

Democratic National Ticket. FOR PRESIDENT, HORATIO SEYMOUR, OF NEW YORK.

Democratic State Ticket. FOR AUDITOR GENERAL, HON. CHARLES E. BOYLE, OF FAYETTE COUNTY.

Democratic County Ticket. ASSEMBLY, GEORGE SCOTT, Subject to decision of Rep. Conference.

The Convention—The Ticket.

The Columbia County Democratic Convention, which met on Monday last, fairly indicates the strength and determination of our party in the present contest.

The Democracy were truly represented in all respects, and we think the will of voters was never as well represented in a nominating Convention before.

The Congressional Conference, M. E. Jackson, Esq., of Berwick, and Richard Fruit, Esq., of Madison, both experienced workers in the field, have devoted their lives to the contests of Democracy, and standing to-day upon the old and true principle of Jefferson they will honorably and truly perform their duties in accordance with the desire of those whom they represent.

The Representative Conference, Peter Billmeyer, of Bloom, and Charles G. Murphy, of Conyngham, are honest and faithful. Mr. Billmeyer is well known not only in this County, but in the State as having been one of the most active Democrats during his life, always striving for his country's good.

Hon. George Scott, the choice of Columbia for Assembly, scarcely needs a word of commendation. His public course is known, and reflect credit and honor upon him.

William G. Quick, Esq., our candidate for County Commissioner is one of the very best men in the county. He held position by appointment from the State upon the N. B. Canal at the time Hon. George Scott was Canal Commissioner, and his faithful service from that time has given him success in the management of the same Canal both under the State and in the employ of the Company.

The whole ticket will receive the support of the entire Democratic party, and through their popularity and distinction, will give material aid in swelling the great majority of Columbia.

The Tax Bill.

The president has affixed his signature to the tax bill. Its leading features may be brought within a brief space.

The first section taxes every proof gallon of distilled spirits fifty cents, to be paid before removal from the distillery or warehouse, which tax is a lien until paid upon the property and apparatus.

Sections 2, 3, and 4 provide for methods of testing quality and taking measurements. Section 5 provides that distillers shall register with the assessors of the respective districts within sixty days from the time the bill takes effect.

Section 6 provides for the manner of making registry. Section 7 and 8 provide for the distiller's bond and securities.

Section 9 to 12, inclusive, designate the plan of the distillery, and provide for surveys and location of buildings. Section 13 imposes a tax of two dollars upon every twenty bushels of grain converted into spirits.

Sections 14, 55, inclusive, provide for the general management of distilleries, the relative duties of assessors and distillers, for checks against fraud, for draw-backs, means of obtaining purity, and affix penalties for all violations of the law.

Sections 56, 58, inclusive, regulate deposits in bonded warehouses. Section 59 imposes a special tax of \$400 annually upon every 100 barrels of spirits manufactured, and also provides for licenses of \$100 for every \$25,000 worth sold, and \$10 increase for every \$1,000 increase of sales.

Dealers in tobacco, selling not exceeding \$10,000 worth annually, pay a tax of \$52, and \$2 extra for every \$1,000 worth sold. Raisers are not taxed for sale of their own production. Dealers, selling between \$100 and \$1,000 worth, are taxed \$5; those above \$1,000 worth, \$2 extra for every additional \$1,000 worth sold.

Manufacturers of tobacco pay \$10, and \$2 additional for every \$1,000 their bond is in excess of \$5,000. Manufacturers of cigars pay \$10 where their sales do not exceed \$5,000 annually, and \$2 additional for every \$1,000 in excess of that amount. All snuff and chewing tobacco 16 cents per pound.

Section 62 provides for the packing of tobacco and snuff so as to facilitate the collection of the tax thereon. Sections 63 to 80 provide for the manner of collecting the tax, for penalties, stamping and the general duties of the assessor and manufacturers of cigars must pay \$5 for every thousand made, without regard to quality, and on all cigarettes, if they weigh less than three pounds to the thousand, \$2.50; if over that weight, \$5.

The time in which the bill goes into effect is fixed by Section—And be it further enacted, That all provisions of this act which require the use of stamps shall take effect at the end of sixty days from the passage of this act; provided that if at any time prior to the expiration of the said sixty days it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that a longer delay is necessary for the preparation and due delivery of any such stamps, he shall be authorized to fix a day not later than the first day of September next for putting said provisions relative to the use of either of such stamps into operation, and shall give public notice of the day so fixed and determined upon, which shall then be held and taken to be the time when that portion of this act which requires the use of stamps shall have effect.

The enactment took effect immediately on its passage.

The Time to Strike. The Radicals are disorganized and discouraged. Their best men, their leaders, in fact, such men as Chase, Doolittle, Dixon, Cowan, Welles, Gen. Ewing and many others, have repudiated them and joined hands with the Democracy. Thad. Stevens, too, the "great commoner," as they delight to call him, has denounced the "letter and spirit" plank of the Chicago platform, and declares in favor of the Democratic financial policy. Thus divided and distracted, the Radical party will be easily beaten, if the Democrats make a determined, well-organized effort. Now is the time to strike. The man who will not "strip to the buff" to win this battle, is either a coward, or has no faith in his principles. The man who works for the party now, is the man who will be hailed, in all the future, as a true and trustworthy patriot. Strike, whilst we have the enemy at a disadvantage!

SOMETHING NEW.—A firm of Philadelphia builders are now erecting a hotel at Kane, near Erie, Pa., in which thick, strong paper is used to form the walls and ceilings in lieu of lath and plaster—the paper being put upon a backing of common henlock boarding. Another improvement is introduced to supersede the common walls and ceilings, viz: Panels or wainscoting made of fibrous slabs or composition boards, composed of fibre mixed with clay, cement, or plaster of Paris, or other similar substance, and resin, size, or other adhesive matter, the sheets being passed under hot calendar rolls, whereby the materials are compressed together in a solid form, and the sheets are pressed to a hard, smooth, finished surface. The fibrous slabs are made to fit close together, the whole being covered with ornamental wall papers. The fibrous slabs are about one-sixth of an inch in thickness, and the fibre used being cheap cane fibre, distinguished by the explosive force of steam. The new material is estimated to cost not more than \$10 per ton.

It is reported that Seward, Randall, and other members of the Cabinet, who pretended to support Gen. Grant, will have to vacate their present places. Mr. Johnson will not have any trifling amount of the confidence of his constituents at this critical moment.

Adam Utz nominated Isaac A. Dewitt, of Greenwood, for County Surveyor. There being no opposition, the nomination was made by acclamation.

A. J. Albertson, of Greenwood, was nominated for County Auditor by acclamation. The nominations being completed, James S. McNinch offered the following resolution which was adopted: Resolved, That we tender to Hon. Thos. Chaffin, our late Member, the assurances of our high regards and confidence, and share with him the honor of the proud position he won while in the public service.

Democratic County Convention.

Pursuant to the call of the Democratic Standing Committee, the Democracy of Columbia County, held their regular nominating Convention in Snyder's Hall, at Bloomington, on Monday the 3d day of August, 1868.

At the hour of one o'clock, P. M., the Convention was called to order by the Chairman of the Standing Committee, JOHN G. FAZEZE, who opened the proceedings with a pointed and well-timed speech.

J. R. Jamison, of Maine, nominated WM. BANNER of Madison, for President of the Convention; which was seconded by Reuben Knittle, of Franklin, and carried.

James S. McNinch, of Catawissa, nominated Noah Mouser, of Montour, and Conrad Kreamer, of Madison, as Secretaries, Carried.

The list of Delegates was called over and the following gentlemen admitted to seats: Beaver—Charles Michael, Nathan Brod-bender, Benton—John C. Wenner, Jas. Conner, Bloom—John B. Casey, C. B. Brockway, Bor. Berwick—Hudson Owen, Hiram Bower, Bor. Centralia—Thos. Geraghty, Martin Gaughan, Briarcreek—E. Trowbridge, C. P. Steele, Catawissa—Jas. S. McNinch, John Scott, Centre—H. A. Schweppenhiser, S. Bower, Conyngham—Thomas Brennan, Patrick Brennan, Fishersville—John Wenner, J. C. Runyan.

Franklin—Reuben Knittle, John Ziegler, Greenwood—Adam Utt, J. D. Wilson, Hemlock—Wm. Girton, J. Shoemaker, Jackson—Jacob Knouse, (the other seat contested).

Loans—John Harner, H. Y. Hower, Maine—Wm. Mensinger, J. R. Jamison, Madison—Wm. Barber, C. Kreamer, Mt. Pleasant—D. R. Appelman, A. J. Keler, Montour—Noah Mouser, P. S. Karshner, Millin—Lewis Eckrote, Henry Hetler, Orange—E. G. Ricketts, J. B. Harman, Pine—J. S. Shoemaker, Wm. Karshner, Roaringcreek—Amzi Craig, J. D. Honck, Scott—James Lake, Craig Terwilliger, Sugarloaf—Henry C. Hess, Cyrus Larish. There appeared to be one contested seat from the township of Jackson; for the disposal of which, James S. McNinch offered the following preamble and resolution:

Resolved, That the rules governing the Columbia County Democratic Conventions requiring all delegates to be elected by the majority of ballots cast for such delegates to entitle them to seats, therefore,

Resolved, That Jacob Knouse, a duly elected delegate from the township of Jackson, appoint his colleagues in the absence of the other duly elected delegate from that township, which right is granted by the Standing Rules of our Conventions.

After some little debate, C. B. Brockway offered the following, as an amendment, which was voted down: Resolved, That the delegates from Jackson township be admitted, whose names are on the credentials, signed by the President and Secretary.

A vote was then taken on the original resolution, and resulted in its adoption; whereupon Jacob Knouse came forward and named his colleague, William Young, who was added to the list of delegates, and admitted to a seat in the Convention in the absence of Mr. Kile, the duly elected delegate with Knouse.

The Convention being ready for business, Conrad Kreamer offered the following resolution which was read and adopted: Resolved, That M. E. JACKSON, of Berwick, and RICHARD FRUIT, of Madison, be and are hereby appointed Congressional Delegates, to meet similar Conferences from other counties in the District, at Danville, on the 10th day of September next, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Member of Congress.

James S. McNinch offered the following resolutions which were read, well received, and adopted with applause: Resolved, That in HORATIO SEYMOUR and FRANK B. BLAIR, our candidates for President and Vice-President, we recognize men of ability, statesmen and patriots, and we hereby declare that we will labor for their election with activity and earnestness.

Resolved, That the Democracy of Columbia County hereby endorse and reaffirm the Platform of Principles adopted at the New York Convention, and especially do we recommend to the tax paying citizens of Columbia, the fourth and fifth articles of the same, to wit: 4th. "Equal taxation of every species of property according to its real value, including government bonds and other public securities."

5th. "One currency for the government and the people, the laborer and the officeholder, the pensioner and the soldier, the producer and the bondholder."

C. B. Brockway offered the following resolutions in addition to the above, which were read and adopted with cheers: Resolved, That this Union has never been dissolved, that the Southern States have always been and are now integral parts of it. That they are now and have ever been since the surrender of their armies, entitled to representation in Congress and equal constitutional rights with the other States; and that the action of the Radical Congress has been and is destructive of all harmony and unity, and has prevented instead of favored the restoration of the States to their civil and constitutional rights.

Resolved, That we have continued confidence in the wisdom, integrity and ability of Hon. Charles B. Buckalew, United States Senator from Pennsylvania, that we fully endorse his course and action in said office; and we hereby instruct our Senator and Representatives in the Legislature to support his re-election to the U. S. Senate.

After the reading and before the adoption of the above resolutions, James S. McNinch rose and made a neat little speech; favored their adoption, and alluded to Mr. BUCKALEW in the highest and most deserving terms. His remarks were entirely proper, and enthusiastically received.

Conrad Kreamer offered a resolution complimentary to our State Senator, Hon. GEO. D. JACKSON, and to Hon. THOMAS CHAFFIN, our late Member, which was followed by resolutions of similar import, offered by C. B. Brockway. They read as follows, and were adopted: Resolved, That the course of Hon. Geo. D. JACKSON, State Senator, meets with the approval of his constituents in this county, and they renew to him their confidence in his vigilance and integrity.

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reflecting credit upon himself and his District.

James S. McNinch then presented to the Convention a resolution as follows: Resolved, That the following named gentlemen be appointed the Democratic Standing Committee of Columbia County for the ensuing year: Charles G. Barkley, Bloom, Chairman; Conrad Kreamer, Madison; Rohr McHenry, Benton; Andrew D. Seely, Berwick; Hiram J. Reeder, Franklin; John H. Hetler, Millin; Charles G. Murphy, Conyngham; Benj. F. Zarr, Beaver.

C. B. Brockway moved to amend the above resolution by striking out all after the word year, and insert the following: John A. Runston, Bloom, Chairman; Wm. J. Allen, Madison; William Lamson, Briarcreek; Albert Hunter, Pine; Hudson Owen, Berwick; John D. Honck, Roaringcreek; Daniel Lemmish, Centralia.

A vote being taken on the resolution as amended, or rather on the respective chairman named in each resolution, and the officers being unable to decide, Mr. McNinch withdrew his resolution and moved the unanimous adoption of the Committee as offered by Mr. Brockway, which was agreed to; after which Mr. McNinch moved to add the names of Charles G. Murphy, of Conyngham; Benj. F. Zarr, of Beaver; which was unanimously agreed to.

J. R. Jamison moved the Convention now proceed to the nomination of a candidate for Assembly. James S. McNinch nominated George Scott, of Catawissa. Elijah G. Ricketts nominated Hiram R. Kline, of Orange.

On motion the nominations closed, and a ballot was then taken with the following result: Scott—Bredbender, Michael, T. Brennan, P. Brennan, S. Bower, Schweppenhiser, McHenry, Scott, Knittle, Ziegler, Young, Knouse, Girton, Jesse Shoemaker, Hermer, Hower, Kreamer, Barber, Mouser, P. S. Karshner, Appelman, Keler, Jos. Shoemaker, Karshner, Jamison, Mensinger, Craig, Houck, Larish, Hess—30.

KLINE—Brockway, Casey, Owen, Bower, Steele, Trowbridge, J. C. Wenner, Conner, Geraghty, Gaughan, John Wenner, Runyan, Utt, Wilson, Eckrote, Hetler, Ricketts, Harman, Lake, Terwilliger—20.

George Scott, of Catawissa, was then declared duly nominated, amidst great applause. On motion, the nomination was made unanimous.

J. R. Jamison offered the following resolution, appointing Representative Conference, which was adopted unanimously: Resolved, That Peter Billmeyer, of Bloom, and Charles G. Murphy, of Centralia, be and are hereby appointed Representative Conferences to meet similar Conferences from Montour County, at Bloomington, on Wednesday, the 10th day of August, 1868, to nominate a candidate for Assembly, with instructions to use all fair and honorable means to secure the nomination of Hon. George Scott, the choice of this County.

After the nomination of Mr. SCOTT and the adoption of the above resolution, Col. KLINE rose in the Convention and proposed three cheers for the nominee, which were given with a will.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the nomination of County Commissioner. C. B. Brockway nominated William G. Quick, of Montour.

J. R. Jamison nominated Stephen Pobe, of Centre. The nominations then closed. On a ballot being taken it resulted as follows: Quick—Brockway, Casey, Owen, Bower, Steele, Trowbridge, J. C. Wenner, Conner, Geraghty, Gaughan, John Wenner, Runyan, Utt, Wilson, Eckrote, Hetler, Mouser, Karshner, Ricketts, Harman, Jos. Shoemaker, Karshner, Craig, Houck, Lake, Terwilliger—26.

Pobe—Bredbender, Michael, P. Brennan, T. Brennan, S. Bower, Schweppenhiser, McHenry, Scott, Knittle, Ziegler, Girton, Jesse Shoemaker, Knouse, Young, Hermer, Hower, Kreamer, Barber, Appelman, Keler, Jamison, Mensinger, Larish, Hess—21.

William G. Quick, of Montour, was thereupon declared duly nominated. On motion of Conrad Kreamer, the nomination was made unanimous.

The nomination of a candidate for District Attorney being next in order, James S. McNinch nominated E. R. Ikeler, of Bloom. C. E. Steele nominated M. M. Traugh, of Briarcreek. James Lake nominated O. C. Kahler, of Bloom.

The nominations closed. A vote was then taken with the following result: IKELER—T. Brennan, P. Brennan, McNinch, Scott, Knittle, Ziegler, Girton, Jesse Shoemaker, Young, Knouse, Hermer, Hower, Kreamer, Barber, Appelman, Keler, Mouser, Karshner, Jamison, Mensinger, Karshner, Larish, Hess—23.

TRAUGH—Brockway, Casey, Owen, Bower, Steele, Trowbridge, J. C. Wenner, Conner, Bredbender, Michael, Geraghty, Gaughan, John Wenner, Runyan, Utt, Wilson, Ricketts, Harman, Jos. Shoemaker, Craig, Houck, Terwilliger—22.

KAHLER—S. Bower, Schweppenhiser, Eckrote, Hetler, Lake—5.

There being no nomination a second ballot was ordered, when Mr. Lake withdrew the name of O. C. Kahler. The vote is as follows: IKELER—Bredbender, Michael, T. Brennan, P. Brennan, Schweppenhiser, S. Bower, McNinch, Scott, Knittle, Ziegler, Girton, Jesse Shoemaker, Young, Knouse, Hermer, Hower, Kreamer, Barber, Appelman, Hermer, Mouser, Karshner, Jamison, Mensinger, Jos. Shoemaker, Karshner, Lake, Larish, Hess—29.

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The Secretaries agreeing in their tally, E. R. Ikeler was announced as the duly nominated candidate for District Attorney. This nomination was also made unanimously.

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ing, and pledge ourselves to its earnest and zealous support.

C. B. Brockway moved that the Convention do now adjourn with three cheers for the Presidential candidates given. The cheers were heartily given, making the Hall tremble from centre to apex, after which the Delegates dispersed.

WILLIAM BARBER, Pres't. CONRAD KREAMER, Secs. NOAH MOUSER.

Wyoming Seminary. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

By appointment it became our duty and privilege to attend the final examination and the twenty-fifth Anniversary of Wyoming Seminary, occurring on the 22d, 23d and 24th of June, 1868.

The students, throughout a most rigid examination, evinced a readiness to answer, and familiarity with the studies in which their proficiency was tested, highly commendatory of their application and ability, as well as the thoroughness and skill of their teachers.

Entire freedom from that austerity which tends to embarrass, and a kindly, conciliating manner and address characterized the Professors in their intercourse with their classes, which was truly admirable.

Throughout the entire Examinations, and Anniversary exercises, nothing seemed to be done merely pro forma—no salutatory—no valedictory—no hackneyed Latin sentences in conferring degrees—no Latin oration—noting comic among the nineteen essays and speeches which delighted the audience.

Throughout there was a striking correspondence between the highly suggestive themes and the well wrought essays and orations, every one keeping to the text, and evincing decided talent. There was not a single failure. The gentlemen spoke remarkably well, had no prompter, and exhibited no hesitancy, embarrassment nor haste. The ladies read with commendation clear and distinct, without apparent trepidation, self-possession and dignified. The style and diction throughout, would have done credit to any of our colleges. The interest awakened in the beginning was fully sustained to the close. The essays and orations were all original, and of such uniform excellence that discrimination is not deemed advisable.

The music, whether vocal or instrumental, was of high grade, and the thrilling effect of its harmony and science upon the appreciative multitude was answered by frequent, emphatic applause—of which it was the more deserving, being wholly from the resources of the Seminary. We enjoy the music of a good brass band, but we look upon this arrangement as in excellent taste, and worthy of unqualified commendation. We cannot speak in too high praise of the department of music in this institution.

The drawings and paintings, the handwriting of the pupils, showed a high order of talent and superior instruction.

The most admirable order prevailed the whole Seminary exercises. Every student was ready and in place at the proper time, and the concert movement advanced without friction or confusion, like beautiful, perfect machinery. The three hours occupied in the morning passed without indications of fatigue—and apparently to the audience, as to us, they were hours of unmingled pleasure.

The able Anniversary Address, by Rev. H. Mattison, D. D., in the afternoon, was listened to with profound attention. Deeply American, well conceived, well arranged and forcible, and uttered in his own eloquent impressive style, it was frequently interrupted by applause.

Then followed the very appropriate, excellent and touching address of the talented Principal, Dr. Nelson, to the graduating class of ladies. It came from a noble heart, and many tears evinced the judgment it had made in other hearts.

In contemplating the graduating class and others identified with the exercises of the occasion, the thought occurred, that if the worthy chief and his learned assistants had made their own selection from the thousands they could not have succeeded better in commending their own taste and skill, or in contributing more to the interest of the Anniversary.

Christian education is unquestionably vital to the permanency and continued progress of our civil institutions. It is, indeed, a trite aphorism, that they depend for their permanency upon "the virtue and intelligence of the people." Every patriot, therefore, must be a friend of Christian education, and Wyoming Seminary, in this connection, is a blessing to our country, a splendid monument to the wisdom, perseverance and liberality of Wyoming Conference, and an honor to the church in general.

The very extensive, beautiful and commodious buildings; the crowded halls; the glorious results—moral, religious and literary—developed in the history of the Institution, and the inspiring prospect of enlarged usefulness afford conclusive proof of the ability, efficiency and fidelity of the patrons and managers of the Institution, and great cause for gratitude.

The Commercial College, connected with the Seminary, and under the superintendence of Prof. L. L. Sprague, with its telegraphs, bank and various offices, and complete appointments throughout, furnish superior advantages to all wishing to acquire a thorough business education.

N. B. The Fall Term of the Seminary and Commercial College will commence August 12, 1868.

JOHN A. GERE, D. C. OLMSTEAD, E. L. HILF, AS. BROOKS, C. L. RICE, W. F. DENNIS, T. H. B. LEWIS, H. B. PAYNE.

There is quite a lively time going on in Luzerne county for the Democratic nominations. The names of Samuel Van Loan, Daniel F. Seybert, ex-Sheriff Paterlach, Nathan Westler, and Col. Rhoades, are among the most prominent for the office of Sheriff. There are some three or four persons named for State Senator. Samuel Turner, it would seem, has the inside track

THE NEW POST OFFICE LAW.

The post office law just passed by Congress contains some important changes in the mode of conducting the business of the department, and as all our readers are more or less interested in sending and receiving letters and newspapers, we publish some of the provisions of the new law for their information. The law provides that all letters on which the name of the sender is endorsed shall be returned to him if not called for within thirty days; it doubles the compensation of postmasters for the payment of money orders, but reduces the fees on the same. It permits weekly newspapers sent to regular subscribers in the county where published to be delivered free of postage from the post office nearest the place of publication; it also authorizes the issue of duplicate money orders. This law also makes it a felony of high character to use postage stamps a second time knowingly, and authorizes the Postmaster General to prescribe a uniform for letter carriers, and makes it a misdemeanor for any one else to wear the same.

The army worms have left this city.—N. Y. Tribune. How do you like that, soldier-citizens, you who fought under Blair, Hancock, Franklin, Ewing, Slocum, Averill, Baldy Smith, Knipe, Ent, and others, who attended the New York Soldiers' Convention? Horace Greeley, the bail of Jeff. Davis, the negotiator for a "dishonorable peace" with rebel commissioners in Canada, east this cowardly slur upon the bravest and best officers of the army, and in the same breath asks you to vote for his automaton, Grant! What do you say "army worms"?—Harri-volney Patriot.

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