

The meeting of the State central committee at Altoona on Wednesday last week, was largely attended, some sixty members being present. The accounts of the political situation in all quarters of the State was most encouraging. The election of Stanton and Beatty, is beyond question. Only a thorough organization is needed, and this under the management of its able and experienced chairman of the committee we are certain to have.

We notice that the Northumberland Co. Democrat has closed on all independent candidates, and refuses to publish the cards of any unless they are nominees. The editor claims that his paper is the organ of the Democratic party, and that he cannot publish anything unless that party gives consent. This is rather rough on Democrats who are swindled out of nominations, and then are denied the privilege of announcing themselves as candidates through the very organ that looks to them for support.

Below we published two distinct planks in the Democratic platform in regard to the question of negro suffrage, so that Democrats may see and fully realize the change that has been made in the avowed principles of their party during the past two years.

That \$94,000.—It is very evident now that the County Commissioners are determined to make the best of it this year. Last year they had over \$95,000 to work on, and the present year it will probably go a thousand or two higher. The amount reported by the County Auditors for 1870, was uncollected taxes for 1869 and previous years, \$39,633.99.

JEFF DAVIS is most severely castigated by some of the best of the Southern Democratic papers, for some of his recent silly and treasonable speeches in Georgia, in which he contends that the "lost cause" is not yet wholly abandoned. For this he has been denounced by the leading Southern papers, including the Richmond Dispatch.

Chief Justice Chase has publicly announced that he intends to vote the Democratic ticket. This is his last bid for a presidential nomination. The Reading Eagle says the poor old man is in his dotage, or he would know that there is no hope for him on this side of the grave.

THE selection of the new member of the Republican State Central Committee from this county may be proper enough so far as the person is concerned, but the manner may be regarded as somewhat objectionable. At the opening of a campaign of such importance as the one we are about entering, to be followed by a momentous Presidential campaign, a selection of such consequence as that of member of the State Central Committee should have been known to more than two or three persons.

The above extract looks as though our neighbor was disposed to be jealous of our position. As it has always been the custom for the Delegates to the State Convention to name the member for the State Central Committee, we presume the delegates at the late convention concluded to perform their duty as has been customary, similar to the appointment of our neighbor to that position some years ago, except that he solicited the position. At the late convention we had no idea who would be named, as we did not solicit the place, nor did it concern us, as we had implicit confidence in the delegates as to who, in their judgment, should be the member from this county; nor did we think it worth while to consult them on the subject, knowing that but few persons were willing to serve in that capacity, as it is a position altogether of honor, if any honor is attached to it.

Probably it may be gratifying to the delegates attending the late convention to know that their action is not only approved by the members of the party, but also by the press in this vicinity, in proof of which we copy the following notices: We are pleased to learn that Em'l. Wilvert, editor of the Sunbury American has been appointed the member for this county of the Republican State Central Committee.

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THE Columbus (Ga.) Sun likens the "New Departure" to the "Barn-burner" movement of 1848. It will be remembered that on the nomination of Lewis Cass in that year, a portion of the Northern Democracy seceded from the organization and set up a separate ticket with Mr. Van Buren at its head. Their avowed object was to reform the Democratic party and purge it of its bad material.

THE Reading Journal says the disagreements which prevail in some districts of the State last year among Republicans seem to be arranged and the prospect for a harmonious and united party at the coming election is promising. In strong old Alleghany last year our friends were much divided. This year we learn there is entire unity. The same may be said of Philadelphia where the ticket just formed gives entire satisfaction.

ROMAN CATHOLICISM.—There can be no doubt that radical Roman Catholicism is opposed to free government. The Catholic World, one of the ablest papers devoted to the cause we believe speaks the sentiments of the Church in the bold announcement it makes that.

With the State has rights, she has only in virtue, and by permission of the superior authority, and that authority can only be expressed through the Church—that is, through the organic law infallibly announced and unchangeably asserted, regardless of temporal consequences.

WHAT MECK SAYS. Meek, of the Bellefonte Watchman, is not what his name would imply. He is a man of a different sort—bold, aggressive and defiant. He won't swallow the ninth resolution of the Democratic platform; and on that subject he takes issue with the Patriot, for whom special benefit we copy from the Watchman the following.

Our friends of the Harrisburg Patriot, who are generally right, still keep telling of the great good that is to come to the Democratic party from the adoption of that meaningless ninth resolution in the Democratic platform. We have heretofore given the editors of the Patriot credit for "knowing a thing or two," but, since their continuous assertions about the great benefits that are to be derived from the passage of that resolution, we have come to the conclusion that they know as little about the real feelings of the Democratic masses as it is possible for men in their situation to know.

We assert, and defy contradiction, that there are not one hundred Democrats in the three hundred thousand within the borders of the Commonwealth favoring conferring the elective franchise upon the negro. And he closes the article with this emphatic language: The Democratic party, then, does not desire the negro vote. It desires and will accept no political aid from the negro.

It says to him—"Hands off!" The Democratic party ever has been and by the grace of God ever will be—"The white man's party." The same Meek, in an article on the subject of Jeff Davis and his recent speeches, speaks out boldly and to the point like a brave and true Democrat. He says: Jeff. Davis would be a craven hearted coward to wrap himself up in any excuse that would prevent him from appearing before the people when they want to see and hear him.

Jefferson Davis is a patriot, a scholar and a statesman. If he may not talk to the people, who may? Circulate the Papers. The political campaign we have fairly commenced, has been a long one.

AN IMPORTANT RAILROAD.—The New York Tribune says: "Pennsylvania which, in the coal-bearing region, is a network of railroads, has her industry enriched and accelerated by the Lehigh Valley and the Wilkesbarre road, which, penetrating more than 50 miles through the richest coal region of the State, has just had its last rail laid.

It also connects with the Philadelphia and Erie and with the Pennsylvania and Northern Central roads at Sunbury, both of which roads are in the control of the great Pennsylvania railroad, and which made it most valuable as an outlet for the Erie road and from the New York market and to the Northern Central in local as well as through traffic. By uniting at Sunbury with what is called the Middle Creek railroad, which runs from Sunbury to the Pennsylvania railroad at Huntingdon, and by there joining with the Huntingdon and Broad Top railroad, which also connects with a branch road in course of construction southward from Bedford to the Maryland State line, a through and very direct line of railway inland, will be formed, extending from the Cumberland coal fields of New York city, at a material reduction of distance on any of the existing routes.

How will those Democrats who declared that they would never cast another vote if negroes were allowed to vote set now since the Democracy have come out in its favor. There are some such about here, several of them are candidates now.

As in the famous campaign of Harry Clay, the Democrats are again trying to gull the people with the idea that they are better tariff men than their political adversaries ever were. This is simply an artful means intended to deceive the workingmen, and will not succeed.

THE President says: There are between ten and twelve thousand negro voters in Pennsylvania. Perhaps this, in a great measure, accounts for the "ninth resolution" of the platform.

OPENING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IN BALTIMORE, MD.—We received the proceedings of a large meeting held in Baltimore, Md., on Friday last week, to organize a Grant and Cameron club of the State of Maryland. S. S. Blair, Esq., was chosen permanent president of the club. After the organization, on motion, the following preamble and resolutions, offered by Thomas B. Price, Esq., and seconded by J. Lawrence Rightmyer, Esq., were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Harmony in the vital element of party organization, and factious dissensions its bane, any movement which infuses such energies, renews the lukewarm, invigorates and reawakens the indifferent, and presents a common purpose for its unity and success, promotes peace and achieves victory.

Resolved, That this association seeks in no way to interfere with any State or city organization, in which the party has imposed its faith, nevertheless its purpose is plainly made known, and its choice unalterable, until the National Convention accepts or rejects it.

Resolved, That this association makes known its preference, and invests its choice with all the pledges of its organization, for the Hon. S. Grant, President of the United States in 1872, and binds itself to hold its organization intact from this date, and to labor with earnest will and sincere devotion; and, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this declaration prominently presents the claims of an eminent citizen, and not alone in the Councils of the Nation, but marked in the record of its trials and tribulations as the foremost and most active of its defenders.

Resolved, That this declaration cordially invites its membership and co-operation of all who will subscribe to the harmony of the party; who will adopt the rules of the association; who will abide by its organization; but in nothing either from fear or favor, will it abate one jot from the motive, choice and purposes of its origin.

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NORTHUMBERLAND CO. COAL TRADE.—The shipment of Coal from our region for the past week has fallen off some on account of the scarcity of black cars and the want of orders for the western market.

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New Advertisements. New Grocery, Confectionery and Bakery. STEELE & BRO. would respectfully inform the public, that having purchased the Confectionery Store of Wm. Hans, on Third Street, Sunbury, adjoining Henry Fagely's Butcher Shop, they have laid in an elegant and fresh assortment of all kinds of CONFECTIONERIES.

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FAIR DEALING to all, will endeavor to maintain that position.

COME ONE & ALL & EXAMINE THE LARGEST STOCK, BEST ASSORTMENT & LOWEST PRICES

IN THE COUNTRY. Thankful for the large amount of patronage heretofore bestowed upon me, I will endeavor by furnishing the best goods at the lowest prices to merit a continuance of the same.

Splendid Assortment of GENTS FURNISHING GOODS at the MERCHANT TAILORING HOUSE, THIRD ST., ONE DOOR BELOW MARKET ST., SUNBURY, PA. J. M. ZIEGLER, Proprietor.

FOR SALE! EIGHTY acres of improved land in the best section of the New York and Philadelphia Markets afford, which will be made up to order by the best of workmen, warranted to fit and render entire satisfaction.

LAST NOTICE! THE Book Accounts and Notes of J. W. Fritling & Son, and H. Y. Fritling, have been placed in the hands of A. N. Brown, Esq., for collection. All knowing themselves indebted with account, or other satisfactory arrangements for payment, before July 1st, or will be brought at that time.

MILLINERY GOODS GENERAL. NEW STYLES OF BONNETS, HATS, FLOWERS, FRAMES, &c. Mourning and Bridal Hats and Bonnets. Full line of Mourning Veils and Caps.

CANDIDATE'S CARDS. For County Commissioner. At the solicitation of many friends in the lower end of the county, I have consented to become a candidate for County Commissioner. Subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention. H. C. FISHER. Washington twp., July 1, 1871.

For County Treasurer. At the solicitation of many friends in Milton and surrounding townships, I am induced to announce myself as a candidate for the position of County Treasurer. Subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention. A. CADWALLADER. Milton, July 1, 1871.

For County Commissioner. I respectfully announce myself to the Republican party of Northumberland county as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention. Should I be nominated and elected, I will endeavor to perform the duties of the office to the advantage of the people of the county. AMOS YASTINE. Shamokin township, June 24, 1871.

New Advertisements. NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned stockholders of the Lehigh and Eastern Railroad Company, that there will be an election held at the Central Hotel, in Sunbury, Pa., on Saturday, the 15th day of July, 1871, for the election of a President and seven directors for the said Company in pursuance of the supplement to the act of incorporation approved the 27th day of May, 1871.

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