

"TRUTH WITHOUT FEAR"



BLOOMSBURG:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1839.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION—1840.

FOR PRESIDENT,

MARTIN VAN BUREN.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,

RICHARD M. JOHNSON.

AND THE

CONSTITUTIONAL TREASURY.

DELEGATE ELECTION.

The Democratic citizens of Columbia County, friendly to the Administrations of Martin Van Buren and David R. Porter, are requested to meet at the usual place of holding the General Elections within their respective townships and election districts, on

Saturday, the 31st day of August, 1839, between the hours of three and six o'clock in the afternoon, in order to elect two Delegates in each district, (including the new townships that have been and may be formed,) to represent their respective districts in a County Convention of Delegates to meet at the house of Daniel Gross, in Bloomsburg, at 12 o'clock, M., on Monday, the 2d of September, 1839, for the purpose of settling a county ticket, by nominating—One person for Member of the Legislature—One person for Prothonotary and Clerk of the Courts of General Quarter Sessions, Oyer and Terminer, and Orphan's Court—One person for Register of Wills, and Re-order of Leods—One person for County Commissioner—One person for County Treasurer—And one person County Auditor, to be voted for by the people of Columbia county, at the General Election in October next.

JOHN RHODES,
IRAM DERR,
M. FORNWALD,

Democratic Standing Committee.
August 7, 1839.

THE COUNTY MEETING.

Notwithstanding the utmost exertions were used by the Danville interest to prevent the attendance of the democrats from the upper section of the county, by circulating false statements as to the object of the meeting, it was numerously attended by gentlemen from all parts of the county, and the proceedings received the hearty approbation of all, with the exception of the gentlemen from Danville, and one or two from Berwick. From them, as was to have been expected, they received a decided opposition, accompanied with threats of a division of the party if they were not to have the whole control of the elections—or in other words, if such candidates were not nominated as would sustain the interest of Danville, and throw into their pockets the "Dollars and Cents." But the Democrats with one voice, proclaimed that they would have "union and harmony," and sustain such men only, as had the interest of the whole party and that of the county, at heart. Since the meeting, in all parts of the county from which we have heard, but one sentiment appears to prevail; that of approbation and cordial co-operation in the proceedings of the meeting, and we feel warranted in saying, that they will be sustained at the approaching election by the united strength of the Democratic party.

A severe rebuke was given at the county meeting to those democrats who are endeavoring to procure the charter of a bank to be located in the county. Although some who style themselves leaders of the democratic party, and in whom the party have heretofore had confidence, may go astray, there is always sufficient virtue and stability in the farmer and mechanic to correct them, and put matters in their right place in due season. The people may be deceived by false appearances and a deceptive policy for a while; but their good sense will soon discover the error. It will then be difficult for the same persons to deceive them again. He who expects to, must have more impudence and brass, and less knowledge of human nature, and of the intelligence of the people; than is possessed by the common lot of man.

It will be seen by an advertisement in another column, that Dr. H. SMITH, has again returned to this town, and offers his professional services to the public. We can cheerfully recommend him to the patronage of our friends, from actual experience, he having operated upon our own teeth and those of our family, to advantage. None should be so good an opportunity pass of having their teeth cleaned and operated upon by an experienced workman, as many of the ills of life originate from foul and decayed teeth.

GREAT Democratic COUNTY MEETING.

In pursuance of the notice of the Standing Committee, a large number of Democratic citizens, from various parts of the county, assembled at the house of Daniel Gross, in Bloomsburg, on Saturday, the 10th of August, 1839, and organized by the appointment of JAMES C. SPROUL, President; Isaac Kline, John Knorr, Jacob Hagenbuch, Cornelius Cleckner, Thomas A. Funston, Vice Presidents. S. F. Heady was nominated as a Vice President, but declined serving. Levi Bisel, Solomon Newhard and Wm. S. Davis, Secretaries.—Levi L. Tate was nominated as Secretary, but declined serving.

It was then, on motion,

Resolved—That a Committee of ten be appointed by the Chair to prepare and report proceedings for the consideration of the meeting.

Whereupon, John Lazarus, Wm. S. Davis, L. B. Rupert, H. Webb, John Dietrick, John McHenry, Samuel Kesner, Daniel Pealer, Neal McCay, and T. J. Hutchinson, were appointed.

The committee, after a short absence, returned and reported the following, which were, after a lengthy discussion, adopted.

The great principle of Democracy is equal rights and the capacity of the people for self government. It was this principle that impelled our Revolutionary Sires to contend against the aristocratic power exercised by the mother country, in placing our government in the hands of a few choice spirits;—and the love of this same principle raised up a party, with Jefferson at the head, that overthrew the Federal aristocratic administration of the elder Adams. The Democratic party from that time to this, has had to contend against the hydra-headed monster aristocracy. At times, it has appeared as though the cause of equal rights was doomed to be overpowered by the combined strength arrayed against it. The opposition having assumed all the shapes and forms, clothed with all the gorgeous trappings and deceptive appearances, that were calculated to deceive the unwary, and catch within its meshes the unsuspecting. Changing from Federalism to National Republicanism—then to Anti-Masonry and Whigism—and now assuming the garb of Democratic Whigism—but always keeping the grand principle of Aristocracy in view, that power belongs to the few—and to sustain that power, banks and other incorporated companies have been multiplied, by which to control the wealth and credit of the nation. By wielding this additional power, with an unsparing hand, they have seduced some false hearted Democrats into their ranks, and others to act the traitor while pretending to do duty in ours, by the glare of wealth, and thus at times have shaken the cause of equal rights to the centre, and made the patriot tremble for the fate of his loved country. But thanks to the firmness of the farmer, mechanic, and laboring class of community, the Democratic ensign yet waves triumphant over our National and State administration, upheld by the powerful and sterling hearted Democrats and patriots, Van Buren and Porter. How much longer it is to triumph, depends upon the firmness with which the people oppose the increase of these moneyed monopolies. To do this effectually it will require the united energies of all. Although our last Legislature, was Democratic, yet we regret to say, that a majority of the members were in favor of unrestricted corporations. Some of those Democrats, too, who were elected upon the express grounds of anti-bank and anti-corporation, joined with the Federalists in granting unlimited corporations, and uniformly voted against any restrictions. So powerful has the bank influence become, and so sure are they of having a majority in the next Legislature, under their control, that notices have already been published of the intention of some twenty applications to be made for bank charters located in different sections of the State. Many of them by professing Democrats. Even in our own county, applications for two banks are to be made, both of which if obtained, are to be wielded by the same men, who have often boasted of their power to control the elections of the county, and who now openly proclaim upon the house top, that with the assistance of a bank, they can do it hereafter. It then becomes the freemen of Columbia county to oppose the creation of a bank within its limits, if they wish to have their elections untrammelled by a moneyed

corporation. To do it, we must not only oppose the election of any man to the Legislature who will not pledge himself to oppose the increase of banks, but all in whom we have not full confidence that they will faithfully fulfil a pledge so given.—Let us have no dodging the question. No whipping around the stump to evade the issue. No dignified silence on the part of our candidates. No reservations—but a plain, open, frank, straight forward declaration of his opposition to the increase of banking institutions; and, besure that the pledge is not the result of a sudden conversion.—Besure that your candidate is not bound hand and foot to soulless corporations, both from interest and association. Such pledges, emanating from such sources, are not of conviction but of necessity, and not to be trusted.

There is another subject in which the people of Columbia county, and especially the Democratic party, have a deep and abiding interest. We refer to the location of the seat of Justice of the county. Ever since the formation of the county, it has been a source of heart-burning, bickering and divisions in our ranks, and although the Democratic party have always had a large majority, yet these divisions have been the means of often electing Federal men to office. It is not surprising that the Democrats, who have been deprived of their "equal rights," should attempt to regain them by all fair and honorable means; but they have heretofore labored under great disadvantages in the warfare, in consequence of divisions, created among them, by the insidious and wily foe with which they have had to contend. The removal portion of the Democratic party constitute a large majority of the party, and can, at any time, command the election of their candidate, when united. Their opponents knowing this, have left no stone unturned, to prevent this united action, by sowing the seeds of discord among them—by bring to bear upon the question some far-fetched and wholly irrelevant subject. This game has been so often played, that it has become well understood, and it cannot now deceive the friends of removal, nor lull them to sleep.

The late attempt to dismember the county, needs but to be mentioned, to excite every friend to the "best interest of the county," to use his utmost exertions to put this question at rest, by procuring the removal of the seat of justice to the centre of the county. When this is done, the Democratic party will become united, and no arts of our opponents will ever be able to divide our ranks hereafter. No better time than the present will ever present itself for the agitation of the question. We are now menaced with a division, which if carried into effect, will nearly destroy the county, which no well wisher to good old democratic Columbia will for one moment countenance.—Therefore,

Resolved—That the broad and immutable principles of popular freedom and equal rights constitute the enduring foundation in which is erected the beautiful fabric of Republican government—that the unerring instructions of the world, history, and the early lessons of our sad experience, loudly admonish us, that the only guarantee of those principles, is the sleepless vigilance of the people—and that we esteem every citizen a sentinel, and consider it the inestimable privilege and bounden duty of all good citizens, frequently to assemble, and boldly to declare their opinions, and to check the advancement of despotism—to put back the march of error—to rebuke the insidious machinations of the factious, and to cheer onward the patriotic efforts of the faithful.

Resolved—That the Constitutions of the United States and of this State, deserve our unabated and undiminished affection, based as they are, on the eternal principles of justice, and practically proclaiming that glorious truth obnoxious to tyrants alone, "that the people are capable of self government."

Resolved—That we rely with confidence on the wisdom, integrity and patriotism of our present chief magistrate, Martin Van Buren, and cordially recommend his reelection, because he administers the government in the true spirit of the Constitution, and is opposed to a bank of the United States, so dangerous to the liberties and corrupting to the morals of the people.

Resolved—That in the able and impartial discharge of his duties, as second officer of the general government—to his unwavering devotion to Republican principles, and to the true interest of his country, we cannot but award the Vice President, Richard M. Johnson, the tribute of our unequalled

approbation, and cordially recommend his re-election as a measure calculated to advance the interest of the nation, and that of the Democratic party.

Resolved—That the System of an Independent Treasury is the System of the Constitution, and the best and only scheme calculated to disenthral our fiscal affairs from the embarrassments of irresponsible and uncontrollable moneyed corporations—an alliance unconstitutional, demoralizing and unnecessary, and inculcating the false and ridiculous idea that the people cannot take care of themselves, but require banks to be their guardians.

Resolved—That the Democratic party of Columbia county entertain unlimited confidence in the policy of the present chief magistrate of this State, David R. Porter, and the most devoted attachment to him, believing that all his measures will be, as they have thus far been; characterised by an ardent devotion to the best interest of the State.

Resolved—That the present banking system of this State is fraught with evils incalculable to the best interest of the farmer and mechanic, and will eventually, if not checked in its growth, wield a power that will control the liberties of the people, as well as the whole business of the country.

Resolved—That entertaining these views of the existing banks, we are decidedly opposed to any increase of their number in this State, and more especially, the location of one of these blood-suckers upon the vitals of the community in this county—and that we will oppose the election of any man to the Legislature who will not pledge himself to oppose the chartering of any institution for banking purposes, within the county of Columbia.

Resolved—That as Democrats, we claim the right of demanding of our candidates a pledge to oppose or sustain any measure that we think calculated to effect our rights and interest—and any one who shall, after election, disobey that pledge, is no longer entitled to our confidence, or worthy of our support.

Resolved—That as William Colt was elected to the Legislature as the candidate of the whole Democratic party of the county, it was confidently expected, that he would not have permitted his acts to have been controlled by a few reckless politicians to the destruction of the best interest of the party, and that of the county generally, but that he would have faithfully served the whole.

Resolved—That as he has thus forfeited our confidence, we cannot again support him as a candidate for the Legislature; but we will give our support only to a man who will sustain democratic principles and democratic measures, and maintain the rights and interest of the many in opposition to the few.

Resolved—That the present location of the seat of justice of this county is unjust and burdensome to a large majority of the citizens—and that the democratic party in particular, as advocates of equal rights and equal privileges, are bound to use all fair and honorable means to procure its removal to the centre of the county.

Resolved—That the Democracy of Columbia county, have a deep interest in the speedy termination of this long vexed and exciting question, as it has, more or less, at every election, tended to rend our party asunder, and give strength to the whig ranks.

Resolved—That to effect this desirable object, it is necessary that our Representative in the State Legislature, should be friendly to the cause, therefore, we will sustain no man for nomination for that station, who will not pledge himself to use his best exertions, should he be elected, to effect the removal of the seat of justice of Columbia county to the centre, or to that position which shall conduce to the best interest & convenience of the inhabitants generally.

Resolved—That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by its officers, and published in the Democratic papers in the county.

JAMES C. SPROUL, President.

ISAAC KLINE,
JOHN KNORR,
JACOB HAGENBUCH,
CORNELIUS CLECKNER,
THOMAS A. FUNSTON,
Levi Bisel,
Solomon Newhard,
Wm. S. Davis, } V. Presidents.
Secretaries.

Mr Fowler is to deliver a Lecture in this village, Friday evening, Aug. 13, and at Cattawissa on Saturday evening, the 17th, upon the science of Phenology. A rich treat may be expected upon the subject.

We have neither time nor space, this week, to notice the unfounded statements and misrepresentations of the Berwick Sentinel, in regard to the proceedings of the county meeting—but will endeavor in our next to pay some little attention to the falsehoods, both in the editorial and communications of S. F. Heady. We now barely say, that the communication of Heady, over the signature of "Looker On," is a base tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end—and that instead of 4 or 5 townships only being represented, as he asserts, there were gentlemen present from every township in the county, with the exception of three or four, who took part in the meeting. His other statements are of a like kidney.

The Danville Intelligencer announces the name of WILLIAM COLT as a candidate for the Legislature, and JEREMIAH WELLS as a candidate for Treasurer.

The Berwick Sentinel announces JOHN DOAK, as a candidate for Commissioner.

The democrats of Northumberland county have nominated Jesse C. Horton for the Senate, and Charles D. Higgins for the Legislature.

Heady, in his communication in the Berwick Sentinel calls the officers of the meeting "disappointed politicians." Are such men as James C. Sproul, Isaac Kline, John Knorr, John McHenry, and Cornelius Cleckner "disappointed politicians?" O shame! where is thy blush!

GLORIOUS NEWS FROM TENNESSEE.

The election in this state, has closed, and sufficient returns have been received to warrant the belief, that an entire revolution has been effected.—Col. Polk, the democratic candidate for Governor, is elected by about 6000 majority and it is thought that a majority of the members of Congress, and of the Legislature, are democratic.

INDIANA

Has nobly followed suit. It being confidently asserted that the democrats have triumphed throughout the state.

KENTUCKY

Is rapidly coming to the rescue. In several instances the democrats have elected their candidates where they were before represented by Federalists, and in others greatly reduced their majorities against them.

NORTH CAROLINA

Is doing her duty, the democrats have elected 4 members of Congress out of 7—six more to be elected.

Mr. Webb,

I wish to present the name of DANIEL SNYDER, as a Candidate for the Legislature. He is too well known throughout the county, as a firm, decided, undeviating Democrat and Anti-Bank man, and as a friend to the farmer and mechanic, to need any eulogy from me, to procure him a handsome support.

FISHINGCREEK.

Mr. Webb,

Please announce through your paper the name of

JACOB EYRELY,

as a suitable person to fill the office of PROTHONOTARY of Columbia county, and oblige a

HEMLOCKER.

Mr. Webb,

Be so good as to bring before the public the name of

THOMAS A. FUNSTON,

of Madison, a Democrat of the old school, as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Columbia county, and confer a favor on a

VOTER OF BRIERCREEK.

Mr. Webb,

I wish to present to the Electors of Columbia county,

JOHN DIETRICK,

of Monteur, as a candidate for COMMISSIONER. As that section of the county is entitled to a Commissioner, and as Mr. Dietrick is a decided friend of 'equal rights,' I have no hesitation in saying that I believe he will receive the support of the Democratic party.

A DEMOCRAT.

Mr. Webb,

As I wish to have an efficient AUDITOR from the upper section of the county, please mention the name of

JAMES DEWITT,

of Greenwood, as a suitable person for that office, and oblige a

MT. PLEASANT DEMOCRAT.

Bermuda is rivalling Connecticut. She has shipped this spring to the West Indies half a million pounds of onions and 260 barrels of potatoes. In Bermuda a half a bottle of seed produced 8000 lbs. of onions—160 of which weighed 280 pounds