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**DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.**

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**Success of the Party.**

It does not require that a man should be possessed of the gift of second sight to enable him to ascertain what the event of the present contest will be. The result can be easily foretold. The honest and enlightened Democracy of the Keystone State will rally in support of the usages, the principles, and the candidates of the party, whilst the disordered spirits who have been actively engaged in fomenting discord and endeavoring to bring about defeat, will find their proper level, and meet their reward which disorganizers always receive, with the Black Republicans. The true Democrats in Pennsylvania are honest, and therefore will not consent to accept and recognize those who are untruthful, and therefore will not permit themselves to become the dupes and victims of such men as Forney, Knox or Lyman—they are artful, and therefore will from a down-spying like disorganizer, nation or political dishonesty—they are patriotic and feel an interest in the prosperity and welfare of the Republic, and will unite as one man in sustaining our worthy President who has guided her destinies through the most perilous and trying crisis she has ever known, who deserves immortal honor for the noble stand he has taken in support of her dearest interests, and whose integrity and honesty of purpose have done so much to place her on the proud eminence she now occupies.

The people of Pennsylvania never act without a motive, and what motive could induce them to oppose the administration of Mr. Buchanan? Has he not administered the Government wisely and well? Has he not taken any of the true honor principles of the Democratic party? No! Then why this opposition to his administration by those who have always extended friendship for the man? We will tell you. It is because Mr. Buchanan would not appoint them to places in his cabinet, which insure no education over them, that if Col. Forney had been appointed Post-Master-General, he would this day be the warm and steadfast friend of the President, and would have sworn *Locomotion* or any other machine, that the President should have occasion to adopt.

When Jackson in 1833, put his foot upon that hydra-headed monster, the Bank of the United States, the weak-minded and fishy Democrats, raised a tremendous howl, and deserted their Great Captain, many of them at this day to be found following in the quagmires of political apostasy,—but when the true-hearted Democrats of Pennsylvania, the subsequent year, met in Convention, and resolved to sustain the glorious old "Hero of New Orleans" in his honest efforts to uphold the National Democracy—as it is now, and will be eventually with the friends and enemies of our present Democratic Chief Magistrate—James Buchanan,—the verbiage and opprobrium, with which the Democratic party was then enumerated vanished like chaff before the wind, and the party rose in its primitive purity, invigorated, purified, recuperated, and at the next election, achieved a most triumphant and overwhelming victory. It will be so again.

JACOB TURNER, Esq.—This gentleman immediately before the adjournment of the Legislature was chosen speaker during the recess. He received the nomination in the Democratic caucus on the first ballot. Mr. Turner has always been an anti-Loompton man, and could easily have been defeated if the Buchanan men in the Senate had seen proper to do so. His case is a noble refutation of the proscription which has been charged upon the Democratic party.

Both branches of the Ohio Legislature have passed a bill to prevent persons, in whole or in part, of negro descent, voting at state, County or City elections.

**The Sickles Tragedy.**

The trial of Hon. Daniel W. Sickles for the murder of Key, in Washington is still pending. The reports as published in the Daily papers are entirely too lengthy for us to copy, and consequently we are only able to give merely a hint of what is going on. As we remarked last week, the killing of Key has been proved by the presentation. In fact the defence did not deny it, and with this they rested their case. The defence have proved, by circumstantial evidence—the only kind—that is available in cases of this class—the criminal intimacy that existed between Mrs. Sickles and Key, and their efforts appear to be directed now to the simple point of proving that the discovery of his wife's infidelity involving as it did his dishonor, had excited Mr. Sickles into a frenzy, and so overhauled him with shame and distress as to produce a temporary insanity, which rendered him morally accountable for the acts committed during the time he was thus affected. Whether it is that his counsel have taken this course, under an apprehension that the jury may not consider the provocation sufficient to acquit him of the murder, we are unable to say.

The confession of Mr. Sickles we have read, which freely admits of his meeting Key at the assignation house on 15th street. It is too disgusting and disgraceful to publish.

Mr. Sickles deeply regrets for many reasons, but particularly for the sake of his child, who must one day read the record of his mother's shame, that the confession of Mrs. S. was published. The publication was contrary to his wishes, and it had been when his power he would have suppressed it.

Judge Crawford has decided that evidence of the adultery between the deceased and the wife of the prisoner should be admitted. It was necessary to explain the expression made use of by the prisoner at the time of killing Key, in regard to his having a flood in his head, which was also proper to explain his conduct, what the deceased meant by saying his hands refused, and his general conduct on the night.

There was a great sensation in the Court room when this decision was pronounced, as it will appear a still more extensive exhibition of vice and depravity than has at any time been exposed.

We believe and hope that Mr. Sickles will be acquitted. Not because we consider him guilty, or that the wrong he suffered, was under all the circumstances of his case, a sufficient justification of the crime by which he sought to avenge it. But our strong bias affords no adequate punishment for the offence which Key committed, and the well being of society demands that the severity of the punishment should be such, as to deter, even by such desperate means, if no other will be effectual. And besides, the crafty sinner and heartless libertine, paid no more than the just penalty for his crime, although the swift vengeance of a lawless had it was his execution.

**An Unworthy Hero.**

It appears that Dan Webb, the alleged fugitive slave who was carried about Philadelphia like a conquering hero by the negroes and abolitionists of that staid city, after his discharge from custody is no better than he should be, in short a very unworthy object of the sympathy of moral and law-abiding people, white or colored. The North American tells us that a little secret connected with Dan's domestic life, which wonderfully detracts from his once zealous friends who surrounded him.

A fact has transpired in relation to Dan's wife, that before she was taken to Dan, she was the property of a woman who had been married to a man who was known to her as the father of Dan's child. It was this woman who was carried to Philadelphia like a conquering hero by the negroes and abolitionists of that staid city, after his discharge from custody is no better than he should be, in short a very unworthy object of the sympathy of moral and law-abiding people, white or colored.

Last Friday four men, Cross, Cornish and C. G. G. were executed upon the gallows at Baltimore, for the highest crime recognized by our laws. Three of these poor wretches asserted their innocence the fourth confessed. It is well known that the closing career of these men were they heretofore virtuous or evil in crime? were they practical, professional highwaymen, who murdered for money? Poor, miserable dupes they were to the secret and disgraceful political organization that has hung over the cities of Baltimore and Louisville like a funeral pall.

The renegades from the Democratic party now resemble those who deserted Gen. Jackson's administration during the U. S. Bank controversy. They only defeated themselves, not the party; and the traitors of the present day will be the victims, not those they have killed.

The Democracy of Harford have redeemed the city from the rule of Black Republicanism. They secured all the municipal offices at the election recently. The triumph was a noble one, and shines like a star in the darkness which at present broods over the rest of the State.

The recent elections in New Jersey have resulted very favorably to the Democracy. In Trenton, Patterson, Beverly and Princeton, candidates of that party were triumphantly elected. Throughout East- Jersey the same success has attended the Democracy.

The Washington Union.—The ownership of this journal having passed into the hands of George W. Bowman, Esq., its name has been changed to that of "The Constitution."

**Dr. Ker's Harford Convention.**

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AFRAID TO NOMINATE A TICKET.

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