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"WHEN DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES CEASE TO LEAD, WE CEASE TO FOLLOW."

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LEBANON, PA.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1859.

FOR PRESIDENT IN 1860,

**JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,**

OF KENTUCKY.

(Subject to the decision of the Charleston Democratic National Convention.)

DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATIONS.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL:

**RICHARDSON L. WRIGHT,**

OF PHILADELPHIA.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL:

**JOHN ROWE,**

OF FRANKLIN COUNTY.

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE.

To-day we place at the head of our editorial columns the name of Vice President Breckinridge for the office of President of the United States, subject to the decision of the Charleston Democratic National Convention. The spotless character of Mr. Breckinridge, his undoubted ability and experience in the affairs of our government, together with his sterling integrity, patriotism, and inflexible democracy, and as his polar star being the Constitution and our glorious Union, render him peculiarly fitted, at this critical juncture of national affairs, as the candidate of the people. He, we doubt not, will be triumphantly elected in 1860, should he obtain the nomination at Charleston, of which there is every probability. Mr. Breckinridge has been tried and not found wanting. His principles, patriotism, and love of country, are so well established—he not knowing any difference in the interests of the North, South, East and West of our Republic, and is therefore emphatically the man for the occasion and the exalted position; and should he be the successor of our venerable and highly worthy President, the danger of a dissolution of our Union will not only be arrested, but also, we believe, its unity will be perpetuated, which we trust in the Providence of God may be the case, for there certainly is no Government like ours under the Sun. We believe that the Vice President is the first choice of the Democracy of this county and of the State of Pennsylvania. One thing we regard to be certain, and this is in the event of his nomination the good old Keystone State will give him its old-fashioned Democratic majority.

Our neighbor of the "Courier" cannot be sincere when he says that "the Buchanan party is making efforts to re-open the African Slave Trade." Did not the Candidates of the opposition in the recent contests in Virginia, and several other southern states, solicit the suffrages of the people because of their ultra slavery views? and on the strength thereof made unusual inroads upon the Democracy? The "Courier" also says that ship loads of blacks are landed along our Southern coast, and that the officers of government did not "passively permit it," but condemned the vessel, and had those engaged in the business tried for piracy. And did not the government in the case of the bark Echo, send back the negroes to Africa? Fancies should never be given the preference to facts, as our neighbor is too apt to do.

The Treasurer of the Commonwealth advertises for a quarter of a million of dollars worth of Pennsylvania five-cent coins. The diminution of the State debt progresses quietly and steadily at the rate of about \$1,000,000 per annum. The interest is paid regularly, without borrowing or the sale of funds, and all we mention, the fact to record, and one more to add, is the beneficial effect of the sale of the public Works, about which interested parties raised such a clamor. In getting rid of these Public Works the Commonwealth threw off the heaviest load it had ever been called on to bear.

The above paragraph, from the Philadelphia "Bulletin," is of a piece with others appearing in papers devoted to the Sunbury and Erie interest. No clamor has been raised against their fraudulent sale. Now, admitting that the sale is beneficial to the finances to the State, how does that prove that it was right and proper to sell them for less than they were worth, and less than could have been obtained at a fair open sale? If the State is benefited by selling her public works at \$3,500,000, how much more would she have been benefited by selling them for \$5,000,000, which sum could have been obtained with ease? No result, however favorable, can impart the hue of honesty to a transaction in itself dishonest.—*Harrisburg Union.*

The citizens of New Orleans when one of their number leaves the city for a longer or shorter term fire a salute from the levee. This is rather a noisy mode of bidding "good-bye."

OREGON CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION OFFICIAL RETURNS.—At last we have the full official returns of the late election in Oregon, and they confirm our previous accounts as to the probable result. Lansing Stout, the Democratic candidate for Congress, has been elected by a majority of 45 over his Republican opponent, Logan. This is very unwelcome news to the Black Republican presses of the Atlantic States, which, for a week or two past, have been filled with exultant leaders upon what they considered "the redemption of Oregon," and "the defeat of Joe Lane and Buchanan's administration." Some of them even went so far as to publish a biography of Logan, whom they introduced to their readers, with an air of great triumph, as "the Republican Representative of the new State of Oregon." They will have to take it all back now. Oregon remains a Democratic State, and Joe Lane is still "right side up."

ARREST OF A DESPERADO.—For some time, a determined effort has been made by a party of desperadoes, to place obstructions on the railroad, thereby endangering the lives and limbs of the passengers. We are happy to state that the game has been brought to a close, and that three of the villains have been arrested, and are now in custody. On Tuesday, Mr. Kirk Few, in company with Frank Mosby, an officer from Marietta, succeeded in arresting one of the desperadoes, named Joseph Sands, near Baltimore. He was brought to town and located in jail until yesterday morning when he was taken back to Lancaster.

This Sands, it appears, in company with Gray Cochran, and John Walters, were guilty of placing obstructions on the Pennsylvania Railroad, in the neighborhood of Marietta. Two of the party, Cochran and Walters, were arrested some time since, and placed in jail.— Sands made out to elude the officers till the present time, but was caught at last in the neighborhood of Baltimore. He will now be taken to Lancaster, and be tried at the next court.—*Harrisburg Patriot & Union.*

THE curious effects of a sprain are related by the Springfield "Republican," which says, "a young domestic in a family in this city complained a few nights since of having sprained her ankle, and said the injury had struck to her stomach. Later in the evening the appearance of two little ankles solved the mystery, to the astonished gaze of the family with whom she lived."

FEARFUL FALL.—The "Raftsmen's Journal" (Clearfield) says that the Revs. Messrs. Still and Slaysman, after having preached in the evening, were returning home, when their carriage with themselves and horse, was precipitated down an embankment 60 feet in height. The carriage fell on Mr. Slaysman and bruised his limbs badly. The horse, after struggling to avoid falling, lost his foot-hold, and rolling down the embankment, passed over Mr. Still, as he was lying where he was thrown, but as the descent was very steep his whole weight was not upon him, or he would have probably been killed.

BOY DROWNED.—On Saturday afternoon last, a boy from Pottstown, whose name we have not learned, was drowned in the Delaware, at Philadelphia.— The deceased and a man named Aaron W. Gilbert, were employed on a coal boat, and had agreed to bathe in the river. The boy pretended to be able to swim, and when he was ready, Gilbert pushed him into the water, but finding he could not swim, made every effort to save him. In this he did not succeed. The boy was drowned. His body was afterwards recovered. Gilbert gave himself up to the authorities for a hearing.

DEATH OF A "JACKSONIAN" HORSE.—The editor of the Junius "Sentinel" notices the demise of a celebrated horse, which attained the incredible age of forty-one years. It was the property of Mrs. S. Q. Evans, of Juniania, Pa. The horse was formerly in the possession of General Jackson, and was given by him to Gen. Geo. Cramer, and by him to his son-in-law, Mr. Evans.

A man named Tipp was committed to prison in Louisville for bigamy. He married a wife in 1856 in Kentucky, and another in 1858 in Cincinnati. On investigation, it was proven that his last wife was a grass-widow, living apart from her husband at the time of her marriage with Tipp. The marriage was, therefore, null, the lawyers say, and the charge of bigamy against him cannot be supported. Nor can it be sustained against the grass-widow, because, as it is alleged, Tipp was a married man and incapable of being wedded at the time she was united with him. Thus, by a double crime, they both escape. Neither has a legal right to complain of the other.

THE Danville "Democrat" says that the Bloomsburg and Lackawanna Railroad Extension, from Rupert to Danville, has been completed, and the first engine came through last week. Early this week it is intended to open the road for regular passenger travel. A corps of engineers is now engaged in locating the road down the northern side of the river Susquehanna to Chillicothe and Northumberland, to connect with the Northern Central either at Sunbury or Northumberland.

PROFITABLE OFFICE.—Sheriff Kelly, of New York, forwarded to the Supervisors, at their July meeting, his "little bill" for services rendered the county for the quarter ending July 1. It foots up \$8,059.24, for EMPANELING JURORS and such services as the Sheriff renders the county, but does not include the salaries of officers attending the courts, &c. At this rate the county has to pay a yearly bill of \$32,236, 96 for summoning jurors.

Two years ago, upon a call of the Senate, the then Sheriff of New York reported the fees charged for the summoning of the jurors at about \$28,000. In the two years it has increased over \$4,000. The other receipts of the Sheriff's office must make his income nearly, if not quite, one hundred thousand dollars per annum.

THE last Grand Jury of Santa Clara county, California, thus denounces the system under which they were impanelled:—"The question of the utility of the Grand Jury in our system of Jurisprudence has been discussed by statesmen and jurists both in England and America for a long time past. The attention of the people of this State was also called to its uselessness by the present chief magistrate of this State in his annual message, and from our own observation and experience of its cumbersome, uncertain and expensive work, and its inefficiency as a means of protecting the innocent and punishing the guilty, we believe it is not only useless and an evil but a nuisance, and most respectfully and earnestly ask your honorable Court to use your influence to have the Constitution of this State, with regard to Grand Juries, so altered as to have a law passed abolishing the Grand Jury system entirely and as soon as possible, and let some other more simple, certain, speedy and direct system be adopted."

FAWKES'S STEAM PLOW.—Mr. Fawkes, the inventor of the Steam Plow, who was prevented some time since from giving a public exhibition of its powers, by the breaking of a part of the machinery, gave a private exhibition at Oxford Park, Philadelphia, on Thursday, of week before last, to the officers of the State Agricultural Society and a few invited guests. He also gave public exhibitions in the same place on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. On each occasion the machine worked to admiration. A number of furrows were thrown by the eight plows attached to the engine, both up and down a hill, and in a manner which gave universal satisfaction, and caused no little astonishment at the apparent ease with which the work was performed. The ground was thickly covered with grass, and to all appearances it had not been plowed for several years. But two men were required to do the work, Mr. Fawkes, the inventor, who acted as engineer, and also guided the engine, and the foreman whose duty it is to raise the plows, when the engine is turning, and lower them again when ready for plowing. After the plowing, and Mr. Fawkes had exhibited how completely the engine was under his control by stopping within the space of one foot, and turning within the space of twenty-five feet, he ran her across the freshly plowed ground, with the same facility that she had run around the track, with a carriage attached, at the rate of eight or ten miles per hour. At the public exhibition last Wednesday, the machine plowed six acres, six inches deep in one hour! Another exhibition was given near Lancaster, last week. Mr. Fawkes will take his plow to the West, to contest for the \$5,000 premium offered by the Illinois State Agricultural Society, which it is now believed he will be able to secure without difficulty.

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