

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER.

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DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATIONS.

For Governor,
HENRY D. FOSTER,
OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY.
FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS,
ELECTORS AT LARGE,
Geo. M. Keim, of Berks county,
Richard Vaux, of Philadelphia.

DISTRICT ELECTORS.
1. Fred'k. A. Server.
2. Wm. C. Patterson.
3. Jos. Crockett, Jr.
4. J. G. Bronner.
5. W. Jacoby.
6. Charles Kelly.
7. O. P. James.
8. David Schill.
9. J. L. Lightner.
10. S. B. Barber.
11. T. H. Walker.
12. S. S. Winchester.
13. Joseph Laubach.
14. J. Reckhow.
15. Geo. W. Jackson.
16. J. A. Abl.
17. J. B. Danner.
18. J. R. Crawford.
19. H. N. Lee.
20. J. B. Howell.
21. N. P. Fetterman.
22. Samuel Marshall.
23. Wm. Book.
24. B. D. Hamlin.
25. Gaylord Church.

DEMOCRATIC STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee will be held at the Merchant's Hotel, in the city of Philadelphia, on Thursday, May 10th, 1860, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at which time and place the attendance of the members is earnestly requested.

Democratic papers in the State will please copy the above notice.

WILLIAM H. WELSH, Chairman.

Wm. WALKING.—Prof. PRICE, the celebrated wire-walker from Columbia county, this State, will give one of his most hazardous and daring exhibitions in this borough, on Thursday, May 3d. His wire is only a half-inch in thickness, and will be stretched perfectly tight from the Court House to Lyoff's building, a distance of about 160 feet, and at an elevation of about 60 feet. The exhibition will take place between twelve and three o'clock, P. M., without regard to weather. Therefore, let all those who love to look at feats of "noble daring" come to town. Rain or shine, the exhibition will most certainly come off.

SPRING AND SUMMER STYLE OF HATS, CAPS, &c.—The stock of fashionable Hats and Caps recently received from the Eastern cities by J. C. CALLO & Co., cannot be excelled in this section of country. Mr. C. being a practical hatter, enables him to purchase with judgment, both as regards price and quality. His store is in West High Street, (Trout's old stand), nearly opposite Marion Hall. See advertisement in another column.

ANOTHER FIRE.—On Saturday morning last, about 5 o'clock, smoke and sparks were seen to issue from the large school-house (better known as "Old College") in Church alley, in the East Ward. The alarm was at once given by the butchers and others who were in market, and in a short time our faithful firemen as well as hundreds of citizens, hastened to the work before them. The fire, however, had made considerable progress, and the building (with the exception of the walls), was soon reduced to ashes. This edifice was large and substantial, and was composed of stone and brick, and belonged to our Board of School Directors. It was occupied by four female schools, of which Mrs. Aldrich, Miss Postelwaite, Miss Boston and Miss Phillips were the teachers. We learn that the building was insured in a Philadelphia Company to the amount of a thousand dollars.

The books, tables, sewing-work, &c., belonging to the scholars, were scattered in all directions. Many articles were lost, and most of those saved were more or less damaged by fire and water. The poorer portions of the children, the loss is considerable.

This fire, beyond question, was the work of the cowardly incendiary. The fire originated under the stairs leading to the second story, and the building being old and dry, the flames spread rapidly. We sincerely hope the wretched guilty of this devilish act, may yet be discovered and punished.

ATTEMPT TO FIRE THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—When the Sexton of the Episcopal Church of this place, on Sunday morning, entered the building, to put it in order for service, he discovered that an attempt had been made the night previous to destroy it by fire. The incendiary had effected an entrance into the church through a window, and, being prepared with straw, hay, and other combustible material, placed them under the stairs leading to the gallery, and then, as is supposed, applied the match, and took to his heels. The straw, &c., smoldered out, doing little more damage than to scorch the stairs, and smoke the building—a great disappointment, no doubt, to the man or devil who had been guilty of this wicked piece of villainy.

THE WHEAT CROP.—From what we can see and hear, the wheat crop in this neighborhood never looked better at this time of year than it does now. With the exception of some fields where the frost is more in the soil than in the season, the ground is evenly covered with growth, and the plants are well advanced and luxuriantly green. In Central and Eastern Pennsylvania generally, the wheat is represented as looking remarkably well, the winter and spring having been favorable to it. *We have seen but little in our exchanges from the West about it; but some of the Indiana papers speak very discouragingly, as usual, about this time. In Illinois, the extent of ground sown to wheat is greater than was ever before known, and in no past year has it been done under more favorable circumstances, so far as regards weather, condition of ground, and careful preparations on the part of the farmer. The Rockford News thinks the yield in Illinois will be thirty per cent. greater this year than last.*

BEAUTIFUL WEATHER.—As we write this, the sun shines brightly, the buds are bursting in all directions, and the birds are singing welcome songs to spring. We hope the "cold snaps" are over for a season.

A BERKS COUNTY DWARF.—The *Byerstown Diner* says there is in that village a neat-looking girl, a daughter of Mr. Henry Fry, only three feet in height, weighing about 40 lbs., and 12 years of age. She enjoys excellent health, is well proportioned, and resembles a child about 3 or 4 years old.

"Constitutional Union" Convention.

A State Convention of the Constitutional Union party of Pennsylvania, was held at Lancaster on Wednesday, the 25th ult. The object contemplated was the election of delegates to the National Convention, to meet at Baltimore, on May 9th, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency of the United States. About two hundred persons were present, including delegates from nineteen counties in the State. The delegations from Philadelphia, Lancaster, Berks, and Montgomery counties were full. About forty-two were present from Philadelphia.

Wm. H. Slinguff, of Norristown, was appointed Chairman, and Edward Shippen, of Philadelphia, and Jos. H. Irwin, of Allegheny, temporary Secretaries. A Committee of thirteen on permanent organization, was appointed. The Committee, at 2 o'clock, P. M., reported the name of John S. Littell, Esq., of Germantown, as permanent President; with some twenty Vice Presidents and five Secretaries.

Hon. C. C. Lathrop, Chairman of a Committee on that subject, reported an address, declaratory to the principles of the Constitutional Union party, which are summed up as follows:

1. Non-interference with the whole question of slavery, as not being a subject of Congressional legislation.
2. The maintenance of the Constitution of the United States, as interpreted by the Supreme Court, and the enforcement of all laws enacted by Congress.
3. The protection of the industrial interests of the whole country, and economy and reform in the administration of the Government.

The address was unanimously adopted, with acclamations. A motion for the appointment of a Committee of three on Resolutions was discussed, and finally withdrawn, the prevailing sentiment of the Convention being that the address just adopted explained sufficiently the objects of the party.

Messrs. Henry M. Fuller, Mark Munday, Askin Marley and C. E. Swearingen, were appointed Delegates at Large to the Baltimore Convention. The names of fifty District Delegates were reported by a Committee, and adopted, with a resolution authorizing the President to fill any vacancies that may occur in the delegation. Hon. Jos. R. Ingersoll, of Philadelphia, and Dr. William M. Wright, of Allegheny, were appointed Electors at Large.

A resolution was adopted, authorizing the President to appoint a State Central Committee of two from each district; who are authorized, within three weeks after the nomination of President and Vice President by the Baltimore Convention, to elect and publish the names of twenty-five District Electors for the State.

THE CHARLESTON CONVENTION.

The proceedings of the Charleston Convention are very voluminous, occupying a great surface on paper, but yet, up to Saturday, amount to very little that will be considered worth reading. Three several "Platforms" have been presented by the Committee on that subject, and of course this led to a protracted debate and considerable bad feeling. If the Convention should ever agree upon a "Platform," we will then publish it. Hon. CALB CUSHING, of Massachusetts, is President of the Convention, with one Vice President and Secretary from each State. Those from Pennsylvania are, THOMAS CUNNINGHAM and FRANK VANSANT. Mr. CUSHING, after being escorted to the Chair, addressed the Convention as follows:

General of the Convention:—I respectfully tender to you the most earnest expression of profound gratitude for the honor which you have done me this day in appointing me to preside over your deliberations. It is, however, a responsible duty imposed, much more than a high honor conferred. In the discharge of that duty, in the direction of business and debate, and in the prosecution of order, it shall be my constant endeavor, faithfully and impartially to officiate here as your minister, and to reflect your will. In a great deliberative body, especially like this, it is not the presiding officer in whom the strength rests, but your own strength, but yours—your intelligence—your sense of order—your instinct of self-respect. I rely, gentlemen, confidently upon you, not upon myself, for the prompt and parliamentary dispatch of the business of this Convention.

Gentlemen, you have come here from the green hills of the Eastern States, from the sun-drenched plains of the South, from the fertile States of the West, from the rugged heights of the Rocky Mountains, from the golden shores of the distant Oregon and California. [Loud cheers.] You have come hither in the exercise of the highest functions of a free people, to participate, and in the election of the future rulers of the Republic.

You do this as the representative of the Democratic party—that great party of the Union whose proud mission it is to maintain the public liberties, to reconcile popular feeling with constitutional order, to maintain the sacred and reserved rights of the sovereign States; [Loud and long continued applause:] to stand, in a word, the perpetual sentinels on the outposts of the Constitution. [Cries of "that's the talk!" and loud cheering.] And gentlemen, is the motto inscribed on that scroll in the hands of the monumental statue of the great statesman of South Carolina, "Truth, Justice, and the Constitution!" [Loud cheers.]

Opposed to us are those who labor to overthrow the Constitution, under the false and insidious pretense of supporting it—those who are aiming to produce in this country a permanent sectional conspiracy—a traitor's sectional conspiracy against the Union. A motion to lay the appeal on the table was lost: yeas 150, nays 146. The question then recurred on the appeal from the decision of the Chair.

Mr. SAMUELS, of Iowa, presented the minority report.

The following is the report made by the majority:

Resolved, That the platform adopted at Cincinnati be affirmed with the following explanation:—That the government of a Territory organized by the act of Congress is provisional and temporary, and during its existence all citizens of the United States have an equal right to settle upon the property in the Territory, without their rights being in any manner property being destroyed or injured by Congressional or Territorial legislation.

MR. WALKER'S LETTER.

We cannot, for the life of us, perceive what connexion there is between the Kansas issue of 1857, which has long since been settled, and the proposed object or objects sought to be accomplished by the Covode investigating Committee. Yet they have had ex-Governor WALKER before them, who has made a statement, in which he gives the whole history of his appointment and his subsequent action in Kansas, and also at the same time the celebrated letter of the President, about which so much was said during the pendency of the Leecompton controversy, was read. The letter will be found below, and we give it a place in our columns at the request of a number of our subscribers who are anxious to see it.

WASHINGTON, July 12, 1857.
MY DEAR SIR:—I duly received your letter of the 28th ult., on Friday last. I read it and contained therein no allusion to the objects you set on foot, though we did not respond. Hence you may judge with what satisfaction we received the account of the proceedings of the National Democratic Convention, held at Leecompton on the 3d instant. The point on which your and our success depends is the submission of the constitution to the people; and by the people I mean, and I have no doubt you mean the actual *bona fide* residents who have long been enough in the Territory to identify themselves with the land. The Legislature determined three months ago the period of residence to entitle individuals to vote for members of the Convention; and if the Convention should think proper to adopt the same period, we should be obliged to you to identify themselves with the land. The Legislature determined three months ago the period of residence to entitle individuals to vote for members of the Convention; and if the Convention should think proper to adopt the same period, we should be obliged to you to identify themselves with the land. The Legislature determined three months ago the period of residence to entitle individuals to vote for members of the Convention; and if the Convention should think proper to adopt the same period, we should be obliged to you to identify themselves with the land.

CHARLESTON, April 30.
The Convention met at 10 o'clock, and the proceedings of the day were as follows:
Mr. CUSHING, the President, apologized for the harsh language he used during the disorderly proceedings Saturday evening. However, he had considered it his duty to speak plainly and positively.

Mr. CUSHING announced the first business in order to be a vote on the main question, which was the substitute offered by Mr. Butler on behalf of Massachusetts, Minnesota, Indiana and New Jersey, not Illinois, presenting the plan of the States, and with resolutions for the protection of citizens of foreign birth.

The vote being taken on the Butler plan, it was rejected by nearly a two-thirds vote—yeas 105, nays 198.
A vote by States was called, a delegate stated that that Convention appointing the delegates from that State had recommended them to vote as a unit.

The President decided that the record recommended was equivalent to an instruction, and the decision of the Chair was accordingly. A motion to lay the appeal on the table was lost: yeas 150, nays 146. The question then recurred on the appeal from the decision of the Chair.

Battle for the Championship!

OVER FORTY ROUNDS FOUGHT!
THE RING BROKEN UP BY THE MOB!
FIGHT UNDECEIVED!
WHAT ENGLISH PUGILISTS TERM "FAIR FIGHT!"

SANDY HOOK, April 28.
The steamer Vanderbilt has passed here on her way to New York, with Liverpool dates to the 18th inst.

The fight between Heenan and Sayers took place early on the morning of the 17th inst. It had lasted two hours and eight minutes, when the excitement became so great that the crowd broke down the barriers, leaving the fight undecided.

The fight was decided by a drawn one. The opinion of the public is divided regarding who was the best man.

THE IMMEDIATE PARTY.

Recently the attention of a number of the prominent members of the Democratic party, have been called to an alleged attempt to bring the residents of surrounding counties to Philadelphia, for the purpose of voting at the May election; they procured the arrest of an individual named Benjamin A. Smedley, who was pointed out as a party to the attempted misdemeanor. The accused was taken into custody and had a hearing before Alderman McMullen, who committed him in default of \$300 bail, to answer at Court the charge of misdemeanor.

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MARRIAGE.

On the 22nd ult., by the Rev. C. P. Walker, Mr. JOHN P. ZIEGLER, to ELIZABETH C. MILLER, both of Carlisle.

DECEASED.
In this borough, on the 18th ult., HELEN PERRY, aged 53 years, died.

CARLISLE DEPOSIT BANK.
THIS Bank has this day declared a Dividend of five per cent. on the deposits made up to the 1st inst. to be paid over to the stockholders on their representation, on demand being made for their order of the Board of Directors.

NEW CARPET HALL.
JUST received another lot of Hall, Shiraz, Chamber Carpets, selling VERY CHEAP, so a lot of OIL CLOTHS best quality, all which we are selling at 50 cents per square yard. Striped and plain Oil Cloths, Dress Goods, &c.