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John Hines	Carl Needhaus Schumacrk 2
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Mary Schluraf	C F Kramer
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Andreas Erzyle Zimmerman	Georg Justus Fredericks
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50 BBLS. and half bbls. White Fish and Mackinac Trout, this day received and for sale at No. 1, Perry Block, by T. W. MOORE.
Erie, Sept., 25, 1847. 19

PRICES REDUCED.
CASTINGS, stoves, stove pipe, copper furniture, air tight sheet iron stoves, are now selling rapidly by the subscribers at less than ever, and our design is that no prices at Buffalo or elsewhere, for *cash*.
LESTER, SENNETT & CHESTER.
Erie, Sept. 25, 1847.

24 KITS No. 1 Mackerel, put up for family use, just received and for sale at No. 1, Perry Block.
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RAGS wanted in exchange for tin ware by LESTER, SENNETT & CHESTER.
Sept. 25, 1847.

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ERIE, PA.

Saturday Morning, October 9, 1847.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

FOR GOVERNOR,

FR'S. R. SHUNK.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER,

MORRIS LONGSTRETH.

☞THOS. H. ELLISON is a duly authorized agent to procure subscribers for this paper.

A Double Withdrawal.

Mr. Jas. Hagerty announces that he has withdrawn from the field as an independent candidate for Congress in the third district of Maryland, and from the whig party itself.

☞C. B. Langdon, Esq., of Lock Haven, has cut loose from federalism. He could not sanction the treasonable course of those who oppose their own country on all occasions, and take sides with the public enemy. He says: "Since the beginning of the war, the whig party seems to have substituted folly for policy, and desperation for principle."

COME OUT FROM THE FOUL PARTY!

The following letter was sent to the editor of the Bedford Gazette a few days ago for publication. The Gazette says: "Mr. Karns is a gentleman of great respectability, and has heretofore occupied a prominent position in the Federal Mexican party. We hail his entrance into the great Republican party with great pleasure—who comes next? Listen to the sound and logical reasons adduced for this decided step:"

GEN. BOWMAN:—I have always voted the whig ticket, but I cannot at present go with that party—I cannot go against my country, the land that gave me birth? I am a friend of the existing war, and cannot see, on due reflection, that it could have been honorably avoided—and as the Democratic party appear to be the exclusive friends of the war I enroll my name under their banner.

DANIEL KARNS.

Formerly a citizen of Monroe township, but at present of South Woodberry tp, Bedford county.

Fraud, Forgery and Deception.

THE "PEG BEATTY" AFFIDAVIT MAKERS AT THEIR DIRTY WORK AGAIN.

As in 1838 the federal whig party, despairing of carrying the state by fair and honorable means, have resorted to base *Forgery and* "Peg Beatty" affidavit makers been called into requisition, and although but a few days remain before the election, yet the disgraceful scenes of '38, when whig politicians traveled the entire state promulgating their infamous *falsehoods* and *false depositions*, are again to be re-enacted. Drowning men catch at straws, and the federal party knowing well that the billows of Democracy will assuredly, on Tuesday next, overwhelm them and their candidates, have resorted to the falsehood and calumny so effectually and completely refuted in the statements and depositions copied into our columns to-day from the Democratic Union.

Under the hypocritical guise of conducting the canvass on fair and honorable terms—with their presses daily and weekly teeming with articles denouncing all personalities, and deprecating the allusions of the democratic press to the connection of their candidates, Irvin and Patton, with the iniquitous Bankrupt Law, the one as its father and the other as having availed himself of its provisions in the snug little sum of $22,000—they have been *secretly* organizing their forces, and now, just upon the eve of the election, as a last and final effort have resorted to the basest *fraud* and *forgery!* in order to withdraw a portion of the Democratic party from the support of SHUNK and LONGSTRETH. But they will not succeed!—the trick is to shallow!—the fraud to glaring to deceive any.

This is no new game with federal whigery. All who resided in the state in 1838 know full well that the leaders of this infamous pie-bald party will stoop to any and every thing to carry their point. The Federal press was then the vehicle of slander against the character of the Democratic candidate for Governor. What wonder that it should be so now! It then abounded with "Peg Beatty" affidavits, base falsehoods & glaring forgeries. Could we reasonably expect anything better now! Again, just on the eve of the election the Federal editors of Pittsburgh concocted the *notorious slanders* against Gov. SHUNK in regard to *"the Bible," "the Catholic procession"* and *"trampling on the American Flag."* These miserable inventions of Federalism were proved to be false, Governor SHUNK was triumphantly elected, and the authors of the falsehoods branded with such a load of infamy that they have never since been able to look an honest man in the eye, but sneak off when the subject is broached in their presence like sheep killing hounds. The Erie Gazette was among the first to promulgate this infamous falsehood. What wonder then that it should now join with the North American in an endeavor, by the same base means, to defeat the re-election of Gov. Shunk.

And what think you, reader, is the great and horrible crime which they now charge against Gov. Shunk, in the hopes of defeating his election. A simple relation of facts, and the proof which we append, will enable the reader to see the whole plot of federalism as clear as the light of day.

Seth Salisbury, whose veracity is on a par with his intelligence and capacity, has hired himself as an understrapper to the Mexican whigs, to get up an atrocious calumny on the Hon. Jesse Miller and H. Petriken, Esq.—He accuses them of having been instrumental in the publication of the many slanders which were heaped by the "Champion" upon the late lamented Muhlenberg after he had received the Democratic nomination for Governor in '44. The "Champion" was an ephemeral got up the Mexican whigs themselves, for the special purpose of villifying and defaming Muhlenberg, and producing discord and division in the Democratic ranks. It was unable to effect its purpose, but now, after having been quietly laid under the sod for two or three years, its putrid and offensive remains are to be raked up, for the same unholy purposes. We congratulate the whigs on having found a tool, mean and servile enough to answer their dirty ends, but we can assure them that the true friends of Mr. Muhlenberg in "old Berks," and elsewhere, are too wide awake to be caught by any such stories.—They plainly perceive that the principal object of this vile publication is to revive the calumnies published in that paper against one of the best and purest men that ever belonged to the Democratic party, for the purpose of injuring Governor Shunk.

The Democratic Union says it feels pretty well convinced, from facts which have recently come to the knowledge of the editor, that the Champion was edited by a notorious whig of Berks county, whose infamous slanders upon Mr. Muhlenberg in his own paper, were believed to be the exciting causes which led to the sudden death of that great and good man. It comes therefore, with an exceeding had grace from a Federal editor to appeal to the friends of Mr. Muhlenberg, in reference to the slanders against that pure patriot, and able statesman, in the Champion. And especially does it come with an ill grace from the Erie Gazette, a paper than which none in the State were more violent in pesonal abuse of the lamented Muhlenberg.

But we think the following statements and affidavits will effectually use up this last "good enough Morgan till after election" Roorback of federalism. Read them, then, Democrats, and see to what base tricks the federal party will resort to carry their ends, and then go to the polls and once more place the mark of disapprobation upon their acts. The State is ours if we but exert ourselves—but if we stay at home, thinking all will be well, defeat, sure and disastrous, will surely be our fate. Arouse, then one and all, the enemy is at the door.

To the Editors of the Democratic Union:

GENTLEMEN:—I desire you to republish from the "Harrisburg Argus" of this day, my unqualified denial of having written certain articles, which have since appeared in the "North American," said to have been extracted from a paper called the "Democratic Champion." Since the publication of that denial I have seen the North American, and read the articles attempted to be fixed upon Mr. Miller and myself. I consider a duty I owe to Mr. Miller to state—

1st. That it is an unmitigated falsehood, that he wrote, and that I hand in for publication, to the publisher of the Champion, any one of the articles or any article whatever, for that or any other paper, reflecting upon the character, moral or political, of the late Henry A. Muhlenberg, or of any other man living or dead.

2d. It is an unmitigated and malicious falsehood that Mr. Miller and myself, as stated in the North American, jointly wrote, or even thought of writing, or consulted about writing, any one of the articles published in the North American, said to be extracted from the Champion. I have no words sufficiently expressive, without resorting to language unfit to be used, to characterize the baseness of this, and the charge noticed above. It is sufficient to say, that a more infamous attempt to injure the character and standing of a gentleman, so well known in this State and out of it, as Mr. Miller, has, in my judgement, never been made. I believe it has no parallel.

I will here notice a remark made, editorial, by the Editor of the Harrisburg Argus, in his paper of to day. The Editor says, in reference to this subject:

"The Colonel (Salisbury) was indignant at the idea of these persons having aided or abetted the promulgation of the slanders which were ushered forth through the columns of that sheet, and said he would have the matter thoroughly investigated, and refused to write any more for the Argus, in favor of Governor Shunk, until he should discover whether the charges in the Intelligencer could be maintained."

Now, I would respectfully enquire of Mr. Cantine, whether he did not know that Salisbury had in his possession, as early as the 5th of March last, some, if not all the identical articles now attempted to be fixed on Mr. Miller and myself? If he did not know it, he was sadly behind the times. I will state my knowledge of the fact: On the morning of the 5th of March, Judge Laporte handed me one of the manuscripts in question. I read it, and then enquired where he procured it? He said it had been handed him by Dr. Salisbury. I then asked permission to take it to Mr. Miller for his perusal. I did so, and found Dr. Salisbury with Mr. Miller in his front room. I handed it to him in the presence of Salisbury. He read it and remarked that any one who pretended that he wrote it, or that it was in his hand-writing, was governed by malicious motives. I have other proof, that Salisbury saw and read the whole of the manuscripts, as early as the date I have stated.—As the matter will probably undergo judicial investigation, I will not now name the gentleman by whom I intend to prove the fact.—It is sufficient to say that he is one of the most distinguished gentlemen of Harrisburg, who is well known throughout Pennsylvania for his many high qualities.

Again, Salisbury says he has the whole of the manuscripts in his possession. I deny that. I have ten of them in my possession, all of which I can satisfy any one are genuine. They are open for the inspection of friends and foes. They were handed over to me to give to Judge Laporte, who was absent (and is now absent) sometime last summer, by a man by the name of Geist, who has since been convicted of forgery. He was one of the three who were engaged all spring and summer in endeavoring to find a market for them. This fact is well known to a great number of people. As those who were unjustly implicated with their authorship, refused to bid, some two or three Whigs in this place clubbed purses for that purpose. It is understood that a suit of clothes was part of the purchase money. We shall see, by and by, how that is.

I have some reason to believe that the article I showed Mr. Miller in the presence of Salisbury, on the 5th of March, was written by a distinguished Whig. It was published in the "Champion," with others of a like character, after the nomination of Mr. Muhlenberg. I know it was not in the hand-writing of Mr. Miller, and no one pretended, of the many who examined it, that it was in mine. *The whole* of the papers in question, were exhibited to many delegates of the last 4th of March Convention. Mr. John Clark, of this place, was despached for them, to Bloomfield, in Perry county, on Wednesday night, the 3d of March. They were in the possession of one of those, who have been engaged in finding a bidder. Those who procured them, failed in fixing the authorship on Mr Miller or myself. At that time Salisbury saw and read them—at least I am so informed. Why did he, therefore, nurse his *"indignation"* from that day until recently? One may suppose it was for the charitable purpose of "keeping it warm," to answer ulterior purposes. Why did he not then exhibit his "indignation" against Mr. Miller and myself, for he must have known as well then, as now, whether the manuscripts were in the hand writing of either of us? Why did he for months afterwards, continue to write and publish articles in the "Argus" in favor of Shunk and Longstreth? I should rather suppose, under this statement of the facts, the *public* will not readily believe that his recent "indignation" is of the most VIRTUOUS character.

In conclusion, I now declare, as I have uniformly declared, that it is a foul falsehood, that I wrote, and handed to Gen. Seiler, for publication in the "Champion," the articles designated in the "North American" as mine. To this declaration I append Gen. Seiler's voluntary statement.

H. PETRIKEN.

Harrisburg, Sept. 24, 1847.

To the Editors of the Democratic Union:

GENTLEMEN—I have just seen the North American of this day and on examination of the articles published therein, purporting to be extracts, taken from the "Champion," published in this place during the winter of 1843-44, that I received certain designated communications from Jesse Miller, and Col. H. Petriken, and handed them to the Editor of the "Champion" for publication. I pronounce the charge to be a *base lie*. I never received any communications from either of those gentlemen to be handed to the Editor of the "Champion," or any other paper for publication or otherwise. Those who have stated that I did, have done so at random, and they are wanton and malicious liars. I am, &c.

C. SEILER.

Harrisburg, Sept. 23, 1847.

The following, from Hon. JOHN LAPORTE, Surveyor General, confirms the statement of Colonel PETRIKEN, and effectually disproves SALISBURY's story about not having seen the offensive manuscripts until within the last few weeks:

HARRISBURG, Sept. 25, 1847.

Col. H. PETRIKEN—Dear Sir: I returned from Bradford county last evening, and this morning I read, in the Democratic Union Extra, your letter to the editors of that paper, in transactions alluded to in that communication, you are correct, except where you say the manuscript had been handed to me by Dr Salisbury. He was not the person from whom I received it, and you must have misunderstood me when I handed it to you. The Dr., however, told me he had seen and read the manuscript, together with others of a similar kind, before it came into my hands, and in communicating to you that information, it probably misled you as to the fact of its delivery to me by him. After you returned it to me, having taken it to Mr. Miller, as you have stated, the Dr. had it from me for a short time. He said that he wanted to write an article defending Mr. Miller from the charge of being the author of the manuscript. As to the precise date on which I handed you the manuscript I cannot now recollect, but it seems to me to have been later than the 5th of March, but I am by no means certain; it may have been three or four days subsequent to that time.

I am yours, &c., JOHN LAPORTE.

Another Refutation.

GEN. JAMES IRVIN IN THE CONSPIRACY!

From the Democratic Union.

Mr. Geist, the Editor of the late Harrisburg Yonan, published by Mr. Morgan, formerly of the Champion, who swears so willingly in yesterday's North American, makes the following statement on the subject of the alleged charges against Messrs. Miller and Petriken. Morgan is thoroughly exposed, and the rader will see that the Federal candidate for Gvernor, James Irvin, has also had a hand in this unworthy business. The whole affair is one that has already resulted disgracefully to the Federalists, and we predict will end in the effectual and triumphant vindication of the gentlemen assailed—if that has not already been satisfactorily done.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27, 1847.

Messrs. Hamilton and Forney:—By the Pennsylvanian of this morning, I observe that Henry Petriken, Esq., has brought my name before the public, in connection with those who were engaged all spring and summer in "endeavoring to find a market" for certain manuscript editorials of a paper called the Champion. I am sorry that Mr. P. has so unnecessarily referred to my late misfortunes—indeed, I confess that my feelings were deeply wounded; but as he has certainly been led into error in regard to the extent of my participation in this matter, I will, in justice to myself, as well as others, give a brief history of the whole transaction.

About a year ago, Mr. Geo. H. Morgan called on me and informed me that he was about to commence the publication of a Democratic paper, to be called the Yeoman, and that it was the desire of the projectors of the enterprise, that I should be the editor. He then mentioned the names of several prominent men who he said had obligated themselves to furnish the means, both for type and press, and to sustain the paper. I told him that if he would give me some tangible evidence that the gentlemen he named would be willing to sustain him in the enterprise, I would have no objections to writing for him. In a few days he produced a note for $1,000, payable to L. Ellinson and Co., at six months, and signed by four prominent Democrats, whose names I had mentioned to me before. This note was afterwards shown to other persons, and I never doubted its genuineness until after I had edited the third number of the Yeoman. I called upon one of the supposed endorsers, and then I was astonished to find that such a note had never been signed or endorsed by him—I am loath to refer to this deception, but I hope it will be a useful lesson to him in future, as well as to myself. A reference to it is also necessary in order that the whole transaction be properly understood.

It was during my connection, as editor with the Yeoman, that Morgan proposed to defeat the renomination of Mr. Shunk, by publishing the "Champion editorials." Previous to this, I knew nothing of the existence of such manuscripts. Morgan, however, stated that certain articles against Mr. Mulenberg had been written by Messrs. Miller, Petriken, &c., and that the original manuscripts were still in the possession of Augustus Sprigman. I was astonished at such a charge, and I at once determined, if it could be sustained, to lay the whole matter before the public *prior* to the 4th of March Convention. I called on Sprigman who informed me that he had such manuscripts, and upon giving him a certain sum of money, he placed them in my possession in the presence of Morgan. I refused to make use of the manuscripts until the handwriting could be identified; but Morgan insisted upon going ahead, alleging that whether true or not, the friends of Mr. Muhlenberg would believe the charge, and thus defeat the nomination of Mr. Shunk.

I must admit, that from the statements of others, I was led to believe that *two* or *three* of the manuscripts were genuine, and accordingly referred to them in an editorial article. As soon, however, as Sprigman saw the article I had written, he called upon me and said he was sorry he had deceived me—but he solemnly declared that the articles he had sold me were not *genuine*—or, in other words, that Messrs. Miller and Petriken had not written them—but that most of them were in the hand-writing of a certain gentleman of Harrisburg, in no manner connected with the administration. When I remonstrated with him for deceiving me, he urged in extenuation that he was intoxicated when he furnished me with the manuscripts.

On the morning of the 5th of March, a certain Whig of Harrisburg called me to one side, and told me that he was authorized to give me $50 if I would agree to furnish them (the Whigs) with a certain article, supposed to be in my possession, headed "The Blooded Parson." I promptly declined his offer. He then raised to $100. I told him he was mistaken in his man—that I would sell myself to no man, nor to any party. On the same day I placed the article alluded to in the hands of Judge Laporte, telling him at the same time, that the Whigs wished to obtain it from me, but that I was disposed to support the regular nominees of the Democratic party, and that other articles were in the possession of Morgan and myself, which I would place at his disposal, as soon as I could see Morgan, who was then in Bloomfield. Sometime after that I handed ten or twelve of the articles over to Mr. Petriken, requesting him to hand them to Mr. Laporte. These were all that I had in my possession at that time or since.

When in Harrisburg last August, Morgan called upon me and stated that he had received several letters from Gen. James Irvin, in answer to propositions that he had made touching the publication of these manuscripts—that several leading Whigs of Harrisburg had conferred with him on the subject—and that he was to publish the manuscripts, prefaced by his own affidavit, addressed to the one-term Democrats, &c. He also asked me for the manuscripts in my possession, (as he supposed,) and insisted upon me joining him. Mr. Shunk, we would receive clerkships under the new administration. I told him I could not listen to such propositions—and advised him in a friendly manner, to abandon so disgraceful a project, as he would be unable to sustain the charges he intended preferring in his affidavit.

The foregoing, gentlemen, is a correct history of these manuscripts, so far as my personal knowledge extends.

Very respectfully, yours, &c.

J. M. WILLIS GEIST.

In support of the above statement of Mr. Geist, we may say that on yesterday we had a conversation with a gentlemen of our borough, of character and respectability, who informed us that the note referred to in Geist's statement, was exhibited to him by Morgan, with a view of obtaining credit upon it.

The following correspondence between Mr. Petriken and Henry S. Magraw, of Pittsburg, is in corroboration of Mr. Petriken's statement, published above, and shows, very conclusively, that that gentleman had nothing to do with the articles of the Champion, or the circulation of them:

HARRISBURG, Sept. 22, 1847.

H. S. MAGRAW, Esq.—Dear Sir. Soon after the commencement of the publication of a paper, in this place, called the "Democratic Champion," you addressed a letter to me, desiring to know whether it was established by persons friendly to the nomination of Mr. Shunk. I answered your letter, and returned the money you enclosed to me.

Will you be good enough to send me the original letter, if in your possession? if not, give your recollection of its contents.

I am yours, &c.

H. PETRIKEN.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 25, 1847.

H. PETRIKEN, Esq.—Dear Sir: Yours of the 22d instant was received this morning. I have searched my papers to find your letter in relation to the "Demorratic Champion," without success. Some of my papers were missing after the fire of the 10th of April, 1845, and your letter may have been lost at that time.

I will, however, give my recollection of its contents, &c. We had got, perhaps, the two first numbers of the paper here, when I wrote to you, or sent word by a friend, to have me supplied with an extra number of copies, (I think fifty,) until the nomination. I either sent you the money or an order, which was returned by you, with the reply that the paper was not only calculated to injure Mr. Shunk, but the party—that Mr. Shunk's friends in Harrisburg had no confidence in it, and did not countenance it. Yours, &c.

HENRY S. MAGRAW.

Another Federal Lie Refuted.

From the Democratic Union.

The North American of the 27th inst., came to us charged to the muzzle with several columns of libelous statements, and forged affidavits. The whole burthen of their proof seems to rest on what purports to be an affidavit of G. H. Morgan, and Augustus Sprigman. What will the honest voters of Pennsylvania say of these infamous Federal slanderers, when we prove to them that this celebrated affidavit is a *base forgery*. Augustus Sprigman, whose name is appended to this affidavit, appeared voluntarily before Wm Kline, Esq., Justice of the Peace of our borough, and made the statement hereto appended, proving conclusively that the statement of the North American is a forgery. We also append the statement of David Harris, the Justice of the Peace before whom the affidavit of the North American, is said to have been taken, pronouncing the said affidavit a forgery. What more do the people of Pennsylvania want to satisfy them of the infamy of the Federal leaders.

GENTLEMEN:—I have seen, in the North American of this morning, a statement over the signature of G. H. Morgan, headed "Address to the One Term Democrats, and friends of the late Henry A. Muhlenberg," to which is appended the following words, "I concur in the above statement, Augustus Sprigman." Now I beg leave to say that I never saw this Address of G. H. Morgan's until I saw it published in the North American of this morning and I never gave it my concurrence.—The whole thing, therefore, so far as I am concerned, is a *forgery*. In regard to the affidavit purporting to be signed by me, also published in the North American of this morning, I desire to say, it is entirely different from the one sworn to by me before David Harris, Esq. The affidavit made by me before Squire Harris was merely in regard to the identity of *two papers*, and had no reference whatever to the Hon. Jesse Miller and Henry Petriken Esq., as Mr. Harris will well remember.—Further than this, I desire to say, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, Messrs. Miller and Petriken never wrote