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DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATION.

FOR GOVERNOR.

GEN. HENRY D. FOSTER.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

ELECTORS AT LARGE

GEORGE M. KEIM of Berks county.
RICHARD VAUX, of Philadelphia,

DISTRICT ELECTORS

1	Fred'k A. Sener,	13	Jos. Laubach,
2	W. C. Patterson,	14	Isaac Reckhow,
3	J. S. Crocket, Jr.	15	G. D. Jackson,
4	John B. Brenner,	16	John A. Ahl,
5	G. W. Jacoby,	17.	Joel B. Danner,
6	Charles Kelly,	18.	J. R. Crawford,
7	Oliver P. James,	19	H. H. Lee,
8	David Schall	20	J. B. Howell,
9	Joel L. Dechner,	21	N. P. Patterman,
10.	S. S. Barber	22	S. Marshall
11	Thos. H. Walker	23	William Beck
12	S. S. Winchester	24	R. D. Hamlin,
		25	Gaylord Church

DEMOCRATIC RATIFICATION MEETING

A meeting of the Democratic citizens of Centre County will be held in the Court House in Bellefonte on TUESDAY evening 24 inst. (court week.) A number of speakers from abroad are expected to address the meeting. By order of Standing Committee

JNO. F. HOOVER *Chairman.*

The Smelling Committee.

The style in which the majority of Mr Covode's committee are discharging their duties, is in fair keeping with that inaugurated by the never to be forgotten "Hess committee" of the Massachusetts Legislature. Washington is full of jokes concerning the way in which Mr C is peeping under the political beds he fancies he comes across and peering into the contents of what he imagines he finds there. So far however, he has found it exceedingly nothing. In finding it, he has exhibited to the world the fact that his purpose is not to seek for truth but rather, for some good soul of malodorous gossip out of which he hopes to be able to manufacture some such dirty charge as Hess was looking up when nosing in the dormitories of the religious houses in Charlestown Massachusetts. His questions as to of Collector Snell, were as dirty as imaginable. You insult me that he asked them, because they prove that he is already aware that he has so far discovered nothing what ever on which to base a plausible charge against the President, or his political opponents at large.

Mr. Horace Greely, of the New York Tribune a professing and astute politician, has become alarmed and denounces their proceeding in the Tribune, in the following language:

RIGHT AGAINST PREROGATIVE.—The House Committee of Investigation, whereof Mr. Covode of Pennsylvania is chairman as assists, we learn, that Mr. Augustus Schell of this city shall produce and divert a list in his possession of our political opponents to the total rascal vote to carry Pennsylvania for Buchanan at the October election of 1856. The Committee is to investigate and propose to provide the power of the House to compel Mr Schell to explain the paper demanded. If they do this, we trust the House will pause and consider well before passing the resolution required. Mr. Schell though now Collector of the Port was a private citizen in 1856; those who contributed the money he raised for the Pennsylvania campaign were likewise mainly private citizens. It is not even incredible that the money was used improperly, though we presume a good part of it was there is of course no shadow of proof that it was distributed by public officers, or that it came however circuitously out of the Federal Treasury. By what right then, under what color of reason, do the committee call upon Mr Schell to give up to the press papers and letters to the world the names of men to expose them under circumstances calculated to expose them to odium? If he should have been guilty of conspiracy or corruption why not collect and try them? If the object is to fish out evidence on which to base a prosecution, we object that the motive is *petit, unconstitutional* and the *whole process is fraught with danger to the rights of every citizen.*

We speak thus freely because the subject is of the gravest importance, while our relation to parties in conflict enables us to discuss without exposure to misapprehension. Mr Schell and his counsel are our political adversaries; the Committee who are pressing them to the wall are our political friends. But right is right and his proceedings seems to us quite another thing. It is an attempt to make party control by an abuse of power—a dangerous stretch of a doubtful prerogative.

The fact may as well be stated that this whole business of developing political scandal by legislative investigations has already been almost *run in the ground*. In the minds of fair minded men are growing sick of it. In so far as public functionaries and other recipients of public money are required to give an account of their dealing with the Treasury we uphold the claim to the fullest extent. Even this may be abused; but it is a salutary, conservative power, and as reluctance in seeing it fearlessly, searchingly exercised. But dragging private citizens or those who were private citizens when the acts to which inquest is made were committed before investigating Committees, to be catechised in secret, under circumstances which secure them no protection against insults, nor against the most inquisitorial and impertinent peering and prying into their private concerns, will not answer. It must either be strictly limited or utterly stopped."

Why this sudden return to reason? Why is the Tribune opposed to pursuing the investigation? Does the shoe begin to pinch already? The fact is just this: The Tribune clan are alarmed lest the investigation may be extended to the Republican side of the House and result in disclosing to the world how much money was contributed in New York for the purpose of carrying Pennsylvania for Fremont—how much was disbursed under the direction of Tom Ford, lately elected printer of the House, to buy up venal Filmore presses and politicians.—Here is the rub. Mr. John Covode, (the man that the *Ass*-terisk editor went in for Governor in preference to Col. Curtin,) has got into deep water, and is likely to plunge his friends into very hot water. The possible consequences of this business begin to make their hearts palpitate with apprehension, and the Committee is not to pursue this *private* matter any further.

The honest portion of the community, as his own political corruptions become exposed, look upon him with indignation and disgust, whilst his own party are already turning their backs upon this shameless and corrupt political demagogue.

Rhode Island Election.

Since the overthrow of Black Republicanism in Rhode Island, the papers of that order are trying to make it appear that the event was no party triumph of the Democracy—that Mr. Sprague, the successful candidate for Governor, was no distinctively a Democratic candidate, but the union candidate of several distinct political organizations, to neither of which he was especially attached. Ex Senator James, whose opportunities of knowing all the facts in relation thereto are equal to those of any other man, says Mr Sprague does not rate himself as anything in a party sense, but a Democrat before accepting the Democratic nomination. He distinctly declined that of the "Conservative Republicans" and the "Young Men's" party, and accepted none other than the nomination of the Democratic party duly tendered in conformity to the usages of that party. Gen James has no doubt of the permanent ascendancy of the Democratic party in Rhode Island if no fatal mistake is made in the nomination at Charleston of which there is no reasonable ground for fears at the present time.

Republican Love for the Irish.

The Black Republicans just now profess great respect for our Irish fellow citizens. In the infamous Helper book are the following concerning the almost which these unprincipled men are now circulating broadcast throughout Pennsylvania, and which all the leading Republicans in Congress endorsed and to which Wm H. Seward gave a special recommendation, the following specimen of bigotry and intolerance is to be found:

"With the intelligent Protestant element of the Territories (Kansas) to override us we can well afford to feel supreme scorn at the ignorant Catholic element of Emerald Isle. To the influence which they exert in every Territory is so little difference between Slavery, Popery and Negro driving Democracy that we are not a little surprised to see them going hand in hand in their diabolical work of inhumanity and dissolution."—*Helper's Impending Crisis, Texas page 83.*

Legislature

No comment that a Democratic paper might make on the acts of the late session could equal the severity of the following from the Philadelphia Inquirer whose editor, being of the same politics as the majority of the Legislature may be supposed to *know whereon* and to speak the truth of them.

"Never in the history of Pennsylvania has a session been marked by more scandal, wicked in signing than the present. Every good man detests the disorder, licentiousness and the long bitch-like wrangles which characterized their proceedings. No one can, however, be thankful enough that the shameful chapter of passing an excise by the process of endorsement of money. Almost every man with some office or place, had his price, and the enormous number of bills passed in the last hours of the session, were all paid for in the foul cash secure prospective profits were just as good."

The Republican party is very much alarmed just now at the support of things Catholic in the country. They see in the signs of the times as they are reflected by the municipal elections in the free States, that there is a spirit of insubordination in their ranks that bodes no good to them. The irrepressible conflict is a bold question for him to hear in under and they are anxiously looking to the result of the Charleston Convention for some new phase of the political horoscope by which a ray of hope may be shed upon their dark path. Like the excitable and boastful Mr. Seward they are waiting for "something to turn up." Will they will be accommodated. There will turn up anything but a triumph for them in the proceedings of the Democratic Convention. The Democracy are too wide awake to let the present favorable opportunity slip without taking all the advantages under it.

THE GREAT FIGHT.—The latest news from England by the steamer Prince Albert, at St Johns on the 9 inst., is to the effect that the authorities in England have issued warrants for the arrest of Heenan and Sayers to bind them over to keep the peace.—The fight was to come off on the 16th inst. It was said that it would be fought on the 11th to avoid the officers of the law. Heenan was represented to be in a splendid condition, and his friends confident of his success. In New York city it is said that hundreds of thousands of dollars are being staked on the result of the fight, and the excitement is growing so intense as to throw the Presidential Conventions completely into the shade.

In a few days the anxiety that is felt about the Charleston Convention will be over, and the Democracy will have nailed their flag to the mast-head resolved to conquer or die by the nominee of that body, who will doubtless place in nomination a ticket that will give satisfaction to all sections of the country, saving and excepting always the Black Republican States and the Black Republicans.

A DEAD HIT.—It is supposed that the passage of the Homestead Bill is intended and will effectually destroy the value of the lands given to the survivors of the war of 1812 and of the Mexican war. No one desiring to settle in the Territories on homesteads, would purchase these lands, and the soldiers, to a very large extent, are unable from many causes to become actual settlers in a new country, and, consequently would lose the advantage to be derived by a transfer.

Almost a General Fight.

We have a few remarks to make upon the last scene of disorder that occurred in Congress. It arose out of a very abusive and intensely violent speech made by Mr Lovejoy, of Illinois, in which he characterized all slaveholders as being, if possible, worse than murderers, thieves, etc., his denunciations being accompanied by a demeanor giving for the time being to the idea that he was making his way over to the Democratic side of the House for the purpose of beating some of the "accursed" class sitting there, with his fist. It has always been customary in the House for the orator to deliver his his speech from his seat, or from the Clerk's desk, but Mr. Lovejoy trampling upon honorable precedents, crossed over to the open area in front of the Democratic side of the House, shaking his clenched fist in the face of the Southern members while he poured forth the most unwarrantable and bitter invectives against the institution of slavery and those who practiced it. A number of Democratic members now arose and requested Mr Lovejoy to stay upon the Republican side of the House and finish his speech from his seat, the proper place. He refused to do so, and kept on in his spouting way, when upon Mr. Barksdale, Preston Brunett, and a number of others arose from their seats and insisted that Mr. Lovejoy *should* speak from his seat. Mr. Potter Kellogg and all the leading Republicans gathered around Lovejoy, while the Southern members gathered in a body around Mr. Pryor, and for about five minutes the House was the scene of the wildest confusion. A general melee would inevitable but to the honor of the nation and the credit of its representatives order was restored and Mr Lovejoy proceeded with his harangue having at the request of the Speaker taken his stand before the Clerk's desk.

The following day when the Globe the official paper of Congress, appeared Mr Pryor rising to a question of order read the proceedings as given by the official reporter and then charged Mr Potter with having taken the reporter's manuscript and changed it so as to make it appear that he (Potter) had made use of certain things which he really had not. Mr Potter in reply said that he had not changed the report, but only added what the reporter had unintentionally omitted and that it was a privilege which the members had always exercised of correcting their own remarks in the reporter's manuscript. Mr. Pryor continued addressing Mr Pryor, "did you not erase my remarks after they were put into the reporter's?" And what right had you to do that without consulting me? It was a liberty which no *gentleman* would have taken with regard to another." Mr Pryor then rose and asked Mr Potter if he would stand by the remarks which he had just made. He said he would. Mr Pryor then made a remark about the stupid demonstrating whether or not he would stand by them.—The House then adjourned.

Immediately after the adjournment of the House Mr Pryor dispatched through Mr. Hindman (Ark.) a note to Mr Potter asking him to leave the District to receive a written communication.

To this Mr. Potter replied that as Mr Pryor was contemplated avoiding the usual challenging penalties to the District and that as this (Mr Potter) should qualifications was enhanced in the Constitution of Wisconsin to entertain the proposal therefore he could not leave the District. On which Mr Chrisman a substitute for Mr Hindman who was obliged to leave Washington handed Mr Potter a peremptory challenge from Mr Pryor who dated his note from Virginia.

Col Lander who has been designated by Mr Potter as his friend handed after a lapse of twelve hours a note to Mr Chrisman accepting the challenge and naming common bowie knives as the weapons; the right to take place in the open air and the parties to be accompanied by two friends, each armed with Colts revolvers.

Mr Chrisman protested against this form of weapon as absurd barbarous vulgar, and offered to consent to the code in the most liberal terms provided other arms are suggested.

Mr Potter authorized Col Lander to decline any other terms urging the bowie knife as the only weapon. Whereupon Col Lander offered to substitute himself for Mr Potter with other weapons. To both of which propositions Mr Chrisman without consulting Mr Pryor replied that the first as to the weapons is vulgar and indefensible and that while appreciating Col Lander's offer he must treat "they have no cause of quarrel with him and, consequently, no demand to make on him."

It is supposed that Mr Pryor's second acted without consulting him, on the grounds given above as well as at the solicitations of Senators Mason and Hammond.

Rather than that thereupon Mr Potter offered to substitute Colt muskets for bowie knives but it is not generally accredited.

The affair excited intense excitement throughout the city and was the only topic of conversation for several days.

Mr Chrisman was on the act of conveying a note from Pryor to Potter, accepting bowie knives when he and that the latter had been arrested, and bound over in $5000 to keep the peace and especially not to fight a duel. The officers in search of Mr. Pryor who will be required to give a similar bond.

The same day Mr Potter appeared in the House and was warmly welcomed by both Northern and Southern members.

Thus terminated this affair of "honor."—The experiment to Washington has now subsided. It is to be hoped that the members in future will so conduct themselves in debate as not to trample upon the rights or wound the feelings of their fellow members. These political and personal brawls in Congress are a disgrace to the nation, and should receive the unqualified condemnation of all law abiding citizens, of every section of the Union, and of every conservative party. If those who frame our laws cannot counsel in harmony, it is hardly to be supposed that those for whom the laws were intended, can do more towards sustaining them than their builders.

Base Libel and Forgery.

The editors of the Centre Democrat have, in their downward course, descended to a degree of high handed outrage and crime, as revolting to good morals as it is to common decency. A paper professing stronger claims to the dissemination of good, wholesome moral principles, than it could ever impress favorably upon the consideration of the people, has become the vehicle through which the basest passions of its editors are manifested. These men, driven from one position to another without being able to vindicate their principles by the force of logical discussion and even unable to properly criminate upon their own political identity, have perpetrated a base, malignant libel and forgery upon the editors of the Democratic Watchman. We repeat, that they are the perpetrators of a base malignant libel and forgery, by giving publicity to a prospectus for a base paper which originated with themselves. In this prospectus they have made various false statements, as they supposed tending to our injury. The project was conceived and brought forth in the sin and iniquity of their own depraved hearts. Both the Associate and Assterisk editors knew that they perverted truth but in an old adage, that the frequent commission of crime deaden remorse." There still small voice "conscience which should be ever present with the erring, has left them alone to their ideals." They are now the miserable creatures of their own folly at whom the finger of scorn might be pointed as the worthy inmates of a prison cell. We had expected better things of but they have found their level. The law regards them as criminals and a discriminating public will recognize them as such. To that Prospectus they have *forged* the names of both the editors of the Watchman as well as the colored man in question. And now if they escape the punishment which they deserve in consequence of this outrageous criminal offence it is because we may choose to be charitable, without exposing the rigid discipline of the law under which they have placed themselves. If the lashery which they have practiced upon the members of their own party, heretofore, have been overlooked by that party for the sake of concord and harmony it cannot be overlooked by the editors of the Watchman when such indulgence has emboldened them to the perpetration of a crime. We therefore ask the editors of the Centre Democrat to retract as which they have made public in that *libelous* and *forged* Prospectus of the Watchman or else we may be compelled to vindicate the truth through its proper channel.

For publishing a communication from L. C. Smith—the "colored dancing teacher"—we have no apology to offer. We find when referring to the "dancing school" that we were no apologist for vice or immorality in any form, our remarks having been called for by circumstances of the unparalleled inconsistency of Jos. S. Bowlin, the Assterisk editor of the Centre Democrat. In giving expression to this sentiment, we published but a common sentiment of a people who commend virtue but despise and mock at teachings as are prompted by the instigation of the Devil. There is this one thing which the editors of the Democrat have got to learn, even in hashing their boasted collegiate education and various other legal and practical acquirements. No GENTLEMAN would transcend the dignity of his profession and resort to slander and base calumniation to sustain a sinking cause.—And we would bend the imputation that Augustus, and the decision that gave to slave in fee thereby poor white man back to the very teeth of the sentiments of the Centre Democrat. That decision is their own text Brown engrossed. The Assterisk supporters—James S. Hale and nearly every Black Republican member of congress have supported it in the Dickerson case to *liberate the slaves*. We close this article by again repeating that the editors of the Centre Democrat are not only guilty of low political chicanery, but base libel and willful and deliberate forgery.

THE SUNBURY AND ERIE RAILROAD BILL.—The Sunbury and Erie bill which was so long debated in our State Legislature passed in the following form and has received the signature of the Governor. The bill stays proceedings under the mortgage of the State for the sale of the road for the non-payment of interest until February, 1862 and authorizes the Company to issue scrip to the amount of $600 000, to pay debts contracted for labor and materials between the first of August last and the first of April. The scrip is to be a lien upon the road and to take precedence of the State mortgage. The friends of the road say that the work upon it will not be suspended during this year, but will be pushed forward to speedy completion.

CONNECTICUT.—The Abolitionists boasted that they would carry Connecticut by 5 000, and are "greatly disappointed" as the Hartford Courant expresses it, to find their majority whittled down to almost nothing. There is no despondency among the Democracy but the most cheerful, active preparations for the work to come. In Norwich, the "home of Buckingham," the Democrats *cut down* the Abolition majority of 257 of last year, to 147 this year! A gain for Seymour of 110! So much for Buckingham!" In Hartford, the "home of Seymour," the Abolition majority of 93 of last year, has been wiped out, and a majority rolled up for Seymour of 351! Seymour's gain, 444!

PERJURY.—A book binder in Washington named P. Tribone, fished up by the committee to swear against the administration, and to sustain the charges of corruption brought by Hickman Covode & Co. has got himself into a bad fix. He was probably paid for his testimony out of the funds raised by the Republicans, and is about to be handed over to the Criminal Court for perjury.

☞ The bill for the admission of Kansas into the Union as a State has passed the House by a vote of 131 to 73. The Senate has yet to act upon it.

A GOOD BUSINESS.

Glorious Tidings from the West!

WISCONSIN REDEEMED!

The Wisconsin Democracy, following in the wake of our brethern of Little Rhode Island have resolved to shake off the manacles of Black Republicanism. At the recent State election for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, a grand, glorious Democratic victory was achieved. The Milwaukie News says that judging from the returns already received from this State, in our opinion, Dixon is elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin by at least 1000 majority!—Large Democratic gains are shown all over the State while it is but in very few instances that the Republican vote has been increased. The Republican majority for Governor last fall was 3 950. Present indications accordingly show a Democratic gain of 7 000.

Democratic Victories.

STILL THEY COME.

DEMOCRATIC VICTORY AT HARRISBURG.—The first election under the new city charter came off yesterday for Mayor, Councilmen and other city officers. William Kepner, the Democratic candidate for Mayor was elected by about 130 majority over Col F. K. Boas, the nominee of the People's party.

The balance of the Democratic city officers were elected with a majority of the ward officers. The Democrats are rejoicing over the victory achieved.

Harrisburg is a Democratic city, and takes her position in the Democratic ranks besides Albany Hartford, Trenton, St. Paul and other cities which have recently given Democratic majorities.

ELECTION AT ALBANY N. Y.—The Democrat have carried Albany by 800 to 1 000 majority. George H. Thacher, their candidate has been elected mayor and they have a large majority in the board of aldermen.

At the charter election at Buffalo N. Y., on Tuesday the Democrats elected nearly their entire ticket.

North Elba N. Y., the Mecca where lie the remains of the "martyr," John Brown was carried by the Democrats, by an average majority of 22. Some of Brown's relations run on the beaten ticket.

ROME N. Y.—Democratic ticket elected by 241 majority.

BROOKHAVEN L. I.—Democratic ticket is elected by 361 majority.

ST. PAUL MINN.—Entire Democratic ticket elected.

BROOKLYN.—Dem. majority 3 512, besides 2 627 votes given to an independent Democratic candidate.

Another Word to Our Subscribers.

Court week is again approaching and the publisher of the Democratic Watchman will expect to receive a liberal greeting from every one of their subscribers. There is a pleasing consciousness embraced in the recognition of old familiar faces. It encourages us in the discharge of duty—it refreshes the dull and often times weary vacant hours of editorial life. A smile and a word of approbation from our friends may serve as a strong incentive to encourage the cause of progression and the further advancement of those principles of Democracy which have made us a great a virtuous, and a happy people. We love to "a or for the success of those great principles. They are ours by a natural right, and while we put forth an effort to sustain them our highest ambition is to see them waving as they have long waved in triumph over the battlements of our country the proud ensigns of our country's liberty. The Democratic Watchman is embarked in the noble cause of inalienable rights the broadest and most comprehensive view of a nation's greatness. It goes to your homes and your firesides the advocate of Democratic principles. Let it be sustained by your liberal patronage. We will say again that a smile of approbation and a word of encouragement will lighten our labor. We know how to appreciate such kindness. But who can properly describe the feelings of an editor, when such kindness is manifested and accompanied by the *cash* or credit gold of new subscribers? How his very soul catches the inspiration of progress at such an event. It may be treading the weary journey of life with little in the prospect to encourage him but only let such an occurrence be realized, and the almighty dollar will dispel this gloomy foreboding more instantaneously than if it had been touched by the magic wand of a magician.

We hope every one of our subscribers will test the experiment. We are just now in good trim to be operated on. We want money and what is more we *must have it*. During the April Court a good opportunity will be presented to our subscribers to pay their indebtedness, at which time we shall expect them to discharge the same. Subscribers who reside at a distance will confer a favor by remitting the amounts due us by mail immediately.

[For the Democratic Watchman.]

MESSRS EDITORS: The time is near at hand when the Directors of our county will meet in convention to elect a County Superintendent. The duties of that important office requires a man of literary and scientific acquirements, as well as skill and experience in the art of common school teaching, we beg leave in this connection to present the name of Mr B. O. Deininger, of Millheim, as possessing in an eminent degree those qualifications. Being a teacher for ten years, and in addition thereto Mr D is a fair German scholar, and an excellent speaker in both languages, which is a qualification of no small importance, particularly to the German portions of our county, and if he will consent to the use of his name he will doubtless have a strong support in the convention. The office should seek the man as is entirely a reference to the gentleman and from present indications all who feel an interest in the welfare of our excellent common school system must be convinced of the importance of having, at his juncture, the right man to fill that station, without regard to locality or sectional prejudice. By inserting the above you will oblige a number of DIRECTORS.

PEN, PASTE & SCISSORS.

☞ Got "tilted"—Yacob Yarick.

☞ Under par—Old maids and bagatelle tables.

☞ Querry—Who is the *present* County Treasurer?

☞ Received—A very nice present from our young friend Mr. Malone.

☞ Never refused at this office—money, "a word to the wise," &c.

☞ Absent—The *Ass*terisk editor. Gone to see John we suppose.

☞ If you lost your nose, what would you do for another? Take the first that turns up.

☞ Two individuals in Virginia are about to fight a duel on horseback. Devils on horseback, eh?

☞ What is the difference between truth and eggs? "Truth crushed to earth will rise again," but eggs won't.

☞ The Chinese say there is a well of wisdom at the root of every gray hair. How then about the people who dye their craniums black.

☞ If the Republicans go Seward in the approaching canvass, they will, probably, have to flee with Kansas, *Bates*, says some punster to the public unknown.

☞ The Albany Atlas and Argus says that the two divisions of the Black Republican party are best distinguished as "the Pro Rates" and the "Re-pro-Rates."

☞ All men come into the world alone, and every one alone: king and priest, warrior and murderer, philosopher and child all alike must walk death's mighty galleries alone.

☞ Will the editors of the Republican papers in this County inform us how they like the vote of Judge Hale on the Blake Abolition Resolution?

☞ A warrant has been issued in England to require John Heenan and Tom Sayers, to keep the peace towards each other. The prize fight is likely, in consequence to end in talk.

☞ Mr. Pull'up, coming home late, "pretty full" finds the walk slippery, and exclaims: "Very singular; whenever water freezes it slips; freezes with the slippery side up—very singular."

☞ The President has received a large number of letters from leading statesmen in different sections of the country, not identified with his administration or party, approving in strong terms his recent protest message to the House of Representatives.

☞ The New England Republicans are opposed to a change of the tariff in favor of protection, as they were in 1857. The Republicans preach tariff in Eastern Pennsylvania; and in other States they preach free trad.

☞ It is really amusing to see Col. Brown siding up to Col Curtin—trying to look pleasant—trying to make him believe that he was an original supporter of the Col for the nomination—the base hypocrite. Curtin knows he is not to be trusted, and with the Republicans have no confidence in him.

☞ The question has frequently been asked why Judge Hale has not been subpoened to appear before the Covode Investigating Committee to disclose his knowledge how a certain amount of money was disposed of in the campaign of 1856. Some of his constituents would like to know.

☞ The ladies have fashioned hoods continue to be the rage. We heard of a servant girl the other day who transformed the leg of a worsted stocking into a new hood, so as to be in fashion, but it forcibly struck everybody who saw it knew it was a *fal-shood!*

☞ Tar Canvass in Connecticut.—In one of the towns of Connecticut, on the line of the New Haven Railroad the Republicans took charge of a town paper from Friday, paying his back expenses &c. They felt so sure of his vote that they gave themselves no further trouble about the vote till Monday, when the voter came up missing. Upon inquiring into the absence, they found the paper missed; some of the *Democrats had stolen his pantaloons, and the vote was lost!*

Grape Culture at Hammonton.

A number of grape growers from Ohio have introduced the culture of the grape at Hammonton New Jersey. It is twenty five miles south east from Philadelphia, and the soil and climate is considered by many the best adapted for the grape of any in the Union. Frosts never injure the vine and there is a high district of land between the little and the great Egg Harbor rivers, where they have never been known to suffer from mildew or rot. We understand that some vineyards were set out the past season, mostly Catawba and the Isabella.

The market here presents a great inducement, grapes bringing, as the same they do in Cincinnati; being within but several hours of either New York or Philadelphia by railroad the market is unlimited. Adjoining Hammonton is a bottle manufactory and every appliance necessary for extensive wine-making.

By Telegraph.

JERSEY SHORE, Apr 17 h. '60.

The store of Wm S Harris was entered last night and over a hundred dollars worth of silks cloths, &c., taken. It is supposed that the thief or thieves were frightened away, as the safe and the most valuable goods were left untouched. They entered by forcing the door in with an iron bar.

NEW COUNTERFEIT.—A new counterfeit on the Franklin County Bank has just been issued. The following is a description:—Vignette a large figure "5," farmer on upper right corner; a female with grain on lower right corner; the word "five" across body of the note. The note is very well executed and calculated to deceive. Look out for them.

A young lady of Alexandria, Huntingdon County, was severely injured by the explosion of a camphene lamp, on Tuesday of last week.

News from other Counties.

CLEARFIELD COUNTY.—We extract the following from the Journal:

HOMICIDE.—Last Thursday, April 5th, a case of homicide occurred at Lumber City in this county. It appears that a misunderstanding has existed for some time between civil John Thompson (as he was called) and James Hockenberry, both of Bell township growing out of the fact that the latter had testified against the former in an action for riot, &c., tried at Quarter Sessions last January a year. About dusk on the evening of the day mentioned, the two met at Davis' tavern in Lumber City; an altercation ensued, finally Hockenberry said if Thompson did not let him alone that he would hurt him. Thereupon, it is said, Thompson hit the other in a taunting manner, when Hockenberry seized a gun, which some one standing on the porch and firing Thompson through the body, the ball entering diagonally from the right side up left shoulder, causing instantaneous death. Hockenberry was at once apprehended, on Friday brought to this place and lodged in jail to await trial. He is somewhat advanced in years, and we believe has heretofore been regarded as a rather mild, harmless person. Neither of the men, we thought, were intoxicated when the encounter took place, though they may have taken a drink or two of liquor a short time before. * * * * BANK IN CLEARFIELD. During the past week, the citizens who made application to the Legislature for a charter for the Clearfield County Bank, the preliminary steps toward perfecting an organization under the provisions of the new banking law. It was agreed that the capital stock should be the minimum amount fixed by the law of the Attorney General that under the present publication could come down to that figure; if not, it should be $100 000. The books are to open on Friday and $40 5 00 of stock subscribed taken that day and the remaining balance of the stock will doubtless be subscribed in a short time after which the bank will be opened with as little delay as possible.

CLINTON COUNTY.—The Clinton Democrat says:—A Irishman whose name we did not learned, was drowned one evening week in attempting to cross the Susquehanna ferry at Farrandsville. He was in company and was going to come out of an ice-bound shanty a few moments previous where it is said the poisonous liquors drank out in all quantities, and in such times spells it was heard in the water. A lady residing near the Ferry hearing the alarm but only in time to save the boat which is said to contain a very full cargo of whiskey. The body was found the next day. The verdict of the jury was in accordance with the facts that the man accidentally came to his death by entering the boat of one James Fogherty with the intention of robbing him. The deceased was described as a hard working man; he has never before been regarded as a rather noble, harmless person. Neither of the men, we thought, were intoxicated when the encounter took place, though they may have taken a drink or two of liquor a short time before. * * * * BANK IN CLEARFIELD. During the past week, the citizens who made application to the Legislature for a charter for the Clearfield County Bank, the preliminary steps toward perfecting an organization under the provisions of the new banking law. It was agreed that the capital stock should be the minimum amount fixed by the law of the Attorney General that under the present publication could come down to that figure; if not, it should be $100 000. The books are to open on Friday and $40 5 00 of stock subscribed taken that day and the remaining balance of the stock will doubtless be subscribed in a short time after which the bank will be opened with as little delay as possible.

LYCOMING COUNTY.—Wm Farrandsworth of this town went to Chicago, since when he (or his name) has not been heard from. Mr F is a sober and industrious mechanic and his disappearance has involved his family in the deepest distress. He was genteelly dressed in black, is about 5 feet 10 inches in height, rather heavy set has dark blue eyes and dark hair. Any information concerning him will be gratefully received. His residence was Piney Shore. * * * * Warrants were recently issued against eleven boys of Williamsport for having broken into the house lately vacated by Mr Wilson (formerly a coal oil) and plundered and destroyed goods therein belonging to Joseph E. Ice to the amount of $200. * * * * A Watches and jewelry to a great extent recently robbed of his residence which valued at $140 in Philadelphia while in the company of two frail young females. The women were arrested—but the watches? * * * * * Clinton Lloyd Esq. has prosecuted the editor of the Velocity for libel claiming damages to the amount of $ 000. We understand the article for which the suit was brought was published about one year ago. Long time to think about it. * * * * * FIRES.—The house of Jacob Moyer in Mifflin township about one mile above Salladasburg, took fire one Tuesday of last week and with its entire contents was burned to the ground. The next day the house of Jacob Bongardner about a mile and a half from the above was burned and was entirely unprotected. The former was insured. Mr B., we believe, was fully insured.

Obituary.

DIED: At Port Matilda, Centre Co., on the 6th inst., Mrs RACHAL G. CUMMINGS, wife of Robert Cummings, formerly of this place.

The deceased was brought up in Lycoming County in the family of her father, Mr. Jacob Thompson, a few miles west of Williamsport. She came to this place with her husband a few years ago and kept a public house till the time of their removal last year. Mrs Cummings was a member of the Presbyterian church. She was well esteemed by all who knew her, as a pleasant, kind neighbor, as an affectionate wife and parent, and as a regular attendant at the Church when health and other circumstances permitted. She was latterly connected as a member with the Bald Eagle Presbyterian church, recently organized and now under the pastoral care of the Rev. Samuel M. Moore.

In that new institution she took a lively interest, in having a house of Worship erected and in sustaining the pastor. Her death was the result of disease of short continuance, not more than three or four days.—She was of delicate constitution, yet her death was unexpected. Her body was taken to Williamsport for interment, and deposited beside the resting place of her mother. She has left behind her an afflicted husband, and three little daughters, now at a time of life at which they need especially a mother's care. May the Saviour, to whom they have been dedicated in baptism, have them in the arms of his love. May the afflictive Providence be sanctified to the bereaved husband and to parents and children all meet in that world of blissfulness where friends quite, under Jesus Christ their head, in a bond never to be dissolved.