

Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, AUG. 2, 1883.

The Convention.

The Democratic state convention proved that good order and parliamentary control are not at all inconsistent with the increase in the number of the delegates.

It was eminently a free convention. There was no attempt to mould its action to the purposes of any special interest, and hence the significance of its work is not weakened by the claim of concession that any such interest can appropriate the credit or the responsibility for its results.

All such ideas as were carefully disseminated by the opposition press that any issue might be raised between the administration and any portion of its party, were speedily dispelled when the true position, the temper and good sense of all the parties came to be fully understood.

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CAPT. TAGGART, is an estimable citizen, well fitted for the responsible office for which he has been named, and his candidacy will command respect from all parties in the Northwestern counties. He is a man of ripe business experience, and his integrity is admitted by friend and foe.—Times.

The Platform.

The convention platform tersely expresses the position of the Democratic party on all the questions of the hour, and declares a policy that entitles the party to the support of the intelligent voter who believes that it means what it says; and as the policy enunciated is one that is traditionally Democratic there is no reason to doubt that it will be pursued if those whom the party elects to office are mindful of their trust.

The platform demands honesty, intelligence, capacity and courage in public servants; it calls for economy in administration; requires that taxation shall be limited to the requirements of such economy; but declares that import duties shall be so laid as to encourage home industries and secure a just compensation to labor while avoiding the fostering of monopolies.

Governor Pattison received the unqualified approbation of the convention for his intelligent, upright and courageous exercise of the executive power; and he well deserved to have it. The economies of Democratic administration are justly praised, and private speculation with the funds in the treasury is properly denounced.

THE Philadelphia Inquirer should be supplied with an atlas. It speaks of Powell and Taggart as coming from adjoining counties. Their counties are as far apart as Lancaster and Fayette.

THE platform is a very good one; the Republican platform is a very bad one; and independent voters in Pennsylvania ought this year to support the Democrats without question or hesitation.—New York Herald.

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The monthly report of the city treasurer and receiver of taxes was presented and read. It shows a balance in the city treasury of \$75,750.35.

The monthly report of the fire committee was read. It contains nothing new except that the committee during the past month approved bills amounting to \$2,247.51.

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TOWN COUNCILS.