

JAMES BUCHANAN.

(Subject to the decision of the National Convention.)

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

GEORGE W. WOODWARD, of Allegheny.

ADDITIONAL ELECTORS.

ROBERT PATTERSON, of Philadelphia.

DISTRICTS.

- 1. Peter Logan, 13. H. C. Eyer, 2. Geo. H. Martin, 14. John Clayton, 3. John Miller, 15. Isaac Roby, 4. F. W. Beckius, 16. Henry Fetter, 5. R. McKay, 17. James Burnside, 6. A. Apple, 18. Maxwell McCaslin, 7. N. Strickland, 19. Joseph McDonald, 8. Abraham Peters, 20. W. S. Colahan, 9. David Foster, 21. Andrew Burke, 10. E. J. James, 22. William Dunn, 11. R. McReynolds, 23. S. Calhoun, 12. P. Demos, 24. George B. Barrett.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER:

William Searight, OF FAYETTE COUNTY.

Look Here!

We have several heavy payments to make on or about the 1st of April, and shall be much obliged to those who are indebted for subscription job work and advertising, if they will furnish us with the means to meet our liabilities. We are averse to dunning so frequently, but really there are many who, it appears, never think of paying the printer, and our wants require that we should remind them of their delinquency. We hope this notice will be more effectual than those which have preceded it, and that we shall not be under the disagreeable necessity of repeating it for a long time to come.

Those residing at a distance from town can remit by mail at our risk. Our City friends will always find us at the office, in Market Square.

Anno's postical production is inadmissible. It was evidently intended for "Rose's" eye alone—not for the public.

We are compelled for want of room, and the late hour at which it was handed in on yesterday, to omit the communication of "X. X." in reply to the Saturday Express. If it is the wish of the writer, we shall publish it next week.

In our next paper we shall publish an admirable Message from Governor BRUNN, to the Legislature, on the subject of the Finances of the Commonwealth, and other important matters connected therewith. No man in the State better understands this subject than Governor Bigler, and his suggestions cannot fail in enlisting public opinion in his favor.

We direct public attention to the card of Mr. J. ROOPE, in another column. He has just received a beautiful assortment of Ladies' Goods for Spring and Summer, all of which he will dispose of at very reasonable profits. We advise the Ladies to give him a call, at his store in North Queen St. He will charge them nothing for a look at his goods.

THE CONTESTED STEAM MILLS.—These establishments, which have given such an impetus to the business of our city, are now full fledged, and are turning out an immense quantity of their superior manufactures.

All accounts represent them as doing a very profitable business; and for the sake of our neighbors, we are glad to hear it.

To increase their working capital, the Stockholders have authorized a loan which we understand the Directors are prepared to take, on Bonds of 1000, 500, and 100 dollars with coupons attached, for the payment of the interest of six per cent. semi-annually—that is, on the 1st of April and the 1st of October, at 100, 50, or 10 dollars, or the Bank of Pennsylvania. The bonds are secured by a mortgage on Mills Nos. 1 and 3 of \$200,000, and an ample assurance in some of the best offices in the County.

The Directors, whose names are inscribed upon the bonds, consider, we believe, that the security is unexceptionable and equal to any real security in the County.

The Whig State Convention met at Harrisburg on Wednesday last, and nominated JACOB HORTMAN, of Berks county, as a candidate for Canal Commissioner. The Convention also passed strong resolutions in favor of General Scott for the Presidency, appointed an Electoral Ticket, &c., &c., and then adjourned sine die to await the spoiling of all their work, by the people, in October and November next.

Virginia State Convention.

The Democratic State Convention of Virginia met at Richmond on Wednesday last, and continued in session until Friday. Hon. JOHN S. BARNOR, president, who was assisted by fourteen Vice Presidents and six Secretaries. The Convention appointed an Electoral Ticket, and a State Central Committee.

A series of resolutions were also adopted. The first re-asserts the principles of the resolutions of '98 and '99. The second contemplates that Congress has no power to appropriate of the public lands, the proceeds of a protective tariff. The 4th declares against a protective tariff. The 4th declares against the doctrine of intervention, as broached in Congress, and takes the ground that the Federal Government should, in its foreign policy, adhere strictly to the maxims of the "Father of his country," and the Father of Democracy.

The 5th affirms the principles of the Baltimore Convention. The 7th approves the mode of voting before pursued by the Virginia delegates in the Baltimore Convention. The 8th says that the vote of Virginia ought to be given for the candidate who can command the greatest strength in the Democratic party, and whose principles are known to conform strictly to the cardinal tenets of the Democratic republic faith. The address was put forth, and after the adoption of the resolutions, the Convention adjourned sine die.

The utmost harmony and good feeling prevailed throughout the session of the Convention—and very properly, too, in our opinion, inasmuch as the Delegates to Baltimore were not chosen by the Convention, but are to be elected by the people in the several Congressional districts. Of course there is no body to instruct. Neither was there, for the same reason, any expression of opinion in reference to the relative strength of the several candidates for the Chief Magistracy; but, from the fact, that the President and nearly all the officers of the Convention are the known, avowed and active friends of Mr. BUCHANAN, it cannot be doubted that a large majority of the body were in his favor. Indeed, private advices from Richmond during the progress of the Convention and since its adjournment, assure us that the friends of Mr. B. outnumber all the others combined more than two to one.

The several resolutions recommend the delegates who may be elected, to vote as a unit in the National Convention. This, we believe, has always been the custom with the Virginia delegation. They test the matter among themselves, and whoever has the majority, the vote of the whole State is cast solid for him. We have, therefore, no doubt that the entire vote of the Old Dominion will be cast at Baltimore for JAMES BUCHANAN. All our information from that State points unerringly to this result.

A silly story found place in some of the Philadelphia papers last week, to the effect that the Democratic members of Congress from this State wrote a letter to Richmond, telling the Virginia Convention that Mr. BUCHANAN was the only candidate for the Presidency who could carry Pennsylvania. There is not a word of truth in the story. The Democratic members, did write, however, that Mr. B. in the event of his nomination at Baltimore, could carry the State; and this was done to contradict the numerous falsehoods and misrepresentations circulated in Virginia for the last few weeks against him—a scheme that most signally failed.

The passage of the fourth resolution is, perhaps, a very good criterion to judge of the Presidential predilections of the Virginia Convention. That resolution sustains the non-intervention doctrine of Gen. Washington to the very letter, a position which has not been taken by all the Presidential candidates since the arrival of Kosciuszko in this country—some of them having taken the ground that Washington's doctrine does not exactly suit the present day.

CONGRESS has now been in session for nearly four months, and as yet but little has been done for the benefit of the country. Nearly the whole time that should have been devoted to legislation, has been taken up by both parties in the business of presiding over their constituents, and which they are never attending to themselves. Now, this is a very wrong. Members of Congress were sent to Washington to make laws—not Presidents. They were appointed by the people to legislate for the Nation—not for themselves; and the sooner they commence the business entrusted to them, the better it will be for all parties concerned. Formerly a Congressional Caucus nominated the President; but the people became disgusted with that species of dictation, and broke it down by the election of General Jackson. After a lapse of five and twenty years, it is sought to be revived in a form that is almost equally obnoxious, and which is calculated to retard the public business yet more than the old caucus system. This thing of nominating and electing Presidents, the people will attend to themselves in due time, and it may be they will spoil the calculations of not a few of the would-be Congressional Warwick of the present session.

It would be well, we think, if Presidential nominations were made about two years in advance of the election, instead of a few months. In that event we should be likely to get two working sessions of Congress, instead of none at all—as it happens under the present arrangement, in which it so occurs that a new President is hardly worn in his seat until members of Congress set about selecting his successor.

THE ARTILLERY SERVICE.—A report was submitted in the United States Senate on Tuesday, by Senator Shields from the Committee on Military Affairs, on the subject of the Artillery Service, accompanied by a bill designed to increase the efficiency of this important branch of the national defenses. The report states, that since the termination of the Mexican war the artillery has become so much neglected that discontent and discouragement began to prevail at the present time. The men are declared to be exceedingly deficient in practical knowledge of the duties of their profession, and especially in the duties that would devolve upon them in a war with any maritime Power. The necessity is urged, not of increasing the force beyond what is necessary for our limited internal necessities, but to improve its quality, and make it better in its personnel and material, so that it should be, in every particular, a model army, or nucleus around which the nation could rally in any great national emergency.

To effect this desirable object the provisions of the bill reported by the Committee authorizes the President to appoint from the officers of the artillery a brigadier general, who shall be chief of the corps of artillery, and shall under the direction of the Secretary of War and Major General, administer the corps in all things relating to the instruction, equipment, mounting, distribution and recruiting. It also provides that promotions to the rank of colonel shall cease until the number shall be reduced to two, which shall hereafter be the number.

The New York Canals are to be opened for navigation on the 15th of April. The Pennsylvania Canals have been open since the 12th of March—thus showing the great advantages our public improvements have over those of our more northern neighbor.

The Democrats of Lebanon and Huntingdon, at the recent Borough elections, succeeded in electing their tickets, in both places, by handsome majorities.

MORRIS WALLACE, Esq., (Dem.) has been elected Mayor of Erie City, by a majority of 31 votes over his Whig opponent. This is glorious news from that quarter.

Advice Worthy of being Heeded.

The Richmond (Virginia) Whig in a recent article argued in favor of the nomination of General Scott and says:

"As to pledges from a candidate, we have no great faith in them. If this life and his position do not inspire confidence, we would not give a pinch of snuff for all the pledges he could make."

It adds:

"We do not want pledges of him (Gen. Scott). We would not insult him or ourselves by asking any at his hands. We understand the Loco gait thoroughly, and so does Gen. Scott."

This is sensible and manly. We rejoice to see at least one influential and respectable paper in the South avowing a rational opinion upon this subject. Should the Whig party follow in the path pointed out by these Hottentots, it would scarcely carry a single State in the Union.

Whist! if it were to be successful, the Locofoos are uniting in their efforts to damage Gen. Scott before the people and we regret to see some Whig papers, North and South, assisting by their course, it may be unintentionally, in the accomplishment of their purposes. This scheme, we trust, has had its day and that the entire Whig party of the land will again be found on the old platform, earnestly eschewing what we now call the doctrine of the "Hottentots."

It is an honest confession, it is said, is good for the soul—and we doubt not that our neighbor over the way will "breathe freer and deeper," now that he has made a clean breast of it, by acknowledging that if the Whig party were to make an honest declaration of principles for the approaching Presidential campaign, "it would scarcely carry a single State in the Union." We have all along firmly believed what is now admitted with such apparent candor. The Whigs are, at the present time, and always have been, afraid to go before the people in a contest for principles—hence, in 1840 they had a Committee appointed whose duty it was to watch over their candidate and prevent him from making any public declaration for the popular ear; and in 1848 they selected a gentleman who had no fixed principles, or at least made no pretensions whatever to any knowledge of governmental policy. Twice have they succeeded in thus gulling the American people, and electing wretched candidates who, after their elevation, turned out to be mere puppets in the hands of the Cabinets with which they were surrounded—and, in both instances, the pledges upon which they rode into power were permitted to be shamefully violated, as the records of the country will abundantly show.

The Independent Whig and its allies would fain play the same game again, and for the third time throw dust in the eyes of the people. But they will be mistaken in their estimate of popular intelligence. Besides, their candidate, General Scott, has unfortunately for them, the *coelestis scribitur* to too great an extent to make much out of him in the way of keeping the public ignorant of his principles. He has written too much, and participated too actively in the politics of the country, to now conceal his light under a bushel. His "hasty plate of soup" correspondence with Secretary Maury shows that his forte is not the pen; but, at the same time, it proves him to be a man of indomitable vanity, of an imperious, haughty and overbearing disposition, who has not learned the first duty of his profession—obedience to his superior—and, who, therefore, would be an exceedingly dangerous officer at the head of the Government. But he has also written other letters, at different times and under different circumstances, which, whilst they do not give him any better character as a writer, have exposed the principles he entertains, and conclusively show that he is unfitted, in almost every respect, to be the Chief Magistrate of the Nation.

But we are extending our remarks much farther than we intended at the outset. Our object was merely to copy the above articles from the Virginia Whig, and its cousin the Lancaster Whig—and to thank the latter for the candid admission it makes of the utter helplessness of the Whig party, when it goes before the country on its merits alone and with its principles exposed to public view.

A Bloody Tragedy.

We find the following shocking narrative in the Muscatine (Iowa) Equiv, of March 10:

Three years ago, Mr. George McCoy, a citizen of Cedar county, left for California. He left a wife and five children behind him to await the result of his return. His wife, who was a very young woman, sought the protection of her father, Mr. Benj. Nye, an old and worthy citizen, living in this county. After he reached the land of gold, Mr. McCoy wrote frequently to his wife, and forwarded her considerable sums of money, the letters and money passing through the hands of one in whom McCoy had every confidence as a man of honor and a friend. But the wife forgot her vow, and sacrificed her children, her husband and herself in the arms of the false and treacherous friend of the heartbroken father. On his return from California, the husband and father were met by the tale of damming infamy, and, meeting his wife, found her arms the fruits of her guilt. The wife, who was a very young woman, sought the protection of her father, Mr. Benj. Nye, an old and worthy citizen, living in this county. 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