

The Columbian and Democrat

BLOOMSBURG, PA. FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 3, 1896.

TO OUR PATRONS. It is a custom, among many of our contemporaries not to publish papers during the Christmas holidays, nor on the week in which the Fourth of July occurs...

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We cannot afford to nominate a weak man. Each defect enfeebles, demoralizes an army. It keeps away recruits, because as a rule people do not care to join a sinking cause. The young men of our party who have not seen a substantial success for over ten years are becoming discouraged, and demand new leaders...

We have much faith in the precedence of the delegates selected to meet at Harrisburg on the 14th inst. The only question before them is, who is the best man who will poll the most votes? The location of the candidate, his party claims, have nothing to do with the matter. He must be a man who can secure the conservative vote, because the nomination of a man who expects to receive merely our party support is an empty honor, and will lead to defeat.

It is all good and fair governments the interests of the many are consulted, rather than the protection of the few. Our financial system is not based on that policy. No political economist, worthy of the name, ever existed who was a protective tariff man, as the word "protection" is now used.

Northumberland Nominations.

The Democratic primary election held in Northumberland county on the 19th of June resulted in the nomination of the following ticket: For Senator, W. P. Withington of Shamokin (subject to the district conference); Representative, Robert Montgomery of Lewis town; Sheriff, John B. Heller, Chillisqueque; Prothonotary, William D. Haupt, Sunbury; Treasurer, George M. Ellice, Slitsmokin; Commissioner, Tashlan Stepp, Jackson; Auditor, Jasper Haughwout, Tush. The Return Judges of the election met at Sunbury on the 21st and after counting the popular vote taken and ascertaining the above result, proceeded to complete the ticket by nominating Cyrus Greasy of Sunbury for Coroner to fill a vacancy. Very proper Resolutions were passed upon the political situation of the county, and I. H. Davis Esq., of Milton was chosen Senatorial and Geo. W. Zeigler Esq., of Sunbury, Representative Delegates to the State Convention of 1870. A Resolution of instruction in favor of the nomination of Hon. Alex. Jordan as a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court was adopted, but Judge Jordan being present, after expressing his thanks for kindness uniformly received from the Democracy and the citizens generally of the county, declined the proposed use of his name in the State Convention. A Standing Committee consisting of one member from each election district of the county was then organized, as follows: In the several districts, and C. S. E. Esq., of Sunbury was appointed temporary Chairman thereof.

The vote upon the Senatorial nomination in the county stood: for Mr. Withington 1069 votes; for Mr. Maliek, of Sunbury, 1281, Mr. Withington is a very respectable and worthy gentleman and the above vote is good evidence of his personal popularity with the people of his county. But we refer to this vote upon the Senatorial nomination as we find it in detail by districts in the Northumberland County Democrat, for a particular purpose of instruction, exhibiting as it does the Crawford County System in contrast with the Delegate System of nomination. There are 28 election districts in Northumberland county in one of which (Johns) there was a vote between the Senatorial Candidates. Of the remaining 27 districts Mr. Maliek had majorities in 11 and Mr. Withington in 13, so that it is very possible that if the Delegate plan of nomination had been in force in the county the former would have been nominated although the latter had, as we see, a majority upon the popular vote of no less than 688. In our own county we know a case where (under our Delegate system) a candidate who had as near as could be ascertained a majority of about 10 per cent. of votes over his competitor at the Delegate elections, was largely beaten in the County Convention. For reasons which we have heretofore stated we are not in favor of adopting the Crawford County System in this county, but we think our districts should be represented in Convention in proportion to the Democratic vote of each. This would be just and would in many cases prevent the voice of the majority from being overruled, especially if a reformed plan for casting votes at Delegate elections should accompany the other change.

The nomination of Mr. Montgomery for Representative, in Northumberland, was by a very decided vote—2112 to 126. He will of course be elected and will enter upon legislative service at an important juncture—when the purification and improvement of the legislature has become an important object of interest. He has before him the prospect of an honorable and successful career which his friends are confident he will fully realize and display by his public conduct.

We have to say to our neighbors of the "Mother County," (Columbia) was cut from Northumberland in 1813, that we are glad to see evidences of spirit and union among them; of a determination to organize and work for the good cause which can never die or fall while free government shall endure; of a firm purpose to increase their Democratic majority to a good figure and hold it there or increase it in spite of all the hostile influences with which they are forced to contend. This county of course is good for 2000 majority the present year. We would like to add to her return 1,000 for Northumberland and 500 for "Little Montrose" making altogether or the elegant majority of 3,500 for the "old county" and her offspring.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court met June 24th pursuant to adjournment. Present, Hon. Wm. Edw. Bell, President Judge and James Kester Esq., Associate Judge. In the matter of the petition for partition in the estate of Henry Fritz, dec'd. The Court appointed Christina P. Moore Guardian ad litem of Emanuel Moore, Emanuel Fritz, Silla V. Fritz, James M. Fritz, Maggie C. Fritz and Clara J. Fritz minor children of said Henry Fritz dec'd.

In the matter of the petition of citizens of Conyngham township for the removal of the School board of said township. On motion of Jas. Myron Esq., Court granted a rule on directors of said School Board returnable at next term, to show cause why they should not be removed.

The Columbia County Invasion.

THE TRIALS. THE MILITARY COMMISSION.—On the 17th of October 1864 a Mock Court (called a Military Commission) was organized at Harrisburg for the trial of the Prisoners. It was composed of three Army Officers, to wit: Col. Charles N. Provost, Col. J. M. Frink and Capt. Lee, with Capt. Francis Wessels as Judge Advocate. It convened under orders of the "General Commandant" (the Department of the Susquehanna), that is without any authority at all except one wholly usurped and lawless. The members went through the form of taking an oath and business began.

The first case called for trial was that of John Rantz (which was supposed to be the best or strongest one for the prosecution) and the charges and specifications against him were produced. They were, in substance, that he had conferred with others to resist the draft (what draft was not mentioned) and had formed or united with a secret society commonly known and called "Knights of the Golden Circle," the level of which was to resist the execution of the draft, and that he had publicly expressed disloyal sentiments and opinions with the object of defeating and weakening the power of the Government in its efforts to suppress the rebellion. In brief, he was charged to be a conspirator, an organizer or member of an unlawful secret association, and a man of disloyal speech.

For the defendant John G. Freese, Hamilton Alricks and A. J. Herr, Esq., appeared as counsel, the two latter being members of the Harrisburg Bar and Mr. Herr District Attorney for Dauphin county. PLEA OF JOHN RANTZ TO THE JURISDICTION.—Mr. Alricks on the part of the defence promptly filed an elaborate written plea to the jurisdiction of the Commission, which having been heretofore published we will not reproduce at length. It set forth that by most clear and imperative provisions of the Constitution of the United States and of the Constitution of Pennsylvania the defendant was entitled to a trial by jury, inasmuch as he was a citizen and employed in the military or naval service, received the provisions of several acts of Congress and particularly the habeas corpus and enrollment acts of 1817, March 1863 as conclusive that the civil courts alone had jurisdiction in the case, and referred to sundry legal authorities as confirmatory of the position taken. The plea concluded as follows: "The defendant respectfully submits that he is not triable by this Commission, not being within the jurisdiction thereof, or of any other military tribunal whatever."

This was very good law—sound, settled, evident and unanswerable; but it was thrown away upon a tribunal which knew little about law (or justice either) and cared still less. The plea was overruled and the defendant required to plead to the charges directly; whereupon each charge and specification he pleaded "not guilty," and the trial proceeded. That plea to the jurisdiction however which was repeated (though in brief form) in the subsequent cases, stands upon record as an enduring protest against despotic power and proves that there was no voluntary acquiescence by our people in the jurisdiction assumed over them. A similar plea to the jurisdiction of a Military Commission, made in the Milligan case in Indiana, was subsequently sustained by the Supreme Court of the United States in a judgment which will remain one of the beacons of liberty in future times. The Rantz plea was unanimously and promptly overruled by the Military Commission at Harrisburg; precisely the same plea, in another case, was unanimously and deliberately sustained by the Supreme Court of the U. S. at Washington. Such is the difference between a mock court and a real one; the latter enforces the laws and is competent to its work, will almost always be just, impartial and fair, and will not allow itself to be used as a mere instrument of passion and injustice throughout its proceedings and in its judgments.

CONVICTION OF RANTZ.—The trial of John Rantz proceeded for several days and was concluded on the 24th of October. He was found guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of one thousand dollars and to undergo an imprisonment in Fort Mifflin for the term of two years. The witnesses examined against him were Nathan J. Hess, Adam Lutz, Richard Stiles, and Edward M'Henry. For the defence the witnesses were Abraham Young, Samuel Rhone, John O. Dilline, David Savage, Andrew Laubach, Nicholas Kindt, Martin A. Ammerman, E. J. M'Henry and Wm. Appleman. The evidence was closed on the 20th; on the 21st, Mr. Herr submitted on behalf of the prisoner a written argument reviewing the whole case, and on the 22nd, the reply of the Judge Advocate to the defence (also in writing) was put in. The whole of the evidence is now lying before us as it was carefully taken down at the trial and will be made the subject of future examination and comment.

MISCELLANEOUS DISPATCHES.

NEW YORK, June 30th.—A police officer, while patrolling Elizabeth street, this morning, found a small trunk on the sidewalk, with a card mailed on the cover, addressed, "For Captain Jordan, Sixth Precinct." The trunk was found to contain bonds and certificates stolen from the Ocean Bank, amounting to upwards of six hundred thousand dollars. One of the bonds, of the value of \$75,000, was made payable to the name of John Rantz. The police think the others may find a clue to the perpetrators of the robbery.

NEW YORK, June 30th.—It is said that the entire filibustering expedition recently sailed from Jersey City for the island of Cuba, and that the Spanish army has lost, since the commencement of the revolution, more than half of their force in battle, and by disease and desertions.

The Pennsylvania Registry Law.

As already stated in the COLUMBIAN Judge Shawcross of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has declared the new Registry law unconstitutional. The case was that of Patterson et al. vs. the various city officers of Philadelphia, and was brought to test the law. In the course of the opinion the following points were presented: 1. By the general system, meaning that provided for the State generally, the officers of the election are chosen, as heretofore, by the electors of each election district. In Philadelphia they are to be appointed by a board composed of ten days before the election, persons chosen by the several wards for the performance of entirely different duties.

2. By the general system, the Assessors of a vote may prove his residence by any one qualified voter of the district. In Philadelphia he is required to make such proof at his oath of admission, by the vote of two qualified voters of the division, whose names are contained on the Assessors' division transcript, under the head of private householders. 3. By the general system, a person whose name is not on the assessors' list may prove his qualification on the day of election at the polls. In Philadelphia he is required to make such proof at his oath of admission, by the vote of two qualified voters of the division, whose names are contained on the Assessors' division transcript, under the head of private householders.

4. By the general system, the right of any person claiming to vote may be challenged at the polls on the ground of non-residence by any qualified voter of the district. In Philadelphia, a person registered in the district, who is not actually naturalized on or before the 30th of September can be challenged. 5. By the general system, persons of foreign birth, who are not naturalized before the next election may be challenged. In Philadelphia, one not actually naturalized on or before the 30th of September can be challenged. 6. No one would pretend to say that these were not matters of fundamental importance, and in direct violation of the Constitution. The act is, therefore, declared void and of no effect, and the voidness of the act is carried into operation is granted.

The Radical Trial.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the national victory of 1863, which has brought peace, happiness and prosperity to us as a nation. That we wholly approve of the principles and policy of the administration of President Grant, and we heartily endorse every sentence, and especially the recently ratified approval of the people of Pennsylvania, and we especially commend his uniform efforts to restrain the evils of secession. Resolved, That in the Hon. Henry W. Williams, our candidate for the Supreme Bench, we present a learned, pure and patriotic jurist, who will adorn the bench to which we propose to elect him. Resolved, That we reiterate and affirm our adherence to the doctrine of self-protection, as proclaimed in the fifth resolution of the platform adopted at the State Convention of March 7, 1866. Resolved, That we endorse the ticket the other party have nominated, and pledge our hearty and cordial support.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

Table with market prices for various commodities like wheat, corn, and flour. Columns include item names and prices per bushel or barrel.

News Items.

—There are still four hundred stages on line in the United States. —Williamsburg, L. I., has an "oldest inhabitant" aged 127. —The widow of Mr. Colt, of a pistol fame, has an income of \$100,000 a year. —A Tennessee widow of 111 years boasts 10 descendants, and rides horseback to work. —York, Maine, claims the most ancient judicial records in this country, having an election record from 1632 to the present time.

—The Troy Times says that Senator Morgan gave his son \$200. He invested it at Troyville, and made it \$60,000. —Missouri has had a horseback wedding. The bridegroom had been divorced from his first wife three days previously. —An elephant on exhibition Lyons, N. Y., the other day got angry and kicked a man, hurting it some twenty feet against a wall. —There is a man in Chicago who vowed he would not shave until Douglas was elected President. His beard is now eight feet long.

—A gentleman in the vicinity of Williamsburg has 20,000 trout confined in three ponds, all of which have been hatched this spring by artificial process. —The London Times says England holds £156,000,000 of United States bonds. The amount in Europe is estimated at \$1,100,000,000. —A sea turtle weighing over 900 pounds was caught off the Virginia capes by the schooner Uncas, on the 30th ult., and yielded a barrel of oil. —Mrs. Stanton's mammoth petition charges the party of great moral ideas in the battle of Franklin, Tenn., to be the most ignorant and degraded classes of men. —A \$100,000 diamond has been found at the Cape of Good Hope. The native who picked it up sold it for \$300 sheep, 10 oxen and 100 head of cattle.

—A large number of journeymen bricklayers of Cincinnati have refused to work in consequence of an attempt of the bosses to reduce their pay from five to four dollars per day. —A woman of 75 was married to a man of 15, in Tiffin, Ohio, last week. The woman has been married twice before, and his children older than her present husband. —Miss Mary Gray, of Georgia, has, by her own efforts, caused the bodies of fifteen hundred Confederates, who fell in the battle of Franklin, Tenn., to be collected and decently buried. —Ruskin lately asked Spurgeon:—"Spurgeon, where do you think I would go if I should die now?" "To hell and be damned." "Well, that's frank. I've asked several preachers that question, and they evaded it."

—An elm in North Andover, Mass., measures thirty-four feet around the trunk at two feet above ground, is one hundred and ten feet high, and has a circumference of a circle of one hundred feet in diameter. —The Boston Courier says that "Boric acid is a curious figure in the Navy Department." Yes, he is the figure 2 with its tail cut off, adds Prentiss. —The N. Y. Star says that John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Lincoln, has been discovered, alive and well, in Canton, Stark county, Ohio, and the United States Marshal of the Northern District has recently telegraphed from that place, to come and arrest him.

—A housekeeper caught forty-two rats in one night, by exchanging for a barrel of oats that had been visited by the vermin, a barrel of water, covered with a cloth, and containing a quantity of molasses. —A man in Michigan lately laid down on a railroad track before an approaching train, which was passing over him. Being asked why he did this, he said it was because he wanted to die. The explanation being considered satisfactory, he was allowed to die. —The N. Y. Star says that John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Lincoln, has been discovered, alive and well, in Canton, Stark county, Ohio, and the United States Marshal of the Northern District has recently telegraphed from that place, to come and arrest him.

Political.

Democratic State Convention. The Democratic State Convention for the nomination of candidates for the office of Governor and United States Senator, for the term ending on Wednesday, July 10th, 1896, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at Harrisburg. By order of the Democratic State Committee. WM. A. WALLACE, Chairman. DAVID CALDWELL, Secretary.

County Convention. The Democratic voters of the several Districts in Columbia county are requested to meet at the usual place of holding the general election on Saturday, the 1st day of August 1896 between the hours of three o'clock in the afternoon and six o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and elect by ballot two persons to represent the County in the County Convention to be held at the Court House in Bloomsburg, on Monday, August 2nd at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The Convention is to meet at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, and to nominate a candidate for Member of Assembly; to nominate a candidate for Associate Judge; to nominate a candidate for Probationer; one person for Justice and Recorder; one person for Treasurer; one person for County Controller; one person for Coroner; and one person for County Auditor. To be supported by the Democratic party at the coming election. JOHN A. FURSTON, Chairman.

Candidates for Nomination. The following gentlemen have been nominated for nomination to the several County offices to be filled by election the present year, and their names will be presented for the consideration of the Democratic State Convention: REPRESENTATIVE, GEORGE SCOTT, CATAWHA TOWNSHIP. (Subject to the decision of the conference of Columbia and Montour counties.) ASSOCIATE JUDGE, J. R. JAMISON, MAIN TOWNSHIP. SAMUEL CREASEY, RIFLE TOWNSHIP. H. J. REEDER, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP. CHARLES F. MANN, BEAVER TOWNSHIP. PROTHONOTARY, WELLINGTON H. ENT, SEPT TOWNSHIP. JESSE COLEMAN, BEAVER TOWNSHIP. REGISTER AND RECORDER, B. FRANK ZARR, BEAVER TOWNSHIP. WILLIAM H. JACOBY, JACOB TOWNSHIP. JOHN SNYDER, ORANGE TOWNSHIP. D. H. HAMPTON, MAISON TOWNSHIP. TRESURER, DAVID LOWENBERG, BEAVER TOWNSHIP. W. R. KOONS, BLOOM TOWNSHIP. J. S. SANDERS, BEAVER TOWNSHIP. COMMISSIONER, CYRUS ROBBINS, FINEBROOK TOWNSHIP. H. P. WHITEMAN, GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP. DAVID SAVAGE, FINEBROOK TOWNSHIP. JACOB S. EVANS, GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP.

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MARRIAGES. OLIVER—BERT on the 19th inst., by Rev. S. S. Bould, Mr. Daniel Turner, to Miss Mary E. Holt, of Salem, Luzerne county, Pa. DEATHS. M'HEYNOLDS—On Saturday, June 25, 1896, at Harrisburg, Hugh Francis M'Heynolds, aged 72 years, 11 months, and 5 days. WARD—On Saturday morning, June 25, 1896, at 10 minutes past 10 o'clock, Mrs. Mary Ann Ward, widow of the Hon. Geo. W. Ward, aged 80 years, 11 months, and 11 days. OLLASSER—Andrew Ollasser, who died June 14th, 1896, aged 76 years, 11 months, and 11 days. You see how they have left us. Here they lay so deeply in debt. But 'tis God that has heard us. He can all our sorrows heal.

New Advertisements.

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