

# AMERICAN VOLUNTEER.

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FOR ANIMAL PLUMMER,  
GARNAL COMMISSIONER,  
DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

WILLIAM HARPER, of Dickinson,  
JAMES ANDERSON, of Silver Spring,  
Wm. J. Shearer, Esq., of Carlisle,  
JACOB BOWMAN, of Silver Spring,  
ADAM BENSEMAN, of Carlisle,  
Director of the Poor,  
WILLIAM CORNMAN, of North Middleton,  
Auditor,  
ISAAC RINGWALT, of Carlisle,  
Coroner,  
JOHN WUNDERLICH, of North Middleton.

**Dickinson Awake!**  
A Democratic meeting will be held at the Stone Tavern, on Saturday, the 10th of Oct. at 1 o'clock, P. M., and will be addressed by several able speakers.

**North Middleton Waked Up!**  
A meeting of the committee of North Middleton township, will be held at the Carlisle Springs, on FRIDAY evening next, Oct. 6th. T. M. Biddle, Esq., and Col. A. G. Egan, will address the meeting. All opposed to Know-Nothingism are invited to attend.

**South Middleton Wake Up.**  
A Democratic Meeting will be held at Bolling Springs, on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Wm. J. Shearer, Esq., and Col. A. G. Egan, are expected to address the meeting. All those opposed to the mid-night Order and corrupt legislation are respectfully invited to attend.

**Democratic Rally.**  
The Democrats of Carlisle, will hold a meeting at the public house, on FRIDAY evening next, Oct. 6th, at 7 o'clock. All those who are opposed to intolerant and proscription Know-Nothingism, are cordially invited to attend.

**PRESIDENT PIERCE AT HARRISBURG.**—During our visit to the State fair, at Harrisburg, last week, we had the pleasure of taking by the hand the President of the United States. Gen. Pierce is a gentleman of the address and easy manners, and in conversation lively and interesting. His speech at the Fair (which we publish to-day), was delivered without preparation, and was received with great enthusiasm. As an orator he is as clear as a bell and musical. His voice is as clear as a bell and musical. The ladies all agreed he was the handsomest man at the Fair, and in this opinion we had to concur. The cares and perplexities of his very responsible office have, however, placed another wrinkle on his usually brown, and given him a more care-worn countenance than he wore when elected; still he is buoyant in spirit, and, when animated, is "thin-skinned again." The President was highly pleased with the Fair and with the cordial reception he received on his arrival at Harrisburg. He left for home on Friday morning.

**MEETING AT THE BURN DISTRICT.**  
The Democratic meeting held at the "Burn District" on Saturday last, was well attended. Long before the hour appointed for the assembling of the meeting, crowds of Democrats were to be seen in every direction waiting their way to the place selected. The meeting was organized by the appointment of that staunch old Democrat, THOMAS MCGARNEY, as President, and was assisted by a number of Vice Presidents and Secretaries.

Col. A. G. Egan being called upon, addressed the meeting at some length, showing conclusively that the principles promulgated and advocated by the Know-Nothing party, are rotten, corrupt, and dangerous to civil and religious liberty.

Thos. M. Biddle, Esq., next took the stand, and in a neat and truly eloquent manner showed up the "dark lantern party" in their true colors. He also urged upon the meeting the importance of turning out to the election on Tuesday next, and by way of assuring him that they would all be there, they gave three cheers for "the ticket, the whole ticket, and nothing but the ticket."

The President, Mr. MCGARNEY, next addressed the meeting, and it was plain to be seen that with him the enemies of Democracy could expect no favors. His address was appropriate, and well received by the meeting.

We never attended a political meeting that afforded us more pleasure than the meeting at the "Burn District" did, and too much praise cannot be given to Judge WOODRUFF for the deep interest he takes in keeping up the Democratic party in his district.

**Newton Township Night Side Up!**  
An immense Democratic meeting was held in front of Mellinger's hotel, at Stouffstown, on Monday evening last, which was the largest political gathering ever held in that township. JOHN AULD, Esq., presided, assisted by several Vice Presidents and Secretaries. Able and eloquent speeches were made by Thos. M. Biddle, Wm. J. Shearer, and Dr. W. G. Myers. Old Newton will do her duty on Tuesday.

**OLD SILVER SPRING!**  
A very large and enthusiastic meeting was held at Doy's hotel, in Hogestown, on Tuesday evening. Speeches were made by T. M. Biddle, W. J. Shearer, J. B. Bratton, and W. W. Shuler, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

This gentleman attended the Agricultural Fair, at Harrisburg, last week and won golden opinions from all, by his urbane and gentlemanly deportment. Mr. P. has a fast hold on the affections of the people of Pennsylvania, and will be abundantly manifested by the immense vote he will receive at the election on TUESDAY NEXT.

The *American* urges the people to support the K. N. candidate for Director of the Poor, and promises, in the event of his election, that the expenses of the Poor-House shall be curtailed. This was their cry last year, when urging men to support their candidates for Assembly. Unfortunately their professions were believed, by too many, and a majority of Know-Nothing were elected as members of Assembly. No sooner had they taken their seats, however, than they commenced to rob the Treasury. We fear it would be the same way in the Poor House.

## "PUSH ON THE COLUMN!"

Freemen of Cumberland county, be up and doing! To work, to work! Never was there a time when your country called you to duty with a louder voice than at this time. Swear in your hearts that secret traitors must and shall be put down, and with this resolve march to the ballot-boxes and vote, and then exert yourself to induce all others to follow your example.

**PUSH ON THE COLUMN, Democrats!** and up and at the sworn conspirators who dare attempt to deprive you of your liberties and your rights. Let these minions of a midnight order see that the people of Cumberland county know their rights, and have the courage to defend them.

**PUSH ON THE COLUMN!** Our cause is the cause of the people—the same cause our forefathers fought for in 1776, and 1812, when they had Arnold and Burr's traitor conspiracies. We have the same kind of treachery to contend against now, and it becomes every man who loves his country, its constitution and laws, to do everything in his power to put down and smother in the dust, the arch demagogues who are plotting treason against the people in dark dens at the hour of midnight.

**PUSH ON THE COLUMN!** Be at the polls early on TUESDAY NEXT, and do all in your power to preserve order, but yet suffer no slave of a Know-Nothing lodge deter you from the duty you owe to your country, and your God.

**PUSH ON THE COLUMN!** in behalf of civil and religious liberty. Remember that Know-Nothingism is already tottering to its fall; its own corruption, and the dishonesty of its unprincipled leaders is bending it to the earth. Give the monster a death blow on TUESDAY, and the route of the conspirators will be as perfect as that of Lucifer and his forces, and, like Lucifer, the party will "fall to rise no more."

**PUSH ON THE COLUMN!** and let the voice of the ballot-box speak in trumpet tones in condemnation of the ROBBER LEGISLATURE of last winter. And be it remembered that that Legislature was composed of a large majority of Know-Nothing, whose first act was to double their own pay, and also to increase the pay of the Governor, Secretary of State, Deputy Secretary, &c., thus increasing the taxes of the people 50,000 per annum!

**PUSH ON THE COLUMN!** Let your principles be painted in letters of fire on your banners, and march to the polls on TUESDAY NEXT, and vote the Democratic ticket.

**VOTERS OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY.**  
Be on your guard! Already have some of the tricks of unprincipled men been discovered, which for baseness cannot be excelled; they are mad, as is evident, and will stop at nothing to mislead and deceive the unwary. We understand that a ticket, purporting to be the Democratic ticket, with the names of some of the Know-Nothing night-owls inserted, and the names of the Democrats mis-spelled, has been printed. We caution the voters to be on their guard, against such unprincipled devices. See that the ticket compares with that at the head of this paper. That foul means will be resorted to, we have but to refer to the vile, scurrilous articles already sent forth to the reading community, without the shadow of truth in a single assertion. Another falsehood, concocted and sent forth by unprincipled Know-Nothing, is that Maj. BOWMAN has promised to appoint ROBERT MCGARNEY Deputy Sheriff in the event of his (BOWMAN'S) election. This is a falsehood, known to be such by the reckless and abandoned knave who manufactured it. Maj. BOWMAN has made no promise to any one, nor will he make any.

Mr. O'REILLY, the Know-Nothing candidate for Sheriff, might well exclaim, "save me from my friends," when he was engaged in reading the *American* of last week. Under the caption of "William Rely," that paper contained an article of a half-column in length, and was intended, we presume, as a defense of that gentleman—but such a defense! The charges that we had preferred against him remain unanswered—which, we take it is a tacit acknowledgment of their truth by his own organ. We now repeat the principal charge that we made against Mr. O'REILLY, and stand ready to prove it true by more than fifty respectable men, all of them Know-Nothing.

We charge that Mr. O'REILLY received the nomination for Sheriff by fraud and misrepresentation, in signing his name, or having it signed, with his knowledge and consent, to the original petition to the State Council, by which it was made to appear that he was one of the first Know-Nothing in our county. This position, with his name signed to it, was exhibited to members of County Lodges, and they voted for O'REILLY, believing that he was one of the original nine, who had established the Carlisle Council. We stand prepared to prove that WILLIAM O'REILLY joined the Know-Nothing in the month of January last, and after he had concluded to become a candidate for Sheriff. Like a certain other disinterested patriot, he only discovered the beauties of Know-Nothingism after he was promised an office as a gift for his treachery. These are the charges we have brought against Mr. O'REILLY, and we reiterate them, and dare any of his friends to deny them. The slanghanger for the *American* may rant as he pleases, and indulge in the use of such epithets as emanate from a diseased heart and weak brain; but it was wise in him not to attempt to deny our charges. His assertion that we have assailed Mr. O'REILLY with "relentless vindictiveness," is simply a falsehood. Falshood, is the resort, however, of those whose cause is desperate—by falsehood and detraction they hope to deceive the people, and cover up their own tracks, and hide their own baseness and corruption. Next Tuesday will decide whether the people can be thus hoodwinked.

Freemen of Cumberland county! remember that CHRISTIAN BARNETT, the Know-Nothing candidate for County Commissioner, was never nominated even by the Know-Nothing. It was placed on the ticket by two or three demagogues in Carlisle, in compliance with a bargain they had made with him. Eagerly betrayed MCGARNEY, and for this piece of treachery his name was placed at the head of the *American* for Commissioner. We repeat, he is the nominee of two or three disinterested men. Will freemen endorse consummate infamy like this? Will they permit two or three political gamblers to name the candidate for the responsible position of County Commissioner? We shall see.

## PENNSYLVANIA MUST BE REDREEMED.

From every part of the State we have the most cheering accounts that the Democracy are in high hopes, and that we are sure of a complete and TRIUMPHANT VICTORY. The opposition set the hand writing on the wall, and they go into the contest with despair written on their drooping standard. Democrats of Cumberland, come out and assist in unshorning the Black Knight of Know-Nothingism! The Know-Nothing and Abolition press and their orators do not hesitate to say that their prospects are gloomy in the extreme. They are divided and broken into warring factions in nearly every county in the State: They cannot succeed if every Democrat does his whole duty. Let the watchword be, PENNSYLVANIA MUST BE REDREEMED.

**Voters of the Lower End!**  
Remember you are entitled, as a matter of right and justice, to the next Sheriff. It was a piece of impudent assurance for the Know-Nothing to nominate a Carlisle man for this office, when they knew that the lower end was fairly entitled to the next Sheriff. The present Sheriff (M'DANONON) is an upper end man, and his two immediate predecessors (JAMES HOFFEN and DAVID SMITH) were Carlisle men. The lower end of the county has not furnished a Sheriff for the last NINE YEARS. And now, voters of the lower end, you are asked by the Know-Nothing to yield your rights again.—Will you do it? Will you permit a few political gamblers in Carlisle to swindle you out of your rights as citizens of our county? We think we hear you respond in tones of indignation, "No, never!" Then be up and doing, and give your votes and your influence to Maj. JACOB BOWMAN, a citizen of the lower end, and as honest a man as the sun ever shone upon. He is a hard-working mechanic, a man of excellent business habits, who has never held office of any kind in his life. Give him a lift on TUESDAY NEXT, and our word for it you will never regret it.

**MORE OF THE ITEMS.**  
It would occupy more time and space than we have to spare to publish every item of the extravaganza of the Know-Nothing legislature of last winter. Every page of the public record, that we turn to, furnishes proof upon proof of the declaration we made some time since of the rottenness of that famous legislature, which was the most corrupt and extravagant that ever disgraced the ANNALS OF PENNSYLVANIA! The items in proof of this declaration we have been furnishing from time to time; and they are yet far from being exhausted. We have taken pains to obtain from the official records, many of the particulars, from among a crowd of which we select the following plain statements of the comparative cost to the people of 1854 and 1855. The legislature of 1854 was composed of Whigs and Know-Nothing, without any Know-Nothing in it. That of 1855 was composed of a large majority of Know-Nothing, who said they did "call" to correct the abuses of the old parties.

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Thus, you see, tax-payers, that in every year in the above comparative statement, the Know-Nothing increased the expenses, instead of diminishing them, as they had promised.

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## PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

**Speech of President Pierce.**

HARRISBURG, Sept. 27.  
In response to the earnest invitation of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Society, President Pierce left Washington on Wednesday morning, the 25th of September, and after a rapid and agreeable trip, reached Harrisburg at 12 o'clock on the same day. The weather was filled with pleasant incidents. Crowds of citizens greeted the President with enthusiasm at the various points along the route. At Baltimore, the Hon. J. P. Kennedy, President of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad, (Secretary of the Navy under the administration of Mr. Fillmore,) Hon. Joshua Vanzant, representative in the last Congress of the Baltimore District, Hon. L. K. Bowen, R. M. McGraw, Esq., and Zenas Barnum, Esq., joined the President and the Committee from Harrisburg. Gov. Wm. Bigler, on the part of the Agricultural Society, and John H. Briggs, Esq., President of the Councils. Arrived at the Capital of the State, the President was received by a deputation of the Agricultural Society, and a committee of citizens, in the midst of a great mass of citizens and visitors.

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## ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICA AT HALIFAX.

**Arrival of the America at Halifax, and the Washington at New York.—Great News from the West of War.—Assault on Sebastopol.—The French in Possession of the Malakoff.—The British Attack on the Redan.—The City Evacuated and Destroyed by the Russians.—The Russians occupy the Northern Forts.—Preparations for Attacking the North Side.—Loss of upwards of 50,000 Men.—Attempt on the Life of Napoleon.**

New York, Sept. 27.—By the United States mail steamer, the Washington, we receive English despatches and newspapers to the 11th inst. She brings 320 passengers. The steamship America arrived at Liverpool on the 9th inst.

The Washington brings the important intelligence of the "Fall of Sebastopol!" On the 8th inst., the allied forces attacked the fort of Sebastopol, and succeeded in capturing possession of the Malakoff. The English who attempted the Redan, were not successful. During the night, the Russians began to sink their ships, blow up their magazines, and burn their city, and on the following morning Sebastopol was evacuated, and the communication between the north fort and the town broken off.

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