

FOR THE COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT.  
LOCAL POLITICS.

The advantages of united action, in the practice of a political party, over factional or individual action, is by all admitted, and is clear. No faith ever prospered, the supporters of which did not act in concert. This fact is proverbialized, as a political maxim it is set down in the very horn-book of the politician; and its frequent repetition has made it familiar to all.

A party, strong in numbers, but with an imperfect organization, is in this county about starting upon a new career. Whether that career shall exhibit a series of decisive victories or be marred with defeats, is to be seen, and will in a great degree depend upon the spirit with which active members, of that party conduct themselves at this juncture.

Standing now, as it were, upon the threshold of a new order of things in this county, with a long pending local question in the main disposed of; it becomes us to look around and look forward, to ascertain the existing state of things, the prospects of the future, and the most just and judicious policy to be adopted and followed by those who hold the Democratic faith. The existing state of things is peculiar; but there are no existing discord, and a desire for peaceful, united action hereafter, is general. It may then be taken for granted, that a thorough and harmonious organization of the Democratic party will in future exist, that it can be easily effected, and, unless some disturbing cause not now discernible shall arise, that it will be permanent.

In effecting such organization it may be proper to establish the two following principles of action. It is conceived that they are just and expedient, and though relating but to matters of detail, that they are not unimportant. 1. That voting in county Conventions be *vi va voce* and not by ballot. Elections directly by the people, are rightfully and wisely by ballot, but all voting by representatives should be open. Delegates to county, to State and to National Conventions assimilate in their powers, and duties they all represent constituencies, and their action should be open for approval or condemnation, as it may merit. Such is the unbending rule in both State and National Conventions, and there is no good reason why it should not be extended to County Conventions.

2. That township representation, in Conventions be proportioned to population, or rather, to the party vote. Under the present arrangement, a township with a voting population of 50 has just as many delegates in a County Convention as one with 700. This is certainly improper. With equal propriety might every county in the State have an equal number of members in the Legislature. Suppose the following rules in relation to township representation be established.

1. The whole number of delegates to be 46. There being 23 townships in the county, 46 would be the same number we acquire by giving two to each township.

2. That this number (46) be apportioned among the several townships in proportion, as nearly as may be, to the Democratic vote of each.

3. That each township shall have at least one delegate and not more than four, and

4. That this apportionment be made annually by the County Convention; so that the Convention fix the ratio or representation and the standing Committee pursuant to it make the apportionment and insert it in their yearly call.

May 14, 1846.

ARGO.

The Washington Union announces the letters from the camp state that Capt. Seth B. Thornton and Lieutenant Mason, with two dragoons, had arrived safe in Gen. Taylor's camp. The Union says:

"Capt. Thornton, discovering the ambuscade too late to retreat, had plunged gallantly through the enemy's ranks, and cut his way with his own sword, with a boldness and intrepidity that is almost incredible. It seems he is not to be killed by accidents of flood or field. He is the same gentleman who so narrowly escaped when the Palisades was blown up. He had the yellow fever several times in Florida, and has passed through many other hair breadths 'scapes."

"When Gen. Worth left the camp, Captain Thornton asked him for his sword. The general buckled it upon him and when he heard yesterday of Capt. T.'s gallantry, he exclaimed: 'That was my sword, I know it would never be disgraced in his hands. He is as noble and gallant a fellow as ever held sword in hand.'"

**FLOOD ON THE SCHUYLKILL.**  
On Saturday and Sunday last, in consequence of the recent rains, the Schuylkill river rose higher than it did at the March freshet. The damage sustained by the Canal is considerable, several of the new locks and embankments being materially injured; so much so, that it is now believed that the Canal cannot go into operation before August. It is reported that several lives have been lost.

THE SHAMOKIN FURNACE.

The Shamokin Anthracite Furnace, which is now in the possession of Messrs. Bryant and Wood, was, a few days ago again put into operation, as will be seen by the subjoined letter from a friend residing in Shamokin. This furnace was erected several years ago by the Shamokin Coal and Iron Company, and was originally one of the largest class, having a very powerful engine, fully capable of working several large stacks. It has always, whenever in operation, produced iron of a superior quality. But it has had difficulties to contend with, one of which was a want of sufficient quantity of ore in its immediate vicinity. This difficulty, we believe has been overcome by recent discoveries of a number of veins of rich ore within a short distance from the furnace. This will enable the enterprising gentlemen who now have the works, to produce iron at a less expense, and consequently with more profit to themselves, than it can be made at a majority of the furnaces in the country. We understand that should things work as well as may reasonably be expected, those gentlemen will put up an additional stack, which they can work with the engine they now have;—*Sunbury Gazette.*

SHAMOKIN, May 21, 1846.

DEAR SIR:—It is with extreme pleasure that I inform you in relation to the Furnace at Shamokin, now conducted by Messrs. Bryant and Wood, of Philadelphia, who deserve great praise for their enterprise, and merit the thanks of every true American; for I believe it is the first time in this country, that an Anthracite Furnace has been worked entirely by American born citizens. The furnace was blown in by Mr. Jacob C. Bryant, one of the partners, an American, who I believe, was the first man in his country that succeeded in making iron with Anthracite Coal. The blowing in of the Furnace was considered by all to be a masterly piece of work, and was the admiration of every one who saw it. It has been running only two days, and has brought forth what I believe they call the pumice cinder and No. 1 iron. I am not fully conversant with the technical terms connected with the Furnace business, you will therefore excuse any mistakes I may make; but this I do know, that the furnace is working well, and to the full satisfaction of every one who has visited the place. I must repeat it again, for I feel proud to do, that the Furnace is worked entirely by American born citizens. I will endeavor, in the course of a few weeks, to give you further particulars in relation to the progress of the furnace.

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Judge L.—Are you a son of John Earl?  
Prisoner.—Yes, sir.  
Judge L.—Where have you been since 1836?  
Prisoner.—At work, up the Janista.  
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At the conclusion of these remarks, the honor was affected 'even unto tears.' To explain. At Williamsport, Lycoming county, ten years ago—almost to the day—Judge Lewis sentenced Samuel Earl's father to death, for the murder of his mother, under the most aggravated circumstances. Samuel was then a boy of eleven years of age, and gave important evidence on the trial, and clung to his father with unshaken affection and devotion up to the hour of his execution, although that father was the murderer of his own mother. While Judge Lewis was passing sentence of death upon the elder Earl, Samuel and his little brothers and sisters clung to the convicted, trembling murderer, and by their cries and soba completely overpowered the feelings of his honor, while in the performance of his last, sad, solemn duty. From that day Judge L. has lost sight of Samuel Earl, until he discovered him in the prisoner's box,

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By order of the Commissioners,  
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Commissioner's Office,  
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**Estate of MICHAEL WHITENIGHT late of Hemlock township, deceased.**  
LETTERS Testamentary on the Estate of MICHAEL WHITENIGHT, late of Hemlock township, deceased, residing in Madison township, in said county, by the Register of said county; all persons having claims or demands against the estate of Testator, are requested to make them known without delay, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make payment forthwith to  
JOHN REICHARD, Executor of Michael Whitenight of Hemlock township, dec'd  
Madison township, May 9, 1846—6w3

**Centre of Gravity.**

**A NEW TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT.**

THE subscribers respectfully inform the citizens of Bloomsburg and vicinity, that they have located themselves in Thornton's New Shop, in Main, two doors below the Corner of Main and Market streets, in Bloomsburg, where they will always be found on hand, ready to accommodate those who may favor them with a call. Their work will be done in the latest and most approved style for neatness and elegance in the business. From their long experience in the business, they flatter themselves that their work will be done as neat as can be done elsewhere. All work entrusted in their care warranted to fit.

CUTTING done on the shortest notice and warranted to fit if properly made up.  
ELLIS & VAN BUSKIRK.  
May 2, 1846—2f

**ESTRAY.**

CAME into the inclosure of the subscriber on the 24th of April, 1846, a

GREY MARE, dark main and tail and supposed to be about eight years old. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take her away, or she will be disposed of according to law.  
JOSEPH W. VANHORN.  
Greenwood, April 28, 1846—3w2

**Assessment.**

MEMBERS of the Lycoming County Mutual Insurance Company are hereby notified that the Board of Directors has ordered an assessment of one per cent, on all premium notes due to the Company on the 15th day of November, 1846, to be paid previous to the 31st day of May next to the Treasurer or Receivers.  
Wm. A. PETRIKIN, Treasurer.  
N. B. Receivers for Columbia County.  
James C. Sprout, Jacob Miteck, Paul R. Baily, Eggs and the Co-Receiver. C. S. Wallace, Esq.  
Office of the Lycom. Co. Mut. In. Co. ?  
Muncy, April 17, 1846

**CATAWISSA FERRY.**

THE subscribers inform the public that they have established a FERRY at the old crossing, a short distance below the mouth of Fishing Creek, near Judge Ripert's and procured a large NEW FLAT, 60 feet long, and new logs for fourteen. Having good assistants they will be in constant readiness to ferry all who apply, from a SINGLE PERSON to a SIX HORSE LOADED TEAM, without delay, and upon reasonable terms.

FOX & MPTZ.  
April 18—52

**CATAWISSA FERRY.**

THE subscriber informs the public that they have procured a NEW FLAT and boats for fourteen. Having good assistants they will be in constant readiness to ferry all from a FOOTMAN to a TWO HORSE LOADED TEAM, without delay, and upon reasonable terms.

STACY MARGERUM.  
April 19—52

**NEW TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT.**

The subscribers respectfully inform the public that they have commenced the

**TAILORING BUSINESS**  
in Bloomsburg, in the Building, lately occupied by Enoch Howell in Market street where they intend carrying it on in all its various branches. Having had some experience in the business, they flatter themselves that they shall be able to do all the work entrusted to them in as fashionable and workmanlike manner, and as expeditiously, as can be done in any other shop in the county. They, therefore, ask a share of public patronage; at least, they wish to be tried.  
D. WILSON,  
A. T. EVELAND.  
April 4, 1846—y150

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**  
The Estate of GAINES JACKSON late of Bloom township, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters of administration on the above mentioned Estate have been granted to the subscriber, living in Bloom township. All persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment and all those having claims are requested to present them properly authenticated to  
CHARLES KAHLER, Administrator.  
April 18, 1846—8w52

**ENOCH HOWELL, TAILOR.**

RESPECTFULLY informs the public that he has removed his Shop to Epytown, where he will always be ready, as heretofore, to make any kind of clothing, at the shortest notice, and in the best and most fashionable style. From his long experience in the business, he flatters himself that he shall continue to give general satisfaction and thereby hope to receive a share of the public patronage.  
Particular attention paid to cutting.  
All kinds of country produce taken in payment for work.  
Epytown, May 9, 1846—4f3

NOTICE.

ALL persons who have unsettled accounts on the Books of the subscriber, now removed from Bloomsburg, are hereby informed that his account books are left in the hands of Thomas Painter, a Justice of the Peace at Bloomsburg, for settlement and collection. Those who do not attend to having their accounts settled and paid on or before the first day of May next, may expect to have cost added to their respective dues, without respect to persons.  
ELIAS WERTMAN.  
Bloomsburg, April 4, 1846.—50

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BENJAMIN HAGENBUCH, Adm'r  
April 25, 1846—6w1

**Millinery.**

THE subscriber informs the public that she has JUST RECEIVED FROM PHILADELPHIA, AT HER STORE, LOWER END OF MAIN STREET, BLOOMSBURG, An Extensive Assortment of MILLINERY & FANCY GOODS,

Among them may be found  
Braid Bonnets, Pearl Straw Comp. Porcelain and English Straw, Silks, Satins, Lawns, Bombazines, Ribbons of every description, Flowers, Gloves, Dress Stuffs, Baladed Lawns, Calicoes, Trimmings for Dresses, Caps, and every thing of REDDY MADE

BONNETS;  
and almost every other article that may be called for in her line. All of which will be sold on the most reasonable terms. Ladies are requested to call and examine her goods for themselves.  
M. & S. BARKLEY.  
April 25, 1846—1

**FRESH ARRIVAL, AT THE New Store.**

THE subscriber has just received in addition to his former stock, a complete assortment of DRY GOODS, suitable for Spring and Summer use, consisting in part of

Mansie de Lains, French Lains, Birege, Gingham Lawns, Fancy Prints of all Patterns and prices, Gambroons, Tweeds, Summer Cloths; Fancy Casimeres, Cotton Stripes, Together with Barege, Zeppe, Worsteds, Tinet, Plain & Striped Muslin de Laine Shawls.

Vestings, Stocks, Pungee and Cambrie Handkerchiefs, Corded and Grass Cloth Skirts. Also, a large Assortment of Florence Braid & Sew Bonnets, Ribbons, Silk, O. Cloth, Hosiery, Parasols, Purelets, Sun Shades, &c. &c.

In fact every thing that may be required for Ladies' or Gentlemen's spring or summer wear, all of which he will sell as low as they can be purchased in the county of Columbia.

All kinds of Lumber and Country Produce taken in exchange for Goods.  
L. B. RUPERT.  
April 25—1

**Blacksmithing Establishment.**

THE Public are hereby respectfully informed that we have lately entered into Copartnership in the above business at the Brick Shop, formerly occupied by Moses Coffman, on Main street, below the new store, where we intend to carry on the above named business in all its branches. We pledge ourselves that work done at this shop shall be executed in as neat and workmanlike manner, and on as reasonable terms, as can be done at any other shop in this place. We therefore hope by strict attention to business, to merit and receive a due proportion of public patronage.  
M. COFFMAN,  
S. BROBSI  
April 25, 1846.

**N. B. SHEGINS done at the reduced price of One Dollar.** Small profits and quick return our motto.

The person who took a TIN BUCKET, from the pump of Mr. Clayton on the morning of the 12th inst, which was not their own, will do well as they are known to return it to the subscriber. If they don't they may expect to catch Jesse.  
J. W. CANNAN.  
April 25.

Twenty Fenthers Make a Fine Bit!

AND as this holds good in almost every respect, the subscriber would again inform his friends and the public generally, that he is still living and occupying the OLD STAND, on Main street, between the office of C. R. Buckalew and the Blacksmith shop of Moses Coffman, at which place he may be found upon the seat of poverty, prepared to draw out the thread of affliction. He has just received the *The Latest Style of Fashions for SPRING and SUMMER*, and with them he stands pledged to accommodate his friends, customers and the public generally with good substantial tasty fits or no charge made.  
L. B. RUPERT, TAILOR, will be found upon a Shingle stuck up above the door.

Admission free of all expense.  
He would also inform his friends that Wheat, Rye, Oats, Corn and Potatoes will be taken in exchange for work done at his shop, and a little of the *peccata dantur*, once in a while, will not come amiss. Call and give him a trial.  
BARNARD RUPERT.  
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**CHEAP CONFECTIONARY AND VARIETY ESTABLISHMENT.**

THE subscriber has just received a fresh supply of  
Confectionary, &c.  
consisting of Candies of various kinds. And also Bunch Raisins of a superior quality, Bordeaux Prunes, English Currants, Figs, Fresh Oranges and Lemons, Herring, Sweet and Water Crackers, English Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Cream Nuts, Pea Nuts, &c.

Soaps; Smoking, Lump, Cavendish and Honey Dew Tobacco, Spanish, half Spanish and common Segars, Also, an assortment of Gum, Worsted and Cotton Suspenders; Razor Straps; Brushes and Combs of all kinds; Blacking; Thread Tapes; Needle and Pins &c.

Hunting and other Coat Buttons; Hooks and Eyes Pencils and Pencil Points; Percussion Caps Steel Pens; Thimbles; Matches; white and black Cable Cords;—gate and pearl Shirt Buttons Strap vest and suspender Buttons—Satin Stocks—watch Goggles—Necklaces—Mitt—Wafers—knitting Needles—Primmers & all kinds of BOOKS and STATIONARY, All of which are to be had cheap at the corner of Main and East streets.  
O. C. KAHLER.  
Bloomsburg; April 17, 1846.—62

**IMPORTANT NEWS.**  
LATEST ARRIVAL BY THE Rail Road.

ALBRIGHT & MENGAL, AT THE Arcade,

HAVE just received by the Rail Road and are now opening, a splendid assortment of Spring and Summer NEW GOODS,

which, having been selected with great care, they can and will sell as low, if not a little lower, than they can be purchased elsewhere in the county. Among their assortment may be found in

DRY GOODS LINE,  
A splendid assortment of new and fashionable Prints of new figures, Gingham; a new style of cross over Berage and other Berages; fancy and black and white Lawns, Gingham Lawns, Delaines of all colors and quality, black and blue black dress Silks, black silk Berage, Alpacas, damask summer Shirts, damask book Muslin, purple twist and steel beads and pieces of assorted colors, ladies and gentlemen kid gloves, mohair Gloves and mitts, white ramie Handkerchiefs; ladies silk points, black, and lanna and flag silk Handkerchiefs, cotton Handkerchiefs of every description, white and fancy silk Handkerchiefs, Shawls of all kinds, in short Cotton and Linen Goods of every description for Ladies' wear, Silk, Cotton and Worsted Hoos for men and women. Ladies' shell combs.

Broadcloths of all colors and quality, Sattinettes, Cassimeres, fancy summer Cassimeres, a quarter coat Tweed, Nankins, Checks, black Sattin and other summer Vestings of every description; fancy Scarfs and Cravats of all qualities, bleached and unbleached Muslins, Umbrellas and Parasols, Leg-bands and palm leaf Hats. A quantity of carpeting.

**Groceries.**  
Lump and Brown Sugar, Molasses, Coffee, Tea of all kinds, Ginger, Alspice, Pepper, Nutmeg &c. &c. Soap, Candies, coarse and fine Salt, sperm and fish Oil, an assortment of the best quality of LIQUORS,  
Brandy, Gin, Rum, Whines, &c. purchased expressly to supply Tavern keepers, who are particularly requested to call and examine quality and prices before purchasing elsewhere.  
A splendid assortment of

QUEENSWARE,  
by the Tea Set or pieces to suit customers.

**HARDWARE;**  
Consisting in part of knives and forks, butts and screws, gimlets, augurs, chisels, saws, tea and other kettles, &c. &c. and an assortment of TIN WARE.

Also—an assortment of HATS AND CAPS.

In fact they can furnish their customers with every article usually kept in country store, and being determined to do business right, they can and will make it the interest of the people to trade with them.

They produce and all kinds of country produce taken in payment for Goods.  
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