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AMERICAN NOMINATIONS.

CANAL COMMISSIONER,

THOMAS NICHOLSON:

Of Beaver County.

FOR SENATE,
HENRY SOUTHER,
Of Elk County.

ASSEMBLY.
WILLIAM W. WILLIAMS.
Of McKean County.

FOR SHERIFF.
R. F. WARD,
Of Clearfield Borough.

TREASURER.
PHILIP ANTES,
Of Lawrence Township.

COMMISSIONER.
ROBERT MICHAEL,
Of Burnside Township.

AUDITOR.
VALENTINE HEVENER,
Of Huston Township.

AMERICANS! TO THE POLLS!

Let every American, who desires the success of his principles, GO EARLY TO THE POLLS, and remain there until every American vote is polled. Challenge every vote that you do not know to be correct, and above all, MAKE EVERY FOREIGNER SHOW HIS NATURALIZATION PAPERS. GUARD THE BALLOT BOX, AND PROTECT YOUR LIBERTIES!

A MEETING AT GOSHEN.—A large and excellent American Meeting was held in Goshen on Wednesday evening, and the citizens of that township seem determined to teach the Locofoco party and its Catholic allies a lesson they will remember. They are sound Americans, and are determined that "Americans shall rule America."

MEETING AT GLEN HOPE.—On Thursday evening the Americans at Glen Hope held a large and enthusiastic meeting. After the public meeting, the members of the Council met in J. C. Patchin's Store, and we were most agreeably surprised to see among them our old Democratic friend WM. T. GILBERT.—Billy must be "sound on the goose question!"

THE AMERICAN MEETINGS.—Notwithstanding tha inclemency of the weather, the American meetings held in different parts of the county, have been large and enthusiastic. The masses seem to be fully arroused, and determined to route the Locofoco party, with its foreign cohorts, "horse, foot, and dragoon," on next Tuesday. Their battle cry is—"GOD, AND OUR NATIVE LAND!"

WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS.—It will be seen by refference to the proceedings of the American Conference at Ridgeway, that WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS of McKean County, has been nominated as our Candidate for Assembly. Mr. Williams is a native of McKean county, a good man, and enjoys the respect and confidence of all his fellow citizens. He is a sound American, opposed to the Nebraska Swindle, and in favor of its restitution. He will, of course, be triumpantly elected.

THE "MANŒUVRE."—The *Catholic* "orgin" would make its readers believe, if possible, that B. F. LUCAS, by some "manœuvre," was thrown overboard, and Mr. SOUTHER taken up for the Senate in his stead. We have already stated that Mr. LUCAS only received the majority of the votes of the Order in Jefferson and Clearfield, while Mr. SOUTHER carried the entire vote of the four remaining counties. Mr. Souther was therefore the regular nominee of the Order, and will be run throughout the District as its candidate. When Mr. Lucas received the vote of this County, we hoisted his name to our mast head as our candidate for Senator, "*subject to the action of the other counties*," and it stood there, with that line under it, until we received the returns from the other counties, when Mr. SOUTHER turned out to be the candidate, which fact we announced, and hoisted his name, as we were bound to do. In this consisted the whole "manœuvre," and if *Jim Campbell's Catholic tool* wants to defeat Mr. Souther in this District, he'll have to hatch a better scheme than such a "cock and bull story," which is totally without foundation.

CANAL COMMISSIONER.

DECLINATION OF PETER MARTIN, ESQ.

THOS. NICHOLSON.

A meeting of the American, Republican and Whig State Committees was held at Harrisburg on Thursday evening last, at which the three candidates then in the field were withdrawn, with their consent and the consent of their friends, and THOMAS NICHOLSON, of Beaver county, nominated as the Union candidate of the parties opposed to the National Administration. Peter Martin, Esq., was there, and gave his cordial assent to the arrangement; and by his course created a most favorable impression upon gentlemen from all parts of the State; an impression that will secure for him higher honors than that of Canal Commissioner.

The following letter from Mr. Martin to Mr. Todd, shows the cheerfulness with which he yielded his claims to promote a union of all opposed to the Pierce Administration.

Harrisburg, Thursday, Sept. 27, '55.

HON. SAMUEL TODD,
Chairman American Committee.

DEAR SIR:—With the view and for the purpose of enabling your committee on behalf of the American Party, to agree upon a candidate who will unite all the elements opposed to the Pierce policy and Administration, I give my declination into your hands, and am willing to abide by your decision.

Truly Yours, PETER MARTIN

Thomas Nicholson, is a native of the northern part of Lancaster county.

I[illegible] when young to Beaver county, and for a number of years followed the occupation of school teacher, for which he held a high reputation, and was employed in the higher branches. He was from a democratic family, and holding fast to the true principles of that faith, as taught by its early founders, he was elected a Representative to the Legislature for several years, where he was one of its most efficient and useful members. He was always found the firm and zealous advocate of economy and reforms in all the departments of government, and particularly on the Public Works, where he is about to be called to carry out those measures, and where they are so greatly needed. He is now Cashier of the State Treasury under Col. Slifer, the State Treasurer. He served also in that capacity under Judge Banks. He is a friend of economy and reform, and as his whole course in the legislature proved, and always advocated measures which had the reduction of the state debt and repeal of state taxation as their object. He was the author of the bill to prevent the use of the jails of the state to imprison fugitive slaves for the benefit of their masters; and in his course as a legislator, was always found the able advocate of wise, prudent and patriotic measures. He will be elected by a large majority. He is justly entitled to the support of the people, is worthy of their confidence, and can defeat the Catholic nominee. Let every true American and every Protestant rally around him, and carry him triumphantly into power, that he may drive from the Commonwealth the horde of thieves and robbers who have plundered it for half a century.

ANOTHER LIE NAILED!!!

VALENTINE HEVENER.

As announced, in our last issue, the letter, published in the Catholic "orgin," purporting to be written by VALENTINE HEVENER is NOT TRUE! Read the following manly letter from Mr. HEVENER, written at Ridgeway, where he has been attending Court, and then say what you think of a paper that would publish SUCH A LETTER! for the purpose of defeating the American Ticket!—The letter is on file in our office, and can be seen by any one who doubts its authenticity;

RIDGEWAY, Oct. 2d, 1855.

Messrs.—

The action of the American Party in nominating me for the office County Auditor, was taken without any knowledge of mine whatever. But since I have been nominated and considered worthy the confidence of the party, I do not feel at liberty to decline the nomination so generously bestowed, neither have I done so, nor will I do so.

As to a letter published in the Clearfield Republican, dated 17th Sept., 1855, purport to have been written by me, I unhesitatingly pronounce it to be an unqualified act,—and that it was done without either my consent or knowledge. V. HEVENER.

Witness, W. W. BROWN.

BROKE JAIL.—Philip Chambers in jail for the murder of Hartman who was found drowned in the Sinnamahoning, broke jail on Friday night last.

TO THE VOTERS OF CLEARFIELD CO.

On Tuesday, Fellow Citizens, we will be called upon to discharge the most sacred duty of American freemen, and it becomes us calmly and carefully to consider the consequences to follow our course, and the reasons that guide us to a preper conclusion. This is a war of principle, and not of men. And what are the principles of the opponents of the American party? We fear they have discarded all connection with principle, but of one thing we may rest assured that they "are down upon" Americenism, and in this what do they declare? Why that 'Americans should *not* rule America;' that 'it is the policy of our Government to bestow its offices, civil and military, upon foreigners, *to the exclusion of our own citizens*;' that 'the present Naturalization Laws are not inducements held out to politicians for the commission of *frauds*;' that 'the foreigner who has just been landed on our shores, belched from the prisons and alms-houses of Europe, with *no knowledge* of our institutions, or *Liberty itself, is fit and just the man* to determine the *Future of our own great Republic*;' that 'the *Catholic* population, *ruled* by the *Pope of Rome*, temporally and spiritually, notwithstanding their *bold stroke for power*, are not dangerous but a blessing to America;' that 'the *Pope* and *Catholic* church is the *safest and best friend of Republicanism*;' that 'American labor and American Institutions *should not* be fostered and protected;' that '*reform* is not needed, but, as in days gone by, *bribery and corruption should stalk at mid-day*, and the State and *people's money* be common property for a set of *political hounds*.'

But they go further than this. They indorse the present imbecile Administration with its Nebraska iniquity and Kansas frauds! They sustain that infamous Judge John K. Kane, in taking away the liberty of a free citizen of this Commonwealth, *because he would not swear to a lie!* They indorse the appointment of James Campbell, a Roman Catholic, to the highest Cabinet office in pursuance of a corrupt bargain with Arch Bishop Hughes, by which Frank Pierce received the vote of the Roman Catholic Church! They indorse, *in our own county, the proscription of Protestant Ministers of the Gospel, because they see proper to hold their own peculiar political opinions!*—They sustain an incumbent in office who, EITHER THROUGH IGNORANCE OR CRIME, WAS THE MEANS OF SCREENING A MURDERER FROM JUSTICE, WHO HAD IMBRUED HIS HANDS IN PROTESTANT AMERICAN BLOOD IN THE STREETS OF OUR OWN TOWN! If you can swallow these things then vote the ticket of the opponents of the American Party.

THE COMPROMISE CANDIDATE FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER.

HARRISBURG, Sept. 29.—The State Committees of the Whig, American, and Republican parties, which on the 27th inst., jointly nominated Thomas Nicholson, of Beaver, as a candidate for Canal Commissioner, and withdrawing the names of Messrs. Martin and Williamson, have to day issued the following address to the people of the State:

To the People of Pennsylvania:—The Whig party, the Republican party, and the American party having each nominated a candidate for the office of Canal Commissioner, it becomes apparent that such a division of the elements of opposition to the National Administration and its Nebraska fraud would inevitably lead to the election of Arnold Plumer, the Pro-Slavery Nebraska candidate. In view of these facts, a meeting of our respective Central Committees of said parties, was held at Harrisburg, on Thursday, the 27th of September, 1855, and their nominees having declined and been withdrawn, Thomas Nicholson, of Beaver County, was nominated as the candidate of the said parties, for the purpose of concentrating the votes of the Anti-Nebraska party on one man, and he is hereby earnestly recommended to all the lovers of freedom in Pennsylvania, as a capable, honest, and true-hearted man, who is worthy of the support and confidence of the people.

By order of the Committees.

Signed, JOHN A. FISHER,
Chairman of Whig State Committee.

LEMUEL TODD,
Chairman of the American State Committee of Thirteen.

DAVID WILMOT,
Chairman of Republican State Committee.

THE SENATE.—The last "orgin" undertakes to say that Mr. SOUTHER, our candidate for Senate, is not only an inveterate Whig, but a Bostonian Federalist. We do not know what Mr. SOUTHER's politics may have been previous to his becoming a member of the American Party, nor do we care,—but we have been informed, upon good authority, that he formerly edited a Democratic paper in Elk county! If that made him a Federalist, then we have no doubt he belonged to the party. But it matters little to us, what may have been his political antecedents, so long as we know him to be an honest, trustworthy man, who has sworn to support the principles of the American Party. In this we have every guarantee that is required, and he will receive the votes of every true American, and be triumphantly elected on next Tuesday.

VOTE THE AMERICAN TICKET.

Would you administer a severe rebuke to the corrupt and designing politicians, who have sold out the offices of the county for ten years to come, to men who would do the most to advance the interests of said politicians?—vote the American ticket.

Would you establish American principles in this your own blood-bought *land?*—vote the American ticket.

Would you see the liberty of speech, of the press, and the right to worship God under your own vine and fig-tree, preserved?—vote the American ticket.

Would you prevent the repetition of the bloody riots of Louisville, perpetrated by armed foreigners and Catholics?—vote the American ticket.

Would you oppose the progress of political Romanism, in subverting our glorious institutions, and subjecting our beloved government to the spiritual power of the Pope of Rome?—vote the American ticket.

Would you preserve our Common School system, and retain the Bible in our public schools?—vote the American ticket.

Would you desire to see those myriads of foreign paupers and criminals, which are now day by day landed upon our shores, sent back, whence they came?—then vote the American ticket.

Would you have the interests of the county cared for, your taxes diminished, the public honor vindicated, the morals and reputations of your youths preserved?—then by all means, tax-payers of Clearfield county, we call upon you to vote the American ticket.

These are important questions, and should not be passed over lightly or carelessly. Every American, be he Democrat or Whig should weigh them well, and cast his vote accordingly. These questions, fellow-citizens, again we say are all-important to you, and to every one who loves his native land. But they are denounced and cried down by every would-be Democratic paper in the country. They publicly and openly declare their opposition to Americans. They have, as a party, in this county, and throughout the whole country, sold their birth-right to Catholics and foreigners. They are putting forth every effort to secure the votes of aliens and Romanists.—They trample upon American sentiments, and principles, and men; and some of them upon American laws. This is now the case in KANSAS, and permitted by a Democratic Administration! Will you as freemen, any longer suffer these things so to be? Will we, as Americans, see the best offices in our country filled by foreigners, and we nothing more than *hewers* of wood, and *drawers* of water? Will you see our institutions desecrated, and yourselves placed at the bidding of the power of Rome?

A LAST STRONG EFFORT.—On Tuesday we fight the battle that gives us a glorious victory. That day decides whether the people or demagogues shall rule. We have no fear of the result, brother Americans, but it is a duty you owe to your country and your party that every exertion should be made. That we have the numerical strength to succeed every member of our party knows, and this feeling may induce some of our friends to think there is enough without me—I'll stay at home, I am busy or unwell.' Remember that a dozen in each election district acting on such an idea may give the victory to our opponents. Every man must vote. The opposition will not leave a stone unturned and will not hesitate to employ every artifice to defeat us. The true way to go to the polls is to feel the *importance of every vote*. Examine your tickets for yourself. See there is no deception in them.—Look at every one of them, and be sure they are right. Go early and vote early, but do not go away as soon as you have voted. Your country needs your services this day. Go to work, roll up your sleeves, and hungry or tired do your best for America. See that no illegal votes are allowed. Watch the ballot box—guard it—it is the Ark of your liberty. Keep it pure and let it speak the verdict of the people. Let America and Americans be your watchword. Remember the wiles and intrigues of Popery—the blasting effects of Foreign Influence. The Foreign and Catholic Population of Clearfield County *held the balance of power between the old-line Whig and Democratic parties*; AND THIS WILL BE ARRAYED AGAINST YOU. Keep in view the Polar Star of our party and a glorious victory will crown your efforts.

BISHOP HUGHES AT WORK.—The following from the Bloomville, Delaware County *Mirror*, tells its own story. It is time for Americans to be awake when Archbishop Hughes and his agents take the field! Read (!):—

"NOT DISAPPOINTED—OUR HAT OFF JUST BELOW OUR EARS.—The Roman Catholic Postmaster General, James Campbell, has removed us from the Post Office in Bloomville, and appointed Walter Hill, a *Roman Catholic* Scotchman, in our place. We know no reason for our removal other than because at all times, and on all occasions, we denounce Roman Catholic principles as dangerous to the cause of Liberty and the welfare of the American Union.

EXTRACT FROM GEN. HOUSTON'S LETTER.

Can any sane man believe that Gen. Washington or Gen. Jackson would have united with any association or order not purely American? Would either have entered into any political league when secrecy was enjoined, if he had not approved of the principle of secrecy in political associations? From my knowledge of the character of Washington, the sacrifices he made for his country, united with his fervid patriotism, and his preference for everything American, I cannot doubt for one moment, if he were now living he would cheerfully sanction the principles of the American Order. From my personal and familiar knowledge of the principles of Gen. Jackson, I am confident that were he living to counteract the policy of European potentates and statesmen, to throw upon our shores their refuse population of convicts and paupers, to pervert our ballot-boxes and populate our poor-houses, he would most cordially sanction and inculcate the principles of the American Order.—Are not secret caucusses continually held by the political leaders of both parties in Congress? 'O, yes,' it will be answered, "very true! but there is a necessity for this. We have to take care of our parties, to form plans for the people to carry out. And if we did not make platforms for them, they would not know how to vote upon important subjects." This explains much of the opposition to the present movement of the people. The action of the American Order is only the pulsation of the American heart, which forces liberty thro' the veins of the masses, and will cause them to reclaim that power and influence which the arts of demagogues and assumptions of '*party leaders*' have appropriated to themselvhs, and generally allowed the people to cast their votes in accordance with their caucus decisions, whether secret or open. Should the American movement succeed, as it must if our liberties are to be preserved, many good easy souls who feel seated in power, will have to yield that power, which has been used in directing the people to carry out their edicts, prepared in caucus and proclaimed by conventions. The cry of *abolition* has been raised by the anti-American party in the South, for no other purpose than to alarm their fears, and strangle the American feeling.

Have not the two parties for years past charged each other with being idendified with Abolitionists, as it suited party interests? The American Order have given their platform to the world. I perceive, by the intelligence of the day that one of the oldest Democratic statesmen, the standard-bearer of the party, General Cass, has approved the platform of the American Order, as proclaimed to the world by the Convention at Philadelphia.

UNITE AND CONQUER.—The movement made at Harrisburg last week, by which it was agreed to withdraw the several candidates placed in nomination by the Whig, the Republican and the American parties, has met with a very general response of approval and it is required only that the same spirit should govern in the action of the people at the polls, to secure the signal defeat and overthrow of Locofocoism at the coming election. A correspondent of the *Daily News*, writing from West Chester, under date of the 28th ult. gives utterance to the following sound and sensible suggestions:

"I perceive that the Old Line Whigs, in a patriotic spirit, have agreed to support the Assembly ticket formed by the American party. That is right. 'In union there is strength.' As long as the North is divided into factions, the Slave-holding Democracy North will triumph. Let us have Union—a Union of all opposed to the infamous repeal of the Missouri Compromise.

We here hope to see the Republicans of the City drop their ticket and fall into the support of the American. It is Anti-Nebraska, and that is enough for the times. If honest councils prevail, the Republicans of your city will not run their ticket. If they do, and thereby elect the Locofoco ticket, a load of odium will rest upon the selfish leaders, which will spot them forever.

A spirit of self-sacrifice and magnanimous fusion against the Slave-breeding and Union-saving Democracy is what is needed and necessary. The Pierce Democracy can be overthrown triumphantly if its opponents will only unite. Policy and principle demand it."

ANOTHER ROMAN CATHOLIC PROMOTED.—An Irishman named Connelly,—a bigoted, vindictive, proscriptive Roman Catholic,—who was sometime since discharged from a position he had long held in the Dauphin County Prison has been appointed by His Holiness JAMES CAMPBELL, to a Clerk-ship in the Post Office Department at Washington. CONNELLY's vio- and indecent abuse of Americons and Protestants rendered him odious in this community, and hence his discharge. It is just such worthless foreigners as this feliow Connelly,—who regard the Pope as superior to the Constitution,—that Campbell is crowding into the Post Office Department to the exclusion of native born American citizens. He will make a first rate JESUIT SPY,—and we presume that Campbell designs to employ him in that capacity. Americans! if you would overthrow the present Roman Catholic dynasty, you must commence the work at once. Let every man who loves his country vote the American Ticket on Tuesday.

THE LEGISLATURE!

AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

At a meeting of the Presidents of the County Central Committees of the American Party, in and for the counties of Clearfield, Elk and McKean, for the purpose of nominating a Candidate for Representative, held at Ridgeway, on Tuesday, the 2d inst., present, E. S. Dundy of Clearfield, R. C. Winslow of Elk, and G. B. Backus of McKean.

The meeting was organized by appointing R. C. Winslow Chairman, and G. B. Backus Secretary. Mr. Winslow nominated H. A. Pattison of Elk, Mr. Dundy nominated C. Pottarff of Clearfield, and Mr. Backus nominated William A. Williams of McKean.

On the first ballot each candidate received one vote, when, on proceeding to the second ballot, Mr. William A. Williams of McKean county, was unanimously nominated.

R. C. WINSLOW *Pres't.*
G. B. BACKUS *Sec'y.*

UNITED ACTION NEEDED.—United action of those who are opposed to Locofocoism having now been brought about in the State, in support of one candidate for Canal Commissioner, the same union should be formed by them in the respective counties of the state, in support of one and the same ticket. In many of the counties the opposition to the Locofoco party is divided into the support of two or three different tickets, thus indirectly contributing to the election of Locofocos by a minority vote. This should not be. In every county in which more than one opposition ticket has been formed a union should be effected. It is worse than folly, yea, absolute madness for the Whigs, Republicans and Americans to fritter away their strength, and aid Locofocoism. Let each make the requisite sacrifice, and exercise the proper conciliatory spirit, to bring about that concert of action which is essential to success, and we shall be in no danger of having a Locofoco Legislature inflicted upon us next winter. What say our Whig, American and Republican friends? We hope that a hint to them as wise men will be sufficient. The opponents of the Locofoco party are largely in the majority in the State, and can have a majority in the next Legislature, if they will act wisely, patriotically and unselfishly. Will they do it?

PUSH ON THE AMERICAN COLUMN.—Americans! Brethren! let us keep in view the great original and distinctive object of the American Order, and march ahead. While we do this we are irresistable, and victory is sure to crown our efforts. First of all, let us see to it that America is ruled by Americons! After this primary object is secured, we can advantageously settle other and subordinate matters. At present we must avoid side issues, and fight only for the great principles of our organization—principles dear to every patriotic American heart, and which when rightly understood, will be sure to triumph!

ROMAN CATHOLIC TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF AMERICANISM.—"Can any good come out of Nazareth?" This question, happily, has been solved in our very midst. "Wapole," the intelligent and interesting Washington correspondent of the Repository and Whig, wrote on the 1st, of September, to that paper, thus:

A conversation took place a few days ago, not a thousand miles from this place, of which the following is the purport.

Mr. W., who is not a K. N., but who votes their ticket and sympathizes with them, being in the company of sundry friends, was beset very strongly by them, who expressed their surprise that a man of his intelligence and liberality should support a party which persecuted men for their religion, or made religion in any way a test of fitness or unfitness for political officers. W. defended himself and denied that men were persecuted on account of their religion by K. N's. If any one, he said, owned an allegiance or obedience to the Pope which was paramount to the allegiance or obedience which he owed to the laws of the United States, he thought the Americans right in holding him unfit to be supported for any office under the constitution. His friends hooted at the idea that any one should be supposed to owe any such obedience to the Pope, and asked if he supposed that such men as C. H., J.,—naming American Catholics—owed such obedience or were any worse citizens for being Catholics?

In the midst of the conversation Mr. H., came in and joined in the conversation, censuring, of course, the Americans, and accusing them of religious persecution. Mr. W. then asked Mr. H. if he justified the Pope in prohibiting Protestants from having a chapel and worshiping God in their own way, in Rome? To which Mr. H. replied that he did: because the Pope having both the temporal and spiritual power in Rome, had a perfect right to prohibit any other than the Catholic form of worship. But said Mr. W., suppose the Pope should happen to obtain both the temporal and spiritual power in the United States, would he have the right, and be justified in prohibiting any other than the Catholic form of worship here?

Mr. A.—That's an absurd question, because such a thing can never take place.

Mr. W.—No matter if it cannot; I wish an honest answer to my question.

Mr. H.—Then I will answer; most undoubted he would have the right to prohibit, and would be justified in prohibiting Protestantism.

Mr. W.—Gentlemen, this answer, from a Catholic, and an American Catholic too, is quite sufficient. I have no more to say.