### OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY. Democratic Meétings.

A meeting of the Democratic citizens of the West Ward, will be held at Gill's Hotel, on SATURDAY evening next, at 71 o'clock, to make arrangements for the Spring

The Democrats of the East Ward, will mee at Hiser's Hotel, at the same time and for the same purpose.

#### SPRING ELECTION.

Friday, the 16th instant, being the time for holding the Spring election, we would advise our Democratic friends throughout the county to be up and doing. Our opponents having had a little good luck for the last year or two, have taken courage and are determined to present a bold front to the Democracy in the coming campaign. Organize Democrats, and at once scatter Black Republicanism and all other opposition to the Democratic party, to the four winds of heaven. Select men of intelligence, experience, nerve, and sound Democratic principles, to fill your Borough and Township offices, and never rest satisfied until a complete Democratic victory has crowned your efforts.

The great length of the proceedings of the Reading Convention has crowded out IN OCTOBER SURE! nearly all other matter intended for this day's the usual variety.

Dr. Peffer's lecture in Rheom's Hall, on Thursday evening last, was attended by a respectable audience, notwithstanding the unfavorableness of the weather. The subject was "Nature and her laws." The lecturer maintained his positions with ability, and created an impression in favor of the arguments advanced. We hope he may visit our of providing themselves with trees, bushes and town again.

Y. M. C. A. LECTURES .- The fourth lecture for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Association, will be delivered in Emory Methodist Church, on to-morrow (Friday) evening, by Rev. JAMES COLDER. Subject, "Manner and Customs of the Chinese."

Mr. C. was formerly a Missionary to China, and will be able to give scenes and incidents as he himself beheld them.

Doors will open at 7 o'clock, and the exercises will commence at 71. Tickets, 15 cts., may be had at the stores of Messrs. Saxton, Loudon, Halbert, J. U. Steel, and at the door of the Church.

THE BIRDS.—The black-birds, robins, bluehirds and other hirds have made their appearance, making the air vocal with their music. We fear they have come a little too soon, and they may find it necessary to return again to the South to keep from freezing. In the meantime, let us all give a welcome to the birds, and let no man, or boy, or devil shoot or injure them:- He must be a heartless scoundrel who can find pleasure in shooting birds-they are our friends and neighbors.

# THE READING CONVENTION.

We have attended a number of State Conventions in our time, but never have we witnessed as much good feeling and enthusiasm in a similar assemblage, as was manifested at Reading. Every Delegate, without a solitary exception, appeared determined to forget for mer difficulties, and to repudiate all asperities and heart-burnings. Gen. Foster-the distinguished son of the "Star of the West," old Westmoreland-was nominated by a unanimous vote; the resolutions were adopted by a nnanimous vote; the whole proceedings were unanimously concurred in, and the Convention adjourned in the best possible humor.-Every one was satisfied; every one was pleased; every one felt sure of victory in October "A'll the clouds which lowered o'er our house are in the deep bosom of the ocean buried,' and Victory is again inscribed upon the Demooratic banners. Gen. Foster's majority will certainly reach 20,000; the CURTAIN will then be dropped, and Black Republicanism will expire in convulsions.

CONGRESS-ELECTION OF PRINTER.-Th National House of Representatives, on Friday last, elected Ex-Lieutenant Gov. Fond of Ohio, be recollected, who was treasurer of the Black | come a law. Republican corruption fund in the contest of 1856, and who traveled this and other States in the double capacity of making lying speeches and bribing FILLMORE editors to support FREMONT. Nearly every Know-Nothing editor in this State was bribed by Ford. Some received \$1,000, others \$600, \$500, \$400, &c., in consideration that they would betray FILL-MORE, which they did. A more stupendous piece of villiany and treachery was never perpetrated. And yet this man Forn-as vile and corrupt a piece of humanity as ever was dy buckled on his armor, and his friends, led encased in as much skin-has been elected on by their favorite candidate, will' give evi-(by the Republicans) to the very lucrative position of Printer of the House. He is not a printer, and had no claims to the position, but his adroitness as a political corruptionist had high trust on account of his services! Oh, for the morality of the Republicans.

"The Winter is past and gone, the voice of the singing of birds is come." This sweet season, so graphically described by the inspired Psalmist, is upon us; Nature will soon array herself in her pretty livery, and our ears will again be gladdened with the songs of birds..

THE Hon. D. Kilgore writes to an Indiana paper. He has no doubt that Douglas will be nominated at Charleston, and probably placed upon the Cincinnati platform; "without the crossing of a t or the dotting of an i."

THE New York Tribune thinks the postponement of the Chicago Convention, to June, a grave mistake, both in loss of time and the opportunity given for breeding dissensions among the Republicans about rival candi-

### GEN. HENRY D. FOSTER.

The unanimous nomination of this gentlenan, by the Reading Convention, for the office of Governor, has been received, in all parts of he Commonwealth, with unbounded satisfaction. Gen. Forrer did not seek this honor; indeed, he positively refused to be considered a candidate. But yet, now that he has been unanimously nominated by the Convention, ie, like a true patriot, accepts, and will at once buckle on his armor for the contest. Beyond question or dispute, he is one of the best and purest men in Western Pennsylvania -a man whose character, moral and political, is without spot or blemish. As a lawyer he

has no superior, and as a public speaker and close reasoner, he has few if any equals .-He has had large experience, having served his people for several years in the State Legislature as well as in Congress. His record s made up—clean and unsullied. HE WILL BE TRIUMPHANTLY ELECTED! The nomination of HENRY D. FOSTER is pe-

culiarly gratifying to the Democrats in this section of the State. Here, in old Mother Cumberland, he would, we feel satisfied, have had little or no opposition to his nomination, had he been a candidate. Neither Mr. WITTE, Mr. FRY, Mr. SANDERSON, or Mr. HOPKINS would have permitted their friends to have used their names in connection with the nomination, had Gen. Foster announced himself candidate. It was only after Gen. Foster follows. positively declined to be considered in the field that other gentlemen were urged for the position. The selection of the Engree therefore. that other gentlemen were urged for the posi-

tion. The selection of Gen. FOSTER, therefore, as our candidate for Governor, is a most happy and fortunate termination of the contest. Ir UNITES THE PARTY, AND MAKES OUR VICTORY

Then, fellow-Democrats-friends of the paper. In our next we shall give our readers | Constitution and the laws-good men of all parties—fall into line, light up the watch-fires, and send up a shout for the nominee of our party, and let your watch-words henceforth be "FOSTER AND TICTORY!"

PLANT! PLANT!-As the season for transplanting is now about here, we would impress upon all ground owners-whether they have but half a lot or hundreds of acres—the duty plants. The value of fruits, large and small, are but just getting to be appreciated. Why, aside from the pleasure of cultivating such productions, they are really the most profitable crop that earth can produce; and the word profit, how it commands attention in our day,

whenever sounded! Well, these fruit crops are really the most profitable that can be cultivated. We heard a gentleman from a distance, who speaks from observation, say, the other day, that give him a few acres of ground here, and he would plant it with gooseberries, raspberries and the like, and make more mo ney out of them than does any farmer in the county from his hundreds of acres and his arge crops of cereals. All these small fruits, if properly attended to, produce prodigiously; and there is always a market for them at high prices. Take a grape vine, which, if

properly trained, will occupy but a few feet of space, and what a quantity of fine fruit it will yield! So with other fruits with like attention. There's the blackberry-we have been assured by persons who have cultivated the Lawton, that they have picked a peck from a single bush. Now, who would be without all these things, when they can be their own behalf. not enumerated as "game." Preserve the so easily had. Even if you do not wish to raise them for profit, raise them for your own question as to who was the proper delegate, the result was—for Mr. Randall, 65; for Mr. entiefaction their militation se, and for th will afford you; for there is no doubt that an interest in the growing of such things will af-

> DRAPED IN MOURNING.—The exterior of a part of the Pennsylvania railroad depot, the ticket window, and the entrance to the Superintendent's office, were festooned and draped in mourning yesterday, for the death of Win B. Foster, Esq., Vice President of the Company. All the locomotives on the road were similarly decorated. The death of Mr. Fos ter is lamented by all who knew him.

ried it have any idea of. Let us say again,

Adulterated Liquors.-A bill is now be fore the Legislature to prevent the adulteration of liquors in this State. It provides for the appointment of a competent chemist in districts appointed members of a committee to the appointment of a competent chemist in community of the Convention adjourned city of Philadelphia, whose duty it shall be until 8 o'clock, p. m. to test properly the liquors sold in their various localities. If any one shall be found selling adulterated liquors, he shall be liable to prosecution and conviction. The penalty upon conviction for such sale shall be a fine of not less than \$100, nor more than \$500, and imprisonment for not less than thirty nor more Printer of the House. This is the man, it will than ninety days. We hope the bill may be-

> HON. WM. H. WITTE.—Notwithstanding his gentleman came within a few votes of receiving the nomination for Governor by the Reading Convention, yet he, his friends and his warm supporters, have nobly, generously and manly, cast aside all their feelings of disappointment, and are patriotically united in the support of the nominee. The Philadelphia Argus thus speaks of this gentleman:

"Mr. Witte, with all the noble and generous attributes of his manly nature, has alrea dence of their devotion to the imperishable principles of the party, which he and they have so long faithfully sustained."

CONGRESS.—On Wednesday last, in the Seto be rewarded, and he was foisted into this nate, Mr. Seward, made a long speech, in support of his bill for the immediate admission of the State of Kansas into the Union. and in defence of the principles of the Repubof the turtle is heard in the land, and the time some of Mr. Seward's remarks, respecting the Nebraska bill, and denounced the Republican party with much severity, as responsible for

> Rev. Tho's. Abbott, of Blue Point, Ill., is under heavy bonds for whipping his wife. He is charged with beating her nearly

all the slavery agitation.

FALL OF A METEOR .- A large and brilliant meteor fell about three miles from Hummelstown on Tuesday night last, between the hours of ten and 11 o'clock. It left an extensive trail of fire behind it as it descended to the earth, and some of the "natives" who witnessed it were terribly alarmed.

The Philadelphia hotels are now fuller

## Democratic State Convention. THE DEMOCRACY OF THE STATE IN COUNCIL!

HARMONIOUS ACTION!

Excitement among the people—Organization of the Convention—Appointment of Officers— Speech of Permanent Chairman, &c., &c. In pursuance of the call of the Democratic Central Committee, the Demorcatic ernor and the election of Delegates to the dard of the Union and the Constitution on eve-Charleston Convention, assembled on Wed-ry vale and hill and mountain top in Ponnesday morning, February 29th, 1860, at the Court Hauss in the city of Position Court House in the city of Reading.

represented. T. B. Blair, of Cumberland was the Delegate from the 14th Senatoria district, and John B. Bratton, of Cumberland and Isanc Meck, of Perry, were the Represe Perry district.

CALLED TO ORDER. At 11 o'clock, the Convention was called to order by Robert Tyler, Esq., Chairman of the State Central Committee.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN. The Convention having come to order, nom-inations were in order for Temporary Chair-

Wm. V. M'Grath, of Philadelphia, noming ed Wm. P. Schell. Isaac Leech, of Philadelphia, nominated George Nelson Smith. The roll was then called and the vote taker for Temporary Chairman. The result was as follows. (Delegates whose seats were contes-

Upon announcement of the vote there was much applause, and Mr. Smith assumed the

chair and delivered a most able and eloquent speech. We will publish it hereafter. TEMPORARY SECRETARIES. Nominations were made for Temporar

Secretaries as follows: Thomas B. Searight, of Fayette county. Wm. A. Galbraith, of Eric county. Nelson Wiser, of Lehigh county. Dr. J. K. Roush, of Lancaster county. The above named gentlemen were elec by acclamation, and took their positions.

RULES OF ORDER. Mr. Cessna moved that the rules of the Iouse of Representatives, as far as applicaole, be adopted for the government of the Convention; which was agreed to. CONTESTED SEATS.

The first contested seat was that of the Senatorial delegate from Eric and Crawford coun-

Mr. Wilson Laird spoke in favor of his claims, and Mr. D. V. Derrickson followed in Mr. Wm. A. Galbraith, of Eric, explained

in favor of Mr. Derrickson, and finally Mr. Derrickson was declared entitled to the seat y a viva voce vote. The second contested seat was that of the presentative delegate from the first district The claimants were Charles M. Leisenring

and Dr. Thomas Jones. Mr. Leisenring was declared entitled to

The Convention then adjourned until three o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at a o'clock, p. m., by the temporary Chairman, Mr. Smith. The pressure of outside spects tors was immense; the interest in the proces dings not having decreased in the least CONTESTED SEATS.

The consideration of contested seats was re sumed. That of the Fifth Representative district, of Philadelphia, was first in order. The contestants were Samuel J. Randall and J. T. Johnson, who severally spoke in The ayes and noes being required upon the

Mr. Randall was declared, therefore, duly

entitled to act as delegate from the Fifth disford more pleasure than those who have never trict. The contested seat of the Seventh Repres tative district was referred to a committee of five, at the solicitation of both parties interested; also, the contested seat from the Clean field district.

Mr. Cessna then moved that the Conven tion proceed to the election of a permanent President. Agreed to.

Mr. Cessna nominated Judge Cunningham
"Leech" William H. Welsh. The ayes and noes being required, the result was—William H. Welsh, 84 votes; Judge Cunningham, 46 votes.

Mr. Welsh was therefore declared duly elected. [Applause.]
A recess of ten minutes was taken, in which the members from the different Senatorial

EVENING SESSION. The Convention re-assembled at 8 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the temporary President, Mr. George Nelson Smit The permanent President, Wm. H. Welsh

assumed the chair, being greeted with ap ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT. Gentlemen of the Convention :- I know it i out the repetition of an old and familiar phrase yet I am sure you will give me credit for sin cority when I say to you, that I am most deep ly sensible of the distinguished honor you

have conferred upon me, in selecting me to preside over the deliberations of this body.— I can assure you, that I will preserve this mark of your respect and confidence in my most grateful recollection, as long as memory holds its sway—and no statute of limitations can ever run against the debt I owe you, for the partiality which you have so generous ly manifested towards me upon this occasion Although I have forgotten every unkindly feeling that was engendered by this contest, I would be false to the truest feelings of my heart, if I did not say to the gallant band o friends who bore me on their strong arms to the seat I now occupy, that, in after years, all they have to do with me is to point the way, and I will follow; and if, hereafter, any gar lands of triumph shall adorn their brows, I promise that the earliest and brightest flower found blooming there, will be the white rose of "Old Democratic York." On entering upon the various and complicated duties now devolving upon me, I promise to discharge them all with fearlessness and fidelity; and I shall expect, in return, an earnest and cordial co-operation on your part, in the preservation of order, and the maintenance of discipline,

which, confusion must inevitably reign in our counsels, and "passionate discor ear eternal Babel."

We have assembled here for a great and mighty purpose. The Democratic party of Pennsylvania has constituted us its active, liing agents, to deliberate for its welfare, and payor to secure the triumph of its principles. We have met in this old citadel o emocracy, to inaugurate a power, which, if properly directed in the beginning of the conest, is destined to sweep with grand and victorious footsteps, from the waters of the Dela-ware to the dusky shores of the Monongahela. For two successive years, the regimental flag of our party has been stricken down by

an unscrupulous coalition, banded together

shade and color of political opinion. Here to-

mon country, in the august presence of thou-ands of freemen, attracted hither by the unutterable importance of this solemn moment we again raise aloft that stainless banner, and we again raise aloft that stainless banner, that in the name of the united Democracy of the in the name of the united Democracy of the convention two delegates to the Charlesto that graced its folds in days gone by—motto that graced its folds in days gone by—"The equality of the citizen, and the equality of the States—civil and religious liberty, at of the States—civil and religious liberty, at of the States—civil expression of the states—civil and religious liberty, at one of the states—civil expression of the convention two delegates to the Convention and one Elector for each of said districts.

Mr. Vansant suggested that it was advisable to go on with the Gubernatorial contest at ble to go on with the Gubernatorial contest at every hazard and at every extremity!" We have met for victory—and we mean to have it—and doing all that men dare do with honment to the amendment, viz: That the Chair or, to pluck the laurel, we will plant the stan-

stand with us, in maintaining, inviolate and it appeared that every county in the State was pure, the sacred compact which our fathers of 1848, where he was the warm friend of But, gentlemen, the primary objects of this Mr. Buchanan, the usage had been the same the Gubernatorial Chair of Pennsylvania, to as that suggested by his own proper select delegates to the Democratic National The evil effects of innovations had Convention, and to appoint Electors for the next Presidential canvass. In carrying out these objects, I most earnestly trust that such prudent, moderate, and conciliatory counsels may prevail, as will permit us all to feel, when the hour of separation shall have come, that it was indeed a good thing for us to have met together here. Never before were the eyes of the people fastened with so much anxious interest upon the deliberations of any po-litical body. All men feel that the fate of the Democratic party is in our hands. It is be carried out, and produce some fruits. He

for us to mould its destiny, for weal or woe, for many years to come. If such be the case, for many years to come. If such be the case, and continued at length in defence of the pol-gentlemen, we cannot estimate too highly the immense importance of united and harmonious action in all our counsels. Let us, then, in the beginning of our labors, invoke the constant presence of that genial spirit of concession sion, whose generous teachings will tend to make us a unit here, and whose shadow will encouragingly follow us in the struggle that sad when I heard the venerable gentleman is to come. Let all personal preferences be from Venaugo intimate his desire that the deforgotten. Let all selfish feelings yield to the legates to Charleston should be selected by a common good. Let the dead past bury its

cy, but let every man who calls himself a I commenced to have Democrat, and is willing to "carry the flag Democratic party, and disaster to the Demoand keep step with the music of the Union,"
"Claim kindred hore, and have that claim allowed." Nine years ago a Convention met in this place to nominate a candidate for Governor When it assembled, the party that convened it was under the shadow of a cloud. But strong in the faith that gave it birth, it delib-

erated well and wisely, and throwing over its giant limbs the broad panoply of union and harmony, with that covering, as impenetrable as the shield of Telamon, it left this hall and marched out proudly to battle and to victory. The same panoply may be ours in the ap proaching contest, if we wisely choose to seek proaching contest, it was wised, and its all-protecting power. We are on the eve only state the proposition in different words, of the most important political struggle that I have no doubt but that we will agree perever enlisted the attention of the American people. I honestly believe that upon the ultimate success of Democratic principles depend the Union of the States, and the preservation of the Federal Constitution. The Democratic

party is the only organization in this country that respects in truth and sincerity the rights of the sovereign States and the rights of the people. Its bright mission has ever been to rotect the white man upon these shores in all is indisputable rights, without calling into estion the peculiar manner in which he may hoose to worship God, and without unneces sarily restricting his political privileges, be cause he happened to draw the first breath of ife in a foreign land. There never was a noment in the history of our party in which t hesitated or wavered in its loyal devotion to he Constitution. From the days of the Ken-

tucky and Virginia Resolutions to the present hour, it has rejected all latitudinarian constructions of that instrument, and it has inter preted its text in strict accordance with the solemn spirit of its immortal framors. It recognises in its creek no. "higher law!"—it teaches no "irrepressible conflict"—and it incites no deluded fanatics to disturb the hallowed shades of Mount Vernon and Monticel-In defence of that party, we now advance our standard. The initial battle must be fought in State. [Applause.]

If we triumph in the fight,

I am standing here, as a man without poli-

let our last expiring cry be for the Union and the Constitution! Mr. Cessna moved the appointment of a committee of nine, on resolutions, &c.; agreed

Mr. Means, on behalf of the Committee on Organization, reported the following Vice residents and Secretaris:

VICE PRESIDENTS. I District-Philadelphia.-1. William V M'Grath; 2. James M'Laughlin; 3.

Baker ; 4. John K. Gamble. II District, A. K. Scholl Joseph E. Yeager īv Benjamin Fogle. Eli Filbert. C. M. Straub. VIII IX X XI XII A. G. Brodhead, Jr. C. L. Ward. S. G. Turner. Charles Lyman. John T. Hoover. David B. Montgomery John B. Bratton. Jacob Peters. J. B. Danner. Jacob Cresswell. XX Jesse R. Crawford. J. K. Calhoun. John M'Neal. James Lindsay. XXIII David Lynch.

XXV John T. Baird. W. H. Reynolds. XXVIII K. L. Blood. SECRETARIES. Stanley Woodward, L. F. Barnes, T. B. Searight, Nelson Weiser, W. A. Galbraith, S. C. Hyde, William Patton J. K. Roush, E. Campbell, S. M. Woodcock,

James Rex. The report of the committee was adopted. Mr. Leech, on behalf of the Committee on Contested Seats, reported that R. J. Wallace vas entitled to a seat from the Clearfield dis

Mr. Lawrence, of the Seventh Represents ive district, was also admitted. Mr. Vansant moved that the Senatorial districts be allowed to appoint a committee to select delegates for Charleston, and Electors. Mr. Ces na moved to postpone this for the present, for the purpose of first nominating a

andidate for Governor. Mr. Plumer took occasion to repel some of the allegations which had been made during Democratic party were tied down to old usuges, very often to the detriment of those with whom they were allied. The quiet, earnest manner of the speaker, as he narrated some of the leading events in which the men of the past had participated, made his speech very

effective.

Mr. Montgomery was in favor of the election of Delegates and Electors now. It was thousand Democratic votes for Breckinridge possible that the Gubernatorial nomination Mr. Lindsay, of Greene, had no intention would consume time, and require much balloting. No opportunity was as favorable for the selection of Delegates and Electors as the land nothing to do with the manner of electing present. He was opposed, however, to appointing a committee to nominate Delegates introduction of the name of the illustrious and Electors. The different delegates of the different Senatorial district should themselves former part of the debate. It was absurd to A resolution we select the Delegates and Electors, and not apfor the spoils of office, and marked with every point committeemen to do so.

Mr. Schell stated that he intended offering than they have been for several months past. | night, inspired by a common zeal for a com- an amendment, as follows:

Electors at large; and also, that the delegates residing in each Congressional district report ton Convention and one Elector for each of against it.

Mr. Searight, of Fayette, moved an amend-

appoint a committee of one from each Senato rial district to select delegates for Charleston and Electors. Mr. Scaright hold that his amondment to the amendment was strictly in accordance with the usages of the party in times past. Mr. Schell declared that in the Convention

The evil effects of innovations had been too Mr. Searight denied that the amendment to the amendment was intended to take the

appointing power from the hands of the peo Ex-Mayor Vaux, of Philadelphia, took the floor. He endorsed all the conciliatory measures which had been proposed, and would only say that if the votes of the only Senatorial Democratic district in Philadelphia were required, these conciliatory doctrines should opposed the committee-appointment system,

Mr. Plumer endorsed the plan of the ap pintment by the President of a committee to elect Delegates and Electors.

Mr. Haldeman said-MR. PRESIDENT: It made me inexpressibly committee, and that sadness was still further dead. Let no one be ignored or overlooked on increased when the member from Fayette moaccount of an honest difference of opinion ved the same proposition as an amendment to upon past and settled questions of public politics. cratic party in my mind is synonymous with disaster to our most immediate and vital publie and private interests.

Feeling in this way, sir, and regarding this proposition as one of such magnitude, I, as one who has been his sincere supporter, regretted to hear the name of the illustrious Chief Magistrate of the Union introduced for

the first time into this discussion. Mr. Plumer interrupted the Speaker. His remarks were inaudible at the reporter's desk. Mr. Haldeman resuming, said: The spirit which seems to govern the gentleman from Venango is the same as my own. If he will If he will say that the delegates of ectly. the different Congressional districts shall nominate the delegates to Charleston, I shall e content.

Mr. Plumer said: I will agree with you, sir, if you will concede that the delegates shall name a committee to appoint the Charleston

Mr. Haldeman insisted that the matter should be left in the hands of the Convention If the gentleman from Venango is not prepared to state the matter in the same manner which I do, then I shall continue my remarks in the same strain in which I began.

I say, Mr. President, that it was with extreme sadness that I saw this matter thus brought upon the Convention, and also was I sad to hear Hon. James Buchanan, Pennsyl vania's President, thrust into the discussion Now, gentlemen, I beg pardon for the inten but I have a sovereign sity of the expression, say of the expression, but I have a sovereign contempt for pigmies who are attempting to wear his giant's mantle here. [Applause.] I do not believe that the President of the United States has attempted in any manner whatever to dictate to the Democracy of Penn sylvania, and if there are those here who are attempting to speak for him in this Convenlo by a traitor's call for a servile insurrection. vention, they may expect his rebuke, as well

let it be standing upon the broad platform of tical affiliations. By my attitude here to-day equal rights and equal laws—if we fall, let it have disrupted many of my political ties. I have disrupted many of my political ties. I have taken position with men who heretofore drawn,) S. S. Winchester, (withdrawn.) have been politically my antagonists, without asking anything at their hands, and without having a single personal grievance at the hands of those with whom I have hitherto been associated. But I am ready for my part to offer up my personal ambitions upon the altar of my country, and I ask this Convention to do likewise. Above all things else I wish to see this Convention harmonious; how I care not. I merely desire that every faction of the Democratic party should go away from Reading, buckling on the harness and prepared to fight with energy in a contest which we must acknowledge to be desperate. Let the fact be impressed upon our minds in every

way, that no strength can be lost—no feelings can be high, but that it is necessary in every manner to seek the good of the Democratic party first and to attend to the ambition of individuals afterwards. [Applause.] It is iseless, sir, to be apportioning the offices and the honors before you know whether you are going to have offices and honors to apportion. Applause.]

Gentlemen say they have no schemes to for-

ward—no slate to carry out. Why then, in heaven's name, let not the Democracy of Pennsylvania, in Convention assembled, act for itself? If there are no personal ambitions to gratify, and if there is no power behind the hrone, why then shall not the representatives of the party themselves determine how they shall be represented in the great national sanhedrim? [Applause.] anhedrim? [Applause.]
I care not for the different precedents which have been noticed. They have been contradictory. Therefore, it is not necessary to

range myself with the old or young Democra-Differing from some in this Convention, I have the profoundest respect for those who hitherto have led the Democratic party to vicisles of a sombre forest, who, passing by the stalwart young hickory, and reaching the old gnarled and knotted oak covered with grey moss, pauses, it to venerate, and it to admire.

[Pointing to Mr. Plumer.]

But, sir, I can say, at the same time, with
Elihu, the Buzite, when the three aged men

failed to convince the complaining Job—"I am young and you are old."—"And I said, length of days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. But there is spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth understanding."
I wish not the past generation and the pre-

sent to be brought in conflict upon this floor, but I desire that the advice of all men of all wings of the party shall be taken for what it is worth, and let us strike hands-young and old-men who have hitherto disagreed and men who have agreed, and all march forward he afternoon session, that the old men of the to a victory, instead of a defeat, which will entail the most terrible disasters upon us all. Maj. John Cummings reiterated the views which he had before expressed in reference to beating down old landmarks. Mr. North, of Lancaster, cared but little

how the delegates were chosen for the Charleston Convention, but those who represented his Mr. Lindsay, of Greene, had no intention at this juncture of discussing the claims of the delegates, and was as mal apropos as the introduction of the name of the illustrious former part of the debate. It was absurd to

such a netty resolution. He ridiculed the idea that the course proposed of allowing the delegates to make their gave the nomination his hearty endorsement.

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to elect viva voce four delegates at large to the Charleston Convention, and two Senatorial Charleston Convention, and two Senatorial Electors at large; and also, that the delegates office degrees are large; and also, that the delegates officed was in its favor, and not a single fear officed was in its favor. all. The oldest precent and not a single feature of the dangerous tendencies a vivid picture of the dangerous tendencies sible or proper argument had been advanced the only the doctrines of the Republicans. Amid the against it. Representing perhaps the only Democratic district west of the Alleghony Mr. Vansant suggested that it was advisable to go on with the Gubernatorial contest at nothing would satisfy his constituents except to allow them, through their delegates, to elect the men for the Charleston Convention. The question being taken on the amend-ment to the amendment, viz: That the Chair ppoint a committee of one from each Senainl district to select delegates, the ayes and noes were required, and the amendment to the amendment was lost by a vote of 91 to 40.

The question then recurring on the amendnent of Mr. Schell, Mr. Plumer suggested that it be so amended as to require the committee to report to the phia. Convention for approval; which was not agreed

A division of the amondment was called for. The first portion, relative to the election of four delegates at large and two Senatorial electors, was adopted. After an ineffectual motion to postpone, the remainder was adopted, and the original resolution as amend

was agreed to unanimously. Mr. Schell moved that nominations be now Mr. Schell moved that nominations be now was called for, and responded, amid interentered into for four delegates at marge, for the centhusiasm. His allusions were principal that the convention, which was agreed to. NOMINATIONS FOR DELEGATES AT LARGE. The following nominations were made for

four delegates at large: Mr. Cessna nominated Hon. W. Montgomer John L. Dawson. Patterson Josiah Randall. Cassin Henry D. Foster. Johnson Arnold Plumer. George M. Keim. H. B. Wright. Rankin James Nill. Richard Vaux. M'Crath William Bigler. Richard Brodhead. Barnes David R. Porter. Shannon Joseph B. Baker. M'Phail John Robbins, Jr. Schell nominations were made as

terwards withdrawn: Mr. Haldeman nom'd Hon. T. Cunningham Wm. H. Miller. James Campbell. " Jacob S. Yost. Yenger

FIRST BALLOT. The Convention then proceeded to ballot ith the following result: Dawson, 67; Bigler, 80; Foster, 30; Montomery, 56; Randall, 39; Plumer, 45; Keim, 5; Wright, 47; Hill, 13; Vaux, 43; Brodhead

8; Porter, 3; Baker, 53; Robins, 12. Messrs. Dawson and Bigler were therefore leclared duly elected. The candidates were withdrawn with the exception of those mentioned in the SECOND BALLOT.

Montgomery, 63; Plumer, 40; Keim, 10 Vright, 38; Vaux, 52; Baker, 57. There being 130 votes cast, 66 were necesary for an election. None of the candidates eccived this number. A third ballot was cordered. A motion to ostpone was lost.

THIRD BALLOT. Montgomery, 78; Plumer, 37; Baker, 77 Messrs. Baker and Montgomery were clared elected.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS. The Chair announced the following gentle men as constituting a Committee on Resolutions, viz: Messrs. Cessna, Ward, Baker, Montgomery, Plumer, William J. Bear, North nd Hagenman. Adjourned.

MORNING SESSION-THURSDAY. The Convention was called to order at 9 clock, a. m., by the President, Hon. W. II. Velsh. The election of two Senatorial Electors was the first business in order.

NOMINATIONS. Richard Vaux, H. B. Wright, (withdrawn,) Jas. F. Johnson, (withdrawn,) Geo. M. Keim, Gen. C. L. Ward, (withdrawn,) Edward Yord, Jacob Dillinger, Andrew Burke, (withdrawn,) John Cessna (withdrawn) George W. Wood-

Vaux, 89; Keim, 102; Yord, 6; Dillinger, 12; Dyer, 1; Woodward, 48. 131 votes were cast. Messrs. Vaux and Keim were declared

elected. GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATIONS. On motion of Mr. Cessna, the Convention

proceeded to nominate candidates for Gover-Mr. Cressna nominated Wm. II. Witte. George Sanderson.
John L. Dawson. Gibson Hon, Jacob Fry, jr. Jeremiah Schindel. Gerhart Fogel Gilfillan Nimrod Strickland Montgomery " Col. Wm. Honkins. Hendrick B. Wright, Rankin Keller A. S. Wilson. Crawford John Creswell.

Henry D. Foster. Mr. Searight withdrew the name of Hon. John L. Dawson, first paying that gentleman high compliment. The name of A. S. Wilson was also withdrawn; also, the name of Henry D. Foster.

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FIRST BALLOT. Witte 30-11-13 Fry Hopkins Wright Strickland Schindel Cresswell Messrs. Schindel, Foster and Cresswell were vithdrawn. SECOND BALLOT. Witte

Fry Sanderson Hopkins 10 5 Strickland Foster Mr. Johnson, of Cambria, advocated the claims of Henry D. Foster to a nomination, and suggested that his friends insist upon the use of his name, although he had declined.

THIRD BALLOT. Wittie Foster Sanderson Hopkins. Wright Strickland Before the result of the 3d ballot was an

nounced, Mr. Dietrick, of Lycoming, moved that Henry D. Foster be declared nominated by acclamation. The vote being taken, Mr. Foster was unan-

mously nominated, amid most deafening cheer Mr. Cessna expressed his adherence to the choice of the Convention in a few pertinent

remarks. A committee was appointed to wait upon county could assume that it would cast eight Hon. Mr. Foster, and inform him of his nomination.

At the request of the delegates, the roll was called, and the vote was unanimous in favor of Mr. Foster, he having received 133 votes. In the name of the united Democracy of Pennsylvania, Mr. Foster was hailed with three deafening cheers as the next Governor A resolution was adopted, inviting the gen-

couple the name of the Chief Magistrate with themen who had been candidates to address

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to own appointments was an innovation which It was giving but justice to the West. storm, the conservative citizens of Pennsyln nia had stood firm and faithful to the Union

During the progress of the speech of the contleman, the Keystone Club marched in the Hall, attended by music. The nomination of Mr. Foster had meanwhile been hall. thundred guns, outside of the Hall.

The Chairman announced the following committee to inform Mr. Foster of his nome.

nation:—Messrs. Sansom, Leech, Dietrick Calhoun, and North. Three cheers were given, on motion of M Blood, for the Keystone Club, of Philad

The compliment was returned by Col. Bye , who proposed nine cheers for the non for Governor; which were given according Loud calls were made for Lowis C. Cass of Philadelphia. His endorsement of information was full and complete. Proje tionists. Lecomptonites, and anti-Lecompton

ites could alike unite on Mr. Foster. speech of Mr. Cassidy was well received.

Hon. Daniel Dougherty, of Philadelphia to the necessity and policy of subverting to nor issues, and uniting every branch of Democratic party in one common cause.

Hon. Wm. Montgomery was the next p ker. A more favorable nomination could

have been made, nor one better calculated produce pence and success. Reviewing to different merits of those whose names he been offered as candidates, he boldly declared that there was not a desirable quality while they possessed that was not shared by Ma Foster, whose nomination would add ten the sand votes to the Democratic party. [Immens

He facetiously alluded to Lecompton, a ledging that he was now about to bury both it and anti-Lecompton a thousand feet deen It was a cheerful funeral, and one that hele lieved would be followed by a harmonius and fraternal tea party.

He ridiculed alleged differences of opinion in relation to the Cincinnati Platform, declar ing that such differences were not of a political cal nature, but originated rather with a law argument between Judges Black and Douglas. The Convention of to-day was referred to as unequalled in the annals of the party or de

cratic party, like gold in the fire, came out purer from each refining.

At the conclusion of the speech of the Hon gentleman, it was moved and agreed to that, when the Convention adjourned it do so h.

the country. Chastened by defeat, the Demoks

re-assemble at 3 o'clock, p. m. Hon. Wm. Bigler, after returning thanks for the honor conferred upon him, by the ap-pointment of representative to the Charleston Convention, expressed his intention of siding and supporting the party nominee by every means in his power. Foster, he would date to assert, would receive the largest Democrate ic vote given for ten years. Mr. B. was loud! ly and frequently applauded during his

Ex-Mayor Vaux, of Philadelphia, was call ed for, and expressed his gralification that the doctrine of conciliation, which he had yester

day advocated, had been acted upon. Hon. Mr. Sanderson, of Lancaster, followed on behalf of Lancaster county. He promised a cordial support to the nominee of the party.

Ex-Senator Brodhead was called for by the President. The exertions of the future sh tone for the defeats of the past, he stated and as far as it was possible, his support

should be given to the cause. Hon. Mr. Fry was introduced by the Predent, and was greeted with tumultuous plause. Having come unexpectedly among the delegates, he could only say that he willing to go, heart and hand, he Mr. Foster aman to whom he rendered the willing to go the same to whom he rendered the willing to go the same to whom he rendered the will be a same to whom he rendered the will dorsement of being honest, faithful and a

Calls were repeatedly made for Mr. Wi but that gentleman was not present.

Gen. Keim was called for, and response on behalf of Old Berks.

AFTERNOON SESSION—THURSDAY The Convention re-assembled at 3 o'clock m., and was called to order by the Pra lent; when the following delegates to Cliarle ton were reported by the several districts:

DISTRICT DELEGATES.

 William M. Riley, L. C. Cassidy.
 Josiah Randall, C. McKibben. 3. Hugh Clark, John Robbins, Jr. Henry M. Phillips, N. B. Browne.
 O. Jones, John Roberts. 6. E. C. Evans, Geo. McHenry. 7. T. H. Wilson, F. Vansant. 8. Hiester Cleymer, F. Lauer. . H. B. Swarr, H. M. North. 10. C. D. Gloninger, R. J. Haldeman. 11. C. H. Hottenstein, F. W. Hughes. 12. H. B. Wright, W. J. Woodward, 13. Richard Brodhead, Asa Packer, 14. C. L. Ward, H. A. Guernsey. 15. H. H. Dent, John Ross. 6. A. J. Glossbrenner, John Reifsnyder. John Cessna, James Nill. 8. A. H. Coffroth, Geo. N. Smith. 19. H. W. Wier, Israel Painter. 20. John J. Shutterly, James Lindsay. 21. Rody Patterson, John C. Dunn. 22. James A. Gibson, L. Z. Mitchell. 23. Tho's, Cunningham, S. P. Johnson. 24. A. Plumer, K. L. Blood. 25. W. A. Galbraith, Joseph Derickson. DISTRICT ELECTORS.

1. Frederick Server. | 14. J. Reckhow. 2. Wm. C. Patterson. 15. Geo. D. Jackson 3. Jos. Crockett, Jr. 16. J. A. Ahl. 17. J. B. Danner. 18. J. R. Crawford 19. H. N. Lee. 20. J. B. Howell. 21. N. P. Fotterma 22. Samuel Marsha 23. Wm. Book. 24. B. D. Hamlin. 25. Gaylord Church

It was announced that a Democratic " meeting would be held in the Court lie after the adjournment of the Convention. Mr. North moved that the President of Convention act as Chairman of the State tral Committee, which was agreed to: that the Chairman have power to appoint other members of the Committee. This motion was modified by Mr. Cessna, so a give the Chairman power to appoint two be bers of a State Central Committee from a Senatorial district, and as many addition. nembers as he may deem necessary for P delphia, Pittsburg and Harrisburg. modified, the resolution was agreed to

The Committee on Resolutions with for a few moments to prepare their report Mr. Schell moved that the delegate each county in the State appoint a member of the state appoint a the St maintain a correspondence with the S' M Central Committee, which was agreed to A committee of three was appointed to RI ipon, and solicit the attendance of Mr. Will Mr. Witte was then introduced, and gree

with cheers. He spoke of his entire and escense to the will of the majority, and ceded the policy of using every possible me to harmonize the various branches of the leavest and the eratic party.

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of Pennsylvania are alluded to. DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM. The report of the Committee on Resolutiof

the Convention.

Hon. John L. Dawson was introduced, and gave the nomination his hearty endorsement.

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4. J. G. Brenner.

5. J. W. Jacoby. 6. Charles Kelly. 7. O. P. James. 8. David Scholl. 9. J. L. Lightner. 0. S. S. Barber. ll. T. H. Walker. 12. S. S. Winchester. 13. Joseph Laubach. MASS MEETING.