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MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC STANDING COMMITTEE.

In compliance with a resolution passed at the last meeting, the members of the Democratic Standing Committee of Cumberland County will meet at the public house of Mrs. WUNDERLICH (late Martin's) in the borough of Carlisle, on Saturday, the 4th day of August next, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of appointing the time for holding the Delegates Elections, and the assembling of a County Convention to form a ticket. A general attendance of the Committee is earnestly requested.

THREE OF THE COMMITTEES.

July 5, 1846. The following named gentlemen compose the Standing Committee of this county:

Allen, James R. Brown; Carlisle, E. W. John Cramer; W. W. Hugh Gallagher; Dickinson, Jacob Beaman; East Pennington, Robt. G. Young; Frankford, John C. Brown; Hampden, Wm. Adenried; Hopewell, John McCoy; Millis, Robt. Middleton; Monroe, Benjamin Kridler; Newton, C. L. Vanderzett; Newville, William Lytle; New Cumberland, Charles W. Dean; North Middleton, Augustus Harman; S. Middleton, Peter F. Ege; Silver Spring, David Sterrett; Southampton, Henry B. Hook; Shippenburg, B. Samuel Nevins; West Pennington, S. M. Davidson.

The Volunteer Toasts given at the Democratic Celebration yesterday, will appear in our next.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CARLEISLE.—The examinations of the Public Schools of Carlisle took place during last week. Other engagements prevented us attending any of the exercises, but we understand from several who were in attendance, that the examinations were highly satisfactory—reflecting credit alike upon the scholars, teachers and directors.

THE HARVEST.—The late warm weather has ripened the grain very fast. Most of our farmers are now busily engaged in cutting their wheat and rye. We hope they may be well rewarded for their toil.

ELECTION OF MAJOR GENERAL.—An election for a Major General of the 11th Division of Pennsylvania Volunteers, composed of the counties of Cumberland, Perry and Franklin, was held at the county towns of the respective counties on Monday last, and resulted in the election of Gen. Henry Fetter, of Perry county. We have not the official returns, but learn that Gen. Fetter received nearly a unanimous vote in Perry. The vote in this county stood—E. M. Biddle, 20 votes; Henry Fetter, 9; J. Rohrer, 4; William Gilmore, 3. In Franklin county, we learn, that Mr. Gilmore received a unanimous vote.

MILITARY EXERCISES.—We understand that the Carlisle Cadets, Landisburg (Perry County) Cadets, and the Ringgold Artillery, of Newville, intend to pay a visit to Dublin Gap Springs, for the purpose of performing camp duty, on the 24th inst. This will be a very pleasant trip.

NEW POST OFFICE.—We learn from a correspondent that a new post-office has been established in Hampden township, this county called, "Good Hope." George W. Fessler is the Post Master.

GENERAL UNION PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF DICKINSON COLLEGE.—We have been requested to state that the annual meeting of this society will be held in the Hall of the acting Society, on Wednesday, July 11, at 5 o'clock, A. M. In the evening of the same day, the Annual Oration will be spoken by Rev. Geo. A. Coffey, of Washington.

OUR POST OFFICE.—MR. SANDERSON, our late efficient Postmaster, vacated the office on Saturday evening last, and Col. HENDEL, recently appointed, took possession. We regret to add that the Post-office has been removed from its late central and convenient location, to a room in North Hanover street. We think the new Post Master should have consulted the convenience of the public a little more than he has.

In compliance with the act of Congress, which requires Post-Masters to advertise in the newspaper of the county having the largest circulation, the List of Letters will continue to be advertised in the Volunteer, as heretofore. The List for July will be found in another column.

A little squad of "rough and ready boys," as they call themselves, celebrated the 4th of Henderson's Grave. What has become of the "Whig party"!

We learn by the York papers that the contractors have commenced operations on a number of sections of the York and Cumberland railroad, between Harrisburg and York.

The weather for the two or three last days has not been so "ultra" warm as the two weeks previous. There is a fine breeze going as we write, and the sun is not quite so melting in its effects.

THE CHOLERA.—This dreadful scourge continues to prevail to an alarming extent in most of the cities. In Philadelphia, during the week ending on Saturday, 243 cases, and 90 deaths were reported to the Board of Health. In New York, for the last week, the average number of cases per day may be set down at 80 to 90—about one third proved fatal. In Cincinnati the average number of cases for several days has been 120 to 150. In Richmond on the 1st inst. there were 10 cases and 5 deaths—in Norfolk 3 cases and 3 deaths—in St. Louis 89 cases and 30 deaths, &c.

The Supreme Court, now in session at Harrisburg, have affirmed the decision of Judge Jones, recently rendered in the Common Pleas of Northampton county, setting aside the will of the late Peter Miller, of Easton, and awarding his entire estate to the nearest heir-at-law. It will be remembered that Mr. Miller was a wealthy old bachelor, and devised his estate, amounting to about \$250,000, to Executors and their successors, in trust for no one, but with directions to invest and accumulate the profits upon the principal, in perpetuity. As one nephew is the only heir-at-law to this handsome fortune, he has abundant reason to rejoice in the glorious uncertainty of the Law.

ARRIVAL OF FATHER MATTHEW.—This distinguished philanthropist, whose arrival has been looked for so long, has reached New York at last. Public preparations are making for an enthusiastic welcome. The Mayor will receive him at Castle Garden, and a procession of the Sons of Temperance meet him at the battery and escort him to his hotel. The vessel in which he arrived, on Friday, being found free from disease was permitted to proceed to the city, and now lies in the East river. Mr. M., it is said, offered mass, and addressed the people every Sunday during the voyage; and on Sunday before last addressed the passengers on the subject of temperance, when he administered the pledge to 150. He conciliated the affection and good will of all on board.

TAYLOR'S PLEDGES.

The Federal journals, in their efforts to excuse Gen. Taylor for his shameful and open violation of pledges made to the people, on the subject of removals from office, previous to his election, impudently ask if Jackson, Van Buren and Polk did not remove men from office because of their political opinions? No doubt they did—and the only error in their administrations was that they did not remove all federalists from office. But, did either Jackson, Van Buren or Polk, previous to their election, ever pledge themselves that they would not appoint friends in preference to enemies, to office? No—they never made use of such language. This, then, is the difference—General Taylor pledged his honor that he would not remove men because of their political opinions, yet no sooner was he in power than a general removal of Democrats from office commenced. We do not find fault with the President because of his providing his political friends with office; this of itself is right enough; but we do find fault with him for the dishonorable means he used to have himself elected—we find fault with him for the sweltering falsehoods he told the people for the purpose of getting their votes—for professing one thing and doing another. It is for this we blame General Taylor—Falseness is excusable in no man, and although Gen. Taylor may now laugh at his former declarations, and look upon them as a political ruse, the people will teach him that morality is not so far lost sight of as to excuse the disgraceful fraud he resorted to for the purpose of obtaining a lucrative office for himself.

But, to use the language of the Baltimore Argue, "there is still another view of the case, which should cause the federalists with confusion. Let them look back at the bitter and vindictive denunciation heaped upon Gen. Jackson and his successors for the exercise of the appointing power. Let them ponder the threatened arrangement, and impeachment of General Jackson, for his tyrannical usurpations, and then tell us if they were playing falsely with the public then, for party purposes, or whether they are trucking with their conscience now, in the vain attempt to blind the people to the falsehood and dishonesty of the professions and pledges by which General Taylor reached his present position." No possible degree of ingenuity or cunning can hide these things from the public view. The reiterated pledges of Gen. Taylor and his friends are known to the whole country, and his utter disregard and open violation of these pledges, will throw upon his name a cloud of shame so dark as will forever obscure the glory of Palo Alto and Buena Vista."

"NOT WORTH A DOLLAR." The Erie Observer, in commenting upon Mr. Webster's assertion on the floor of the Senate that California was "not worth a dollar," employs the following striking language—"Had an European sovereign acquired such a possession, historians and poets would have vied in their eulogies. But the wise and far seeing man to whose indomitable energy and love of country the Union is indebted for this acquisition, now sleeps in death, in the State of his nativity; but this monument to his fame is left us, to be enjoyed by the millions of his grateful countrymen, and it will require neither poet nor historian to render his fame as lasting as the hills and valleys, that are now sending their golden altars among us, to render the falsehood and ingratitude of the Whig party the more striking. To James K. Polk and the Democratic party does the country—aye, and the world—owe the possession of this mine of power, by a people who will use it, only for the welfare of mankind. Had Louis Philippe possessed the golden sands of California, think you France would now be free? Think you the shout of liberty would now be ringing from France to Vienna, and along the banks of the Rhine? Think you the republicans of Hungary, Germany and Rome would be defying the Austrian and the Cossack—that Bem and Kosciuszko would be leading their hosts to victory! No, the golden hills of California in the hands of Louis would have quenched the last spark of Republicanism in Continental Europe! Had England, as she had endeavored to do, obtained possession of this El Dorado of wealth, can any body suppose that it would have been used for any other purpose than to strengthen the power of monarchy and rivet the chains of the people tighter? England, with this acquisition, that we were told was "not worth a dollar," would be invincible. Her arm would be felt in every contest—her power would be acknowledged in every court, and Europe would be at her feet. But thanks to the policy of that party which has made this republic what she is—the asylum of the oppressed of every nation—it was ordained otherwise, and the gold of the Sacramento, instead of becoming a curse, will be a blessing to mankind."

EDITORIAL CONVENTION. A meeting of the editors of the 17th Congressional district lately convened at Lewistown, at which a resolution was unanimously adopted calling a State Convention of editors, to meet at Harrisburg on the 8th of November next. The object in calling a State Convention of editors, is to adopt measures for the mutual protection of those engaged in the profession, and by a united effort, endeavor to have the privilege of sending papers to subscribers free of postage for a distance of thirty miles restored. As many of our contemporaries have seconded the motion for the holding of this Convention, we third it, and hope it may be held, and attended by every editor in the State. It is time that editors should come together, and have an understanding to act in harmony in the mode of conducting their business. No body of men have had to submit to as much downright robbery as editors. This evil should be, and can be prevented, if by the quill act in concert. On the subject of newspapers postage the present law should be so modified as to permit editors to send their papers to subscribers free of postage for the distance of thirty miles from the office of publication, or within the county in which they are published. This reform, we opine, can be carried if men engaged in the publishing business make one united effort.

The proposed Convention may be able to accomplish much that will be of importance to both editors and subscribers. In any event it can do no harm. We shall attend without fail, if in our power, and we will be sure to meet as clever a body of men as the State can produce. If the Convention is full, as we hope it will be—our word for it it will be composed of more talent than any Convention that has ever assembled at Harrisburg.

HOW JAMES DUCHANAN. The location of the county of Philadelphia are getting up a demonstration in favor of Gen. KEIM for Governor, very much to the annoyance of some few who would like to make Mr. DUCHANAN a candidate, and thus place him again on the track for a higher station.—Editorial. Whoever may have aspirations for the next Governorship, we assure the Examiner that Mr. DUCHANAN is not among the number. There is not the shadow of a foundation for the rumor, that either he, or his friends, have any such movement in contemplation. It is a harmless fabrication, to be sure, but not the less detestable of reality.—Lancaster Intelligencer.

FEARFUL CRISIS IN EUROPE.

The Hibernia brings thrilling and unexpected intelligence, says the Pennsylvania Bazar, of the Chamberlain's Declaration and Whig, which, in nothing the least, has done more to excite the public mind in this country than any other event so far as to usurp the judgment of God, and condemn the Legislature as a "wicked man." The Philadelphia Ledger—one of the best conducted newspapers in our State—contains a scorching article on the same subject. We make the following extract: "We proceed not far in pronouncing this assault an insult to American public opinion. That public opinion is too chastened, too refined, too exalted, to tolerate violations of the grave, even when truth is spoken. And it is too sternly just to endure such outrages when exhibited in falsehood and slander. In pronouncing Mr. Polk an 'ambitious and wicked man,' this journal utters a shameful libel; and in insinuating that he has been 'called early to the final settlement of his dreadful account,' we audaciously enter the field of profanity. We admit that Mr. Polk was ambitious, as every American citizen should be—to serve his country faithfully. But when, in particular, he pronounces him 'wicked,' we challenge proof of his having ever violated a single engagement, public or private, or of ever having acted from a corrupt motive. And he has been 'called early to the final settlement of his dreadful account!' How darest this blasphemous statement between the deceased and the Judge of All, to set up his own blind judgment upon the character of his account, or the prematurity of the call? He a Judge of the dead! Alas! how true is the saying, 'The dead will have asked a longer life, to bring forth repentance! 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