ular capital which constitutes the real wealth of this great country, and that intelligent power in the masses, alone to be relied on as the bulwark of free institutions.

Trusting that I have a heart capable of comprehending our whole country, with a united interest, and confident that patriotism exists in all parts of the Union, I accept the nomination of your Convention, in the hope that I may be enabled to serve usefully in some, which I consider the cause of constitutional freedom.—Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. C. FREMONT.

THE STAR AND BANNER.

GETTYSBURG.

Thursday Evening, July 18, 1856.

I hope we may find some means in future of shielding ourselves from Foreign influence—political, commercial, or in whatever form it may be attempted. I wish there were an ocean of fire between this and the old world.—*Jefferson.*

NOMINEES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN AND THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS.

FOR PRESIDENT,

JOHN CHARLES FREMONT.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,

WILLIAM L. DAYTON.

NOMINEES OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

FOR PRESIDENT,

MILLARD FILLMORE.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,

ANDREW JACKSON DONELSON.

**Union State Ticket.**

CANAL COMMISSIONER.

THOMAS E. COCHRAN, of York, (Whig.)

AUDITOR GENERAL.

DARWIN PHELPS, of Armstrong, (Amer.)

SURVEYOR GENERAL.

B. LAPORTE, of Bradford, (Republican.)

**The Dissolving Democracy.**

The base ponderings of the leaders of the Patent Democracy to the demands of political Romanism and Foreign influence, came near crushing the once great and powerful party in the elections of the last year or two. Hundreds of thousands of honest Democrats, all over the Union, disgusted by the corrupt policy of their leaders, abandoned the party and entered heartily into the great American movement, leaving their places to be supplied by recruits from the ranks of foreign voters who swarm the country. Aided by a long succession to their ranks, the Patent Democracy recovered partly from the blow, and succeeded in making up for the defection of honest Democratic voters, and in places succeeded in making a stand against the opposition. But events are now transpiring tending to an utter turn back this career of the Democratic party of Freedom by Pierce, Douglas, & Co.—their villainous efforts to subjugate the Freemen of Kansas to the Slave Power—their efforts to silence the life of Free Representatives in the Halls of the National Legislature, by means of the bludgeon and pistol—the Pro Slavery, Anti American, Filibustering Democratic Cincinnati Convention—the nomination of JAMES BUCHANAN for President, and his unreserved endorsement of the Border-Ruffian policy of his part—bid fair to complete the work of destruction which has been commenced during the last few years.

With almost every mail we receive intelligence of some new defection from the Democratic ranks—some prominent man abandoning his support—some prominent Democratic politician pronouncing for Fremont. Occasionally, as in Warren county, in this State, we hear of entire Democratic meetings joining in the popular movement. We have before us a long array of prominent and influential Democratic journals in New York and the Western States that refuse to support Buchanan, with his endorsement of the Cincinnati platform, and the Kansas outrages, and the conduct of the Democratic *leaders*, and said that as the persons who had undertaken the management of the party opposed these views, he withdrew his name as a candidate and intended that in the coming contest he will vote should represent his principles. At one of the Democratic township meetings, which refused to send delegates, the following resolution, among others, were adopted:

*Resolved*, That we cannot support any candidate for office who stands upon, is pledged to, or otherwise in favor of the recent platform erected in Cincinnati, under the name of Democracy.

*Resolved*, That we are not nor ever have been political Abolitionists, but when we see the national party so prostituted to subserve Freedom and oppress the oppressed, it alike excites our sympathy and indignation.

In the South, where the spread of defection, the Buchanan papers go to work building imaginary political pyramids to encourage the faithful, somewhat after the fashion they have been going through the words, "to keep his courage up." Think of it—building Buchanan pyramids out of such stuff as Ohio, where the Democracy were beaten somewhere near 70,000 last fall—Massachusetts, with an American majority of over 50,000—New York, where, at the last election, both the Republicans and the American single handed polled within five or six thousand votes of the combined vote of the Softs and the Hards, the Democracy being in a minority of over 100,000! A substantial pyramid that!

Give us a union—a cordial, hearty union—in Pennsylvania, and this vaunted pyramid will not be heard of after the November election!

**Fremont's Catholicism.**

The Buchanan papers persist in charging Fremont with being a *Catholic*, and the usual silly stories are being trumped up to give color to the charge. We hardly say that there is no truth in any of these charges. Col. Fremont, with his wife, are members of the Episcopal church, and of course, Protestants. It is not true that he was educated under Catholic influences, or that any one of his daughters attended a Catholic school. It is true Fremont was married by a Catholic Priest, under peculiar circumstances, heretofore explained; but that was because of his failure to procure the services of several Ministers of his own faith, to whom application had previously been made.

The design of these silly charges is evident enough. The entire Foreign Catholic vote is already sure for Buchanan—every Jesuit paper in the country being for his election. Now, if only a considerable body of "Know-Nothings" could be duped into his support, by representing Fremont to be a Catholic, the game will have been played as successfully in 1856 as it was in 1852. By the direct Democratic papers are more honest in this matter than their co-laborers. The *Boston Pilot* of the 5th instant meets the charge fully by remarking—"In reply to many inquiries, we would state that Fremont is not a Catholic." The *Pilot* is high authority in the Catholic church. Will the Buchanan Presses have the unctuousness to publish the disclaimer?

**A Remarkable Confession.**

Judge Bishop, on Tuesday last, after a majority of the House had voted for the resolution to expel him for his brutal and cowardly assault on Senator SUMNER, by a vote of 121 to 95, was allowed to address the House. In the course of his speech, after coolly justifying the outrage and thanking his Democratic fellow members for the approval manifested in their votes against the resolution of expulsion, made a remarkable confession of cowardice and murderous purpose. The reason why he selected Sumner, he said, and not a whip or cow-hide, was because he knew Sumner was a man of great physical strength, and could let no such a whip or cowhide, his purpose might not have been accomplished. SUMNER might have received the latter from him, and in that case he (Brooks) might have done what he should have preferred to do, and what he had in his heart to do, viz: to use a bowie knife or dirk.

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## LOCAL ITEMS.

**Light Ahead!**

Advices from Washington state that the Pennsylvania Delegation are preparing a call for a Union Convention of Republican, American, and all other elements opposed to the Administration policy and the Cincinnati platform, to meet at Harrisburg on the second Wednesday of September, for the purpose of forming a sectional ticket which shall represent these interests fairly, and concentrate all efforts in one practical direction.

**Trial of Herbert.**

The Jury, in the case of HERBERT, the Member of Congress, indicted for the murder of KEYES in Washington, was discharged on Tuesday last, after being out three or four days.—They stood 8 for conviction, 7 for acquittal. So how a trial is now in progress.

The California papers reported that bad steamer denounces Herbert as a disgrace to the State, and speak of him as the confusion and associate of the Gamblers and desperadoes against whom the "Vigilance Committee" recently made an effort.

A number of editorial articles have been crowded out this week.

**From Kansas.**

CHICAGO, July 16th.—Advices from Leavenworth, Kansas, state that Gen. Persifer Smith died there on the 2. A deputation of citizens waited upon him, asking protection for their lives and property against outrages from the South, in the various towns. General Smith replied that he had no authority to grant such protection. That the armed band alluded to were regularly enrolled militia, acting under Judge Lecompte, and that people had no redress excepting from civil law.

**Interesting Political Items.**

The Angelica, (Allegany co., N. Y.), *Reporter*, a paper which has stood by the democratic party for the last twenty years, and which voted with the democracy for democratic candidates, comes to us with the Buchanan flag lowered, and the Fremont flag raised in its place. The editors say: "The Democratic party has gone astray from the principles of its fathers, and has lost its organization. It is also active announcing the change, in the following language:—"Of party organizations ours, further than on avowed principles, and yield them up on the score of expediency—for the sake of securing a sectional vote—it loses its identity—and means slightly, nothing. Democracy consists in sustaining democratic principles; when it ceases to do this it is no longer entitled to the appellation—it sells under false colors, and becomes a political craft. Such was or the fate of the once glorious democratic party. It has dissolved itself by refusing to place at its mastheard the principles of its formed, and become a sort of "Buchanan" craft in the slave trade, and as such will be repudiated by the honest intelligent portion of those who have always been proud of the name of democrat."

The Lansingburg (N. Y.) *Democrat* has announced its determination to support Fremont. It says:—"In taking this course we are not leaving our old ranks, but are only leaving the democratic party, but to one who from his earliest childhood has been reared in the school of democracy. Democracy, in our opinion, is a principle, and not a party. The party has deserted the principle, and we are compelled to leave it, and follow the principle, wherever it may lead us."

The Poughkeepsie