

Democratic Banner.
CLEARFIELD, PA. Aug. 4, 1848.

FOR PRESIDENT.
Gen. LEWIS CASS,
Of Michigan.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT.
Gen. WM. O. BUTLER,
Of Kentucky.

Democratic Electoral Ticket.
Senatorial Electors.
WILLIAM BIGLER, of Clearfield.
DAVID W. WAGNER, of Northampton.
Representative Electors.

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| Dis. | 1. Henry L. Bonner. | Dis. | 13. John C. King. |
| | 2. Hogn R. Knoss. | | 14. John Woodman. |
| | 3. Isaac Shunk. | | 15. Robert J. Fisher. |
| | 4. A. L. Rounfort. | | 16. Frederick Smith. |
| | 5. Jacob S. Yost. | | 17. John Crosswell. |
| | 6. Robert E. Wright. | | 18. Charles A. Black. |
| | 7. Wm. W. Downing. | | 19. George W. Bowman. |
| | 8. Henry Haldeman. | | 20. John R. Shannon. |
| | 9. Peter Kline. | | 21. George P. Hamilton. |
| | 10. S. Schoonover. | | 22. William H. Davis. |
| | 11. Wm. Sweetland. | | 23. Timothy Ives. |
| | 12. John Brewster. | | 24. James G. Campbell. |

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER.
Israel Painter, of Westmoreland.

Democratic County Meeting.
The Democrats of Clearfield county are requested to meet in the court house on Tuesday evening September 5th, (next week), for the purpose of recommending to the nomination of the 30th September Convention, and to transact all other business of importance to the welfare and success of the party.

Organize!—Organize!!

The attention of the Democrats of Clearfield county is respectfully called to the proceedings of the Democratic Standing Committee. We hope every man will now prepare for the contest in good earnest. The Committees of Vigilance should meet immediately, and when they cannot thoroughly canvass their districts themselves, appoint sub-committees in every school district. It is high time that the good work was commenced.

The condition of Ireland is truly deplorable. Since the conviction of Mitchell, the young orator and patriot T. F. Meagher, with three others, editors of Irish papers, have been arrested, and true bills found against them. How any people can be made to suffer so long and so much is hard to imagine, especially when the future is entirely without hope.

Return of the Volunteers.

Both the Pennsylvania Regiments have returned and by this time have been paid off and honorably discharged from the service of the United States. Their reception every where along the route from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia was glorious indeed, and was, no doubt, the most welcome, as it was well deserved, congratulations the brave fellows received since they left their homes.

THE VOLUNTEERS FOR CASS.

A determined effort was made by the leading Whig presses to make it appear that the volunteers would all go for Taylor when they would return. Indeed several votes were given, said to have been taken among the volunteers on board steamboats, showing a preference for Taylor over the Democratic candidates. But all those slanders have been nailed to the counter. The volunteers are almost unanimous for Cass & Butler—at least nine out of every ten. Of four companies of the 2d Pennsylvanians, numbering 400 men, only ten or twelve are Whigs. So with the Massachusetts regiments—the Marylanders, and no doubt the entire forces. What else could be expected. They certainly could not be expected to vote with the party whose leaders took particular pride in abusing the cause they were so bravely serving—denouncing them in the harshest terms, and calling upon the Mexicans to "welcome them with bloody hands and hospitable graves." They would naturally cling to the party that upheld, encouraged, supported & sympathized with them.

GEN. TAYLOR HAS ACCEPTED.

The letter of Gen. Taylor, acknowledging the receipt of Gov. Morehead's letter informing him of his nomination by the Whig National Convention, has at length reached the public eye. It is very short—would make about two squares—but, alas, it contains no pledge! There is nothing in it about Bank, Tariff, Distribution, Territory, &c. &c., more than there is on a clean sheet of paper, and no genuine whig can read it without the ghost of John Tyler staring him fair in the face.

Gen. Keim and Hon. John Ritter, both of Berks county, have refused the use of their names in connection with the next Governor.

The Democrats of Jefferson county held their County Convention on Monday last, and instructed their Conferences for Bigler as their first choice. The district is composed of the counties of Clarion, Venango and Jefferson—sending two delegates.

Public Opinion.

There are some sixty or seventy Democratic papers in Pennsylvania. Of those that have avowed their preference for Governor, thirteen are for BIGLER as their first choice. Not more than four or five have yet declared for either of the other gentlemen spoken of. And nearly all of those that have named others as their first choice have also named BIGLER as their second choice. About one-half have expressed no preference.

Therefore, if the Press speaks the voice of the people—and it must be conceded that it does—then is Col. Bigler the choice of a large majority of people. Hear what the talented HURMAN, of the Lancaster Intelligencer says on this point in his paper of Tuesday last:

"Since we declared our preference, in our last number, for Col. Wm. BIGLER as the Democratic candidate for Governor, we have conversed with quite a number of Democrats from the country, and are rejoiced to state that our course is warmly applauded. Col. Bigler is quite a favorite with our Democracy, and will poll a higher vote in Lancaster county, by some hundreds, than any candidate that has been named. He will not only command the entire vote of his own party, but will make considerable inroads upon the opposition. To many of our Democrats Col. Bigler is personally known, and thus to know him, is synonymous with confidence and warm esteem. By reason of his pursuit as one of the sunburnt lumbermen of the glorious North, he has been brought into close business relations with the people of all the river townships, where he will run far above the party strength. If he be our standard-bearer, he will poll such a vote in Columbia, Marietta, Manor, Mount Joy, the Donegals, West Hempfield, Conoy, and 'all along shore,' as will very much 'astonish the Natives,' and the Whigs, to boot."

The same may be said wherever Col. Bigler is personally known—and his personal acquaintance is probably as extensive as any other man's in the State. Besides this, there are but very few—we have heard none—who will not admit that he is the most available candidate for an important contest, and would receive a larger vote than would be polled for any other man. Being sound and unquestioned in the principles of the Democratic party, it is any wonder, then, that he should be so generally pointed out by the people as the most proper man to strike terror into the camp of the enemy!

As further evidence of the truth of the above statements the last Carlisle Volunteer contains the proceedings of a Democratic meeting held in South Middletown township, Cumberland county, from which we extract the following resolution:

Resolved, That Col. William Bigler, of Clearfield county, is our first choice for the office of Governor, at the approaching election. A native of our county, the democracy of old Mother Cumberland, the delight to honor him with their suffrages, but in addition to this, he is eminently entitled to our confidence from his exalted talents, his honesty and integrity, his unflinching democracy, and his long experience in the Legislature of the State, he is emphatically a working man, a mechanic who has risen to his present eminence by the dint of his own industry, energy and perseverance, and will make just such a Governor as is required to fill the place left vacant by the lamented Shunk.

NEXT GOVERNOR.

We have no space to devote to the numerous editorial notices of our favorite candidate for Governor, Col. BIGLER, but the following remarks are so just to the man, and so appropriate to the occasion, and coming from one of the Democratic organs of old Berks, that we take pleasure in laying it before our readers.

From the Berks county Press.

A large number of names have been presented as suitable for the office of Governor, any one, were he nominated, would receive our warm and cordial support. Among them we find the names of Hon. EDWARD B. HUBLEY, of Berks, MORRIS LONGSTRETH, present Canal Commissioner, and Col. WILLIAM BIGLER, of Clearfield, all good men and true. Our choice was Gen. Keim, but in view of his present position, which, in justice to himself and his party, he would resign were he a candidate, he has withdrawn his name from the canvass. Col. Bigler is well known to the people of this Commonwealth, as an intelligent hard-fisted advocate of Democratic principles. We know him for many years, and have ever found him an amiable, frank, open hearted, sociable man, a firm and consistent democrat—a self-made Statesman, of pure integrity, and without a single personal enemy. He is free from all cliques and factions, eminently popular with all classes of people, and the man to fill the high post vacated by the lamented Shunk. He is our choice, for the reasons we have stated. Judge Longstreth is also an excellent Democrat, and we would cheerfully support him were he not embarrassed by the responsible office he now fills. His services are wanted in the Canal Board, and it would be, in our humble opinion, impolitic to create a vacancy in it at this time, as the Federalists would have the public works in their hands until the middle of next January. We regret this, as it will prevent many of his warm friends going for him at this time.

Chloroform in Lockjaw.—At Nashua, N. H. a most obstinate case of lockjaw was cured a short time since by the use of chloroform. It had to be repeated two or three times, and led the arm of the patient, into which a needle had been run, at the wrist, almost useless as yet.

The Mass Meeting at Curwensville.
OLD PIKE IN MOTION!

The Democratic gathering at Curwensville, on Saturday last was one of the most encouraging and satisfactory meetings we ever attended in the county. To see the old pioneers of the county, whose heads have grown gray in the service of the Democratic cause, turn out in the midst of harvest to set an example to those who are to follow them in the maintenance of correct principles, is all-sufficient to assure us that all is well.

A beautiful pole, bearing a broad banner of the Stars and Stripes, with the names of CASS & BUTLER inscribed thereon, was erected amidst cheers and shouts and the roar of cannon. After which, the meeting organized in front of S. Evans' hotel by appointing SAMUEL JOHNSTON, of Penn township, President; Wm. Bloom, sen., James Elder, Ignatius Thompson, Wm. Dunlap, James Bloom, sen., and Thomas Hemphill, Esq., Vice Presidents; and Geo. Newson, W. T. Gilbert, Anthony Kratzer and D. W. Moore, Secretaries.

After the speaking, the following resolutions were offered by one of the Secretaries, which were separately read, and adopted without a single dissenting voice:

WHEREAS, By one of those inscrutable dispensations of the Divine Governor of the World, we are called upon this day to mourn the loss of one of the purest and noblest of men in the person of the late Chief Magistrate of our beloved Commonwealth, FRANCIS R. SHUNK. Therefore, Resolved, That in common with the Republican party throughout the State and Union, we view the departure of our late excellent Governor as an irreparable public loss, as in his character was combined all those sterling virtues which most adorn the christian statesman and magistrate.

Resolved, That Dr. John P. Hoyt be, and is hereby appointed, Representative Delegate to the 30th of August State Convention—in connection with one to be selected by the Democracy of Centre county—with power to appoint a substitute.

Resolved, That Wm. J. Hemphill be, and is hereby recommended, as our Senatorial Delegate to said Convention—and that in case of the non-concurrence of a majority of the other counties of this Senatorial district, that L. Jackson Crans and J. Lewis Barrett be, and are hereby appointed, Conferees to meet those of the other counties to select a delegate—with power to appoint substitutes.

Resolved, That our Senatorial and Representative Delegates be, and are hereby instructed to use all fair and honorable means to secure the nomination of Colonel WILLIAM BIGLER, as our candidate for Governor.

[Names of officers omitted.]

Meeting of the Standing Committee.

The Democratic Standing Committee of Clearfield county met on Tuesday evening August 1st, 1848. Present, Richard Shaw, sen., Christopher Kratzer, M. Nichols, jr., Esq., David Lutz, Henry B. Beissel and W. J. Hemphill.

The object of the meeting being stated, it was

Resolved, That for the purpose of more effectually organizing the Democratic party of Clearfield county, we hereby approve and recommend the adoption for the present year, the system of nominating candidates for county offices known as the "Crawford County System."

Resolved, That our Democratic friends in each township throughout the county, are earnestly requested to practise the above system for the present year, and that the subject of altering or amending the present or old system, or adopting a new one, be and is hereby referred to the general County meeting at the September court.

Resolved, That Saturday the 2d day of September next, between the hours of one and six o'clock, P. M., be appointed as the day for holding the Primary Elections—at the usual place of holding township elections, or at such other place as a majority of the Committee of Vigilance may appoint.

Resolved, That the Return Judges from each district meet in County Convention on Tuesday evening, September 5th.

Resolved, That the following be, and are hereby appointed, the Township Committees of Vigilance for the present year—whose duty it is to give immediate notice of the time and place of holding their primary election—to superintend the same—to hold frequent meetings, circulate political information; and they are further requested to be active and vigilant in attending to all other matters calculated to secure the triumph of correct principles from this until the polls are closed on the 7th of November next:

- Beccaria—John W. Wright, Jacob Leonard, Andrew Shoff, John B. Stewart, Wm. Mullen.
- Bell—G. W. Elder, John F. Lee, Wm. T. Thorp, J. J. McCracken.
- Boggs—Joseph Stites, James C. Barrett, James M. Shaw.
- Bradford—Jacob Pearce, A. K. Wright, V. B. Holt.
- Brady—Isaac Drucker, B. Bonsall, M. H. Luther, Joseph Lyons, J. Kuntze.
- Burnside—Joseph McMurray, Jacob New David, Sunderlin, Henry Barnhart, Reeder King.
- Christ—S. J. Tozer, Giles Tucker.

Covington—F. Coulliet, Adam Huey, M. Schnell, S. Madler.

Decatur—John Hughes, John Shaw, Joseph McClairren.

Ferguson—George McCracken, Wm. L. Moore, Dr. J. P. Hoyt.

Fox—John I. Bundy, James Morehead.

Girard—Abraham Klyar, G. B. Smith.

Goshen—James Flegal, L. Bumgarner, I. W. Graham.

Huston—Wm. Morgan, Dr. Wm. Hoyt, P. Heverer.

Jordan—Peter Bloom, F. W. Shoening, David Wise, jr., James McCracken, David McKeeghen.

Kathaus—Wm. Bridgens, Geo. Bucher, Daniel Moore, Joseph Yothers.

Morris—John B. Klyar, Samuel Waring, James Allport, A. Brown, Jacob Wise, A. Klyar, S. C. Thompson.

Penn—Samuel Johnson, Jonathan Evans, jr., R. Danver, Jas. Ferguson.

Pike—G. C. Pasmore, I. Bloom jr., Dr. M. E. Woods, Geo. B. Dale, Samuel Evans, Samuel Way.

Lawrence—John Long, Amos Read, sen., Samuel Clyde, John Irwin, Hugh Orr, N. K. McMullen, Josiah R. Read.

Woodward—George W. Shull, Thos. Henderson, Wm. Alexander.

Borough—Wm. Merrill, J. L. Cattle, Jonathan Buynpyn, A. J. Hemphill.

C. KRATZER, Ch'n.

W. J. HEMPHILL, Sec'y.

Opinions of the Press.

The following Democratic papers have declared their preference for Col. BIGLER as their choice for Governor:

- Intelligencer & Journal—Lancaster.
- Berks County Press—Reading.
- Emporium—Pottsville.
- True Democrat—Lewistown.
- Democrat—Belleville.
- Democrat—Garistie.
- Democrat—Jerseyville.
- Republican—Brooklyne.
- Register—Millin.
- Times—New Berlin.
- Banner—Clearfield.
- Bechtler, (German)—Aaronsburg.
- Stimme des Volks—Orwigsburg.

THE NEW STATE GOVERNMENT.

At Harrisburg, on the morning of the 26th, W. F. JOHNSTON, Speaker of the Senate, and member of that body from Armstrong county, was sworn into office as Governor of the State, by W. F. PACKER, Speaker of the House of Representatives. This creates a vacancy in the Senatorial district, composed of the counties of Clearfield, Cambria, Indiana and Armstrong.

TOWNSEND HAINES, of Chester county, was on the same day appointed Secretary of the Commonwealth, in place of JESSE MILLER.

The office of Attorney General has been tendered, it is understood, to the Hon. JAMES COOPER. It is not known whether he will accept it, though it is generally supposed that he cannot well decline serving.

The present Auditor General, and Secretary of the Land office, hold office, by law, for three years from the 10th of May, 1848.

CHEERING FOR OUR CAUSE.

We are permitted to make the following extract from a letter, written at St. Louis, 20th inst., by a gentleman from Baltimore to his friend. The writer has been travelling on business since the first of June, through the States of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri; and, to his letter on business, adds the following postscript:—*Pennsylvanian*,

"Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, are certain for Cass and Butler by large majorities. The Whigs generally are very lukewarm and indifferent. Many of them declare they will never vote for another 'non-committal John Tyler.' Gen. Taylor, as a politician, is considered 'small potatoes' in the great west. His nomination fell upon the western Whigs like a wet blanket. They had cleared their throats for a tremendous hurrah for 'that same old Coon,' Henry Clay, & when the nomination of Taylor came among them, their disappointment was deep and damning to the cause of Whiggery. The Whigs upon the river boats, generally speaking, yield Tennessee to the Democrats, and many say Kentucky will go for the Democratic nominees. The Democrats all look 'heads up'—the Whigs look 'eyes down.'"

The unprincipled demagogues of our country sneeringly talk of Gen. Cass having been all his life in office. Do they forget that Gen. Taylor entered the army as lieutenant at 19 years of age, and being now 62 years of age, has been in the army, and in the pay of the government, for 43 years. And, although all his life in office, it has not been in offices where he could learn how to make a President; which he acknowledges himself & that Gen. Cass has been all the time becoming schooled in the performance of the highest civil duties.—*Pennsylvanian*.

ATROCIOUS MURDER.—A Mr. O'Brien, of the Parish of Bossier, Louisiana, was found dead in the road near his house on the 5th inst., supposed to have been murdered by a runaway negro. He was a respectable man, and leaves a family to mourn his death. A negro supposed to have been the murderer, was soon after traced by the police, and was shot by a Mr. Gilmore, and whilst attempting to escape in a boat, was shot by a Mr. Barnum and killed.

Ireland and her Masters.

The New York correspondent of the Washington Union, in his letter dated July 27, 1848, uses the following indignant language:

The news from Ireland by the Europa has produced a remarkable excitement here. The arrest of Meagher and his associates, being almost all of the popular leaders that were yet at large, exhibits a settled design on the part of the English government, by cutting off the heads of the movement, and stifling the press and all discussion, either to crush the spirit of the people, or to goad them into premature and unsuccessful insurrection. It is enough to make the blood boil in the veins of every freeman, that, at this day of the world, such practices should be used to choke down the just discontent of the most wronged and outraged people on the face of the earth, by a nation which, with all professions of humanity, freedom, and enlightenment on its lips, is forever up to its elbows in red rapine and murder by sword, famine, and pestilence, at home & abroad. But, unless the signs of the times are to pass like summer lightning, England's hour is almost come. Mighty as she is to look upon, she bears with her seeds of her destruction that have been long ripening. Succeed or fail, an outbreak in Ireland will let loose the elements against her from the four quarters of the world. The very extent of her dominion will be her deadliest weakness. Canada would not be slow to follow the example; and annexation has up there been long a popular topic. France would be too ready to drift off her turbulent masses, and gratify the military spirit and the hatred of England, which are equal & component parts of the nature of all her children, by a war with England. Where, then, would the first power in Europe look for help in her extremity? Not a despot in Europe, who is not down in the dust, or has his hands full in protecting for a little while his tottering power. Not even Russia can spare a particle of her colossal strength from her own unquiet borders. America, whatever her sympathies with the English people, would rejoice at the downfall of the blood-bolstered empire of England, and the restoration of its parts to the rightful owners.

In the same proportion as the measures of the British government assume a deeper and darker shade of violence and tyranny, and the crisis draws near and more near, the spirit of the people rises higher and higher. The quiet in the country since Mitchell's transportation, which disappointed friends and elated enemies, has been a deceitful calm—the lull before the storm. The news by the Europa shows this. It is more like fighting—more like a general and armed resistance on the part of the people—than anything yet. Many, I know, have doubted and hesitated whether this agitation would not pass off like the rest. But the rising on the arrest of Meagher—the ringing of the chapel bells—the throwing up of barricades in Waterford—the successful cutting off of one detachment of troops from another—the difficulty of restraining a collision—all portend a deadly struggle. God grant it may not be provoked by the outrages of power, until every needful preparation is complete. Prepared or not, that it will come soon, is now (though it was not before) next to certain. All friends of Ireland and of freedom in America had better be convinced of this at once.

FROM OREGON.—Sir George Simpson, with his secretary and several other gentlemen, arrived at Lake Superior on the 16th inst., from the Red River settlement. He brought with him a file of the Oregon Spectator, printed at Oregon City, as late as February 10. They contain, however, nothing in addition to what our Government had already received by express relative to the Indian troubles in that quarter.

IRON FOUNDRY,

At Curwensville, Clearfield county, Pa. THOMPSONS, DALE & Co., having purchased the Iron Foundry, at Curwensville, respectfully inform their friends and the public generally, that they are now prepared to make all kinds of castings at the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms. Their Ploughs, Stoves, Holloware, Mill-Irons, &c., &c., cannot be surpassed either for beauty or service.

They would call the particular attention of farmers to the Mill Hall Plough Pattern, which they have procured, and which is believed to be superior to any other now in use.

They will supply all orders for castings at the shortest notice, and as cheap, if not cheaper than they can be procured elsewhere.

All kinds of Country produce—even cash—will be taken in exchange for work.

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Estate of James Lord, dec'd.

NOTICE is hereby given, that letters of Administration have been granted to the subscriber on the estate of James Lord, late of Beccaria township, dec'd, and all persons being indebted to said estate are hereby requested to make payment without delay, & those having claims will present them duly authenticated for settlement to the subscriber, residing in Jordan township, Clearfield county.

SIMON THOMPSON, Adm'r.
June 29, 1848.—pd.

DRIED PEACHES, of a good quality, for sale at the store of

JOHN PATTON.