

Democratic Convention.

At a Convention of the Democratic Delegates of Columbia county, friendly to, and supporters of the present administration of the General Government, convened pursuant to public notice by the Standing Committee of said county, at the house of Daniel Gross, in the town of Bloomsburg, on Monday the 4th day of September, 1837.—ISAAC KLINE, Esquire, of Fishing Creek, was chosen Chairman, *pro tem.* and Frederick Frick, of Mahoning, and Major Neal M' Cay, of Derry, Secretaries, for the organization of the Convention.

Upon examining the certificates, it appeared that the following persons were returned as Delegates. The instructions are subjoined, where instructions were given: **Bloom**—Delegates: John S. Ingram, Jacob Haugbauch. **Instructions:** for Assembly, Daniel Gross; Sheriff, John Fruit. **Briarclerk**—Delegates: S. F. Headly, David Remly. **Instructions:** for Assembly, E. O. Jackson; Sheriff, Elias M'Henry; Commissioner, Stephen Baldy; Treasurer, Hugh M'Williams.

Catawissa—Michael Farnwald, David Jennings. **Instructions:** for Assembly, E. O. Jackson; Sheriff, Elias M'Henry, Wm. Kitchen; Commissioner, Stephen Baldy; Treasurer, John Rhodes.

Derry—John Derr, Neal M' Cay. **Instructions:** Assembly, Wm. S. Davis; Sheriff, John Fruit, John S. Follmer; Commissioner, John P. Davis; Treasurer, Hugh M'Williams.

Fishing Creek—John Hess, Daniel Stoker. **Instructions:** Sheriff, Elias M'Henry, Peter Kline; Treasurer, John Lazarus. **Greenwood**—Thomas Parker, John Batten. **Instructions:** Assembly, Daniel Gross; Sheriff, John Fruit; Commissioner, John Keller; Treasurer, Hugh M'Williams.

Hemlock—When the credentials from Hemlock were presented, one of the Delegates from Mahoning disputed their right to a seat, stating that a "Second Set" had been appointed. This produced some warmth of discussion; and notwithstanding no other credentials were presented, the Chairman decided, in defiance of several motions, to lay them aside for future action. This barefaced attempt to defraud a township out of its fair representation, it was determined should not pass without receiving a mete reward, as will be seen by reference to subsequent proceedings.

Limestone—David Krownover, Joseph Gibson. **Instructions:** Assembly, Wm. S. Davis; Sheriff, John Fruit, John S. Follmer; Commissioner, Stephen Baldy; Treasurer, John Rhodes.

Liberty—When the credentials from this township were presented, a "second set" were pronounced.

Madison—When the credentials were presented, a "second set" were announced.

The warmth of feeling now was all on one side—the "conservative" party discovering that they were caught in their own trap. "They raved as madmen often rave;" and when they discovered the impossibility of getting out of the scrape honorably, they determined to adopt any means; and having nominated a majority of officers while the victuals were yet upon the dinner table, they proceeded to call over the Townships—the President keeping the Hemlock credentials in his breeches pocket, and deciding on every motion according to the impressions of his left-hand Secretary.

Mount Pleasant—Isaac W. Musgrove, Wm. Ikeler. **Instructions:** Assembly, Daniel Gross; Sheriff, John Fruit & John S. Follmer; Commissioner, John Keller; Treasurer, Hugh M'Williams.

Mifflin—Christian Miller, John Keller. **Mahoning**—B. S. Wolverson, F. Frick. **Instructions:** Assembly, E. O. Jackson; Sheriff, William Kitchen, Elias McHenry; Commissioner, Stephen Baldy; Treasurer, John Rhodes.

Orangeville—Isaac Kline, Esq. Wm. Reber. **Instructions:** Assembly, Evan O. Jackson; Sheriff, Elias McHenry & Wm. Kitchen; Commissioner Stephen Baldy; Treasurer, J. Lazarus.

Paxton—Joel bredbender, J. F. Mann. **Instructions:** Assembly, D. Gross; Sheriff, Kitchen and Kline; Commissioner, John P. Davis; Treasurer, John Rhodes.

Sugarloaf—William Cole & B. Lecler. **Instructions:** Assembly, D. Gross; Sheriff, Kitchen and Kline; Commissioner, John P. Davis; Treasurer, Hugh M'Williams.

Roaring Creek—George G. Dupuy and Michael R. Hower. **Instructions:** Assembly, E. O. Jackson; Sheriff, Elias McHenry & Peter Kline; Commissioner, Stephen Baldy; Treasurer, Hugh M'Williams.

At the instance of the well-trained Chairman, the convention proceeded to vote for the admission or non-admission of the delegates from Hemlock, which was decided in the negative by a majority of 3—three of the delegates refusing to vote on so fraudulent a motion; and which in all probability would be carried against them, through the pre-concerted determination of a majority of the board of officers, who belonged to the reckless faction that concocted the scheme, and who came prepared with all the artifices

of political knavery to accomplish their objects.

The decision prompted the proper course to be pursued by the democratic portion of the convention. They immediately nominated a President and Secretary, (none having yet been appointed,) and were about to commence the transaction of business on a fair scale, when some of the 'conservatives' became conscience stricken—they cried *peccavi*, and promised to act fairly—THEY moved to admit the Hemlock Delegates, & they unanimously voted for their admission. "Open confession is good for the soul;" & with a characteristic spirit of forgiveness & political integrity, the nominations of Officers were withdrawn, and also all objections to the delegations from Liberty & Madison, which should have appeared in alphabetical order as follows:

Hemlock—Isaac Leidy and John Shoemaker.

Liberty—Hugh McElrath, Martin Bilymer. **Instructions:** Assembly, Evan O. Jackson; Sheriff, William Kitchen; Commissioner, Stephen Baldy; Treasurer, H. McWilliams.

Madison—Jeremiah Welliver and Lewis Schuyler. **Instructions:** Assembly, Wm. S. Davis; Sheriff, John Fruit, John S. Follmer; Treasurer, H. McWilliams.

On motion, The Convention then proceeded to elect a President, when

Isaac Kline had	17 votes
Isaac W Musgrave,	15 votes

So that Mr. Kline had the gratification of declaring himself elected—having kept his eye riveted on every delegate in the act of voting, and then, on discovering the result, giving colour to the proclamation.

The Secretaries were re-elected unanimously.

Neither of the Candidates for the different offices being placed on the ticket by instructions, and WILLIAM S. DAVIS, Esq. having declined being a candidate, the Convention proceeded to the nomination of a candidate for Assembly. On the first ballot

Evan O. Jackson had	19 votes
Daniel Gross	15 "

Evan O. Jackson having a majority of the whole number, was declared nominated.

[It may be proper here to notice the fact, that the Delegates from Fishing creek, although warm friends of Gross in the morning, voted against their own feelings and the feelings of those whom they represented, having been influenced to go for Jackson; and that Joel bredbender, one of the Delegates from Paxton, voted against his instructions—having supported Evan O. Jackson instead of Daniel Gross. The consequence of this abandonment of sentiment and instructions is evident. Had the delegates acted FAIRLY and HONESTLY, Daniel Gross would have been nominated, and Evan O. Jackson remained at home to attend his private affairs, without any further botheration of mind respecting the approaching election.]

The Convention proceeded to ballot for candidates for Sheriff.

1st ballot John Fruit had	17 votes
Elias McHenry	14 "
John S. Follmer	13 "
Peter Kline	12 "
Wm. Kitchen	11 "

Neither of the candidates having a majority of the whole number, the convention proceeded to a second ballot,

Elias McHenry had	18 votes
John Fruit	17 "
John S. Follmer	14 "
Peter Kline	14 "

Elias McHenry having a majority of the whole number, was declared as duly nominated. Neither of the other candidates having a majority, the Convention proceeded to a third ballot.

John Fruit had	18 votes
Peter Kline	17 "
John S. Follmer	7 "

Therefore, John Fruit was declared duly nominated.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for candidates for Coroner.

Jacob Seidle had	18 votes
Isaac C. Johnston	18 "

Being a majority of the whole, they were duly nominated for Coroner.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for a candidate for Commissioner: On the first ballot,

Stephen Baldy had	15 votes
John P. Davis	16 "
John Keller	3 "

Neither of the candidates having a majority of the whole, the Convention proceeded to a second ballot:

Stephen Baldy had	17 votes
John P. Davis	17 "

Neither of the candidates having a majority, the Convention proceeded to a third ballot.

Stephen Baldy had	24 votes
John P. Davis	10 "

Therefore, Stephen Baldy was declared duly nominated for County Commissioner.

For County Treasurer, on the first ballot, Hugh M'Williams was declared duly nominated.

For County Auditor, on the first ballot, John Fulton, of Limestone, was duly nominated.

The following resolutions, although not pronounced within our hearing, notwithstanding our strict attention as a delegate, conclude the 'official' report of the Mahoning Secretary, who seems to understand a thing or two in preparing proceedings for publication, in accordance with his own political as well as sectional prejudices.

Resolved, That Hugh McElrath of Liberty, Sebastian Hower, of Roaring Creek, and William Ikeler, of Mount Pleasant, be the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Convention be signed by the officers, and published in the Danville Intelligencer, Berwick Sentinel, and Columbia Democrat.

ISAAC KLINE, Pres't.
FRED'K. FRICK, } Secretaries.
NEAL McCAY, }

EDITORIAL CHANGE.

William D. Boas, Esq. has become editor and proprietor of the "Pennsylvania Reporter," at Harrisburg, which will hereafter be published by Patterson & Boas.—In announcing the new arrangement they use the following language, from which it will be seen that no change will take place in its political character, but that the UNION, the HARMONY, and the TRIUMPH of the democratic party will be the sole object of their zealous editorial exertions.

"The Reporter goes for the whole democratic party, without regard to men, and it is a source of proud satisfaction to witness the spirit of unanimity which prevails among the members of the republican family, and the ardour with which they have determined to redeem our state from the misrule of anti-masonry and bank whiggery. The division which existed in our ranks at the last gubernatorial election, was so unfortunate in its consequences, that but one feeling seems to animate every democratic bosom, and that is to redeem the consequences of former dissensions as far as may be practicable, at the sacrifice of all selfish predilections or personal preferences. The proprietors of the Reporter belonged, during the disastrous conflict of 1835, to separate divisions of the party—but they express their honest sentiments, and as they believe, the sentiments of the entire democracy of Pennsylvania, when they declare their perfect willingness to forego even the warmest individual preference that it is possible for either of them to entertain, rather than witness a repetition of the state of things which then existed, and which led to results unfortunate and deeply to be deplored.

Animated by such feelings, it requires not the gift of prophecy to predict what the event of the next gubernatorial election will be. The democratic party of Pennsylvania is, when united, all powerful. The action of the members of that party, when they come to the polls in October, 1838, will be an united one, and the victory they will then achieve over the combined forces of anti-masonry and whiggism, cannot fail to redeem the character of the state, and restore her to that rank which she once held in the scale of the union, but from which she was degraded by the accidental elevation of an administration remarkable for nothing but imbecility, and its utter subjection to the designs and dictation of a band of unprincipled, venal and corrupt demagogues. To our democratic brethren throughout the state we would say, let your motto be ONWARD. The prospect before us is brilliant and exhilarating. The victory to be achieved at the coming election for Senators and Representatives, will be but a foretaste of that yet more glorious one that awaits our exertions at the succeeding one, when a democratic Governor, is to be chosen, and the redemption of Pennsylvania from the hands of corrupt misrule, will establish, forever, the supremacy of sound principles, and the permanency of our free institutions. Let no man falter or look back: Let us emulate the industry and perseverance of our opponents, and we shall soon rejoice in the consciousness that our duty has been performed, our rights asserted, and the welfare of our beloved commonwealth effectually provided for."

Printers may more readily turn duellists than most other men, as they have always their shooting sticks close at hand when they set to work.—N. O. American.

Printers, in general, know how to make a better use of their shooting sticks, than to kill one another with them.—[New York Transcript.

Fatal Rashness.—A certain editor in Massachusetts has just got married! The Southern Telescope thinks he is crazy, unless his wife has an appetite to live on old exchange papers. She might enjoy an occasional dessert of pi.

Bugbane.—Tobacco leaves between the beds, &c. and a decoction of tobacco with penny-royal branches about the room, are a sovereign remedy for bed bugs—and we are glad to learn that the foul weed tobacco can be used for so good a purpose.

THE COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT.



"TRUTH WITHOUT FEAR."

BLOOMSBURG:

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9. 1837.

REMOVAL.

The Office of the "COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT" is removed to the Building adjoining W. Robison's Stage Office. LAW OFFICE next door.

OUR OWN AFFAIRS.—A few of our patrons have complied with our terms—the many have entirely overlooked our claims. If they knew the disadvantages attending the establishment of a new press—our expenses and necessities—they would doubtless "plank down the rhino;" and we hope this gentle hint may have the desired effect. The character and execution of a newspaper mainly depends upon the punctuality of its patrons; for by complying with its terms, they give an impetus to the editor's exertions, afford the means necessary to procure good materials, and thus are certain to secure ample remuneration for their patronage.

In our last number in the publication of acknowledgments for individual donations, by persons in this neighbourhood, to the Rev. Mr. HALL, agent for the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, we committed an error in omitting to publish the entire list. The following is a correct statement, and we hope that its republication in the present shape may remove any impressions that might have been induced through our carelessness.

William Robison, \$2.00; Robert Cathcart, 1.00; William McKelvy, 3.00; John Boyer, 2.00; William Neal, 1.00; W. Bird, 50; J. D. Gulick, 1.00; Cash, 25; William Sloan, 1.00; J. Sloan, 50; Susan Barkley, 50; Mary Barkley, 50; C. B. Fisher, 1.00; Charles Hefley, 50; George Doan, 25; Mrs. Dreher, 25; Daniel Snyder, 72; Cash, 25; Sarah Ann Snyder, 50; Mrs. Gearhart, 25; Cash, 1.00; Joseph Coleman, 50; Josiah McClure, 1.00; Margaret McClure, 25; Jane McClure, 25; James McClure, 5.00; Miss McWilliams, 25; Benjamin Boone, 1.00; Hon. Leonard Rupert, 5.00; Mrs. McBride, 25; John Dietrich 50; J. McReynolds, 1.00; Rebecca Vanderslice, 1.00; John H. Vanderslice, 1.00; F. Reese 50; Mr. Gulick, 1.00; Mrs. Clark 5.00.—From Sabbath School Scholars—Harriet, Isiah, and Charles McKelvy, 22½; Morris Sloan, 12½; Sarah Moyer, 10½; Martha A. Snyder, 6½.—Whole amount, \$41 99.

Any indiscrepancies in the publication of this number of our paper, must be attributed to the indisposition of our Journeyman.

CONGRESS.—In the Senate there are 34 Administration and 18 Opposition men; making a Van Buren majority of 16. In the house there are 130 Van Buren men, and 112 Opposition. These majorities in both branches of Congress, are a guarantee to the people against the charter of a National Bank; and consequently the Biddleites may hang up their fiddles—the Country Banks resume specie payments—and the People expect immediate relief from the pernicious system of oppression which at present rules the country.

John Rhodes, Esq. has requested us to state that he need not longer be considered as a candidate for Coroner.

M. Sweeney, Esq. has given notice that in October next he will retire from the editorship of the "West Branch Farmer." This determination, we hope, is founded on the prospect of a more congenial and profitable situation.

The communications signed "Paxton," "Greenwood," "Limestone," "Madison," and "Fishing Creek," from peculiar considerations, are held under advise ment.

On Tuesday last the President delivered his first message to Congress; and we shall endeavor in our next to publish it entire. It will certainly be a very interesting document; and will at once display the principles which will characterize the administration during the present term.

Specie Payments.—The Canal Bank of New Orleans, according to the Bee, has resumed the payment in specie of her notes."

COUNTY CONVENTION.

The proceedings of this body appear in preceding part of our paper. We had intended to give the proceedings publicly without noticing the conduct of certain individuals; but as the secretary from Mahoning has given a garbled and erroneous synopsis we pursue the plan dictated by feelings, contempt for such conduct, and public them as they actually occurred, avoiding only the language of those who wished carry a Bank ticket by elucianery. The knavish conduct in reference to the Hemlock Delegation is too glaring to merit passing notice—the one-sided conduct of a chairman will at some future time have a reward—and their management in getting Delegates with instructions for Gross vote for Jackson, is evidence of what they would do had they the power in their hands. It was doubtless the outrageous proceeding of the convention, which induced Mr. DAVIS to decline being put in nomination; & their conduct since the nomination exhibits the strength of mind and integrity of purpose which prompted such a course on his part. We abstain, for the present, from further remarks on this subject.

The Democrats of Columbia county will rejoice at the popularity of Joun Farn Esq.—so evident in the first ballot for Sheriff. His nomination, too, could not be feasted, maugre all the calumny and ebriety of his enemies; and his certain election will more forcibly illustrate the attachment of the people to a faithful & efficient public servant, who combines so many private virtues with his official qualifications.

We are informed that the Democrats "conservatives" had a great rejoicing at hearing the result of Monday's bargaining. The sound of the roaring cannon was completely defunctified by the bipedical shout of "Huzza for Evan O! Death to the moral Question!" This glorifying in ill-gotten honors may be appropriate to the feelings of some folks; but as the times "pregnant with big events," and correct sentiments, a rusty blade or a foul tongue demand retribution at the hands of the suited. If DEMOCRACY is the watchword then—"go ahead," with our cordial assistance: but if REMOVAL or ANTI-REMOVAL the ruling principle of the campaign—"we'll row you up Salt creek," with the aid of any other poles or paddles are used at the ballot-box.

How IS THIS!—A great number of President's message, with the frank of Congressional Representative, reached Bloomsburg post-office on Thursday evening, directed to Cattawissa, and other places—no person in Bloom: urg receive a copy! Has the Doctor forgotten his acquaintances here? or does the lack of a post-master here has no interest in giving any delay with packages; and as always receive the "Keystone" a day, it reaches Danville, we should like to know where the error lies!

Sacrilege.—The Lancaster Journalist that the German Reformed Church of this city was robbed of the altar cloth and carpeting. The Lynch law would not such secondrels.

COMMUNICATED:

Mr. Ingram: Please announce the name of DAVID JENNINGS, of Cattawissa, a candidate for Coroner. BLOOMSBURG.

The supposed liberal Emperor of Austria out to be as despotic as his predecessor. He has ordered 100 poor agricultural families in Tyrol to join the Catholics, or to remove to some other part of the empire.

The Difference.—The four Governors of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, receive \$92,000 salaries, while the Governors of the twenty-four United States receive only \$54,782.

Smart but wicked.—Toast given young ladies' celebration of the 4th at T—:—

"Old Bachelors.—May they sleep alone, die alone, and go to the alone."

Dividing Wisconsin.—The Wisconsiners have already commenced discussing the expediency of dividing the territory. They say that the territory is too large for a single territorial government. The Mississippi is proposed as the dividing line.

A coloured woman has been arrested Nantucket for flogging a clergyman's nah would'nt "malgamate."

Wheat is now selling at Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa. at \$1 25 per bushel.