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The State Convention. Will meet at Williamsport, on Wednesday the 29th day of May next—the State Convention having reconsidered its resolution fixing the 19th of June.

Hon. Mr. STRONG, of Congress, will accept our thanks for a public document.

We refer our readers to the Card of JOHN F. SANDERSON, Esq., published in another column. He has opened an office for the purchase and sale of Bank and Railroad Stock, State and U. S. Loans, &c., and from his well known promptness and energy as a business man, we do not but he will be able to give satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage.

An Excellent Letter. From Col. WILLIAM BLOOMER to the Democrats of Clinton county, in reply to an invitation to be present with them at the convention of the State of New Orleans, will be found on our first page. It is replete with sound sense and correct sentiments on the subject of the currency—just such a letter as might have been expected from so pure a Democrat—and ought to be read by every Democratic member of the present Legislature.

William F. Packer. This gentleman deserves to rank first in the list of Pennsylvania Senators. In another column will be found some remarks recently made by him in the Senate, on presenting a petition for the repeal of the Homestead Exemption Law of last session. They are so just, and so eloquently vindicate the cause of the poor man, that we are sure the speech, short as it is, will be a rich treat to all our readers.

The "ALPHABETICALS" give another concert this evening, at the Mechanics' Institute. They had a crowded house on last Wednesday evening, and all who heard them were delighted with the performance. The sweet melody of their voices, and the choice pieces sung, were well calculated to make a favorable impression upon the audience. We bespeak for them a "bumper" this evening.

Bedford County. The sterling democracy of this county, at their recent meeting, chose JOSEPH MILLER and HIRSH LENTZ, delegates to the State Convention at Williamsport, and avowed their sentiments to be in favor of JAMES BUCHANAN for the Presidency, and JEREMIAH S. BLACK, for Governor. The Bedford Gazette has raised the names of these gentlemen for President and Governor.

We direct public attention to the advertisement of Mr. O. B. CARTER, of Philadelphia. We have good authority for saying that the establishment is what Mr. C. states it to be, and advise such of our readers as are in want of Pianos, or any other instruments in his line, to give him a call.

PETERSON'S REPORTER.—This is the title of a large and well filled sheet, published by S. M. PETERSON, of this city, and is a very interesting and useful agency, No. 10, State Street, Boston. Mr. P. through his paper solicits business and furnishes the best recommendations.

DAVID C. KEEPLEY, who was recently tried in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, at Harrisburg, for the murder of his father in the month of April last, has been acquitted by the Jury on the plea of insanity—it appearing from the evidence that he was subject to mental aberrations, and the belief was pretty generally entertained that he was laboring under one of those occasional paroxysms at the time he committed the unnatural deed.

A Decisive Vote. In the House of Representatives, at Washington, on Tuesday last, a vote was had which pretty clearly indicates the feeling in that body with regard to the Slavery question. Mr. Root, a Free soiler, had previously offered a series of resolutions for organizing territorial governments in New Mexico, California, &c., with a provision excluding Slavery, and practically affirming the Wilmot Proviso. These resolutions were taken up on Tuesday, and without discussion, were laid on the table by a vote of 105 to 79! This is looked upon by many as a decisive vote, and one which settles the fate of the Proviso for the present session, if not forever. The truth is, the no-interference ground assumed by the Democratic party is beginning to take hold upon the public mind, and as a consequence is beginning to be favorably regarded by a majority in Congress. From present appearances we are inclined to the opinion that the vexed question of slavery will be definitively and finally settled by the present Congress. The Wilmot Proviso may now be considered as one of the political by-gones of the age.

"Facts for Farmers." Tabular statements of the trade with Europe show that the exports of Farm Produce have been 350 per cent. greater under the tariff of 1840 than in corresponding years under the tariff of 42. And yet General Taylor and his Whig Cabinet would have Congress restore the oppressive "protective" tariff which makes the farmer pay from 10 to 30 per cent. more for all he buys from stores, and prohibits the sale of foreign-made produce. What a beautiful system of money and man's monopoly our Whig administration would build up, if they had the power—Nashville Union.

EXPENSES OF COLLECTING THE REVENUE.—Mr. TOMBS, in the House of Representatives, a leading Whig from Georgia, came out on Thursday decidedly for the law of 1846, a provision excluding duties for collecting the revenue to a certain stated sum—a fact which goes to prove that no matter how high the Whigs may clamor against the able Chairman of the Committee of Ways & Means in the House, and assert that Democrats intend to embarrass the Secretary of the Treasury, and interfere with the collection of the revenue, there are able men, even in the Taylor ranks, who will admit the force of the Democratic position, and will support both branches of Congress. The exceedingly loose and imperfect manner in which Mr. TOMBS'S estimates are made up, is calculated to excite suspicion that a system of extravagance has been projected by the administration without a parallel in our history. It is well enough that the senators of the people should speak the word of warning in such a state of things.—Pennsylvania.

Coffee—Its Present Scarcity. Coffee, which has become an article of prime necessity in this country, has been unusually scarce for a year past, and is now selling all over the country at greatly advanced prices. Accounts from abroad do not justify the hope that there will be a very great decline in price for the present. The fact, too, in South America is said to be a greatly deficient in Java the eruption of a volcano has destroyed a great number of the coffee trees in Java, according to a letter received in Philadelphia, severe rains had greatly reduced the crop, and in Haiti, summary laws had prevented its reception at the various ports, but latterly it was coming in more freely. The enhanced price of the article will take a goodly sum out of the pockets of the people of this country.

The City Election.

By reference to the subjoined table, it will be perceived that the entire Democratic ticket was elected on Tuesday last, by a large majority. The Whigs made no regular nominations, except for Judges and Inspectors of Elections. The principal contest was for Council—the Democratic ticket being opposed by an Independent, or New Market ticket, which was formed of gentlemen from both parties. The Democratic ticket having been successful by a large majority, of course the question of new market houses, which has agitated the public mind for several months past, is put to rest—at least for the present. If there have been any other questions decided, than the strong adhesion of a majority of the people of Lancaster to Democratic principles and usages, they are the questions of light and water—an additional supply of both being absolutely necessary to the comfort, safety and health of the citizens. These subjects were treated of in an able report from the Council published a few weeks ago, and the expediency of lighting our streets and building an additional reservoir were strongly urged, and in such a way as could not fail to attract the attention of the people. The Council elect, as well as those who hold over in the Select branch, are all gentlemen of intelligence, and have had much experience in the duties of municipal legislation. The people, therefore, may safely confide in their sound judgment, and their willingness to carry out such improvements as the growing wants of the City require, and which will, in any way, interfere with the admirable system of finance which they have adopted.

Official Returns. Of the votes polled at the election held in the city of Lancaster, for city officers, on Tuesday, February 5, 1850.

Table with columns: CANDIDATES, East Ward, West Ward, Total. Lists names like Michael Carpenter, Michael Bundlo, Michael Carpenter, John Conner, Daniel Finlock, etc.

The State Treasurer.

The following letter from Mr. BALTZ is in answer to the charge made against him, in the communication of the Canal Commissioners, noticed in our last. The committee of the House to whom the subject was referred, will doubtless elicit the truth in the case—as there is now a direct issue joined between the Canal Commissioners and State Treasurer, the latter denying all the allegations of the former. Mr. BALTZ, we rather suppose, will have hardly been made against him at random, and without sufficient data to go upon.

Harrisburg, February 5, 1850. Senators.—The resolution of your honorable body, of the 26th ultimo, is before me. My absence in Philadelphia, on public duty, has prevented an earlier reply.

As regards the allegation of the canal commissioners, and the complaint of Messrs. Norris Brothers, in consequence of your resolution, I have to reply as follows: Messrs. Norris Brothers never personally presented to the treasury for payment, nor did a person for them, an order on the treasury for the amount they claim, nor have I yet official notice that the states were out. In default of such notice, duty required that I should refrain from paying away the public money.

Had those gentlemen presented such an order, I had been justified in withholding payment, the evidence being that the order was for seven hundred dollars more for each locomotive furnished the state, than charged the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In other words, they furnished that company with an order for an article for seven hundred dollars less, and received fifteen hundred dollars of the consideration in fact. So large a profit would seem to justify a legal credit.

The engines referred to were purchased, it seems, under the authority given in the 16th section of the act of the 15th of March, 1847, which authorizes the sale by the canal commissioners of twenty-one thousand dollars, which evidence of the value of property, or a criminal neglect of duty. Perhaps these facts would not have justified me in heeding Mr. Norris Brothers had I been drawn on for the money.

I never refused to settle the accounts of the superintendent of motive power on the Columbia road. The rule of the office is to take up in its order every item of business, and with regulation I require a strict compliance with the regulations of the office of the other lines of the public works.

I am not aware of having purposely refused at any time "money appropriated for the management and repairs of any of the other lines of the public works." Since I have been responsible for the management of the state finances, I have not received from the canal commissioners at any time, a moment's notice of their intention to draw on the treasury other than was furnished by the actual presentation of their drafts.

While it is both my duty and my pleasure to provide the ways and means to answer every call, nevertheless the interest and credit of the state, as every business man will understand, cannot be sustained if other branches of the treasury are not harmonized with this department. To such a degree have the canal board carried their antagonism, that upon the application of the treasury, I have not furnished notice of the change, in which the payment of money are to be advanced, and which pose the names of officers, and their signatures identified, as also a knowledge that they have given the required bond before money can be advanced.

The first notice I have received of the change of officers was the presentation, by the new incumbent, of drafts for large sums of money. Senators are aware that the treasury has a vast number of payments to provide for beside the canal appropriations; it seems proper, therefore, in a business view, that the treasury should be kept in the hands of the co-operation of the co-ordinate branches of the government, rather than to have to powerful an arm as the canal board exercising their authority to draw money from the treasury to the general interests or credit of the state.

G. J. BALTZ, State Treasurer.

The Star of the North.

The Columbia County Democratic Convention met at Bloomsburg on the 4th inst., and among other resolutions, passed the following with but one dissenting vote. On the subject of Slavery and the Tariff they occupy the true Democratic platform—while the rebels and traitors in their recent Senate, it is just what administered to their reputation from the true-hearted Democracy of that sterling republican country.

Resolved, That the agitators and fanatics who are attempting to make slavery the subject of angry and unproductive altercation and dispute, deserve the strongest reprobation of every patriotic citizen, and that the harmony, permanence and prosperity of the Union, the ground of non-interference, assumed by the Whig party, is the ground of our party's non-interference. The people of the Territories and States, who are mainly concerned, and with which Congress cannot meddle, unless by an assumption of doubtful power.

Resolved, That the large increase in the exports of American breadstuffs and productions for the last few years; the extension of American commerce, and the increased revenues of the Government during the same period, are facts of peculiar interest to the farmer, commercial and manufacturing community, and that the tariff which has been imposed, and which laws should be passed, for the express purpose of enabling them to plunder their neighbors.

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