

pledge ourselves to each other, to use every honest and honorable exertion to perpetuate these blessings and hand them down with the liberty we enjoy, to the next generation as jewels of inestimable value.

**Resolved,** That we will all unhesitatingly use our best endeavors to redeem Pennsylvania from the influence of Van Buren and his impolitic and destructive measures.

**Resolved,** That when an administration which has plunged the government and the people into trouble, and refuses to help them out of it—coldly says it has enough to do to take care of itself—the people are bound to take care of themselves in a peaceful and legal manner, for which reason we will strenuously oppose Martin Van Buren if he should again be a candidate for the Presidency; and we will oppose every man for any office in our district, who does not openly and on all occasions express abhorrence of his prominent measures.

**Resolved,** That we regard the attempt of the loco focos to fix the responsibility of the present deranged state of our monetary affairs upon the whigs, as one of the most impudent and ridiculous humbugs that they have yet originated to deceive the people.

**Resolved,** That the derangement of our currency and the general prostration of the growing energies of our country are the legitimate offspring of the pernicious experimental policy of the present national administration; and that the various positions assumed by our federal opponents in endeavoring to account for this state of things and demonstrating evidence, that they wish to direct the attention of the public from the real cause of our difficulties and place the responsibility where it does not belong.

**Resolved,** That we are in favor of a judicious reform in the present banking system, and that it is the duty of the banks to resume specie payments, as early as practicable, consistently with the public interest.

**Resolved,** That we admire the talents and fully appreciate the virtues, integrity and public services as a soldier and statesman, of Gen. William Henry Harrison, of Ohio; and that he is decidedly our choice as a candidate for President of the United States; but that we will cheerfully submit his claims to the decision of a national convention. **Resolved,** That we are in favour of a national convention; disapprove of the course of the standing committee at Harrisburg, and have no participation in their proceedings in attempting an irregular nomination of a candidate for the Presidency; and so far, they act without the authority and contrary to the views of the democracy of Columbia county. **Resolved,** That we have perfect confidence in Henry Clay, the great and fearless defender of civil liberty; and the great promoter of the best interests of the Union; and if he shall receive the nomination of a national convention for the Presidency, we pledge him our hearty and undivided support.

**Resolved,** That we have undiminished confidence in the ability and integrity of our present patriotic governor; that we highly approve of his administration, and will therefore use every fair and honorable means to secure his re-election to the office of chief magistrate of this commonwealth.

**Resolved,** That David Rittenhouse Porter, who has been nominated by that party who are running a mad career of folly and experiments, is unworthy and unfit to be Governor of this state. He is either in heart a Van Buren man, approving his measures; or, if as has been said, he only pretends to be one, he should be rejected for his duplicity and hypocrisy. He has constantly held office since he came to the years of manhood; but has never given any evidence of ability to fill an important station. It is evident he was taken up to supply the place of his great master, who has gone on the Austrian mission. Pennsylvania has a thousand sons every way better fitted for the office than he is.

**Resolved,** That Columbia county owes much to its late excellent representative, J. Bowman; he manfully on all occasions carried out the principles on which he was elected, never once stopping to ask what effect his course would have on his own personal popularity.

**Resolved,** That we unhesitatingly disapprove the doctrine and conduct of our member of congress, Dr. David Petrikin.

Because, in a letter to some of his constituents, he has advanced sentiments at war with the best interests of our republican institutions, and has manifested a disposition to excite disaffection and jealousy among his fellow citizens.

Because he has not been faithful at his post of duty.

Because, he has supported the iniquitous sub-treasury scheme which increases executive influence, by increasing the number of officers under his control, and in a ten fold degree, increases the number of expectants and dependants on executive favour, and which would scatter the public money over the country to be used for political and other purposes—would unite the sword and purse of the nation in the hand of the President, and separate the government, the agent of the people, from the people themselves; and which in truth is the foundation of a great national bank, to be entirely in the power of the government and to be wielded for its own purposes.

**Resolved,** That we entirely disapprove of the course of Charles Fraley our Senator. Although a violent brawler against corporations and monopolies, he strenuously

supported the incorporation of coal companies, against the expressed wish of that part of his constituents among whom he lives, and who were principally interested: But the interest he had in the case, outweighed his scruples against monopolies and the prosperity of the district. His general course is marked by the same reckless and abandoned spirit.

**Resolved,** That we view with the deep-abhorrence the practice of duelling; and that we can but regard the man who engages in, or abets a duel, as having violated his most solemn obligations to God and man.

**Resolved,** That we view with equal abhorrence, the vile efforts of the Van Buren demagogues, to fix the odium of the late duel at Washington upon the democratic whigs, and especially does this course appear mean and contemptible when we reflect that Cilly had the choice of weapons and selected the most deadly—that he was so anxious to fight, that he would not wait until a rifle could be obtained from Philadelphia, but contrary to all rule offered his services to procure one and actually done so, and sent it to Graves—and that he deliberately fired at Graves in the conflict, after Graves' rifle had been accidentally discharged.

**Resolved,** That we approve of holding a convention at Reading on the 4th of June next, and that delegates be appointed to represent the young men of Columbia co. in that convention.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution the following persons were appointed delegates.

A. B. Shuman, Isaiah Conner, Thomas Bowman, William Neal, Dr. John Ramsy, C. Barton jr Bright Paxton, J. Pleasant, Theodore Wells, John D. Day, J. Sharpless, George Hughes, George H. Willis, James Barton, W. n. Rupert, Sam'l Mears, Isaiah Cole, Charles M'Pherson, Joseph E. Sands, Charles F. Mann, Frederick B. Swaby, George W. Slater, J. W. Comley, Wm. F. Reynolds, Hiatt Matchin, John H. Vanderslice, Godfrey Mellick, W. Brown, Marshal Silverthorn, Milton H. Kerr, Peter Biggs, Benjamin P. Frick, and J. Mann.

**Resolved,** That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the President, Vice Presidents and secretaries of this meeting, and that the editors of the Columbia County Register, Columbia Democrat, Berwick Sentinel, Wilkesbarre Advocate, and Miner's Journal, be respectfully requested to publish the same.

#### A HORRIBLE ENFORCEMENT OF LYNCH LAW.

The St. Louis Republican of the 30th ult. gives the particulars of the drowning of a free negro, a cook on board the steamboat Pawnee, on her passage up to New Orleans to that city, under the sentence of that most unmerciful of judges, Judge Lynch. The circumstances as detailed are substantially these: On the Friday night previous, about 10 o'clock, a deaf and dumb German girl was found in the store room with the cook. The door was locked, and at first he denied she was there. The girl's father came, he unlocked the door, and the girl was found secreted in the room behind a barrel. He was accused of having used violence to the girl, but how she came there did not very clearly appear. The Captain was not informed of this during the night. The next morning some four or five of the deck passengers spoke to the captain about it; this was about breakfast time. He heard their statements and informed them that the negro should be safely kept until they reached St. Louis, when the matter should be examined, and if guilty he should be punished by law.—Here the matter seemed to end; the captain after breakfast returned on deck, passed the cook's room, and returned up to his own room; immediately after he had left the deck, a number of deck passengers rushed upon the negro, bound his arms behind his back, and carried him forward to the bow of the boat. A voice cried out 'throw him overboard,' and was responded to from every quarter of the deck—and in an instant he was plunged into the river. The captain hearing the noise, rushed out in time to see the negro float by. The whole scene of tying and throwing him overboard scarcely occupied ten minutes, and was so precipitate that the officers were unable to interfere in time to save him. Several of those engaged were identified and some of them arrested and lodged in jail in St. Louis, where we trust they will be treated as murderers should be.

On Monday last, two persons Jacob and Peter Zelter, brothers, were arrested in this borough for passing counterfeit shiplasters. They were examined before Esquire Hart, between 40 and 50 dollars in counterfeit shiplasters were found on them, of the Catawissa Bridge company, Northumberland bank checks, Carlisle shiplasters, &c. These two are part of the gang of counterfeiters we made mention of a few weeks ago being in our neighborhood, and for whom our vigilant officer constable Snyder was on the lookout for some time. He laid a trap for them and they were caught. They turned states evidence and informed on their comrades.—Mr. Snyder went immediately in pursuit of another person in S. Whitehall, whom he brought in, there was no counterfeit money upon, and no evidence against him; he was discharged. The principal of the gang is in Philadelphia, after whom Mr. Snyder is in pursuit, and if he is to be taken, he will get him. The Esquire committed the two Zelters, who are now in jail.

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### THE COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT.



TRUTH WITHOUT FEAR

BLOOMSBURG:

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1838.

#### DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR: GEN. DAVID R. PORTER. (OF HUNTINGDON COUNTY.)

In compliance with the request of a resolution of the whig meeting, we this week place in our columns their proceedings.—We know not who was the author of these proceedings; but whoever he may be, he has shown that he is either entirely ignorant of passing events, or that he has wilfully made assertions that he must have known were not warranted in truth. But if, as is reported, they are the production of a school boy, the weakness of his arguments, and the falsity of his statements, may be readily accounted for. Used as he had been, to mere idle declamation, he thought to gull the people of Columbia county, by his bold and reckless assertions, about "experiments," "deranged currency," "irredeemable shin-plasters," "loco-focoism," "wanton attacks upon the credit system, and all banks," "Van Buren demagogues," and denouncing the general administration as the author of the present derangement in the monetary system of the country. But the electors of this county are too intelligent to be deceived by such stale and oft repeated calumnies. It has become too common for the "shin plaster party" to lay their sins at the door of democracy, to be any longer heeded by them. It is a fact too well established, to be doubted by any intelligent man, that the whig party, under the direction of their leader, Nicholas Biddle, were the cause of the suspension of specie payments by the banks; and it is as true, that they are the only party who justify the United States bank, and its associates, in continuing to flood the country with their irredeemable paper. All the sophistry they can use, in connection with their hypocritical cant about honesty and purity of motives, will not make the people believe to the contrary, for the evidence of their guilt is too strong and conclusive.

Every mail brings us cheering news of the increasing popularity of Gen. David R. Porter, and the certainty of his election in October next by an overwhelming majority. The people have become sick and disgusted with the hypocritical and double dealing conduct of our shin-plaster governor, Joseph Ritner, and appear determined to give him permission to retire to his farm, believing him better qualified to manage a team, than he is the affairs of the state.

"He (Cilley) deliberately fired at Graves in the conflict, after Graves' rifle had been accidentally discharged," say the whig proceedings. This, like numerous other of their assertions, is not true. The report of the duelling committee says, that upon the first fire, Cilley's rifle went off before it was brought to an aim, and, on the second fire, Graves' did so likewise; but in both cases, the firing was simultaneous, and neither could have arrested his fire if he would.—So much for whig veracity.

The whig boys speak harshly of shin-plasters, especially that portion of them not redeemable at sight. This is certainly very unkind, as five-sixths of those who have issued shin-plasters in this county are whigs, and the only tickets not redeemable and redeemed on demand, are signed by one of their most prominent leaders.

**Do tell.**—The whigs say that David R. Porter is either a Van Buren man, or pretends to be. What a wonderful sagacity these whigs must have. They have ascertained and promulgated one fact in their resolutions, that no one ever doubted. David R. Porter a Van Buren man. Tremendous.

The election for officers in Moyamensing and Southwark, has resulted in favor of the democratic ticket by an aggregate majority of 150 over their opponents. It is expected that at the October election, Gen. Porter will have from 1500 to 2000 majority over Joseph Ritner.

#### CONGRESSIONAL.

On Wednesday, May 18, in the Senate, Mr. Wright, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the resolution introduced some days ago by Mr. Clay, ordering the receipt of bank paper for the revenues of Government, made an elaborate report of great length and distinguished ability. Thirty thousand copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill authorizing the issue of Treasury Notes has passed the house by a small majority, and been sent to the Senate. Various attempts were made by the opposition to prevent its passage, and thus stop the government from fulfilling its contracts.

The whig boys call the democratic party their "federal opponents." This reminds us of the Quaker who could not get a dog within his reach, against which he had a spite, exclaimed, "I will not kill you, but I will give you a bad name."

**What next.**—I is now calculated that a voyage of one month will take a man from New York to Egypt. For the trip, twelve days to England, and eighteen thence to Alexandria.

#### CANAL COMMISSIONERS.

John Dickey has been appointed Canal Commissioner in the place of Moses Sullivan, and Thaddeus Stevens in the place of John Taggart.

The damage sustained by the late fire at Charleston, South Carolina, is estimated by a committee appointed for the purpose, at 4,000,000 dollars.

The Locoming Gazette says that the Governor has appointed Friday the 6th of July next, for the execution of William Miller, who was convicted of the murder of Solomon Hoffman.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the people of Philadelphia, was held on the 14th inst. (says the Lancaster Intelligencer) for the purpose of adopting such measures as would induce the banks to resume specie payments at an early day. The meeting was not a party one. It combined those of all classes, and was distinguished by that determination which should ever characterize a community when speaking to its servants. Only two of the banks deigned a reply to the committee appointed to correspond with them. The rest taking example, we presume, by Mr. Biddle, observed a contemptuous silence. The resolutions offered by our friend Heniman, were strong and decided in their recommendations, and carry with them a spirit not to be trifled with.

**Party Lines.**—As the federal papers here, (says the Philadelphia Pennsylvanian) will have it that the demand for a resumption on the part of the banks, is a mere party cry, and the wish for a return immediately to specie payments is the offspring of the Democracy, the fact is worthy of being noted throughout the state. It forms an important ingredient in the political contest now going on. Our opponents in this state, virtually avow their determination to battle under the folds of Mr. Biddle's non-resumption banner, and the yeomanry of the interior should understand, that, among other matters, the strife is between the friends of "Ritner, the Bank, and Shin-plasters," and the advocates of "Porter, Democracy, and a redeemable Currency."

#### THE PEOPLE ARE COMING.

The York Gazette says, that in every part of the state, the cry, the enthusiastic cry is PORTER and DEMOCRACY! The bugle blast is gone forth, and the old Democracy of the Keystone State, are girding on their armor, and flocking by thousands around their time honored banner.—Never did a better spirit prevail among the Democrats of Pennsylvania—that party, be it remembered, which when united, has never yet been defeated. Here and there, a faint cry is heard from the camp of the enemy—(aye emphatically the enemy of Democracy of Pennsylvania)—a few of them are still so stultified as to indulge a "hope against hope;" but generally, TERROR and DISMAY prevails among the unprincipled band who are arrayed under the soiled flag of federal anti-masonry.

A few days ago, a gentleman at Natches requested an acquaintance to carry a sum of money to New Orleans. He carried it to Texas! This was carrying the thing too far.

**Something Singular.**—The Lawrenceburg Indiana Beacon, has the following: "We have been credibly informed that the evening of the 13th inst. a daughter of Mr. Williams, near Williamsburg in the county, died of the small pox, or was supposed to be dead. She was dressed in her grave clothes, and laid out in the usual manner, set up with all night, and on the following morning was found to be alive.—She is still living and represented to be convalescent. We cannot vouch for the truth of the story, although it has been more than once represented to us as an absolute certainty."

**Gov. Ritner's Extravagance.**—The Harrisburg Reporter, in speaking of the administration of Gov. Ritner, says—The extravagance which has marked Governor Ritner's administration is beginning to attract the attention of the people who have been duped by his professions of economy and his "overflowing treasury." But where has his 'economy' been exhibited?—What has become of his 'overflowing Treasury?' Since he came into power, he has received, in addition to all the ordinary revenue of the State, a large amount in the shape of Bank bonuses, and near three millions from the general government. And what has become of it? Where is the evidence of an economical expenditure? Not a mile of additional improvement has been brought into use—there has been no increase of the immediate resources of the commonwealth.

In addition to this expenditure of money received, Gov. Ritner has INCREASED THE STATE DEBT—he has rendered the State Bankrupt, and for want of funds, his 'overflowing Treasury' cannot meet the demands of the appropriation bill which he signed at the last session—and the consequence is that the next Legislature will be compelled to resort to a permanent loan, or stop the public improvements! Such are the fruits of his so much boasted economy. A more extravagant and incompetent Administration is not to be found in the history of Pennsylvania.

From the Pennsylvania Reporter.

#### VIRGINIA.

After all the noise which the opposition have made about the Virginia elections, it is now rendered probable that they will not have a majority on joint ballot of the two houses of the legislature. One thing is certain, they can in no event muster as strong a force in the Legislature as they did in 1834. The official statement of the polls in the various counties has satisfied us that the democracy will gain an easy triumph at the next election. The present defeat has been entirely owing to the unfortunate schism in our ranks. But the breach will be healed, and Virginia will be herself again, for it may be truly said that her democracy is unconquered and unconquerable.

The Richmond Enquirer of Tuesday furnishes the following statement of the returns and the probable result:—

#### VIRGINIA ELECTIONS.

Two counties only to be heard from, viz: Lee and Morgan, which it is supposed will return republicans. If this should prove to be a fact, then the whigs have carried 71 delegates, and the friends of the Administration 61; add two uncertain, viz: the delegate from Morgan, and the race in King George to be run over again. There is also a new race to be run in Buckingham, to supply the place occasioned by the death of Mr. Samuel Jones, (Whig) a very worthy man, who has died since his election. Thus the account current stands:

The House of Delegates has 134 members.	Senate	32
Whole number	166	
Majority on joint ballot	84	
The number of Whigs we have now in the House or Delegates is	70	
In the Senate	10	
	80	
The number of Republicans in the House,	61	
In the Senate	22	
	83	

And one uncertain, and two vacancies. Allowing only one of these to the Republicans, and two to the Whigs, and parties will stand on joint vote, 84 Republicans, 82 Whigs. If we allow all three to the Whigs, the parties will be tied on joint ballot. Allow all to the Republicans, and the vote will stand 86 to 80. Republican majority on joint ballot 6.

Lord St. Vincent never liked to hear of an officer getting married in war time. He would say, when any one asked permission to go home to England for a short period "Sir, you want to go on shore and get married, and then you won't be worth your salt."