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Republican County Convention

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29TH,

PRIMARY MEETINGS SATURDAY, AUGUST 25TH.

REPUBLICAN STATE MASS CONVENTION, AT PITTSBURGH,

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1855.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AND TICKET.—Having given the proceedings of the Democratic County Convention *in extenso*, we are prepared to comment upon them intelligibly and with fairness to our opponents.

THE KNOW NOTHING TEST.

The first thing that claims our attention is the purging process which the members had to pass through before they could be considered as good Democrats. This was doubtless considered necessary, but it was no less humiliating to the last degree. The day was when a man's word, or his presence in a Democratic Convention with his credentials from the people, was a sufficient guarantee of his Democracy. Before the advent of the secret oath-bound Order, men trusted in each other's word and professions. A sense of honor was sufficient to preserve parties from the designs of men belonging to other and antagonist organizations. Now, suspicion and doubt has taken the place of frankness and confidence. There is no doubt that the Democratic Convention last year was measurably controlled by Know Nothings, and sincere and honest Democrats in the late Convention were willing to submit to the humiliation of signing a pledge of their fidelity for the purpose of protecting themselves from the inroads of the secret order. It is doubtful policy, however. Men who will thrust themselves into the primary meetings and Conventions of a party to which they do not belong, and while they are the sworn adherents of another, will not hesitate to sign a pledge for the purpose of accomplishing their ends. If a sense of honor, of propriety and decency would not keep them out in the first place, they would not stop at any lower deep of infamy required of them. Although every member of the Convention signed a pledge that they are not and do not intend to become Know Nothings, yet honest Democrats have yet no assurance on which they can rely that a large number of Know Nothings did not take part in the deliberations of the Convention, and none even that Know Nothings have not been placed on their ticket.

They can have no assurance but from their own knowledge of the character and opinions of the men. The pledge we count for nothing with men who have perseveringly and systematically denied that they were members of the order, when subsequent facts proved incontestibly that they were. How many such cases are known to almost every man in the community, and how often have we been compelled to blush for poor human nature when such baseness has been revealed to us in the case of men who pretend to pride themselves on their respectability and honor? We repeat, that we consider the test of no use for the purpose designed, and bad in policy and in morals. A member of the Convention was as clearly pledged in honor, as a man and a Democrat, when he came into the Convention, and suffered his name to be used, as after he signed the test. Having taken the first step, he would not be deterred by the second. If the test was of any force it would appear that there were no Know Nothings in the Convention, for all signed it; thus showing that the Convention would have been safe without it. If there were Know Nothings there, the test was no bar to their action.—They did not balk at the dose presented for their acceptance. It was thus clearly bad in its policy. In morals it is no less objectionable. It lowers the public standard of honor and fair dealing. It makes a man's words and actions of less moral weight than his signature, and destroys that confidence and manly sense of frankness and honesty which is the best protection of political parties from the machinations of designing and dishonest men. If a person who has once been a Know Nothing frankly and publicly announces he has withdrawn from it, and evinces his sincerity by uniting with a party in its primary meetings and Conventions, we had rather trust him without a test than with it. If he is a man of proper self-respect, he will feel degraded by the test. If he is a deceiver, the test will be of no avail in detecting him. It is a painful and most disgraceful state of affairs which throws doubts about the honesty and sincerity of any man's professions in political matters, but the blame is with those who instituted and still keep up the secret order. We hope a better time is coming, when such a party will meet with the just reward of the abhorrence of the whole community.

While the Democratic Convention was applying a test to protect the party against Know Nothings, it strangely forgot to guard itself against another secret political order, said to be very strong. We refer to the Liquor Association, which is a secret political society the object of which is to promote the repeal of the license law, and to prevent the enactment of any prohibitory law whatever. Was this oversight premeditated? It it was not, the County Committee will doubtless supply the omission.

THE TICKET.

This, the *Post* says, is a good one. The *Union* says it will support it. It considers the name of William Wilkins, a "tower of strength," and Body Patterson, "one of the strongest and most deservedly popular men in the party." We reserve our opinions until we know more of the men composing a part of it. The nomination of Judge Wilkins was rather an amusing affair.—This venerable and veteran Democrat seems to be relied upon to give strength and respectability to the ticket, and he evinced as much coyness in accepting the honor thrust upon him, as a young and bashful maiden, when she hears the first whisper of love. He first writes a letter declining, yet leaving, as the facetious chairman remarked, a "loop-hole," through which he could march to acceptance. For very politeness, the Convention could not overlook the "loop-hole," and they nominated him by acclamation. Next we find the Judge, with all that suavity which sits so gracefully upon him, before the Convention, pleading, and most pathetically "imploring on his bended knees," to be released from the honor, designed, but never losing sight of the "loop-hole," for in the same breath he speaks of the love he bears the party, and asks the Convention with a simplicity perfectly refreshing if he shall comply or not! Of course the Convention answers in the affirmative. It could do nothing else. After a little more coying, in which he flatters and mournfully reproaches the chairman for pointing out that fatal "loop-hole," and then delicately excuses him, he acknowledges it is hard to resist the "young man whose fathers he knew fifty years ago," and gracefully yields to the will of the Democracy. We trust the people of Allegheny county will be more merciful than the Democratic convention, and permit the venerable Judge to spend the evening of his days in that retirement from which it is truly unkind to drag him at his age to serve the people for three years in the laborious duties of a Senator, where the most vigorous powers of a man in the prime of life can scarcely endure the fatigue and anxiety necessarily imposed upon a faithful and careful public servant. We trust the Republican Convention will place in nomination a gentleman, in the prime of life, of unequaled experience, and who has the confidence of the whole state, and who, as the candidate of the Republican party of Pennsylvania, is an upright, faithful and able Senator, and we hope the people will [illegible] We refer to Hon. George Darsie.

Judge Wilkins will not object to this arrangement, as it would be no disparagement to his worth and former public life, should the people prefer to relieve him from the responsibility of undertaking duties his age and infirmities unfit him to discharge, by electing a gentleman who has won the admiration of the people in the same service.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

These are a strange mess. The first two declare for the old principles, the petrifactions of the party, and for the Union. Very safe and non-committal. The third and fourth are in opposition to Know Nothingism, and are clear and to the point. The fifth is non-committal and vague, and is intended to deceive somebody; who, our readers can judge after we give its history.

THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

The committee on resolutions presented the following:

5. Resolved, That the popular vote against the passage of a prohibitory liquor law compels the Democracy to avoid any restriction by legislation of private right, or private property, until further counseled by the people, whilst they are free to say that the license law of 1855, will meet with an unyiel ing hostility until repealed.

This resolution was too openly in favor of liquor selling to suit the cautious men of the party. A motion was made to lay it on the table, but was withdrawn to enable a gentleman to offer the following substitute:

Resolved, That we consider the important question of the campaign to be whether Know Nothingism or Democracy shall triumph, We, therefore, desire to meet this issue fairly, fully and freed from inferior questions. At the same time, adhering to all our National principles without a single exception.

This gave dissatisfaction to those opposed to the license law, and they rallied again to the support of the fifth resolution presented by the Committee. At this stage of the proceedings, the following enigmatical, non-committal and we may say Jesuitical, resolution was offered, and finally passed, in lieu of the above:

Resolved, That the views and principles of the present State administration, embodied in the acts passed by the recent Legislature and approved by the Governor, by which the interests of the State have been, or are proposed to be, seriously and injuriously affected, contrast strongly with the wise and judicious policy of Governor Bigler, and tend to show the danger of entrusting the control of the Commonwealth to the hands of men who are swayed by fanaticism and governed by prejudice.

This is intended to satisfy liquor men and equally anti-liquor men. It may be interpreted to mean things exactly opposite, and as an expression of opinion on the License question, is an insult to the understanding of the whole people whether they are for or against prohibition.

THE ADMINISTRATION

Was endorsed by the following resolution:

Resolved, That we have undiminished confidence in the ability and integrity of Franklin Pierce and his administration of the government of our country.

There can be but one feeling elicited by this resolution among self-relying and true-hearted Pennsylvanians—that of contempt. If there is anything in this country which is universally despised and loathed, both North and South, it is the administration of Franklin Pierce, which is characterized by feebleness, fickleness, meanness and cowardice. All the reward that Gov Reeder receives from the Democracy of Allegheny county, for his attempt to protect Pennsylvanians in their rights in Kansas, is an endorsement of the cowardly administration which has first slandered his character, and then removed him from office because he would not permit a Missouri mob to force Slavery into Kansas by the bowie knife and whisky bottle.

THE KANSAS QUESTION.

This was ignored by the Convention. Notwithstanding that it is the most important issue which has ever been presented to the people of this country—notwithstanding that the rights of the free States, and of the people of the free States, have been and now are grossly assailed by ruffianly hordes of slaveholders—and notwithstanding this question is agitating the people and occupying the press almost to the exclusion of all other political subjects, the Democratic Convention of Allegheny county could not find enough importance in it to give an opinion.

They hope by occupying the attention of their party with the fossil remains of obsolete issues, and unmeaning abstractions, to draw away attention from the only living political question, except the remains of Know Nothingism, now before the people. They are mistaken. We admit that the Democrats of Allegheny county have evinced an amount of faith and confidence almost incredible, but light is breaking in, and thinning the ranks of those who are everlastingly expected and required to yield humble submission to the imperious demands of slaveholders. We cannot pursue the subject further to-day.

DELEGATES TO THE STATE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

From Crawford, Erie, and the other counties in the northwestern part of the State, are hereby notified that arrangements have been effected with the Cleveland, Painesville & Ashtabula railroad Company, and the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad Company for carrying all who may attend the Convention from that quarter, for *half fare*, here and back again.

Special tickets will be issued for the occasion at half price, good for the round trip, which must be procured at the stations of the Cleveland Painesville & Ashtabula Railroad in Pennsylvania.

The Ohio & Pennsylvania railroad, which connects with the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad at Alliance, will furnish tickets under similar arrangements, at all its stations.

GREAT YIELD OF WHEAT.—Mr. Wm. Irwin of Penn township, informed us on Saturday last, that last week he threshed *twelve* dozen of wheat of ordinary binding, which, when cleaned, he had *thirteen bushels* and one half of wheat. The straw was so damp that he could not get the grain clean, and put it back in the mow to be threshed over again!

On the same day Mr. John J. Johnston, of Salem township, told us that the same week he threshed *fourteen* dozen wheat of ordinary bind, and had *seventeen* and one half bushels of wheat. —*Greensburgh Argus.*

This appears to be the season for big yields, immense corn, big cucumbers and tall bragging. The Postmaster at Frankfort Springs, Beaver county tells us that Mr. W. Fraser, of Hanover township in that county gathered 852 dozen of wheat from a lot of ground containing 4 acres, strict measurement. It is not threshed yet; but if it should yield as much as that of the Westmoreland farmers quoted above, it will be entitled to the premium. The Postmaster also informs us that Mr. Geo. Banks of that place has corn in his field measuring 18 feet 8 inches in height.

A KNOW NOTHING paper in Philadelphia called the *Times*, with which we do not exchange, and which, therefore, can know nothing whatever of our course, announces to its readers that the Pittsburgh *Gazette* "finds nothing too fulsome, nothing too false, in defense and admiration of the Roman Catholic Church in this country, politics and all." Whether this is original or borrowed with the *Times*, we cannot say; but we take the liberty of characterizing it as false throughout. Mendacity, unblushing and unscrupulous, appears to be, now, the sole reliance and support of the Know Nothing press and party.

The Know Nothings of Mifflin county have nominated the following ticket, which, being acceptable to the Whigs, they will support, and not put one of their own in the field:—Assembly, John Purcell; Treasurer, Henry Zerbe; Director of the Poor, George Sigler, Esq.; Auditor, A. G. Gibboney.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.—The Democratic Convention of Huntingdon county adjourned without nominating a ticket; but a committee of five was appointed to confer with a like committee from the Whigs, to form a Union ticket. A similar course is to be pursued in Blair county.

SAMUEL A. BERGSTRESSER, Esq., has been nominated as the whig candidate for the Legislature in Northumberland county.

The Altoona *Advertiser* states that the first edition (five thousand copies) of Frederick Douglass' new book, "My Bondage and my Freedom," was sold in ten days.

Douglass' book is positively worth reading as a curiosity, and for its literary merit, which is more than can be truthfully said of any other of the biographies of living men, and autobiographies, revelations of lives, etc., that have within a few months made their appearance.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION

To the Citizens of Allegheny County:

THE violation of national faith in the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, and the events which have followed upon the enactment of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, call upon the people of the Free States to inaugurate a political movement for the protection of the rights and the interests of Freedom and Free Labor; and this is the more imperatively called for since the disruption and disorganization of the old parties have left very many without a home in any political organization on which they can depend for the practical and successful defence and assertion of their principles. We therefore call upon all who regard Slavery as local and Freedom as national—who are opposed to the extension of Slavery into any of our territories, and to the increase of its political power by the admission into the Union of new Slave States, or otherwise—who are ready to demand of the General Government an immediate redress of the wrongs involved in the repeal of the Missouri Prohibition—and who believe that Freedom rather than Slavery should be the controlling element in our national politics—to unite with us in giving vitality to a REPUBLICAN party on the above basis, which shall be independent of and distinct from all parties now existing among us. And for this purpose we hereby recommend that such of our fellow-citizens as concur with us in these views, meet in their respective election districts on Saturday, the 25th day of August, between the hours of 3 and 7 P. M., for the purpose of electing two delegates from each, to assemble in County Convention, at the Court House in Pittsburgh, on Wednesday, the 29th, at 11 o'clock A. M., to complete the organization and nominate a county ticket.

In this movement we invite the co-operation of all who agree with us, without regard to former party distinctions; and recommend that in the selection of delegates a generous confidence should be shown, and a total oblivion of all former political differences.

George Darsie,	Wm Robinson, Jr,	James Carothers,
John W Riddle,	Charles Avery,	J Mecaskey,
Ed Campbell,	A D Gazzam,	James Marshall,
David Wilson,	D N White,	Thomas Selzer,
H Nixon,	Leks D De Witt,	George R. Jones,
R M Edgewan,	John Irwin, Sr,	Wm Wilson, Sr,
Thos L Shields,	John Irwin, Jr,	Samuel Morrison,
John Bryan,	S O Jenness,	James Sharpe,
J S Rowe,	Jas Lowrie,	Russel Errett,
W W Miller,	D O Stockton,	Thos M Nevin,
J S Speer,	T Penny,	Jos S Stowell,
H Faris,	Alex Hodgrass,	John Walker, Jr,
Wm Adams,	John M Porter,	Thomas Fergus,
J D Williams,	O Ormsby,	Thomas Ferguson,
Wm McCutcheon,	Thomas Davison,	O Tenney,
Henry Kane,	Wm N Burchfield,	M B Brown,
W T Barr,	Wm S Miller,	John Arthurs,
Uriah Applegate,	John Dickson,	J K Van Kirk,
I N Langfitt,	John Newell, Sr,	Geo Wilson, Sr,
Robt Adams,	Elgin K Bruce,	Jas M Dickson,
William Bevery,	Wm Mudgett,	Jos Kirkpatrick,
R Ramsey, Jr,	John Irwin,	G Parke,
W P Ferguson,	Wm Coyne,	D H Cooper,
Jos W Wilson,	James Sharpe,	Jas Kirkpatrick,
O F Shuster,	Jas P Stevenson,	H Watts,
W H Lawrence,	Wm Maine,	Harry Menke,
Thomas Miles,	H West,	Thomas Craig,
S W Hendrickson,	H Rowland,	Wm L Adams,
W G Mellon,	Wm Davis,	David Smith,
J O Lewis,	Wm W Ball,	Jos B Ingham,
I N Lewis,	Jas Marshall,	Thos Smith,
A Moore,	Samuel Gray,	M Powell,
Wm Kennedy,	Wm Irwin,	O W Coates,
Jno Cooper	John H Young,	A Montgomery,
Saml L Boggs,	Peter Shaffer,	Saml Dyer,
Geo W Jones,	Wm Douglas,	David Reese,
Jas Wallace,	Thomas Brown,	John Hague,
John Reed,	Geo S Robb,	J H Logan,
W Stuart,	Wm Simpson,	A Woodhouse,
Thos Bird,	Jas Williamson,	Wm Wilkins,
Jos A Paul,	H L Norton,	B H Davenport,
Wm Burns,	John T Barnes,	R McCurdy,
J Ross,	William Irwin,	Jas McCandless,
J M Brown,	James Morrison,	Jas Smith,
J Patrick,	Gideon Ewing,	J W Johnston,
J Lowrie,	Oliver Ferson,	D W Smith,
John Wilson,	John G Brown,	Robt Stewart,
P S McDonnell,	John M Little,	H Morrison,
Saml Palmer,	John Wilkestte,	A Gleim,
Jas Patterson,	Hermann Miller,	John Dyer,
John Thompson,	P Kane,	Jas H Love,
J N Cooper,	W W Young,	Wm Dyer,
James Robb,	John B McCune,	Thos H Haley,
Saml Kingsdell,	J Kane,	Jas Mahan,
Wm Wirts,	Henry Stewart,	Robt Stewart,
William Digby,	G A McMurray,	Jas Stewart,
E Wise,	W Mitcheltree, Jr,	John M Roberts,
W McClintock,	Wm Redick,	John A Murphy,
Thos Bakewell,	Wm Robison,	Samuel George,
Jas Murdock,	Wm Stevenson,	Joseph Love.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

The citizens of Pennsylvania, without regard to former party distinctions, who are willing to unite in a new organization to resist the further spread of Slavery and the increase of the Slave power, are requested to meet in Mass Convention at Pittsburgh, on Wednesday, the 5th day of September, 1855, at 11 o'clock, A. M., to organize a REPUBLICAN party in this State, which shall give expression to the popular will on the subjects involved in the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, and co-operate with other organizations of a similar character in other States.

GEORGE DARSIE, Allegheny county.
WILLIAM ROBINSON, JR., Allegheny county.
CHARLES AVERY, Allegheny county.
DAVID TAGGART, Northumberland county.
C. W. GETTY, Butler county.
JOHN W. HOWS, Crawford county.
JOHN S. MANN, Potter county.
JOHN ALLISON, Beaver county.
JOHN M. KENNEDY, Philadelphia county.
WM. B. THOMAS,
JOSEPH MARKLE, Westmoreland county.
BENJAMIN FRICK, Northumberland county.
MARVIN BELL, Blair county.
H. H. FRAZER, Susquehanna county.
M. H. COES, Tioga county.
E. C. WILSON, Venango county.
THADDEUS STEVENS, Lancaster county.
ALEX. E. MCCLURE, Franklin county.
ALFRED MATTHIAS, Indiana county.
T. H. MADDOCK, Delaware county.
ERASTUS REYNOLDS, Lancaster county.
JOHN WILLIAMSON, Huntingdon county.
J. EDWARD BARNES, Schuylkill county.
F. R. HICKMAN, Berks county.

Papers friendly to the cause will please copy. Arrangements are making to secure the attendance from abroad of eminent speakers, whose names will be duly announced.

RAILROAD FARE TO THE STATE CONVENTION.—We are authorized to say that persons wishing to attend the great Republican Convention to be held at Pittsburgh on September 5th, will be able to obtain tickets, at the stations where tickets are sold, on the line of the Ohio and Penna. Railroad, at the rate of a *single fare for the round trip*, which is equivalent to half fare, to be good for three days: *Provided* they notify the ticket Agent at the time of purchasing the ticket, and procure a convention ticket *from him*.

As most of those who will attend the Convention from Beaver, Lawrence, Mercer and other counties in that section, and from Ohio, will come over this road, this is a most important notification.

A similar notification is expected from the other railroads.

Our friends of the Press in Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer counties will please give notice of this arrangement.

BUNKOM.—It is reported that President Pierce has recently bought a farm of 500 to 600 acres, near Colesville, Montgomery county, Maryland—a few miles from Washington, as his future residence. It is also reported that in the event of his receiving the Democratic nomination for the Presidency, in 1856, he will run as a Maryland and not as a New Hampshire candidate. We give these rumors for what they are worth.—*American Organ.*

THE CORN CROP IN KANSAS, which at first promised nothing but starvation, is represented as growing with exceeding rapidity, and a immense yield is anticipated. In six weeks after planting the corn began to tassel.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

McLane's Worm Specific.—The following, from a customer, shows the demand which this great medicine has created wherever it has been introduced:

BIGHSURE, Tioga Co. Pa. March 30, 1855.

Gentlemen—In consequence of the great consumption of your "Worm Specific" in this place and vicinity, we have entirely exhausted our stock. We should feel obliged by your forwarding, via Corning, N. Y., 20 dozen, with your bill, on the reception of which we will remit you the money.

From the wonderful effects of said specific in this neighborhood, there could be sold annually a large quantity, if to be had, (wholesale and retail) from some local agent.—If you would compensate a person for trouble and expense of vending, I think I could make it to your advantage to do so. Yours, respectfully, WM. M. MALLORY.

Messrs. J. Kidd & Co. Per Wm. R. Forsyth.

NB.—Purchasers will be careful to ask for DR. M'LANE'S CELEBRATED VERMIFUGE, and take none else. All other Vermifuges, in comparison, are worthless. Dr. M' Lane's Vermifuge, also his celebrated Liver Pills, can now be had at all respectable Drug Stores in the United States and from the sole proprietors.

Also for sale by the sole proprietors, FLEMING BROS., successors to J. KIDD & CO., No. 60 Wood st. aug24-dawlyr

FALL STYLE OF HATS.

M'CORD & CO.,
No. 131 Wood Street,
(FIFTH DOORS ABOVE FIFTH STREET,)

Have just received their Fall Style of SILK HATS.

ALSO—A very large assortment of Gentlemens' SOFT HATS; new styles and superior qualities, to which they invite the attention of the public. aug24-3t

The Sheriffalty.

The name of HARRISON PARRY will be submitted to the Republican Convention as a candidate for nomination for the office of Sheriff of Allegheny county. aug23-dawtf COLLINS TOWNSHIP.

A. P. ANSHUTZ, will be a candidate for the nomination for Sheriff before the Republican County Convention, which meets on Wednesday the 29th inst. August 18th, 1855-aug18

GEORGE R. RIDDLE, of the City of Allegheny, will be a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Allegheny County, at the ensuing election.

New Daguerrian Gallery.

MR. NELSON would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally, that in order to meet the city prices, he has removed to the Rooms over the Post Office, Fifth street, opposite the Exchange, where he has had built and has now on hand, a large stock of the most elegant and magnificent Dry Light Galleries ever exhibited in this city, comprising in part the United States Hall, Washington Hall, Franklin Hall, Lafayette Hall, Clay Hall, Washington Hall, Washington Hall, Washington