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Centre County.

Every locality has its peculiar attractions either in nature or art. One section of the country is renowned for its earth to grow fruit, while another is equally celebrated for its rich productions in mines and the undeveloped wealth which it conceals. Every section of its territories. It is safe to say that a variety of resources are combined in one locality such as are seldom united in any region. Centre county, of Centre County in the Commonwealth presents more varied resources and at the same time has less developed wealth. Less is not so much the fault of the laboring masses as it is the neglect of the capitalists, who wrenched from the soil and taken from its purposes of speculation. The wealth of the bowels of this County as a whole is unequalled by that of any County in the State. But the benefit of this production is not manifested by any great improvements in this County. This is not shown in any very great advance in agriculture, nor are any facilities afforded by the wealth arising from Agriculture to advance the labor which gives it life and activity. We are not sufficiently proud of our advantages. We are either not conscious of our own power, or we willingly neglect it, and leave to others the enjoyment of results which should be used for our own comfort and improvement. Why this is so we hear those to answer who have made their fortunes out of the toil of the laboring masses. Why Centre county is not in advance, instead of being behind her sister counties, in improvements which give vigor and value to natural resources we attribute, to the inactivity of our capitalists. We cannot certainly attribute the loss in both respects to any other source, nor would we if we could avert the censure and the loss which must eventually fall on those who now neglect the interests of this County by refusing to assist in developing her resources as well as opening her territory by railroad communication, to the competition and trade of better Counties.

Centre county is not dependant on any one resource or any peculiar interest for its existence or prosperity. It has the abundance of her resources that has enabled her to keep pace with other localities. It is the variety of her natural wealth that has brought even here credit. Had an enterprise prompted by protected labor properly to cope with the wealth, it would now be so. Now further the County would exhibit a feeling exceeded by others. In our western corner the deposits of coal, of which veins of Brumonds Coal, are perhaps the largest and most valuable in the State. Parts only lately that these veins have been worked with any thing like energy and even now but a little field is neglected, for the want of the proper machinery and labor to work them successfully. This coal has never found a market many miles beyond its beds of deposit. Scarcely only a few miles in any county over the coal of our hills alone, yet it has failed to be understood, and has simply because we have no facilities for transit. We have no outlet for the wealth. It is natural to remain undisturbed in the bowels of the earth, by the very capital which is dropped from the bosom of the earth and the labor which would be increased and benefitted by a proper regard for this abundance, is also supposed to languish and decline for want of employment. This coal once feeding foreign market would command prompt purchasers and bring speedy returns of money in circumstances of the money thus finding its way into the County would tend to the improvement of labor, by placing it in a position to compete with capital. Add to this coal we have in the centre of the County deposits of Iron Ore that have long been great sources of wealth to a favored few. Had this capital been in the hands of more enterprising men, Centre county would be in ratio more benefitted. Had these deposits been worked with a view to benefit the country instead of enriching a few individuals, the result would have been different, and, instead of a few languishing forges and furnaces, forges of a stupendous magnitude would have been waking the echos of our hills with their thunders, and we would not be compelled to depend, as now on legislative powers to keep up the fires of our furnaces. Even as we are, behind the times in improvement and machinery, the iron of Centre county commands a better price in the market than the iron manufactured elsewhere, but this is owing, not so much to the superiority of those engaged in its production, as it is to the excellence of the mineral from which it is manufactured. The rolled and hammered iron from this County has nothing superior to contend with in the eastern market. It takes the lead in the form of blacksmiths and farriers in almost every city in the Union. What this trade would amount to if pursued with more energy and greater enterprise is not to be conjectured in a simple sentence. These two branches combining the coal and iron of the County are sufficient within themselves to enrich the labor and return handsome interest to the capital interested. But along the side and among our coal fields, forests of the most valuable timber are standing ready for different enterprise to extract from them similar abundant wealth. We want more local enterprise. We want only a fair share of the profits of our productions to be invested here where they are produced. We want the iron and coal men of this County to pay some attention to the development of our territory. We want the farmers to pay some attention to their own interests by encouraging home mechanics, and we want only that spirit of enterprise among our business men and capitalists which looks beyond mere pecuniary emolument to the profit which is gained in the consciousness of being *public benefactors*. We have the power within ourselves of being rich and prosperous. We have the material for abundant trade at our own doors. What we lack is courage to engage in the competition, or else we are too selfish to risk that which may possibly equally disperse its benefits to the community. So long as this foggy spirit prevails, so long will the interest and progress of Centre county be impeded and retarded.

No Speake. Yet.

After having some thirty ballots for Speaker they have not yet succeeded in effecting an election. Now the plain English of all this is, that no one can possibly be elected Speaker by a majority vote. As the rules now stand a dozen men by acts of obstruction may postpone a vote *until the third day of the 4th March next*, when the present House of Representatives *ceases by constitutional limitation*. At the present writing there are at least fifty members here who design the design to get a vote on the plurality rule to the extent of their ability. This is the organization of the Black Republican platform man in the Speaker's chair.

It is useless to contend with all parties this hunt and have that end way in the matter and no party is strong enough to carry out its views. It is clear that the solution of the present difficulty is a matter as yet not within the compass of any mans brain. There is no reason whatever, at present to anticipate that the 1st of February will find the contest in a more solvable condition in none whatever. In the meanwhile the confusion of the House will continue to excite sectional strife through out the land, stirring up more bad blood hourly.

A "Dig" at the Press.

The last Centre Democrat has the following "dig" at the Press written by its Associate Editor, Col Brown. The Col talks out like a brave man—one who understands, and has the ink prudence to maintain his rights let the consequences be what they may. But to the extract:

"Shall the *Centre Democrat* receive your cordial support? Or will you, now that our party is successful, our principles sustained and endorsed by a majority of old Centre's freemen forget or neglect your great auxiliary or suffer the *Centre Democrat* to be crushed out and cast aside as a thing of no value? Will you we ask again, consent to be just before you are generous and thereby rob us of the liberal support to which we are entitled? Or will you unite with a few cruel and ruthless men in withholding from us our just dues and bestowing your patronage upon those who may even at any time be good to speak of you, and in the end the influence of all it can be to apply such epithets to us, as the Black Know Nothings and Temperance Fanatics, and have never resorted to this day.

We would not thus refer to the above facts but for the simple reason that justice to ourself demands it. For the last eighteen months there has been a third ticket effort, cowardly as it was secret made against us and our paper. Slurs and lies were our pay. Would be silenced. On this question we shall say no more at present. We only wish to remind our friends, that such is the fact, in order that they may put forth a combined influence to crush out and in the bud of our paper. Let us ask you? Is the success of such Idolaters we have invested in the Centre Democrat paid or must be paid shall be lost to us? That is the question.

Yes, and that is a damned serious question to the editors of a third times. Now Scott & Keller, here is an opportunity to show spunk or take to water. Pluck boys, and we'll hold you have (provided they are filled with peanuts.)

The Presidency.—Who will be the nominee of the Charleston Convention? This is a question not easily to be answered just *now*. If we may judge from the sober indications reflected through the press, we should point to the Hon. John C. Breckinridge as the most prominent person named. It may be that this is only an expression of our own feeling and preference in the matter.

REPUBLICANISM.—Republicanism, according to its supporters just now, is sound in theory but "insane" in practice. The man who professes its principles, who sympathizes with John Brown and his raid in Virginia, is a patriot and a christian; but the man who acts them out is an "insane" traitor and a murderer! That is the plain logic of the treatment which Brown now receives from his party friends.

FROM THE RIO GRANDE.—We have advices from Brownsville to the 24 inst. Cortinas with 400 men attacked and took possession of Rio Grande City on the 24th ult., But it was subsequently retaken by the United States troops and a company of Rangers from Brownsville. Sixty Mexicans and nine Americans were killed in the engagement. Capt. Ford, of the Rangers, is among the killed.

Owing to the crowded state of our columns and the absence of the junior and the foreman, we are unable to give our usual variety this week.

A Great Change.

Not even the youngest man, now just embarking upon the ocean of life for himself, but must feel that a great change has taken place in the relations between the slave States and those of the North and West. He can but go back to his school day—his boyhood—as he reflects upon the altered condition of the country, ere he can be convinced that he is really living under the same Government that existed then so different is the speech of people, and so changed are the politics of the country. With the aged and gray-haired it is even more difficult to comprehend this falling off in true patriotism and brotherly love between the States of this Union. They remember the struggle for independence, and, if they did not actually participate in it, they were schooled in all its incidents, and taught by the very lips of those who bore a part in that mighty contest, what it cost and what was endured in order that this glorious temple might be reared upon American soil, to bless with the choicest of earthly gifts their descendants. They witness with pain the growth of discord and ill will which is manifest in all sections of the country, and mourn as they totter on to their graves the unfaithfulness of those to whom have been intrusted the preservation and perpetuation of American liberty.

For years there was no discord, no ill will between the members of this great family of States. Massachusetts and South Carolina were alike beloved and respected each other in return. Here were no such terms as are unhappily now used in distinguishing at Christian church located on either side of Mason and Dixon's line from the other. Then there was no "North" and "South" Christians as now, but all could surround the same table and commemorate together the death and sufferings of the Saviour of Mankind. Then the pulpit was not desecrated by vociferous and angry appeals to the worshipper to hate with all his might his brother in the South and to disobey the Constitution and the laws of the land. Then men stepped to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified, not John Brown, Sharpe's rifles, nor treason against sister States. The rules in authority and the happiness and prosperity of this great Republic were remembered in the devotion of the sanctuary: and Christians met and prayed for one another in all the churches of the land. Now there is with some of the most numerous denominations a church "North" and a church "South." Christians here no longer have fellowship with Christians there, excepting one or two instances, perhaps, and many pulpits on the Sabbath as well as on days of national thanksgiving, resound with bitter denunciations of on behalf of the Union, and violence often, instead of blessings, is invoked upon their.

Practical Evidence of Conservatism.

We copy the following letter, says the Pennsylvanian from a gentleman favorably known in the community, addressed to the People's Party Convention at Philadelphia as a worthy and practical evidence of true conservatism. It may be regarded as one of the results of the late Union demonstration in that city, and the bold candor with which Mr Lewis recognizes the Abolitionized character of the Democratic party appeal to thousands of others who have heretofore acted with him, and like him revere the memory of Clay and appreciate now what that great statesman held when, in his memorable speech at Frankfort Nov 15 '50, he said "I have had great hope and confidence in the principles of the Whig party, as being most likely to conduce to the honor, the prosperity and the glory of the country, *but if it is to be the creature of Abolitionists to be engulfed in the Whig creed*, THAT MOMENT I RENOUNCE THE PARTY AND CEASE TO BE A WHIG."

Mr Lewis says

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 16, 59

To the President and Members of the People's Convention. Gentlemen: Having been elected a Delegate to your convention, I feel it my duty to decline taking my seat in the same.

From my boyhood I was taught to love the Whig party, and I was a firm and ardent supporter of its principles because they were *right*. On the dissolution of that great party I became an enthusiastic advocate of what I considered the *next best political organization*, "American." This also has ceased to exist, and its members generally have joined a party called "Republican," now rallying under the name of "People's Party."

In view of the fact recently shown by its leaders and journals, that this "People's party" is rapidly becoming *Abolitionized*, and then forcibly *secured*, I conceive it my duty, as a *national* man to retire myself in the ranks of the only party left. Democratic.

Intending to attach myself to such, under these circumstances I cannot conscientiously take my seat with you, but feel it equally my duty to give frankly my reasons.

I am, respectfully, yours, &c.,

WM D LEWIS, Jr.

Democratic County Convention.

The Democratic Convention which met on the 4th Tuesday of August last, adjourned to meet on the 4th Tuesday of January, (*court week*) 1860, for the purpose of appointing a Representative Delegate to the next Democratic State Convention; as also, to appoint Senatorial Conferees to meet similar Conferees from the Counties of Lycoming, Union and Clinton at Lock Haven, to choose and elect a Senatorial Delegate, to said State Convention. It is requested that they, the said Delegates, will meet on said day in Bellefonte, at 3 o'clock, P. M., as also to take into consideration *such matters as will secure the union and concert of action for the redemption of the Democratic party of Centre county from the thraldom of Black Republicans, alias the People's party.* Punctual attendance is requested at the hour named, as a Democratic meeting will be held in the evening which the delegates may wish to attend.

BY ORDER OF THE CONVENTION.

Democratic Meeting

A meeting of the Democratic citizens of Centre county, favorable to the ancient usages and customs of the Democratic party, and willing to cast aside false issues forced upon them by the trickery of the opposition party, and make a united effort at *our next* election to redeem our County from the misrule of Black Republicanism, will be held on Tuesday evening Jan. 24th, 1860, (court week,) at the Court House in Bellefonte.

By order of the Standing Com

PEN, PASTE & SCISSORS.

☞ Getting Juicy—The road.

☞ Piling in—New subscribers.

☞ On a Bender—A few rowdies last night.

☞ Stopped—The tintinnabulation of the bells.

☞ Do. The "irrepressible conflict" between Branch and Grow.

☞ Came Down and Went up Again—Hiffalutin's feather signs.

☞ And there it waves in triumph advertising *upper* leather for sale.

☞ Absent—The Junior—on a Bear excursion, or something in that.

☞ Returned from Africa and the Arctic Regions—Stover and the Press.

☞ Here—the season for mince pies, sausages, buckwheat cakes and kraut.

☞ Will leave the Station soon—Rev E B. Snyder. Sorry to part with him.

☞ This being Leap Year the ladies are beginning to bob round the little teasers.

☞ We are indebted to Gov Packer for an advance copy of his message, for which he has our thanks.

☞ A young limb of the law got "spelled" out of his buggy on Bishop street the *other day*. Came cowhide "ker souse."

☞ Not all dead—the Judas Iscariots.—*Democrat.*

Vide the Senior editor of that paper.

☞ A young snipe came to our town recently, and is "doin' 'round as though he owned the whole United States, and had a farm in the West.

☞ The North Western Bank at Warren, Pa., is redeeming its bills promptly. The Bank has but 8,000 circulation out.

"Got a *Pet Deer*—J H Stover, Esq *Democrat*.

Mistaken gentlemen, that *Deer* was *shot*.

"Retired—E B Parker, Esq., as Associate editor of the Jersey Shore Republican, a position he has held with distinguished ability for the last two years.

☞ The J's. The names of five of the editors of this place commence with the letter J. Enough of them in all conscience to make a clever sized J——ss.

☞ When a man receives a newspaper weekly, and takes great delight in reading it, but neglects to pay for it, we wonder whether he has a soul or a gizzard.

Last evening we chanced to see a pair of interesting lovers kissing at an open lattice. Young people that was very improper *latter work*.

☞ James Jones, Esq. of the Jersey Shore Vidette, has taken his brother Thomas in company with him in the publication of that paper. They have our best wishes.

☞ A branch of the Middletown Bank is to be established at Harrisburg.—*Exchange.*

Before the Republican State Convention is held, we presume.

☞ The New York Herald is urging the Black Republicans in Congress to vote for John W Forney, for Clerk—all by way of recommendation, republished in Buchanan Forrest letter.

☞ Elected—The Senior to be the fighting Editor of this paper. He is well qualified for the post.—*Democrat.*

Ah! Good! How will it be—Minor fight pistols or coffee?

☞ The "slobberdegullion" who passed a counterfeit coal dollar upon us a short time ago had better not "poke his nose" into our sanctum again or he'll be very apt to smell new leather.

"Query—Wonder how a Col Brown or Riddle pays the Editors of the Watchman for advertising, but so generously?—*Democrat.*

"Quite as much as you paid "Col" Anything but!

"Beware of too much Lager. It will cause you after the eighth tumbler—that if persevered in, you will be metamorphosed into a tumbler yourself, and besides will have a great big head next day.

☞ Fact. Melancholy is another name for tough meat. We care not how imaginative a man may be, let him eat two pickled pigs feet, and he will feel as inanimate as a sack of coals. What we often think is mind is half the time gristle, and such like.

☞ Wilson & Brothers have a fine variety of goods on hand and as cheap as can be purchased any where in the County. The proof of the pudding, however, is in chewing the bag, and the best way to test the truth of what we say, is to call and examine for yourselves.

☞ The Bellefonte Watchman says it's very pleasant when both parents have black hair, to have a baby come to your house permanently with a mahogany top. Do the editors of the Watchman speak from their own experience, or somebody else's? *Hollidaysburg Standard.*

Owing to the absence of the Junior we are not prepared to answer the question delicately but from somebody else's—we presume.

☞ It will be seen by reference to another column, that the Republican Commissioners of this County have awarded the printing to the Democrat. Quite a contest was got up between the editors of the Central Press and the Democrat and the friends of the two establishments, as to who was justly entitled to it. The Commissioners decided in favor of the former. The decision is a righteous one—it is justice. "Give the devil his due."

☞ Home Again—The Senior editor of the Bellefonte Watchman. He did'nt give us a call as he intended to do. Well, we guess the gals don't care a darn. *Hagerstown*

Of course they don't!—and what does an old man with a family as large as old John Rodgers, care about the girls of Ebensburg or any other burg. If however, we had succeeded in getting there with our traveling companion, the young gents in that quarter *would have had to "keep their eyes open tight" or take the "mitten."* That's so.

☞ Socially speaking, they are a clever fellows, and if they would only let out that "last drop of Democratic blood," they might some day become a benefit to the community. *Press.*

Let out that "last drop of Democratic blood," and then land our bark in the Republican party, Eh? Is that what you mean? Well, we know a chap in these diggings who done that thing for the express purpose of "stuffing his gizzard," and where is he now? Amphodite, a guerrilla. Did you hear anything drap?"

Senator Bigler on the Present Crisis.

The following extracts from a patriotic letter written by Senator Bigler to a friend in Philadelphia, have found their way into print, and we take great pleasure in copying them into the Watchman, that his numerous Democratic friends in this section of the State may have an opportunity of reading them. Gov. Bigler stands high in his native State, and all the abuse and vituperation of Forney's Press and other kindred spirits will only have the tendency to make him more prominent. Higher honors yet await him. But to the extracts:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19th, 1859.

MY DEAR SIR * * * You have my thanks for a copy of the proceedings of the great Union meeting held at Jayne's Hall on the 7th instant. I have read them through with emotions of delight. How gladly I should have participated in them, but I could not. Nothing could have been more befitting than the enunciation of such patriotic sentiments, in defence of the Constitution and the Union, so near the sacred spot where both were formed. It was opening the fire on fanatics and traitors, from the right battery, and I hope this assault on their may be followed up by other Northern communities, until the demon of sectionalism is driven from the land.

You can hardly imagine how the manifestations of sympathy with that wretched man Brown, have wounded and embittered the feelings of Southern men. They are heartily disgusted with such exhibitions of a depraved popular taste, and I think justly so. Brown, by the showing of his own party organ, in Kansas, the Herald of Freedom was a man of infamous practices, one who sowed dissensions amongst his neighbors, who counselled disobedience to law, and resistance to its officers, who advised the use of the rifle, the revolver and the bowie knife, rather than the ballot box, in the settlement of political differences; who, more than once party excited the murder of white men and the larceny of negroes and horses; who, in 1857, solemnly pledged himself with others, to take life just so often as might be necessary to prevent any man holding office under the Lecompton Constitution in case of its acceptance by Congress, and who, as we all know, afterwards, devoted months of his time in collecting together the most brutal implements of warfare with which the slaves not familiar with fire arms, were to murder their masters and mistresses, in case he succeeded in raising an insurrection in Virginia, and that he did actually commence the work of blood and carnage at Harper's Ferry, and yet, to the disgrace of the country it must be confessed that when this man, thus steeped in crimes, is brought to justice men are found in one part of the Union, and many of them too in social and sacred life, and clamor him as a martyr to freedom. Even the pulpit has been desecrated to this work, and all this because Brown was making war on an institution common to fifteen of the sovereign States of the Union which it is admittedly their constitutional right to have and keep in peace. Had Brown's crimes had no connection with slavery, who does not know that Phillips, and Cheever, and Becher and Wright and Smith would have turned from him with loathing and disgust. But it is said Brown was crazy about slavery. I do not believe that; but if it were so it is more on which the conservatives should become crazy about Brown.

As for the Helper book to which you refer, I have not read it through, but if the Compendium be a fair index of its contents I have no hesitation in saying that it is the most wicked political work ever issued from the American press, calculated, if not intended to bring into the field of our next elections, the most revolting and passionate appeals that ever disgraced the annals of political differences; appeals which