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DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

FOR GOVERNOR, ASA PACKER, OF CARBON COUNTY. FOR SUPREME JUDGE, CYRUS L. PERSHING, OF CAMBRIA COUNTY.

Gen. Cass has set an example of unselfish patriotism which it would be well for the lesser lights of the party to follow...

Our Nominees.

The recent action of the Democratic State Convention has been received throughout the State with the greatest enthusiasm. Two better or nobler men than Asa Packer and Cyrus L. Pershing could not have been selected...

The amicable contention between the Eastern and Western portions of the State could only end to its credit, for the candidates presented were men alike estimable in personal character...

The recent almost official announcement in a paper at the place of General Hancock's headquarters that he would not accept this civil office...

Major General Hancock's letter declining to be a candidate for the nomination for Governor, which we published last week...

There is no doubt of the fact that there was a strong desire on the part of the Democracy to make Gen. Hancock our nominee for Governor...

We have the pleasure of knowing, however, that, like Gen. Cass, Gen. Hancock is a warm personal and political friend of Judge Packer...

Gen. Cass. This gentleman, the most formidable competitor of Judge Packer for the gubernatorial nomination...

The same paper in reference to Hon. Cyrus L. Pershing, our nominee for Judge of the Supreme Court...

Fortunate as was the Democratic party in the choice of Hon. Asa Packer as their candidate for Governor...

Interview with Andy Johnson.

HIS OPINION OF GRANT.

The following opinion of President Grant by President Johnson is the richest thing on the Galena tan-bark small that has yet appeared in print...

WASHINGTON, June 27, 1869. EX-PRESIDENT JOHNSON arrived here this evening and was waited upon soon after reaching the Metropolitan Hotel...

"Glad to see you, sir," said the ex-President, at the same time handing a chair to your correspondent and sitting down himself. "Sit down, sir."

"CORRESPONDENT—I came to pay my respects, Mr. Johnson, and at the same time to learn if there was any particular object in your visit."

ANDY JOHNSON—Nothing public, sir. I have some private business to attend to here, and I have also son at Georgetown College, the only son left to me now...

"CORRESPONDENT—Believe, Mr. Johnson, you are the first President since the time of John Quincy Adams, who has visited the Capital after retiring from the White House."

ANDY JOHNSON—(laughing)—Really, sir, I don't know how that is. My attention was never directed to that point before. It may be so, however.

"CORRESPONDENT—Well, Mr. Johnson, to change the subject, what do they now think of the administration down in Tennessee?"

ANDY JOHNSON—I don't know that you ought to ask me such a question. People would be very likely to attribute an unfavorable opinion from me as prompted by improper motives...

But, sir, Grant has nothing physically and mentally and morally he is a nonentity. Why, sir, his soul is so small that you could put it within the periphery of a hazel nutshell and waught float about a thousand years without knocking against the walls of the shell...

is just suited to such a situation. His ideas are of the cross-roads order, and he has not a thought above that. * * *

I tell you, sir, if this country is to be kept from despotism, anarchy or imperialism, the nucleus has to come from the South, when restored. It will come small at first, but mark me, sir, it will come that way...

The ex-President said a great many other things spicy and interesting, but as the hour is so late I am obliged to break off.

Correspondence of the New York Herald.

Hon. Asa Packer.

The following extended sketch of the Democratic candidate for Governor, will no doubt be read with interest at this time:

Asa Packer, the standard-bearer of the Democracy of Pennsylvania, in the present State canvass, was born in the township of Groton, New London county, Connecticut, in the beginning of the year 1806...

When he had reached the age of seventeen years he pulled up stakes and struck out for Pennsylvania, then a wild, sparsely-settled country. He entered Susquehanna county on foot, in the year 1822, with a knapsack which contained his whole wardrobe and a few dollars in his purse...

What has raised Asa Packer so far above the throng of mortals then was but a unit? Observing the character of the country, the almost immeasurable extent of the coal deposits, and the diversity of the rich productions of the Lehigh Valley, he foresaw the establishment of those extensive collieries...

mers were employed in hauling coal from Mauch Chunk to Philadelphia, in which he acted as master of his own boat. The energy which he displayed in this occupation brought him to the notice of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company...

Up to the year 1850 the transportation of the coal of the Lehigh valley to market had been altogether by water but the business had now reached such a magnitude, as in Mr. Packer's judgment to justify the building of a railroad along the banks of the Lehigh river...

Mr. Packer's whole career exemplifies the truth that in the United States there is no distinction to which any young man may not aspire, and with energy, diligence, intelligence and virtue, attain...

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in early life was such a profound student. The branches of education to which it was Mr. Packer's design that the institution should be especially devoted were civil, mechanical, and mining engineering; general and analytical chemistry; mineralogy and metallurgy; analysis of soils and agriculture; architecture and construction; all branches of knowledge of exceptional value in the Lehigh Valley...

Among his immediate friends and associates, Mr. W. H. Gantzer, its President of the Camden and Amboy Railroad, bore high testimony to his energy and ability with which Mr. Packer had carried out his great mining and railroad enterprises, and acknowledged that although Pennsylvania is only his adopted State, few of her sons have done more to develop her mineral resources...

Geary as Seen Through Radical Spectacles.

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BEFORE THE CONVENTION. [From the Pittsburgh Dispatch, 10th July, 1869.] GEORGE GEARY'S NOMINATION. A Harrisburg correspondent of the Erie Dispatch, alluding to the recent meeting of the Republican State Committee says: "Although the committee took no formal action in reference to Governor Geary's re-nomination, extra section was reported as being favorable to making him the Republican nominee."

Advices from Harrisburg state that a canvass of the delegates to the approaching Democratic State Convention discloses the fact that General Cass will have at least fifty-five votes on the first ballot, which, though not a majority, will be so much more than any of his competitors can command...