

THE JOURNAL.

PENCIL NOTES.

Lively—our town on Saturday. Some punkins—the new barber. Wanted—some potatoes at this office.

Ready for distribution—The Pamphlet Laws of last session. The volume contains 790 pages and 655 acts and resolutions.

Quay—Is the boy that got flogged for telling a fib, the same "trembling lyre" that poets speak of?

Another logic—The New York Post says there is no truth in the story of Tom Thumb's marriage. Wonder what infernal lie will be next circulated?

Appeared—Locusts by the million, in Centre Huntingdon and Blair Counties. We have not seen any in Clearfield but suspect they'll be along "in new days."

More rain—The rain on Saturday and Sunday soon brought the river up into fine rafting order. We suppose however, that by this time all the timber has got down.

Get a job—Cruz Creek. A tremendous rivalry in the barber business! We think "whistle-jack," his darkey, and banjo, are about two pegs behind now. "Long hair" takes them down.

Can't do it—Somebody in Brady wants us to publish an item about a shocking operation performed by one of their physicians, last week, but we can't do it. Wouldn't say anything about it for the world!

Getting numerous—Candidates for Sheriff among the Locos. These patriots, so desirous of serving their country, might as well save their time and money. The Americans have settled the matter, and intend to fill the county offices to suit themselves.

Vendant—The fellow that came to town to see the sojers on Saturday. He stood opposite our office, with mouth, eyes, and ears wide open, and inquired, after a discharge of blank cartridge, with all the seriousness imaginable "how many did they kill?" He'll do.

No doubt of it—If fully were pain, there would be groaning in every house. "Centre Democrat." And inguabrous would be the howls that would come from the office of the Democrat. There would be an awful "weeping and wailing, and gnashing of teeth."

Which shall it be?—The Democrats of this county are to hold a convention on the Fourth, to determine whether they will nominate candidates by the Delegate or the Crawford system. They might save themselves the trouble. The American party has accepted the "Shaffer Provision."

Uncle Sam in a pecker—On Friday morning last, "the Smith's Mills mail ran off," or rather the Post boy's horse, as he was starting from town, "took a tantrum," and spilled the contents of the mail bag along the street. It was soon gathered up again, and Uncle Sam's Agent "went on his way rejoicing."

Can't be beat—We flatter ourselves that, notwithstanding the loss of a hand, we issue this week a paper containing more reading matter than any that has been issued in this county for a long time. We have some eighteen columns, of interesting matter, equivalent to more than twenty free columns set in the ordinary newspaper type.

Slavery—Henry Clay, in his great speech in the United States Senate, said: "I repeat it, sir, I never can, and never will, and no earthly power can make me, vote directly, to spread slavery over territory where it does not exist. Never while reason holds her seat in my brain—never while my heart sends the vital fluid through my veins—never!"

Read it—The Philadelphia correspondence in another column. Could not O. O. furnish us with a regular weekly letter? We have arrangements with regular New York and Philadelphia correspondents, but they send us the same stereotyped trash that they send to a dozen other papers, and which is stale before it arrives. We have told them we don't want it, but still it comes.

A Panther—On Friday morning last, Mr. Michael Long, one of the celebrated hunters of that name, came to town with the skin and head of a large Panther, which he killed up Moose Creek a few miles above town. It looked, as our friend across the way observed, like a "terrible beast," and we should not much have fancied meeting it in the woods alone. It measured ten feet and a half from "head to end."

Female Doctors—We have received the "sixth Annual announcement of the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania," by which we see that some thirty-five "strong minded" ladies have been pursuing medical studies in Philadelphia, and that six of the number, have received the degree of M. D. How would a fellow feel to have his pulse clapped by the delicate fingers of one of those lady doctors? Phew!—It would paralyze us instantly!

Pluck the beam from their own eyes—If "the workmen in a certain establishment," were drunk, it can at least be said that the liquor was not furnished by their employer, nor did he participate in the spree! If some others could say as much, perhaps it would be better for them, and their squibs would come with a better grace. We would suggest to our neighbor the propriety of "sweeping before his own door, before he sweeps before other people's."

The Fourth—We should like very much to make one of the Editorial party to meet at Tyrone on the 3d, but our friends in the upper part of the county insist upon our fulfilling a previous engagement, and consequently we shall have to go up there and "spout burlesque." If however, our editorial brethren determine upon coming to Clearfield to spend the day, the "higher law" of hospitality will require us to get a substitute to entertain our friends at home, while we put the care editorial in the way of "hunting, fishing, and killing snakes." Come along, gentlemen, and we'll treat you to the bet Clearfield can afford, if it should happen to be "heplock-bark for breakfast, saw-dust pudding for dinner, and a pine slab for supper."

THE PLATFORM.

And Principles of the American Party.

At a regular meeting of the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN PARTY, begun and held at Philadelphia, on the 5th of June, A. D. 1855, the following Platform was adopted:

I.—The acknowledgment of that Almighty Deity, who rules over the universe—who presides over the Councils of Nations—who sustains the affairs of men, and who, in every step by which we have advanced to the character of an independent nation, has distinguished us by some token of His paternal benediction.

II.—The cultivation and development of a sentiment of profound and intense American feeling; of passionate attachment to our country, its history and its institutions; of admiration for the pure and noble and patriotic character of our Revolution; and of emulation of the virtues, wisdom, and patriotism that framed our Constitution and first successfully applied its provisions to the government of a people.

III.—The maintenance of the union of these United States as the paramount political goal; or, to use the language of Washington, "the primary object of patriotic desire." And hence:—Opposition to all attempts to weaken or subvert it.

IV.—Uncompromising antagonism to every principle of policy that endangers it.

V.—The advocacy of an equitable adjustment of all political differences which threaten its integrity or perpetuity.

VI.—The suppression of all tendencies to political division, founded on "geographical discriminations, or on the belief that there is a real difference of interest and views" between the various sections of the Union.

VII.—The full recognition of the rights of the several States, as expressed and reserved in the Constitution; and a careful avoidance, by the General Government, of all interference with their rights by legislative or executive action.

VIII.—The full recognition of the rights of the United States, as the supreme law of the land, sacredly to be obeyed by all its citizens, and members, and steadfast resistance to the spirit of innovation upon its principles, however specious the pretext. Avoicing that in all doubtful or disputed points it may only be legally ascertained, by the aid of the judicial power of the United States.

IX.—And, as a corollary to the above:—

I. A habit of reverential obedience to the Laws, whether National, State or Municipal, until they are ethically or declared unconstitutional by the proper authority.

2. A tender and sacred regard for those acts of state government, which are to be distinguished from acts of ordinary legislation, by the fact of their being the result of compact and agreement; and so, to be considered a fixed and settled national policy.

X.—A radical revision and modification of the laws relating to immigration; and the settlement of immigrants:—Offering to the honest immigrant, who, from love of liberty or hatred of oppression, seeks an asylum in the United States, a friendly reception and protection. But unqualifiedly opposing the transmission to our shores, of felons and paupers.

XI.—The essential modification of the Naturalization Law, by the Legislatures of the respective States, so that all State laws allowing foreigners not naturalized to vote.

XII.—The repeal, without retroactive operation, of all acts of Congress making grants of land to unqualified persons, and allowing them to vote in the Territories.

XIII.—Hostility to the corrupt means by which the leaders of party have hitherto forced upon our rulers and our political associates, and upon the people, a system of rewards for political subservience, and of punishments for political independence.

XIV.—The refusal of the wild hunt after office which characterizes the age.

XV.—These on the one hand. On the other:—

1. Imitation of the practice of the purer days of the Republic; and admission of the maxim that "a man should seek the office, not the office seek the man," and of the rule that, the just mode of ascertaining fitness for office is the capability, the faithfulness, and the honesty of the incumbent or candidate.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL.

We glean all the particulars we can of the proceedings of this body.

The following is the vote on the adoption of the minority report, which was in the following words:

Resolved, That the repeal of the Missouri Compromise was an infraction of the pledged faith of the nation, and that it should be restored, and if that could not be done, Congress should refuse to admit any State tolerating Slavery which shall be formed out of any portion of the territory from which that institution was excluded by that Compromise.

AFFIRMATIVE—Maine—Richmond, Carmen, Peck, Covell, Stebbins and Loring. Negative—New Hampshire—Sherman and Colby. Vermont—Hatch, Barrett, Kingsley, Guiford, and Pierpont.

Connecticut—Bullington, Foster, Richmond, Carey, Wilson and Rugg. Rhode Island—Knight. Connecticut—Sperry, Booth and Clark. New Jersey—Lyon, McClellan, Weeks, Johnson and Livingston. Indiana—Orth, Slaughter, Harvey, Bryant, Allen, Illinois—Dannenberg, Eastman, Prickett, Phelps and Gibson.

Michigan—McNanpton. Wisconsin—Chandler, Wood and Cook. Ohio—Martin, Olds, Morley, Morton, Ford, Meigs, and White. Iowa—Lockridge, and Thornton.

NEW YORK—Baker, Shannon, Mallory, Seymour, Squires, and Lyon. New Jersey—Beecher, and Andrews. Pennsylvania—Bell, Freeman, Johnston, Coulter, Lambertson, Small, and Vanelev. Louisiana—Harly, and Bance.

Texas—McCall, and Smith. California—Logan, Pike, and Nelli. California—Brown, Hitecock, Gibson, Olds, Tennessee—Marth, Stokes, Tapp, Shannon, and Donelson.

Kentucky—Pfleger, Glider, Furnell, Williams, Mason, and Bartlett. Missouri—Gambles, Harris, Cunningham, Price, and Hawkins.

Delaware—Johnson, Clement, Jones, Smith, Burgess, and Vanelev. Maryland—Ohr, Purnell, Ricard, Cold, Alexander, Winchester, and Mitchell.

Virginia—Bolling, Moren, Ellison, Boteler, Arthur, and North. North Carolina—Littlejohn, Rayer, Wharton, and Houghton.

South Carolina—Cunningham, Richardson, Russell, and Davis. Georgia—Poe, Cone, Hill, Davis, Leitner, Head, and Ware.

Minnesota—Cobb.

THE SCHUYLKILL DEMOCRACY.

The Schuylkill Democracy is in serious trouble, having elected for its organ, the *Register* and *the Democrat* as the organs of the former and the *Register* of the latter. Week before last, the Foreign wing acting under the leadership of the valiant Col. Straub, held a meeting, at which the *Register* was read out of the party, and the form of an affidavit agreed upon in accordance with which all candidates for nomination shall be required to be sworn to by voters at a Delegate meeting. To this, the *Register* has refused to assent, and has accordingly called another county meeting, the 1. For which we find in the *Register*, and in as follows:

DEMOCRATS! DEMOCRATS! Prepare to resist the effort now being made to Romanize our politics, and to thrust upon you an oath-bound political confession!

The Democrats and Republicans of Schuylkill county, in favor of sustaining the ancient usages of the party, and opposed to administering extra-judicial oaths to voters at Delegate elections, to the Delegates themselves, and to candidates for office, are requested to meet at the usual place in their respective election districts, on Saturday, the 11th day of August next, for the purpose of selecting the usual number of delegates each district is entitled to represent them in a County Nominating Convention.

THE CUBAN EXPEDITION.

The New York Sun makes strange revelations concerning certain leading American "filibusters"...

The following are the names of the officers of the United States army, who were sent to the Cuban expedition...

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Among these letters are a great many written by business men, and of much consequence to their proper owners. They came from all sections of the country, quite a number mailed at California, and some foreign letters.

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CAUTION.

All persons are hereby notified to call on...

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JOHN TROUTMAN.

House, Sign and Ornamental Painter...

He keeps constantly on hand, and makes to order every variety of Chairs, Lounges, Sofas, &c. &c. Chairs, and Sofas made equal in beauty to any that can be obtained from the City, and more durable in workmanship and materials.

FURST ARRIVAL.—SPRING & SUMMER GOODS, AT THE CHEAP CASH STORE. Just received, a large and splendid assortment of goods of almost every description, suitable for the season, and selling off at very low prices.

BERGE DELAINES.—A superior article of Berge Delaines in dress pattern, at 25 cents per yard, never sold in this county, before for less than 50 cents, at RICHARD MOSSOP'S.

CHEAP CLOTHING.—A large lot of Cheap Clothing, Men's and Boys, for sale cheap, by RICHARD MOSSOP.

NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS!—The undersigned begs leave to inform his friends in Clearfield, and the public generally that he has made arrangements to receive and keep constantly on hand all the new, and recent publications, which are being sent from the Eastern Cities, and Country Merchants can also be accommodated with all the Esop's, Tracts, Patent Medicines, &c. &c. at wholesale and retail, at lowest prices.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—The partnership heretofore existing between Thomas J. and David Moore, under the style and firm of T. and D. Moore, on the 7th day of May, 1855, has been dissolved by mutual consent, and the business heretofore conducted by the undersigned alone.

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