



CLEARFIELD May 12, 1858.

Democratic State Ticket.

JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT. WILLIAM A. PORTER, OF PHILADELPHIA. CANAL COMMISSIONER, WESLEY FROST, OF FAYETTE CO.

Manufacturing Public Opinion.

Although the opinion of the masses in this county is generally conceded to embody the true principles of governmental policy; and it is very rarely that it does not; yet if the efforts that are sometimes made by designing men, through the medium of the press and otherwise, by means more ingenious than honorable, to warp and mislead the public judgment, were often to prove successful, it might have to be deplored that the passions and prejudices of the people were more easily inflamed by gross misstatements and incendiary appeals, than their reason and judgment were influenced by self evident fact and logical argument.

The public mind at the present time may be considered as undergoing such a reaction on the question of admitting Kansas under the Lecompton constitution. At the time the question was first raised in Congress in the debate on the annual message of the President, the people were unprepared to meet it, in the phase it then assumed. They were well informed, it is true, upon the doctrine of allowing the people of the Territories to form and regulate their domestic institutions in their own way, subject only to the constitution of the United States.

They learned too that the Lecompton Constitution was the legally expressed will of the law-abiding citizens of the Territory; and that if a turbulent and factious majority of the inhabitants had refused to participate in the proceedings to frame an instrument under which to organize a State government, that it was because they were merely doing the bidding of their masters outside of the Territory, whose sole object was to prolong the troubles in Kansas that they might profit thereby.

But alas! for the vanity of human hopes, but one single vote out of one hundred and thirty three delegates to the convention, and all in their seats, stands recorded against the resolution sustaining the President, and endorsing his Kansas policy.

"The sober second thought" had been doing its work. The people had already begun to comprehend the true ground of the opposition to Lecompton. Since that time the opposition to the admission of Kansas has assumed a phase that is calculated to enlighten them still more.

The position that both occupied before the country, one as a leader in the democratic ranks and an influential member of the highest legislative body of the nation, and the other as a leading democratic Journal conducted by a gentleman of acknowledged editorial capacity; and who had been long and intimately connected with the democratic party of Pennsylvania, and the whole country, was eminently favorable to their designs.

with many of those democrats who had at first acted with these unnatural allies, the day of reflection had overtaken them, and they dared not return to their constituents without having at least shown a disposition to aid in the effort of the party to whom they owed their elevation to office, to settle the Kansas question, which, like an incubus, had been hanging over the nation, and sapping the foundations of the Union for the last few years.

Our readers are aware that we have uniformly and earnestly supported the President in his Kansas policy, as well as all the other leading measures recommended by him, throughout the recent struggle that has just closed in Congress. And we did this not because he was President, but because we firmly believed he was right. That we were correct therein, if not already conceded by democrats generally, will ere long; and we look to the deliberate sentiment of the party formed after the smoke of the battle has cleared away, and sufficient time has intervened to allow the contest to be calmly contemplated, and its results to be noted to approve and sustain our belief and our course in accordance therewith.

MEXICO.—The latest intelligence from Mexico brings no hope of any abatement of the commotion in that unfortunate and distracted country. Law and order, never well established is now entirely overthrown, and the military rule the country in detached portions, while amid the varying success of battles and skirmishes, the miserable people see their rulers changed almost daily: each succeeding horde more rapacious than those that have been driven out. There is no security for either property or human life, and they are at the tender mercies of a half civilized soldiery: with an appetite whetted for plunder by their own destitute condition and their passions inflamed by partisan hatred, can there be a more deplorable condition than that of poor Mexico? Certainly there is much humanity in the resolution of Gen. Houston introduced into Congress, recommending a protectorate for this Government.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.—Next week our court will be in session, where many of you will be at the county seat. We trust those in arrears will not forget us on that occasion, as we are greatly in need of the "almighty dollar" to enable us to exist and carry on our paper. If such were not the fact we would not say so; and trifling though the sum may seem to those indebted, these trifles make up the sum total of many hundred dollars; all of which we stand in need of, provided we can get it.

ACCIDENT.—As a son of Mr. M. Owens near Lumber City was driving a two horse team between that place and Curwensville, the horses became frightened and ran off down a very steep hill breaking the wagon to pieces, injuring themselves, and nearly killing young Owens. We are happy to learn however that he is recovering.

NEW HOUSES are quite the rage in our town, showing that the hard times have not entirely paralyzed the taste and enterprise of our citizens. J. Boyington Esq. has just completed a splendid brick dwelling; while W. A. Wallace and J. B. McEnally Esqs. have the workmen engaged upon the foundations of what will be residences equal to those with which they are to be placed in contrast.

Mr. KERR.—I have been looking in your columns to find a production on the subject of Education. I am surprised that your columns are not dotted here and there, with arguments to arouse and interest the public mind, on this so much neglected subject. In the absence of better, give place to the following, from one in the humble walks of life; but with a soul full of love and zeal for the cause.

I was happy to see in your paper a notice of a Normal School, to commence the fourth of May next, in the Borough of Curwensville. I am strongly impressed with the fact, that we all should be interested, and feel ourselves under obligation to be active to increase the interest of the school, as it is held especially to benefit Teachers. If our County Superintendent is willing to spend eight weeks, giving instructions, Teachers should avail themselves of the opportunity so kindly proffered them, and reap all the benefit from the instructions possible.

It is reported of Seneca, that he could repeat two thousand verses at once; in their order, and then begin at the end and recense them backwards, without missing a single syllable. Cyrus is said to have been able to call every individual of his numerous army by his own name. Crenanus, who was sent by Pyrrhus to the Senate at Rome, on an expedition, the very next day after his arrival both knew and also saluted by their names all the Senate, and the whole order of the gentlemen in Rome. Thus it appears that children are not only possessed of an ardent desire after knowledge, but are endowed with the most penetrating and capacious powers of intellect, both for acquiring and treasuring it up in their minds—powers which appear susceptible of indefinite improvement in this world; and the inference, that may be drawn from this, is that they will continue to be exerted with uninterrupted activity, throughout an unending duration.

It would afford me pleasure if I could find language to impress upon the mind of every parent, the importance of having teachers well qualified for intelligently discharging the duties of the school room. In this connection, a word to Directors; you expect your Superintendent to take upon himself the extra labor of teaching a Normal School a number of weeks every year. This labor is not imposed upon any other Superintendent in the State, (that I know of). True, Institutes and schools have been held of three and four days, and some have continued one or two weeks; and on one instance 4 weeks; but the Superintendent is not required to bear the expenses or perform the labor of teaching; these are borne by the teachers and friends of Education. Teachers are usually employed from a distance to perform the labor of teaching, and the duty of the Superintendent, is to be present and superintend all. These Institutes and schools have been attended with enthusiasm, and awakened great interest in favor of Education.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN PHILADELPHIA which took place on last Tuesday a week resulted in the election of Alexander Henry the coalition candidate for Mayor over Richard Vaux the Democratic nominee. A majority of the select council elected, are Democratic.

J. G. McGUIRE has been appointed post master at Phillipsburg Centre county, vice James Ganoe resigned.

Two Hotels one at Corsica and the other at Troy, Jefferson county were burned a few days ago. All the household furniture was consumed in both instances.

URAM.—The object of sending commissioners to Utah is not generally understood. The President, from motives of humanity, believed it to be his duty to make an effort to induce the deluded Mormons to refrain from opposing the authority of the United States, and to give them an opportunity to retrace their steps. In case they do, all the leaders, except probably, Young and Kimball, will be forgiven. In the mean time, however, the most active preparations are going on to push the military movements forward, and as the Commissioners can reach there before military operations can be commenced, no time is lost by efforts to avoid bloodshed. In case the Mormons refuse these propositions the war will be prosecuted vigorously as a last resort.

Important Bills. Among the numerous bills passed by our State Legislature, is one which provides that, from and after the 4th of July next, the lawful rate of interest for the loan or use of money in all cases, where no express contract shall have been made for no less rate, shall be six per cent. per annum.—Where it is contracted to pay more than the legal rate the borrower shall not be compelled to pay the excess. Another bill has also been passed, requiring all insurance companies in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh to make statements of their condition for public inspection. It is so framed that the bogus companies cannot carry on their swindling operations any longer.

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THE DETROIT ADVERTISER of Wednesday, states that a disastrous fire occurred four miles out on Pontiac plank road on Tuesday morning last, at one o'clock, which destroyed the barn of James F. Caniff, with nine valuable horses and other property. It was the work of an incendiary.—Mr. Caniff had several valuable horses in his keeping, which he had wintered for their owners. The most, if not all, of the horses were high-bred stock, or valuable for their speed or for breeding. The total loss was \$5,500.

In Cincinnati, a few days since, a man, who resides within twelve miles of that city, walked into the Citizen's Bank for the purpose of obtaining a sum of money which he deposited there several years ago. Imagine his feelings on learning that the bank had failed six months ago! He had not even heard of the panic which recently swept over the country with such a leveling influence.

THE SULTAN of Turkey expresses great gratification at the reception given to Mohammed Pasha in this country, and declares that hospitality "rivals that of our ancient Arabs."

EXPORTATION OF WESTERN LUMBER. Detroit, May 8.—The brig Black Hawk, Capt. Taylor, sails from here this evening for Liverpool, England, direct, with a cargo of staves and lumber. Other vessels in the same trade are loading, and will soon sail.

SAN FRANCISCO is supplied with ice from Sitka, in Russian America, as New Orleans is with the same article from Boston.

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THE UTAH EXPEDITION. St. Louis, May 8.—Major-General Persifer F. Smith has issued elaborate orders relative to the movements of the trains and troops of the Utah forces.

The trains are to be divided into two divisions of 400 and 200 wagons each. The troops are to be organized into columns, each column constituting an escort of a division.

The general supply train is to be escorted by the first column, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Andrews.—This column is already organized, and has been ordered to march.

The second column, under command of Colonel Monroe, will be composed of an escort and the first division of supplies.—The column will march from Leavenworth on the 15th inst.

The third column, under Col. May, will march on the 20th.

The fourth column, under Col. Morrison, will march on the 25th.

The fifth column, under Col. Sumner, will march on the 30th.

The sixth column, under Major Emory, will march on the 4th of June.

The columns, for the present, constitute the first brigade of the Utah forces, under the command of Gen. Harney. Each column will be supplied with four months' provisions, which will be replenished on passing Forts Kearney and Laramie.

MISS MARY CULP, a beautiful and accomplished young lady, who was much beloved by a large circle of acquaintances, was drowned last week in the Little Chiques at Mount Joy, Lancaster county, Pa. She, in company with Miss Mary McNeel, ventured out upon the stream in a skiff.—The boat, unfortunately, upset, precipitating them both into the creek, which, at the time, owing to the recent rains, was quite swollen and rapid. Miss McNeel caught a limb and supported herself until she was rescued by Mr. Albert Jackson, the Associate Principle in the Seminary. After dredging the stream for some time, Miss Culp's body was found with her arms clasped firmly around a floating log, and was loosened with the greatest difficulty.

THE CREVASSE IN NEW ORLEANS.—The crevasse in the Mississippi, just above New Orleans, which has caused such a vast destruction of property, is still unchecked. The New Orleans Bulletin complains that "the work done at the crevasse is nothing to talk about." No effort had been made to repair the mishap to the piling.—All the mischief that the water can do, we are afraid, will be done before the crevasse is stopped. We had up to this, indulged hopes that the work would be carried through with energy, but appearances rebuked us for being so sanguine.

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BOROUGH ORDINANCE.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Clearfield, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same—that it shall be and is hereby made the duty of the Street Commissioner after the first day of June next, to lay or cause to be laid, on the following streets, viz: Front-street, west side from Market to Locust st.—east side from Market to Locust st.—east side from Walnut st. to Pine st. On Third st., west side from Market to Locust. On Walnut st., S. side from Front to 2d st.—north side from Second to Third st. Cherry st., south side from Front to Fourth—north side from Front to Third st. Market st., north side from the bridge to Front st.—south side from Front to Fourth st. Locust st., south side from Third to Fifth st.—north side from Front to Fourth street. Pine street south side from Second to Third street, before such lots as there are now no brick, stone or plank side walk, side walks four feet wide on all streets except Market and Second streets, on which streets five feet wide, having the outer edge thereof ten feet from the front lines of the lots before which they are laid, to be made of plank two inches thick and secured to sleepers lying the course of the street—Provided that before laying such side walks he shall give the owner or owners of the respective lots bounding on said streets, or in case the owner cannot be found, then the occupier of the same ten days notice to lay or cause side walks to be laid in front of their lots by or before the 1st day of June next.—Provided that the owners of lots fronting on said streets shall at their option lay brick, stone or plank sidewalks, but where plank sidewalks are laid they must be laid as aforesaid.

SECTION 2d. That it shall be the duty of the Street Commissioner to give ten days notice to the owner or owners of the respective lots bounding on said streets, or in case the owner cannot be found, then to the occupier of the premises, to repair such side walks as are now or may hereafter be out of repair, and in default of such owner or owners, or occupiers to repair such sidewalks, then it shall be the duty of the street commissioner to repair or cause the same to be repaired.

SECTION 3d. It shall be and is hereby made the duty of the Street Commissioner to keep a regular and correct account of all the work done by him or others under him in laying or repairing of side walks and of the nature and amount of materials furnished specifying the respective lots before which the work was done and material used, and to make a weekly return thereof into the office of the Burgess and Town Council, for which work and materials he shall be paid by an order on the Borough Treasurer.

SECTION 4th. Whenever and as often a side walk shall be laid or repaired by the Street Commissioner, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to furnish the owner or owners of the respective lots, or in case no owner can be found, then the occupier of the premises, with a bill of the cost of the work and materials with twenty per centum added thereto, notifying such owner or owners, or occupiers to pay the amount of such bill to the Borough Treasurer within ten days, and in default of such owner or owners or occupiers paying such claims, the same shall be collected in accordance with the act of Assembly.

To the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Clearfield.—The Committee appointed for that purpose report the above ordinance.

THOMAS MILLS, JOSEPH GOON.

Passed April 9, 1858. WILLIAM RADEBAUGH, Burgess.

A. H. SMITH & CO. Dealers in BOOTS, SHOES and TRUNKS, OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Wholesale and Retail, at prices to suit all, can be found at their new Boot & Shoe Store, No. 344 North Second st., a few doors below the Black Horse Hotel, Phila.

JOSEPH PETERS, Justice of the Peace, Curwensville, Penna.

ONE door east of Montell's & Ten Eyck's Store. All business entrusted to him will be promptly attended to, and all instruments of writing done on short notice.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing a certain note drawn by me in favor of Stacy W. Thompson, dated 29th August, 1857, for \$125, as I have not received value therefor and will not pay it.

DANIEL BOWMAN. April 17th, 1857. 3d-pd.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against trusting any of the members of my family on my account, as I will pay no debts of their contracting. JONATHAN WEISER Bradford, April 25, 1858, pd.

A. T. SCHRYVER, will attend promptly to all calls in his profession, by day or night. Residence opposite the Methodist church. May 4, 1858. 6 mos.

CAUTION. ALL persons are hereby cautioned against meddling with the following property, now in the possession of Mark Maguire, as said property was bought by us at Sherid's sale and left with the said Maguire on loan: 1 Wagon, 1 timber sled, 4 head horned cattle, 10 sheep, also one sorrel mare bought by us of Michael Frank and left with Mark Maguire on loan.

J. P. NELSON & CO. Feb. 24, 1858.

CAUTION. ALL persons are hereby cautioned against buying, or in any way meddling with 2 Milch Cows, one red and the other brindle, now in the possession of Joseph Millward, of Decatur tp., as the said cows belong to me, and are in his possession on loan only, subject to my order and control.

DAVID GOSS. Sept. 23, 1857. 3d pd.