

Check the extension of slavery, and assert the worth and dignity of free labor; if you would preserve the constitutional rights of every section of our beloved country; if you would "ensure domestic tranquility, establish justice, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to yourselves and your posterity," the time to do it is now!

CHARLES GIBBONS, Chairman Rep. State Ex. Com. Philadelphia, October 20, 1856.

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People's National Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT, JOHN C. FREMONT, OF CALIFORNIA. FOR VICE PRESIDENT, WILLIAM L. DAYTON, OF NEW JERSEY.

"IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH."

If ever a truism was uttered, the above is one. The elder Napoleon fully appreciated it, and hence his aim was to "divide and conquer" the enemy. This is the game the Democratic leaders are attempting to play with the Opposition.

Americans! We admonish you, if you wish to defeat Buchanan—if you desire to perpetuate your cherished principles—if you hope to strengthen your cause and see "Americans rule their native land!"—and if you would have the purity of the ballot-box preserved, prevent our elections from being controlled by foreign Catholic influence, and a salutary corrective applied to such fraud as was perpetrated at the late election in many sections of this State, vote the Union Electoral Ticket.

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Stringfellow, the notorious border ruffian, and about 100 of his followers, recently undertook to hang a Mr. Perry, because he had sold some flour to certain parties in Kansas, for which they suspected him of being an Abolitionist.

THE DEMOCRATIC CHAMPIONS BACKED OUT.

DECATUR Tn., Oct. 26th, 1856.

Mr. Emmon:—The Democrats of Clearfield for some time back, have been abusing and slandering Dr. Jeffries, one of our best citizens, because he has seen proper to expose the political dishonesty of some of the wire-workers of the present Democratic party.

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school house, where Judge Barrett delivered that same old speech, and then they adjourned for supper. The meeting again being organized, Dr. Boyer delivered what he called a speech, but was in truth a harrangue against the Gospel as well as against Gospel Ministers, being composed of scraps of bad Latin, worse English, and vulgar epithets for which he would have been hissed down had not John M. Chase and Dr. Jeffries requested the people to desist.

ARCHBISHOP HUGHES has published a card in the New York Courier and Enquirer, in which he disclaims all knowledge of the religion of Col. Fremont, and says that he is not responsible for any article on this subject that appeared in his reputed organ, the Freeman's Journal.

How COMES IT?—That the Locofoco took so much interest in the meeting held in this place last Thursday as to turn out in procession, and otherwise aid and abet the leaders! We tho't it was to have been a Fillmore meeting!

LOOK OUT!—Between now and the election, every species of trickery will be resorted to for the purpose of inducing men not to vote the Union Electoral Ticket.

THE UNION CONVENTION, which assembled at Harrisburg on the 21st, was largely attended. Hon. Lemuel Todd, a Fillmore man, presided.

The Somerset Herald, Washington Commonwealth, Bedford Inquirer, Chambersburg Whig, Mercer Whig, Clarion Banner, Venango Citizen, Lewistown Gazette, Union County Chronicle, Reading Journal, Brownsville Clipper, Potter Journal, Lehigh Patriot, all hoist the Union ticket.

The Lancaster Whig, Harrisburg Telegraph, Pittsburg Gazette, Indiana Register, True American, Independent and Blairsville American, the Crawford Journal, the Philadelphia Times, and in fact nearly every opposition paper we can hear of, support the Union Electoral ticket.

ABOUT PROSCRIPTION.

We hear so much said by some of the friends of Mr. Buchanan about what they call the proscriptive principles of Americans, that we feel constrained once more to set them right on a subject we had hoped to be so well understood as not to admit of cavil or misapprehension.

It is asserted that the American party proscribes foreign Catholics. By this it is intended to mean that there is a political organization in our midst which has determined that it will not vote for, or assist in any way in the election of such persons to offices of honor, profit or trust.

John Smith has a perfect and inalienable right to say that he will not vote for Barnabas Buncombe, because the said Barnabas has red hair, or because he wears moustaches, or because he sports striped pantaloons and a gold-headed cane; or because he chews tobacco; or because he drinks brandy; or because he is a Mormon or a Catholic, or a Protestant; or because he is a Foreigner; or because he is not a Foreigner.

Let us see how far these examples apply to the great outcry raised against the supposed proscription of the American party. This party is supposed to be unwilling to vote for foreign Roman Catholics. Is there any more crime or outrage in this, than there was in the fact that a Whig would not vote for a native-born, peaceable, upright, capable, Democrat?

THE individual who charges the Republican party with being an "Abolition" party, is either "a knave or a fool"—perhaps both. The Republicans are opposed to interfering with Slavery in the States, as well as to its extension.

ONE OF THE REASONS.—We heard a new reason given recently by a Locofoco of this county for supporting "old Buck." He said he had understood Buchanan had once been a Minister to England, and he always liked to encourage men who preach for a living!

The Lebanon Courier raises the Union Electoral ticket to the head of its columns, and the Media, Delaware county American (strong Fillmore,) declares its first object to be the defeat of Buchanan, and to that end urges a thorough, complete union of the opposition in the old Keystone.

The Lewistown Aurora (strong Fillmore) urges its readers to use their best exertions for the Union Electoral ticket, as it is the "only plan to beat Buchanan." It says: "Little Mifflin will give an increased majority for the Union ticket in November."

The Honesdale Democrat raises the Union Electoral ticket, but has no editorial in it, the whole page being filled up with "elegant extracts" from Buchanan papers in the South.

The Perry county Advocate, Lock Haven Watchman, and Shippensburg News, three Fillmore papers, hoist the Union Electoral ticket.

The Lancaster Inland Weekly says all the opponents of Buchanan in that county will vote the Union Electoral ticket.

CHILD KILLED BY A PAPIST PRIEST.

The Cleveland Herald of Monday notices the arrest of Frederick Bauer, a teacher in St. Mary's Parish (Roman Catholic) school, on the verdict of a coroner's jury that a child named Barbara Forman, aged nearly 9 years, had come to her death on Saturday evening, from a whipping inflicted by him on the 22d ult., with a stick or cane.

"The teacher whipped Barbara by laying her on a chair upon her belly, and beat her with a stick; he made her take hold of the rounds of the chair as he whipped her; he used a piece of cane, having a crook on it; taking hold of the crook he struck her about the shoulders and back, and struck her a few times lower down; cannot say how many times he struck her; did not see him strike her on the head; he took hold of her hair when he was whipping her; she screamed and hallooed very hard and loud; his blows were real hard, and he made ugly faces while he was whipping her; she cried real hard until recess, when she went home with one of the other little girls. She tried very hard to get up when he was whipping her, but she could not, because he was sitting on her so that she could not get up. She was on her belly on the chair, holding on the lower round of the chair, and the teacher had hold of her hair, crushing her down on it. The teacher told Barbara she ought not to have gone to the Ragged School, and whipped her for going to Sunday School; he called her up on the floor for going there, and whipped her for that. When Barbara went to her seat, after the master whipped her, she could not sit up straight, because she got such a whipping on her back, and Barbara said it hurt her to sit up."

This statement was corroborated, and from the testimony of the child's stepmother, and of the physicians who made a post-mortem examination, it would seem that her death was produced by the beating.

POLITICAL PROSPECTS.

The Berks and Schuylkill Journal, a decided Fillmore paper, remarks:

"The prospect that there will be no election by the people, gains strength with each more on the political chess board. The weakness of Mr. Buchanan in his own State, as demonstrated by the returns of the late election, will materially damage his prospects in the South, while in the North, the result will give renewed confidence to the Opposition, and at the same time operate to produce that union and good feeling in the American and Republican ranks, which alone is wanting to secure a triumphant victory in November.

But the State skirmishings are now closed, and the grand battle is next to be fought. We subjoin an estimate of the result, as near as can be judged by the present aspect of affairs throughout the country:

Buchanan States, Alabama 9, Arkansas 4, Delaware 3, Georgia 10, Mississippi 7, Missouri 9, South Carolina 8, Texas 4, Virginia 15, Total, 69.

Fremont States, Connecticut 6, Illinois 11, Iowa 4, Maine 8, Massachusetts 13, Michigan 6, New Hampshire 5, Ohio 23, Rhode Island 4, Vermont 5, Wisconsin 5, Total, 90.

Fillmore States, California 4, Florida 3, Kentucky 12, Louisiana 9, Maryland 8, New York 35, Total, 68.

Doubtful States, Indiana 13, New Jersey 7, North Carolina 10, Pennsylvania 27, Tennessee 12, Total, 69.

Allowing that Buchanan will carry the whole of the States set down as doubtful, he would still fall short of an election. The latest returns from Indiana, however, present a much more encouraging aspect, and the probabilities are now strongly in favor of the success of the Republicans.

It is plainly to be seen by the above figures, that the friends of Fillmore in Pennsylvania, have the game in their own hands. To make assurances doubly sure, they should at once agree to a cordial union with the Republicans, upon the basis proposed by the Union State Central Committee, so as to defeat Buchanan in Pennsylvania, which would be absolutely certain to prevent the election of Buchanan, and at once place Mr. Fillmore in the position of the compromise candidate.

The Erie Constitution has the Union Electoral ticket up. The Tioga Agitator puts up the Union ticket, and promises 3000 majority in that county in November.

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE ON THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

On the second of September, Hon. John C. Breckinridge made a speech at Hamilton, Ohio, from a report of which we make the following extract:

"Look at the principles of this party (the Republican.) Listen to the ignominy and reviling which they combine to hurl on your sister States. We are told the Declaration of Independence is embodied in the Constitution of the United States. The Declaration is an abstraction. Put it in the Constitution and what would follow? It would follow that the Constitution must protect every man in his right to 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.' You would find it interfering with the institutions of the States, and it would lead our country rapidly to destruction. But why do I speculate upon what it would do? Long before this our Union would be obliterated forever. It would become as INTOLERABLE and HATEFUL, as its past has been beneficent and glorious."

Mr. Breckinridge manifestly prefers Disunion to even a practical recognition of the Declaration of Independence! Let the people observe whence come the threats of Disunion; let them mark those leaders who by idle bravado would drive men to vote contrary to their convictions of duty. Let every man in the crisis which unscrupulous demagogues have forced upon us, vote and act as his conscience dictates, though the heavens fall.

LUMBERMEN'S MEETING.

An adjourned meeting of the lumbermen of Clearfield, Elk and Centre counties, was held at the Court house in Clearfield, on Tuesday the 21st inst. Hon. J. T. LEONARD in the chair, and D. W. MOORE, Secretary. On motion the Hon. G. R. Barrett stated the object of the meeting, and urged that prosecutions be bro't against all persons engaged in log-floating and that such prosecutions be repeated as often as the offence shall be committed. He also urged the propriety of securing the passage of a law, not prohibiting, but restricting within proper limits, the business of floating loose logs.

The meeting was also addressed by R. C. Winslow of Elk county, and L. Jackson Crans, Esq.

On motion, a petition was adopted, to be printed and circulated for general signature. On motion, a subscription paper was ordered to be sent to each county, and that the said papers be directed to the Chairman of the Executive committee, after they shall have been filled.

On motion, Resolved, That no dividend shall be called for until the amount of \$1,500 shall be subscribed.

Resolved, That the present organization shall remain permanent until otherwise altered.

Resolved, That this meeting adjourns to meet on Tuesday evening of next (Nov.) court.

The following gentlemen compose the Executive committee appointed at the meeting on the 18th August:—Wm. A. Wallace, Wm. Stewart, J. K. Boak, J. B. Graham, Ellis Irwin, J. T. Leonard, W. M. Bride, A. H. Shaw, James Irwin, and R. C. Winslow.

The following gentlemen compose the committee on prosecutions, as appointed at said meeting:—J. M. Chase, Wm. H. Robertson, Robt. Mahaffey, Henry Groe, of Clearfield; W. Stewart, James Amesky, Daniel Roads, of Centre co.; R. C. Winslow, C. W. Blake and Robert Rothrock, of Elk.

On motion, the proceedings of this meeting be published in the papers of the several counties. J. T. LEONARD, Chairman.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.—It has been urged as an evidence of Col. Fremont's proclivity towards Romanism, that he erected a cross on the highest peaks of the Rocky Mountains when he explored them. We have never regarded this as a logical deduction, and we now see that Dr. Kane did the same thing during his Arctic exploration. In his recent report of that voyage, at page 345 of the first volume, he says: "A conspicuous spot was selected upon a cliff looking out upon the icy desert; and on a broad face of rock the words 'Advance, A. D. 1853-54,' were painted in letters which could be read at a distance. A pyramid of heavy stones, perched above it, was marked with the Christian symbol of the cross. It was not without a holier sentiment than that of mere utility that I placed under this the coffins of our two poor comrades. It was our beacon and their gravestone." In all sincerity we think our political friends will be better engaged in attacking Col. Fremont's position as the exponent of Republican principles, than in continuing these attacks upon his presumed religious sympathies.—Phi'a Sun.

INCREASE OF JEWS.—An intelligent writer in the North American Review supposes that no class of immigrants has increased more rapidly in this country than the Hebrew.—In 1850 a man might count upon his fingers all the Synagogues in the land; now there are at least a quarter of a million Jews, from eighty to ninety Synagogues, and a multitude of smaller communities, where a nucleus exists which will soon grow into a Synagogue. The city of New York alone has twenty Synagogues and thirty thousand Jews—about one twentieth part of the population being such. There are Synagogues in all the chief cities of the seaboard—two in Boston, five in Philadelphia, five in Baltimore, three in New Orleans, two in Charleston and four in Cincinnati.

THE STATE TICKET.—The Democratic majority on the State ticket in Pennsylvania is only 2,774 by the official returns. We will publish a full return next week.

The Gettysburg Star comes out for the Union Electoral ticket, and contains a strong appeal to the Fremont and Fillmore men of Adams county, as "the track is now clear."

Gov. Pollock has appointed Thursday the 20th November as a day of general thanksgiving and praise throughout Pennsylvania.

The Conneautville (Crawford county) Courier comes out for the Union Electoral ticket.

The Mauch Chunk Gazette, Oct. 23d, hoists the Union Electoral ticket to its mast head.