

DOCT. DAVID PETRIKIN, M.D.
AND THE MEETING.

We delight to give gentlemen the whole title which appertains to their names, especially when those titles appear to give them so much pleasure, and renders them of so much importance in their own estimation, as those attached to the name of this gentleman do him—and more particularly so, when they have no quality, either of the head or heart, to recommend them as is the case with the individual in question. We are aware when we say thus much that we are combating the prejudices of some, and perhaps the friendship of others in his favor. For that he has some friends even now, is true—that he might have had more, is as true, if he had used the influence which a portion of the democracy of this district gave him to wield, without consulting the baser passions of the heart, and not allowed his acts out of Congress to be governed by the pitiful and contemptible feeling—revenge. But as this has been the governing principle which has controlled all his actions in relation to transactions in which his constituents were immediately interested, it cannot be expected that his friends have increased in numbers since he was elected to congress through a fortuitous connexion of circumstances—but rather, it would be strange, surpassing strange indeed, if they had not measurably decreased. This we should have supposed, the gentleman himself might have reasonably anticipated from the determined hostility which he has invariably manifested since his election, to every individual in his district who was so unfortunate as to be found even opposing his nomination, or who would not bow the knee and kiss the rod that smote him. Under these circumstances, it does appear to us, that he must have expected that the scarred backs and lacerated wounds inflicted by him, while under the influence of the selfish feelings which have so constantly predominated in his breast against many of those who had before been his warmest friends, would some day or other rise up in judgement against him. It appears, however, that his mind was so entirely absorbed with his darling feeling of revenge, that when the truth of his waning popularity was brought home to him, in Danville, on Tuesday, the 13th by the rejection of a resolution offered in his favor, that it fell upon him like a clap of thunder—and he was ready to cry out "oh, save me, my friends, or I sink." Under the influence of this feeling he has issued his manifesto couched in the most indecent and disgraceful language, against several prominent gentlemen in this county and other portions of the state, threatening annihilation to the executive, and a part of the legislative and judicial department, of our state government, and, staidly not, gentle reader, even our humble self is discarded from society as a "Vagabond." Yes, this plain, unassuming, honest, upright, straightforward, uncompromising, uncorruptible democrat, denounces in one fell swoop, the state administration, the attorney general, a canal commissioner, and some half a dozen of the most respectable members of the democratic party of this county as unworthy of the name of men, and a place in civilized society. And for what? Why, or sooth, one or two individuals had the hardihood to oppose the introduction into a meeting got up expressly for another and a perverted purpose, a resolution praising him or his firmness and decision in calling for the year and noys, and the previous question, on minor subjects of debate in Congress, while at the same time, he was plugging his vote on some dozens of democratic Post Masters in his district, to gratify a personal desire, and subsisting, in some instances, uncompromising Federalists.—It is not more particularly to the manifesto. Here, however, at the outset, we announce it a tissue of falsehoods, misrepresentations, slander and abuse, and we call on every gentleman present at the meeting, as well as those acquainted with the character of the gentlemen traduced to bear witness to the assertion. Here, to, we will mention, (as it is not our intention to follow him through all his attacks upon the sons by him named, as they are amply obliged to defend themselves if they think proper,) that we are authorized by John G. Mignoney, Esq. to say, that the charges he against him of what he should have called about "General Jackson," the "Farm-Mechanics," & of having "ridiculed the democratic party generally," is unequivocally a base falsehood, and could only have been engendered in a distempered and heated imagination, for the want of some-

thing better to gratify his feelings. The Doctor asserts that a portion of the officers were of the opposition. This was not the fact, as all who know the men will testify. The president of the meeting, in particular, was a warm friend of his. His insinuations in regard to the character of some of the committee, is alike unfounded.

After the announcement of the committee by the chair, public notice was given, of the time and place of their meeting, and all were invited to attend. No particular invitation was given or expected to be given, nor ever is on like occasions, but all attended who thought proper. In committee, resolutions were introduced by different members, adopted, and the chairman directed to report. At this juncture a member remarked that a resolution ought to be added in favor of Doctor Petrikin, but produced none. The committee thought otherwise, and adjourned. After the report was adopted by the meeting, and while a motion for the publication of the proceedings was pending, the same gentleman, who spoke of the resolutions in committee, introduced a written resolution handed to him by another person and moved its adoption. He soon discovered, however, that it would be voted down, and he adopted the old maxim that "discretion is the better part of valor," and that he who runs away, lives to fight another day," withdrew it. This is the history of the resolution. And for this the meeting, composed of several hundred democrats, a majority of whom were his immediate neighbors, are denounced as any thing, but honest and honorable men. And he does not stop here. He anathematizes Gov. Porter, the attorney general and one of the canal commissioners, as if they, a hundred miles distant, were the instigators of a measure adopted by the democracy of Columbia county, at a moment's warning.

But who is this constant, long tried, and self devoted democrat? Let us enquire. The first that is known of him as a political aspirant, was in the days of Wm. Findly, applying for an office and was disappointed. The next we hear of him is in opposition to the re-election of Gov. Findly, advocating the election of Hester the federal candidate. Hester succeeded and the Doctor obtained an office, through the basest of means—by treachery and the betraying of confidence. He was hired to go to Harrisburg to obtain an appointment for a poor and despicable friend—he turned traitor, abused and slandered him, and got the office for himself. He next supported Gregg, the federal candidate in opposition to Shultz, and, as every apostate should do, lost his office, upon the election of Shultz. He next turns his attention to his own county to measure his popularity here. By trickery and deception he succeeded in getting the nomination for assembly, but was defeated by a large majority, by a volunteer candidate. The next year the result was the same. He then succeeded in getting himself appointed Post Master at Danville.

Four years since a member of Congress was to be elected from this district. He was again an aspirant. But he and Valentine Best had been at war, because their interests clashed, and he must be conciliated. What was to be done. The Post Mastership was offered as a bribe, and accepted—the ban of matrimony pronounced, and these twin brothers went into the action with their sleeves rolled up, and their consciences thrown to the devil. He succeeded by a small majority but by what base and dishonorable means is known to all. And if there is one political sin of ours, that will rise up in judgement against us at the great day, is that of having assisted to place him in a station which he has disgraced. Two years since, he was again a candidate, and as an evidence of his popularity in the county, he received 862 votes less than Gov. Porter and 451 less than Maj. C. D., who was a candidate on the same ticket for the legislature. In Mahoning, the township in which he and Maj. Colt resides, and where they are both known, he received 62 votes less than Colt. This is his popularity at home. And what is his position now?—Ever since the election of our present worthy democratic Gov. David R. Porter, he has been his most outrageous villain, both in public and private, and for no other reason, than because Gov. Porter would not hear to him, in his appointment of Canal Commissioners. This abuse he has continued even up to the present time, notwithstanding the resolution that was unanimously passed at the late Lancaster Convention recommending Gov. Porter for re-nomination. It was a knowledge of these

facts, with the still further knowledge that he was cursing the whole democratic party, while he was courting favor with the federalists, that the resolution referred to was deservedly scouted out of the meeting.—This is the man who is arrogating to himself the right of dictating to the democracy of Columbia county—a man who is, at this day heart and soul with the whigs, in their opposition to the re-election of David R. Porter, and who is now, and has been for a year past, endeavoring to divide and distract the democratic party of this county, that he may gratify his base feeling which he has hugged to his bosom with as much tenacity as he does his life—Revenge—by defeating the re-election of Gov. Porter.—Oh! what a democrat!!!

GREAT NATIONAL CALAMITY.

We learn by an Extra issued by the hon. doct. David Petrikin, dated at Danville, the 24th inst., that "the hand of affliction has been laid heavily" upon this great champion of democracy and disinterested patriotism, and that he has endured "a week of intense bodily suffering." Oh! what a lesson to the world is this. Called at any time, in any country, to view the sufferings of even the most humble individual, is painful, but when we see, in the vicissitude and dealings of Providence, one, like the great objector, whose voice but late in the councils of a great republic, was accustomed to "cut off every thing," confined for a whole week to his room, in melancholy in the extreme. But we forbear dwelling upon this mournfully painful subject. We wish not to excite a nation to tears, nor give unnecessary pain, and if we have now, led by our own feelings, moved your sympathy, suppress that heaving bosom, and dry your falling tears, for this great, good, mild, amiable, honest, man. Ah, is not yet lost.—The Doctor is not dead. True, he says the hand of affliction has been "laid heavily upon him," but it may only be the effect of his Wilkesbarre meeting, or eating too much corn, and his extra intimates that he is likely to recover. And if the old proverb, that cross men are not dangerous, be true we think he will yet be spared as a living monument of some kind for the people. He promises, "if it does please Providence" to permit him "once more to be able to wield his his pen,"—mark the characteristic expression "to wield his pen," that he will take occasion to address you frequently. Oh! how cheering the prospect, after so much affliction, to see the dark clouds which at first hung so heavily over our political horizon, thus beginning to disperse, and the bright prospect of the Doctor's intellectual rays, shining through them, to enlighten our path, and show us, poor benighted democrats, the truth in its purity. To teach us how to act. When we should hold our county meeting. What resolutions we should pass. Who we should support for office, and how we should puff the Doctor, and every other matter of importance.

On Saturday morning last a child, about three months old, of George W. Decker, of Hemlock, died very suddenly. In consequence of the child being buried that day, by direction of the Father, and his leaving the county the night following, suspicion arose, that all was not right. The body of the child was taken up, an inquisition held, and a board of physicians, pronounced the existence of poison in the stomach. Verdict of Jury accordingly. A warrant has been issued against Decker.

The trial of Solomon Hower, upon a charge of killing a man by the name of Inghewer at Roaringcreek, some months since, came on for trial, at Danville last week.—Verdict of Jury, manslaughter. Hower was sentenced to 2 years confinement in the Penitentiary.

Two attempts have recently been made at highway robbery in Union county, Pa. The first was successful, and \$1,500 were taken from the pillaged person. The second attempt was frustrated by the presentation of a pistol towards the robbers.

Praise the fineness of a day when it is ended; a woman when you have become thoroughly acquainted with her; a sword when you have proved it; a maiden when she is married; the ice when you have crossed it; and a newspaper when you have read and paid for it.

HYMNICAL.

MARRIED—By the Rev. D. S. Tobias, on the 6th Inst. JOHN NEWHARD, to Miss SALEY ANN EVANS, both of Bloom township.

By the same on the 11th Inst. Mr. JOHN RICHARDS of Northumberland county, to Miss CATHARINE LILLY of Bloomsburg.

By the same on the 27th Mr. WILLIAM KOCHER, to Miss REBECCA SECHLER both of Danville.

On the 20th Inst by the Rev. William J. Ever, Mr. HIRAM SMITH to Miss REBECCA HOFFMAN both of Danville.

OBITUARY.

DIED—Yesterday, Friday, in this town, GEORGE M. SMITH, aged 5 years, son of Mr. Henry Smith.

LOWELL now numbers nearly 21,000 inhabitants; and we hazard nothing in saying that there is not a town or city in the world of an equal number of inhabitants, where there is less vice and immorality than in this large manufacturing city of Lowell; where more is done for the promotion of great moral principles, temperance and good order.—Mercantile Journal.

General Holdfast—Gen. Harrison has not resigned his Clerkship in Hamilton county, (Ohio) YET!—If he is sure of being elected President, why don't he resign?

We are authorized to announce the name of JOHN RHODES, of Danville, as a candidate for TREASURER, of Columbia county, at the October election. August 20, 1840.

We are requested to announce SAMUEL F. HEADLEY of Berwick, as a candidate for the SENATE, from this Senatorial District.

We are requested to announce JACOB EYER of Bloomsburg, as a candidate for the SENATE, from this Senatorial District.

We are requested to announce Col. MATHEW McDOWELL of Bloom township, as a candidate for the SENATE, from this Senatorial District.

WE are authorized to announce DANIEL SNYDER as a candidate for ASSEMBLY at the approaching election.

We are requested to announce ELIJAH G. RICKETS of Orange, as a candidate for ASSEMBLY at the coming election.

We are authorized to announce LEONARD B. RUPERT as a candidate for TREASURER for Columbia county at the approaching election.

We are requested to mention that ABRAHAM YOUNG of Sugarloaf will be a candidate for TREASURER of Columbia county at the October election.

We are requested to announce JAMES C. SPROUL, as a candidate for TREASURER, at the approaching election.

We are authorized to announce CHRISTIAN WOLF of Millin, as a candidate for the office of COMMISSIONER, at the October Election. Aug. 15, 1840.

Mr. Webb—Please announce the name of JOHN GROVER, of Millin, as a candidate for the office of county COMMISSIONER, at the October election, and oblige a DEMOCRAT OF MILLIN.

We are requested to announce JOHN KELLER, Sen. of Millin township as a candidate for COMMISSIONER, at the approaching election.

Please announce the name of MARSHAL G. KINNEY of Millin township, as a candidate for COUNTY COMMISSIONER. He is an excellent mechanic, and understands the nature of stone and wood work well, and no doubt, if elected, will fill the office with fidelity. A Democrat voter of Millin township.

115 KEG NAILS

JUST received from the Colebrook Nail Works made from the DANVILLE ORE, and will be sold to those who buy to sell again very cheap for CASH, to close the sales. WILLIAM DONALDSON. Danville, Aug. 14, 1840.

THE ESTATE OF JACOB AIL, DECEASED. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Letters of administration on the above estate have been granted to the subscriber, residing in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county.—Therefore all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased, are requested to make immediate payment, and all those having claims will present them. WILLIAM J. IKELER, Adm. Mount Pleasant, Aug. 22, 1840.—6t.

We are requested to announce JOSEPH CRAIG of Derry, as a candidate for the office of AUDITOR of Columbia county, at the approaching Election. Aug. 15, 1840.

Sheriff.

We are authorized to announce CORNELIUS CLECKNER of Derry, as a candidate for the office of SHERIFF of Columbia county at the approaching October Election. Aug. 15, 1840.

We are authorized to announce GEORGE MEARS of Cattawissa, as a candidate for the office of SHERIFF for Columbia county, at the October Election. Aug. 15, 1840.

We are authorized to announce SAMUEL ACHENBAUGH as a candidate for the office of SHERIFF for Columbia county, at the October Election. Aug. 15, 1840.

TO THE ELECTORS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY. Fellow Citizens:—Being solicited by a number of my friends throughout the county, I again place my name before the public as a candidate for the Office of SHERIFF, and most respectfully solicit your suffrages. JOHN FRUIT. Madison, July 24, 1840.

WE are authorized to announce MICHAEL FORNWALD of Cattawissa, as a candidate for the office of SHERIFF of Columbia county, at the approaching election. July 18, 1840.

WE are authorized to announce Col. MICHAEL R. HOWER of Roaring Creek, as a candidate for SHERIFF of Columbia county at the approaching October Election.

TO THE ELECTORS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY. Fellow Citizens:—At the solicitation of many friends in various parts of the county, I hereby offer myself as a candidate for the office of

SHERIFF at the ensuing General Election, and respectfully solicit your votes and interest for the office. If elected, I pledge myself to perform the duties of the office with fidelity and humanity. JESSE SHANNON. Bloomsburg, July 29, 1840. The Sentinel and Conservator, Berwick, publish the above till election.

TO THE ELECTORS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY. THE undersigned, at the solicitation of a number of his friends, presents himself to the citizens of Columbia county, as a candidate for the office of SHERIFF and solicits their suffrages. DANIEL WOODSIDE. July 31, 1840.

To the Electors of Columbia county. The Subscriber offers himself to the Electors of Columbia county as a candidate for SHERIFF at the approaching election, and solicit their votes. Should he be elected he pledges himself to perform the duties of the office with fidelity and correctness. MURRY MANVIL. June 13, 1840.

We are authorized to announce OBED EVERET as a candidate for the office of CORONER of Columbia county, at the approaching Election. Aug. 15, 1840.

WE are authorized to announce Col. ANDREW IKELER of Greenwood, as a candidate for the office of CORONER of Columbia county, at the approaching Election.