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WHAT TO DO.—Occasionally, here or there, we find an individual who appears to be perplexed as to the proper course for him to pursue in his opposition to Locofocoism. To us, this seems strange. Every intelligent man knows, or ought to know, that the Democratic party, which is held together solely by "the cohesive power of public plunder," and the leaders of which are mainly actuated by the spirit of self-aggrandizement, can only be successfully encountered by unity of action on the part of the Opposition. At present the great body of the Americans and Republicans are arrayed under the standard of David Wilmot, and are doing noble service for that great champion of Freedom and the rights and interests of free, white American citizens. Every day his prospects are brightening more and more, and the Democracy are beginning to tremble for the safety of their "mum" candidate. The effort to create a diversion by getting up a third candidate, in the person of Isaac Hazlehurst, won't work well; the device is too shallow—the veil, with which it is attempted to screen that game of deception and chicanery, is too thin, and every right-minded man can see through it, if he will. As we said before, Hazlehurst is a mere decoy to catch the unwary—a mere sham, humbug and pretence, designed to draw a few thousand votes from Wilmot, and, as a consequence, aid Packer to that extent. The Democrats are mightily tickled whenever they hear of any one who allows himself to be thus gulled and drawn from Wilmot. Now, if any individual, desirous of defeating Packer and his party, wishes to know what to do, we can tell him plainly that he ought to labor and vote for David Wilmot, and the rest of the American Republican State Ticket. The fight is between Wilmot and Packer. Hazlehurst is a "side-decoy" affair, and every vote given him will be one less for Packer to overcome. Don't then make a simpton and do out of yourself—a laughing-stock for the Locofocos—by voting for him. Don't allow yourself to be gulled and wheedled by a few political scoundrels, whose hollow patriotic sentiments all over the State and making loud professions of intense love for American principles, for the purpose of deceiving you. We are "no prophet, nor the son of a prophet," but we will venture the prediction that every man who allows himself to be misled by these political "workers of iniquity," will, in less than half a dozen years, be ashamed to acknowledge it. Go, then, to work for Wilmot, Millard, Veech and Lewis, and you will be doing an act of which you may well be proud in after life, besides having the consciousness that you were aiding directly to overthrow the rule of the Sham Democracy in our good old Commonwealth.

THE TRUTH ABOUT KANSAS.—Dr. John H. Gihon, Private Secretary of Gov. Geary during his seven months' service in Kansas, has embodied the facts which came under his own observation with those which he gleaned from official records and from other sources, in a book, entitled "Gov. Geary's Administration in Kansas; with a complete History of the Territory until June, 1857," a copy of which has been sent by Charles C. Rhodes, Publisher, Inquirer Building, Philadelphia. The price is, in cloth, \$1; paper cover, 50 cents. During the late Presidential contest, the Democratic speakers and press pronounced the accounts of the diabolical and sanguinary outrages that were committed in Kansas, fictions and "abolition lies." Dr. Gihon, like Reader, Geary and others, went to Kansas a Democrat; but his political predilections have not been so strong as to prevent him from giving a true narrative of events in the Territory. We commend the book to the attention of the public, and hope every individual who wishes to make himself acquainted with "the truth about Kansas," will procure a copy.

PETAIA'S MONTHLY for September is before us, and possesses an amount of interest that will make it be eagerly sought after, and sustains its high character. Miller & Curtis, 321 Broadway, New York, are the publishers. "Household Words" are also to hand, laden with their usual choice articles, and lacking none of their wonted interest. That attractive magazine for little folks, "The Schoolfellow," is likewise on our table. It is a good number, and must meet with favor wherever it makes its appearance.

A new way to fleece the State Treasury has been originated through Henry S. Mott, the demagogic Canal Commissioner. Mott endeavored to get aside the sale of the Main Line, and employed the great Charles R. Buckle and others as Counsel. Everybody thought that Mott did it on his own individual account. But this is not the fact. Recently the Auditor General, Jacob Fay, followed the Treasurer to pay the claims of Buckle and other Counselors, for their services, \$3,000 in the case. This to say the least, is an outrage—a downright swindle!

There is quite a rage for suicide. Several cases have occurred recently, and we see another girl, an unknown German, threw herself off a ferry boat into the Delaware on the 20th and was drowned.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Ann G. Miller, aged twenty-two years, residing with her parents, on Washington Lane, near Germantown, Pa., committed suicide, on the 18th, by throwing herself before a locomotive on the Germantown rail road. When she was first discovered, the engineer blew his whistle, but the girl, instead of getting out of the road, kept on her way towards the approaching engine. When too late to stop the train, and when the engine was within a short distance of her, she deliberately laid down with her head across the track. The train came thundering on, passing over her body, tearing every shred of clothing from it, and severing the trunk almost in two. The back part of her head was also torn off, and her brains literally dashed out. The train was stopped as soon as possible, and the remains of the deceased gathered together by the roadside. The deceased, according to the statement made by her brother before the Coroner, had been laboring under a depression of mind for some time past.

The Kansas correspondent of the Democrat says that nearly two hundred indictments have been found against persons in the neighborhood of Topeka. Six men had been arrested in Franklin by dragoons and taken to the camp. Rumor says that Governor Walker is indignant at Judge Cato's decision, that the payment of taxes was a requisite qualification for voters. Ex-Governor Robinson has been notified to appear at Leocompton on the 18th inst., for trial on the old charge of usurpation of office.

A suit, in which \$25,000 is claimed as damages for a breach of promise of marriage, has been commenced by Moses Ingle, of N. York, against Dr. George Hayward and wife, of Boston. Mr. Ingle met the lady in Europe, who was then the wealthy widow of the late Amos Binney. He alleges that she promised to marry him, but subsequently married Mr. Hayward. The defendants are abroad. Rufus W. Choate, and Peleg W. Chandler, are retained for the defence.

The steamer Tennessee, which sailed from New York very mysteriously on the 31st ult., it seems went to San Juan Del Norte, from whence she sailed on her return on the 10th inst., bringing with her 275 passengers, of whom all but fifteen were deserters from Walker's army.

At 20 minutes before one o'clock, on Friday the 21st, M'Kim was executed. He died protesting his innocence. He spoke over an hour from the scaffold. He attempted to commit suicide on the previous evening, by cutting the veins on one of his wrists with a piece of glass, which he procured somehow for this purpose, but failed in accomplishing his object.

S. Bronson, Jr., formerly cashier of the Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Chicago, was arrested at St. Paul's, on the 19th, at the instance of Mr. Woodworth, the President, on the charge of the larceny of \$50,000 of the funds of the Bank.

Hostilities have again broken out between the Sioux and Chippewa Indians, commenced by the latter. A band of Chippewas having attacked a party of Sioux near Lacroix, they took thirty scalps, and then retreated down the Red river.

The General Land Office on the 20th, decided against the pre-emption claim of a colored man to three hundred and sixty acres of land in Wisconsin, taking the ground of the Supreme Court in the Dred Scott case, that "A free negro, of African race, whose ancestors were brought to this country and sold as slaves, is not a citizen within the meaning of the Constitution of the United States."

This decision of the Land Office applies to the other similar cases pending.

AMERICAN REPUBLICAN MEETING.

On last Wednesday evening, a large and highly respectable meeting of the American Republicans of Clearfield county, was held in the Court House in Clearfield borough. The following were the officers:

President, Wm. H. ROBERTSON, of Clearfield borough.

Vice Presidents, Isaac England, Morris township, John M. Chase, Woodward township, Arthur Bell, Bell township, Horace Patchin, Burnside township, John Biesch, Boggs township, John F. Lee, Bell township, Lewis R. Carter, Clearfield borough, David H. Cather, Knox township, Daniel McKinney, Ferguson township, Joseph H. Jones, Clearfield bor., John S. Williams, Knox township, Henry B. Bailey, Union township.

Secretaries, Nathaniel Bishel, W. L. Antes, and Abr. G. Hoyt.

After the organization of the meeting, and a statement of its object, a committee, consisting of R. C. Winslow, Benj. Harshorn, John Swan, Wm. McKee, Esq., Lewis R. Carter and S. B. Row, was appointed to wait on Hon. J. T. Hale and Sam'l Lim, Esq., and request them to address the meeting.

We regret that lack of space prevents us from giving an abstract of the speeches of Messrs. Linn and Hale. Suffice it to say that their remarks were a pointed review of the questions at issue in this contest; and that it was shown very clearly that the interests of the people of Clearfield county would most likely suffer in the event of Packer's election, whilst, if Wilmot was elected, those interests would be protected and encouraged. The speakers were frequently cheered, and much enthusiasm was manifested throughout the entire proceedings.

After the speakers had finished, the following resolutions were offered, and not only unanimously adopted, but enthusiastically adopted:

Resolved, That in the platform adopted by the American Republican State Convention, which assembled at Harrisburg on the 25th of March last, and in the letter of Hon. David Wilmot in reply to interrogatories propounded by a committee of the American State Council, we find an expression of our views upon the topics at issue in the present political contest.

Resolved, That in Hon. David Wilmot, Hon. Wm. Millard, and James Veech and Joseph J. Lewis, Esquires, we recognize the champions of those principles, men of sterling integrity, in every way fully qualified to discharge the duties of the stations for which they are named, and as such, shall receive our united and hearty support.

A resolution, empowering the President of the meeting to appoint a County Executive Committee of 12, to serve for the space of one year or until another is appointed, was also adopted.

A resolution, tendering the thanks of the meeting to the speakers, was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at the Court House in Clearfield borough, on Wednesday, September 23d, at 2 o'clock p. m., when Hon. David Wilmot will be present to address the people of this county.

It was a matter of remark that this meeting was one of the best and most respectable ever held in the county, and well calculated to inspire the opponents of the Sham Democracy with new vigor and a determination to continue battling for the cause of right and freedom.

THE EXECUTION OF M'KIM.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, August 21.—This is the day set apart by the Executive for the execution of David Stringer M'Kim, convicted in May last, of the murder of Samuel T. Norcross. Last night people from a distance came into the town, and so great was the rush that beds could not be procured at the hotels, and many were compelled to lie upon floors, tables and chairs.

This morning a stream of humanity commenced pouring into the town at a very early hour, and nothing was talked about or thought of but the condemned and his approaching end. Business is almost entirely suspended here.

The Sheriff was beset yesterday and this morning by persons who were anxious to get within the prison walls to witness the last dread scene, but a very few out of the immense throng were gratified in their wish to be allowed to enter the enclosure, and the disappointed multitude had to rest contented with gazing at the prison walls or in picking up such scraps of information from within doors as were retailed outside.

All sorts of rumors were in circulation during the morning, and those who went out of the prison doors during the forenoon were eagerly questioned by the crowd to know what the condemned was saying and doing, and above all to ascertain whether he had made any confession.

M'Kim slept soundly during the greater part of last night. At six o'clock this morning he attempted to commit suicide by opening a vein at his wrist with a piece of glass. The blood flowed freely for a while, but it was discovered in time to prevent serious results, and the wound was immediately bound up. A close watch was then set over the condemned wretch to prevent a second attempt of the same kind.

Neither the awful position of the condemned, his attempted suicide, nor his being foiled in the attempt to destroy himself affected his appetite, for he ate a hearty breakfast.

Great calculations were made on the manuscript statement which the condemned had prepared for the purpose of reading under the galleys, and many thought that in it would be found an admission of his guilt, but this expectation was disappointed this morning, when it was announced that M'Kim had destroyed the paper he had prepared. It seems that in a fit of rage he tore the statement to pieces.

The report of the attempted suicide of the murderer, and of his having torn the much talked of paper to pieces, created an immense sensation out of doors, and the excitement went up to fever heat.

At fifteen minutes past ten o'clock the condemned man was led out of the prison to the gallows. After mounting the scaffold, M'Kim proceeded to address the assembled crowd, and he spoke for one hour and five minutes. He denied his guilt most vehemently, and said that he declared before God and with his last breath that he died an innocent man.

COMING HOME TO ROOST.

Curses are not the only thing that, like chickens, come home to roost. The boasts of the locofoco press of this State of Packer's prowess on the stump, before he was challenged, may be instanced as illustrative of this fact. We quoted the other day, from one of his party papers, the statement that he professed his willingness, to the convention which nominated him, to meet his opponent on the stump. In his speech, as revised in the Williamsport Gazette, of 18th March last, the same thing is implied, in more reserved terms, as follows:

"For my own part, in assuming the position assigned me by your partiality, I promise you that, so far as I have ability, the cause shall be so conducted as to reflect no discredit upon this Convention or upon the Democratic party."

Following this avowal, the party press throughout the State acted upon the presumption that Packer would meet our nominee in public discussion, and we give a few more rich extracts of this tenor, to show what the party thought of stumping before Buckleaw enlightened them:

"It matters not who the mongrel opposition may select, what his attainments or oratorical powers may be, he will find in Gen. Packer a foe man worthy of his steel."—*Phila. Argus.*

"He is one of the most skillful debaters in the State, and his long experience in political affairs has enabled him to become fully informed in regard to all its varied interests. The management of the canvass could not have been entrusted to abler hands. On the stump, he is able to cope with the best orators of the opposition."—*West Chester Repub.*

"Our candidate for Governor, Gen. Wm. F. Packer, of Lycoming county, is a gentleman of fine personal appearance, a ready and fluent debater, perfectly competent to meet on the political hustings any man the opposition may bring against him."—*West Chester Repub.*

"He is an excellent polemic debater; indeed, we may say with great truth, he is an orator in the truest sense of the term, inasmuch as he does not only speak well, but always right to the point at issue, and by his earnest manner and flowing style gets right to the hearts of his hearers. He is the very man to lead the Democratic cause next autumn, and we congratulate the convention in the selection they have made."—*Harrisburg Keystone.*

"We are glad to hear that he (Wilmot) contemplates a careful canvass of the State. Every speech he makes, outside of the Great American desert, is just so much done for the Democratic party, and if he should visit all the counties, he will save us a great deal of trouble. The Democracy want the people to hear Mr. Wilmot for themselves, so that they cannot doubt the truth of what has been said of him by the Democratic press. If Mr. Wilmot will only do as the North American says he intends to, Gen. Packer will be elected by such a majority as has not been heard of since the last Jackson campaign. Couldn't arrangements be made for him to commence immediately?"—*Williamsport Gazette.*

All this sounds very funny, now that the same papers have turned completely round, and are seeking to justify their cowardly candidate for declining the challenge they coveted. Poor creatures! how contemptible they must feel, if they have any feeling, to be compelled thus to stultify themselves and eat up their vain boasts!

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

INDIANA COUNTY.—One day last week, a Mr. Snyder of Indiana Bor'o, employed to attend the brick layers, at the new Presbyterian church, while ascending a scaffolding with a load of brick, the scaffolding gave way precipitating him about twenty feet below. He was considerably injured. . . . On the 15th, two lads, killed, a short distance west of town, a snake of the race species, measuring between five and six feet in length. . . . T. Bar, Esq., has a prospectus in circulation for a new Democratic paper, to be published at Blarsville. . . . A boy about six years of age, son of Mr. Samuel Miller, of Belts Mills, Indiana county, was run over by the accommodation train on Friday the 14th, getting one of his thighs broken, and otherwise injured. Fears are entertained of his recovery.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.—On Saturday evening, the 8th inst., Thomas Patterson, while loading a load of hay on the farm of David Milliron, near New Stanton, accidentally fell from the wagon and was instantly killed. . . . One of the mail carriers of the Butler, Freeport and Greensburgh mail, was arrested by officer Turner, of Freeport, on Saturday, charged with robbing the mail on or about the 8th of the present month. The accused was taken before Esquire Reter, and committed for further hearing.

CLAYTON COUNTY.—On Saturday the 15th, the oldest son of Alexander Sloan, of Lock Haven while attempting to remove some loose shingles from the roof of an out house fell some twenty feet to the ground, causing concussion of the brain. Dr. Armstrong was immediately called in and we are happy to learn that under his charge he is doing well, and in all probability will recover.

HAMILTON COUNTY.—On Tuesday the 18th Mr. Hamilton Corbett, of Clarion township, while in the act of removing a cutting box from the barn floor to a room below, the leg of the box caught which caused him to fall upon the knife, cutting his hand at the wrist, severing sinews, veins and arteries, so that he bled profusely. Dr. Ross dressing the wound and he is doing well.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY.—On Friday night last a week some person or persons entered the store room of Wm. Geisinger, in Portstown, and carried off twenty dollars in cash, gold watch, some jewelry, and a quantity of dry goods. The burglars also attempted to fire the building, but were unsuccessful.

BLAIR COUNTY.—On the evening of the 13th, Cecil, son of Thad. Banks, Esq., of Hollidaysburg, came near losing his life by the explosion of some powder with which he and some other small boys were playing. He was severely burned, but is recovering.

YORK COUNTY.—Jackson Burger committed suicide by stripping the bark from a tree, and afterwards hanging himself therewith. He was found suspended by the neck from a tree. Pecuniary difficulties were the cause of the rash act.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.—We learn that one day last week some rascal stole a gold watch worth 60 or 70 and a pocket book, containing some money, we have not heard the amount, from Mr. Amos Hinderlider, of Corsica.

The death of Eugene Sue, the great French novelist, is announced.

Arrival and Departure of Mails at Clearfield.

ARRIVES.	DEPARTS.
Eastern, daily, Sundays excepted, at 7 P.M.	Western, " " " " " 8 P.M.
Smith's Mills, Saturdays, 5 P.M.	Sinamahoning, Wednesd. & Saturd. 8 P.M.
Karthaus, Saturdays, 6 P.M.	Kyertown, Mondays & Thursdays, 12 M.

Eastern, daily, Sundays excepted, at 4 A.M.

Western, " " " " " 4 A.M.
Smith's Mills, Fridays, 7 A.M.
Sinamahoning, Tuesdays & Fridays, 8 A.M.
Karthaus, Thursdays, 8 A.M.
Kyertown, Mondays & Thursdays, 1 P.M.

The Mails will close at 9 o'clock, P. M.

N. B. Business men, of town and vicinity, will please preserve this for future reference.

C. D. WARSON, Post Master.

Mail arrives at Curwensville from Indiana, via Newman's Mill, Cash, B. & O., New Washington, Chest. Box at Gramplanville, Tuesday and Fridays at 11 A. M., and departs same days at 1 P. M.

Mail leaves Curwensville for Marron, via New Millport and Lumber City, every Saturday at 6 A. M., and returns same day at 8 p. m.

New Advertisements.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against buying or in any way meddling with one cow, one spring calf, two ten plate stoves, and one corner cupboard, as the said property belonging to me and has been sold by John Blaney on loan only. WILLIAM TEN BUCK, Curwensville, Aug. 22, 1857—aug 23-34

STRAYED.—From the farm of the subscriber in Becaria township, in the latter part of July, a yoke of Oxen, one black, with a bell on, and the other a reddish brindle; of ordinary size and about 18 months of age. Any person returning the same, or giving information of their whereabouts, will be liberally rewarded. J. H. GREEN, aug 23-34-pd

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Books and Accounts of Francis Short, have been placed in my hands for collection, and all persons knowing themselves indebted to him in any way, are earnestly requested to call and settle the same immediately at the office of J. McCullough, as the books must be squared in five weeks from this time. August 23d, 1857. THOMAS J. McCULLOUGH, Attorney at Law.

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to Samuel M. Biss, by note, bond or book account, are requested to make immediate payment, and persons with unsettled accounts, to call and settle before the 15th of November, and save costs. Hides will be taken in payment at the highest market prices. SAMUEL BISS, Clearfield, Pa. The date will be transacted in the name of S. Biss & James. Transacted for past favors, they respectfully solicit a continuance of custom. Cash paid for hides. New Washington, Aug. 20, 1857—25

NEWS FOR BAREFOOTED EGGS. THE SUBSCRIBERS WISH TO INFORM THEIR FRIENDS AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY, that they have bought on Frank Short's lot, a "SHORT SHOE SHOP" in Shaw's Row, and mean to open the same and shoe making business, as heretofore. Customers wishing to be supplied with substantial work, if they will give us a call before purchasing elsewhere, will find it to their advantage. All kinds of ready made work on hand, or made to order on short notice. Repairing done on short notice, likewise. All work sent out from our establishment is warranted not to be superseded by any in the country, but they Yankee or any body else. J. McARD, GEORGE NEWSON, Clearfield, Pa., August 26, 1857.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against buying or in any way meddling with a yoke of Oxen, now in possession of Wm. W. Wilson, of Chest town, as said Oxen belong to me, and have only been loaned by me to said Wm. W. Wilson. HENRY B. BAILEY, Union township, August 19, 1857—34-pd