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"I have sworn upon the Altar of God, eternal hostility to every form of Tyranny over the Mind of Man."—Thomas Jefferson.

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POLITICAL.

From the Harrisburg Reporter.
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

OR THE

Democratic Young Men's Convention.

July 4, 1838.

The delegates in attendance assembled at the Union Church in Locust street, at 11 o'clock, A. M. when, on motion of Mr. Ingram of Schuylkill.

Col. REAH FRAZER of Lancaster, was called to the chair, and Albert C. Ramsey of York, H. H. Muhlenberg of Berks, Geo. R. Espy of Venango, Jacob F. Miller of Cumberland, J. B. Danna of Adams, & Jno. S. Ingram of Schuylkill, were chosen Secretaries.

The Convention being thus temporarily organized, it was, on motion of Mr. Fisher of York,

Resolved—That each city and county delegation select one of its own members to constitute a committee to appoint officers to preside over the deliberations of the Convention.

On motion, of Mr. Barton of Lancaster. Resolved—That the committee report at an adjourned meeting of this convention at 5 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Dauphin. Resolved—That the officers of this Convention consist of a President, one Vice President from each county, and 26 Secretaries.

On motion of Mr. Cummings of Philadelphia county. Resolved—That the different delegations, through their chairmen, present the names of their members to the secretaries of the Convention at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The following letter to the chairman was then read by one of the secretaries:
Harrisburg, July 4, 1838.

To the President of the Democratic Young Men's Convention:

Sir:—We, the undersigned committee of arrangement, respectfully invite the members of the Convention over which you preside, to participate with the Democracy of Harrisburg, in partaking of the dinner provided for the occasion near the borough. Ample arrangements have been made to accommodate all who may be pleased to join with us. The procession to march out to the place of dining, will be formed at 12 1/2 o'clock—and the cloth will be laid at one o'clock.

Yours, very respectfully, &c.
Valentine Hummel, John C. Bucher, Michael Burke, Ovid F. Johnston, Henry Sprigman, C. A. Snyder, John H. Briggs, Henry Breader, George L. Mytinger, John Shanklin, John Houser, C. F. Haehten.

On motion of John W. Ryan of Philadelphia county, the chair appointed a committee of three, consisting of John W. Ryan, John S. Ingram and James Findly, to accept of said invitation on the part of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Burnside of Centre. Resolved—That the grand committee meet in one hour after adjournment at Mr. Buehler's Hotel.

On motion of Mr. Findlay of Allegheny. Resolved—That this Convention now adjourn to meet again at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention again met, when the committee of one from a county, appointed to report a list of officers for the meeting, reported the following:

For President,

J. K. MOORHEAD, of Allegheny county.

For Vice Presidents,

Eusebius J. Owings, of Adams;

Hugh Toner, of Allegheny;

P. Klingensmith, of Armstrong;

E. K. Chamberlain, of Beaver;

David Wilmot, of Bradford;

James Bowman, of Bedford;

Heister H. Muhlenberg, of Berks;

Caleb E. Wright, of Bucks;

William M'Nair, of Butler;

John H. Morrison, of Centre;

James Kelton, jr. of Chester;

L. W. Smith, of Clearfield;

W. R. Gas, of Cumberland;

L. L. Tate, of Columbia;

Dr. W. S. Bishop, of Dauphin;

S. M. Leiper, of Delaware;

Carson Graham, of Erie;

R. T. Galloway, of Fayette;

Upton Washbaugh, of Franklin;

S. P. Campbell, of Huntingdon;

L. G. Clover, of Jefferson;

Robert Barnard, of Juniata;

H. B. Packer, of Lycoming;

Edward P. Pearson, of Lebanon;

Thomas Myers, of Luzerne;

Isaac Winters, of Lancaster;

E. W. Hutter, of Lehigh;

John Stonerode, of Mifflin;

George H. Pawling, of Montgomery;

J. M. Keuster, of Mercer;

Charles Kitchin, of Northampton;

Jno. W. Miles, of Northumberland;

James Black, of Perry;

Almon H. Read, of Susquehanna;

William Yost, of Schuylkill;

Isaac Slenker, of Union;

George R. Espy, of Venango;

C. B. Curtis, of Warren;

John L. Cook, of Washington;

John H. Steck of Wayne;

Thomas S. Stewart, of Philadelphia city.

Charles Pray, of Philadelphia county;

Wm. H. Kurtz, of York.

Secretaries.

Robert J. Fisher, of York;

William D. Boas, of Dauphin;

John S. Ingram, of Schuylkill;

Joseph Ottinger,

Jno. Franklin Reigart, of Lancaster;

W. Swartz, of Centre;

J. Thomas, of Mifflin;

W. Henry,

L. Kidder,

S. L. Roberts, of Bucks;

E. B. Mizsall, of Philadelphia city;

M. Myers, of Northampton;

Thos. M'Kee,

Wm. K. Boyer,

E. W. Baird,

Dr. Geo. Leinaweaver, of Lebanon;

J. Geo. Morris, of Fayette;

Joseph Nill, of Franklin;

J. S. Dickey,

H. B. Massor, of Northumberland;

E. F. Evans, of Chester;

John W. Ryan, of Philadelphia county;

James Shannon,

J. P. Lyon,

A. B. Cummings, of Philadelphia;

Wm. W. Bilmeyer,

A. W. Shearer, of Montgomery;

A. M. Nesbit,

James R. Shannon, Jr. of Washington;

And the Secretaries of the primary meeting.

On taking the Chair Mr. Moorhead addressed the Convention as follows:
Friends and fellow citizens—The compliment you have just paid me, by selecting me to preside over this vast assemblage of the Democracy of Pennsylvania, is so great that language fails me to express my gratitude, for the honour you have conferred.

Permit me to tell you that this manifestation of your partiality will ever be fondly cherished by me. In the discharge of the duties that will devolve upon me, (from my want of experience and capacity) I will find great occasion for your indulgence, and all

I can promise you, gentlemen, is an honest effort to do the very best I can. Should I fall into errors, let me assure you they will be unintentional, as the height of my ambition is to use my utmost exertions to promote the welfare of the Democratic party and secure the election of Gen. David R. Porter.

We have a candidate, gentlemen, upon whom the Democracy of Pennsylvania are proud to rally. He was rocked in the cradle of democracy, and has proved himself worthy of his Revolutionary sire. His talents are of a high order, and his qualifications eminently fit him for the station to which we will elect him.

From a long and intimate acquaintance with him, I can assure you that he has acquired a reputation for honesty and integrity, that will be a sufficient shield to protect him from all the darts of malice, slanders and envy, that a corrupt party through their pensioned editors may hurl at him. A firmer Democrat or a more honest man never lived in this or any other country.

Now let me congratulate you, fellow citizens, upon the present prospect and position of the Democratic party—a party that has never been beaten when united. Nay! never can be beaten. The party never was more harmoniously united upon any subject, than it is now, with regard to the election of David R. Porter. Let us not then for a moment consider the contest doubtful. No! it is not doubtful; there is a spirit abroad amongst the people that will crush the proscriptive spirit of antismasonry and elevate the man of our choice. Let us be firm and united, and victory will crown our efforts by a tremendous majority.

On motion of Mr. Burnside, of Centre, a committee was appointed to draft an address to the Democracy of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Findlay, of Allegheny, a committee on Resolutions was appointed.

July 5th, 1838.

On motion, Mr. Barton of Lancaster addressed the Convention; after which,
On motion of Mr. Pawling of Montgomery,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Mr. Barton, of Lancaster, for his able address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

Mr. Findlay, of Allegheny, on behalf of the committee, appointed for that purpose, submitted the following resolutions, which on motion of Mr. Leiper, of Philadelphia, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the nomination of Gen. DAVID RITNER, PORTER, by the Convention of the 5th of March last, as the candidate of the democratic party for Governor, meets with our most cordial approbation, and that we will use all honorable means to secure his election, confident that our efforts must be crowned with success as the democracy of Pennsylvania, united as it now is, never was, and never can be, defeated.

Resolved, That Joseph Ritner and his friends, in giving a new existence to the bank of the United States, by incorporating it for a further term of thirty years—a measure which they so well knew at the time to be odious, that they endeavored to disguise its true nature by false pretences, evinced the highest contempt of the popular will as repeatedly and emphatically declared.

Resolved, That the bank of the United States, in its open interference to prevent the resumption of specie payments, has shown that it is ready and willing to use its vast moneyed power for political effect, and that the best interests of the people require that we should have in the executive chair of the State, a man who will require it to conform to the requisitions of its charter in this respect, and who will duly regard his duty to have the laws faithfully enacted.

Resolved, That the act of 1836 enacted by Joseph Ritner and his friends, for the registry of the voters in the city and county of Philadelphia, is repugnant to the constitution, inasmuch as it prescribes qualifications for electors not required by the

constitution, and in its operation necessarily deprives many of the right of voting who are entitled to it by the provisions of that sacred instrument, and that it is a precedent of the most dangerous and startling kind, and cannot be held up too frequently nor too prominently for public reprobation.

Resolved, That the act of 1836, passed by Joseph Ritner and his friends, for apportioning the Senators and Representatives among the several districts and counties in the State, bears upon its face a reckless disregard, by those who contrived it of the injunction of the Constitution that such apportionment should be according to the number of taxable inhabitants in each—and is an open attempt to perpetuate in the minority the power which they through accident, for a time, acquired.

Resolved, That we have full confidence in the talents, integrity, and republican principles of Martin Van Buren, President of the United States.

Resolved, That now, when a wild spirit of fanaticism is abroad, threatening the destruction of the Union of these States, it is incumbent on the great Keystone State to place at the head of her government one who will not deem a discharge of his duty as an American citizen and a regard to his oath to support the constitution of the United States, "a base bowing of the knee to the dark spirit of slavery."

On motion of Mr. Fisher of York,

Resolved, That a Central Committee of Young Men, be appointed by this Convention, for the purpose of aiding in the election of David R. Porter to the highest official station in this Commonwealth, and thereby again restore Pennsylvania to her former exalted political standing.

The following gentlemen were appointed by the Chair to constitute the

CENTRAL STATE COMMITTEE:

Hamilton Alricks, Dr. E. L. Orth, Benjamin Parke, Thos. L. Wilson, Valentine Hummel, Jr. & Boyd Hamilton, D. W. Mahon, Daniel Kendall, George Lauman, Charles A. Snyder, George P. Seal, John H. M'Allister, John Miller, Henry Buehlers, John H. Shoemaker, of Dauphin.

James Goodman, Miles N. Carpenter, A. B. Cummings, W. D. Petit, of Philadelphia.

Henry Rogers, Reah Frazer, of Lancaster. Benjamin Patton, jr. Hugh Toner, of Allegheny.

Henry Starke, of Luzerne.

Dr. Wm. Morrison, of Westmoreland.

J. C. Adams, of Bradford.

Robert J. Fisher, of York.

Thomas P. Campbell, of Huntingdon.

On motion of Mr. Wright, of Luzerne, Resolved, That a committee of correspondence be appointed for each county in the State.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Dauphin,

Resolved, That it is the deliberate opinion of this Convention that the re-election of Joseph Ritner, would be the political triumph of abolitionism, and would be so regarded throughout the Union.

On motion of Mr. Frailey of Schuylkill. Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the different delegations, the propriety of having the proceedings of the Convention published in the papers of their several counties, and to defray such expenses, so that the people may have an opportunity of reading them, and the country press receive a compensation for their services.

On motion of Mr. Findlay of Allegheny, Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the trustees of this church, and to the officers of this meeting.

On motion of Mr. Leiber of Philadelphia. Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in all the democratic papers in the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Frailey, Resolved, That a committee of finance be appointed, consisting of one member from each delegation.

On motion of Mr. Pawling.

Resolved, That the names of the delegates to this Convention be published with the proceedings.

On motion of Mr. Keuster, of Mercer, Resolved, That the suggestion of our western brethren in favor of holding a convention at Pittsburg be referred to the central committee.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Danphin, Resolved, That the delegates to this Convention have carefully investigated the various charges made against Gen. David R. Porter, impeaching his personal integrity and honor, and that they are fully satisfied that all said charges are wholly unfounded in truth.

On motion of Mr. Weiler of Montgomery, Resolved, That a committee of 5 be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare and forward authenticated copies of the resolutions of this Convention to Gen. David R. Porter. The Democratic candidate for Governor, of Pennsylvania.

The President appointed the following gentlemen to carry the above resolution into effect, viz:

Messrs. Weiler of Montgomery, Pearson of Lebanon, Hemphill of Chester, Findlay of Allegheny, and Schall of York.

On motion of Mr. Leiper,

Resolved, That this Convention adjourn sine die.

Signed by the officers.

List of delegates omitted.

Franklin's Printing Press.—We learn from the London papers, that in a lecture recently delivered before the London Mechanics' Institute, by B. B. Thatcher, of Boston, the Lecturer stated that his researches after traces of Franklin's doings in London have brought to light an interesting relic. It will be remembered that Franklin, when he came to London to pursue the printing business, worked first for a person named Palmer, and afterwards went to Watt's, near Lincoln's Inn-fields.

The relic referred to is the identical press which Franklin worked at when with Mr. Watts. The tradition is still preserved among the trade, that when Franklin was in London in 1768, as the agent of Massachusetts, he visited his old master, who still continued his business at the same place, sought out the press, which was still doing duty, called the workmen together, and gave them, over a nodding of Porter, an account of the article, and a few words of comment in "Poor Richard's" usual manner, which made a great impression. The press is no longer used; but though clumsy and rough, it does not differ so much from common presses as might be supposed; it being now one hundred and ten years since the philosopher "pulled" at it himself.

Boston Transcript.

FEMALE DUTIES.

There are no duties on earth so nearly angelic as those which devolve on women. Let the young wife then take hold of the promises that belong to the faithful, resolving that what she knows to be her duty shall be pursued, and whatever is right will soon become agreeable, according to the known principles of human nature. Few women have any conception of the good which Providence puts in their power to perform by appointing them the helpmates of man. To the very voice, step, tone, look, every thing which constitutes example in those we love, is attached the utmost influence. Domestic happiness is peculiarly prolific, and he must be a brute who does not yield to the force of its heavenly influence, and become modified, adjourned, and exalted.

A young wife should remember that the measures of her husband's respect will be graduated by the respect she manifests for herself. If she appear respectable in his eyes, let her set a proper respect upon herself, by manifesting that respect for him to which, in the relations of life, he is entitled. There is a neatness in dress which is perfectly compatible with plainness—graceful without appearing ostentatious. The exte-