

We would be much obliged to any one of our subscribers who can furnish us with a copy of the Columbia Democrat, dated January 4th, 1845. That number of our paper is wanted and is missing.

## WILLIAM B. FOSTER, JR.

This gentleman having been regularly put in nomination for the office of Canal Commissioner, by the Democratic State Convention, it becomes the duty of every Democrat to support him zealously, and leave no convenient and honorable means untried to secure his election. The office of Canal Commissioner is one of great responsibility, and the State is vitally interested in having it worthily filled. Mr. Foster is, probably, more thoroughly acquainted than any other man in the State, with our internal improvement system, by his long experience as an Engineer and a Commissioner, and this is a powerful recommendation in his favor. Besides this, he is known to be thoroughly honest. In the Convention and out of it, the friends of other candidates have unhesitatingly conceded his ability and integrity. The office of Commissioner is not lucrative, and a candidate for it cannot therefore have private interest very heavily at stake. It ought to be rather a subject of congratulation to the tax-payers of the Commonwealth that they can secure the services of such a citizen in conducting our mighty internal improvement system, than to the nominee himself.

Under such circumstances—having a candidate able, experienced and honest presented for our suffrages, we bespeak for him the usual majority of one thousand six hundred in Little Columbia. If it should exceed that a few hundreds, it would be no subject of astonishment or regret.

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L. G. Clover	do	9
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William B. Foster Jr. having received a majority of all the votes was declared duly nominated, and the Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

On the 6th instant, Mr. Matthias from the Committee on Pensions, introduced into the House of Representatives of this State, a bill for the relief of Eve Cary, of Westmoreland county.

The claim of the old lady for a pension, possesses unusual interest. It appears that during a tremendous attack made upon Hanover town fort, in Westmoreland county, by a large party of Indians, British and Tories Eve Cary distinguished herself by extraordinary bravery.

The garrison were frightened and about to yield; but Eve declared they should not give up. She inspired the men with courage and the women with fortitude, and assisted in loading the guns, made bullets for the men and by her active exertions contributed largely in successfully resisting the murderous assault by which many were saved from a horrible butchery. Eve's father and two brothers had been killed by the Indians only a few days before the attack on Hanover town fort. Her conduct throughout showed that she possessed the most indomitable courage—a quality by no means rare among the women of Revolutionary times. Eve is now old, infirm and poor, and the Committee on Pensions have acted most commendably in reporting a bill for her relief.

TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS.  
For Columbia county take place on Friday next. The election for Bloom township will be held at the house of Robert Hagenbuch in Lightstreet.

We learn from the Harrisburg Reporter of Tuesday last, that the steam boiler attached to the power press in the office of the Democratic Union, exploded the day previous injuring the wall of the building—throwing several forms and cases of type into pieces and severely injuring though not dangerously several of the workmen in the office.

At Manchester, England, a few weeks since, a little girl, seven years of age, fell in a flagged yard, and the point of a clasp-knife, with which she had been cutting an apple, entered the right side of her neck, penetrated the jugular vein, and caused her death.

Democratic  
STATE CONVENTION.

The Delegates chosen to represent the different counties of Pennsylvania in a Democratic State Convention; for the nomination of a candidate for Canal Commissioner, convened at the Court House in Harrisburg on Wednesday, March 4, 1846.

The Convention was called to order at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and temporarily organized by appointing Gen. W. T. Rogers of Bucks county as chairman. The afternoon and evening session was taken up in sealing the question of disputed delegates. At the close of the evening session, on motion, a Committee of one from each Senatorial District was appointed to report officers for the permanent organization of the Convention.

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Upon the reassembling of the Convention the Committee on resolutions through their chairman A. H. Reader, reported the following which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas in accordance with the well established usages of the Democratic party it is becoming and appropriate that the Delegates selected by the people to concentrate the public will and make the necessary preparation for a contest to maintain the supremacy of our party, should reiterate and make known the measures we advocate and the principles we cherish—in that spirit of frankness and disdain of dissimulation which has always induced us to hang our banner on the outer wall.—Therefore

*Resolved,* That Democracy aiming at the greatest good of the greatest number having for its single object the perfection of human government—the attainment and the security of the political right of man, and being in itself the only means of attaining the great and glorious end at which it aims is in its essence one and unchangeable; and although in the mutability of human affairs and the fallibility of human judgment means of forwarding the good work, may at times be honestly chosen which nature expedient or progressive knowledge may suggest, yet in the beauty and simplicity of its truths, and the glorious purpose to which it tends, it must be always the same, and like the Moabit pillar of fire and cloud, will be the steady, unfailing and brilliant beacon that shall lead and light the sons of men through the nights of adversity and the days of prosperity to the promised land of equal rights and civil liberty, where tyranny and superstition are known to be mocked and despised.

*Resolved,* That in view of the progressive enlightenment of the age—the spread of knowledge and civilization, and the inevitable effect of the example of this great and happy and powerful republic successfully and gloriously illustrating the principle of self-government before the eyes of an admiring and won-

dering world, we look with confidence for the time when the ridiculous and profane superstition of the divine right of kings worthy only of the dark days when power was but another name for tyranny shall become a mockery and a by word among all nations of the earth—when the sceptre of the monarch shall only be found deposited along with the obsolete helmet and shield of the crusader—and when men enlightened by Christianity and republicanism shall look back with wonder at their insensibility to their own power, their own rights and their own dignity.

*Resolved,* That we should endeavor as the first step in this great work to preserve free and uncontaminated from the polluting foot of tyranny, the soil of this great continent, and that our duty to ourselves and to mankind as well is gratitude to Providence for the political blessings we enjoy, require us by all justifiable means, to cherish and encourage the progress of free institutions upon this continent, until the Western world shall be a galaxy of Republics.

*Resolved,* That we rejoice in the undeniable evidence that the people of this country are united as one man in their determination maintained even to the last resort of all nations our clear and incontestable right to OREGON—a right so demonstrable and impregnable that nought but rapacity and injustice would ask us to surrender it; and that in our opinion the notice to terminate the joint occupancy should be given with all convenient despatch.

*Resolved,* That the able and masterly exposition in demonstration of our title by Mr. Buchanan and the decided advantage obtained by him in the discussion, entitle him to our thanks and esteem, and prove still more conclusively his talents, his research and his patriotism, and we approve of the course of the members of the Senate and House, and Heads of the Department for the advocacy of American rights and principles in reference to our national domain.

*Resolved,* That we have the full confidence in the integrity, the talents, and the democracy of JAMES K. POLK, whose administration must elevate the character and promote the prosperity of our Country, whilst it will earn for himself the gratitude of the people and the enology of the historian.

*Resolved,* That the Independent Treasury, as recommended and sustained by Martin Van Buren throughout the session, and the system of his administration derided by our opponents, is a radical and favorite measure of the Democratic party, in the purity, necessity and efficient utility of which we have the fullest confidence.

*Resolved,* That in our opinion a Democratic administration should always surround itself with its political friends, and as the official station of the country are to be regarded not as spoils but as grave trusts of influence and power for which the holders are responsible to the people, should invariably be placed in the hands of the party who are responsible for their exercise, and for that and other obvious reasons, the patronage of Democratic administration should be depoted to Democrats alone.

*Resolved,* That we would respectfully call the attention of President Polk and the heads of departments to this aspect, and assure them of our opinion the high consideration of policy require that his Executive patronage should not be bestowed upon our political opponents, believing as we do that to bestow it upon them or suffer them to retain it, will prejudice the interests of the party and paralyze the efforts of its members.

*Resolved,* That we well avail ourselves of this occasion to express our sincere esteem and affection for our late Rector, who, during his abject confinement, has been endeared to us, as well by his many graces which adorn his character as a minister of Christ, as by his mild and amiable deportment. In private life, and that he be assured that our prayers shall ascend to the Great Head of the Church; that in whatever portion of the vineyard of our common Lord and Master, his future lot may becast, he may be blessed in his person, in his family, and in that success in his ministerial labours, which is so grateful to the feeling of the faithful minister of Christ.

*Resolved,* That a copy of the Resolutions, attested by the presiding Warden and Secretary, be presented to the Rev. George C. Drake.

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*SHOEMAKING MACHINE.*  
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and whose integrity is not denied even by his most decided opponents.

*Resolved,* That we recognize an essential doctrine of Democracy, and as one of the many and important benefits conferred by the liberal spirit of our Institutions, that the radiant light of Freedom from our soil shall continue to cast its gleam of joy upon the oppressed of all nations; that our country will be as heretofore, a common vantage ground where the emigrant from a foreign soil shall be welcomed, protected and cherished with that heartfelt hospitality which should ever characterize the spirit of republicanism and christian charity. And we therefore cordially respond to the sentiment unanimously adopted by the Democratic National Convention, that every attempt to abridge the privileges of becoming citizens and the owners of soil among us, ought to be resisted with the same spirit which swept the land and set aside laws from our book.

*Resolved,* That the conduct of one Canal Board has shown an economical, careful and efficient spirit, and they are entitled to our highest consideration and confidence.

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to the Editors of the Democratic Journals in Harrisburg, for the faithful and accurate manner in which they have collected and published the list of delegates to this Convention.

On motion of Mr. Brewster,

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Hon. Benjamin Champneys, for the able and faithful manner in which he has discharged his duties as President of this Convention.

On motion of Mr. Kerr,

*Resolved,* That Vice President Dallas is eminently entitled to the grateful acknowledgment of the Democracy of this State, for his faithful adherence to Republican principles.

On Motion of Mr. Leiper,

*Resolved,* That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the Commissioners of the County of Dauphin for the use of the Court House.

*Resolved,* That the proceedings of this Convention be published in all the Democratic Papers of the State.

On motion the Convention adjourned sine die.

*From the Episcopal Recorder:*

The Rev. George C. Drake having resigned the charge of St. James' Episcopal Church, that whilst we cannot but admit the sufficiency of the reasons assigned by the Rev. George C. Drake, for dissolving the connection which has existed between us, we deeply deplore the necessity which exists for the separation.

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*A WHALE STORY.*  
The New Bedford Mercury states that the Sarah at Mansfield, from Atlantic Ocean, took a 100 barrels sperm whale, in the blubber of which was found the head and about a foot of the snout of a harpoon marked "Lyle"—undoubtedly, says the Mercury, belonging to the ship Lyle, of that port, which vessel was lost in Aug 1829 on a reef near Oahu. This is a strange adventure for a piece of iron, but no means improbable.

*A SINGULAR RESCUE.*

A remarkable case of rescuing a person from drowning lately occurred in Iowa. A Mr. Hobson was crossing the river at Fort Madison in a sleigh, when the ice gave way and precipitated him into the river. A man, named Ward Ellis, who was near, hurriedly went to his assistance. All he could see was Hobson's cap, and fearing in his attempt to save him, he would only bring up that, he reached farther down, so as to get hold of his neck, when Hobson, in his struggles caught two of Ellis's fingers in his teeth which he held on nail by this way he was brought to the surface and saved.

*Reported Insurrection in Cuba.*—The following appears in the Boston Advertiser of the 7th inst.

The following parts of a letter from Cuba are published in the Chronotype of yesterday. The letter purports to be addressed to the editor of the Aurora, which Chronotype says is a Spanish newspaper, published in this city, devoted to the dissemination of liberal principles in the Spanish Americas. We give the letter—from which it will be perceived that the parts likely to have given it credit are omitted—for what it may be worth—

"Gentlemen—An insurrection is at the point of being declared in this city, all minds being wearied out with the continued renewal of vexations by the infamous robber, who has been sent to us by despot Spain. The intrepid sons of Cuba, Don——, Don——, Don——, Don——, and noble republican, Don——, have arranged a plan which will be terrible to our Spanish aggressors.

"Senor—possesses many of the secrets of the government, a fact which will render the success of our scheme certain, which is so other than to liberate our unfortunate Cuba from the tyrannical yoke which oppresses her and annex ourselves to the classic land of liberty.

Please to publish this article over my own signature since I desire that in all coming time it may be known that I was one of the first to announce through you to the world, this glorious revolution which will have been accomplished *without fail* at the coming carnival (from the 22d of February to the 2d of March) or at an earlier day.