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The Party of the People.

We can not condemn too strongly a movement to form a new party when it is not known what the nominations will be. If the "rings" nominate bad men, then let a second nomination be made, not out of the party however.

We have the pleasure to announce Mr. John K. Reed of Lancaster city, as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner. Mr. Reed, we know, is a gentleman possessing the confidence of his fellow men, and in every respect well qualified to make a good officer, to whose care the most important interests of our county may safely be committed. He should be elected. He was a candidate for this office last year and was within a few votes of being elected. We sincerely hope that the taxpayers of Lancaster county will so far consult their own best interests by preferring him to a post of such importance, that he may have an opportunity of showing his usefulness and the value of a good officer.

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