



"TRUTH WITHOUT FEAR."

BLOOMSBURG:

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30, 1837.

COLUMBIA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- For Assembly, **Evan O. Jackson.**
- For Sheriff, **John Fruit,**
Elias McHenry.
- For Coroner, **Isaac C. Johnson,**
Jacob Seidel.
- For Commissioner, **Stephen Baldy.**
- For Treasurer, **Hugh McWilliams.**
- For Auditor, **John Fulton.**

The abuse of the "Danville Intelligencer" is somewhat complimentary in a political campaign—especially when the regular disorganizing course of that paper is likely to prove unsuccessful. Malice and envy have expelled every honorable feeling from the inward man of its editor—the publication of libel and slander is its weekly and congenial vocation—and no decent expression can be inserted in its columns, in combatting with an opponent, unless a peck of nausea and calumny are in attendance. In county elections it has generally proved a disorganizer; and in state elections it has also gone against regular nominations and supported the Federal candidate for Governor. Can the "Intelligencer" charge us with such desertion or disorganization, on any occasion? And has not the Intelligencer frequently complimented "that stern democratic paper, the Union Times," while we were its editor? But the times have altered. We are friendly to JOHN FRUIT's election for Sheriff, and give our support to the residue of the democratic ticket—the Intelligencer goes for McHENRY and against Fruit, and has cast off the regularly nominated candidate for Treasurer to make room for a volunteer. Interest now predominates over principle, and the "Intelligencer," forgetting its previously published approvals of our democracy, when we agreed in politics, must needs quote from others, whose amalgamated Federalism and Democracy afford a good pretext for following a middle course in the support of a regularly nominated ticket.

In regard to our political course in this county, we have the gratification of knowing that we are the only paper which supports the whole regularly nominated democratic ticket. This is sufficient to refute the charges of being "bought up" by the opposition, as asserted by those who not only aim at disorganization, but commit a breach of faith, in abandoning the very nominations they assisted to make as Delegates in the County convention. As heretofore, we go for the union, harmony, and success of the democratic party, here and elsewhere; and, as heretofore, we cannot be driven from this support of the ancient usages of the party by either bribery or abuse—even when our personal predilections would suggest a course of this kind in opposition to our political principles.—If others would pursue this course there would be no doubt of the final triumph of our candidates and our principles; and hereafter sectional interests would not be enlisted to mar that union and harmony which should exist, and which would ensure the perpetual success of the democratic ticket in Columbia county, against all opposition.

The "Democrat" pursues the old established usages of the party, in sustaining regular nominations; and those pirates who are using device and falsehood to produce discord and division, are puking up their venom in order to carry their point by force, no matter how dishonorable. But "they can't board this vessel, no how they can fix it;" and after their defeat by the people, we shall only pity them for their malicious propensities, and endeavor to console their mortified spirits, by offering them easy terms for repentance.

REMEMBER DEMOCRATS.

That on Tuesday week you will exercise the proudest right of freemen. Go to the ballot-box with your democratic principles in your bosom, & your democratic tickets in your hands.—Go with a determination to put down all opposition—to put down all disorganizers. Go to sustain the usages & principles of the party—to show your attachment to the doctrines of the Jeffersonian School of Democrats, & your contempt for Wolves in Sheep's clothing. Remember that all power is placed in your hands—that upon your present course depends the destiny of your posterity—and that to discountenance the tricks and schemes of demagogues is your bounden duty, both as party men and good citizens. Rely on your own integrity—vote in accordance with your own principles—and a glorious triumph must crown your efforts to preserve union and harmony, and secure success to democratic men and democratic measures.

The Disorganizers are indiscriminately abusing all those who dare oppose their vile attempt at destroying the ancient usages of the democratic party. Let them pursue this course to their heart's content. They will be taught a lesson in a few days on the impropriety of their reckless opposition to regular nominations, which will make them mend their ways, or send them where they ought to be—in the ranks of the opposition. They might as well create and support a whole volunteer ticket, as assume the responsibility of erasing a portion of the regular nominations, and substituting their favorites to answer their private views and feelings. It is the height of demagoguism—the verriest attempt to nullify all party discipline, and force the majority to succumb to the will of a factional minority, who have more officers than pirates, and more interest in the result than principle in the question. Such dictation cannot succeed where there is so much patriotism, intelligence, and political integrity, as in democratic Columbia.—They will be routed "horse, foot and dragons," by the strong voice of the democracy at the ballot-box.

Ill-nature, in a political contest, is always the premonitory symptom of defeat; and we are rejoiced to know, that so far as regards the election of Messrs. FRUIT and McWILLIAMS, the managers of the "Intelligencer" and "Sentinel" will shrink with mortification and disappointment, after the election, in observing the overthrow of their vile schemes of disorganization. We believe that Mr. Fruit's majority cannot be less than 700; and, as to Mr. McWilliams, he will undoubtedly be elected by an overwhelming majority over both the Federal and Disorganizing candidates for Treasurer. The people are aroused—they see the dishonorable means employed by certain wire-workers to defeat Fruit & McWilliams—they have seen the erasure of names from the regularly nominated ticket—and they are determined to punish all such trickery at the ballot-box. This is right. A mete reward should always follow the treacherous conduct of pretended friends; and when a political newspaper attempts the disorganization of the party to which it proclaims attachment, its sacrifice of principle loses it the confidence of the party, and renders its controllers the harmless tools of the opposition, in disguise. Be vigilant, Democrats. Be watchful of your rights and your sacred principles. The enemy save neither money nor management to procure your defeat; and you must look upon pretended friends, who aim at disorganization, as your most potent opponents. They are "wolves in sheep's clothing"—aiming at your downfall and their own aggrandizement. Punish their base conduct, by exposing and defeating their designs; and hereafter you will move onward, with union, harmony and success, in defiance of their schemes to defeat your honest intentions. We say again to the Democrats of Columbia—be active—be vigilant—be firm in supporting the principles and usages of your party, and your labors must be rewarded with a glorious triumph over all opposition.

The "Register" need not feel uneasy about the consequences resulting from the abuse of the "Intelligencer." It was probably much better to partake of his ill-will, than enjoy his friendship—the latter being so extremely changeable. In our opinion "Othello's occupation's gone;" and hereafter it will be the task of Disorganizers to injure and not to benefit their friends.

The "Intelligencer" charges us with coyness and deceitfulness in placing John Fruit's name at the head of the Sheriff's ticket. We would merely refer our ill-natured neighbor to the proceedings of the Convention as published in his own paper. He will there discover that on the first ballot, John Fruit had 17 votes and Elias McHenry only 14—consequently Mr. Fruit, having a majority over any other candidate should have been declared duly nominated. The reason is obvious from the following, which was the second ballot:—

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

consequently, if Mr. McHenry was nominated on this ballot, Mr. Fruit was fully nominated on the preceding one. Neither of them had a majority of the whole number of votes on either ballot; but both of them on the first and second ballottings received a majority over any other of the candidates—Mr. Fruit never having received less than 17 votes. The "Intelligencer" will thus see the futility of its charges. If a majority of the whole were necessary to a choice, then Mr. Fruit should have received 34 votes to obtain his nomination on the first ballot; and Mr. McHenry would not have been nominated on the second ballot without having received 32 votes. But they were nominated by a majority over any other candidate; and consequently we place John Fruit and Elias McHenry in their regularly nominated order upon our ticket, depending upon the facts of the case, and not on the prejudices of disorganizers, to sustain our position.

The vile slanders in certain quarters against Messrs. Fruit & McWilliams have aroused the honest indignation of the people, and their triumphant election will probably accomplish the great good which the democracy of Columbia county so much desire. Disorganizers in politics, and calumniators of private character, are alike destitute of honorable feelings or correct principles; and their prejudices and personal attacks are generally brought into operation through the dread of that influence and popularity which they can never expect for themselves. Hard names are used with great ease and facility by low-bred and malicious persons; and a return, in similar language, is like adding fuel to the destructive blaze—it only increases the disposition and power to do mischief. The People know John Fruit and Hugh McWilliams; and they will give full proofs of their confidence in these gentlemen at the ballot-box.

Neither the Columbia Democrat, nor its editor, are candidates for office—nor do they intend to attack any of the candidates on the regularly nominated democratic ticket, as morally or politically unfit for the stations allotted them by the county convention. In such instances only, where two candidates are formally placed on the ticket for the same office, shall we make a choice; but that choice shall not be made with a malicious intention to injure the nominee in any respect, except so far as regards his election over our favorite. There are other elections, subsequent to this, when their services may be demanded; and with union and harmony for our watch-word, our opposition shall neither injure them privately, nor affect the integrity of their principles. If this harmonizing spirit were practised in other professing quarters, there would be no contest at the coming election—for the votes, like the handle of a jug, would be all on one side.

We would advise the "Intelligencer" and "Sentinel" to extract each others articles the same week they are published in either paper. Certainly the manuscripts pass through the same hands antecedent to publication, and consequently they might as well be published simultaneously in both papers. The management is evident, and on this account we make the above suggestion.

If we ever played "mischief" in the democratic party of Union county, it was in the unfortunate contest of 1835, when the editor of this paper and Mr. Best fought in the same ranks. In 1832 we supported Jackson, Wilkins & Wolf, and with one exception the Intelligencer opposed all the democratic nominations of that year's state convention. We never voted against the regularly nominated democratic ticket; & we have never regretted our political course on any occasion.

JOHN FRUIT.

This gentleman's character seems the most congenial theme of the Disorganizers; but their hissings are as harmless as those of the viper whose poison has been extracted. The character of Mr. Fruit is too well known to the voters of Columbia county, and his philanthropy and kindly feelings too much appreciated, to suffer any injury from the fangs of such traducers and demagogues. His private character and political integrity are a golden shield against calumny and intrigue; and, with the affections of an independent people, he will triumph at the ballot-box, in despite of malice, and all the schemes and misrepresentations of his enemies. His only sin is confined to one act—HE WAS A REMOVAL MAN; and if this be a crime in a candidate for Sheriff, when regularly placed upon the ticket, he can glory in the vituperative course of his opponents.

HUGH McWILLIAMS.

This popular candidate for Treasurer has been "scratched" off the ticket by the Disorganizers, to answer some private ends of the enemies of Democracy and regular nominations. But he heeds not their slanderous attacks. He confides in his own integrity, and in the intelligence of the people; and he shall not be mistaken in their confidence and support. He will distance his opponents by a tremendous majority; and, as he never again will be a candidate for office, he will have an opportunity to repay the support of his friends. To his enemies we can justly say—"Cease, Vipers! You bite against a file!"

JOHN LAZARUS.

This gentleman is called "the people's candidate for treasurer," by the Disorganizers. This is certainly coming out on the no party principle—a mere attempt to gull the unsuspecting voters. But it cannot succeed. Mr. Lazarus may be a very honest and intelligent citizen; but, as "the people's candidate," he should have exhibited his popularity at the County convention; and not merely be content with being dubbed such by the faction of disorganizers who have made such evil use of his name in opposition to the regular nomination. Mr. Lazarus attended the convention—he was "as busy as a bee in a tar-barrel"—and when he was honorably beaten he should have acceded to the expressed will of the Delegates.—Poor fellow, how he will feel after the election—carrying on his shoulders not only defeat, but the avowal of hostility to regular nominations.

Birds are always pecking at the best fruit—slander always attempting to injure the reputations of the most worthy citizens. So is it with the enemies of Fruit and McWilliams. They see the popularity of these gentlemen—they know their moral and political integrity—and they must employ calumny and trickery to gull the simple and unwary. But all won't do. The Fruit is still in blossom, and will yield a double crop on the 10th of October next, in defiance of all the pecking of these night-hawks.

The Head-devil of the "Berwick Sentinel" should not charge upon others his own sins. He was the first to attempt disorganization in the County convention—the first to "portray a reckless and morbid disposition" in advocating the second-set system—and the first to erase the name of Hugh McWilliams from the regularly nominated ticket, and insert the name of a volunteer candidate in its place. But enough of this faithless Sentinel—it only plays second-fiddle to the Danville Intelligencer, and consequently by being left in its own loathsomeness, it will receive re-buke enough from the scorn and detestation of the community, who see its vacillating course, and appreciate its motives.

The "Berwick Sentinel" need not feel uneasy on account of the hot-brained productions of its insignificant owner. In imitation of Pope—

We forgive the base creature whatever he said—For Barrels hold Feathers without e'en a head. The supposed lampoonings of such fellows, are about as much annoyance to us as rats in the garret are to cooks in the pantry. They invite sympathy for being mischievous, and a smile for being out of the way to perpetrate their designs.

"CONFUCIUS" is welcome on all occasions; and we hope he may favor us more frequently with his productions. His last is on our first page, and will be read with interest.

DISORGANIZATION.

The same spirit of dissatisfaction manifested by certain pretended supporters of the democratic party in this county, followed up by the same "clique" in some of the neighbouring counties.—They such portions of the ticket as suit their personal predilections—and supplant other portions, regardless of political integrity with volunteer candidates. Let the Democrats of Columbia put their spirit upon this disorganizing spirit of the disorganizers, whose treachery and regard of the ancient usages of the party so often heretofore incited disunion, led to the defeat of the ticket.

"The Philistines are upon us!" "The trio of Bankism and Disorganization," as the "Register," the "Intelligencer," the sleepy "Sentinel," have opened batteries upon our humble self and party, and with every symptom of hunger for vengeance, seem determined to annihilate us both. And why? Because "Democrat" supports the regular nominations—the ancient usages and principles of the great Republic? Then, "lay on MacDuff!" So let them continue their game of opposition; our present policy, we shall feel true being on the right side, and pursue our course with renewed zeal. Should ever praise our course, we shall thank our father of democracy, and exclaim, "in what have I sinned!"

THE NEXT GOVERNOR.

We have frequently been called upon within a short time, to express our sentiments on this question, and place our head the individual whom we support. Now, as we have no preference, and solely to support the nomination of the no party principle of March Convention, we hope an expression on our part may be led to the union, the harmony, and success, which we ultimately pray for both the nomination and election of the next Democratic Candidate for Governor. The only prominent candidates are Gen. ANTHONY, Mr. McHENRY, Dr. STURGEON; and the nomination, ther, we feel confident, will render us satisfaction to the democracy of Columbia, whose undivided support always guaranteed a glorious triumph. Friends of all these gentlemen are the cause of their favorites; and we succeed in procuring a regular nomination we hope to be the last who will assist in disorganization, and thus assist in a similar result to the unfortunate one of 1835.

In answer to the letter of a congressional representative of the Union, we can only acknowledge his attention and courtesy on all occasions, assure him that we intended as we did, either his feelings or future progress, we penned the article alluded to, from the correct impression that he would be warded as a copy of the President's message at an early hour, we noticed the having done so, as he informs us, at 1 o'clock, P. M. of the 5th inst.—we only yet wonder at the late arrival, same, together with his three letters, were noticed in a subsequent number of Democrat. The rest is explained in our answer of the 23d inst.

CONGRESS.—Both Houses of Congress are discussing the subjects specified in the President's message. In business they will doubtless confer with themselves during the present session. There has been but little debate in the Senate on bills of a pressing nature having passed with much unanimity; but the House is discussing all the points connected with the present financial crisis. It is not yet determined when an adjournment will be taken—some conjecture in a few days about the middle of October, and again that it will continue to the Constitutional day for assembling the regular session.

In our next we shall endeavor to give a synopsis of the bills already reported and acted upon.

At the New York post-office delivered in one minute and a half, the mail-bag is thrown at the door of the country, with a mail not one-tenth as good as we can patiently wait half an hour for.

The attention of our merchants is called to the law relative to Hawkers and Peddlars, as published on our first page.