

THE VOLUNTEER.

John B. Bratton, Editor and Proprietor.

CARLISTE, DECEMBER 29, 1852.

Standing Committee Meeting.

The Democratic Standing Committee of Cumberland county, are requested to meet at the public house of Joseph Heiser, in the borough of Carlisle, on

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THE PUFFING SYSTEM OF THE PRESS.

We are often amused, and sometimes disgusted, when we read the "puff" articles contained in many of our exchange papers. This small puffing system by newspaper editors appears to be on the increase, and many editors give up two or three columns a week to the laudable purpose of eulogizing every Tom, Dick and Harry, who may hold office, or desire to hold one. A western paper before us contains a most extravagant notice of a gentleman who wants an office in the Custom House at Philadelphia. His appointment, this western editor thinks (no, he don't think it, but he says it) would be highly popular, not only in every county in Pennsylvania, but in every State of the Union! And yet, we venture to say, there is not one man in every five hundred in our State that ever knew this applicant for office, and those who do know him consider him a very ordinary, yet clever man, who has already received more than he is entitled to from the Democratic party.

The idea, then, that his appointment would be hailed with delight by "every State in the Union," is so supremely ridiculous and false, that we are surprised that any editor who has the least respect for himself or his paper, would dare make such an assertion. The paper alluded to contains six other "puffs," in the same number of individuals, many of whom had never before been heard of, but all of them, according to this western puff-driver, "great patriots, highly distinguished," &c.

A late Harrisburg paper contained a long communication, in which a certain agent of mud-boss or petty office holder of some kind was lauded to the skies, because of his honesty, capacity, knowledge, courtesy, kindness, and all that. And after the writer had bemoaned his friend all over with self-satop, he, with tears in his eyes, announced the astounding fact that this honest, capable, energetic, polite, urbane, intelligent office holder was about to resign his situation! After all that had been said of him, it required a man of strong nerve to hear this startling intelligence. But, the writer of the communication in question soon relieved our anxiety; for in the next sentence he nominates another gentleman for the office made vacant, and he tells us that this "nice young man," is just such another perfect piece of humanity as the gentleman who resigned. Oh, how relieved will the people of our State feel—and particularly the heavy tax-payers of Cumberland county, who not only privilege it to pay enormous taxes, without deriving any benefit from our public improvement—how comfortable will they feel, we say, when they are given to know that there is still one man in the State capable of fulfilling the duties of the party office made vacant by the resignation of a capable, obliging, intelligent, clever gentleman!

The writer winds up his "puff" by assuring the people that this new candidate for public favor—or rather for public plunder—is "the very person to succeed the gentleman who has just resigned," and in his anxiety for the interests of the people—or perhaps his own interest—he exclaims, with all the warmth of a patriotic heart, "for heaven's sake give us this gentleman!"

Now, to us, this is quite amusing. We happen to know the gentleman whose appointment to the vacant office is asked for "for heaven's sake," and we hesitate not to say that he does not combine the qualities for office that we should demand if we possessed the appointing power.

But, our object in commenting this article was not to speak of men, but to condemn the infamous practice of indiscriminate "puffing" that many editors indulge in. It is a practice alike decriable to the press and insulting to the people, and should be discontinued. On this subject our opinions are so well expressed in the subjoined article from the *Verano Spectator*, that we copy it below.

The editor of the *Spectator* has a proper respect for the dignity of the press, and his hints in regard to the low habit of puffing every jack-ass into greatness, are worthy the consideration of every dignified editor.

THE "GOOD TIME COMING."

The signs of the times, remarks the Philadelphia *Argus*, give unmistakable indications of the approach of a period of unexampled business and commercial activity, with its usual concomitants, high prices and high wages. A questionnaire movement in many branches of industry is already perceptible, especially in navigation and manufactures generally. The iron manufacture has been improving for some time, consequent in some degree on the high price of iron in England. The cotton manufacturing establishments are in full operation with the promise of speedily repairing past losses, and earning handsome dividends for the future. Business generally is feeling a new impetus—a future is abundant at fair rates, and everything gives promise that we are on the eve of one of the greatest periods of commercial and business prosperity the country has ever witnessed.

This improved condition of things is in part attributable to extraneous causes. The immense addition of gold from California and Australia are coming to the aid of natural causes, and will greatly augment their effects, in carrying the reactionary movement of trade to a further altitude than it would otherwise have attained. Still, in the absence of California and Australia gold, the change would come, though in a modified form, and with diminished intensity. For modern experience of the operations of industry and commerce, has disclosed that they pass through periodical cycles of longer and shorter duration, in which they regularly succeed each other in the phases of quiescence, next improvement, then activity, prosperity, excitement, over-trading, convulsion, stagnation, distress, bankruptcy, ending again in quiescence. These fluctuations, or alterations in trade sense, to be inherent in and inseparable from it, and they work as much certainly as the mariner looks for the equinoctial gales. No tariff—no government measures—can avert them; so no tariff or government measure can produce them; but being the effects inseparable from the very nature of trade, they may be left to the laws of trade and the slow and certain operation of its recuperative energies to find their legitimate and adequate remedy.

The difference in mortality between a city and country population, may be estimated from this fact, that by the census of 1850 it was ascertained that the number of deaths in the city of New York was as to every thirty-three of the population in the course of a year, while in other parts of the State but one in sixty-seven died during the time.

But there is—appears that among the flags surrounding the coffin of Wellington, when it lay in state at Chelsea Hospital, was the one which was captured at Washington, when the federal capital was sacked in the war of 1812.

Shoes are now stitched by machinery in New England.

A State Educational Convention will be held in Harrisburg on Tuesday, the 29th inst.

THE RIGHT DOCTRINE.

An exchange paper in speaking of appointments to office, says:

in dispensing the patronage, we trust that Gen. Pierce may remember the hard working Democracy. Hereafter it has been too often the case that the parlor politicians, who, like the Illices of the field, neither work nor spin, when the battle was over, have been permitted to array themselves in all the power and glory of Solomon himself. To that mode of dispensing public patronage we stand opposed.

There is much truth embraced in the above few lines. Parlor politicians—men who perhaps make one or two speeches during the entire campaign of a Presidential election—are too often permitted to appropriate to themselves the credit of the victory gained. One of our Democratic contemporaries, shortly after the election, exultingly exclaimed, "to Mr. Buchanan belong the credit of the recent great victory in Pennsylvania!" Now, a greater falsehood than this never was uttered.—Why, the editor himself who made this assertion, performed ten times, ay, fifty times more service to the Democratic party in the recent struggle than Mr. Buchanan performed. We noticed also in other papers that "it was owing to Gen. Cass' exertions that Michigan had gone for Gen. Pierce," and "to Judge Douglas' eloquence that Illinois had been kept in the traces," and to Gov. Marcy's exertions that New York was brought right, and so forth and so on. Fudge—nonsense! False, every word of it. Had these and a thousand others of our great men been dead and their bodies laid in the dust and sold as a whetstone, the result of the Presidential election would have been the same. It is the hard-working Democrats—the yeomen of the country—who are entitled to the credit of the recent great victory. We would not, if we could, deprecate the services of the great statesmen whose names we have mentioned above. They all performed their simple duty in supporting the regular nominees for President and Vice President, and can exercise considerable influence, provided they agree in sentiment with the great body of the Democratic party; but, let either of them express sentiments counter to the Democratic creed, and he will soon find that his "influence" is gone—he would fall, a dead cork in the pot.

We are willing to give our great statesmen due credit, and feel even thankful to them for their efforts; but we shall never admit that to them belongs the exclusive credit of achieving our recent victory, and the editor who is so busy enough to make this assertion, offers an insult to the Democracy of the State, himself included.

Too often—aye, too often—has it happened after a victory has been achieved by the energy and perseverance of the entire party, that the patronage that follows is divided between a few professional office-seekers, many of whom are as lazy as they are corrupt and worthless. This mode of dispensing patronage belongs to both parties, to the Whigs as well as the Democrats. The modest, unassuming, good man, who feels that he has an honest heart in his bosom, is pushed aside, to make room for the professional office seeker, who makes a great show, and feels himself an adept in driving a political bargain. Curse these political gamblers, but we hate them. They are the scabs of society, and deserve the contempt of honest men. And yet these very creatures are too often successful in accomplishing their purposes—they are too often provided with good fat offices, at the expense of real merit and real worth.

We have an abiding confidence in Gen. Pierce. We believe him to be, in his fullest sense, a good man—a man of good heart, and possessed of sterling good sense. Had we not believed he possessed these qualities, we never could have supported him with the zeal we did. That he will be best by political blood-suckers and vampires, is certain. They will try to "head him" at every step in the hope of carrying out the plans concocted in the parlors and bar-rooms of our great cities. But let Gen. Pierce remain firm, and if he has patience to bestow, let the modest worthy man, and not the sneaking, oily-tongued hypocrite, have due consideration paid him. Let a new era be introduced, and new men called into action by Gen. Pierce, and he will find that the people will thank him for his discrimination and independence.

MODEL LETTER FROM GEN. PIERCE.

Gen. PIERCE has addressed another letter to the Democratic Executive Committee of Philadelphia, relative to the public reception with which they propose to honor him, on his arrival in that city. We agree with the *Reading Gazette*, in pronouncing the letter of the President elect, a model in its way; it exhibits a commendable determination on the part of the President elect to keep aloof from the crowd of office seekers who are eager to meet his path, and to avoid the "pomp and parade" which are so distastefully opposed to the republican simplicity of his character. This is right, and will increase the high estimation in which Gen. Pierce is held by the whole people of the United States, for the modest unobtrusiveness and dignified reserve—so unlike Gen. Scott's disgraceful huckstering for votes—that marked his conduct before, as well as since, the election.

CONCORD, N. H., Nov. 29, 1852.

Dear Sir—Your note, with a copy of the Resolutions of the Democratic Executive Committee of the City and County of Philadelphia, passed November 10th came yesterday. I am grateful for the kindness manifested by my fellow-citizens in Pennsylvania and elsewhere; but so far as my personal wishes and inclinations are concerned, I would gratify me exceedingly to go to Washington in the most quiet way possible. I need I have no time to devote to matters not immediately connected with the duties and responsibilities before me.

Having said thus much, I must leave what is fitting, proper and desirable, to the taste and judgment of my friends. There is no probability that I shall be in Philadelphia before the first of February, and it is quite possible my journey may be delayed till near the close of that month. I beg to present to the Executive Committee of Philadelphia, and through them to the Democratic Executive Committee represented by that organization, my grateful acknowledgments.

Your friend and most obedient servant,
FRANK PIERCE.

To John Miller, Esq., Philada., Pa., Chairman of the Executive Committee of the City and County of Philadelphia.

Henry B. Scott.

The two democratic papers of Easton, Pa., the *Argus* and *Sentinel*, have repeated the name of Henry B. Scott, Esq., of Pike co., as their choice for the next Canal Commissioner.

What a beautiful picture is the following—

Oh, it would make us almost throw away even the pen, and hurry home to his wife—if he has one.—What shall repay the loss of such a welcome as this to the bachelor? Not even the luxuries of negative care—but the silent hours of study—not the independence as a man? For without the love of woman in the gentlest corner of the heart, all welcome are indeed cold:

I Wait for Thee!

The hearth is swept—the fire is bright,
The kettle sings for tea;
The clock is striking the happy hour,
The white smoke rises in napkin white,
And now I wait for thee!

Come, come, love, home, thy task is done;
The clock ticks pleasantly;
The blinds are shut, the curtain down,
The warm chair is for thy friend drawn,
The boy is on my knee.

Come home, love, come, thy deep fond eye
Looks round him wistfully,
And when the whispering winds go by,
As if they welcome thee were sigh,
He grows exultingly.

In vain—he finds the welcome vain,
And turns his glance on mine,
So earnestly, that yet again
His form unto my heart I strain,
That glance is so like thine.

Thy task is done—we sit thee here;
Where'er thy footsteps roam,
No hearth will sparkle brighter cheer,
No beating heart, no lightning glare,
Like those who wait their home.

Al, now along the crisp walk fast
That well known step do come;
The both is drawn, the gate is past,
The lady in white with joy is met—
A thousand welcomes home.

WINTER WEATHER.—The *Quaker Gazette* notices that "although are out, the mail steamers have gone into winter quarters, though there is very little ice in the river. The skating club has commenced operations by erecting their skating saloon on the Queen's wharf. Ladies join freely in the healthful and exciting sport.

A BEAUTIFUL FACE.—It is like a lovely and fragile flower; fair and delightful to look upon. Painted we watch its colorings with a tender regard; gaze on with great affection; would bear it to our bosom, and win it to our own. For a while it is the living idol of our daily prayer; the charm which binds us with a willing power. But time breeds the canker. Its beauty diminished, its fragrance is gone, decay and age come a race of what was once a pride and worship. It is on our bosom still, but also it is there in pity that it should be mortal and must perish.

When is the Hardest Season?—At a social party of old and young the question was asked: "Which season of life is the most happy?" After being freely discussed by the guests, it was referred for an answer to the host, upon whom was the burden of four score years. He asked if they had noticed a grove of trees before the dwelling, and said: "When the spring comes, and in the soft air the buds are breaking on the trees, and they are covered with blossoms, I think how beautiful is spring! And when the summer comes, and covers its trees with its foliage, and singing birds are among the branches, I think how beautiful is summer! When the autumn leads them with golden fruit, and their leaves bear the gorgeous tint of frost, I think how beautiful is autumn! And when it is now winter, and there is neither foliage nor fruit, then I look up through the leafless branches, as I never could till now, and see the stars shine."

SANTA ANNA RECALLED TO MEXICO!—Intelligence by the last California steamer, informs us that the revolution in Mexico against the present Administration, had become so extended, that Santa Anna, had been sent for, at Carthage, to return home and place himself at the head of it, as the only person who could save the country from utter destruction.

WILL NOT RUN ANY MORE.—The Washington correspondent to the *Courier & Enquirer* says that Gen. Scott has refused to be a candidate for any civil office.

GEN. PIERCE.—A letter dated Boston, December 20, says—Gen. Pierce, the President elect, in company with Mrs. Lawrence, and others, visited the Mather School in this city, to-day, and made an address to the children.

A negro was found dead in a cornfield, near Hamilton, Ohio