' preacher in the short time he ministered the word of God among us, he kicked three pulpitists to pieces, and banded the whole church out of live-bricks."

An Irishman going to be hanged asked that the rope might be got out of the room, that it would not hurt him, for, "I'm so remarkably ticklish in the throat, that if I tied there, I'll certainly kill myself with laughter."

Of all the delicate sensations the mind is capable of, none perhaps will surpass that which attends the relief of an avowed enemy.

An Irishman who had just landed called the first lot of male fiverate in this country the most honest on the ground yesterday. And if we don't believe me, I can show it to ye, for I have it in my pocket.

The opposition papers are announcing to their readers that "there is no longer a Democratic party, why the need of an opposition? By the end of November 1860 they will find to their sorrow that the Democratic party still live."

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Educational.

(For the Democratic Watchman)

Criterion of Truth.

Messrs Editors:—I am accused by "A Teacher" of throwing obstacles in the way of the common "School system," because I gave the public a condensed history of Teachers Institutes, the truth of which he does not deny, but, attempts to divert the attention of the public from it by heaping upon it and myself a volley of opprobrious epithets which are characteristic of the source from whence they came. Here are a few of them:—"Vituperative, old fogy, bombast, profound, erudite, bloated eyes, traitor, natural fool, wigwag, dirt-in &c." These are a few samples of the language used by an opposer of *foeyism*. They were disparaged by one who says he is enlightened by the most refined literature of the day. May the Lord deliver me from such reflections!

Thus it is with all visionary schemes, when disputing with their opponents, they will oppose them with every thing but pure logic. They will either pronounce their evidence stale and obsolete, or remark with an insolent sneer that it is false and beneath their notice. But "A Teacher" does not pretend to have any original evidence. He does not reflect and form his own conclusions. He says the host of Pennsylvania's Superintendents has his evidence; and that if he has erred it is not his fault! Poor fellow! But he does not deserve the contempt and scorn of the present and all coming generations, "poor and needy" that he be! He is a reformer, it would never do to consign him to that—that is reserved for the punishment of old fogies—and Bourbonism I suppose. He imagines that every person has been to Institutes and knows what they are; that nineteen twentieths of the educated men of the United States are acquainted with them and are their votaries. He makes this assertion to deceive the people. Every intelligent man knows better. He says critics are to correct errors. The conduct of the critics themselves refutes this assertion.

"A Teacher" has a spasmodic hankering after my name. His object is plain. He wants to consign it to the contempt and scorn of the present and all coming generations. The name is not essential to the efficacy of any article for the composition will indicate the character of the writer. He says I will engage in a controversy with him and sign my real name, he will then sign his. Powerful inducement! I care nothing about his name. I know his reputation, and that is sufficient for me.

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MEN'S

Singing School Exhibition.

According to previous arrangement several of the classes of Prof. H. M. Culburn met at the Methodist Church for the purpose of holding a concert of vocal music. The school in attendance were, Jacksonville, Hollersburg, Walker, Zion and Buffalo Run.

A large audience having convened, Thos. McKean Esq. was chosen President. The different schools then in succession sang the tunes selected for the occasion consisting of Church music, anthems, quartettes, &c. in such manner as to hold the audience in an ecstasy of delight until recess when D. G. Bush, Esq. being present, was called upon as speaker, who in his appropriate remarks entertained the audience in that delightful manner so peculiar to that talented gentleman.

After singing on motion the Chair appointed the following Committee to draft resolutions, viz: Dr. H. P. Stross, T. B. Rupert, Peter Johnson and Wm. Allmon. The Committee report the following:

Resolved, That in Prof. L. M. Culburn we have found a gentleman every way qualified for the task he has so well performed. A singer and in governing qualifications he is unqualified, whilst in advancing the pupils under his care the performance on Wednesday evening attest his superior merit. When he leaves Centre County for his own sweet home in (Cranford Co., Pa.) he leaves many a wife and child to teach music, we extend to him an invitation to our hospitable and kindly hospitality.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the H. M. Culburn Church receive our thanks for the use of their church on that occasion.

Resolved, That these proceedings be sent to our county papers for publication.

Dr. H. P. STROSS, T. B. RUPERT, P. JOHNSON, W. M. ALLESON, JR., Committee.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS OF CENTRE COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 1858.

ISAAC BIFFINGTON, Esq. Treasurer in account with Centre County from January 7th, 1858, to January 7th, 1859.

To Balance due Treasurer, 6110 25

To Balance due Treasurer, 225,379 85

To Treasurer's Office, 4110 25

To Balance due Treasurer, 229,499 85

By Am't of Commission's order, 228,455 25

By Treasurer's Office, 1,024 60

By balance for Stationery and Postage, 10 00

By Balance due Treasurer, 229,469 85

Balance due Treasurer, 4,110 25

Thos. McCoy, Esq. High Sheriff, in account with Centre County from January 7th, 1858, to January 7th, 1859.

To Am't of Jury fees and fines, 76861 12

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