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Democratic State Ticket:

GOVERNOR —
WILLIAM BIGLER,
OF CLEARFELT COUNTY.

JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT.
JEREMIAH S. BLACK,
OF SOMERSET COUNTY.

CANAL COMMISSIONER:
HENRY S. MOTT,
OF FIFE COUNTY.

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA.—The annual session of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, commenced at Harrisburg on the 8th inst. The cases from Cumberland, Perry, and Juniata, will come up for argument on Monday the 22d inst., and according to the new Rule of Court, one week will be allowed for their hearing.

VANDALISM.—On Saturday night last, some infamous miscreant stripped the bark from off two or three of the beautiful young shade trees on the Court House square, thus not only injuring their appearance but also endangering their lives. The fellow so destitute of good taste as to be mean enough to perpetrate so wanton and silly an outrage, is unfit to dwell among civilized men, and deserves to be hooted from their society. By a handbill which we have just seen, our Chief Burgess, Col. Noble, has offered a reward of \$20 for such information as may lead to the discovery of the guilty perpetrator. We hope so malicious a scamp may be discovered and severely punished.

BOLD THEFT.—On Thursday evening last, a young colored girl, named *Jourdan*, entered the Dry Goods store of Messrs. Weiss & Campbell, at the corner of Hanover and Louther streets, and whilst the clerk was absent in the cellar, she went behind the counter and purloined from one of the drawers small change to the amount of about \$7. She was pursued and overtaken, and upon being searched, the money was found upon her person. She was committed to the lock-up, but the close confinement proving injurious to her health, some of her colored friends succeeded in having her bailed out. She will be put upon her trial at the August Sessions.

On Friday last, a stranger, whose name we have not learned, was arrested in this borough, charged with stealing boots and shoes, some where in the lower part of the county. He was taken to Harrisburg, and committed to jail.

THE COMING CROPS.—It appears from an examination of items in relation to the crops contained in the papers from nearly all the principal agricultural States, that the prospect of an abundance is more promising than usual at this season of the year. The season is backward, but the winter grains appear to have wintered well as a general thing. The accounts from New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa, are most flattering, and our exchanges from Virginia and Maryland nearly all speak of the thriving appearance of the growing crop. In our own State, the crops in nearly every section, present a very fine and healthy appearance, and should not happen to blight the present prospect, the yield will be a large one of a most excellent quality.

Good News.—The Relief Notes, we are glad to learn, will now be taken out of circulation pretty rapidly, an amendment to the appropriation bill having been adopted by the House requiring the cancellation of all those notes hereafter paid into the Treasury, and prohibiting their being again paid out. A bill for this purpose passed the Senate more than a month ago, but has been hanging in the House. To secure its passage at the present session it has been attached to the appropriation bill. The speedy and permanent disappearance of this greasy, filthy trash is a consummation devoutly to be wished, and we doubt not that ere long we will have an abundant supply of small gold and silver coin to take its place.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE.—The Hon. BYRON D. HAMLIN, who was elected Speaker of the Senate of this State on Tuesday the 9th inst., is but thirty years of age, and has been but two years in the Senate, or in public life. He is a lawyer of McKean county, and during his brief career in public life has "won golden opinions" from all parties. He is a staunch Democrat, an able debater, and well informed in relation to public affairs.

END OF THE EASTON CONSPIRACY CASE.—The trial of Daniel Lechman, Dr. C. C. Field, Aaron O. Dech, and James Stevenson, for conspiracy to extort money from Benjamin Green, through the instrumentality of a young woman of loose character, which commenced at Easton nearly three weeks ago, was brought to a close on Thursday last, by the rendition of a verdict of guilty against all the defendants. They were sentenced on Friday, by Judge McCartney, as follows: Lechman, a fine of \$2500, and three months' imprisonment in the County Jail; Field, a fine of \$2,000, and one year's imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary; Dech, a fine of \$1,000, and one year's imprisonment in the Penitentiary; and Stevenson, who pleaded guilty, a fine of \$1, and one year's imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

CONNECTION.—It appears that there is no lack of candidates in Connecticut for the office of United States Senator. The Whigs and their allies, the free soilers and abolitionists, having secured power by a base combination, do not work very harmoniously together, each wing of the coalition wishing the largest share of the spoils. One branch of the faction desires to elect Hon. Roger S. Baldwin, while another is equally desirous that the Hon. James Dixon should represent them. Francis Gillette is the candidate of the Free Soilers, and Charles Chapman will be voted for by the Maine law men.

DOMESTIC BUISS IN NEW ENGLAND.—The New Hampshire Superior Court, at its late term, held at Concord, heard arguments in eighty-three divorce suits. Thirty-three of the applications were granted, seven denied, and the decision of forty-three reserved. The Superior Court of Rhode Island, at its last term held seventy-four similar cases before it, of which forty-two received judgment of divorce, four were denied, three settled, and the remainder continued for consideration.

THE NEBRASKA BILL AND SERVILE.

Our neighbor of the *Herald* has told his readers, over and over again, that the passage of Judge Douglas' Nebraska Bill, would be adding slave territory to our country. For the life of us we could not see why our neighbor came to that conclusion. Nebraska, under Mr. Douglas' Bill may become a slave State, or it may not. The people of Nebraska will have to settle that question themselves, and the strong probability is—if we may judge from the character of the men who are now emigrating to that country—that slavery will be prohibited. According to Judge Douglas' Bill the people of Nebraska and Kansas are at liberty to do as they please upon the subject of slavery? And who will dare deny them this right? If the people who inhabit a State are not the proper persons to form their own Government, we would like to know who are? Deny them this right, and you deny them their liberty and sovereignty. Then why should this tornado be raised by abolitionists and those who sympathize with them in their fanatical course. Slavery was abolished in Pennsylvania by her own people—why not then give the people of Nebraska the same privilege to decide the question for themselves? But the *Herald* says that slavery will be introduced into the new territory, as a matter of course. The editor has no authority for making this assertion. Thomas L. Benton, in his late speech on the Nebraska Bill, used this language:

"The question of slavery in these territories, if thrown open to territorial action, will be a question of numbers—a question of the majority of the slaveholders, and what chance would the slaveholders have in such a contest? No chance at all. The slave emigrants will be outnumbered, and compelled to play a most unequal game, not only in numbers, but also in point of States. The slaveholder takes his property, and has to run it off or lose it if voted at the polls. I see nothing which slaveholders are to gain under this bill, nothing but an unequal and vexatious contest, in which they are to be losers."

Such are the views of Mr. Benton, whose knowledge in such matters is, we think, almost equal to that of our neighbor. The *Herald* published Mr. Benton's speech, in its issue of last week, merely because of its low and vulgar abuse of President Pierce and his Cabinet; but the above extract from the speech must have escaped the eye of the editor, or he certainly would have drawn his pen over it, or he triumphantly denies and answers his own assertion that the passage of the Nebraska Bill will be an increase of slave territory. THOMAS L. BENTON and the editor of the *Herald* are therefore at issue, and we doubt not, that when "old Bullion" again speaks he will quote from the columns of the *Herald* those learned articles which go to prove that Nebraska will be a slave territory. This he should do as a matter of courtesy to the *Herald* for publishing his late speech, in which he says as distinctly that Nebraska will not be a slave State under Mr. Douglas' Bill. We shall look for Mr. Benton's next speech with much anxiety.

THE PERRY COUNTY DEMOCRAT is opposed to the sale of the Public Works, and supports his position by articles from several "staunch and reliable" Local papers. The first article is from the *Carlisle Volunteer*, edited by an office holder; the second is from the *Hollidaysburg Standard*, edited by an ex-canal officer, and the third is from the *Johstown Echo*, also edited by a small fry officer, or an ex-officer, we forget which, under the Canal Board. The *Democrat* very forcibly adds that the extracts just referred to, "are sufficient to show every Democrat in the county, that the Legislature did not consult the interests of the State by passing this bill." The *Democrat* probably meant to say that the wishes of the office-holders had not been consulted by the Legislature.—*Chambersburg Whig*.

The above is an editorial from the *Chambersburg Whig*, of a couple weeks since. We had intended to notice it immediately after its appearance in that paper, but a press more important business prevented us. We regret to see a paper that pretends to respectability exhibit so mean a spirit as is indicated in the short article we quote above. Because, forsooth, we hold a small office under the United States Government, our independence as an editor is necessarily compromised, and our expressed opinions, even on State affairs, are merely the ebullitions of an "office holder," and not our unbiased convictions! We can tell the great defamed of the *Whig* that he is mistaken in his conclusions, when he presumes to say that our course as a journalist is dictated because of the few hundred dollars we receive as a public officer. We always have, and we think we always shall continue to speak our convictions fearlessly and without reserve, and the emoluments of office cannot bias our course, nor alter our judgment.

It is too much the habit of editors of a certain class to speak disparagingly of those who happen to hold public positions. It is a species of meanness to which we have never resorted, and we are sure we never shall. If a public officer is dishonest or derelict in duty, we are ready to speak of him as he deserves, and to hold up his delinquencies to the public. But we are not of those who believe every public officer a servile tool and cat's paw, who is compelled to speak for others and not for himself. Those who are constantly assailing public officers, are, nine times out of ten, disappointed office-seekers themselves, who have been repudiated by the people; because of a want of confidence in their characters. But, enough. The following brief article from the *Perry County Democrat*, is to the point, and speaks our sentiments:

"The *Chambersburg Whig*, in speaking of our opposition to the sale of the Public Works, seems to think that the articles we published from the *Carlisle Volunteer*, *Hollidaysburg Standard* and *Johstown Echo*, in support of our position, are not to be relied upon, because the editors of these papers are or have been office-holders. We do not believe that every public officer is a rascal, let him belong to what party he may, though we have heard of *Conwins* and *Cravens* and *Evans*, men who held high positions that Post-master or small fry offices on the canal; nor do we believe that had *Enright* been defeated by thirty-five thousand dollars that would have disqualified Col. McClellan from making an honest and competent Auditor General."

THE WARREN.—The people of Kentucky are determined to fix the seat of their condemnation upon the Warrens, and all who sided in their escape from justice. Purpose of violence are disclaimed. Mr. Crittenden has gone to St. Louis; Mat. Ward met no welcome at New Albany, and fled on to Connetion, Illinois. He will probably skulk the rest of his life.

MR. WEBSTER'S ESTATE.—According to an advertisement in a Concord, (N. H.) paper of the 7th inst., Mr. Franklin (Old Salisbury W. News) is appointed Commissioner to administer the estate of the late Hon. Daniel Webster, which is decreed to be administered as an insolvent estate.

JUST AND TRUE SENTIMENTS.

The following appropriate and candid article, which we copy from the last number of that staunch and consistent Democratic journal, the *Reading Gazette*, contains so much truth and good sense, and speaks our own sentiments so fully and truly, that we cannot refrain from transferring it to the columns of the *Volunteer*. Whilst we do so, we at the same time respond to the sentiments contained in it, every one of which we cheerfully and heartily endorse. We commend it to the serious attention of such faint-hearted and timid Democrats as are liable to be carried away by every false and heretical wind of political doctrine:

The Bradford County Democracy, opposed to the Nebraska bill, held a Convention at Townshend last week, at which Hon. Gordon F. Mason, formerly of the State Senate, presided.—Judge Wilnot addressed the meeting, and read an address to the Democracy of the State, which was unanimously adopted, declaring Nebraska a political issue, and predicting that it would destroy every party that supported it in the free States. It proposed also a State Convention to take necessary action on the subject.

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