

# THE COLUMBIAN AND DEMOCRAT, BLOOMSBURG, COLUMBIA COUNTY, PA.

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BLOOMSBURG, PA.

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**THE COLUMBIAN** has the largest circulation of any paper in Northern Pennsylvania, and is twice as large as that of any of its sister papers, and is therefore the best medium for advertising in this section of the State.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

The following named gentlemen have requested us to announce their names as Candidates for the office of County Superintendent:

CHARLES G. BARKLEY,  
BLOOM TOWNSHIP.

JOHN B. PATTON,  
FINE TOWNSHIP.

WILLIAM H. SNYDER,  
ORANGE TOWNSHIP.

### Office Seeking.

SINCE the beginning of Grant's administration, the city of Washington has offered to the world a most extraordinary spectacle. An army of men, begging, beseeching, besieging the gates of the Treasury for positions under the Government—a generation of paupers, demanding that the public purse be opened to their rapacious grasp, and the public pap be doled out to fill their empty maws. Is the country bankrupt, are there no manufactures, no commerce, no straightforward way to earn subsistence that this horde of hares must infest the national Capitol, and disgrace the country? This struggle is not confined entirely to the poor and unknown, for in the list of applicants for small offices may be seen the names of some who have achieved at least a local reputation—politicians of note, ex-Congressmen, all eagerly desirous of partaking of the crumbs which fall from the public crib—if no loaf is vouchsafed them. It seems as if one-half the nation is bitten by this insidious serpent of place-hunting. There can be but one opinion as to the result which this scramble for plunder must produce upon the people; it can but degrade and demoralize. Certainly some new system should at once be devised by which the advances of the army of office-seekers may be checked. If the ensuing Congress could so far divest itself of party demands as to enact a law by which the present evil could be averted, it would entitle itself to the warmest thanks of the entire community and make for itself such a place in the history of the country as its immediate predecessors have failed to gain.

GENERAL GRANT appears to no advantage in Senator Ross' account of him. He seems to be bringing very small jealousies into the administration of the government. To have held office under Johnson appears to be enough to ensure his eminence. Yet he held office under Johnson, not only a military officer, but the civil office of *ad interim* Secretary of War. He has in Kansas, as in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, and elsewhere, turned out gallant soldiers, who served with honor throughout the war, and put in the worst specimens of the class of Radical politicians. What Ross says of Kansas is also true of Pennsylvania:

Yet, in the face of the oft-repeated declaration of the President, that changes in the offices of the country should be made only for cause, a portion of the delegation of that State had demanded, and the President has conceded their right to make such changes.

With less provocation our fathers rebelled against England. Read some of the counts in that indictment—the Declaration of Independence—and see how applicable they are to our own times:

"They have refused to pass laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the Legislature; a right inestimable to them."

"They have obstructed the administration of justice and the laws for the naturalization of foreigners."

"They have made Judges dependent on their will alone for the tenure of their offices and the amount and payment of their salaries."

"They have erected a multitude of new offices and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance."

"They have kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies, without their consent."

"For imposing taxes on us without our consent."

"For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury."

"For taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering, fundamentally, the powers of our governments."

"For suspending our Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever."

"WHAT REMEDY? That of our fathers!"

"Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their safety and happiness."

"When a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object; evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security."

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The murder epidemic still rages; the daily papers contain from four to six homicides of different degrees of atrocity, in each issue.

DAVID NOGGLE, of Wisconsin, appointed as Chief Justice of Idaho, is well known in Wisconsin, where he holds as "the man who sells God with a little." Grant's platform, honesty and competency; illustrations, Ashley and Noggle.

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