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under the scandalous proposition of the State Central Committee. A separate Douglas ticket will certainly be formed, and Gen. Foster must choose between such a ticket and the mongrel combination supported by the officials on the State Central Committee and the Disunionists."

These are ominous words for the Westmoreland trimmer. Cannot the Press be induced to spare him? Why urge him to commit himself against his friends? It is very painful to do so. The Press is cruel. Pray let it abate its ardor. A sensitive man, he dislikes exceedingly to wound the feelings of any of his supporters. What has he to do with the Presidency? He is simply a candidate for Governor, running upon State issues, and the Presidency is not an issue in that election. Let him alone.

This is not our fight, however, and we have no right to meddle in it further; but, just for the sake of curiosity, we should really like to know who such a man as Foster is for. It would be a rarity in politics to see such a trim-balance take sides openly with any one! Upon second thought, therefore, we trust the Press will succeed in smoking him out, and gain an answer to the question, "Who is Henry D. Foster for?"—Pittsburg Gaz.

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BEDFORD, Pa.

Friday Morning, Aug. 3, 1860.

FEARLESS AND FREE.

D. OVER—Editor and Proprietor.

FOR PRESIDENT,

ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
OF ILLINOIS.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,

HANNIBAL HAMLIN,
OF MAINE.

ELECTORS.

HON. JAMES POLLOCK,
HON. THOMAS M. HOWE.

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| 1 Edward G. Knight, | 13 F. B. Pennington. |
| 2 Robert P. King, | 14 Ulysses Mercur. |
| 3 Henry Bunn, | 15 George Brissler. |
| 4 Robert M. Foust, | 16 A. R. Sharp. |
| 5 Nathan Hills, | 17 Daniel O. Gebr. |
| 6 John M. Bromall, | 18 Samuel Calvin. |
| 7 James W. Fuller, | 19 Edgar Cowap. |
| 8 Levi B. Smith, | 20 William M'Keanan. |
| 9 Francis W. Christ, | 21 J. M. Kirkpatrick. |
| 10 David Mumma, Jr., | 22 James Kerr. |
| 11 David Taggart, | 23 Richard P. Roberts. |
| 12 Thomas R. Hull, | 24 Henry Souther. |
| | 25 John Greer. |

FOR GOVERNOR,

ANDREW G. CURTIN,
OF CENTRE COUNTY.

COUNTY TICKET.

ASSEMBLY.

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| C. W. ASHCUM, Broadtop Township. |
| E. M. SCHROCK, Somerset County. |

PROTHONOTARY.

JEREMIAH K. BOWLES, Bedford Tp.

SHERIFF.

GEORGE S. MULLIN, Napier Tp.

COMMISSIONER.

JONATHAN FIGHTNER, Londonderry Tp.

POOR DIRECTOR.

SAMUEL SCHAFER, Union Tp.

ACTOR.

D. D. ESHLEMAN, Middle Woodberry Tp.

CORONER.

JARED HANKS, Southampton Tp.

THE TARIFF.

[Twelfth Resolution in the Chicago Platform, on which Lincoln and Hamlin were nominated.]

"That while providing revenue for the support of the General Government by duties upon imports, SOUND POLICY REQUIRES SUCH AN ADJUSTMENT OF THESE IMPOSTS AS TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL INTEREST OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY, AND WE COMMEND THAT POLICY OF NATIONAL EXCHANGES WHICH SECURES TO THE WORKINGMEN LIBERAL WAGES, TO AGRICULTURE REMUNERATING PRICES, TO MECHANICS AND MANUFACTURERS AN ADEQUATE REWARD FOR THEIR SKILL, LABOR AND ENTERPRISE, AND TO THE NATION COMMERCIAL PROSPERITY AND INDEPENDENCE."

Locofocoism and Free Trade.
[The following is the Free Trade plank of the Cincinnati Convention, which was re-adopted by the Conventions which nominated Douglas and Breckinridge, who have both been always violent Free Traders.]

Resolved, That there are questions connected with the foreign policy of this country, which are inferior to no domestic question whatever. The time has come for the people of the United States to declare themselves in favor of free trade and PROGRESSIVE FREE TRADE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, and by solemn manifestations to place their moral influence by the side of their successful example."

THE VOICE OF CLAY.
"As long as God allows the vital current to flow through my veins, I will never, never, never, by word or thought, by mind or will, admit of a single foot of FREE TERRITORY TO THE EVERLASTING CURSE OF HUMAN BONDAGE."

THE VOICE OF WEBSTER.
"I feel that there is nothing any, nothing of which any honest man can complain, if he is intelligent, and I feel that there is nothing of which the civilized world, if they take notice of a humble individual as myself, will reproach me, when I say, as I said the other day, that I have made up my mind, for one, THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL I CONSENT TO THE EXTENSION OF THE AREA OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES, OR TO THE FURTHER INCREASE OF SLAVE REPRESENTATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES."

"Sir, whenever there is a particular good to be done—whenever there is a foot of land to be staid back from becoming slave territory—I AM READY TO ASSERT THE PRINCIPLE OF THE EXCLUSION OF SLAVERY."

The Cumberland (Md.) Bulletin, heretofore a neutral paper, has hoisted the names of Breckinridge and Lane. The majority of the Locofoco party in Allegheny County, Md., support that ticket.

Bedford Rail Road.

RESUMPTION OF WORK AT A COST OF \$10,000 ADDITIONAL TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

The Bedford Rail Road Company, in the spring of 1859, let the 12 miles from Hope-well to Bloody Run, to Collins & Dull, for \$64,000, and no more, the contractor agreeing to run the risk of the Engineer's estimates, and to finish the grading and masonry for the money. The work was to have been finished, we believe, by 1st Jan., 1860, but was suspended in the fall of 1859, and little of any consequence done since—there remaining some \$15,000 worth of work yet to do. Dull, one of the contractors, is estimated to be worth from \$150,000 to \$200,000, and Collins is also a man of means. The contract authorized the President and Directors of the Company, in case the contractors did not complete the work as per contract, to put on the necessary force themselves, charge the expense to the contractors, and collect it from them. Instead of doing this, the majority of the Board, at the more request of the contractors, agree to pay them an extra amount not exceeding \$10,000, provided they do now in four months what their written contract required them to have done seven months ago.

One of the contractors, we are informed, has already boasted that they were going to give Schell a large majority in Bedford County, this fall; and taking all things together, it is a transparent scheme to elect Mr. Schell to Congress by thus making a present of the \$10,000 subscribed to build the road, to his political friends, Collins & Dull, and thus leaving the Company \$10,000 less means to complete the road to Bedford than they otherwise would have had. It remains to be seen whether this course of Mr. Schell to procure his election to Congress by using the money of the Rail Road Company, is not too transparent an outrage on the stockholders and people on the line of the road, to enable him to win. We suspect he will find it so before he gets through with it.

Out of a desire to see this road completed, we were constrained to remain quiet heretofore, although unable to endorse some of the means by which Mr. Schell undertook to raise funds, but this last move, in giving away \$10,000 for his own benefit, is so monstrous a wrong, that we consider that the interests of the stockholders, the public, and the Company, require that it should be thoroughly exposed.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Among the many distinguished visitors who, for the past couple of weeks, have been sojourning at the Bedford Mineral Springs, we notice the names of Rev. S. S. Schmuucker, D. D., and President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., Rev. Dr. B. Kurtz, former editor and proprietor of the *Lutheran Observer*, published at Baltimore, Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., late President of Pennsylvania College, Mr. R. F. McElhenry, Mr. George Schmuucker and David Mills, Esq., all of Gettysburg.

The last named gentleman, during his stay, we are informed, devoted a portion of his time to a careful analysis of the various medicinal and other springs at and in the vicinity of Bedford. We listened with pleasure to an account of his visit to, and description of, the celebrated "Todd's Spring," on the mountain west of town.

We have no doubt he will long cherish a pleasant recollection of the mountain nymphs who cheered and comforted him on that journey. His analysis of large quantities of the water, as tested by absorption (and the "Bake Oven" process) we will publish next week for the benefit of our readers.

AMUSING—The editor of the *Gazette*, who has been fighting Douglas for some eighteen months, and publishing Judge Black's letters to show that he had deserted the democratic faith, now comes in reluctantly to his support for the Presidency, and in his extreme modesty, turns around and calls in question the good faith of those democratic papers who have adhered to Douglas, and advocated his cause from first to last. Forney was a Douglas man from the commencement of the split among the democracy, and even intimated that he could support no other man for President. It is amusing to see this man recruit trying to read Forney out of the Douglas party.

Welcome, Hickman!

The Hon. JOHN HICKMAN has taken the stump for Lincoln and Hamlin. His present course will make a vast difference in his part of Pennsylvania, as he will take hundreds of Democrats with him. We will publish, in our next, the speech of Mr. Hickman, delivered in Concert Hall, Philadelphia, on the 24th ult. He has delivered several other speeches since that one, in other parts of the State. We say, welcome to the gallant Hickman!

The Lincoln Club did not hold their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, owing to the neglect of the person they have employed to unlock the Court House, light up, and ring the bell. We hope the Executive Committee will see to this matter, and have some one to attend to the room who will not occasion the like result again.

MORE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.—There was a convention held at Sebectady, New York, week before last, of the friends of Sam Houston, and he was put in nomination for the Presidency, and Commodore Stockton, of New Jersey, added for the Vice Presidency.

ANOTHER RECRUIT!

Our friend Dr. J. H. Ealy, formerly of Schellsburg, in this County, but now of Iowa City, has forwarded us a copy of the *Iowa State Reporter*, published in that City which is the capital of that State. That paper has been the organ of the Democracy of Iowa, and had the names of Douglas and Johnson at its masthead, but the proprietor has taken them down, and raised in their stead the names of LINCOLN and HAMLIN. Thus it is all over the country, the people and the press, are coming out for the only National candidates before the people. The proprietor says:

"After mature deliberation. I have arrived at the conclusion, that I cannot give my assent to the platform of either wing of the late Democratic party, nor longer yield my support to Stephen A. Douglas and Herschel V. Johnson as candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency of the United States. I therefore announce to the readers of this paper, and the public generally, that the names of Douglas and Johnson will no longer remain at the head of our columns, and that hereafter the columns of the Reporter will be devoted to the dissemination of Republican principles, and the advocacy of the election of Abraham Lincoln and Hannibal Hamlin, the candidates of the Republican party for President and Vice President of the United States.

My reasons for the change thus announced, will be given next week."

"All honor to the men who stood by Polk and Pierce and Buchanan."—*John Cessna's Gazette* of last week.

Where was Douglas during the administration of Buchanan? Is "all honor" due to him for standing by Buchanan? Didn't he break up the once powerful "Democracy" by not "standing by Buchanan," but in opposing him. And does John W. Forney, who now leads the Douglas wing in this State, deserve "all honor" for "standing by Buchanan"? The Breckinridge men would like to know whether John Cessna, Wm. P. Sobell and S. H. Tate, deserve "all honor," for at present "standing by Buchanan?"

John Cessna's Gazette says that there will be a Douglas electoral ticket run in every State in the Union! From every indication, there will not be a Douglas electoral ticket run in one half of the Southern States. Neither will there be a Breckinridge ticket run in more than half of the Northern States. Both factions are intensely sectional. The only really National party in the field is that headed by Lincoln, who will as certainly be elected President as the election day arrives. Stand down under, Locofocos, quit fighting among yourselves, and prepare to live under an honest administration for the next four years.

John Cessna's Gazette, of last week, is fierce against those persons who favor a union electoral ticket with the Breckinridge men. Only a few weeks ago that paper copied, approvingly, the proceedings of the Locofoco State Committee to favor of a union electoral ticket! What has caused this sudden change? *John Cessna*, Wm. P. Sobell and S. H. Tate have found it to suit, probably, their political interests to oppose this union with the Breckinridge men, and consequently that paper that was so willing to do anything disreputable to beat Lincoln, now does the bidding of its masters and owners, John Cessna & Co.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Thursday morning, the 26th ult., the wife of Washington Herring, of this place, gave birth to a child, about 8 months old, an overdose of laudanum, for the purpose of putting it to sleep, so that she could go to the Methodist Sabbath School celebration, near town, and left it in the charge of a couple of little children. She was not gone long until it was seized with convulsions, and, although Dr. Harry did all in his power to save it, it lingered but a day or two, and then died.—Comment is unnecessary.

The Cumberland (Md.) *Telegraph*, an American organ, referring to a statement that the Opposition party of Alabama had, in Convention, repudiated Bell and Everett, and declared their purpose to support Breckinridge and Lane, says:

"We prefer Lincoln before either of the Democratic nominees, and, if driven from our support of Mr. Bell by the treachery of our leading men—if our party is to be sold out to either wing of the Democracy—then we are for Lincoln, with tens of thousands of others in good old Maryland."

WIRE WALKER.—Theo. McD. Price, a professional wire walker, performed in this place, on last Friday, on a wire stretched from the old Rising Sun Hotel, to the Washington Hotel, a distance of about 170 feet. He walked the wire, backwards and forwards with apparent ease, and performed several other dangerous feats on the wire, without difficulty. He is no humbug.

AMBROTYPE WAGON.—Mr. Frank Stewart has his Ambrotype Wagon a few steps below the Store of John Alsip, Esq. where he takes Ambrotype Likenesses, singly or in groups—from 25 cents up. His pictures warranted to give satisfaction. He will remain a short time in Bedford, and those wishing a life like picture would do well to give him a call soon.

The Republicans in Occoquan, Prince William County, Va., raised a Lincoln and Hamlin pole a few days ago. This roused the ire of the chivalry, they held County meetings, and resolved to cut down the pole. Accordingly several hundred assembled and demolished the pole. The Republicans, some fifty strong, threaten to raise another.

The following is the amount of coal tonnage shipped on the Huntingdon and Broadtop Railroad:

Week ending Wednesday July 25,	Tons.
Previously this year, since Jan. 1.	3,729
	99,435
Total amount shipped,	103,164
To same date last year,	68,880
Increase,	34,284

The *Pennsylvania*, has exchanged hands and raised the names of Breckinridge and Lane.—Both old Democratic papers in Philadelphia, the *Argus* and *Pennsylvanian*, now support this disunion, free trade ticket. It is also thought that the Breckinridge traitor's ticket, will run ahead of Douglas in this State.

We understand that the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company and the Reading Railroad Company are having made, each, three hundred coal cars, to carry coal from the Broad Top Mountain mine, by way of the Lebanon Valley Railroad, to Tidewater. This looks like prosecuting the coal trade on the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad with increased vigor.

HON. EDWARD McPHERSON.—This gentleman, the member of Congress from this district, is at present staying at Bedford Springs. Mr. McPherson is an agreeable gentleman (being an old editor, how could he be otherwise) and seems to be popular with his party. Personally we wish him much success—politically, may the principles he advocates soon be blotted from the chart of politics.—*Gazette*.

Pretty good for "a fellow by the name of McPherson."

Judge Douglas has been stumping it in New England, the last week, and Joe Lane is doing the same thing in North Carolina. This is an unusual thing for Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates, to travel over the country making speeches in favor of their own election. But we are coming on strange times.

A. C. MULLIN, Esq., has been nominated in Cambria County, for the Legislature. A look will succeed, and well deserves success.

There is quite a crowd now at the Bedford Springs, and still increasing. Come on, more room yet.

ALLEGHENY SEMINARY.—The first term of Allegheny Seminary, at Rainburg, will commence on the 7th August, inst.

Bedford County Agricultural Society.

At a meeting of members of the Bedford County Agricultural Society, at the house of Col. John Hafer, on the evening of July 23, 1860.

Maj. Dan'l Washbaugh was re-elected President.

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| Hon. Jos. B. Noble, Vice President. |
| Wm. Hartley, Recording Sec'y. |
| O. H. Gaither, Corresponding Sec'y. |
| G. W. Blymire, Treasurer. |

On motion, Resolved, That we hold an Agricultural and Mechanical Exhibition this Fall, and that the citizens of Bedford and adjoining counties be requested to contribute stock, produce, machinery, &c., for this purpose.

Col. John Hafer, P. H. Shires and Job Shoemaker were appointed a committee to solicit memberships and money to defray expenses of said exhibition.

John R. Jordan, Valentine Steekman, John Hafer, Thos. H. Lyons, W. W. Shuck, and Jacob Reed, were appointed a committee of arrangements.

Francis Jordan, O. E. Shannon, and Wm. Hartley, were appointed a committee to settle up the affairs of former exhibitions.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the Court House, on Monday evening the 6th of August, next, at which meeting all interested are invited to attend.

WM. HARTLEY, Secretary.

CAUGHT A TARTAR.

Neighbor Jolly of the *Tyrone Star* revived, has caught a Tartar in our good friend Job M. Spang, Esq., of Spang's Mills. It would seem that Mr. Jolly had conceived the project of getting up a *Bollers County Ticket*, and of using Mr. Spang as an assistant in the matter; but Mr. Spang proves to be not one of that sort; and not only declines to have anything to do with the factions business, but plainly comes out for the People's Party regular nominee, from top to bottom. Mr. Spang's manly course, we need only add, does him great credit, and will endear him more than ever to the hosts of friends he has in all parts of the county. Here's his letter:

SPANG'S MILLS, June 28, 1860.

M. H. JOLLY, Esq.—Dear Sir—I have just been informed by Dr. L. E. Butler that you requested him to call upon me and ascertain whether I would accept of the nomination for the Legislature upon a Ticket which, I suppose, would be composed of a set of men pretending to call themselves Americans, but who are not willing to abide by the regular nominations made by the People's Party Convention recently held at Hollidaysburg; and the balance of the party, I suppose, would be composed of renegade and dissatisfied Democrats. Now, sir, allow me to say that I could not accept of the nomination under such circumstances, as this party would represent a much worse amalgamation than Republicans and Americans. I am, and always have been a true American, but I am in favor of the regularly nominated County Ticket, and our Township will be a unit on that Ticket, without a doubt.

Respectfully yours,
J. M. SPANG.

Mr. Jolly also solicited Dr. Suter of East Freedom, to join him in his project, but Dr. D. also declined.—*Hollidaysburg Register*.

Among the objections urged against Gen. Lane, the Secession candidate for Vice President, by the citizens of Dubuque, Iowa, are the following:

- First—He spells God with a little g.
- Second—He spells barracks, bar-rax.
- Third—He spells dirt with two t's.
- Fourth—When in Mexico, he dated a letter "Very Croose."
- Fifth and last—He can't keep a hotel.

DOUGLAS CONVENTION.

HARRISBURG, July 26, 1860.

The grand mass Convention of the friends and advocates of the election of Douglas and Johnson, assembled in the hall of the House of Representatives, this afternoon, at twenty minutes past 2 o'clock. About thirty counties were represented by 136 self constituted delegates. The number of citizens, and of strangers from Philadelphia and the interior of the State, who were present to witness the proceedings of this novel body, convened together at the call of Richard J. Haldeman, of the National Democratic Committee for Pennsylvania, and seven members of the Democratic State Executive, resident at Harrisburg, was immense. I deem it unnecessary to give any particulars of the transactions of the Convention, inasmuch as they will have reached you, through the telegraph, in advance of this communication. The excitement, at the evening session, was tremendous, on the question of adopting some of the resolutions, many of the delegates expressing their opinion that they did not go far enough in their requirements of the State Central Executive Committee to conform their action more closely to the wishes of that portion of the Democracy who advocate the election of Judge Douglas for the Presidency—while others, many of them delegates to the late Democratic Conventions at Charleston and Baltimore, stated their readiness to approve and accept the resolutions in the form in which they had been reported by the Committee on the address and resolutions. The speakers were numerous, and many of them very eloquent and severe on the course which the State Executive Committee had thought proper to pursue at their meeting in Philadelphia on the 2d inst., viz: recommending the adoption of two electoral tickets. The feeling of the meeting was very enthusiastic; and a unit in favor of the "Little Giant," while it was generally mild and courteous toward Mr. Breckinridge. The assertion was unanimous, that Douglas was regularly and fairly nominated, and therefore it was strenuously argued and insisted that he only was entitled to the support of the great Democratic party of the State and of the Union.

Mr. Haldeman strongly urged an amendment of the resolutions, by providing for the appointment of an Executive Committee, to communicate with and ask the rebellious Central Executive Committee of Philadelphia (as he designated it) to rescind the resolution which they passed on the 2d of July inst., and call together again the Reading Convention, or another, in any way they chose. At length, after much discussion on some of the resolutions, and amendments offered to them, they were unanimously adopted, as was also the address of the Convention, exactly as they were reported from the Committee. After the adoption of sundry resolutions to print the address, voting thanks to the President and other officers of the Convention, it adjourned *sine die*, after giving six enthusiastic cheers for Douglas and Johnson.

Communications.

For the Inquirer.

The Common Schools of Bedford Co.
What can be done for the improvement of our Common Schools?
All will admit that much is needed to be done; and much may be done, if all who are officially related to, or personally interested in them; would cheerfully co-operate with each other, and with the Superintendent of our schools; in carrying out to the fullest possible extent, the spirit and design of our wise and excellent school law.
Let the Superintendent, Directors, Teachers and Parents; each and all, but do their duty in regard to our Schools, (regardless of faultfinders) being prompted by higher motives than the fear of censure, or the love of popularity; then, will there be a waking up to the all important subject of education among the masses of the people.
Then will a vital and healthy current begin to flow through our wholesome school system, its dormant powers will be waked to life, and health, development and growth will be the result.
Then will all realize that our school law which provides for the education of all our youth is not only wise, but supremely benevolent to the rich as well as the poor.
Hence, among the first steps towards improving our schools, devolving upon the Superintendent, is to create a deeper interest on the part of the people in behalf of their schools.
They should be made to feel that it is not only their duty, but their interest, to educate every youth in the county. And that the cheapest and most successful way to accomplish such a noble end, is to furnish commodious and comfortable school houses in every district, and then to offer such wages for qualified teachers, as will induce young men of the first order of talents, to spend money and time to qualify themselves for the arduous and responsible duties of teaching.
It is to be feared that the great majority of our teachers are asleep to the great interests of their calling.
Hence, many of them, heretofore, have made little or no effort to improve themselves.
They feel no moral obligations in taking charge of a school, contented if they can only keep (not teach) the school and get their money; then they are off to engage in almost anything, (but self-improvement,) for the next eight or nine months, then they migrate to some part of the county where they are not known and again impose themselves upon the Directors and people, in the capacity of Teachers.
Such teachers we most emphatically term "drones," and the sooner they can be stung out of the hive the better. If teachers will make no effort to improve themselves, they should, and will be cut off from the profession.
The County Superintendent will be unfinished in the discharge of his duties, without the slightest partiality, making the necessary distinction in giving certificates, between "live teachers and drones."

For the Inquirer.

SABBATH SCHOOL CELEBRATION.

On Thursday, 26th ult., the Methodist Sunday School of this place held its annual picnic festival. Having assembled at the church, at 8 o'clock in the morning, they soon after formed in procession, and, moving down Juliana and Pitt streets, presented a most interesting, imposing and refreshing appearance.—First was the music, then the Superintendent of the school and pastor of the denomination; then came the school, with the American colors, and numerous banners of various and appropriate devices. The procession was a long one, showing the school to be the largest one in our village. The place of their festivities was a little to the north of the town, in a grove belonging to Hon. Job Mann. We remember well the first time we visited this choice and picturesque spot. It is a considerable eminence, of sugarloaf form, in the midst of a field. So lovely is the spot in itself, and so fine a prospect of the surrounding country does it command, that its native growth of forest trees was never disturbed, the owner probably intending at some future day to make it the site of a princely residence. We are sure no lovelier spot could be found for such a purpose.
After a pleasant march, the procession arrived at its destination, where ample seats and a snug platform had been provided. Here presently they were called to order, and after some martial music, singing by the school and prayer, they listened to an anniversary address from the pastor, Rev. Mr. Barnes. After singing again by the school of some appropriate pieces, prepared for the occasion, Mr. Gephart was called to the platform, and made a few very appropriate remarks. Soon after, the table was spread, and a sumptuous and plentiful repast served out, first to the school, and then to the numerous adult friends who had come to be cheered by the festivities of the little folks.—Half an hour more, and you might have seen numerous groups of all sizes and ages, enjoying themselves variously, when, suddenly, ringing out above the merry laugh of twice or three a hundred merry hearts was heard, "Halloo! Jim! look there! youder comes an Elephant!" The scene that followed can be better imagined than described, for, sure enough, slowly rising over the hill, all eyes caught the sight of the huge proportions of (apparently a veritable) mammoth elephant.—He was led by a careful keeper, while upon his back was a brisk boy carrying a small flag. Of course the whole thing was a mimic, but a better thing of the kind could not be imagined. The inventor was a genius, and no mistake.—This majestic creature, with slow and careful tread, suffered himself to be led submissively by various circuitous routes through the grove, except that when too much throughed, he would now and then start at the boys, making them fly in every direction, to the no little consternation of some, and the infinite amusement of others. The whole thing, maneuvering and all, was a complete success, and afforded any amount of sport to old and young. Soon after this we were called away by other engagements, well pleased, and paid for our trouble and loss of time. We understand that the whole thing wound up most pleasantly and satisfactorily to all parties. May the school continue to have its wonted success, and enjoy many such festive holidays.

For the Inquirer.

MEETING OF THE DIME-ORACY AT STONERSTOWN, July 30, 1860.

At 1 o'clock, P. M., the hour appointed for the grand mass meeting and pole raising at this place, Messrs. Cessna, Meyers and Gaither, from Bedford, and Mr. Fisher, from York, Pa., made their appearance as speakers. At the time specified for commencing, there were some fifteen or twenty persons on the ground, a number of whom were of the opposition party. Meanwhile, the several speakers busied themselves with painting the names of Douglas, Johnson and Foster on a flag, which was afterwards hung across the street. Three cheers were now proposed by Lewis, of the Huntingdon *Globe*, for the nominees. Scarcely a voice was audible but the *Globe* man's. The enthusiasm of former days had departed from them, and alas! fear and despondency oast an unhallored blight over the faces of the once un-terrified spoilers. But they rallied a corporal's guard to an adjoining schoolhouse, where Geo. F. Steele was placed in the chair. Mr. Meyer

believing it to be indispensable, to the right performance of their responsible duties.
Were we a school Director, we would no more employ a teacher who was not regularly in the reception of a school journal, than we would engage a minister to preach for us, who was not in the possession of a bible. We therefore most earnestly urge upon every school Board in the county, to pass the following resolutions: and to carry them immediately into effect:

Resolved, That this school board subscribe for the Pennsylvania School Journal for the ensuing year, to be paid out of the school fund as provided by law.

Resolved, That we will employ no teacher who is not, or will not become a subscriber to the Pennsylvania School Journal.
Let each school board carry the above resolutions into effect, and there will be no once an agency put into operation which will quicken and energize every department of our school system.

At once, near two hundred torch lights would be scattered broad east throughout the county, dispensing light and knowledge in their way, to both teachers and people, upon the important questions relating to the improvement of our schools.
The Pennsylvania school journal is the educational organ of the State, and is the principal means of communication between the State Superintendent and the County Superintendents, Teachers and Directors of the several Counties. In it are published from time to time the decisions given by the State Superintendent, upon numerous points of Law, and the various questions of inquiry made by different school boards.

Also there will be given in each number a series of articles, upon the best methods of teaching the common branches, and upon school government, &c. &c.

We recommend every teacher in the county to send his dollar to the editor, Thos H. Burrows, Lancaster, Pa., and thus put himself in possession of one of the best educational journals in the land. GEO. SIGAFOOS, County Supt.

For the Inquirer.

SABBATH SCHOOL CELEBRATION.

On Thursday, 26th ult., the Methodist Sunday School of this place held its annual picnic festival. Having assembled at the church, at 8 o'clock in the morning, they soon after formed in procession, and, moving down Juliana and Pitt streets, presented a most interesting, imposing and refreshing appearance.—First was the music, then the Superintendent of the school and pastor of the denomination; then came the school, with the American colors, and numerous banners of various and appropriate devices. The procession was a long one, showing the school to be the largest one in our village. The place of their festivities was a little to the north of the town, in a grove belonging to Hon. Job Mann. We remember well the first time we visited this choice and picturesque spot. It is a considerable eminence, of sugarloaf form, in the midst of a field. So lovely is the spot in itself, and so fine a prospect of the surrounding country does it command, that its native growth of forest trees was never disturbed, the owner probably intending at some future day to make it the site of a princely residence. We are sure no lovelier spot could be found for such a purpose.
After a pleasant march, the procession arrived at its destination, where ample seats and a snug platform had been provided. Here presently they were called to order, and after some martial music, singing by the school and prayer, they listened to an anniversary address from the pastor, Rev. Mr. Barnes. After singing again by the school of some appropriate pieces, prepared for the occasion, Mr. Gephart was called to the platform, and made a few very appropriate remarks. Soon after, the table was spread, and a sumptuous and plentiful repast served out, first to the school, and then to the numerous adult friends who had come to be cheered by the festivities of the little folks.—Half an hour more, and you might have seen numerous groups of all sizes and ages, enjoying themselves variously, when, suddenly, ringing out above the merry laugh of twice or three a hundred merry hearts was heard, "Halloo! Jim! look there! youder comes an Elephant!" The scene that followed can be better imagined than described, for, sure enough, slowly rising over the hill, all eyes caught the sight of the huge proportions of (apparently a veritable) mammoth elephant.—He was led by a careful keeper, while upon his back was a brisk boy carrying a small flag. Of course the whole thing was a mimic, but a better thing of the kind could not be imagined. The inventor was a genius, and no mistake.—This majestic creature, with slow and careful tread, suffered himself to be led submissively by various circuitous routes through the grove, except that when too much throughed, he would now and then start at the boys, making them fly in every direction, to the no little consternation of some, and the infinite amusement of others. The whole thing, maneuvering and all, was a complete success, and afforded any amount of sport to old and young