

Raftsmen's Journal.



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FOR PRESIDENT, HON. ABRAHAM LINCOLN, OF ILLINOIS. FOR VICE PRESIDENT, HON. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, OF MAINE.

OUR CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS. Our fellow citizen, Gen. JOHN PATTON, has received the nomination for Congress, from the party to which we adhere, and to-day we raise his name to our mast-head.

Gen. Patton and his family have for many years been residents of Clearfield County. He is now in the prime of life, in the full maturity of all his powers. But a few years ago he started in the world a penniless boy, relying for support upon himself. He is now widely known as one of the most enterprising, energetic and successful business men in this portion of the State.

Next morning we hurried on to Ridgway. The "Hyde House" presenting a fine exterior induced us to stop there, and soon we found that, in this instance at least, appearances were not deceptive. Mr. Osgood, the lessee, is a live Yankee and clever fellow, who knows how to entertain guests and render them comfortable. There is another hotel, the "Exchange," kept by Mr. Luther, which also has the reputation of being a good house.

Ridgway is a new town, situated at the junction of the Clarion River and Elk creek. It is surrounded by high hills and "dim woods," the fields filled with stumps and dead trees, but upon the whole it is a thrifty place, bearing unmistakable evidences of having an enterprising, go-ahead population.

On Thursday, we took up our homeward march, but instead of returning over the miserable road through the "green woods," we went up the Sinnamahoning, through Huston and Union townships, expecting to reach Luthersburg the same evening.

Friday morning we proceeded to Luthersburg, stopped at the Luthersburg Hotel for dinner, got a most capital meal, found Mr. Reed an attentive and obliging landlord, whom we trust our friends will patronize on visiting that place, and in the afternoon came home by way of Curwensville, to enter once more upon the stern duties that were awaiting our return.

We direct special attention to the fact that resolutions endorsing Lincoln and Hamlin were passed by the Congressional Conference which nominated Mr. Patton. If any one had doubts as to the policy of our County Convention adopting such a resolution, the action of the conference must certainly remove them. We must occupy an unmistakable position.

Gen. Patton has always been in favor of a Protective Tariff. He believes that this is needed to put in operation our furnaces and manufacturing establishments, and to give employment to thousands who are now left destitute. On this, as well as every other question, Pennsylvania can safely trust him. He will be true to his principles, his constituents, and his country.

In conclusion, we say to our friends, work on; your candidates are worthy of your efforts, and your efforts will be crowned with success.

FOSTER NON-COMEATABLE! In the published accounts of the proceedings of the Democratic State Committee at Cresson, it is stated that "Mr. Carrigan, on behalf of the committee which had been appointed to wait on Gen. Foster, said they had hunted for him in the hotel and adjoining woods, but could not find him."

Hon. ISAAC HAZLEBURST, who was the American candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania in 1857, is now advocating the election of Lincoln and Hamlin. On Monday evening of last week he addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting of the friends of "honest old Abe," held at Reading. He counsels a united support of the Chicago nominees as the only course that will defeat Locofocoism and bring the Government of the country back to that state of purity designed for it by its founders. This is another evidence of how matters are moving.

TO RIDGWAY AND BACK. We last week made a trip to Elk county. On Tuesday morning, in company with Wm. McBride, Esq., we started from here in a buggy for Ridgway to attend the Congressional Conference. We followed the new road which passes along Moose creek, through the "green woods," to the Sinnamahoning. We have traveled over some bad roads in our time, but this is decidedly the worst one we have ever seen. There are mud-holes so large and so deep that it is almost impossible for a horse to draw a vehicle through them, it not unfrequently happening that the wheels would sink until the green, slimy mire would cover the hubs and axle, whilst at other times our buggy was in imminent peril of being overturned, and we in danger of being immersed in the "ranked compound" of filth that mortal ever beheld. Had it not been for the genial conversation, and "winning way" of Squire Tyler, who led the van, we should certainly have been disposed to lose our temper and indulge in some ejaculations that might not have been regarded as altogether pious or refined. The delightful scenery of the Sinnamahoning valley, the fields of thrifty corn, the sweet odor of the buckwheat blossoms, and the excellent dinner prepared by the hospitable family of Mr. Tyler, soon restored us to our usual good humor, and repaid us amply for all we had undergone. The Squire has a fine farm, and has just erected a large, commodious brick house, which will be completed in a short time, and will make his property as valuable and desirable as any we know in this part of the county.

Leaving Tyler's about five o'clock, we resumed our journey, and reached Centreville, a romantic little village 10 miles from our destination, some time after dark, and there put up for the night with Lew Zimmerman, who is well known to many here, and who keeps one of the best country taverns we have stopped at recently. On the way we had the benefit of a heavy shower, which caused us to travel more tardily than we had expected, and had the effect of dispersing several parties that had that day been "chuckleberrying" on the "barrens" beyond the Sinnamahoning.

The Breckinridge wing had a majority in the Committee, and carried their point. The Douglas men, however, resisted the action of the Committee, and will not submit to be "sold" out by an arrangement which, if successful, will give the electoral vote to Breckinridge, Bell, Gerrit Smith, or any other candidate. As the Douglasites have called a State Convention, to meet at Harrisburg on the 15th, (to-day,) we shall soon know to a certainty what they will do in the matter. In all probability, they will reject the proposition, for the State Sentinel, the Douglas organ at Harrisburg, in an article on the subject, says: "We deliberately spit upon it and trample it under our feet as something too vile for any honorable Democrat to touch."

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION.—The Democratic Conferees of the Wild-cat District met at Brookville on the 8th inst., and nominated James K. Kerr, of Venango, as their candidate for Congress, on the 8th ballot. No resolutions were adopted, the Conferees doubtless thinking it wouldn't be safe to try an experiment of that sort. The Brookville Star speaks of the candidate, and the Convention which nominated him, thus: "Mr. Kerr is a member of the Franklin bar, and has supported the Buchanan Administration in all its iniquities, (if we are rightly informed,) and we presume expects to go down with it. The delegates from Clearfield asserted repeatedly that no other man before the convention could carry that county but Judge Leonard, and that if Gen. Patton was nominated by the Republicans, the Democratic party there would sink to rise no more. The delegates from Clarion said that Patrick Kerr was the only man who would keep up the majority of their county. Neither of those men were nominated, so we expect to carry both those counties. A little man by the name of Guthrie said if W. P. Jenks was nominated, he could run 400 Republican votes in Warren county. If that is so, "distance lends enchantment to the view." The Convention was gentle, men, and although they showed signs of the spirit of Baltimore and Charleston, it wound up very pleasantly, (at least apparently so.) James K. Kerr is now the nominee of the divided Democratic party, and James K. Kerr will be badly beaten."

THE ASSEMBLY TICKET.—At the Representative Confere Meeting, held at Ridgway on the 8th inst., Isaac G. Gordon, Esq., of Jefferson county, and Samuel M. Lawrence, of Elk county, were nominated as the candidates of our party for the State Legislature. They are good and competent men, and, being avowedly devoted to the interests of the people of this region, cannot fail to secure a hearty support throughout the whole district. We place their names at our mast-head, feeling confident that our friends in this county will give them an endorsement at the election, of which they need not be ashamed.

GOPEY'S LADY'S BOOK is now the oldest publication of its class in America, having outlived many ambitious rivals, and has reached a prodigious circulation, of which we are pleased to say, it is eminently worthy. We but express our conviction when we pronounce it the best ladies magazine, taking it all in all, within our knowledge, and don't see how a better one could be got up. The September number, which is before us, contains a most beautiful fashion plate, and a steel engraving of "The Gleamers." There are quite a number of other embellishments. The "Book" is published by L. A. Godey, 323 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, at \$3 per annum, or two copies for \$5, three copies for \$6, and a like liberal reduction to clubs of greater numbers.

THE ST. LOUIS ELECTION.—From the returns it appears that Frank Blair has been elected to Congress for the long term by nearly 1400 majority, but for the short term is defeated by about 300 votes. The St. Louis Democrat accounts for the latter result by saying that the bulk of the Union or Bell party went for Barrett, his competitor. While the Republicans voted for Orr, the Union candidate for Governor, the Union men pretending to occupy a position of neutrality, interfered in behalf of Barrett and secured his election for the short term. The News, the organ of the Bell party, administers a just rebuke to the members of that party who voted for Barrett, telling them that their conduct is "shameful," and "most ungrateful, considered in view of the vote thrown on Blair's friends for Judge Orr." In addition to this, it is asserted that over 207 votes for Blair were not counted, because they did not specify whether they were for the long or the short term.

Later accounts indicate that Blair is also elected for the short term. The Democrats have carried the State.

TERIBLE DROUGHT IN KANSAS.—A correspondent of the New York Tribune gives a most distressing account of the agricultural prospect of that Territory. He says that for the last four or five months it has not rained enough to wet the ground. He says there will be no crops of any kind in Southern Kansas. The corn is nearly or quite dead, and the grass for hay is entirely destroyed, the hot sun having dried it up. The wind is like the heat of fire from a burning building.

MICHAEL A. FRANK, ESQ. We cheerfully give place to the following letter from Mr. Frank. It expresses the sentiments of a true man, and cannot fail to make him many new and ardent friends, and secure him the confidence and esteem of his party.— CLEARFIELD, PA., AUG. 11, 1860.

EDITOR RAFTSMAN'S JOURNAL.—Having, in our Convention on the 3d inst., received the recommendation of this county as one of the candidates for Assembly, I take this method of returning my thanks to my friends for the large vote given me on that occasion; and also of expressing my gratitude for the flattering support I received in the District Conference held at Ridgway on the 8th, at which Isaac G. Gordon and Samuel M. Lawrence were nominated. Mr. Gordon is well known to the people of this county as an honest and talented man, who represented the District faithfully last winter. Mr. Lawrence, for several years a resident of Elk county, is a younger brother of Hon. Wm. C. Lawrence, late Speaker of the House of Representatives, who did not long since. He has the capacity and qualifications to make a good legislator, and having full assurances that the interests of Clearfield county shall be properly attended to in the event of his and Mr. Gordon's election, I have no hesitation in recommending him to the favorable attention of the party in this portion of the District. Gen. Patton, a man of capacity, integrity and indomitable energy, having obtained the unanimous nomination for Congress, I could scarcely expect that another candidate from Clearfield county should be placed on the ticket, and am, therefore, perfectly satisfied with the result of the Conference, and take this early opportunity of urging my friends to give, as I shall give, a hearty and active support to the whole ticket, feeling convinced that if this is done, it will be triumphantly elected on the second Tuesday of October, and that it will be followed by the election of Lincoln and Hamlin in November. Yours, &c., M. A. FRANK.

THE "FUSION" MOVEMENT.—Last week the Democratic State Central Committee met at Cresson for the purpose of coming to terms about an electoral ticket for Pennsylvania. The following resolution was finally adopted: Resolved, That the Democratic Electoral Ticket be headed by the names of Douglas and Breckinridge, as electors at large; and in the event of the success of the said ticket, if the greatest number shall have been cast for Mr. Douglas, then the vote of the electoral college of the State shall be cast for Douglas and Johnson; but if for Mr. Breckinridge, then for Breckinridge and Lane. If the vote of Pennsylvania cannot elect the candidate for whom the majority of the votes are cast, and can elect any other man running for President, claiming to be a Democrat, then the vote of the electoral college shall be cast for that candidate. 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