

EXTRACTS OF READING.

FOR THE AMERICAN.

Last Words of Robert Emmet.

If the spirits of the illustrious dead participate in the concerns and cares of those who were dear to them in this transitory life...

How Scholars are made. BY DANIEL WEBSTER.

Costly apparatus and splendid cabinets have no magical power to make scholars. In all circumstances, as a man is, under God, the master of his own fortune...

Frightful Scene with a Leopard.

A frightful scene was witnessed in the streets of Baltimore on Friday. The equestrian company of Herr Driesbach was, according to custom, riding through the streets...

With an alacrity and daring that does credit to the courage and presence of mind of Driesbach, he instantly thrust his hand into the leopard's mouth, and jamming it down his throat...

A warrant was issued soon after the occurrence, against Driesbach, by Justice McDonald, and he was arrested, charged with an assault upon the boy above mentioned...

A gentleman having a horse that started and broke his wife's neck, a neighboring squire told him that he wished to purchase it for his wife to ride upon.



THE AMERICAN.

Saturday, March 16, 1844.

Democratic Nominations.

FOR GOVERNOR. HENRY A. MÜHLENBERG. FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER, JOSHUA HARTSHORNE.

ELECTORS.

For President and Vice President of the U. States. WILSON McCANDLESS, Senatorial. ASA DIMOCK.

REPRESENTATIVE.

- 1. GEO. F. LEHMAN, 13. GEORGE SCHNAELF, 2. CHRISTIAN KNEASS, 14. NATH'L. B. ELDRID, 3. WILLIAM H. SMITH, 15. M. N. IRVINE, 4. JOHN HILL (Phila.), 16. JAMES WOODBURN, 5. SAMUEL E. LEECH, 17. HYPER MONTGOMERY, 6. SAMUEL CAMP, 18. ISAAC AVERY, 7. JESSE SHARPE, 19. JOHN MATTHEWS, 8. N. W. SAMPLE, 20. WM. PATTERSON, 9. WM. HEIDENREICH, 21. ANDREW BURKE, 10. CONRAD SHIMER, 22. JOHN M'GILL, 11. STEPHEN BALDY, 23. CHRISTIAN MYERS, 12. JONAH BREWSTER, 24. ROBERT OER.

V. B. PALMER, Esq., at his Real Estate and Coal office, No. 59 Pine Street, Philadelphia, is authorized to act as Agent, and to receive and receipt for all monies due this office, for subscription or advertising.

BREVIER TYPE.—100 lbs. of Brevier type, for sale at this office, at 18 cts. per lb. cash. The type are the same as those used in our advertising columns.

Our readers will perceive by referring to another column that Henry C. Eyer, Esq., who was recommended in our last paper as a candidate for Congress, has declined. Mr. Eyer is of opinion that the Hon. John Snyder should receive the nomination and support of the party.

NEXT CONGRESSMAN.—Union county, it is concluded, is entitled to the member. That county has, as far as we can learn, declared for Mr. Snyder. The Union Times says, delegate elections will not be held, but that Mr. Snyder will be nominated by acclamation.

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Secretary of State.—The Hon. John C. Calhoun, of South Carolina, has been nominated by the President of the United States, as Secretary of State, to fill the vacancy in the cabinet occasioned by the death of the Hon. Abel P. Upshur, late Secretary of State.

Quite Liberal.—Captain Stockton, the inventor of the "Big Gun" which was the cause of the accident on board the Princeton, has made a present of \$10,000 to the unfortunate widow of the lamented Upshur, and has kindly undertaken to educate the two sons of Com. Kennon, at his own expense.

WHIG ELECTORAL TICKET.

The Whig Convention nominated for Senatorial Electors for President and Vice President, CHESTER BUTLER and TOWNSEND HAINES, of Chester. Also, the following District Electors:

- 1st District—Joseph G. Clarkson, of Philad. 2d John Price Wetherill, do. 3d John D. Ninesteele, do. 4th John S. Littell, Germantown. 5th Eleazer T. McDowell, Bucks co. 6th Benj. Frick, of Montgomery. 7th Isaac W. Vanleer, of Chester. 8th William Heister, of Lancaster. 9th John S. Heister, of Berks. 10th John Killinger, of Lebanon. 11th Alex. E. Brown, of Northampton. 12th Jonathan J. Slocum, of Luzerne. 13th Henry Drinker, of Monroe. 14th James Pollock, of Milton. 15th Henry Watts, of Carlisle. 16th Daniel M. Smyser, of Adams. 17th James Mathers, of Juniata. 18th Andrew J. Ogil, Somerset. 19th Daniel Washbaugh, of Bedford. 20th John L. Gow, of Washington. 21st Andrew W. Loomis, All-gheeny. 22d James M. Power, Mercer. 23d William A. Irvine, Warren. 24th Benjamin Hartshorne, Clearfield.

The "Big Gun."—The following is a copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Navy, by Messrs. Hogg & Delamater, and despatched to Washington on Thursday. It will be found interesting.

To the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy, Sir: We learn from the public journals that the President has ordered a Court of Inquiry to sit at Washington, for the purpose of investigating the recent explosion of the large gun of the U. S. steamer Princeton.

We have obtained hitherto on noticing the serious charges made against the manufacturers of this gun, not desiring to pre-occupy the public mind, or to fix upon any individual the responsibility of this terrific disaster.

But since we find that a Court of Inquiry has been instituted, and that we have not been called upon for any explanation, we are compelled to state that the gun so far from being made of base materials, so confidently charged to be the sole cause of this calamitous event, was composed entirely of American Charcoal Iron, and the exploded part, from the trunnion to the breech, was made exclusively of Clinton County Iron.

In opposition to the opinions given by individuals who have inspected certain fractured parts of the exploded gun, and by such unsatisfactory investigation pronounce the metal base, we have now to state that we have collected the borings and turnings from the different parts of the gun, some of which taken from the interior we have wrought into various forms, all proving incontrovertibly that the material is tougher and more malleable than ordinary wrought iron—a fact hardly to be expected when we consider that the central part of the gun was exposed to an intense heat for many days, whilst the outside was in process of completion.

We deem it important also to advert to the fact that, when a piece of wrought iron is broken by any sudden force, the fracture exhibits a coarse granulation resembling that of cast iron, and we would caution all against undertaking to pronounce opinions on the appearance of the fracture of the exploded gun.

As to the alleged want of specific gravity in the metal, we would state that the specific gravity of wrought iron in such large pieces as the Stockton guns is not known; and that therefore the known density of bar iron furnishes no criterion in the present instance.

We have the honor to be, your obt' servants, HOGG & DELAMATER.

A Writer in the Baltimore Patriot says, that the "Big Gun," which exploded on board the Princeton, cost the United States Government \$11,000, and further states, that the second great gun, the "Oregon," split while discharging in New York, and that bands of iron were welded around her, notwithstanding she does not now hold water, which, if poured into her muzzle, oozes out on the deck.

A Tribute to Washington.—In the course of a speech recently made by a distinguished member of the Irish Bar, Mr. Whiteside, one of the counsel of the accused, in the State Trials at Dublin, he thus eloquently alluded to Washington:

"He would ask, was the name of Washington, with those friends who freed and blessed the world, to be put in competition with those who insulted and enslaved it? Were they to be placed on a level with that of the insatiable Napoleon, or the rank hypocrisy and cruelty of a Cromwell? Were such men to be put opposite to him who throws the brightest characters of antiquity into the shade? He would have supposed had he lived under the old dispensation, that his position would be that ascribed to him by the poet—surrounded hereafter by virtuous spirits giving laws to the assembly of the just—and now it could be imagined that from his ineffable felicity, he beholds the results of his glorious labors for the liberty and happiness of man. His great ambition was to preserve peace, and give freedom, and to spurn those glittering baubles of the world which hold so many by mad ambition—thus to trample under feet the liberties of the human race, and to place in jeopardy the immortal souls. It might be necessary to make the subject of study that of the tyrant Nero, the profligate Charles, or the tyrant James; but would any one hold them up as models to speak in favor of the profligacy of high places, which corrupt morals and endanger public virtue?"

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA.

About one o'clock on Sunday morning, a fire broke out in the Torpentine, Oil & Naval Storehouse of Allbone & Troubat, at the foot of Queen street wharf, Southwark, which continued burning until day light in the morning. The building, where the fire originated, was built upon ten feet with stone as a kind of basement, upon which was erected a frame structure of two stories, filled with turpentine, tar, rosin and empty oil casks; the entire building and all its contents was destroyed.

The loss to Messrs. Allbone & Troubat is about \$5000, but the property being chiefly consignments from the South, is believed to be insured. The fire is said to have been the work of an incendiary.

SHOOTING MATCH.—A gentleman by the name of Wheeler and a Doctor somebody, in the city of New York, were determined to settle an "affair of honor" with "pistols for two," and where on their way to the "field of their fame" when, fortunately the Mayor got wind of it—sent two officers in quest of the gentlemen (and had them arrested and brought before his Honor. The misunderstanding occurred at a masquerade ball, and was occasioned by a very common cause of such affairs—a lady. The message was sent by Mr. Wheeler, through Mr. Wm. Mercer Green, formerly of the U. S. Navy, and was accepted by the "knight of the lance." The lady, who was the innocent cause of the quarrel, became acquainted with the intention of the gentlemen—sent his Honor a note, and had them arrested. The parties were bound over to the tune of \$10,000, to keep the peace. Mr. Green was diligently sought for, but not found. Oh, no! he was so green as that.

THE MORMONS.—The good citizens of Carthage, Ill., are molested in a manner somewhat similar to their ancient progenitors of the same engemen. They have lately got into difficulties with their neighbors of Nauvoo, and called a meeting, at which resolutions were passed denouncing the Mormons and their notorious leader, Joe Smith, as impostors. The Warsaw Message holds the following strong language towards them:—

"We see no use in attempting to disguise the fact that many in our midst contemplate a total extermination of that people, that the thousands of defenceless women and children, aged and infirm, who are congregated at Nauvoo, must be driven out, eye driven, scattered, like leaves before the autumn blast! But what good citizen, let us ask, what lover of his country and his race, but contemplates such an event with horror!"

GEN. JACKSON.—From a letter received at Washington, from General Jackson, the following extracts are published in the Globe:—"I am to judge from my present affliction, I cannot be here at the next Congress. I must, long before, be in the tomb prepared for me; but I am in the hands of a just and wise Providence. When He makes the call, I am prepared, with due humility, to submit to his will. He has long spared me through a long and variegated life. How much longer I am to be here, He knows and only He."

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PRESSURE OF THE WIND ON THE BROADSIDE OF A SHIP.—In the naval report presented to Congress is a statement showing the pressure exerted on the broadside of a ship of the line by the wind. It is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Velocity per second, Pressure exerted on the broadside of a ship in tons. Rows include: A fresh breeze (20, 4.89), A very brisk breeze (30, 10.84), A high wind (50, 26.89), A very high wind (70, 58.79), A storm (80, 76.85), A great storm (100, 120.08), A hurricane (120, 172.86), A violent hurricane such as tears up trees (130, 270.00).

COTTON SPECULATORS EXPLODING.—One of the cotton speculators of New York, who had been trying to keep up the price, failed a day or two ago in that city for a very large amount. The Georgia Banks are said to be the sufferers.

Letter from Henry C. Eyer, Esq.

Extracts of a Letter to the Editor of the American, dated HARRISBURG, March 12, 1844.

DEAR SIR:—In the American of the 9th inst., your correspondent "Augusta" has introduced my name as a candidate for Congress, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Henry Frick. Deeply sensible as I am of the kind intentions of your correspondent—of the flattering manner in which he has alluded to me, and of my own unworthiness for so distinguished a station, I most respectfully decline a nomination, at this time at least, should there even be a majority of my political friends throughout the district whose partiality might be that of my unknown friend "Augusta." I always have been, and trust I ever will be, a firm supporter of the regular nominations and regular usages of the Democratic party; and, as the Hon. JOHN SNYDER, under these regulations, is fairly entitled to another nomination, more especially when we consider his treatment at the last canvass, through the grossest calumny and chicanery of his enemies. I would be the last one to withhold from him the justice I conceive to belong to him. Let there be Union and Harmony in our ranks. We have just accomplished an object most happily which pointed out little evil to the Democratic party,—the nomination of a candidate for Governor. In this strife we all had our preferences, and yet we knew that all could not be gratified. I am pleased to find, however, that there is entire Union and Harmony among the Democracy, and a disposition to yield to Mr. MÜHLENBERG, that strong and hearty support which has always characterized the party, and which he has a right to expect from it; for in its darkest days we never forsook it. Let, therefore, the triumphant election of a good and sound Democrat to Congress, in our district, be an augury of what we will do for the future.

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant, HENRY C. EYER.

Letter from the Hon. John Snyder.

HARRISBURG, March 12, 1844.

To the Standing Committee of Northumberland County.

GENTLEMEN:—Your letter on the subject of the approaching election, to fill the vacancy in Congress occasioned by the death of Gen. Frick, is this moment received, asking me, "If you approve of the present Tariff Bill." The question being pertinent and short, seems to carry with it the idea that you do not want any opinion on its details, but as a whole. Where I do speak on the bill generally, I would consider it imperfect; but, as a whole, I have only to refer you to the journals of Congress. I twice voted for the present Tariff: first on its reference and secondly on Mr. Kennon's resolution on a suspension of the rules, upon which the Bill was finally passed. The causes of my absence are known to you.

I have seen no reason for changing my vote, and feel now as I then did, a strong interest for the well being of Pennsylvania. Our indebtedness can be most alleviated by keeping the tonnage of our Iron and Coal on our public improvements. It will be the only sure means of paying our debt, if properly protected.

Yours, with respect, JOHN SNYDER.

Democratic Meeting.

At a meeting of the Democratic citizens of Sunbury, held in the Court House, on the evening of March 14, 1844, the Hon. GEORGE C. WELKER was appointed President, and the Hon. LEWIS DEWART and FRANCIS BECHER Esq., Vice Presidents, and Samuel D. Jordan and William J. Martin Secretaries.

Major W. L. Dewart stated the object of the meeting at some length, and concluded by offering the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Standing Committee of Northumberland county be instructed to offer the Hon. JOHN SNYDER, to the Democracy of this county, as their candidate for Congress. S. D. Jordan, Esq. offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That this meeting will cheerfully aid in supporting the Hon. John Snyder, for Congress, and that we believe he is the choice of the Democratic party in this Congressional District, and if elected will carry out those measures best calculated to promote the interests of the country.

The President then read a letter from the Hon. John Snyder, favorable to the existing tariff. Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the officers, and published in the Democratic papers in Sunbury.

(Signed by the Officers.)

"NONE BUT THE BRAVE DESERVE THE FAIR."

The Buffalo Advertiser records the following document, which was handed to their honors, the Judges of the Court there holden. The big wigs were doubtless greatly astonished at it, the books affording no precedent at all in point.

A HERO.—The bar was much amused by the following billet, which came to hand this morning and furnished by the Court:

BUFFALO BARRACKS, February 16th, 1844.

Dear Sir I hear that there is a young lady in jail and is sentenced to state prison for life and has got 12 days before she goes and if any body will marry her in that time she will get clear I will volunteer to marry her, if I can and I wish that the Judge would be so good as to see in it I am a soldier in the service of the United States I am in the guard house now for some slight offence you might send the constable up git me and I will come and marry her and I will support her as it is in my power. I am dear sir your most obedient servant.

Democratic Meeting.

A large and respectable number of the Democratic citizens of Northumberland and Point township, assembled at the public house of James Hilbourn, on the 13th of March instant.

The meeting was organized by the appointment of WILLIAM FORSYTH, Esq. as President, assisted by JAMES DIEFFENBAUGH, JOHN CAKE, JACOB TROXEL, and JOHN VANDLING, as Vice Presidents, and A. L. Dieffenbach and Jacob Leisenring Secretaries.

On motion of William Wilson, the chairman appointed the following persons a committee to draft proceedings expressive of the views of the meeting:

James Dieffenbach, William Wilson, David Robins, Evan Hamer, John Hommel, William T. Cook, Robert Curry, James Hilbourn, Moses Hine, Thos. M. Withington, George Everett, Samuel Elliott, John W. Miles, Henry Morgan, Nathan Greenawalt, John M. Henry, William Burkenbine, Jacob Reiter, T. T. McGurn, W. S. Thomas, and J. Youngman, who after retiring for a short time, reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas a special election for a member of Congress, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Gen. Frick, is to be held on Friday the 5th of April next, in this Congressional district, and the time being deemed too short to adhere to the forms and usages usually observed by the democratic party—and whereas the claims of Union county, as to the right of presenting the candidate, is contended, without controversy, by the other counties of the district,—and whereas the causes which mainly contributed to the defeat of the Hon. John Snyder in the last contest can have no influence now, and inasmuch as the voice of the Democracy of that county clearly and manifestly point to him as the most suitable person to be presented to the Democracy of the district for their support: Therefore

Resolved, That we will give a hearty response to this choice, believing that the talents, services & unwavering devotion to democratic principles of the Hon. John Snyder, entitle him to the confidence and support of every democrat in the district.

Resolved, That we will most cordially cooperate with our democratic brethren of Union county and throughout the congressional district, in renewed efforts to promote his election.

Resolved, That John Snyder having received the unanimous vote of the democratic convention of Northumberland county previous to the last election, as the candidate of the people's choice for Congress then, the standing committee are now authorized (under the circumstances, considering the shortness of time) to present his name, and recommend him to the support of the Democracy, as the candidate of the democratic party at the approaching special election, for the same office.

Resolved, That we approve of the course of the Hon. John Snyder, in the last Congress, in cooperating and uniting with the entire Pennsylvania delegation in that Congress, in casting his vote in favor of the present Tariff law.

Resolved, That we are in favor of a Tariff for revenue equal to the economical wants of the Government, and a just discrimination in favor of the protection of home industry.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in all the democratic papers of the district, and a copy of them be sent to the Hon. John Snyder.

(Signed by the Officers.)

Democratic Meeting.

At a large and respectable meeting of the Democracy of Augusta township, held at the house of Emanuel Straw, on the 15th day of March, 1844, on motion, Major SAMUEL LANTZ was appointed President, Col. JOSEPH SNYDER and JONAS HATGAWORTH Vice Presidents, and Abraham Shipman Secretaries.

On motion of G. Leisenring it was

Resolved, That a committee of 12 be appointed to report resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting; whereupon the following persons were appointed to compose said committee, viz:

G. Leisenring, Col. Thomas Snyder, George Keefer, Peter Vandling, Wm. Miller, Peter Culp, John Zimmerman, Samuel Reitz, George Savidge, George Oberdorf, Samuel Shive, Jacob Eckroan.

The committee, having retired a short time, returned and reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, we deem the time too short to adopt the usual custom of our party, to elect delegates to meet in county convention to nominate a candidate for Congress, to be supported at the special election on the 5th day of April next, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Gen. Frick, and being confident that the Hon. John Snyder is the unanimous choice of the democrats of Northumberland county: Therefore

Resolved, That the standing committee of this county are hereby requested to announce the name of the Hon. JOHN SNYDER as the candidate of our party, to be supported at the special election, and we hereby pledge ourselves to give him an undivided support.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the officers, and published in the democratic papers of this district.

(Signed by the Officers.)

A TRUE BILL.

The Grand Jury of the Criminal Court of Washington, have found a true bill against John B. Weller, member of Congress from the State of Ohio, for his assault upon Mr. Shiriver, of Baltimore. The indictment will be tried at the term of the Criminal Court, the session of which has just commenced.

ANOTHER.—The same Grand Jury have found a bill against Mr. Julian May, the surviving principal in the duel between himself and Mr. Cochrane. The seconds, Pooler and Ash, are also indicted.