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People's National Ticket. FOR PRESIDENT, JOHN C. FREMONT, OF CALIFORNIA. FOR VICE PRESIDENT, WILLIAM L. DAYTON, OF NEW JERSEY.

A LITTLE PLAIN TALK.

For some weeks past, politicians uncomplainingly opposed to Fremont, have been endeavoring to create the impression that, if the Union State Ticket is carried in Pennsylvania, the South will drop Buchanan, and unite on Fillmore. The Locofoco leaders, well satisfied that the State was lost to them, at once took up the same cry, evidently thinking that something was to be made by encouraging this idea. Their design is very apparent. A man with a grain of political sagacity can see that the object is to stimulate the hopes of the Fillmore men, and by thus inducing them to stick to their candidate, prevent a union between them and the Fremont men. But is it at all possible, under any circumstances, that Buchanan will be dropped? We think not. The Locofoco politicians are too shrewd to encourage such a proposition, if they thought there was the remotest possibility of its being carried into effect—for, if such a thing should happen, the great Democratic party would be completely swallowed up and obliterated. Besides this, they would not stultify themselves so much as to thus admit the weakness of their cause and the speciousness of their pretensions. The talk about the South uniting on Fillmore is all moonshine—a trick of the politicians—as any one, who will take the trouble of making himself acquainted with the feeling in that section of the Union, will readily discover. In a speech delivered by Gov. H. A. Wise, of Virginia, at Richmond, on the 20th Sept., that gentleman says of Mr. Fillmore that "He is out of sight in this race." We wish that we could think differently, but the elections already held show that this is really the case. Missouri, Kentucky, North Carolina and Delaware had been counted certain for him—no doubt was entertained about them. And how are they? Why every Southern State, including the States named, in which elections have been held, the Democrats have either carried or have gained largely in. How idle then is it to talk about the South dropping Buchanan! The hopes of the Democracy are centered in the Southern portion of the Union. But, as already stated, they expect, by encouraging one portion of the Opposition, to succeed in keeping up a separate and distinct third party organization; and with the opposition thus divided, they may reasonably conclude that they will be enabled, like the fox in the fable, to slip in and carry off the prize, whilst those who should be friends are quarrelling about matters of little moment. They could thus, if they cannot do anything else, at least, prevent an election by the people, and throw it into the House of Representatives, where an endless contest would ensue. In the meantime the Senate would elect John C. Breckinridge presiding officer of that body, and when the 4th of March would arrive, and no election had been effected by the House, he would under the Constitution, by virtue of his position as president of the Senate, be sworn in as President of the United States! That is the plain truth. Americans and Republicans! Having thus presented matters in their true light, we ask whether you will allow yourselves to be duped by the schemes of the political tricksters who are working for Buchanan? We trust not—we have an abiding confidence that you will not. We caution you against the coys that are thrown out to deceive you; and admonish you to unite either upon one electoral ticket, or upon the only man whom the Democracy fear and fight—John C. Fremont. Do that, and you will come out of the Presidential contest with victory inscribed upon your banners.

A number of spirited meetings of the friends of FREMONT were held last week in this county. A large meeting was held on Tuesday at Salem City, in Brady township, and two fine poles raised, and a large flag, inscribed with the names of Fremont and Dayton, suspended. On Wednesday afternoon and evening meetings were held at New Washington, on Thursday evening at Pennville, and on Saturday evening at Dr. Schryver's, all of which were largely attended. On Monday of this week, a very enthusiastic meeting was held at Frenchville, in Covington township. There were doubtless other meetings held, of which we are not cognizant. The fires of Freedom are beginning to burn brightly amidst the pine clad hills of Clearfield.

PETNAM'S MONTHLY, Household Words, and the Schoolfellow, for October, came duly to hand. They are filled with their usual variety of spicy and instructive matter, and sustain their well deserved character of "the best periodicals in the country." We trust now, as the excitement of politics will soon be over, that all who desire good monthlies, will send for these, to Dix, Edwards & Co., 321 Broadway, New York.

REMEMBER—Cassius M. Clay speaks in Clearfield on next MONDAY, the 20th inst.

SHOWING THE CLOVEN FOOT.

"The devil was sick, the devil a monk would be; The devil was well, the devil a monk was he!"

When we read the last Clearfield Republican, we at first scarcely knew whether to pity or laugh at it. But the idea of the editor of that paper raising objections to a naturalized citizen, as such, and giving currency to a charge of Catholicism against another, was so supremely preposterous that we could not refrain from indulging in a hearty outburst of merriment. But, without joking, the course of the Republican is certainly one of the most anomalous of any journal that has ever come under our notice. There is no telling where it is in some things—whether it is fish or fowl—Roundhead or Cavalier—Roman Catholic or "bloody K. N." In this community it is well known with what bitter vehemence and malignity the editor of that paper denounced the American order, and that no epithets were too harsh or severe for him to apply to them. But scarcely has the cry of "dark-lantern party," "midnight cabal," "perverters of the Constitution," "traitors to the country," to God, and everything that is great and good, ceased to be shouted forth by him or his party, than, surprising as it may seem, they raise the cry that one of our candidates is a Catholic—a charge that they know is false and without foundation in truth. How does this come? Why is it that the Republican gives currency to a falsehood, impugning a man's Protestant integrity, when it but lately was so loud and fierce in its denunciations against others for opposing a foreign catholic hierarchy interfering in our political affairs? Is it possible that the editor of the Republican has become impressed with the importance of checking this influence? Or is he only "shedding crocodile's tears," only pretending to be interested in the "four or five hundred sworn know-nothings," for the purpose of advancing the cause of James Buchanan? Out upon such hypocrisy! Such duplicity is too palpable, too bold, to deceive even the most unwary! What consistent fellows these Locofoco politicians are! At one time, it is said, they object to a respectable citizen, who was a candidate for a county office, on the ground that he was a catholic! Then they vilify and abuse the American order for attempting to check foreign catholic influence from controlling our elections. And now they give currency to a false charge of Romanism against as good a Protestant as the sun of heaven ever shone upon, in order to injure him in the estimation of the same Americans, whom they so lately denounced! And, that it might be prominent, pains were taken to put it forth in glaring capitals, besides receiving the editor's endorsement in these words: "What a spectacle! A candidate for President of the United States denying his religion!"

Knowing these things, it must be apparent to every reasonable man that there was no sincerity in the opposition of the Locofoco leaders and presses to the American party—that they were selfish in their designs and actions—and that they will seize upon anything that will in the least tend to benefit their cause! Well might honest, christian men exclaim, "What a spectacle!"

THE NEW INQUISITION.

The last Clearfield Republican contains a letter of J. A. McMasters, editor of the Freeman's Journal, the mouth-piece of Bishop Hughes, and an organ of the Roman Catholic church, in which the following occurs:—"A man who will lie about a serious fact in his own history, ought to be denounced, if he pretends to run for President, even if he mean a coalition as Black Republicans and Choctaw K. N's. If Col. Fremont will assert that he has never given himself out a Catholic, I WILL CLAP THE HOT IRON ON QUICK AND SURE!"

We have little doubt that the Archbishop, McMasters, and even their worthy compeer, the editor of the Republican, would dearly love to establish the Inquisition with all its diabolical tortures, in this country, and then "clap the hot iron" on the lack of Col. Fremont and every other "heretic." How the mouths of these "hale fellows well met" must water at the prospect of such a luxury, and doubtless their "hearts leap with joy" at the anticipated agony and cries of their victims. Things have come to a pretty pass, indeed, when an insolent Jesuit can thus denounce an American Protestant citizen, and threaten to "clap the hot iron on, quick and sure!" But Buchanan is not yet elected President, and Hughes, McMasters, and our down-town "neighbor" will have to postpone their branding operations for a while. All the opponents of Fremont clutch with rapacity at the Inquisitor's threat to "clap the hot iron on, quick and sure!" But, is this the evidence you bring that Fremont is a Romanist? Is this the argument you intend using? Americans, friends of freedom, of whatever name, party or sect, will you lend your votes and influence, directly or indirectly, to give this Jesuit and his abettors a victory? Can any one doubt, after this assault of McMasters & Co. upon Col. Fremont, that he is a protestant? Would the organ of the Roman Catholic church in New York, dare to assault him thus, if he were in the remotest degree connected with its church? No one can with truth assert it.

The "hot iron," the pincers, the rack, and the thumb screw, to be followed by an auto da fe—wouldn't that be a pretty "spectacle" in this civilized land of ours? Protestants, Americans, Freeman! are you prepared to give Buchanan, McMasters & Co. such a triumph? "We shall see what we shall see!"

Mr. Benjamin Watts, of Fayette, [Mo.] on the 13th Sept. took a walk into his park, where he had some deer and an elk. He was found dead and most dreadfully mangled about one hour afterwards. It is supposed the elk became enraged and made an attack on him; that he retreated to the fence, but was unfortunate in escaping, and was horned to death on the spot. He was the wealthiest man in the county.

UNION ELECTORAL TICKET.

The Union State Committee held a meeting at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, Oct. 7th, and passed resolutions requesting all opposed to the election of Buchanan, to meet in the different districts, and select twice as many delegates as each is entitled to members of the Legislature, who are to meet in Convention, at Harrisburg, on Tuesday the 21st day of October, to form a Union Electoral Ticket.

In pursuance of said call, the opponents of Buchanan, favorable to a Union Electoral ticket, are requested to meet at the office of E. S. Dundy, Esq., in Clearfield, on Saturday the 18th Oct. at 4 o'clock p. m., to select delegates to said Convention.

FLORIDA.—M. S. Perry, the Democratic candidate for Governor, is elected in Florida, by an increased majority over former years, and Geo. S. Hawkins, Democrat, to Congress.

INDIANA.—A private letter dated Dolph, Indiana, Sept. 30th says, "Indiana is as certain as human calculation can make it, for Fremont."

The receipts of grain at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the inst., is said to have amounted to over 60,000 bushels, about 50,000 bushels of which was wheat.

Eleven persons were killed and twenty-four wounded, on Thursday last, by the explosion of a boiler at the Agricultural Fair at Delaware, Ohio.

Twenty six packages of clothing have recently been sent from Boston, Mass., to the destitute residents of Kansas, and more are in course of preparation.

Alfred Dupont, Esq., of the well known firm of E. I. Dupont, Nemours & Co., died on Saturday last, at his residence on the Brandywine, near Wilmington, Delaware.

A bill has been presented to the Legislature of Tennessee, levying a tax of five dollars upon bachelors, over thirty years of age, for the purpose of raising money to increase the school fund.

About 1,000 immigrants arrived at Castle Garden, N. Y., on the six days ending Oct. 3. In the number were 59 organ grinders with their monkeys. A large accession to the musical talent of the country.

On the night of the 25th ult., the dwelling of Jackson Dawson, of West Union, Va., was destroyed by fire, and Mr. Dawson and all his children, five in number, and a Miss Lavinia Myers, all perished in the flames!

Five millions of dollars have just been spent by the Government of Russia, impoverished as she is, in a coronation of her Emperor.—What a striking contrast to the simplicity of our Republican inauguration.

Samuel Hoard of Chicago, has raised a squash in his garden this summer which is perhaps the largest vegetable of the kind ever raised in this county, weighing one hundred and eighty-six pounds. Can any of the eastern people raise a squash like this?

It is now believed that the burning of the Niagara on Lake Michigan, by which 99 lives were lost, was caused by an incendiary. The captain states that the steward recently received an anonymous letter declaring that every arrangement had been made to fire the boat.

A wedding came off at Havana, Ill., last week, in which the bride was 14 and the bridegroom 70 odd years of age. They were both children; the one in her first, and the other in his second childhood. There was present at the nuptial ceremony a daughter of the "old gentleman" as old as the bride's mother.

A correspondent of the Elizabeth Jersey Tribune says that every Methodist minister he knows of in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa and Wisconsin, except one, goes for Fremont. He adds, "If Kansas was as near to New Jersey as it is to us, your State would go with a rush for Freedom."

The State Committees of the American, Republican, and Union parties have agreed to meet at Philadelphia, on the 16th inst., to form a Union Electoral Ticket for this State, to be supported by those opposed to the Administration of President Pierce and the election of James Buchanan.

One of the workmen upon Greene's rifles at the Massachusetts Arms Company's works, was so unfortunate, a few days since, as to slit the thumb of his right hand upon a circular saw. Concluding upon inspection, that the member was used up, he coolly went back to the saw, and holding the damaged thumb with his left hand, made a clean amputation of it, and then proceeded to have it dressed by a surgeon.

The emigrants arrived at New York during the nine months of this year, number 103,521—being 2,547 less than during the same period last year. The German immigrants exceed the Irish by 7,000. Information has been received from Germany, to the effect that there will be quite a large emigration from that country during the months of October and November of the present year.

BUCHANAN'S SUPPORTERS.—The Post and the Union occasionally regale their readers with the names of certain Silver Grey Whigs who support Ten Cent Jimmy. We will extend the list of his supporters:

- Preston S. Brooks supports Buchanan, P. S. Herbert supports Buchanan, David Atchison supports Buchanan, Stringfellow supports Buchanan, Gov. Shannon supports Buchanan, Jefferson Davis supports Buchanan, Isaiah Rynders supports Buchanan, Judge Kane supports Buchanan, Sheriff Jones supports Buchanan, Judge Leconte supports Buchanan, Keitt supports Buchanan, The Ballot Box Stuffers of California support Buchanan. Butler of S. C., supports Buchanan, The Border Ruffians all support Buchanan, The Slavery Extensionists all support Buchanan. The Disunionists support Buchanan.

AN OPEN LETTER.

To the Hon. WILLIAM BIGLER, U. S. Senate.

Sir: For some time past, an anonymous and utterly undirected string of calumnies and misrepresentations, entitled "Infidelity and Abolitionism; An Open Letter to the Friends of Religion, Morality, and the American Union," has been gratuitously flooded over the country. I have been repeatedly asked to put my foot on it, but declined to do so, as I do not deem anonymous slanders worthy of so much consideration. But a respected clergyman of your State sends me one of three copies of this delectable concern which he has just received under your frank, indicating that you are engaged in a general distribution of this tissue of lies throughout your State, or at least among her clergymen. I pay, therefore, to you, the responsible indorser, a respect of which the naked and skulking libel was and is utterly unworthy, and proceed to expose some of the more flagrant of its falsehoods:

1.—We assert, and defy contradiction, that every organization boasting infidel doctrines is now an organization in favor of Fremont; and we assert also that all those desiring a dissolution of the Union are openly co-operating with these organizations.

—This is grossly false, Mr. Bigler! and you know it. It is false, that even the handful of Northern Disunionists support Fremont, as I shall soon show; but all these are insignificant in numbers and power when compared with the Southern Nullifiers and Secessionists, every one hostile to Fremont, and nearly all supporting Buchanan. In South Carolina, those who desire and expect a speedy dissolution of the Union are a very large if not the larger party; they hold high stations and edit influential journals; one member of the Cabinet (Jeff. Davis) ran for Governor on the ticket of the "State Rights" anti-Compromises of 1850 party; and throughout the South there is a powerful interest in favor of dissolving the Union whenever they can no longer rule it.—You know how Bully Brooks boasted in the House that he could have caused a civil war by merely raising his hand; you have read his grave proposition that the South should march upon Washington and seize the Federal treasury and archives, in case Fremont should be elected, before he can be inaugurated; and you know that Keitt, Wise, and other eminent Southern supporters of Buchanan, are habitually indulging in similar bluster. You are slandering a very large portion of your fellow citizens, Mr. Bigler, and utterly falsifying the record, in asserting that all the disunionists—or any considerable portion of them—are found in the Fremont ranks.

2. Following in the same track, your libel proceeds to copy from The New York Standard of April 19th last, representing it as "a Fremont Abolition organ," and speaking of it again as "this advocate of Fremont, The Standard." That, Sir, is a deliberate lie. No one can have copied from The Standard without knowing that it is of the Garrisonian non-voting school of Abolitionists, bitterly hostile to Col. Fremont and to the Republican party.—It is as utterly averse to Fremont's election as you are, or as your Secessionist at the South can well be.

3. Your pamphlet proceeds to quote from "The Boston Liberator, Garrison's paper—a paper that supports John C. Fremont!"

This, Sir, is another black, blistering falsehood. The Liberator supports no candidate for Federal office, being hostile to voting, to the Union, and the Constitution, but especially hostile to Fremont and the Republican party. Columns to this effect might be quoted from it, but the fact is notorious among intelligent men. The Liberator will not even support Gerritt Smith, and it never supported any Republican or Anti-Nebraska ticket. Yet the lie is repeated, and reiterated, as if its author found a real pleasure in the simple act of lying.

4. Passing by several insignificant or irrelevant lies—among others that involved in calling Wendell Phillips a "Boston Infidel," when he is an orthodox Christian, and then insinuating that he is a supporter of Fremont, when he is his inflexible opponent—I proceed to the following:

"The New York Tribune is the chief party organ of these infidel disunionists. That journal has been the reservoir, for years, of all the leveling, anti-religious, and revolutionary doctrines of European ultraists and destructives. It is controlled by a corps, among whom are notorious infidels. It has opened its columns to the revolting doctrines of 'Free Love' to Fourierism, and to the scarcely less dangerous dogma of 'Spiritualism.' All the wild, monstrous, and absurd theories of the day, including the political equality of blacks and whites, have found favor in its sight. It is this dangerous paper, whose editor, Horace Greeley, has assisted at public meetings of blacks and whites in the City of New York, where both God and the Constitution have been reviled; it is he who has co-operated with the advocates of Woman's Rights in the same city, where unsexed females have delighted in addressing mobs of men in strains of vulgar violence."

—These, Sir, are lies—gross, willful, palpable, malignant lies—and you are their responsible propagator. The Tribune is the organ of no "infidel disunionists." It has never been the "reservoir" of "anti-religious" doctrines, as its readers well know. It has never been controlled by "notorious infidels." It never "opened its columns to the revolting doctrines of 'Free Love,'" except to expose, denounce, and reprobate them. All the "wild, monstrous and absurd theories" which it has ever countenanced are based directly on that immortal assertion of Jefferson in the preamble to the Declaration of Independence that "All men are created equal, and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights—that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Its editor has "assisted at no public meetings of Blacks and Whites where both God and the Constitution have been reviled," nor anything like this; and your closing assertion about "unsexed females" addressing mobs of men "in strains of vulgar violence" is only more sweepingly calumnious, more baseless, than the rest.—No such meetings ever occurred; and certain-

THE ELECTION.

The few returns received this [Wednesday] morning indicate that the Democrats have carried Clearfield county by about 600 or 800 majority. The most extraordinary efforts were made to increase the majority, and the Democrats confidently calculated on 800. There is, therefore, nothing discouraging in the result, and we say to our friends:—"Pick your flints and fire again!"

COMING OUT.—We find in the New York papers an address signed by five hundred and eighty-nine seceders from the American party. They are citizens of Otsego county, New York, have heretofore supported Mr. Fillmore for the Presidency, but having become satisfied that a strong effort is being made to divert the obligation resting on Americans, from their legitimate ends by using the Fillmore ticket as a mere device to prevent the election of Fremont, and aid that of Buchanan, they have concluded to give their earnest support to the Republican party and its nominees.

IMPORTED VOTERS.—We see by the Philadelphia papers that a large number of names, amounting to some 12,000 or 15,000, have been entered upon the assessors list, which are tho't to be imported voters. It has been apparent for some time past that the Locofoco politicians were concocting some scheme by which to defeat the Union State Ticket, and there is no telling how much they had to do with these extra assessments! We fear this system has been carried on extensively in different sections of the State, and we can, therefore, look out for some strange results!

BUCHANAN OUTRAGES IN SCHULKILL CO. Fremont Men Mobb'd and Several Shot.

POTTSVILLE, Oct. 11.—A meeting of the friends of Fremont and Dayton was held last evening at Pottsville, Schulkill county. The meeting was disturbed by a crowd of Buchanan ruffians, and the speakers were stoned and shot at.

Mr. Patterson says that he would rather be in the hands of Atchison and his Boreas Hellions than in those Buchanan savages of Schulkill county.

Finally, the military from Minersville, were called out, and they succeeded in arresting five or six of the ringleaders in the riot. One of them, in attempting to escape, was shot dead. The others are in the watch-house at Minersville. Several persons were considerably injured.

NEWS FROM KANSAS. CHICAGO, Oct. 11.—A party of Kansas emigrants, chiefly from Ohio, Illinois, and Wisconsin, to the number of about 300, including women and children, on arriving at Tabar, Iowa, on the 1st inst., received intelligence of the approach of Governor Geary with 250 dragoons, to oppose their entrance into the Territory. They, however, determined to proceed on their journey till filled upon, and it was expected they would meet the troops at Little Nebraska river, on the 4th inst.

Minersville, Oct. 11.—We have advice from Kansas to the 1st instant, stating that Governor Geary had caused to be arrested and confined in Leocompton on the charge of murder in the first degree one hundred and seven Free State men, who are mostly under the charge of Col. Tross.

EDUCATIONAL.

The scholars of the Lumber City School under charge of Wm. Martin, met in the Grove across the river, below town, on Saturday the 4th inst. Besides the scholars there was a respectable attendance of citizens, who took a lively interest in the proceedings. The meeting was called to order by appointing J. A. Faser, President; Reuben Mauver, Branson Davis, Benjamin Hartshorn, Esq., and Christian Yagar, Vice Presidents, and John Ferguson and Wm. Martin, Jr., Secretaries.

Addresses were delivered by Hon. J. P. Hoyt, Eliza Fenton, Wm. Martin, Jr., and W. A. Campbell, of the Clearfield Institute.

The meeting closed by adopting the following resolution: Resolved, That in behalf of the Lumber City school a vote of thanks be tendered to Wm. Martin, (the teacher) for the able and impartial manner in which he has conducted his school.

A number of those present met in the evening at the school house for the purpose of forming a Teachers' Institute, and organized by appointing Samuel Kirk, President; John Russell, Vice President, and Wm. T. Thorp, Secretary, pro tem. Dr. Schryver, W. A. Campbell and John Russell, were appointed a committee to draft preamble, constitution, &c.—The committee reported the following, which, on motion was adopted:

WHEREAS, education is much neglected in different parts of our country, and as it is of inestimable value to the rising generation, we deem it necessary to use every laudable means for its promotion; therefore, Resolved, That we form ourselves into an association for the mutual benefit of teachers and others interested in the cause of education, to be called Penn township Teachers Association.

1st. That the officers consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of 3.

2nd. The duty of the President is, to preside at the meetings of the association, and in his absence the Vice President.

3rd. The Secretary shall keep a full and correct record of the proceedings of the meetings of the association.

4th. The Treasurer shall receive all money, and pay all orders signed by the President and Secretary.

5th. The duty of the Executive committee shall be to prepare business for the meetings of the association.

On motion, the following were appointed officers: Wm. Martin, President; Samuel Kirk and John Russell, Vice Presidents; Eliza Fenton, Secretary; David S. Moore, Treasurer, and Wm. T. Thorp, Eli Moore and Miles Spencer, Executive committee.

Resolved, That the above may be altered and amended at any subsequent meeting.

Resolved, That this association meet again on the last Saturday in October, at 6 o'clock, evening.

Resolved, That the above be published in the Clearfield Republican and Raftsmans Journal.

FLORIDA O. K.—The latest advices indicate that the Americans have carried the State.