

## THE NATIONAL

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## NOTICE

On and after January first, 1869, no paper will be issued, from this office, unless the subscription price \$2.00 per annum be paid in advance. No deviation from this rule will be made. We hope this paper, knowing itself in arrears, will come forth promptly and pay up.

ANY of our subscribers receiving a paper published with us, will understand the time of their subscription to this journal will expire in two weeks, and if during that period we do not receive payment of our subscription, we will then cease publication.

## JOB WORK

It is expected that parties engaged in job work will be prepared to set up at their desks in the profit & loss. At this time, however, there is no opportunity for any other office in this section of the State. Cash is demanded for the "raw material," and we cannot do otherwise than intimate to our patrons that they will consult our convenience in applying upon this line. We do not feel particularly mercenary, but under the circumstances feel ourselves justified in suggesting in this mild way the propriety of our creditors, turning into cash the things which are ours.

## SENATORIAL

It is a noticeable fact that but few, indeed we believe none, of the many individuals who have given publicity to their views on the Senatorial question, have any personal interest to attain in the selection of a candidate. Much has been said, and the greater portion of it well said. And yet in most of these efforts, we can detect no disposition on the part of the writers, to commit themselves definitely to any one candidate. All who are, or who may be likely to become candidates are enumerated; and without specifying upon the probable chances of any, the legislature and the people are told what should characterize a senator from such a State as this, and, at such a time as the present. It is not a little gratifying to know that there are so many men scattered here and throughout the State, who show such an intimate acquaintance with the wants of the country, as their articles on this subject indicate; and who display such an accurate knowledge of human nature, and its possibilities, as appears in their enumeration of what is requisite in a Senator. Our slight intimacy with human weaknesses, induces us to believe that in some cases, at least, the standard of excellence is beyond a man's power to attain.

The Hon. J. B. McEnally, who was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by Judge Lin's resignation, during the two terms last past, which he presided, by his pleasing manner, "as well as by his right-minded action, fairly won for himself the kind wishes and respect of all who had to do with him in his official capacity, saving and excepting wrong-doers, and criminals of whatever grade, with whom he seems to have had no kind feeling."

Jas. H. Rawlinson, Esq., in presenting the Judge with the compliments of the Bar, made a very right and appropriate speech, which was replied to by his Honor, "a very happy manner." Annexed, we give ourselves on the ground, of limited space, from urging more.

BELLEVILLE, Pa., Dec. 2, 1868.

To Hon. Joseph B. McEnally:

Dear Sir:—The pleasant relation which has subsisted between you as the President Judge of the twenty-fifth Judicial District, and the members of the Bar, and officers of the Court of Centre county, is about to terminate. It affords us pleasure to embrace the opportunity of testifying to your appointment as a Senator, and indeed feel disposed to be exacting, we shall be satisfied with the best man that the times and circumstances will admit of. It is all well enough; and indeed necessary that the people should, before the assembling of the Legislature, thoroughly canvass the merits of those who aspire to this position, insomuch as it has been more than intimated that Legislatures have on former occasions failed to meet the exacts wishes of the sovereign; and although we are not prepared to believe that Legislative bodies are irresponsible institutions, we are more than half inclined to believe that, satis...—will be given in this matter, insomuch as the integral furnished them is good, and they can scarcely fail to make good selection. We are not without our individual preference; we believe that Groom, Marshall, Scott, or indeed almost any one of the many others mentioned in this connection would give our people reason to feel proud of their representative. And, as on a former occasion we will say, that we find no small gratification in the fact that Pennsylvania is so prolific of good men. However, we feel it our duty to unsel entanglements, thoughtful action on the part of our Legislators, in this matter. They owe it to themselves; and their obligation to the public render it less necessary. The number and quality of the candidates asking their attention, make a careful discrimination absolutely necessary. The following extract, which forms the close of an able article in the Franklin Repository on this subject, sums up the entire affair in brief:

Gentlemen of the Legislature, don't give us a party back—we'll pay them with places to which they fit—don't give us a man whose pretensions emanate from his purpose—don't give us a weak man who will be worked by others—don't give us a bad man who will work for himself; give us a wise man, an honest man, an industrious man, a man in whom our people will be proud, a man to whom the country can point and say, "there is a great Senator from a great State."

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In accordance with the custom, indulged in by the Republican party, of giving to one who has been tried in office, and has given satisfaction, an opportunity to do better, the Press of this State, with a unanimity very flattering to Governor Geary, urge him as his own successor. This expression of the popular will, is, as we have estimated almost unanimous, and we had long since concluded to do nothing that would interfere with what was the evident desire of the people. Still, we shall be excused for giving vent to our feelings on a matter that very closely affects our local pride. Every man who rejoices in a local habitation and a name<sup>1</sup> naturally feels a pride in anything which tends to enlarge his estimate of his own neighborhood. And, although we have not ourselves been ignorant of our fellow citizens, their individual merits, or fitness for prominent positions; we are gratified—in no small degree, to find that people in other sections of the State, are not unmindful of us. We shall insist upon sharing in any honors that may be heaped upon any one of our fellow citizens. This we do on the ground of a community of interest. We

quote with pleasure the remarks of the Delaware County American, concerning our townsmen Gea. Beaver. The American, it should be borne in mind is known as one of the ablest and most dignified journals in the State; and its suggestions receive marked attention. But hear it for itself:

The Republicans favoring the nomination of Gov. Geary are active in this claim upon the party, and some of them are so impatient as to advise the calling of the State Convention, at an unusual time. In the Western part of the State there is a movement in favor of Lawrence of Washington county, while in the North, many Republicans are uniting upon Ketchum; the man who first contested the nomination with Geary. In this manner of nominating a candidate there should be time allowed for a fair discussion of the merits of the candidates, and for that consideration which will lead to the selection of the man who will not only fill the office well, but who will prove successful. We hold the view that where Republicans are disposed to contest the nomination of Governor Geary, they should not voluntarily weaken the conviction of his guilt. We ask of Congress, that they be considerate in their treatment of him; making due allowances for the weakness of his human nature. Our sympathies are always given the "under-dog" in a fight, and of him we can but think that he is one "more unfortunate."

Rashly importunate.

Gone to his death."

Of the Blairs, that is to say, Montgomery, and his warlike brother, Frank P. we speak with sorrow rather than anger. Are we unaware that asking that Congress shall

give him a pension is a good and praiseworthy act? We trust that we shall not be deemed over anxious when

we insist that his "patriotism" shall be rewarded. Believing these things we suggest as the Republican candidate for Governor the name of Gen. James A. Beaver, of Centre county, known to many as President of the last Soldiers' State Convention. In mental capacity he is the equal if not the superior of any prominent soldier of our State; he is a man of high deservings, having fought well in the late war to crush the rebellion, and laying in that service lost a leg. He is an eloquent, brave and devoted Republican, and if nominated he will be popular, and, by giving others a like opportunity, reward those who have already been rewarded. Believing these things we suggest as the Republican candidate for Governor the name of Gen. James A. Beaver, of Centre county, known to many as President of the last Soldiers' State Convention. 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