

of Wisconsin, Iowa, and other Western States against Gen. Pierce on the alleged ground that he opposes Catholic interests. We write this article to let them know the merits of the story above stated, and to show them that the story is a very clumsy lie. After that is settled they can vote for whom they please, but it is not right that either party should single us out particularly, and try to seduce our votes upon fake issues. Let us stand upon American ground or upon none at all.

We repeat, that we hope this subject will never again call for a remark from the Catholic press. We have treated it from the beginning with reluctance, because it is really difficult to know that politicians think so much of us Catholics, as to suppose that such considerations as these can sway our votes. The time ever was when they could, but now, and the sooner this truth is appreciated, the better it will be for all concerned.

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#### The Whig Platform.

Everybody remembers the gross manner in which James K. Polk was abused for writing a letter in 1811, which was known as the "Kane Letter." For the opinions expressed on the tariff question, he was denounced by the Whigs in all parts of the country. But their party is changed, and now they adopt the sentiments of the Kane letter as a principle of their party.

Read the following:

Mr. Polk's Letter. — *Whig Platform*, 1852.

"I am in favor of a Government should be far-reaching, such as can be conducted on principles which will yield a surplus of money, and revenue sufficient to defray the expenses of the government, and to pay off the debts of the country, and to meet the expenses of peace, ought to be easily administered — mainly derived from a revenue tariff, not from direct taxes, but, therefore, sane, and in levying such direct taxes, to provide for the payment of the same, as well as for the protection of the nation, and the promotion of the welfare of the people, who are practicable and suitable, and in addition to encouragement may be given to American industry, equal to all protectionary classes, and to all portions of the country."

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It is evident it is

the duty of the government to extend, so far as it can, its practical influence to sustain its revenues and all other means within its power, but just

possible to all the interests of the whole Union, extending, if needful, to all the branches of Manufactures, the Mechanics, Commerce and Navigation.

What of our Whig friends say some thing about the Kane letter now? Are not all the slaves still in danger?

Democratic State Convention.

Hanover, August 26.

The Democratic State Convention met this morning in the Hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of Canal Commissioner, & also of Mr. Storer, reluctantly despatched as a candidate for Judge of the Superior Court, for the unexpired term of Judge McLean.

A new Convention had been called to order the President's resolutions were adopted, expressing the regret of the Democracy of the State at the death of Mr. Bright, and Judge Storer, and abiding the deceased as wise and patriotic chieftains of the Convention.

On motion Mr. L. H. Storer, a resolution was adopted that the Convention cordially approve the principles contained in the Democratic platform adopted by the Baltimore Anti-Slavery Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to make nomination, when Geo. W. Woodward was chosen to be a candidate for the office of Judge of the Superior Court.

At the point the President of the Convention, Wm. H. Chapman, of Washington county, vacated his seat after calling upon H. B. Wright of Lancaster, to preside in his place.

A large number of candidates for the office of Canal Commissioner were then placed in nomination, and the Convention adjourned until October.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 2 o'clock,

and motion was made to ballot for Canal Commissioner. The first ballot resulted as follows:

Wm. Hopkins, of Washington county, 42  
J. D. Palmer, of Adams, 19  
H. S. Mott, of Pike, 14  
R. West, of Blair, 41  
Sexton, 28

Note of the candidates having received a ballot, a second ballot was had as follows:

Wm. Hopkins, 43  
J. D. Palmer, 24  
H. S. Mott, 14  
R. West, 16

Mr. Hopkins having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared to be duly nominated, and on motion the nomination was declared to be unanimous.

A resolution was adopted, constituting a committee to inform the candidates of their nomination, and after a brief address from the President the Convention adjourned.

Delegate Election.

The Democratic Electors of the township of Peterborough, will meet at the Hotel of Wm. Hatch, in the Borough of Montrose, on Saturday the 4th of September inst., between the hours of 3 and 6 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of choosing two persons to represent and to act as their delegates in the next Democratic County Convention.

Hugh McCollum, Vice-Chairman, Committee.

A. F. Williams, Chairman.

Congress adjourned on Tuesday last.

#### Great Mass Meeting at the Birth place of Gen. Pierce.

The largest Democratic meeting that ever took place in New Hampshire was held at this office on the birth-place of Gen. Pierce, on Thursday, the 10th ult., many estimate the number present at as high as Thirty Thousand, and more than twenty thousand.

Carriages lined the road for three miles distant, and thousands went thither by railroad and other public conveyances. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Dix, of New York, Clemens, of Alabama, German, of Indiana, Savage, of Kentucky, John Van Buren, of New York, and other distinguished members of the party. The enthusiasm was unbounded, and every thing passed off in a most satisfactory and cheering manner. The Democratic press are doing the better it will be for all concerned.

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The Washington (N. Y.) *Advertiser*, a Whig paper, of the 10th inst., ten days after the election, hoisted the following ticket to its head:

FOR THE PRESIDENT,  
DANIEL WEBSTER,  
Of Massachusetts.

FOR THE PRESIDENT,  
WILLIAM A. GRAHAM,  
Of North Carolina.

ARCHIBALD HUGHES, IN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSTITUTION.—Archbishop Hugh

McNeil, of Boston, would say to the citizens of Milford, and vicinity, that he has opened a Writing and Book Keeping School at Bloom

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