

Democratic Co. Convention.

The Democratic voters of the various boroughs, wards and townships in this County, are requested to assemble at their various places of holding elections, on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at 4 o'clock, to appoint two persons to represent them in County Convention, to be held at the Court House in the City of Erie, on Thursday, Sept. 11, 1851, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of appointing a Committee to the National Convention to nominate a President and Vice President, and to nominate a county ticket if it be deemed advisable, and attend to such other business as may be laid before the Convention.

FOR GOVERNOR,  
**WILLIAM BIGLER,**  
OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY,  
FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER,  
**SETH CLOVER,**  
OF CLARION COUNTY.

FOR JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME BENCH,  
**JEREMIAH S. BLACK,** of Somerset,  
**JAMES CAMPBELL,** of Philadelphia,  
**ELIAS LEWIS,** of Lancaster,  
**JOHN B. GIBSON,** of Cumberland,  
**WALTER H. LOWRIE,** of Allegheny.

Want of room compels us to defer noticing several matters claiming attention this week—among them the extraordinary claim set up by the Gazette, in its article headed "Elijah Babbitt," that that gentleman is the "Blackstone" of the Erie Bar.

PROTHONOTARY.—We have been requested to say that the friends of SAMUEL PERLEY, for Prothonotary, will support at the Whig primary meetings this evening, J. H. FULLERTON and MATTHEW R. BIER, in the West Ward, and JAMES D. DENVER and J. B. SMITH, in the East Ward, for delegates to the Whig County Convention.

We learn that the Waterford and Marvin's Mills plank road is being surveyed, and that there is every prospect of the early commencement and completion of the road. This will give us a continuous plank road to Meadville.

An outrageous slander.

The Washington Union is guilty of a most outrageous slander upon the Democracy of this Congressional district. In its list of members of the next Congress, it puts down this district as having deserted itself by the election of John H. Walker, whereas that person was defeated by Hon. C. B. CUTLER, by something over a hundred. The Union had better correct its list, for it can rest assured John H. Walker will not represent the 22d district of Pennsylvania in the 23d Congress.

Sanbury and Erie Railroad Meeting at Union.

We did not have the pleasure of attending the meeting of the friends of the Sanbury and Erie Railroad at Union, on Saturday last, but we learn the gathering was highly respectable as to numbers, and the feeling manifested by the people of that section of the county of the right sort. We are assured that, with proper exertions, a considerable amount of subscription can be procured in that township—say from \$30,000 to \$100,000—some of which has already been subscribed, and more would have been had, had not an attempt been made to injure the popularity of that project to political advantage, by some whose fealty to the Sanbury road is of a very recent date indeed. So apparent was this, that we undertook quite a scene took place between the Chairman of the Committee on resolutions, W. Benson, Esq., and one of the Whig candidates for the Legislature, in which divers naughty words were used, and a resort to the "Hyge law" only prevented by the interference of friends. But as this is purely a quarrel between rival factions of the Whig ranks, rendered a little warmer by the near approach of the time for nominating a county ticket, we will not interfere, or approve or condemn either side. We sincerely trust, however, that the zeal for this great work manifested just now in certain quarters will not subside so soon as the election is over, but in the language of Juno spirit of the last and most important resolution of the Union meeting, that the county be allowed to subscribe the sum of \$300,000, or as much more as may be deemed necessary to render the success of the work certain.

The Cuba News.

The Cuba news is another column as glorious if it may be relied upon, and we can see no reason to doubt it, as the same reports, or nearly so, have reached this country at two different points, New Orleans and Savannah. By these arrivals, and the capture of himself and his forces, it is not only contradicted but satisfactorily disproved, and it would appear that they have been successful in one hotly contested fight—killing the Spanish forces and killing their Commander-in-Chief and several officers. Assuming that these advices are reliable, those engaged with Lopez in the first expedition have maintained their position against the entire Spanish army for two weeks, in the heart of the island, and after having engaged the enemy, were on the advance, and within a few miles of Havana! The liberating force was at these dates estimated at 2500, and by some as high as 4000. If this proves correct, it will naturally be asked, from what quarter have such numbers been gathered to the standard of rebellion and independence? Evidently not from the United States. There have been no accessions to the force of Lopez, from our shores, since the landing of the first expedition, or some of which we have heard. His ranks thinned by the capture and subsequent massacre of one eighth of those composing the expedition, must have been recruited from the inhabitants of Cuba, and for the means of subsistence also, he and his men must have been dependent upon the Cubans. These facts once established, and the whole case assumes a different aspect. If proved to the satisfaction of the people of the United States, the liberation of Cuba by the subversion of her present tyrannical government, need not be doubted. Some may doubt it, and declaim against it, and even our authorities at Washington affect to use the power entrusted to them, to prevent it, but the event will not be long delayed, and we shall "rejoice" when the last vestige of European despotism vanishes from our continent.

Gov. Johnston and his Claims.

Among other charges brought against the Democracy by Gov. Johnston in his speech to his constituents, he claims that in this city, was one that through the operation of the tariff of '46 the value of property in certain counties had decreased, and consequently the revenues of the Commonwealth had been injuriously affected thereby; and that the said counties took great credit to himself for having been able, under such circumstances, to "pay off" some few hundred thousand dollars of the State debt. Certainly the Governor ought to receive all the credit he is entitled to, and we far from saying that he shall have it—but we are far from saying that he shall have it more. Now, while the Governor claims to have paid off a few thousand dollars of the State debt, by the help of the people's cash, we claim that the said Governor has done as much as any other man—more, than most of Pennsylvania's officials, to increase that debt in three years past. As to the fact we think cannot be disputed, that for instance, the fact will not be disputed that Johnston voted to throw away \$105,000 on the Gettysburg "tape-worm"; and \$132,000 on the Sinnemahoning extension; \$150,000 on the Danville and Pottsville railroad; \$600,000 on the Union canal; \$120,000 on the Norristown railroad; and \$75,000 on the Kittanning feeder—making in all the nice little sum of \$1,433,000, on projects and improvements from which the treasury of the State has been benefited—secretly or otherwise. Admitting Johnston's claim, therefore, which we are far from doing, that he has reduced the State debt a few hundred thousand while he has been Governor, and placed the millions he thus voted to squander on the opposite page of the Ledger, and we find him still the debtor of the State for an enormous amount. These figures we have given are but a small item in the debt creating history of Wm. F. Johnston, but they are sufficient for our present purpose. Were they not, we might show how he was instrumental in fastening the despotic "relief-law," with all its attendant evils, upon the State; and how, even at the last session of our Legislature, he was anxious to re-negotiate that disreputable financial operation. But it is not legitimately within the scope of our present purpose, and we forbear. The Governor's claim, that the resources of the State have been decreased through the operation of the tariff of '46, does not appear to rest upon a much better foundation than his exclusive claim to economy, for while we find that in two or three counties a Board of Revenue Commissioners have been appointed, and that the State is in a measure to pay, the aggregate increase of taxation in the State is enormous—and that, too, in some of the great iron-producing counties this side of the mountains. We need but instance Clarion, which of all others, if our worthy Governor's theory be correct, ought to show a great decrease; but instead we find the increased taxation in that county of '49 and '50, over '46 and '47 to be \$1,212 04. This, we think, effectively puts to flight the fallacy of the Governor; and it also leads us to another equally as glaring. It will be recollected his Excellency claimed, in the speech before mentioned, that while he had paid a portion of the State debt, the taxes of the State had been materially lessened. The Governor is evidently afflicted with a short memory. Just now the tariff of '46 was very much to be deplored because it had been the cause of reducing the resources of the Commonwealth; but now the Governor is upon another hobby, and to tell us that through his economy and superior management he has paid a portion of the State debt, and at the same time lessened the burthens of the people. That, when it becomes necessary to denounce the tariff, the Governor claims that it has lessened the revenues—but when it is necessary to indulge in a little self-glory, then his superior management and economy has enabled the State to dispense with a certain amount of taxation! O, most consistent Governor! But have the burthens of the people been lighter under the administration of Wm. F. Johnston? Again we revert to facts and figures. The editor of the Harrisburg Intelligencer has given much attention to this subject; and has furnished a detailed statement of the amount of taxes furnished during 1846-7, being two years of Governor Johnston's administration; and 1849-50—two years of the administration of Gov. Johnston; 1848 being divided between the two administrations. From this statement it appears that the increased taxation of this county, alone in the last two years, over the two former, was \$12,333 36; and the entire increase of taxation for the State, amounts to the very considerable sum of two hundred and forty-two thousand, three hundred and ninety-seven dollars and forty-seven cents.

Political Prospects in the County.

To-day the Whigs in this county choose delegates to a Convention of their party, to be held on the 10th inst., to nominate candidates for county officers. As a Whig coalition is here equivalent to an election, there is, of course, no little anxiety felt by the expectant; hence we find the fog-bell, timber-bowling, and other "facts of the political ring," known to the wire-workers, in great request. Who will come out ahead, we cannot now predict; but that there will be much disappointment, and some weeping, on the 11th of September, we have abundant evidence to predicate an opinion upon. How can it be otherwise, when every third man one meets is a candidate. Here we have seven or eight candidates for the Legislature, two for Prothonotary, four for Register, half a dozen for Coroner, as many for Commissioner, and for the other offices there is no lack, though the pay is little and the honor less. They serve, however, to reward those whose fealty does not waver occasionally with the "crumbs that fall from the rich man's table." The great contest, however, will be over the Register and Recorder and members of the Legislature. In regard to the latter we have been most grossly slandered by some of the candidates, or their friends. We hear that it is reported in the country, for the purpose of defeating W. S. Lane, Esq., that he is the "candidate of the Observer." We do not think this would be much of a slander upon Mr. L., even if it were true, for he was the "candidate of the Observer" it would be something to be proud of; but it is a slander upon us. We have no candidates in the Whig ranks, and least of all, W. S. Lane, Esq. Were we to pick from the rank and file of Whiggy, we should choose some one who at least would be disposed to treat fairly—as to speak of us and our principles as they honestly deserved, and who would not, as the gentleman named has repeatedly done, find his political harangues before the faithful, upon "that vile loco-foco sheet, the Observer." No, the ranks of Whiggy does not contain a candidate for whose success or defeat in the Whig convention the Observer cares one straw, and the assertion that there is by any of the candidates or their friends, only betrays their own weakness, while it is an indirect acknowledgment that, however much some of our opponents have heretofore derided the influence and character of this paper and its management, they are still fearful of its influence even among Whigs.

The Observer, in contradiction of some remarks offered by us last week, insists that there are persons here whose course indicates hostility to the proposed Sanbury and Erie Railroad. Any notice of a charge so unfounded and ridiculous would be out of place. Nobody believes it, not even the editor of the Observer himself:—  
"Ha, ha, ha, my word,  
The thought's as laughably absurd  
As anything I ever heard."

It is needless to say the above is from the Gazette, and we submit to an intelligent public if it is dignified or even capable of giving a question of its own raising. How stand the facts? Last week our contemporary, in defending one of his political friends, a candidate for nomination, took occasion to make the gratuitous assertion that it was silly to charge upon any man in this community hostility to the Sanbury and Erie road. We demurred it to the "truth of the matter," to say that if the acts and votes, private and legislative, of the Senator from Erie county, were any criterion to judge by, the assertion was altogether too broad—that he, and those who sustained him had been arrayed in opposition to that road—and we cited the Susquehanna railroad charter, which that Senator procured the passage of, and the columns of the Gazette, as evidence. To this the Gazette replies above. We do not dispute, nor did not last week, that that Senator from Erie, and those who think the same, are not in his will, are not favorable to the Sanbury and Erie road—but we do contend that they are only so because they can't help themselves. They attempted to defeat it, but their tools were not of the right temper. They attempted to stay the torrent that is rushing that way, and hence the voting down of the resolutions offered by Wm. S. Lane, Esq., at the meeting in the Court House soon after the re-organization of the company, and which will be found in the Chronicle this week, but the torrent would not be stayed, but on the contrary has very nearly overpowered them; consequently they have been forced to acknowledge, by acts, that they were wrong—to come down from their heretofore pretended claim of perfection, and say they have been in error. We are willing to take them into the ranks of the friends of the Sanbury and Erie Railroad, but they must acknowledge their past errors first. They must not attempt to sneak in, as the Gazette is doing, and then claim to "have advocated the project with more devoted zeal" than everybody else. By the by, has the Gazette any recollection of an article it published, with commendation from a Clinton County paper, ridiculing the committee by the directors of the Sanbury road to commence work on the road previous the first of June, in order to save the charter? That article spoke of the committee as "marching up the hill, and then marching down again," and that article was dictated by the ferret opposition to the Sanbury road, by a friend of the Williamsport and Elmira paper, a rival interest? Has it any recollection of several other articles, all of the same tenor? Has it any recollection of taking articles in favor of the Sanbury and Erie road, and giving them as public opinions in favor of Walker's bastard charter, called the Susquehanna and Erie road, and then, when the fraud was exposed, excusing itself with the plea that it was a mistake? Has it any recollection of throwing cold water upon the road repeatedly, until the time Walker turned his batteries upon it, until the Editor returned from Philadelphia, where he found that his favorite bill, the so-called Susquehanna charter, had got into one friend's pocket? If the Gazette has not, others have—hence, such dignified responses as the above won't go down with the people just now!

Mr. McCracken in a very few words in some of the most apt articles of the Philadelphia Ledger. For instance, the other day, in commenting upon the "late Barry in the money market" of our Eastern cities, the writer of those articles very philosophically and truthfully remarks, "There is no question that, too generally, very large and very long credits have been given in business for the last two or three years—credits yearly growing larger and longer—tossing engendering more of idleness and profligacy in those who receive it, until now, when further credit is stopped, failures follow, and bankrupts find it convenient to saddle the cause upon that striking horse, the tariff, and run off with a rignole of words upon imports, and a loaned supply of the precious metals. It is nothing to the feelings of failing individuals to construe the cause of their misfortunes somewhere other than on their own want of prudence and foresight, and if the policy of the Government can possibly be made the offender, why, well, The Government never contradicts the complaint, and the failing may again enter business, his reputation as a business man unscathed. If people will pay their debts a little more as they go, and be careful to lay within their income, the policy of their Government need not much disturb them. Imports may be large or small, and still their affairs will not be materially disturbed. What imprudence will almost always end in bankruptcy, whether Tariffs are high or low." There is plain truth for you, and if our Whig politicians would ponder it well, it should have a good deal less from them, and the people, the working, reading people, place more confidence in their complaints than they now do.

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We find in the Gazette a card, signed by the Whig members of the bar of this county, certifying that the Whig candidate for Judge of this district in their choice for the office of President Judge, and that any assertion to the contrary is false. These gentlemen, we apprehend, have put themselves in unnecessary trouble in this matter. We have never heard it intimated that Mr. Babbitt was not their choice, and we doubt a good deal whether a contrary opinion was ever expressed, except at the instigation of "A Member of the Erie Bar," who, by the by, is the getting up of this certificate for the purpose, evidently, of giving him an opportunity of "spreading himself" in the communication preceding the manifesto. To this "pronouncement" we have certainly nothing to say, but we should really like to know whether the very respectable gentlemen whose names are attached to it, endorse its sentiments and statements. We, of course, cannot notice that production as it now stands, but certainly we will do so to the best of our ability, if they will say, or any one of them say, that they endorse it. As it now stands, it has that appearance; and not only so, but it has also the appearance of having the sanction of Mr. B. himself. Now, it certainly does not look well in a candidate for the Judicial office, or in those who manifest so much solicitude for his elevation, to open the campaign with threats of using the power he is seeking, to muzzle the press. In that communication it is generally announced that to speak of a Whig candidate for Judge, except in terms of fulsome flattery and picketing language, is to "affect injuriously the peace, harmony, and welfare of community;" and that the object so intended "ought to be presented as a public nuisance." In other words, because we have dared to exercise our undoubted rights of canvassing the claims and qualifications of a candidate for office—because we have spoken of Elijah Babbitt's professional character—not his private character—as a residence here of fifteen years has revealed it to us, we are threatened by somebody—the Lord knows who—perhaps it may be Mr. B. himself, but certainly by some one of the gentlemen signing the card—with the terrors of some modern "sedition law." We know that in France the press is sometimes declared "a nuisance," and suppressed by the strong arm of the Law—we know that in Cuba, that some that Russian despotism, it is a capital offense to publish anything not related by the Captain General, and the person so offending is summarily disposed of by an officer and a file of soldiers—but we have yet to learn that Erie county, whig though it be, is governed by any such laws. We shall, therefore, canvass the claims of Mr. B. or any other candidate before the people, as he seems best; and while we shall not, as we have said before, assail the private character of any man, we have a duty to perform to the public which must be fulfilled. We have said this much, not in reply to the anonymous communication containing the threat referred to, but to let the gentlemen who seemingly endorse it, know just how and where we stand.

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The Pennsylvania, referring to the fact that two Democratic papers in this State have hoisted the name of Gen. John E. Wool for the Presidency, subject to the decision of the Democratic Convention, says there is an old adage about going out for wool and coming home with a Buff Commercial.

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And very applicable it is, too, though not in the cases referred to. It will be recollected our whig friends, as we were wont after the successful bravery of Wool at Buena Vista, claimed him as a true blue whig; but soon turned out he was a true Democrat, "died in the Wool," and here is where the adage applies—the whigs went out after Wool, and came back sheep.

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SUCCESS OF A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.—The candidate of Hon. Luke Woodbury, the Democratic candidate for Governor of New Hampshire, is confirmed. He long himself in his bare between the hours of 8 and 11 on Wednesday. The day before his death he prepared his will, making many bequests. He was 55 years of age, and leaves a wife, but no children. Mr. Woodbury had for several years held the office of Judge of probate, and was much esteemed by his neighbors. No cause for the act is known beyond that of ill-health. There is no reasonable doubt that Mr. Woodbury would have been chosen governor of New Hampshire in March next. James Sullivan, of Exeter, will probably now be the candidate of the Democrats.

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