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WHIG STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR,
JAMES POLLOCK;
OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER,
GEORGE DARSIE;
OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

FOR JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT,
DANIEL M. SMYSER;
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Allegheny County Whig Ticket.

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CONGRESS, 22d DISTRICT,
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Reading Matter on each page of this Paper.

THE ROMANISTS AND COMMON SCHOOLS.—We do not know that there is much utility in keeping up a discussion on the subject of the integrity and perpetuity of our common school system.—After a full discussion, the public voice has so emphatically and universally decided in their favor that the subject may safely be suffered to rest until some new and more violent onslaught is made by the Romish Hierarchy and their satellites. The last "Pittsburgh Catholic," however, having come out of its way to misrepresent our position on the subject, we claim the privilege of rebuking its mistaken or wilful perversions.

The "Catholic" charges that in defending the common schools against the persevering assaults of Romish Priests, our object is to initiate and establish the Prussian system of education; to "invade the family circle, and control the relations of parent and child;" to destroy individual rights, until at last freedom shall exist but in name, and the masses be so powerless as to be compelled to support a state religion in which they do not believe. This is, in substance, the charge the "Catholic" brings against us. It is very ingeniously put, but can deceive no one, and comes very strangely from the pen of an editor who acknowledges as his superior and Master in all things the Pope of Rome, who pursues in his own dominions the very course which is here charged upon us.

It is scarcely necessary to enter into an argument to show the baseness and falsity of the "Catholic's" statements. Our Common School system has scarcely a single thing in common with the schools of Prussia, which are managed by a central government with military vigor and are totally beyond the control of the people.—Our Common Schools are the creation of each State, separately, and they are under the immediate control and management of the people of the districts in which they are situated, who tax themselves for their support and select their own teachers. In fact, the whole system is so much under the control of the people, that it could not exist for a single year without the acquiescence and cordial consent of a large majority of the people.

It is also basely false to say that our common school system "impides the rights of the family circle, and controls the relations of parent and child." In the first place no parent is compelled to send his child unless he chooses. In the second place, nothing is taught but elementary truths and the facts of history. The elementary foundation is laid on which the broad superstructure of a finished education can be based, by the instruction of the parent, the Christian Minister, or by general reading. Notwithstanding all that the Catholic press has urged against the common school system, one fact is prominent and cannot be disputed without a gross perversion of the truth, that the American common school system has not been, and is not perverted to an instrumentality of bigotry and oppression. No denominational bias, as regards religion, can be truthfully charged against it. It has most admirably met the object of its founders, providing for all classes of children the means of acquiring the elementary knowledge necessary to a sound English education, without indoctrinating the children into any system of religious faith. That is the duty of the parent and the pastor.

The class of schools which the Romish Hierarchy would establish on the ruins of the American system is justly liable to the charges which the "Catholic" unjustly brings against the present system. The Pope and his Bishops would have the schools under the control of the Bishop of the Diocese, who would appoint the teachers and direct the studies, and compel the parents to send their children under pain of the fires of perdition. They would fill the minds of the children with idle legends of saints and with superstition and bigotry. They would dwarf their understandings with a silly routine mummeries, harden their hearts with prejudices against their Protestant playmates, and render them subservient tools of a crafty priesthood. These are the schools which the "Pittsburgh Catholic" would substitute for the present truly beneficent, liberal and truly catholic system. Places in the American system the death blow to the narrow, bigotted and intolerant system of Romanism, which it seeks to establish in these fair lands. Hence the ceaseless warfare made upon our common schools. We rejoice to believe, that all efforts to overturn them will be in vain, and that they may be the rock on which the Romish Hierarchy will finally split. Their own people, experiencing the untold blessings their children have derived from the common school system, may finally rebel against their control and influence. This would be a happy consequence of the blindness and folly of men who hope to preserve their effete and heathen system of pretended Christianity, by falsely educating the young mind.

MR. DRUM.—An additional reason for bringing out a candidate against Mr. Drum in the Westmoreland district is found in the unqualified manner in which he announces himself as the friend of the Pierce Administration. A speech of his delivered in the House on the 28th of May last, on the Tariff duties on salt, contains the following paragraph:

> *"I am, sir, the friend of this Administration, and the personal friend of its Chief; to the* LEADING *feature of its policy, and, indeed, to almost all its measures I yield my hearty concurrence."*

—An individual who can be a friend to the Administration and to the leading features of its policies and measures, cannot at the same time be a good and consistent anti-slavery man, or worthy of the suffrages of such.

ST JOHN CHAMBERS, AGAIN.—We find in the *Alleghanian*, a paper published in Cambria county, a communication setting forth that the Rev. John Chambers, who now launches his feeble thunderbolts at the Know Nothings was, in the early days of Nativism, an ardent friend and supporter of L. C. Levin, the incarnation of hatred to foreigners of every grade, but more particularly to his own countrymen, the Protestant Irish.—He also, it is alleged, went further in stimulating the popular passions against Roman Catholics, at the period of the Southwark and Kensington riots than almost any other man. We can readily believe all this. It is characteristic of the man, and illustrates, in connection with his present course, what an utter demagogue and truckler he is.

The St. Louis News says that the potato crop in that region is a total failure. The expectations indulged of getting supplies from thence must therefore be abandoned.

JUDGE BLACK.—Mr. Stephen Miller, chairman of the committee appointed by the State Temperance Convention to interrogate candidates as to their views on the Temperance question, says:

"The letters of Judges Black and Smyser were left in my hands, by the Prohibitory State Convention, with *instructions* from the executive committee *not to publish them* with the proceedings of the convention. *The letters are scribbled in sentiment*, and had my approbation at the time, as they still have; and the gentlemen were only addressed by me, because the spirit of my instructions required it. The convention believed that the determination of the previous convention to interrogate judicial candidates was a mistake, and so decided by resolution. As to any attempt on my part to suppress Judge Black's letter, nothing could be more untrue. The Rev Mr. Loos called on me a day or two after the convention, and desired me, (on behalf of Judge Black, as I understood him,) to return the letter. I declined doing so, as the letter, in my opinion, belonged to neither the Judge nor myself; but said to Mr. Loos that either he or Judge Black could have it for the purpose of taking a copy, if they desired it, and would promise to return the original. This was declined, and as the secret proved, was unnecessary; the Judge no doubt had retained a copy, which has since been procured and published by Mr. Loos. Any friend of Judge Smyser, wishing to do so, may copy the letter, which, with Judge Black's is still in my possession. STEPHEN MILLER."

This is as we expected. Judge Smyser returned an answer the same in substance as Judge Black's; but the Convention not having intended, in the first place, to interrogate the judicial candidates, treated the letters addressed by the committee to them as an error, and refused to publish the answers. This did not suit Judge Black's love of notoriety; and presuming that Judge Smyser's letter would not be made public, resolved to profit all he could by the mistake of the Temperance committee and set himself up as a dignified rebuker of their presumption. We trust, now that the reasons for keeping Judge Smyser's answer private are no longer binding, that it will be given to the public at once, and let the Somerset gentleman see that his trick is properly appreciated.

SULLIVAN COUNTY MASS MEETING.—A large and enthusiastic meeting of Independent Democrats, was held at the Forks of Loyalsock, in Sullivan County, on Wednesday of last week.—The Hon. David Wilmot addressed the meeting at considerable length. We have not room for the proceedings entire, but make the following extracts from the resolutions *unanimously* adopted on the occasion:

Resolved, That the first work before us is to secure for Kansas and Nebraska the inalienable right of liberty to all by an act of Congress prohibiting slavery in those territories; and we will therefore go to work, like practical voters to elect honest, competent men, who are known to be in favor of this measure, to all offices of responsibility and influence.

Resolved, That we have no reason to believe that Gov. Bigler agrees with us in any point connected with the question of Slavery now agitated; we know he recommended the passage of a law allowing Slave holders to carry their slaves through this state; we know he endorses the Fugitive Slave Law which tramples upon the personal rights; we know his election would be regarded in every part of the Union as a triumph of the allies of slavery, and as those who are not *for us*, in this matter, are emphatically *against us*, we declare Gov. Bigler unworthy our support.

Resolved, That, inasmuch as Judge Pollock has declared explicitly that he is in favor of re-enacting the law which prohibits slavery in territories north of 36° 30' north latitude, and also in favor of the manumission of any slaves illegally held there, he occupies a position so much more just and liberal than Gov. Bigler, that, (without endorsing the cautious address of the Whig Central Committee) we esteem it our duty to give Judge Pollock our full and active support in the coming election.

Resolved, That three persons be appointed by the President to confer or correspond with Anti-Nebraska men in other counties of this Congressional District; and after such conference and correspondence to recommend a suitable candidate for Congress to be supported by the people at the next election.

A PRETTY CANDIDATE.—The *Harrisburg Keystone*, a Democratic paper, says:

> *"We know that Gov. Bigler has said to Democrats of the highest character for truth and veracity in Harrisburg, that he approves of the principles of the Nebraska and Kansas Bills."*

The *Montrose Democrat*, published by the Speaker of the late House of Representatives, says, on the other hand, that Gov. Bigler thus held forth to the sundry delegates to the 8th of March Convention:

> *"Gentlemen, if the convention pass such resolutions* [in favor of the Nebraska Bill] *it must nominate another candidate, for I will not endorse and run upon such a platform."*

We have no doubt that both these authorities are right, and that Gov. Bigler made use of the language imputed to him in both instances.

Richardson has been re-nominated by his party in Illinois for Congress. His majority two years ago was only 575, and that can easily be overcome now. The *St. Louis Republican* says that *Archibald Williams* has been nominated in opposition; but whether by Whigs or Democrats does not appear.

The *Westmoreland Argus*, a democratic paper, says that the democracy of Fayette county "have been acting most fraudulently and corruptly in their primary elections." That is what democrats do almost everywhere.

THAT PRIVATE LETTER.—The *Genius of Liberty*, a Democratic paper published at Union town, denies the charge that Governor Bigler has written a *private* letter to Dr. John Patrick making *private* pledges to temperance men, and denounces it as a Whig fabrication, and a vile slander upon Governor Bigler. The Uniontown *Democrat* gives the "Genius" man a regular "sockdolager" in reply. In regard to the letter alluded to, the Democrat says:

"Dr. Patrick received it at the Philadelphia Post Office, on his return from Canada. He exhibited it here to a number or temperance Democrats, among whom are John L. Means, J. Piper, Esq., and the editor of the Democratic Sentinel, the latter of whom has written to the Doctor, to have the letter published. This the Dr. and Governor can do with perfect safety. For, if the letter intended for private use needs any amendments, they are both *smart* enough to do that; and we outsiders will be none the wiser. The next question will be, is that the same letter? There is one thing established beyond controversy—the Governor has been writing private letters to temperance men that he don't want liquor dealers to know any thing about. He therefore carrying liquor on one shoulder and cold water on the other, and, like the milk-maid in Dilworth, he will stump his toe and fall—*"then green* he will be!"

The drouth is making sad havoc among the shade trees all over the city, many noble elms are already leafless, and others are dying. The fine maples too are thinning out, and the borer has done, or are doing, the work of death on nearly every locust. The native oaks and chestnuts still live, but flourish only in dust. Their former bright emerald is mottled and turning to a premature yellow.

The earth is baked dry to an unprecedented depth. In digging cellars little or no moisture is found at eight or nine feet. No wonder the elms and maples wither and die.

In the adjacent country the drouth is quite as severe. In some localities cattle have to be foddered as in mid winter, and we have heard of farmers cutting down forest trees for the leaves and browse. Every sign of rain has failed, and now the signs themselves. The sun rules the day unclouded.—*Cleveland Herald.*

The unexampled drouth with which Ohio, in common with the Eastern and Middle States of the Union, is now scourged, does not injure the agricultural interests alone: many hundreds of water power saw mills and grist mills have long since ceased to do any work, and in many instances, in the valleys of the two Miamis, the steam saw mills have stopped, because, strange as it may seem, there is not water enough in the vicinity to fill the boilers.—*Cin. Com.*

GRISI AND MARIO.—It is stated by Mr. Kendall, in a letter from Paris to the New Orleans Picayune, that Mr. Hackett engaged Grisi and Mario, for $85,000, for five months, paying all their expenses, tavern bills, carriage hire, servants, &c. Forty thousand dollars deposited with the Barings as security money; they are to be paid after every third performance, and if Mr. Hackett fails to pay them at the precise time—if he is in arrears a day—the engagement is instantly avoided, and they have the right to return at once and receive the $40,000 deposited with the Barings as the penalty of the bond.

THE GALVESTON AND TEXAS LOCAL ELECTIONS.—We find no account of any disturbance at the county elections in Galveston. The Know Nothing carried the District Clerk, Sheriff, Assessor and Treasurer, while the party opposed to them elected their Judge, District Attorney, County Clerk and Chief Justice. A Galveston paper says: "Judging from the returns received, there will be an immense vote cast against 'License,' and for 'No License.' The next move of the advocates of Temperance will doubtless be for the Maine Law or to total prohibition."

From California.

Our files are to the 1st inst.; fifteen days later. There has been another destructive fire in California—at Marysville. It commenced on the evening of the 27th of July, in a Chinese brothel, at the corner of Second st., and Virgin alley, from a window curtain coming in contact with a candle. The boundaries of the fire were from the Northwest corner of B and Second to the Southeast corner of B and Fourth; thence on Fourth to Southeast corner of C and Fourth; thence on C Fifth; thence South side of Fifth to D; thence, excepting some few houses, to Second, and thence to Northwest corner of B and Fourth streets.—Among the buildings destroyed were the City Hall and Tremont Hotel. About two hundred houses were burned, and property to the amount of $250,000.

The Democratic State Convention assembled at Sacramento on the 18th of July, for the nomination of two members of Congress, and Clerk of the Supreme Court. The convention consisted of 225 members. Of these, 123 were opposed to to those who endeavored to secure an election of U. S. Senator at the last session of the Legislature; 63 were in favor of that measure, and the seats of 62 were contested. The result was a formal split in the party, and the nomination of two tickets.

The convention met in the Baptist church.—Two chairmen were elected—two committees on credentials were appointed—two tickets for permanent officers were submitted and elected—and after remaining in session till 9 o'clock at night without lights, both parties quitted the church together—the doors were locked, and admission next day was denied to both. Two separate conventions then were held, and two tickets nominated, as follows: Anti-Electionists: For Congress—J. W. Denver and P. T. Herbert; Clerk of the Supreme Court—C. A. Leake. Electionists: For Congress—J. A. McDougall and Milton S. Latham, (the present incumbent); Clerk of the Supreme Court—P. K. Woodside, (the present incumbent.)

The Whig State Convention was held at Sacramento on the 25th of July, and the following nominations were made:—For Congress—Calhoun Benham and Geo. W. Bowie; Clerk of the Supreme Court—Joseph R. Beard.

The nomination of a free soil ticket is spoken of in some of the papers as a probable thing.

TROUBLE AMONG THE CHINESE.—On the 16th of July a pitched battle was fought between two parties of Chinese at Weaverville. Trinity county, in which ten were killed and a large number wound. The Yreka Herald states that it originated from a dispute about a small gambling debt; the controversy ending in a personal encounter, which aroused a sectional and political difficulty for a long time existing among them in their Oriental home. The Herald adds:

The two parties were very unequally divided on the occasion—one party numbering over 400, the other less than 120. The smaller party being much more courageous than the larger one, and most anxious for the fray. Some of the citizens promised the lesser party a fair show in the fight, and sided with them on account of their inferiority in numbers.

The two parties were stationed on opposite sides of a ravine, where there was much good natured ridicule shown by both parties. The larger party attempted to out-flank the smaller one, which they were prevented from doing by the citizens, who manifested a great desire to fair play. The small party kept in close column, bravely daring their numerous enemies to make the charge, as it had been agreed to be a hand to hand conflict

Not succeeding in their inducement, the smaller party made the charge across the ravine, with a terrible bravery and blood-thirsty ferocity, killing and wounding as before stated. They fought with spears and large forks made for the purpose. The greatest utility of the fork was manifested in only one instance, in pinning a man to the ground, leaving him there in agonizing death.

The charge lasted about three minutes, resulting in the entire rout of the large party, they being unmolested by the citizens, who ceased firing pistols and throwing stones among them. All who witnessed the charge agree that it was of the most desperate character.

☞ AMERICAN ORGAN.—The prospectus of a paper under this name, designed to be issued daily and weekly at Washington, has been issued. It is intended to be the organ of the American party, whose purpose is avowed to be to find a remedy for the manifold evils which have came upon us, and which are yearly increasing under the disastrous operation of our laws of Naturalization." In its support of this party it will "advocate the *free and untrammelled* exercise of the rights of conscience, on all questions connected with *religious faith* it will, by all fair and respectful arguments, *oppose foreign domination over American citizens*, from whatever quarter it may approach, and as well in matters ecclesiastical, as in matters political." In the questions that have divided the old political parties it will take no part, deeming them obsolete, but will advocate those measures it approves without regard to their party origin.

The prospectus announces that the "Organ" will be published by an association of Native Americans, who are provided with a cash capital, amply sufficient to commence and continue the enterprise, whilst a daily circulation has already been ensured surpassing that of any other periodical in Washington. The paper is to be issued on or before the first of January next, in time to operate during the next Presidential campaign

A WORD WITH YOU, GOVERNOR.—Will your supreme Excellency be kind enough to explain your connection with the Native American party and movement in the campaign of 1851? Did your Excellency contribute towards a Native newspaper published in Harrisburg at that period? and did you not falsify your promise to the poor editor who was green enough to put faith in your promises? Your object was to raise a schism between the Democratic and Whig elements—and the game succeeded; didn't it, Governor? But like a scurvy politician, you forgot your pledges, and they stand to this day on record as an evidence of your ingratitude!—*Blanche's Sunday Press.*

We have waited ten days, to hear from some one of the Governor's organs relative to the above charge, but they are now trying to deceive Protestant foreigners, as they did the Native American party in 1851, and it does not suit their purpose to refer to history, particularly if it refers to transactions more than a year old. Mr. Blanche, at the time of the last Gubernatorial campaign, edited a Native American paper in this place, and for some reason, he ceased his friends a short time before the election dropped Governor Johnson and spoiled our calculation several hundred votes. Had the contribution in question anything to do with this change? Come, Mr. Blanche, give us a history of the entire transaction.—*Harrisburg Telegraph.*

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