# VARIETY.

John Van Buren and the "Old

Major Noah, of the New York Sunday Times has been exciting our risible faculties with the following anecdotes of the younger and elder Van

Inquiries were made at the meeting in the Parl for John Van Buren. One half of the company came to hear him speak, not caring a straw for the issue. John was there, but he refused to speak. He saw all the old faces, and would not repeat that one speech again, and he had dished up nothing new. When John established the Albany Atlas to put down the Argus—the thing of all others which as created the present muss in the party—the ol gentleman went up to Albany from Kinderhool to remonstrate with John, and to preach caution mildness and forbearance. He saw what would grow out of it, and admonished the son to be careil and not get into a fight with the Argus. Young Hotspur heard him out with his usual amiability, and said in reply "My dear sir, I have the greatest respect for your opinion your experience and your judgment; but what the d——I do you know of politics?" There is no doubt that the old gentleman has great committence in John's talent, but not in his discretion and they have no secrets from

The Van Buren tamily are all dreadful sleepers: they sit up half the night, and lay in bed until noon. A droll scene occurred once at Washington when Mr. Van Buren was Vice President. He laid in bed so late that he could not reach the Senate at 12 o'clock to call that honorable body order. Lamenting his sleeping propensity to John ne declared that there must be a refor Let's make a bargain," said John. The first

who rises shall call the other up, with leave to pull the delinquent out of bed if not up in time." "Agreed!" said the old gentle e night John sat up playing brag with a parcel of roysterers until the morning's sun darted its rays through the green blinds. "Bless me," said he, "why, it's eight o'clock. I must go and call the old gentleman up." John went to his own chamber, made his toilet and then went into his

"Hallo! do you know how late it is father Past eight. Come, tumble up! "Oh, John! let me sleep a little longer.!"

"Not a minute! You remember the bargain!" So he rolled the old gentleman into his blanket and sheet, denosited him very gently on the floor, and magicians they distrust each other's quickness aptness, and discrimination. Some time ago there was a caucus at Flagg's, at Albany, to talk over political matters. Col. Young, John Van Buren, the ex-President, with other leading men, were present

Mr. Van Buren, as usual, was preaching caution

conciliation, and moderation to all John's propositions. "There," said John to one of the party, "

Portion of the City in Ruins.

told you be was an old hunker. He ain't sound Disastrous Fire in Albany-A Large

A very disastrous fire occurred in Albany Thursday. by which property amounting to two millions of dollars is supposed to be lost.

The district of the city burned is bounded South by Herkimer street to Church, thence Wett along dius, crossing Lydius street. The fire proceeded orth along Union street to Hudson street, although no houses were burned in Hudson street. The lin of that street was the bounding of that fire. The eastern boundary was one block along which, with the exception of three or four stores, was burned. Those acquainted with Albany will perceive that about one eighth of the city is in ashes. The streets burned are Herkimer on north side from the dock to Church; Lydius on both sides from dock to Union: Denniston st. entirely; Hamilton from dock to Union; Division from dock to Union; South Broadway from Herkimer st. to near Hudson st.; Church from Herkimer to South Broadway; a portion of Dallins st.; Liberty st., from Lydius Hudson, and Union mostly on both sides from Lydius to Hudson. In South Broadway, the Eagle avern, U. States Hotel and Townsend House are among the principal buildings burnt. At the Toy use the fire was checked on the east side of the street by the rain; on the west side by the rain and the brick store corner of Hudson.

the freight barges, &c., destroying several. The floats used in the basin for the storage of property are burnt, eight to ten freight berges belonging to the Hudson River and Swiftsure lines, and the schooner Colent, of Boston. The schooner Columbus street Market and three or four buildings north of it were also destroyed. It is impossible to estimate the loss. \$2,000,000 nay cover it, but this is all guess work. The numper of buildings of all kinds destroyed cannot be less than five hundred.

The insurance is also large, but it is doubted whether all can be made available. To a providential change of the wind from the south to the north, ollowed soon after by a drenching rain, can the preservation of our city alone be ascribed. Had not the wind changed, the power of man could not have stopped the conflagration, and it must only have stopped by reaching the northern bounds The firemen of Troy, West Troy and Scenectady were here in full force

The conflagration in Liberty street was stopped y blowing up houses. It is feared that several lives were lost—rumor says as many as 10—but there is no positive information. The Museum and other places of amusement are closed.

A TRAGEDY .- On last Saturday night, at Manleville, on the other side of the Lake Pontchartrain, an Indian murdered an Indian by stabbing him vith a large knife. A son of the murdered mar immediately gave information to two of the tribe, and they took the offender into custody. On Sunday morning, a court composed of ten Indians was ormed to hear the case and pass sentence. The proofs were most conclusive, and the prisoner was of once condemned to death. Whereupon he was measured, his grave marked out, and he himself set to work digging it. When the grave was finshed, a rifle was placed in the hands of the muran's son for the purpose of doing the At the first shot death did not ensue; the second shot also took effect, but did not kill, and the stoical violator of innocent life tell into his grave, and was there finally killed, and covered The court that had condemned him then took their own instrument of justice into custody, and started off for the purpose f delivering him to the civil authorities of Covington, to obtain his final discharge as an innocer at

The trial and execution were had in the rigid conformity with the customs of the tribe, to which all the parties belonged. Ther was nothing hurried—no violence of any description. Nor ht the culprit escape, which he might have Among these Indians when in any manner.—

life it has been gustement one had forfeited his Among these rustomatife, it has been customatife, it has been customatife, by to sell the condemned by to sell the condemned and so restore a would buy, and so restore him, as it were, to three hundred doll tife; in the present instance the criminal's least were offered to the tribe for ery of the experience which was refused. The delivered to the tribust of the experience which was refused. ery of the executioner up to the authorities of the State, is an imitation of their more civilized breththemselve s for legal discharge from censure. While ment the condition of these wild men of the or set, we must admire the promptness with which their justice was administered.—N. O. Crescent of

THE WORD "SELAH."-The translators of the Bible have left the Hebrew word Selah, which o curs so often in the Psalms, as they found it, and of course the English reader often asks his minis ter, of some learned friend, what it means. the minister or learned friend, has most often been obliged to confess ignorance because it is a matte to which the most learned have by no means been of one mind. The Targums and n of the Jewish commentators, give to the word the meaning cternally, forever. Rabbi Kimchi regards as a sign to elevate the voice. The authors of the Septuagint translation appear to have regarde it as a musical note, equivalent, perhaps, to the word repeat. According to Luthe Gesenius explains it to mean, "Let instruments play, and the singers stop."-Vocher regards it as equivalent to sursum corup, my soul! Sommer, after examining all the nty-four passages in which the word occurs recognises in every case "an actual appeal or summons to Jehovah. They are calls for aid and prayers to be heard, expressed either with entir ectness, or if not in the imperative. "Hear Jehovah! or awake Jeho earnest addresses to God that he would remembe The word itself he regards as indicating a blast of trumpets by the priest. Selah, itself, he thinks an abridged expression used for Higgaion Selah: Higgaion indicating the sound of stringed instruments, and Selah a vigorous

blast of trumpets.—Biblotheca Sacra. HARD TRAVELLING .- Gen. Worth, the Washingers announce, has reached that city, having ton papers announce, has reached that cry, having travelled all the way from the brilliant fields of

### Intelligencer & Iournal.

E. W. HUTTER, EDITOR.

FOR PRESIDENT, Gen. Lewis Cass. OF MICHIGAN.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, William O. Butler. Gen. OF KENTUCKY.

Democratic Electoral Ticket. SENATORIAL DELEGATES. WILLIAM BIGLER, of Clearfield. DAVID D. WAGENER, of Northampt

REPRESENTATIVE ELECTORS. Dist.
13. John C. King, 1. HENRY L. BENNER. A. L. ROUMFORT, JACOB S. YOST, ROBERT E. WRIGHT WM. W. DOWNING, HENRY HALDEMAN, B. S. SCHOONOVER.

JOHN CRESWELL, 18. CHARLES A. BLACK 19. GEO. W. BOWMAN. 20. John R. Shannon, 21: Geo. P. Hamilton, 22: William H. Davis, 1. Wm. Swetland, 23. Timothy Ives, 2. Jonah Brewster, 24. Jas. G. Campbell.

FOR GOVERNOR, Col. William Bigler, OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY. Subject to the decision of the Democratic State Convention.

> FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER Israel Painter. OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Lancaster, August 22, 1848.

Democratic Central Committee. The gentlemen composing the Democratic State

entral Committee of Pennsylvania, are requested to meet at the house of HENRY BUEHLER, in Harrisburg, on Wednesday, August 30th, at 5 o'clock E. W. HUTTER, Chairman.

P. M., on business of importance. Lancaster, Aug. 22, Whig Delegate Elections.

The Whig Delegate Elections were held in this county on last Saturday, and excited much interest The name of the place-hunters is " Legion," and as a nomination in this Federal strong hold is equiva lent to an election, the strife for delegates has been loud and fierce. The principal issue seems to be between the friends and enemies of THADDEUS STEVENS, who is warmly urged by one portion of the party for a seat in Congress. Mr. Stevens is opposed by the ultra whigs, who prefer either Dr DUFFIELD OF A. H. SMITH, Esq., of the city. It both the wards of this city, the Stevens party were successful. How it will be in the county, remains

#### to be tested. The convention meets to-morrow The Hausers Family.

These capital vocalists give another and a lust oncert at the hall of the Mechanics' Institute, i. is city, this evening. Our citizens have neve een more gratified with any musical entertain ments. We trust that those who have not ye heard them, will not fail to improve this last op-

### Speech from Col. Forney.

A large number of Democrats in this city have wited their old friend and fellow-citizen Col. John W. Forner, of the Pennsylvanian, to address them, on the political topics now before the country, The entire of the pier from Hamilton street and we are gratified to state, that he has consented bridge to the cut used by the Boston ferry boat is to comply with their wishes, designating Monday pletely swept away. Here the fire was comext, August 28, as the time best suited to his con enience. We doubt not the Democracy of our mes past has labored in their midst with such goal zeal and success, and in whom they still recognize an able and eloquent Champion of the Good Old Cause.

## Eulogy on Governor Shunk.

We have read with high satisfaction, as we ould not fail warmly to admire, the Eulogy upon FRANCIS R. SHUNK, delivered at Wilkesbarre, on the 8th instant, by George W. Woodward. It is production replete with the highest order of cloquence, the more captivating because of its native and unaffected simplicity. The character of Gov. SHUNK has enlisted many able pens and tongues, out we doubt whether his virtues have from any ource received a more appropriate and truthful ribute, than in the glowing Eulogy of Judge

## Centre County.

One of the largest and viost enthusiastic assemplages of the Democracy ever witnessed in Centre county, was held at Bell-efonte, on the 15th instant, at which Hon George Boal presided. Our valued riend, Col. E. V. Everhart, as chairman of the committee appointed for that purpose, reported a preamble and resol utions, which are glowing and eloquent in the assertion of Democratic truths The meeting dec' ared itself, with entire unanimity in favor of Col WILLIAM BIGLER for the office of Governor, and instructed their delegates to support is nomination in the State Convention. Eloquent speeches we re delivered by Messrs. Everhart, Burnside, and Macmanus. Old Centre- is now fully arroused and will give a Democratic majority of fro n 800 to 1000.

The Democratic paper printed at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where Gen. Taylor resides, states that there is not a single Democrat in that parish who will not vote for Cass and Butler. It also adds ed, and never can be, until it be reformed. The that a great number of the whigs of the parish are out against Taylor. They say that he is no whig, great and small, to an equal voice in the convention and that they consider him disqualified for any office out of the army. Many of them will vote for Cass and Butler, and others will not vote at all.

The people will bear in mind that if they elect Gen. Taylor to "the presidential office, it will be at variance with his "most cherished wishes." He stays so himself. The voters will not be guilty of the rudeness of crossing the Gen.'s most cherished

here, who in after years will deeply regret it.

"A LITTLE MORE GRAPE, CAPT BRAGE."-Major BIGLER dist. SHUNK. CHAMPNEYS dist. SHUNK Braxton Bragg, who contributed so essentially to the overthrow of the Mexicans at Buena Vista, has also contributed to the discomfiture of Taylor whiggery, in North Carolina. In Northampton county, where the democrats gain two members of the legislature and largely on the governor vote, Major Bragg and his brother, Thomas Bragg, jr., were engaged in the canvass.

Wm. F. Johnson has been nominated by the Nativists of Dauphin county, as their candidate for Governor. Of course the Whig wing of the Native party will acquiesce, as they did in the nomination of Tavlor.

The Genius of Liberty, published at Unio own, the place of Dr. Sturgeon's residence, states that that estimable, popular, and consistent republican, peremptorily declines being considered a can-

LOCAL POLITICS.

With some General Reflections. In another column will be found the proceedings of the Democratic County Convention, which asembled on Wednesday last, in this city. We are informed by those who are older in the county than we, that it was one of the most excited conventions of the sort ever held here, and that none has ever exceeded it, either as to the numbers that were in attendance, or the interest which it elicited. At the very outset it was apparent, that the friends of BIGLER and CHAMPNEYS, however the former may

have preponderated immediately after the delegate elections, now stood so nearly balanced, that the re sult might depend upon the voice of a single town ship. This interesting closeness was first disclosed n the choice of the Chairman, the convention having resorted to the novel mode of selecting this officer by ballot, which resulted in the choice of Mr. MARTIN, (the Champneys candidate,) by a majority f one township only. The extraordinary closeness of the rival parties may be still better comprehended from the fact, that on this ballot the vote of Sadsbury township, where instructions had been passed for Col. Bigler, was by some misunderstanding not given at all, and the vote of East Donegal was given Mr. MARTIN, by the casting vote of a delegate, who arrived in the very "nick of time" to save it from the other side! Mr. Martin was, therefore elected by the vote of a single delegate!

omparatively an easy task. Delegates friendly to the Hon. BENJAMIN CHAMPNEYS were thereupon elected, as a matter of course, and surely we have not one word of censure or complaint. We appeal to our columns for the proof, that during this season of excitement, towards Judge Champners we have not been betrayed into a single uncivil or un kind word. As a Citizen and Neighbor we share in the general esteem that waits upon his irreproach ble and blameless life, and as a Democrat we have vindicated his fame perhaps as often and as effiiently as some who fare more vociferous in the number of their attachment. At the Drumore meeting, we pledged ourselves, in the event of his omination for Governor, to work for his election as cordially and zealously as if we succeeded in our first choice, and we shall not now violate this pledge. by going to Harrisburg on the 30th of August, and bespattering our candidate with filthy abuse. If he receives the nomination, we shall not have one word to retract, which is to us a pleasing retro-

We have said that we indulge in not one word censure or complaint. Perhaps we should make some exceptions. We think the majority did wrong, in not permitting Mr. HAMBRIGHT to represent the township of Penn, because the Democrats had failed to hold an election. In the abstract this decision would seem right-but it is affirmed that the managers of our County Conventions have resorted, year after year, to this method of filling up the unrepresented townships, and that they have requently in this way admitted delegates from six and eight townships together. If it was a good rule when it suited their peculiar purposes, it could not have been a bad rule when it did not, and the ecedent should have been adhered to.

We are further of opinion, that our trusty and well-beloved friend, Col. FRAZER, departed from the noderation, dignity, and nice sense of delicate proriety, for which he is usually so remarkable, by starting out, post-haste, on Sunday, to Conestoga. and other places, to operate upon the delegates. If any delegates had been chosen, who needed advice and instruction, it is submitted whether they ought not to have hearkened to the will of their constituents, in preference to counsel from any other quarter, however distinguished. This custom of interfering with the free action of the delegates, after their election, is at best "more honor'd in the breach than in the observance." It has lost Col. BIGLER the ote of the county, it being an admitted fact that he had a majority of the townships before the city will turn out, en masse, to hear-one, who in meeting, but we have yet to be persuaded that success sanctifies error.

We think further, that the viva voce system voting is far preferable in every respect, to the balsisting upon the latter. The former mode of voting prevails in Congress, and in all our State Legislanres, and is vastly the most Democratic. Where A Contrast-A Patriot and a Disnen are acting as the mere agents for executing the will of others, unless they vote viva voce, it is impossible for their constituents to ascertain the manne in which they discharge their trust. The very term Delegates proves that they are not acting for has a right to be informed of the acts of his agents. of Mr. AMWAKE on this vitally important principle. We are curious to discover whether he will Democratic party. also oppose the viva vore system when he goes to Harrisburg. If he does, we opine it will require a

stronger argument to overturn it than he delivered here on Wednesday. The riva voce or the fair system, the open and above-board system, which compels every man to show his hand, and which enables the people to see how their representatives discharge their trust, was advocated by Messrs. Patterson, of Little more, Monenwell and Barn, of Columbia. They ere right-and they gave proof that they better understand the nature of representative government and the true teachings of practical Democracy than the others, who went for the ballot system, or the blind system, which, as in a game of thimble-rig, is done under cover of a hat. We are proud of the position of the Biglermen on this point. It

is better to fall, asserting the Right, than to stand. defending the Wrong. We think further, that the Delegate System Lancaster county is radically defective, and that a fair expression of public sentiment never is obtainplan of admitting all the townships, big and little is fraught with Injustice and Wrong. The true method is to apportion the delegates among the several towns and townships, according to their nmerical strength, adopting the Democratic vote at the preceding Governor's election as a basis for adjusting the ratio. If a township polled one hundred Democratic votes, it should be entitled to one delegate, if two hundred, to two, and in like proportion. This is the rule in Philadelphia city and county, in Lehigh, in Northampton, in Chester, nation as ardently as it ever was. After a spirited FREE SOIL CONVENTION.—The delegates to the and is finding general acceptance. We have now Van Buren Convention from Pennsylvania, held a before us the West Chester Jeffersonian of the 15th neeting at Buffalo on the 10th, and resolved to call instant, containing the call of the Delegate Con-Free Soil State Convention to assemble at Read- vention for that county. The delegates are appor ing, in good "old Berks," and nominate an electoral tioned among the several townships according to icket in favor of Van Buren and Adams. Joseph the Democratic strength of each. Under this veide, of Montgomery, was chairman, and Dr. E. apportionment, Birmingham sends one delegate, Gazzam, of Pittsburg, secretary of the meeting. | Charlestown two, East Nottingham three, Sadsbury The Convention will be a miserable affair, or we five, and so on. But look at the practical effect of re mistaken. Some people will show their hands the Lancaster county system. Let the votes of ten townships at the last Governor's election serve as

n illustration: 263 Elizabeth twp. Marietta Paradise twp. Conestoga West Earl Brecknock

Now, why the 1306 Democrats in the one side an anomaly, difficult of defence or explanation. It the Delegate System in Lancaster county is singularly defective, and that, until the Chester county system be substituted, it is idle to contend that a fair and reliable expression of opinion ever can be obtained. We intend no disrespect to any one, but it is our honest conviction, that the Delegate Sys tem in Lancaster county, as at present organised, is

little more than a broad farce. It calls loudly for The following delegates have been chosen, t meet in State Convention, at Harrisburg, on Wed-But what the Democratic party in Lancaste nesday, August 30, to nominate a Democratic canounty needs, most of all, is POLITICAL TOLE-RATION. In the material world we behold an didate for Governor.

tolerance of opinion? We are not the advocates LEHIGH COUNTY .- John S. Gibons (rep.) and of a relaxed party discipline. We have voted for ourteen years, and we are proud to have it in our power to state, that we have never scratched a name CLARION COUNTY-has declared as her first om any regularly nominated Democratic ticket. and have never voted for an opponent for any office

great or small, in our life. We never intend to either, believing the members of that party, however estimable in private life, constitutionally incapacitated for a wise and enlightened administratio assed, to support N. B. ELDRED. WAYNE COUNTY .- George Bush, reprecentative delegate-F. M. Crane, senatorial-instructed for N.

Having thus gained the organization, the rest was But because we are ourselves thus rigid in the bservance of our duty to our party, shall we pur- B. ELDRED. ne with bitter persecutions, and subject to fire and faggot, those whose tastes and tempers may have led to an occasional "slip" from the beaten track of duty? Is there to be no mercy in politics for a epentant sinner! Must a man because fifteen years ago, he was unconsciously led away by the "rawnead and bloody bones" of William Morgan, be doomed to perpetual banishment from the Democratic fold? There are hundreds of consciention and well-meaning men in this county, who became Anti-Masons, when that faction first started into life, who would gladly return to their ancient faith, if our proceedings were conducted with less violence and vindictiveness. If the same pains were taken to bring men in, that are employed to read them out, it would not be many years before

interminable diversity, the excellent hand of Nature

having fashioned no two objects exactly similar.

and the leaves that rustle on the same bough, to

the twin-offsprings of the same womb, all bear dis-

tinctive marks of inexhaustible variation. How

much more strikingly is this principle exemplified

in the diverse and manifold operations of the intel-

ligent and immortal mind. Boundless as is the

field of knowledge and speculation, there is perhaps

scarcely a subject that employs the thoughts of

men. on which the opinions of any two coincide

What should this universal difference in the

From the flowers that bloom on the same sten

the Federal majority in this county would vanish as mist before the rising sun. It is not our purpose, to play the part either of moralist or censor, but we appeal to the calm and dispassionate judgment of every reflecting mind, whether our political differences are not conducted with a degree of acrimony, from which the better portion of community revolts. If civilization, in its progress, has trampled down those instruments o physical torture, by means of which in the dark ages the artful demagogue established his terrible despotism over his fellow-man, there are unhappily still left other weapons of coercion, equally to be deprecated. Ribald abuse and bitter denunciation are here the substitutes. Our field of political dis cussion has become a bear-garden, in which the controversialists, forgetful of the fact that politics are a branch of morals, assail each other, as if they were devils, instead of Christian men. The ain of our leaders seems to be to exterminate, not to convince-as if obloany were better than reason, an

to defane a neighbor a prouder achievement than to reclaim him from error. A happy millenium will have dawned upon the politics of Lancaster county, when our party disitations shall be conducted without a resort to emperate denunciation and ribald invectivewhen the sole ground of controversy shall be the antagonist principles of government-when the struggle shall be one of reason and opinion, and the establishment of political TRUTH—and when controversialism shall have ceased to be sunken into a wretched brawl, in which bad ends and worse one act the chief parts in the desecrated scene That such a time is on the approach, we verily believe For a season the agitation of the elements may preserve on the surface those who misunder stand and pervert the noble aims of politics, but they are infallibly doomed to sink to the bottom. lot system, and that the majority did wrong in inselfishness, shall have subsided

Martin Van Buren. There is a striking contrast between the course ursued by James Buchanan and Martin Van BUREN, in relation to the Presidency. The acts of themselves, but for others, and surely the principal one prove him to be a pure patriot, an incorruptible Democrat, and an honest man; while the acts of tician, a reckless disorganizer, and a traitor to the

In 1844, Mr. Buchanan, says the excellent paper from which we quote, the Pittsburgh Post, was a prominent candidate for the Presidency; and indeed t is the general opinion that his chances for the nomination were better than those of any other man. But, in the goodness of his heart, and without advice from any of his friends, he withdrew his name from the list of candidates, for the sake of harmony, in order that no obstacle might be placed | now. Britain, Baker, of Salisbury, M'Sparnen, of Dru. in the way of Mr. Van Buren's nomination. The be upon the field of bat National Convention, however, thought it advisable to take up a new man, who would not be obnoxous to the Democracy in any section of the country -a man against whom no prejudices had been enertained by any considerable portion of the people. AMES K. POLK received the nomination, and the Democracy rallied to his support in every part of the country. Where did James Buchanan stand? He went to work like an honest Democrat, and did very thing in his power to secure the triumphant election of Mr. Polk. And what was the course of MARTIN VAN BUREN during the campaign? He retired to Kinderhook with one hundred thousand dollars-in his pocket, received out of th treasury and refused to say one word in favor of the election of Mr. Polk: and meanwhile his harticular friends, no doubt through his advice, were flooding the country with "Secret Circulars," intended to project on if not defeat, Mr. Pork's election.

The Degratic National Convention assembled in May, 1845, again to nominate a candidate for the Presidency Mr. VAN BUREN's name was not before the Convention, for the simple reason that the true Democracy had no confidence in him whatever: but, nevertheless, his heart was set upon the nomi contest, fairly conducted, the "brave old volunteer, LEWIS CASS, was selected as the standard bearer of the Democracy. And where was the patriotic BUCHANAN again found? Did he show any bitterness of heart, and endeavor to get up an opposition feeling in Pennsylvania and other States, against the election of Gen. Cass? No, far from it. Like a true Democrat, who is governed by the usages of the party, and wishes to see Democratic principles triumph, he unhesitatingly went to work, and has used, and is still using, all his powerful influence to secure the triumphant election of his successful

rival in the National Convention. But mark the course of MARTIN VAN BUREN! In the face of all the opinions entertained and ex-54 a rank disorganizer, and turns traitor to the Democratic party. He runs as a candidate in opposition to the regular nominee of the party, and in this way hopes to secure the election of a Federal President! "Rule on Ruln," is now his motto. Bu of the table, should have no more weight in a thanks to the intelligence and patriotism of the County Convention than the 407 on the other, is American Democracy, no considerable portion of requires but a glance at these figures, to prove, that will remain pure and incorruptible—faithful and true, to their long cherished principles. They will embracing his opinions thereon. sourn all alliance with traitors and disorganizers and will nobly rally in the support of those pure Democrats and popular leaders. Cass and Burnen

> A GEN. TAYLOR CHICKEN .-- A chicken with two faces is exhibiting at New Orleans.

Next Governor:

It is obvious, from these expressions of Public Opinion, that the three prominent candidates for Governor are Col. WILLIAM BIGLER of Clearfield, Hon. MORRIS LONGSTRETH of Montgomery, and Hon. JEREMIAH S. BLACK of omerset. We shall experience no difficulty in battling under the flag of either. YORK COUNTY .- William S. Picking, James M.

Anderson, George Hammond, Robert Ritcheystructed to support WILLIAM BIGLER. MIFFLIN COUNTY.-John Ross and W. W. and for WILLIAM BIGLER as the second choice. BERKS COUNTY .- William Karns, Peter Stroh ecker, Dr. L. Beaver, Col. William Lobach and Wilonstitution of taste and intellect teach us, other liam Heidenreich-instructed for Monnis Longthan the duty of an enlightened and prudential

Jacob Erdman (sen.) instructed for Monnis Long- for myself, and there's one for mother, now you

choice in favor of ARNOLD PLUMER. DAUPHIN COUNTY .- Samuel Faunce, Lieut. J Waterbury representative delegates—and Dr. Lewis Heck, Senatorial, with instructions, unanimously

JEFFERSON COUNTY .- Delegates instructed ote throughout for WILLIAM BIGLER.

JUNIATA COUNTY .- John Wyke (rep.) and W Wilson (sen.) instructed for William Bigler. CLEARFIELD COUNTY .- Dr. J. P. Hoyt represe tative and W. J. Hemphill recommended as Sena torial delegate—instructed for William Bigler. Inniana county.-Adam Lowrey, Esq., representive and R. B. M Cabe, Esq., Senatorial, both favoable to Col, William Bigler.

BLAIR COUNTY.-Thaddens Banks, with ructions to support Jeremiah S. Black. BEDFORD COUNTY .- Gen. James Burns and San et Cromwell, instructed for JEREMIAH S. BEACK. ALLEGHENY County .- Henry S. Magraw, L

Kane, C. Barnett, J. A. Gibson and F. Baker-incucted for Jeremiah S. Black. CUMBERLAND County.-George Sanderson and amuel Wherry—uninstructed—for William Bigler. Apams County .- Dr. William Stewart recomended for senatorial-Edward B. Buehler, repre-

entative—uninstructed. Union County.-Isaac Slenker, senatorial-Geo Jundrum, representative-instructed for William Bigler first choice-and Morris Longstreth, second

SCHUYLKILL County.-Charles Frailey, senat al\_F W Hughes Joseph W. Cake, representae-instructed for William Bigler. COLUMBIA County.-John McReynolds, senato-

-Stephen Baldy, representative delegate-in tructed for Morris Longstreth. ERIE COUNTY .- James C. Marshall, John Braw-

ev. Harley Sherman, uninstructed. Monroe County.-Moses W. Coolbaugh, (rep.) ames H. Walton, (sen.) uninstructed. A correspondent of the Pennsylvanian writes that "a large majority of the meeting were in favor of Morris

MONTGOMERY COUNTY .- Daniel Jacoby, Danie ry, Mehelan McGlathery, Owen Jones-instruc Lunanimously for Morris Longstreth.

WYOMING COUNTY.-F. N. Crane (sen.) Vinchester (rep.) instructed for N. B. Eldred. CENTRE COUNTY .- William Smyth (sen.) Jam Gilleland (rep.) instructed for William Bigler. HUNTINGDON COUNTY .- J. P. Anderson, repre sentative delegate. On the vote of instruction, the vote stood: Bigler 21, Black 21. Somenser County.—Joshua F. Cox, senatorial

Isaac Hugus, representative delegate, instructed for Jeremiah S. Black.

President Polk at Bedford. President Polk arrived on Saturday last, at the Bedford Springs, in this State, where he intends to spend a few days, to gain a short respite from the "cares of State." He is accompanied by his nephew, Samuel Walker, Esq., and by Dr. A. M. Foltz, formerly of this city, Naval Surgeon.

Berks Co.-Capt. Loeser's Speech. The Democrats of this sterling county met at Reading on the 8th. Every portion of the county was well represented, and the proceedings were We were both mortified and surprised at the speech | the other exhibit him in the light of a selfish poli- | characterized by great harmony. Excellent speeches were also made by J. Glancy Jones, Charles Davis, H. A. Muhlenberg, Esqs., and by Col. J. B. Myers. Among the pleasing incidents of the meeting, says the Gazette, was the speech of the gallant volunteer, Captain LOESER, who left Old Berks "a Whig," but has returned from Mexico a-but we let him

tall his own story: Capt. Loeser-Fellow citizens! I never regreted more than at this moment, that I am no speechmaker; for I assure you that I felt less nervous when under the walls of Chapultepec, than I do If there is any glory for me to win, it must tle, and not within the walls of a Court House. I was brought here to define my position, and shall attempt to do it. Some sav I am a Whig—others a Democrat. I say I'm a Democrat. In 1845, the people of Berks county elected me their Brigade Inspector by a handsome majority. I then said that I had po Whig vote, and say so now; but for other and mor-The whigs in Congress, by reweighty reasons. fusing us supplies, forced us to forage upon the mouldy bread, and such food as you would not give to dogs. And more than this their violent opposition to the war, they did more than any thing else to prolong it, and kept us in Mexico six or eight months longer than we otherwise would have remained there. I have seencare not what others may say-I have seen the speeches of Webster, Corwin and Clay, posted up the corners in the city of Mexico, it Spanish and English, and know the effect they had upon the Mexicans. How could I, a soldier, longer support the anti-war party! I repeat, I'm a Democrat, and a full-blooded one; and thank Mexico for my

Capt. Loeser sat down amid rounds of applause and three loud cheers were given spontaneously for

Nost of our readers know something of the personal appearance of that prince of political weathercocks, Martin Van Buren, but we presume lescription from the Buffalo Courier, showing that the Senate, and the Whigs 21. two short horses are to pull a very heavy load:

"Mr. Adams is a middle-aged man, rather under the medium size, has a very gentlemanly and pre-possessing presence, and is not unpleasing as a His language is well chosen and scholarly. and his delivery measured though easy. He bears a striking resemblance to his father, John Quincy

IT Col. BLACK eloquently addressed the Demo-

crats of Schellsburg, Bedford county, on Tuesday last-a body of men renowned for their intelligent upport of Democratic principles. There were fif teen hundred Democrats present, and the whole passed off with great eclat. General Bowman, of pressed by him in days gone by, he acts the part of the Bedfora Gazette, made one of his happiest efforts on the same occasion. The editor of the Washington Union denie

the truth of the story that he or any one else has eceived a letter from General Cass declaring that, if elected he will veto the Wilmot proviso, if presented for his signature. He also remarks that them will be found following such a leader. They Gen. Cass, in answer to all questions on the subject, has referred the inquirer to his Nicholson letter, as

> The last ridiculous humbug and foolish attempt to prove anything against the spotless Cass, is the charge that he has been a land speculator. ildishness? If Gen. Cass die What contemptible chi ever speculate in land, he never speculated in human

GLORIOUS NEWS. DEMOCRACY GLORIOUSLY TRIUMPHANT!

The returns of the elections recently held in the States of North Carolina, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, 11 o'clock, A. M. and Iowa, are calculated to fill the hearts of all true Democrats with gratitude and rejoicing. Instead of proving a resistless whirlwind, Taylorism has scarcely amounted to a summer breeze, and the success of Cass and BUTLER is placed almost beyond the pale of doubt or contingency. The Taylorites are now pretty much in the condition of the -instructed for EPHRAIM BANKS as the first boy, who at meal-time asked the question; "Pa. how many chickens are there on the table?" "Two, my son," was the reply. "No, father, there are three-ain't this one, and ain't that two, and don't one and two make three?" "Sure enough," said the old gentleman, suiting the action to the word, "you have proved the fact beyond dispute-so here's one

> take the third as a reward for your wit!" The Taylorites have been even wittier than this urchin. They have counted the chickens before they were hatched, and, are likely to get the boy's share for their trouble. After Cass and Butler are helped, Taylor and Fillmore may come in for their third" of the spoils, and a precious lean desert they will have of it. We give the returns briefly, in preference to any lengthy array of figures. They sneak for themselves.

North Carolina--Close Work. This state went for Harrison in 1840 by 12,49 najority-and for Clay in 1844 by 3,945 majority. We have never calculated that its Electoral vote rould be given to Cass and Butler, but the recent election proves that Old Rip is waking up, and

that the State is at least debateable ground. That able paper, the Raleigh Standard, of 15t nstant, furnishes the following intelligence: Mr. Manly's majority, as the vote now stand foots up 888; but we very much doubt the correctness of the returns from Macon, Iredell, and Hyde. urrituck and Cherokee—the counties to be heard from—gave Col. Hoke 726, and Gov. Graham 5:

and if the return should be correct, and Col. Reid and Mr. Manly should run out in Currituck and Cherokee as Hoke and Graham did, Manly's ma-rity will be some 600. vidson, and Rutherford-total 4. Including Orange the Senate will be tied-25 to 25.

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The Democrats have gained one member of the Commons in Buncombe, one in Craven, one in Davie, one in Johnston, one in Northampton, two n Orange, one in Person, and one in Surry-total ); and lost one in Granville, two in Halifax, and one in Stokes-total 4. Admitting that the Whigs have re-elected Mr. Hicks from Macon, this would also tie the House of Commons-60 to 60! This is certainly the closest election ever held n this State. The Legislature tied in both Houses.

and tied on joint ballot; and the majority for Governor in hundreds! A little more energy on the part of the Democracy would have saved the State; and a little more life in our ranks, say the Whigs, would have given us a signal victory. We await the ides" of November. The country will then see where North Carolina is—whether indeed she is a Federal State, or whether she has cast off Federalism forever, and taken her just and proper position, side by side with Virginia and South Carolina.

All Hail! Missouri!

The Democrats have completely swept the State James B. Bowlin has been elected to Congress in the first district-W. V. N. Bary in the second-James S. Green in the third-William Hall in the fourth-and John S. Phelps in the fifth-all Democrats. The Legislature is Democratic by more than three to one-and the majority for Austin A. King, the Democratic candidate for Governor, exceeds 12.000! Whiggery is utterly annihilated, and will not make a decent shew of opposition again Cass and Butler.

Illinois Erect! The Democratic candidate for Governor has been elected without opposition, and both branches of the State Legislature are thoroughly Democratic-Messrs. Wentworth, Richarson, Harris, Young, McClernand, and Bissell, (Democrats,) and Mr. Baker, (whig.) are elected to the next Congress Illinois is good for Cass and Butler by 20,000 majority! Federalism is almost defunct in thi gallant little state. The whigs at first pretended to claim the defeat of Mr. Wentworth, but the fol lowing results were communicated in a telegraphic lespatch to New York, which prove that the boo is on the other leg. Mr. Wentworth is re-elected notwithstanding the vote was divided between hir and another Democratic candidate:

Majorities for Wentworth 250 Kendall county 120 Grundy 260 La Salle 150 Bercean De Kalb,

There remain six counties to be heard from hese were, at the last election, four democratic and two whig, and will rather increase than diminish the majority for Mr. Wentworth.

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Make Room for Iowa!

Messrs. Thompson and Leffleur, the Democrat andidates for Congress, have been elected. The State Senate will contain a Whig majority, while there will be a Democratic majority in the lower branch of the Lagislature. The election for members of the Legislature has been very close, and decided by few votes.

All Hail! Indiana!

The election in the Hoosier state was only for embers of the State Legislature but was imporant from the fact that there is a U.S. Senator to be chosen at the next session. The Democratic najority on joint ballot will be 27, which secures the re-election of that elequent and radical Demo crat. Senator HANNEGAN. The popular vote also decidedly Democratic, proving that Indiana

safe for Cass and Butler. The Indianapolis Sentinel of the 11th, says that the returns still come in gloriously for the Democracy. Never were we more proud of Indiana than at this moment. In the Senate, 19 Democrats and 15 Whigs held over. The districts in which elec few know any thing of his companion in the Free tions have just been held, resulted as follows: 8 Soil crusade, Charles F. Adams. Here is a personal Democrats, 6 Whigs; giving the Democrats 27 in

> In the House of Representatives, the Democrat have carried 48 and the Whigs 27. A sufficient KELLER, were elected. On motion, triumph! The Sentinel (Chapman) proceeds to crow with its ancient spirit, and assures the editor of the Whig Journal, "that he and all the Taylorites will be worse beaten in November than they have been in August. Let him count up the popular vote, if he pleases, given on last Monday .-Whatever that may be he will find it to be increased by thousands in November. We made the modest claim of 5,000, in the beginning; we should not be surprised if it turned out to be as high as 15,000."

"Well, stranger, where are you from?" said a landlady of Arkansas to her guest. "Why, madam, I am now from Baltimore, Maryland, but I was born and brought up in Massachusetts, near Boston," nan. "Aint that where the yankees live? law me! you are the very man I have been looking after this long time, my clock is out of fix ejaculated the old lady, in ecstacies of joy.

The Memphis Enquirer, a Taylor nane upon the first receipt of the General's letter of a eptance, announced that it was "a hoax!"

MINISTER TO GERMANY.—Andrew J. Donelson of Tennessee, now minister plenipotentiary of the United States at Berlin, it is stated, has been nominated to the Senate as minister to the German Confederation: He is a man to fill such an important station as that, with credit to his country.

Lancaster County Democratic

Pursuant to the call of the Committee of Cor. spondence for the County of Lancaster, the deletes elected in the several wards of the city and he Boroughs and townships of the county, met at the house of Christian Shertz, in the city of Laneaster, on Wednesday, the 16th day of August, at

When PETER MARTIN and GEORGE G. BRUSH Esqs., were called temporarily to the chair, for the ourpose of ôrganization. On motion, the Convention then adjourned to the

Court House When on motion, Jacob Weaver and Dr. Jackson Sheaffer were appointed Secretaries.

On motion, the roll of the wards, boroughs, and townships were called, when the following delegates presented their credentials, viz:

Bart.—John Rockey, Samuel S. Baughman, Robert Evans, Dr. Martin, Christopher Graham. Brecknock.—Ephraim Shober, John Bixler, An-drew Shimp, Esq. Isaac Messner, Jacob Kern. East Cocalico.—John Echternacht, Abram Kegeries, Nicholas Diehl, Chas. B. Reber, Samuel Bucher West Cocatico.—Jeremiah Weist, Jesse Reinhold, Peter Keagerise, Jacob M. Shirk, R. Bucher. Cornaryon.—Lot Logers, Samuel Linklian, Frs. Gillespie, Jacob Albright, Dr. B. F. Bunn.

Columbia borough.—George Wolf, John Barr, Peter A. Kimburg, A. P. Moderwell, John Wright. Colerain.-William White, J. P. Wilson, Alexan er Turner, John Whiteside, James Findley.

Conoy.—J. B. Hamilton, John H. Smith, John S. Sreneman, Jacob Ridebach, Lewis Houseal.

Conestoga.—Daniel Fulton, Esq., Daniel Conrad Thos: Reyburn, Benjamin Benedict, Adam Kendig.

Drumore.—Sanders McCullough, R. W. Moore,
Henry Rush, Clarkson Jeffries, John McSparren. East Donegal.—Jacob Gilman, Henry Houseal, Henry Haines, John Kulp, William Sailor. West Donegal.—John Gross, Philip Fisher, Jonathan Diffender, Jacob Keller, sr., Jacob Keller, jr East Earl.—Dr. Lemon Winters, George Duc

on, Samuel Holl, John Sando, Hamilton Ayres. West Earl.—John Forney, Samuel Holl, Jacob
 L. Garber, Tristram Connell, Henry Kafroth.
 Ephrata.—Jeremiah Mohler, J. J. Keller, Daniel Buler, Andrew Uhrich, Alexander Martin.

Elizabeth.—Harrison Elser, Peter Martin, Esq.

ohn B. Eberley, Martin Irvine, John Enck. Elizabethtown borough.—George Boyer, Joseph suchanan, Emanuel Shober, Abraham Redsecker, ackson Schaeffer.
Fulton.—James McSparren, George H. Hughes

Edward C. Stanford, James Hanna, Joseph Peoples East Hempfield.—John Davis, Dr. J. Ream, Ben jamin Lutz, Dr. S. Parker, Benjamin Workman. West Hempfield .- John R. Albright, John M. Culp Peter Mumma, John M. Grider, John M. Well East Lampeter.—John G. Anderson, Mathias Shirk, James Ingram, Henry Stambaugh, Isachar

West Lampeter.—Abraham Sides, Samuel Erb James Irvin, George Raub, jr., Martin Reese: Lancaster township.—Andrew Dunlap, Esq., I. B. Burrowes, Augustus Myers, David Weidler, Benja. Lancaster city .- West Ward .- Reah Frazer Jac Weaver, J. B. Amwake, Charles E. Wentz

Lancaster city. - East Ward. - John Zimmerman ohn Carr, Eugene Harkins, Philip Leonard, Walter E. Evans.

Little Britain.—James Patterson, David Cope. David H. Keech, J. P. Andrews, Jacob L. Kirk. Leacock.—Joel L. Lightner, John V. Eckert, John L. Lightner, John M.Killips, David: Anderson. Leacock.-William Weidman, Esq., George

Bryan, Washington Simmons, Jacob Holl, Reube Veidler. Manor.—George G. Brush, John S. Mann, Abrasam Peters, R. W. Randall, John E. McDonald. Manheim township.—Henry E. Leman, Henry Shreiner, Joseph Wisner, George Hambright, John

K Grube. Martic.-John Robinson, David Laird, David Snavely, Valentine Cramer, Samuel Broom.

Manheim borough.—Dr. John 'M. Dunlap, Henry Shaffner, Henry D. Miller, E. G. Lehnhert, Sin

Young. Marietta.—William Cummings, J. M. Fryberg B. Grosh, William Kelly, J. B. Maloney.

Mount Joy.—Jacob R. Long, Gen. H. G. Clark.

James Laird, John S. Shenk, John Shaeffer. Paradise.—Joseph S. Lefevre, Thomas M'Sorley, George D. M Illvaine, Andrew White, John Row.
Rapho.—Samuel J. Masterson, Frederick Gantz Henry Ebersole. Joseph Masterson, Lewis R. Deige Sadsbury,-Andrew Armstrong, John Rhea Philip T. Boon, William M. P Strasburg township.—Jacob Nefl, jr., Capt. John Harshe, Jacob Bachman, John K. Raub, Harrison

Strasburg borough .- James McPhail, Joseph Potts, nacht. -Thomas S. M'Ilvaine, William F. Baker, A. L. Henderson, B. F. Houston, John Bitzer.
Wurwick.—Samuel Keller, Dr. Levi Holl, Lewis

Demmy, Abraham Myers, Levi Heidelbach.

Washington borough.—John Charles, John A.
Brush, William Dunlap, John Schertzer, H. M. On motion, a ballot was then had for President, then PETER MARTIN, Esq., of Elizabeth townhip was duly dlected.

GEORGE G. BRUSH, Manor, JOSEPH S. LEFEVER, Paradise, JOHN WHITESIDE, Colerain, Dr. John REAM, East Hempfield, SAMUEL J. MASTERSON, Rapho, DAVID COPE, Lttle Britain, HN ROBINSON. Martic. ere chosen Vice Presidents. Jacob Weaver, City, Dr. Jacob Sheaffer, Elizabethtown J. J. Keller, Ephrata,

Dr. L. Winters, Earl ere appointed Secretaries. On motion, the Convention then adjourned until two o'clock, P. M.

2 O'clock, P. M. Convention met. It was then moved that Henry Hambright, of Penn township, be admitted as volunteer delegate to represent said township in this Convention: when on a vote being taken by townships it was not agreed to. It was then, on motion, Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the lection of six delegates to represent the county of ancaster in the State Convention to be held at Harrisburg on the 30th of August next, to nominate a candidate for Governo

A vote being taken, it appeared that REAH FRAZER, J. B. AMWAKE, JOHN ECHTER-NACHT, JOHN KOLP, DANIEL FULTON, Esq.) and JOHN FORNEY, were duly chosen. On motion, it was then unanimously Resolved. That this Convention, on behalf of the

whole democracy of the county of Lancaster, do hereby ratify, and heartil; confirm the nomination of Lewis Cass, of Michigan, for President of the United States, and of WILLIAM O. BUTLER for Vice President, and ISHAEL PAINTER, for Canal Com-

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to support he nominee of the 30th of August Convention, Unanimously agreed to. On motion,

Resolved, That we now proceed to ballot for six delegates for the 4th of March Convention. Agreed to: when WM. MATHIOT, city; AN-DREW DUNLAP, SAMUEL J. MASTERSON. ISSACHAR REESE, SAMUEL SLOKOM, J. J.

Resolved, That this Convention now adjourns to r-aszemble on Wednesday, the 6th day of September, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at the Court House, in the city of Lancaster. Adjourned.

The following contributions have been received from the Committees appointed to collect funds for the relief of the Allentown sufferers, on accoun

of the late fire, viz: \$106,00 North West Ward, City, 134,60 87,371 18,75 North East Ward, South East Ward, 14,37 15,25 11,00 4,25 2,00 Upper Leacock Fulton,

8419,16 Forwarded by check, & recp't ack'd, 842,44 E. W. HUTTER, Esq. Dear Sir:-Please in-

ert the above in your paper. I shall furnish you a full statement-and by whom paid, after this laudable object is fully accomplished. Very re-M. CARPENTER, Treas. spectfully,

Lancaster, August 19, 1848.