

THE VOLUNTEER.

John B. Bratton, Editor and Proprietor. CARLEISLE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1848.

FOR PRESIDENT, THE NOMINEE OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Messrs. Dallas, Cameron, Sturgess, Cass, and Dickinson, of the U. S. Senate—Mr. Buchanan, Sec'y. of State—Messrs. Broadhead, Brown, Ingersoll, and Kramm, of the House of Reps., at Washington, will accept our sincere thanks for their favors.

Valentine's Day.—Our attentive and worthy Post-Master, Mr. Sanderson, was kept busy on Monday last in handing out Valentines.

The Nominee of the Democratic National Convention.—Since we hoisted our flag for the Presidency, a great number of our Democratic contemporaries have followed suit.

Hon. Arnold Premer, State Treasurer, has arrived at Harrisburg. We are glad to learn that he has entirely recovered from his late illness.

Who is she?—There is a Valentine in the Post-office for the greatest girl in town! But who is she?

Again—There is also a Valentine in the office for the prettiest girl in town. No doubt many of our fair dames would consider themselves entitled to this one, but their modesty prevents them asking for it.

Court Martial.—A Court-martial convened at the Carlisle Barracks yesterday. The Court is composed of the following officers—Col. Harney, Col. Payne, Col. Garland, Capt. Marcy, Capt. Nichols, Capt. Clifton, Lieut. Gray, Lieut. Murray.

Temperance Discussion.—The monotony of our staid old Borough was broken in upon during the early part of the present week by the arrival of the Rev. John Chambers from Philadelphia, for the purpose of answering a discourse delivered by the Rev. Mr. Lillie, and published in one of our town papers, on the subject of Temperance.

The subject in dispute between these two gentlemen, as near as we could understand, was this—Mr. Chambers contended that the wine spoken of in the Bible would not intoxicate—that there were several kinds of wine at that day—that they were designated by "good wine," and "bad wine"—that the fermented wine was the bad, and that such as was not fermented was the good, and that of this latter kind was the wine made by our Saviour.

Thoughted the controversy. We shall not attempt to give our views as to who was the victor. We learn that the addresses are to be published, and should the committee in charge of them furnish us with the manuscript, we shall lay them before our readers, and they can then judge for themselves.

Adoptors.—A bill relating to the appointment of Auditors by the different Courts of this Commonwealth, has passed the Senate.

Amusing Veil.—To have a contemplative cur dog constantly yelping at your heels, for no other purpose than to be kicked into notice.

Benefits of Life Insurance.—J. P. Whitney, who died recently at New Orleans, some time since effected through some merchants of that city, an insurance of \$30,000 upon his life—which handsome sum will now never to his widow.

Dead.—The Hon. Albert G. Marchand, formerly a Representative in Congress from the Westmoreland district of this State, died at his residence in Greensburg last Saturday.

Way and Means.—Col. Myers has reported a Bill in the House, authorizing the State Treasurer to negotiate a temporary loan of \$60,000, reimbursable in ninety days, for the payment of the balance due on the State interest, and for repairs on the public works for the opening spring navigation, which was taken up, read a third time, and passed.

New Issue of Relief Notes.—The bill authorizing the Banks to issue new notes to the amount yet remaining uncancelled of their several issues under the act of 1841, has passed the Senate, with an amendment making them redeemable in specie. In case the bill passes the House, we do not know whether the banks would accept its provisions; but sincerely hope they may do so, that we may get rid of the filthy trash now circulating through the State.

The Death Penalty.—In the Senate on Friday last, the bill to abolish the punishment of death came up on a second reading. Mr. Sanderson moved to amend the bill by declaring the punishment of imprisonment for life irrevocable. The amendment was previously discussed for a considerable time by Messrs. Craik, Sanderson, Matthias, Johnson, Black, Darrin and Sanderson, Matthias, Johnson, Black, Darrin and Sanderson, Matthias, Johnson, Black, Darrin and Sanderson, Matthias, Johnson, Black, Darrin and Sanderson.

Yes.—Messrs. Brawley, Darrin, Johnson, (Erie) Dixon, Matthias, Sadler, Sanderson, Sankey, Smith, Street, Williamson, Speaker—11. No.—Messrs. Bentz, Best, Black, Doan, Craik, Crosswell, Lewis, Gillis, Harris, Johnson, (Armstrong) Lewis, Middlewarth, Overfield, Pottenger, Smyser, Street—16.

No Treaty of Peace.—Mr. Buchanan has stated, most unqualified, that no treaty of peace has been received at Washington, and that no project or memoranda on the subject has been received from Mexico.

A New Presidential Candidate.—John Van Buren, son of the Ex-President, has been nominated by the Democrats of Erie county, New York, as a candidate for the Presidency.

Among the regulations of the Mexican army hereafter, it is stated that the soldiers are to be provided with pocket editions of the anti-war speeches of Clay, Corwin, and Webster.

Dukes and Lehigh Congressional District.—Samuel A. Baidoo, of Lehigh county, has been nominated by the Democracy of this district, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. Mr. Hornbeck.

MR. BUCHANAN'S FREE BANKING BILL.

We intended last week to have said something on the subject of Mr. Buchanan's Banking Bill, reported in the House of Representatives, but want of time prevented a close examination of it. Since then we have again read this bill, and are satisfied it will not answer the purpose of a general banking law.

We have no pretensions to an accurate knowledge of this intricate subject, but think we know enough to justify us in saying that any banking system founded on any other basis than Gold and Silver, will never answer the purpose. No such system can be a sound or good one, which has not coin for its foundation—not partially, but wholly. These materials are the only ones not subject to the fluctuations in trade, and which at all times, in all places, under all circumstances, have their established value.

On the other hand, if it is contended that Old England has determined the national characteristics of America; by means of her emigrants, the idea will be found equally groundless. Whatever influence may have been exerted by England upon our public institutions and national spirit, no one will deny that the two countries, in these respects, present a perfect contrast.

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being demanded at the counter of the bank, what will be left for the active banking business of the institution? Certainly only the balance of notes and such portion of the specie as can be dispensed with after the bank commences operation under this same section; for this bill really seems to contemplate, that all is required at the start, and nothing or very nearly so afterwards.

The reckless creatures who preside over the sinking fortunes of the so-called American Democrat, alias Abolition Organ—a paper published in this town, and which has changed its name about as often as its principles—have for the last three or four months been giving publicity to the most infamous falsehoods against us for the purpose of obtaining aid from our hands.

We hear a great deal said, especially since the war with Mexico, of the daring and enterprising spirit of the "Anglo-Saxon" in this country. The "Ledge" and other papers teem with laudations of the "Anglo-Saxon" spirit. Nor, there can be no question in relation to the persevering energy, and unwearied determination of Americans; and we do not hesitate to pronounce it an error, when our nation is designated by the general characteristic of "Anglo-Saxon."

A few days since we dropped a line to the two Democratic Canal Commissioners, directing their attention to the falsehood contained in the Abolition Organ. The following letter was sent us in reply.

To John B. Bratton, Esq. Dear Sir—Your favor of yesterday came duly to hand, and in reply we are bound to state that you did not interfere against the appointment of Mr. W. M. Mater as Inspector of Cargoes at Columbia.

We are, respectfully, your friends, JAMES BURNS, MORRIS LONGSTRETH. There! That nails one falsehood, and we will only state now that had we wished to oppose Mater, we should have done so openly and above board.

by the great Teutonic family. And here, unrestrained by civil or ecclesiastical domination; in the full enjoyment of rational liberty, those elevated qualities find their appropriate exercise; whilst the circumstances of a fresh and unshod country, only serve to give fire, ability and nerve, to the efforts of our citizens.

THE BRANDED FALSIFIER!

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All acts of moral and political turpitude differ in the degree of grossness and enormity which characterize them. A man who steals to save himself from starvation—if such an act resulted from a seeming unavoidable necessity—would find the act palliated in the judgment of a humane public.

In the last number of the Democrat alias Abolition Organ, the writer says he has "long known our character." This is false—the writer of the article has not known us a very great while—but he who stands sponsor for this scribbler has known us long and well.

But we have devoted more space to this matter than we had intended. We stated in the commencement of this article that the so-called Democrat had falsely charged us (it never speaks the truth except by accident), with having opposed the appointment of Mater, and also with the authorship of a late letter which appeared in the Philadelphia "Spirit of the Times."

The next false charge against us, is thus mailed by the Philadelphia "Spirit of the Times." That paper of Saturday last says: "The American Democrat published at Carlisle, charges the editor of the Volunteer with having written a letter which appeared in this journal on the 5th inst. We have only to say that we have no truth whatever in the assertion, Mr. Bratton never having written a line for this paper."

We have been led—unwillingly we confess—into these remarks. But we have submitted to the vile slanders and cowardly insinuations of the Abolition Organ too long, and we shall hereafter hold ourselves ready to expose the dishonesty of this piratical sheet—this "low, long, black schooner," and the pishard crew who man her.

MR. BUCHANAN.

On our first page will be found the proceedings of a meeting of the Democratic members of the State Legislature, who are favorable to Mr. Buchanan for the Presidency. The address is ably written, and the claims of the old Keystone State are urged in strong language.

Since that meeting was held the Democratic members who did not participate in it have published the following card, with the request that all editors who publish the proceedings of the meeting may also lay before their readers the card:

- HARRISBURG, Feb. 9th, 1848. The undersigned Democratic Senators and members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, did not participate in the proceedings of the caucus of last evening, on the subject of the Presidency.

From the Detroit Free Press we learn, that on the 30 ult., the Democratic members of the Legislature of Michigan, in their capacity of citizens, gave a unanimous expression in favor of Gen. Lewis Cass, for the next Presidency.

On the 2nd instant, the State Convention met, and organized by the election of Hon. Elton Farnsworth, as President, and Wm. Bancroft and John McKinney Secretaries.

Gen. Lewis Cass, of Michigan, was nominated by the unanimous voice of all assembled, and the resolution greeted with cheers upon cheers.

In the last number of the Abolition Organ, the editors offer to treat Col. Harvey, of the Lancaster Intelligence, to oysters. For the information of our Abolition neighbor, we inform him that oysters are not sold on tick in Lancaster.

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On Monday the 7th inst., at the residence of her son-in-law Mr. Joseph Fry, near Newville, Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, at the advanced age of 84 years Sunmit and 11 days.

In Stoughton, on the 7th instant, JONAS C. son of John and Susannah Stough, aged about 3 years and 5 months.

In the case of this early death we have a beautiful companion with the blossom nipped when making its first appearance, putting forth its tender leaves and opening its glowing buds for our view.

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A remarkable case of Somnambulism occurred at Easton, Pa., on Monday night. A lad of 16, who had been medically treated for a cold, rose from his bed, went over several apartments to the street, in a polling rain, with only a shirt on, into a hotel where he saw a light, and being recognized was rescued. He had been frightened by a dream that two persons sleeping in the same room were murdered. Strange to say, his health was improved by the excursion.

LAWYERS AT A DISCOUNT.—There are at present half a dozen lawyers from this town of York in attendance at Harrisburg; it is witnessed in the proceedings against Judge Irvine. A few days since a petition was presented to the House of Representatives, numerous signed by citizens of York, stating that the peace and quiet of the town had been seriously promoted by the absence of these professional gentlemen, that they prayed for the passage of a law to prevent their return!

SELECTED SCHOOL. The following named scholars have been selected as having the best standing in their respective schools in regard to attendance, conduct and improvement: Secondary Department. Miss UNDERWOOD's.—Ann E. Mullen, Mary C. Bean, and Estella Hoffman.

High Schools. Miss HENZEL's.—Mary M. Bentz, Elizabeth Hoffer, and Jane Spotswood. Miss DENNEY's.—J. J. Smith, J. A. Laughlin, James W. Somerville. GEO. SANDERSON, Sec'y. of Board, Carlisle, February 17, 1848.

Markets.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET. February 15, 1848. Flour and Meal.—The flour market is quiet and prices steady. Sales of fair good Western at \$9.66 1/2 per barrel, city use. Feeder flour is held at \$5.75 for standard and \$5.87 1/2 for fair brands.

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