

COMMUNICATIONS.

Know-Nothingism.

THE ANTI-CATHOLIC FEATURE.

Among the most extraordinary phenomena of modern times is the fact that in this progressive age, in the middle of the 19th century, there is existing in the United States of America a body of men banded together in an association with the avowed object of imposing political disqualifications on the ground of difference in religious belief.

Freedom in its true acceptation, is little else but the absence of control, and as the morality and virtue of a people increase, the necessity for control diminishes. The compulsion exercised by governments is at best but a necessary evil.

Trace the history of the Protestant Church in England from its incipency during the bloody reign of the sensual and brutal Henry, himself the founder and supreme head of the church.

Nor is dissent itself free from the charge of bigotry and intolerance. The atrocities of the Puritans in Ireland under Cromwell have rendered his name a by-word to this day.

Full and complete religious freedom exists in America, for which we may thank God and the framers of the constitution. In England, toleration, though tardily, has at length been granted.

Invest any religious sect whatever with undue privileges and influence, connect it with the State, surround it with official insignia, elevate it above all others and that sect, however liberal in the outset, will become corrupt.

The influence of a hierarchy varies with the external circumstances of the laity. In Italy and in Spain the Catholic clergy, countenanced and supported by government, are held in reverence by the people.

Since the revival of letters the progress of correct principles has marked each successive age, there has been no retrogression, revolutions may not have achieved their highest aims, but they have left an improved impress upon the people.

more and turbulent, and the assertion that the political well-being of such a people is endangered by Catholicism is unworthy of serious refutation, were it not for the sedulous and unscrupulous manner in which this idea is disseminated.

Scottsville, Pa., July 31st 1855.

County Convention.

I have frequently observed what I considered inequality of representation in the convention of the political parties annually held in this county.

I have taken the vote given last fall for Gov. Bigler, 1500, and divided it by 50, about the number of delegates usually in our conventions.

Table with 2 columns: Name of District, Votes, No of Delegates. Lists districts like Hendington, Dublin, Warrens Mark, etc.

There is no reason why the 4 Democratic voters of Murrays Run, or the 15 of Birmingham, should have as many representatives as the 155 of Barree, 109 of West or 105 of Tell.

I think that this matter should in future be attended to. Let delegates be elected by election district, not by townships and boroughs.

REPUBLICAN. More Revelations.

The Chambersburg Repository and Whig, of July 25, is rich in its revelations of the internal workings of Know Nothingism. It seems that the editor of that paper, Hon. Alex. K. McClure, last fall permitted his name to be presented to the Chambersburg Council for membership.

Resolved, That the members of this Council be required to discontinue their subscriptions to the Repository and Whig and subscribe for the Transcript, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the different Councils of the county.

The word "required" was changed to "request," through the influence of some opposed to these high-handed proceedings, and the resolution passed.

were screening themselves behind extra-judicial oaths!

We have mentioned these cases as indisputable evidences of the dangerous character and internal corruption of Know Nothingism. We have felt the malice and power of the Order in our own experience, and know how to appreciate the revelations of other sufferers.

We should not have referred to this personal concern, at all, were we not almost daily asked by our anxious friends, if our losses are great. We find the impression has gone abroad, and is industriously circulated by the Know Nothings, that our circulation has greatly diminished.

From the Phila. Argus, Aug. 2.

The Outrage upon Mr. Wheeler.

The incarceration of Passmore Williamson in Moyamensing, for heading a gang of lawless negroes and stealing the property of Col. Wheeler, of North Carolina, and his subsequent contempt of Court, in making a false return to the habeas corpus, alleging that the negro servants of Col. Wheeler were not and never been in his custody, still causes considerable excitement in the community.

There are but two Parties. Fellow-countrymen, now, as before, there are but two parties in the United States. The old fashioned whig organization has been disbanded, as the whigs admit alike by action and by word.

NOTICE TO SUPERVISORS.

WHAT the east end of the Huntingdon, Cambria and Indiana turnpike road from its eastern terminus in the borough of Huntingdon to Gemmill's Mill west of the borough of Alexandria is abandoned and no toll collected for the use of that distance.

Broad Top Land FOR SALE.

THE subscriber will sell at private sale a tract of coal land on Broad Top, well timbered and plenty of coal, adjoining the Huntingdon and Broad Top Railroad and Coal Company's land, and within half a mile of McCann's tract, where he has laid out a town at a place known as the Watering Trough.

TO TAX COLLECTORS.

COLLECTORS of State and County tax for the year 1854 are required to collect and pay over the amount remaining unpaid on their duplicates on or before the 13th day of August next or they and their surety will be issued against immediately after that date.

Terrible Powder Explosion--All the Workmen Killed.

WILMINGTON, DEL., August 3.--The drying house at Mr. Garesche's Powder Works, Eden Park, in the vicinity of this city, was blown up shortly before 8 o'clock this morning.

There were three Frenchmen engaged in the drying house, named Eugene Perene, Joseph Duplane, Francis Fisher, and a boy named John Pugh. The house was literally blown away, not a vestige remaining.

A WHOLE FAMILY POISONED--THREE OF THE CHILDREN DEAD.--We learn by a letter received from Dr. J. O. Patterson, residing in Candor, Washington county, Pa., the particulars of a most melancholy case of poisoning.

TRACT OF LAND AT PRIVATE SALE. THE subscribers, Executors of the last will and testament of John Wakefield, dec'd., will offer at private sale, all that certain tract of land, situate in Germany Valley, Huntingdon county, Pa., late the residence of the said John Wakefield, dec'd., containing

330 ACRES.

more or less, 1900 acres of which are cleared, and in a good state of cultivation; the balance is well timbered--sufficient Locust and Chestnut thereon to fence the whole farm, with an abundance of Rock oak, Poplar &c. There is a good water power and a site for a Grist or Saw Mill. There is erected on the premises a good two story frame house and bank barn--also another farm house

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The circumstances are these: Mrs. Bruce --the woman alluded to--during harvesting, and after her sons and the farm-hands started to work, commenced cutting her husband's hair at her own request.

LEVI WESTBROOK'S LADIES' & GENTLEMEN'S BOOT & SHOE STORE. A New Stock Just Received.

LEVI WESTBROOK informs his old customers and the public generally that he has just received from Philadelphia, a large assortment of Boots and Shoes, comprising every kind and variety of Gentlemen's Boots, Gaiters, Monroes, Ties, Slippers, &c.

MEDICAL NOTICE. DR. D. HOUTZ and DR. WM. GRAFIUS, having formed a medical partnership under the title of Houtz & Grafius, offer their professional services to the citizens of Alexandria and the surrounding country.

Health, Beauty, and Happiness. THE undersigned having purchased the full and exclusive right and privilege of constructing, using and vending to others the right to make and use in the counties of Huntingdon and Centre, DESHON'S PATENT PREMIUM BELLOW PUMP SHOWER BATH, manufactured and sold by the subscriber at Alexandria, Huntingdon county, Pa.

Also, for sale by Alex. Newell, agent at Huntingdon. June 6, 1855--2m.

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WANTED--100 AGENTS WANTED.--From \$3 to \$6 a day can be cleared in the sale of several new Books. For persons wishing to travel, this affords an opportunity seldom to be met with. For particulars address, A. G. RICH & CO., Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., May 16, 1855.

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A VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers for sale that valuable property well known as the "Green Tree," in Barre township, Huntingdon county, on the public road leading from Petersburg to Pinegrove, Manor Hill, Salsburg, McAlveys Fort, &c. The improvements are a large two story frame house, for many years occupied as a public house, a large new stable and other outbuildings, and good water at the door.

Not sold at private sale before the 4th of August next, it will be offered at public sale on that day all together, or divided to suit purchasers. Terms made known by MARTH A. McMURTRIE. June 19, 1855--ts.

For the People!

SOMETHING NEW IN HUNTINGDON. Mineral Water & Sarsaparilla.

FREDERICK LIST respectfully informs the citizens of Huntingdon and adjoining counties, that he has commenced the business of bottling MINERAL WATER and SARSAPARILLA, and is prepared to supply all who may wish to deal in the articles, at reasonable wholesale prices.

His establishment is on Railroad street, one door east of Jackson's Hotel, where orders will be thankfully received and promptly attended to. Orders by mail will receive his early attention. Huntingdon April 11, 1855.

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