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Towanda, Saturday, September 6, 1851.

Democratic State Nominations.

- FOR GOVERNOR, WILLIAM BIGLER, OF CLARKE COUNTY...

Democratic County Ticket.

- FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGES, MYRON BALLARD, OF COLUMBIA TWP...

The County Ticket.

We have no time, this week, to remark upon the qualifications of the nominees of the Democratic party...

Democrats! you have never entered upon a campaign under more auspicious circumstances...

The Democracy of Bradford, with almost entire unanimity, have expressed their preference for Hon. DAVID WILMOT...

Whig County Ticket. The Whig County Convention which met at this place on Wednesday evening last, made the following nominations...

Horrible Murder. A most unfortunate and dreadful murder was committed in Columbia township on Saturday evening, 30th ult...

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DEMOCRATIC CO. CONVENTION.

Pursuant to the notice given by the Democratic Standing Committee, delegates from the several election districts of Bradford County assembled at the Court House, in the borough of Towanda, on Tuesday evening, Sept. 2, 1851...

The list of election districts being called over, the following delegates presented their credentials as members of the Convention:

- Albany—John McGovern, John Hatch; Armenia—Robert Mason, J. C. Shepard...

On motion it was Resolved, that a majority of the whole number of votes given, be required to make a nomination.

On motion of Mr. MERRICK, the Convention proceeded to the nomination of a President Judge of the Judicial district composed of the counties of Bradford, Susquehanna and Sullivan.

Mr. Merrick nominated Hon. DAVID WILMOT. Mr. PIERCE moved that the nomination be unanimously confirmed, and the yeas were called upon the motion with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. McGovern, Hatch, Robert Mason, L. C. Shepard, Horton, Wilson, Baird, Sawyer, Edminister, Gardner, Kendall, Ross, Bothwell, Vanduyke, Barnes, Ballard, States, Bull, David White, Hunt, S. W. Shepard, G. W. Mason, Salisbury, Merrill, Cornell, G. F. Mason, Salisbury, Gorman, Frisbie, Keeler, Brink, Passmore, Maynard, Ford, Tuttle, Crane, Brown, Smead, Frederick White, Stevens, Compton, Pierce, Moore, Peck, Webb, Smith, Spalding, Mercer, Smalley, Fox, Magill, Shumway, Wells, Rogers, McCarty, Folke, Huntington, Hiram Mason, Ingalls, Anthony, Russell, Ackley, Homet, Menard, Whitney, Jones, Gossett, and Dodge—70.

Mr. PIERCE offered the following resolution which was adopted: Resolved, That U. M. PARSONS, N. M. STEVENS, E. O. GOODRICH and JOHN PASSMORE, be appointed a committee on Bradford County to confer with the conferees from Sullivan and Susquehanna Counties to nominate a candidate for President Judge of this Judicial District...

The Convention, on motion proceeded to the nomination of Associate Judges, and Myron Ballard, Harry Ackla, Luman Putnam, Jedediah Hall, Aaron Chubbuck, Harry Morgan and G. W. Russell were named to the Convention.

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS. Mr. ADDISON M'KEAN and HENRY GIBBS were nominated for Representatives by acclamation. The Convention then proceeded to the nomination of a candidate for Sheriff, and John Baldwin, Chester Thomas and Harry Elliott were named to the Convention.

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Upon the fifth ballot, Mr. LAWRENCE SCOTT, receiving a majority of all the votes given, was declared duly nominated.

For the office of Treasurer, the names of Nathan Maynard, Thomas Maber, J. M. Bablog, Edw. Wilcox, D. Vandercook, and James Stewart were brought before this Convention and the ballots ran, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Name, 1st ballot, 2nd ballot, 3rd ballot. Includes Maynard, Bablog, Wilcox, Vandercook, Stewart.

BENJAMIN WILCOX was declared duly nominated as the candidate for Treasurer. For the office of Commissioner, D. R. Cotton, Stewart Smith and John Porter were named.

On motion of Mr. McGovern, the Convention proceeded to elect Representative Delegates to the Democratic 4th of March State Convention, and CLYDE MERCUR and ALEXANDER BOWEN were unanimously elected said Delegates.

The Delegates and Conferees were empowered to substitute in case of non-attendance. The Convention then authorized the President to appoint the County Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

On motion, the Convention adjourned. The Grand Jury at their session this week, found a true bill against John M. Donald, and Timothy M. Donald for the murder of Sarah M. Donald, in this place on the 9th of June last...

The trial of Abner Brantall for the murder of his wife, has engaged the attention of the Court, or this week, and is not concluded as we go to press. The plea set up is insanity.

SUCCESSOR OF THE HON. LUCAS WOODBURY, THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR. At about 9 o'clock, Judge Woodbury returned home from a ride, in company with a little son of B. B. Mussey, Esq. of Boston...

Plank Roads in the State of New York 1851. The annexed table shows the number of Plank Roads in this State, and the cost per mile:

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A Travelling Governor—Whig Consistency.

In the summer of 1847, when Francis R. Shunk was a candidate for re-election, and when his physical system was beginning to feel the effects of the insupportable duties, which finally terminated in his death, he was the subject of a very interesting article in the Philadelphia physician, in the hope that his health and physical energies might be restored by relaxation from the arduous labor of his official duties...

On his way thither, he passed through Old Berks, and it happened at that time the farmers of that county were celebrating their "harvest home"...

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Glorious specimen of Whig consistency! Then it was humiliating and unpardonable. Now it is "neglecting the interests of the people," in taking a short journey to Montgomery county, and making one speech on his way.

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Col. Benton and the Pacific Railroad.

The Hon. Thomas H. Benton has written a letter to the President of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company at St. Louis, in which he expresses interest in the success of the great work, and thinks that every national consideration requires should be accomplished with the aid of the federal government.

Col. Benton has no doubt the road will be built, if not by the Government, by companies and communities. But he is of opinion that the Government should take the whole upon itself, compensating companies for what they have done, and make a free road, save the repairs.

Suppose, however, that this fearful struggle should be ended in a year or two by the subjugation of the blacks to their return to servitude. What shall then be done with Cuba, which, after so terrible an experience of the calamities of Spanish rule, the whole civilized world agree ought never again to come under the yoke of Spain?

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Keep it before the People.

The expense of the State Government, in two years of John Jay's administration, has been \$83,259 45 greater than in the same length of time under Gov. Shunk.

KEEP IT BEFORE THE PEOPLE. That the amount of taxes assessed upon the farmers and mechanics of Pennsylvania, for two years under Gov. Johnston's administration, is \$242,598 6 greater than in the same period under Shunk.

EXECUTION OF GEORGE PARSONS.—This unfortunate youth, condemned to death for the murder of Rachel Sharpless, suffered the penalty of the bloody crime on Saturday last at about 2 o'clock, P. M., in the prison-yard at West Chester.

WE learn from the Village Record, that AAZA SHARPLESS, the father of the murdered girl, visited George in his cell on Saturday night, and replied to George's request to be forgotten, that he was the duty of all to forgive and forget injuries—that he freely forgave while it was not possible to forgive. George was entirely cool and self-possessed.

FIVE BROTHERS BOAST.—One of the most terrible calamities that we have ever been called on to chronicle, took place in the town of Brighton, five miles from Cleveland, (Ohio) on Friday night, August 19. We have gathered the following particulars:

Mr. Onacker's house was built of wood, two stories in height, and as is frequently the case, the oven was constructed on the outside. In this oven Mrs. Onacker had been baking during the early part of the evening, and upon finishing, had removed all the coals.

They are extending themselves in every direction, and are important tributaries to Railroads and Canals. It is a question, Plank roads will be productive of more evils than Railroads. An immense amount of capital has already been expended in affording facilities for transportation in this way; and the impression is that Plank roads are extending as rapidly as Railroads, mile for mile.

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BEHALF OF THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.—The Hon. James McDowell, member of the late Congress, and formerly Governor of Virginia, died on Friday last at his residence near Lexington. He had been a representative in Congress for eight years.

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RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—Patrick McClellan, a laborer in the employ of the King, a contractor on the New York and New Haven railroad, was killed by a gravel train near West Haven last yesterday afternoon, and severely injured.