COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT.

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"Our Constitution---guard it ever!
Our glorious Union---hold it dear!
Our Starry Flag---forsake it never!
The proud Caucassian---our only peer!

FOR PRESIDENT IN 1864,

GEORGE B. M'CLELLAN

(Subject to the decision of the National Convention.)

CONGRESS, BY A VOTE NEARLY UNANIMOUS, PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, WHICH EXPRESSES THE VOICE OF THE NATION AND IS THE TRUE STANDARD OF LOYALTY:

"That the present deplorable civil war has been forced upon the country by the disunionists of the Southern States, now in arms against the Constitutional Government, and in arms around the Capital; that in this National emergency, Congress, banishing all feeling of mere passion or resentment, will recollect only its duty to the whole country; *that this war is not waged on their part in any spirit of oppression, or for any purpose of conquest or subjugation or purpose of overthrowing or interfering with the rights or established institutions of those States, but to defend and maintain the supremacy of the Constitution, and to preserve the Union, with the dignity, equality, and rights of the several States unimpaired; and that as soon as these objects are accomplished the war ought to cease.*"

☞ We will pay liberally for two copies of No. 42, vol. 17, of the *Columbia Democrat.* Dated December 19, 1863.—Send them forward.

A Gospel Sermon.

On Sabbath evening last, it was our good fortune to hear a GOSPEL SERMON, Preached in the M. E. Church of Bloomsburg. Rev. REUBEN E. WILSON, the newly appointed Preacher in charge of this Station, is the gentleman whom we had the pleasure of hearing, and it was indeed most refreshing to listen, during the entire exercise, to the plain enunciation of simple gospel truth—the resurrection of our Blessed Saviour and the vindication of the principles of our holy Christianity—the promulgation of which is the duty and should be the object of all the "Embassadors of the Prince of Peace." We have not the pleasure of the acquaintance of the Rev. Mr. Wilson,—nor do we know anything of his antecedents, or what may be his subsequent course—but if the Sermon in question be a sample of his Pulpit practice, we can assure the congregation of his Charge and the people of Bloomsburg, that they have been fortunate in the selection of a servant of God, in this portion of His moral vineyard, whose labors will not only prove useful and acceptable to the Church and the community, but may go far towards restoring the desolations of Zion and establishing here the order of things, once known among professing Christians, as "PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL AMONG MEN."

☞ Poor "OLD ABE" is catching it on the right hand and on the left, from the members of his own party. He has long been the supple tool of the radicals,—him self trying to be more radical than any of them. But they are now trying to kick him off. Here is what a Fremont organ, *New Nation*, says of our "honnest" President:

"We have been imposed upon long enough. The ruin which you have been unable to accomplish in four years would certainly be full consummated were you to remain in power four years longer. Your Military Governors and their Provost Marshals override the laws, and the echo of the iron heel rings forth as clearly now in America as in France or Austra. You have encroached upon our libirty without securing vitory, and we must have both."

Although this comes from an abolition radical, it is true; and democrats have been incarcerated in dungeons by order of the President, for saying much less. "We have been imposed upon long enough, father Abraham; and you and all the rest of the imposters will please take a seat down below. Your military Governors and Provost Marshals, have made the iron heel of tyranny ring, for a long time now, and the people want to try their hand at it awhile. "Put him out!"

"J. Frazer Smith, a War Democrat."

THE "*Smut Machine*," some two weeks since, published a political harrangue, said to have been delivered in the Legislature, by one "*Grandmother Smith*, of Chester"—as Hon. TOM. WILLIAMS usually designates him—and heads it the "Speech of a War Democrat!" Oh! Doctor John; *Hoc! mirabile dictu!* P. Frazer Smith, as everybody knows is just about as much of a Democrat, as the veritable Dr. *Pee* John is, or his forefathers were, and no more.

SINGULAR!—Col. E. G. RODDY, Editor of the "*Genius of Liberty*," says that within the few past weeks several of his subscribers—Messrs James, Luce, Flack, Bugher, and Armstrong,—paid their subscription in GOLD AND SILVER!

MORE than a year ago, Mr. Lincoln said that he had just discovered that the initials of Salmon P. Chase mean *Shinplaster Currency*. Perhaps he will now say that they mean *Shin Plaster Candidate*.

☞ The United States court at Key West has, during the war, condemned vessels and a cargoes valued at $1,827,947.

☞ "War" says Herodotus, "reverses the order of nature. In times of peace sons bury their fathers, but in time of war fathers bury their sons."

The Democratic State Convention.

The Democratic State Convention, held here on Thursday last, was marked by perfect harmony and great intelligence of action. The gentlemen selected to compose the State Central Committee, and to represent the party in the National Convention to assemble at Chicago on the 4th of July next, to nominate candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency of the United States, are distinguished for good sense, political shrewdness, and approved fidelity to Democratic principles of government.

The resolutions passed were not only brief and sententious, but they were characterized by a rare discretion in reference to deferring any comprehensive declaration of the views and policy of the Democratic party until that work shall be done by the general assembly at Chicago of the Democracy of all the loyal States. It was also eminently wise not to instruct the Pennsylvainia delegation to Chicago to vote exclusively and persistently for any nominee, but to preserve their unity under the lead of a majority of the whole delegation, while they are left free to cast a seldid ballot for whomsoever may appear to be the choice of the greatest number of the whole Convention when it shall meet and discuss the question of a Presidential candidate in July proximo.

The expression of the preference of the Pennsylvania Democracy for General Geo. B. McClellan was unanimous and most enthusiastic, and this demonstration of the sympathies and opinion of the two hundred and fifty odd thousand votes of the Democratic citizens of the "Old Keystone State," may reasonably be expected to exert a strong and wide influence throughout the country. Nothing, however, can be more earnestly desired for the success of the party and its ticket in the next National Convention, than the utmost possible thoroughness of organization, and we should be profoundly pained, as well as greatly discouraged, if anything should occur to cause the slightest division and distraction in our ranks.

There never has been in Pennsylvania, or out of it, a Democratic State Convention composed of gentlemen of superior character for intelligence, integrity, social standing, and influence. They are men of decided opinions, fixed political principles, and unsurpassed courage and determination. They know well what their rights are as citizens of this State and of the United States; they believe conscientiously that those rights have been most foully and egregiously outraged by the present Administration, and they are firmly resolved, come what may, to declare that conviction and to take such measures as they lawfully can to assert their violated rights and redress their wrongs.—Their delegates will go to the National Democratic Convention in July, at Chicago with their minds made up, positively and above all things, to the sacredness and political importance of one great, paramount, fundamental truth, to wit:—that this Government was originally founded on, and can only be lawfully and rightfully administered in accordance with that Constitution, under any and all circumstances, in peace or in war, and that the main article in the creed of the Democratic party, now, hereafter, and forever, must and shall be—the Constitution of the United States, as framed by our fathers and expounded by the Supreme Court, and nothing else.

The Senatorial Electors are Hon. Richard Vaux, of this city, and Robert L. Johnston, of Cambria county. Both of these gentlemen have long merited and possessed the distinguished confidence of their party, and special eulogy of them would be superfluous here. The delegates at large are Hon. Asa Packer, Hon. William Bigler, Gen. George W. Cass, and Hon. Wm. V. McGrath. No better men than the above could have been selected. They are personally well known all over the State as citizens of the highest character in every respect, and as Democrats whose political faith has never wavered, and who have always, in good fortune and evil fortune, in triumph and defeat, stood by and worked for their party with unfaltering devotion.—*Sunday Mercury.*

Hope in Alabama.

A large Union meeting has lately been held at Huntsville, Alabama, presided over by the Hon. Jere. Clemens. Loyal resolutions were passed, and another Convention has been called. O, if it were not for the necessity which seems to be felt by every man who loves the Union in the South, to stulify himself on the negro question, in order to gain credence and respect from the powers that rule us, how many more such Conventions would be held in the disaffected States! A Democratic Administration, in able hands, sinking that question altogether, would bring about a peaceful Union in six months, under the Constitution of our fathers, without bloodshed.

☞ Owen Lovejoy, a Member of Congress from Illinois, died on Friday of last week, in Brooklin, N. Y. He was first an abolition Preacher and then a fanatical Politician—and died in the 54th year of his life. Preachers, Starr, Beecher, Cheever and Sambo were his pall-bearers.

☞ Wm. M. Stone, the new Governor of Iowa, was once a canal driver between Rossie and Cleveland, O., at three dollars a month.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

Electors, Delegates and State Central Committee Appointed.

Hon. C. L. Ward, of Bradford, Chairman of the Committee.

Gen. George B. M'Clellan Nominated for President.

The Democratic State Convention met on Thursday at the National Guard's Hall in Philadelphia. Its proceedings were characterized by the greatest enthusiasm and harmony. Every portion of the State was represented, and the delegates were marked men, the principal citizens of this great Commonwealth. All were bent upon one great object—the restoration of the Union and the vindication of the Constitution. The great Democratic party was out in strength, and every effort was made to rescue this great Commonwealth from the tyranny under which it groans. One consideration surmounted all others. Personal feelings and prejudices were forgotten in order to form a united party for the salvation of the country. The Democracy will go into the coming campaign with a united front, to meet the common enemy.

At 12 o'clock noon the Convention was called to order by Charles J. Biddle, Esq., Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, in the following words:

In conformity with custon as Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, I now call the Convention to order. A motion for temporary organization will now be in order.

Mr. V. E. Piolet, of Bradford, moved that Mr. T. B. Searight, of Fayette, act as temporary chairman of the Convention.

The motion was agreed to.

Messrs. V. E. Piolet, of Bradford, and Wm. B. Hirst, of Philadelphia, were designated to conduct the temporary chairman to the chair.

Upon assuming the Chair, Mr. Searight addressed the Convention in a few eloquent and patriotic remarks.

On motion of John Miller, of Chester, Messrs. Robert E. Monaghan of Chester, Robert J. Hemphill, of Philadelphia, and H. Shultz, of Lancaster, were appointed Secretaries of the Convention.

The Secretaries then took their seats, and the list of delegates was called over. It is as follows:

SENATORIAL DELEGATES.

1 District—*Philadelphia*—E. R. Helmbold, John Apple, John A. Daley, Charles W. Carrigan.
2. *Chester and Delaware*—John H. Brinton.
3. *Montgomery*—Daniel Gullman.
4. *Bucks*—Dr. J. D. Mendenhall.
5. *Lehigh and Northampton*—W. C. Lichentanwallner.
6. Berks—J. Glancy Jones.
7. Schuylkill—Francis P. Dewees.
8. Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne—Thomas B. M'Ilbeany.
9. Bradford, Susquehanna, Wyoming and Sullivan—John F. Means.
10. Luzerne—Steuben Jenkins.
11. Tioga, Potter, M'Kean and Warren—Joshua Y. James.
12. Clinton, Lycoming, Centre and Union—John H. Humes.
13. Snyder, Northumberland, Montour and Columbia—Henry C. Eyer.
14. Cumberland, Perry, Juniata and Mifflin—H. J. Walters.
15. Dauphin and Lebanon—D. Andrew Patterson.
16 Lancaster—George Sanderson, Samuel H. Reynolds.
17. York—James F. Shunk.
18. Adams, Franklin and Fulton—H. G. Smith.
19 Somerset, Huntingdon and Bradford—Wm. P. Schell.
20. Blair, Cambria and Clearfield—Thadeus Banks.
21. Indiana and Armstrong—J. B. Sansom.
22. Westmoreland and Fayette—Harrison P. Laird.
23. Washington and Greene—John S. Markell.
24. Allegheny—Patrick Kerr, W. J. Koons
25. Beaver and Butler—John T. Bard.
26. Lawrence, Mercer and Venango—John S. M'Calmont.
27. Erie and Crawford—William A. Galbraith.
28. Clarion, Jefferson, Forrest and Elk—W. L. Cerbett.

Mr. Reynolds, of Bradford moved that the rules of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania be adopted, so far as practicable, for the government of the Convention. Agreed to.

Mr. M'Calmont, of Venango, moved to select a committee of one from each Senatorial district to choose permanent officers Not agreed to.

It was moved that the Convention proceed to nominations for permanent chairman. This was agreed to.

William H. Witte, George Sanderson, Wm. L. Hirst, John S. M'Calmont, J. Y. James, Wm. A. Wallace and James K. Kerr were nominated.

Mr. Wallace, Mr. M'Calmont, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Hirst and Mr. James declined.

Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Witte were the remaining candidates. A ballot was taken, and resulted as follows:.

W. H. Witte.....94
George Sanderson.....31

The result was received with applause and the election was made unanimous.

George Sanderson and R. W. Jones, of Greene, escorted Mr. Whitte to the chair.

Mr. Witte, on taking the chair, addressed the Convention.

[A full report of Mr. Witte's eloquent remarks, upon taking the chair, was prepared by the stenographer, but is reserved, at Mr. W's. request, for revision.]

Mr. Sansom, of Armstrong, then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of one from each Senatorial district be appointed to appoint permanent Vice Presidents and Secretaries, and report to the Convention, and that the report of said committe be final.

It was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Piolett moved that a committee of thirty-three be appointed to frame resolutions; and that all resolutions offered be referred to that committee without debate.

It was unanimously adopted.

The Convention then took a recess until 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 4 o'clock, when the committee on organization and resolutions were announced. The former reported the following officers:

VICE PRESIDENTS—E R Helmbold, William L Hirst, P Deveraux, John D Miles, George G Leiper, Jesse B Davis, J D Mendenhall, M. D., Dharles G Glantz, Jeremiah Hagenman, James Elis, J N Wilson, M. D., John F Means, James Irwin, J J Houston, Alexander Eimpson, James R Ruth, A B Dunning, John H Humes, Henry C Eyer, Rufus E Shayley, A W Loomis, John M'Sparren, A H Glatz, Wm Horton, James M Reynolds, Dr R Clark, S S Jemison, Joseph Jack, James K Kerr, J W White, C R Early.

SECRETARIES—Robert E Monaghan, Joel Cook, Robert J Hemphill, R H Kerr, Jackson Shoffiin, Frederick Kurtz, John Mahon, H J Stahle, Chas Vanzant, George Earp, jr Wm L Corbit, David Fister, E P Kearns, George Stevens, Thomas Rocke, Thomas C M'Ilbenny, John A Dalley, A F X Gallagher, Chas Young, Richard Pritchard, H T Shultz.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Hirst moved the following resolutions arranging the business of the Convention:

Resolved, That the delegates residing in each Congressional district be authorized to appoint and report to this Convention one candidate for each district on the electorial ticket, and two delegates for each district to the National Convention, and three members for each district to serve on the State Central Committee.

Resolved, That the Convention will proceed to nominate and elect by a *viva voca* vote:

1. The Chairman of the State Central Committee.

2 The Senatorial candidates on the electorial ticket.

3. Four delegates at large to the National Convention.

Objections was made to the receipt of resolutions, because all resolutions were ordered to be referred to the committee.

The objecton iwas overruled.

The vote was taken on the joint proposition and it was adopted, and afterwards on the remainder, and it was also adopted.

It was moved to take a recess of twenty minutes to comply with these resolutions, which was agreed to. When Convention re-assembled, the electors, delegates and members of the State Central Committee were announced:

REPRESENTATIVE DELEGATES.

Philadelphia.
1. Chas M. Leisenring.
2. Thomas Roche.
3. Wm V M'Grath
4. William L. Hirst.
5. Alfred Gillmore.
6. George Earp, Jr
7. Robert J. Hemphill.
8. A P. X. Gallagher.
9. Samuel G. King
10. P. Deverauxs.
11. Charles Young.
12. John Devrny.
13. Richard Prichard.
14. Joseph Mountrin, Jr.
15. John D. Miles.
16. Thomas W. Duffield.
17. Alex. C. Garein.

Delaware.
G. G. Lieper.

Chester.
Dr Wm D Downing,
R E Monghan,
John Miller,

Montgomery.
Wm C Rodenbush,
Jesse R Davis,
William H Witte,

Bucks.
Edward T Hess,
Charles Vanzant,

Northampton.
Charles Glantz,
Oliver H Meyers.

Lehleigh and Carbon.
Dr R Leonard,
A L Rubb;

Monroe and Pike.
Oliver S Dimmies,

Wayne.
Dr J N Wilson.

Luzerne.
A B Dunning,
H H Grady,
J B Stark.

Susquehanna.
A J Gerritson.

Bradford.
Victor E Piollett,
George Stevens,

Columbia, Montour, Sullivan and Wyoming.
John G Freeze,
William M Piatt,

Lycoming and Clinton.
Dr Hugh Montgomery,
S R Peale.

Centre.
Frederick Kurtz,

Mifflin.
J H Ross.

Snyder, Juniata and Union.
Robert Swymoford,
John Cummings.

Northumberland.
Sol Malick.

Schuylkill.
Thomas H Walker,
John Mahan,
James Ellis.

Dauphin.
A W Loomis,
Dr Jackson Schoffer.

Lebanon.
William M Breslin.

Berks.
Wm Rosenthall,
David Fister,
J Hagarman.

Lancaster.
R R Tshudy,
H T Shultz,
John M'Sparran,
A J Stinesman.

York.
Dr John Ahl,
A Bielstand Glatz.

Cumberland.
Rufus E Shapley.

Perry.
John B M'Allister.

Adams.
Henry J Stahle.

Franklin and Fulton.
Calvin M Duncon,
Wm Horton.

Bedford.
James M. Reynolds.

Somerset.
John C Pulson.

Huntingdon.
Wm P M'Nite.

Blair.
Rowan Clarke.

Cambria.
Robert L Johnson.

Armstrong.
Grier C Orr.

Indiana.
S S Jamison.

Westmoreland.
Joseph Jack,
Henry Kittering

Fayette.
Thomas B Searight.

Greene.
R W Jones.

Washington.
James Ruth,
William Swan.

Allegheny.
James Irwin,
J J Houston,
wm J County,
William T Patterson,
Dr A G M Quade,
S P Rose.

Beaver and Lawrence.
S B Wilson,
S M Courtney.

Butler.
Alexander Simpson.
Wm T Leaf.

Mercer and Venango.
Morris Leach,
Timothe Eves.

Clarion and Forest
W W Barr.

Crawford and Warren
J. S Shillelo.

Jefferson, Clearfield, McKean and Elk.
Dr C R Early.
Wm A Wallace.

Erie
Benjamin Whitman.
J M White.

Potter and Tioga.
J W Bailey.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Elector—William Loughlin.
Delegates—Samuel G King, Dr George Nebinger.
St te Committee—Lewis C. Cassidy, Jos Megary, George A Quigley.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Elector—Edward R Helmbold.
Delegates—Wm M Riley, G W Irwin.
State Committee—Charles M Leisenring, Dominick Muller, Frederick E Brown.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Elector—Edw. P. Dunn.
Delegates—Wm. Curtis, Simon Arnold.
State Committee—Robert J. Hemphill, has. Buckwalter, Phil. H Lutz

FORTH DISTRICT.

Elector—Thos. M'Cullough.
Delegates—Wm W. Burnell, Isaac S Cassin.
State Committee—Peter Armbruster, A. R. Schofield, Richard Simpson.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Elector—Edw. T. Hess.
Delegates—H. P. Ross, Chas. W. Carrigan.
State Committee—Chas. Vanzant, H. W. Dittman, J. D. Miles.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Elector—P. S. Gerhard.
Delegates—J. D. Stiles, P. M. Hunter.
State Committee—A. L. Ruhe, James F. Kline, J. Danehower.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Elector—G. G. Leiper.
Delegates—J. H. Brinton, J. C. Beatty.
State Committee—Dr. E. C. Evans, Dr. D. W. Downing, G. W. Weaver.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Elector—Michael Seltzer.
Delegates—J. Glancy Jones, William Rosenthal.
State Committee—M P. Boyer, Jonathan See, G Smith, Jr.

NINTH DISTRICT.

Elector—Patrick M'Avoy.
Delegates—Geo Sanderson, Henry A. Wade.
State Committee—R R Tshudy, A. J. Stillman, S. H. Reynolds.

TENTH DISTRICT.

Elector—Thomas H. Walker.
Delegates—Francis W. Hughes, Dr. C. B. Glowinger.
State Committee—A. Wilhelmf F. P. Dewees, Jas. Ellis.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Elector—O S Dimnick.
Delegates—Philip Johnson, Carlton Burnett.
State Committee—H B Beardslee, A G Brodhead, J., S H Neiman.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

Elector—A B Dunning.
Delegates—Charles Dennison, A J Gerrittson.
State Committee—E W Sturdevant D Rankin, John Blanding.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

Elector—Paul Leidy.
Delegates—John F. Means, David Lowenberg.
State Committee—Harvy Sickler, G D Jackson, C S Russell.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

Elector—R Swineford.
Delegates—Hamilton Alricks, Thomas Bower.
State Convention—Solomon Malick, E S Doty, A Patterson.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

Elector—John Ahl.
Delegates—Peter A Keller, H. D. Egolf.
State Committee—J F Spangler, J A Blattenberger.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

Elector—H G Smith.
Delegates—Henry J Stahle, B F Myers.
State Committee—W P Schell, J M'D. Sharpe, L Leichty.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

Elector—Thaddeus Banks.
Delegates—R Bruce Petriken, Daniel M Dull.
State Committee—J D Rea, James F Campbell, J W Parker.

Eighteenth District.

Elector—H Montgomery.
Delegates—J H Orvis, S Pierce.
State Committee—M Wette H Hepburn S R Peale.

Nineteenth District.

Elector—J M Irwin.
Delegates—C L Lamberton, James R Kerr.
State Committee—R B Brown, R L Cochran, J D Gil

Twentieth District.

Elector—J M Thompson.
Delegates—T B Searight, J Latta
State Committee—H P Laird, J B Sansom, E S Roddy.

Twenty first District.

Elector—E Brown.
Delegates—Wm A Galbraith, Wm A Wallace.
State Committee—B Whitman, T J Boyer, A M Benton.

Twenty second District.

Elector—J P Barr.
Delegates—W D Patterson, S H Ross.
State Committee—F R Sellers Jos R Hunter A J Baker.

Twenty-third District.

Elector—W J Koontz.
Delegates—J A M'Cullough, P H Hutchinson.
State Committee—E S Golden, J Braden, W H Magee.

Twenty-fourth District.

Elector—W Montgomery.
Delegates—R W Jones, S B Wilson.
State Committee—W Swan, C Carter, and D S Morris.

The following nominations were then made for Chairman of the State Central Committee:

Wm L Hirst, Wm Bigler, C L Ward, Wm H Witte.

Mr Witte declined and Mr Bigler's name was withdrawn.

Three ballots were taken, the third resulting as follows:

C L Ward.....85 votes.
Wm L Hirst..... 35 "

Mr Ward was declared elected Chairman of the State Central Committee,

On motion of Mr. Hirst, it was made unanimous

During the absence of the committee on resolutions able and eloquent speeches were delivered by Hon, Wm A. Wallace, of Clearfield, Henry G. Smith, Esq, of Venango, Hon. Wm. H. Witte, Charles W. Carrigan, Esq., and others.

Mr. McCalmont offered the following resolution, was received by the Convention with uproarious applause. It was referred to the committee on resolutions

Resolved, That this Convention cordially unite with the Conservative party of the country in presenting the name of General George B. M'Clellan as our first choice for President of the United States.

Mr. Carrigan moved the following, which was received with applause, and also referred to the committee on resolutions:

Resolved, That the Pennsylvaia delegation to the Chicago Convention be instructed to vote as a unit upon every question coming before that body.

Mr Jamison offered the following which was also referred to the same committee.

Resolved, That the committee on resolutions be instructed to report sentiments for the sanction of this Convention endorsing and approving of the course of the Democratic members of the State Senate during the present session, and tendering to them them the thanks of the lawabiding people of the State, for the firmness, zeal and ability with which they resisted and finally overthrew the arbitary and revolutionary doctrines set up by the Abolition members of that body, to the effect that the Senate is a permanently organized body, and that the election of a Speaker at the organization of the Legislature is a useless formality.

Mr William M Piatt offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on aesolutions:

WHEREAS, Great difficulties occur in the preliminary organization of our State Conventions, and to avoid disputes upon such questions; therefore.

Resolved, That the Central Commitee of this Convention appointed, shall be required to report to our next Democratic State Convention, concise and plain rules for the future organization and regulation of our State Conventions, and when they shall be adopted they shall remain binding, until repealed and rescinded by a two third vote of the delegates in State Convention assembled.

Addresses were also made by Robert L Johnson, of Cambria county, and Judge John S. M'Calmont, of Venango.

The committee on resolutions then returned and Mr J Glancey Jones, who was elected Chairman of the committee, reported the following resolutions, which had been selected by the unanimous vote of the committee:

Resolved, That as we have no State candidates to present to the people, and no issue involved in the coming election other than those which affect the welfare and liberties of our sister States equally with ours, we leave it to our representatives in the Chicago Convention to unit with the representatives of the other sovereignities of the North in embodying the sentiment of the people in a declaration of principles acceptable to all the States, on whom we rely to elect a President, and bring back peace and union to this distracted land.

Resolved, That the Democracy of Pennsylvania hereby express their preference for the nomination of General George B. M'Clellan, as the Democratic candidate fro the Presidency by the Chicago Convention, and that the delegates to said Convention be instructed to vote as a unit on all questions arising therein, as a majority of the delegates shall decide.

Resolved; That the first necessary step to restore the welfare and prosperity of the American republic is to get rid of the present corrupt Federal administration, and the sure way to accomplish this end is a thorough organization of the time honored Democratic party, and the prevalence of union and harmony among its members.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously without discussion.

The next order of business was the election of two Senatorial electors.

Nomination were then made as follows:

William Bigler, John L Dawson, Robert Ewing, Robert L Johnson John S M'Calmont, Vincent L Bradford, Henry D Foster, Richard Vaux, William A Galbraith. Of those Mr Bigler, Mr M'Calbraith and Mr Dawson were withdrawn.

The ballot was then proceeded with as follows:

Robert L Johnson.....104 votes
Richard Vaux.....71 "
Robert Ewing.....11 "
Vincent Bradford.....21 "

Messrs Johnson and Vaux having received the majority of the votes cast, were declared elected

Nominations were than made for Senatorial delegates to the Chicago Convention four to be elected

The following were nominated:

Gen George W Cass of Pittsburg; Hon Wm Bigler, of Clearfield; W A Galbraith of Erie; Hon Asa Packer, of Carbon; William V M'Grath, of Philadelphia; Hon Henry D Foster, of Westmoreland; Thomas J Hemphill, of Philadelphia; Alfred Gilmore of Philabelphia

The following was the ballot cast:

Geo W Cass.....97 votes
William Bigler.....59 "
Asa Packer.....72 "
William V M'Grath.....91 "
W A Galbraith.....37 "
Henry D Foster.....37 "
Thomas J Miles.....24 "
Alfred Gilmore.....28 "
Thomas J Hemphill.....7 "

Messrs Cass Bigler Packer and M'Grath were declared elected as the four Senatorial Delegates to the National Convention

Threes were proposed for General M'Clellan and the Union, which were given with a will.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die*

LIFE OF GENERAL GEORGE G. MEADE.—T. B. Peterson & Brothers Philadelphia, have just published the Life and public services of Gen. Meade, the hero of Gettysburg, and commander of the Army of the Potomac. With a full History of his Life and Service to his country in all the various positions he has filled, from the time he first entered the United States Army, in 1835, until the present day with his Official Reports, to the War Department, Speeches, Orders, etc., etc. With his portrait, complete in one large volume, price 25 cents.

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☞ Over three hundred wagons have already passed through St. Joseph, Mo, on their way to the gold regions of Idaho.

Chairman of the State Central Committee.

In the two or three last electoral campaigns through which it has passed, the Democratic party had no Chairman of its State Central Committee who was at all fit for the position. There may have been no want of personal intelligence, zeal, and industry. But there was a woful lack of efficiency, nevertheless. The office we speak of requires no common man. Indeed, it demands and must have a very superior man in certain peculiar respects. He ought to be, above all things, thoroughly and intimately known to the people in all parts of the Commonwealth, so that his official and personal communications with them may be received with implicit credit and respect. For this reason the Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee ought to be taken always from the interior, and from a point as near the centre of the State as possible. The geographical position is of course, not material. The true point, the real and essential requisite is, that the person as chosen as Chairman should be universally known in all parts of the State.

Such a man is the Hon. C. L. Ward, of Towanda, Bradford county, who was elected on last Thursday by the State Democratic Convention in this city Chairman of present State Central Committee of the party. He is not only personally well known by all the people in all parts of Pennsylvania as a high toned, substantial, honest and highly intelligent gentleman, but is a man of singular energy, resolution and courage who will exert a powerful influence in his office, and spare no labor, vigilance, or honorable means to secure the triumph of Democratic principles in the coming elections.

We therefore, congratulate the Democracy on the selection of so competent and superior a gentleman to have chief charge and management of the executive business and work of the party in the approaching political canvasses in this State, and we mean to pay Mr. Ward no unmeaning compliment when we say, that there is no citizen better qualified to fill the office to which he was chosen than he is, and the fact that he will lead the Democracy in the highly important fall campaign, is calculated to inspire the party with fresh hope and confidence.—*Sunday Mercury.*

MARRIAGES.

In Greenwood, at the residence of the Bride's Father, by Iram Derr, Esq., on the 24th ult., Mr. DEEMER DAVIS, and Miss ELIZABETH GIRTON, both of Greenwood twp., Col. co.

DEATHS.

In Bloomsburg, on Friday morning last, April 1st, Mr. O. PRICE,—long the faithful assistant at the Exchange Hotel,—aged about 46 years.

At the Exchange on the 16th of March, with scarlet fever, WM. AMOS, son of John and J C Ellis, in the 8th year of his age.

In Bloomsburg, on Sunday last, JAMES CRONIN, aged about 45 years.

In Fishingcreek township, Col. co., on Sunday, the 20th of March, Mr. JAMES S. GIBSON, aged about 50 years.

In the same twp., and on the same day, Mr. WM. CONYNGHAM, aged about 65 yrs.

In West Hemlock twp., Montour co., on the 30th of January, 1864, WILLIAM LLOYD BETZ, son of Geo. W. and Hannah R Betz, aged 1 year, 6 months and 26 days.—[Obituary next week.

RECEIPTS FOR MARCH,

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New Advertisements.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Patrick Grady, Deceased.

LETTERS of administration on the Estate of Patrick Grady, late of Conyngham twp., Columbia county, deceased, have been granted by the Register of Columbia county, to the undersigned; all persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are requested to present them to the Administrator at his residence in said township without delay, and all persons indebted to make payment forthwith.

BRIDGET GRADY,
Administratrix.

April 2, 1864—6w $2 00.

ESPY HOTEL

THE undersigned, having taken the Espy Hotel, lately kept by Mr E. Howell, would respectfully inform his friends and the public in general, that no pains will be spared to the satisfaction of entertainment of all who may favor him with their custom.

JOS. D. MARKBANK.

Espy, April 2, 1864.