

DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATIONS.

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

For Justices of the Supreme Bench.

JEREMIAH S. BLACK, of Somerset. JAMES CAMPBELL, of Philadelphia. ELLIS LEWIS, of Lancaster. JOHN B. GIBSON, of Cumberland. WALTER H. LOWRIE, of Allegheny.

For President Judge, HON. JOHN GALBRAITH, of Erie.

Quite a number of our citizens have left for the Railroad Convention at Philadelphia on the 25th, and more are going.

The Erie County Agricultural Fair takes place in this city, on the 1st and 2d days of next month—week after next.

Teacher's Institute.

The first session of the Teacher's Institute, which we noticed last week as being in session in this city, closed its proceedings on Wednesday. It was attended by about ninety persons in the character of scholars, and by a large number of our citizens as spectators.

Our Candidate for Judge.

We had barely time last week to announce, in part of our edition, the action of the Democratic Conference Convention in nominating Hon. John Galbraith, for President Judge of the 5th Judicial District.

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A Very Pretty Quarrel at its End.

Standing also as we do from the legislative funds of the Whig party, the result of which is presented in the ticket selected by their County Convention last week, we can safely claim to be an impartial 'Observer' of events.

For the sake of the Whig leaders have forced upon our cotemporary of the Chronicle, is not only undesirable to them as individuals, but degrading to that party in the county, we will reiterate the candid opinion of all right thinking men.

We have no love editorially or personally for the Editor of the Chronicle—not a bit! Indeed, our personal intercourse with his successful rival has been even more familiar than with him—but when it comes to the 'lacked' question of right and justice, we are forced to acknowledge our cotemporary has been badly used; and that, too, without any sufficient cause, as we can see.

He had taken no unfair means of his opponent—he had resorted to no low trick to prejudice the public against him—and although the conductor of a public journal extensively circulated among the Whig masses, he had scrupulously avoided using his columns to the advantage of himself or the disadvantage of his competitor.

This forbearance, however, was not met in a corresponding spirit of liberality. First, the services of a filthy, irresponsible opposition newspaper, claiming to speak as a Whig journal, was invoked, and its columns prostituted to the use of our town-janis. Its vulgarity and indecency in other respects, however, defeated the proposed benefit in favor of its employees; and it was then, and not till then, that the joints were forced to show their hands, and accomplish over their own signatures, what they had hoped to do by means of their miserable tool.

And they succeeded; and it appears our ancient friend of the Chronicle is not disposed to submit for we find in his last paper that he announces himself an independent candidate for Prothonotary, and appeals directly to the Whig party, and all good citizens, to see that he has justice done him. In justifying this course, he says it is true he offered himself "as a candidate upon the ordinary condition of abiding the decision of the Convention," but "his course implied a conviction on his part that the caucus would be conducted in the usual way"—"how far" he and his "friends complied with that condition," is known by whigs, both far and against him "all over the county." But in regard to his opponents, he says:

"How far that condition was regarded by our opponents is equally well known, not only by those who read our remarks last week, but by multitudes of others in all parts of the county, who have been eye and ear witnesses to what was done by them. These wretched gentlemen, who were not for the first time, can concede that they were treated unkindly, unfairly, dishonorably, and shamefully—in a way which, if sanctioned by the Whig party, will disgrace it, and subject every member of it to the indignities and reproaches which will be its lot if it is not reformed. It is not for the sake of the party, but for the sake of the individual, that we have become a candidate, and his success is regarded as inimical to that interest; so that the rights and person of every Whig in the county are indirectly assailed in this manner, and every Whig who is not a member of the party is made a party to the assault. While endeavoring to maintain our own rights, we are equally contending for the rights of our fellow-citizens, and do not justify the charge of being a schismatic—on the contrary, we think all fair-minded men will give us credit for taking the only course which is just regard for our own rights and the rights of every man in the Whig ranks, is left us—an appeal to the party on the justice of the treatment extended to us by our enemies."

Altogether this is decidedly the prettiest quarrel we have seen, and we flatter ourselves we shall have lots of sport out of it before it is over. Already they have commenced telling some home truths about one another, and if the succeeding chapters are as prolific as the opening, we will undoubtedly get some "stunning revelations" ere the work is finished. Whatever they may be, our readers may rest assured they shall be duly advised, as we have very little to do in the fight but hold the bats of the combatants.

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The Fruits of Agitation.

An event took place recently in Lancaster co., which should open the eyes of the people to the true aims of the "higher law" politicians of this State. The fact, as we gather from the Philadelphia papers, are substantially as follows. It appears that near Christiansburg, Lancaster Co., in this State, there is a settlement of fugitives and free negroes. Among these was a free mulatto fellow, the property of Mr. Edward Gorchuch, an old resident near Baltimore, Md. This gentleman, accompanied by his two sons, the Deputy U. S. Marshal from Baltimore, and United States officers from Philadelphia, and several policemen, also of that city, proceeded, on Thursday last, to Christiansburg, to arrest Pinkney, the slave. On hearing of the intention of the party, the negroes in the vicinity held a meeting, and, after taking the opinions of several abolitionists, resolved to resist the execution of the warrant. Accordingly, about eighty blacks assembled, fully armed, securing themselves in the corn fields and neighboring wood. The signal for attack was the blowing of a horn. The party was surrounded completely, and, upon attempting to make the arrest, were fired upon. Mr. Gorchuch was killed instantly; his son Dickinson was mortally wounded, and others of the party were more or less hurt. The assaulting mob was headed by an old negro preacher, who, upon seeing Mr. Gorchuch fall, rushed forward with extended arms, crying, "forbear, men, forbear! You'll all be hung—they are dead!" After his death, Mr. Gorchuch was robbed of some \$100 in cash, which he had in his pocket. Now, does any body doubt that these murders—that the resistance to the constituted authorities in their endeavor to carry out the legal guarantees of the Constitution and Law—is the legitimate fruit of the agitation, and the "higher-law" preaching, so fashionable now-a-days with certain favorite politicians in the Whig ranks. Look at it—noting a State Convention was held in Lancaster by the Whigs, and when Mr. Scott, of Philadelphia, offered a resolution pledging the party to the support of the Fugitive Slave Law, a law clearly guaranteed by the Constitution, he was hoisted down, and the resolution kicked out. Now, a person endeavors to reclaim his "fugitive from labor" in the same Lancaster county, and Mr. Scott's resolution, some of these "higher-law" advocates call the previous question" on him, and he is shot down like a dog. Who will say that effect does not follow cause? Again, Wm. F. Johnston is a candidate for Governor, but when the Convention assembled in this same Lancaster, he tells them they cannot see his name until he knows whether they will pledge him to support that article of our national compact which says, "fugitives from Labor shall be given up;" they do not so pledge him, and who shall say that the example thus set by a high functionary like the Governor is not now working on the legitimate effects on the very soil where it was set? But Johnston and those who stand by him in that Convention, are not alone responsible for this successful opposition of the Law. To the people of Lancaster themselves are some of these bitter fruits attributable. They have sided and favored one of the rabid sectional demagogues in the country in the person of Mr. Theodore Stevens, and now they have their reward. He has preached resistance, and he has been obeyed. Verily, he shall have his reward.

New Revenue Scheme.—One of our exchanges very facetiously says that Governor Johnston is about taking out a patent for a "new way to pay old debts." What he claims specifically as his invention, is that all boys who play a three cent game of nine pins, shall pay one cent towards extinguishing the Gettysburg tapeworm debt; and all boys who eat a levy's worth of grape-sauce shall pay two cents towards the extinguishment of the Kitzinger Feeder debt. Both these debts are legacies which Ruter left for his successors to pay.

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The Late Levi Woodbury.

We regretted to notice last week the death of this distinguished democrat and jurist. He died at his residence in Portsmouth, N. H., on Thursday, the 4th inst., at about 10 o'clock P. M. He was about sixty-one years of age, and was a prominent statesman of the Democratic party for many years, having been during the last Presidential canvass talked of for the Presidency, and received for that office over 50 votes in the Democratic National Convention. During President Jackson's administration he was Secretary of the Treasury, and afterwards a member of the United States Senate from New Hampshire, of which State he was also Governor in 1823. The next year, however, he ran for Governor again, and was defeated. In 1817, he was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire, and in 1826 he was elected to the Lower House of the New Hampshire Legislature, being chosen speaker. In 1816 he was appointed Secretary of the New Hampshire Senate, and during the administration of President Polk was appointed one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, which station he filled to the time of his decease, with distinguished ability.

The Editor of the Observer appears to be very much interested in the present condition of the Whig party of Erie county. That interest, so far at least as its outward manifestations are concerned, will be very perceptibly diminished on the morning following the 24th inst. of October. Mark our prediction, neighbor. "We know our strength, and knowing, dare rely upon it." "Gazette."

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Resolved, That we are individually and collectively in favor of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, and we will use every exertion to forward to a successful termination the efforts now making by the President and directors of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, to build a line of railroad from Erie to New York by the New York and Erie Railroad, and that the grades are greatly in favor of the Sunbury and Erie, thus making it by far the shortest, cheapest, and most direct route from the lakes to the Atlantic seaboard, must give it an incalculable advantage in competing with the other routes. From the vast amount of trade and travel that would inevitably seek this channel no reasonable doubt can be entertained that the stock will yield a handsome dividend.

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Resolved, That we cannot expect Philadelphia to move actively and at once in this enterprise, unless the other counties interested show a determination to aid and assist, and that it behooves them in this view of the subject to present as heavy subscription lists as possible at the convention on the 25th inst. in the city of Philadelphia.

Resolved, That this meeting is in favor of an act of the Legislature authorizing a subscription by the county of Erie to the amount of \$200,000, provided a majority of the voters of the county approve, and that we have full confidence that they will do so.

Resolved, That we also in favor of a subscription by this city of the sum of \$300,000, and we hereby pledge the city of Erie for that amount.

Resolved, That H. Caldwell, W. King, J. H. Walker, Wm. Kelley, M. Courtright, S. Jackson, J. McClure, J. H. Fullerton, I. Camp, J. B. Johnson, J. W. Whetmore, G. A. Elliott, J. H. Williamson, W. A. Galbraith, B. V. Vincent, C. M. Reed, I. M. Walker, F. G. Cole, J. Williams, M. B. Lewis, J. D. Clark, C. M. Laidley, W. Laird, J. Sennett, J. Skinner, W. M. Gallinger, Dr. O. L. Elliott, Dr. W. J. Johnston, D. D. Williams, D. Strick, Dr. R. Hill, T. H. Hill, and W. S. Lane be appointed delegates to attend the convention at Philadelphia on the 25th inst. The meeting then adjourned.

GEORGE A. ELLIOTT, Pres.

HANS CALDWELL, Secy.

PAULY LANGRISH, Vice Pres.

James D. Dunlap, Secretary.

MARRIED.

On the 25th of August last by John R. Smith Esq. Mr. LEWIS CUSART and Mrs. LYTIA RATHER both of Amity Township.

On Wednesday the 17th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Sherman, D. D. McCreary, Esq., and Miss ASPHETT J. Langhorne, of D. D. McCreary, of the city of Erie.

On the 24th by Rev. Mr. Loom, Mr. Howard and Miss LIZA LANGRISH of the city.

On the 21st inst. by Rev. Mr. LYON, Mr. HARTY R. Hill of Illinois, and Miss ALBERTA S. WOLLEY of Green.

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On the 11th inst. by Rev. B. S. Hill, Mr. R. EMMETT CANNAL, of Edinboro, to Miss MARY W. WAGNER, of Edinboro.

In Waterford, on the 10th inst. by P. P. Johnson, Esq. LEASIE G. GOURLEY and Miss DALLY ANN HANSON, both of Spring st., Crawford co.

DIED.

August 29th, of consumption, Miss MARY ASH, daughter of John McKee, Esq., of Springfield, in the 22nd year of her age.

On the 4th inst. Mrs. JERRETT M., consort of P. J. Wilcox, of West Springfield, aged 44 years.

On the 13th inst. in this city, MARY CAROLINE, daughter of Mr. Lewis B. Dulan, aged two years and eight months.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons who have connected accounts on the books of P. S. Fawcett, that it has become necessary for me to close up my accounts immediately, and by this notice I would inform you that you are to settle with me personally, and in order to give all a chance I will attend each day at my office, until the 15th day of the next month, for the purpose of settling all accounts. I want a settlement with all, whether they pay or not. R. FAWCETT, Erie Sept. 20, 1851.

Public Schools.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Public Schools of this city will be opened on Monday the 19th inst. By order of the Board of Directors, R. J. SHELLEY, Secy.

A. M. BLANK.

WOULD respectfully inform the Ladies and Gentlemen of Erie and adjoining towns that he has opened a shop for the Manufacturing, Altering, Repairing, Braiding and Finishing of Hats, Caps, and all kinds of Millinery, and Gentlemen's Hats. Having had a long experience in the largest Manufacturing establishments in Massachusetts, will assure his customers that whatever he makes will be perfect in Texture and Finish. Having made arrangements to receive the latest Boston Modes of Millinery, styles, they may depend on a fashionable