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HON. JACOB FRY, Jr.

As the time is rapidly approaching when the Democracy are to select a standard bearer for the next-Gubernatorial contest in this State, it is essential that the Democracy of this county should be prepared to indicate their choice amongst the distinguished names suggested for this position. Among all the various persons presented to the consideration of the convention soon to assemble no one has stronger claims, and certainly no one in all the State is better calculated to rally the full and united strength of the party and carry it through the conflict with success, than the Hon. Jacob Fry, Jr., of Montgomery county. His intimate practical acquaintance with the resources of the State, with his wealth and prodigious capacities, his deep, sincere and patriotic devotion to her interests, render him peculiarly fit for the position of Governor of this great, conservative commonwealth, and his high moral worth and universal reputation for unblemished honesty, will gather around him a weight of influence, extraneous and outside of the party organization, which could not be brought to the support of any other candidate. That he will run largely ahead of the party vote, particularly in the central and Eastern portions of the State, is a fact of which I am well satisfied from observation and personal intercourse with gentlemen of all party denominations in those sections. His rigid, uniform and inflexible integrity, his stern fidelity, the soundness of his judgment, and his undoubted ability, in all positions he has been called upon to fill, give him a strong hold upon the regard and esteem of all parties and render him a peculiar favorite of the masses of the people who may regard those qualities as much more essential to a high executive functionary than brilliancy of intellect, high scholastic and classical attainments and splendor of genius which would be a great extent unfit men for the duty. The successful manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the Auditor General's department demonstrates his capacity and furnishes a sure guaranty of an intelligent, honest and faithful discharge of the duties of chief Magistrate of the State should he be elected to that position. He is a man of high moral worth, of high moral worth, of high moral worth.

Ed. Observer.

Your Washington county correspondent did not anticipate a controversy with the Professor, when he alluded to certain facts connected with the Institute at Ft. Edward. The hint was thrown out for those who might understand, with the hope that a proper corrective would be applied to the evil of which he most seriously complained. The writer was not put to the dis honorable shift of "blowing back" for want of owners. His source of information he is willing to trust still further. He heard nothing for the efficient music teacher, and is willing, for the sake of peace, to admit that his desecration of the fiddle bow were only equalled by his inordinate and ridiculous display of vanity. The case of the lady student, from Raleigh, if his memory serves him, is strictly true, and did occur in the Institute, the Professor denied to the contrary notwithstanding. A large proportion of the exhibiting class freely indulged in a rehash of stale political sentimentalism, about Bleeding Kansas, Southern Slavery, the weakness, imbecility and tyranny of the national executive, to the immense delight and manifest pleasure of the assembled hundreds in the Hall. Every actor in the drama was cheered, save two—one, a young man who essayed to say something sensible, but failed to give birth to his mighty thoughts, the other, the student, who by accident, was last in order though not least in merit. She had listened to the applause given to her classmates, and it is no great stretch of fancy to suppose she indulged in anticipations of glory to our future. In style and address equal to the best on the stage, she told of her home, mid the orange groves of the sunny south, and from her heart ascended a pure and holy prayer to him who holds the destinies of nations in his hand, for a more cordial brotherhood among the States, and the fraternal aspirations swept no cloud of sympathy. In that vast assembly none felt so poor as to her reverence. The applause evoked by that popular audience, if nothing remarkable, was very creditable to their prejudices, and if the Institute cannot control public opinion, it can free out of its exhibitions, the apple of discord, free discussion, on questions of political economy, State policy, and local prejudices, questions which have disturbed wise heads and altered councils than appears to be the qualification of such patriotic young men as the Professor appears to cherish; and by so doing remove the occasion for illiberal declamation, of favors towards candidates for distinctive honors. Such exhibitions do not evidence great intellectual qualifications, or advance the cause of the people. They are calculated to meet the disapprobation of those who pay their editors, and are their teachers, for that kind of entertainment. Public opinion expressed in an Institution is in most cases the handwork and reflex of the Institution, and as the Professor neither protesting the cause nor supporting the result, it were just to learn that the Institute is not to be a mere show.

SPEECH OF HON. WM. BIGLER.

In the United States Senate Dec. 12, 1859, on the Resolution of Mr. Mason relative to the Harper's Ferry Insurrection.

Mr. Bigler—Mr. President, I heard the remarks of the Senator from Georgia, the other day, with pain and regret. I knew them to be utterly unwarranted by the facts of the case, and that the accusation was as unjust as any accusation could be. The declaration, aside from the circumstances which surrounded it, does not give it its full force. The Senator from Georgia had for some time indulged in his peculiar description of the Opposition party and of the Abolition party in the North; and then, to my utter amazement, in round terms, without qualification, he declared that a large portion of the Democratic party at the North were as rotten on this subject as the South.

Mr. Pugh—"As corrupt."

Mr. Bigler—"As corrupt on this subject as the Republican party and the Abolitionists." "This subject." What subject? The Senator was referring to the whole scope of Abolition feeling in the North, and said that on this subject a portion of the Northern Democracy were as corrupt as the Abolitionists. Now sir, I tell him in all kindness, and without fear of contradiction, that his assertion is without any foundation in fact; the accusation is totally and entirely unjust. I say not only that no portion of the Democratic party sympathized with Brown in his atrocious outrage upon the sovereign State of Virginia, but that they do not sympathize with Abolitionism in any place whatever, or to any extent whatever. I was gratified with the Senator's disclaimer, so far as it went; but justice to his honor and to the interests of our sister States.

Mr. Iverson—Mr. President, I said that every thing in the remarks which I uttered, I gave credit to the sound portion of the Northern Democracy. I have little doubt that I have spent an hour of my time for every minute he has spent, and I do not intend to sit here and hear imputations so unjust and untrue as he has uttered, without repelling them in the most emphatic terms. Sir, the Northern Democracy stood like a bulwark between the South and a powerful organized party that manfully sought to extend the institution of slavery to the Territories. We are now assailing the Democratic party every day on the ground that they are subservient to the South—that they are pro-slavery men—that they seek to extend the institution of slavery to the Territories. We are now assailing the Democratic party every day on the ground that they are subservient to the South—that they are pro-slavery men—that they seek to extend the institution of slavery to the Territories.

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letter, in relation to the veracity of its Representative in the Republican State convention, says it "cannot discover that His Excellency contradicts Mr. Lowry in any important particular," and therefore the Editors of that paper think we have certainly failed to make a point against his (our) former friend. This was not a point on the part of the *Observer*, it is not at all strange. There are two species of dogs in this world—one licks the hand that smites it, and the other licks and stands upon its reserved rights when the whip is applied to its back. The *Observer* belongs to the former species. There are two men on this continent, the *Observer* and the *Republican*. The latter is a man of letters and a man of letters, and he is a man of letters. The *Observer* is a man of letters and a man of letters, and he is a man of letters.

DEMOCRAT.

The WAYNE GUARDS.—We were delighted the other day at Warren with the appearance of this splendid Military Company from Erie. We saw some fine Companies at old Concord last September, but saw no Company superior to the "Wayne Guards." They are all as fine looking fellows as one sees in a lifetime. In short they are the elite of Erie. The Company is under the command of Capt. McVey, than whom we have never seen a better officer or a more pleasant gentleman.—*Journalist*.

The above is indisputably said and well deserved; but the paragraph which immediately followed it, but which we have omitted, in relation to Gen. Wilson, is unworthy of the *Democrat*. Gen. Wilson is an old and tried soldier and a gentleman of many good qualities of head and heart, but he is not a Democrat, nor is he a Democrat. He is not a Democrat, nor is he a Democrat. He is not a Democrat, nor is he a Democrat.

JOY AND AFFLICTION.

In less than one month after Gen. Pierce had received the announcement that he had been chosen President of the United States in 1852, his only child, a promising boy, was killed at the side of his father and mother by the upsetting of a railroad car. On the third day succeeding the election of Fernando Wood to the Mayoralty of New York city—the most joyous event, probably, in the whole course of Mr. Wood's life—his wife was struck by the hand of death and passed to that bourne whence no traveler returns. Within less than four weeks of the time for the inauguration of Hon. John Leitch as Governor of Virginia, his second son, an interesting youth of ten years of age, was taken from him, he having died on the 5th instant of lockjaw.

WOMAN'S LOVE—A BEAUTIFUL INCIDENT.

Six years ago, says the Milwaukee *Gazette*, a young man just entered on life, under the influence of the most atrocious crime against society, was tried in that city, convicted and sent to Waupun, where he served out his time behind the prison bars. Before his trial a girl had promised to marry him, but she had fled to the West, and he had to her. But she loved him. All through his six years of his life she had been with a true woman's heart, she believed him innocent—innocent, at least, before she had seen him. She had been steadily waiting, her heart ever pointing to the future. Long were the years to him—Slow passed the hours. Seconds were minutes, minutes were hours, hours were days, days were weeks, weeks were months, months were years like ages. Every tolling of the prison-bell struck deep into his heart and every sun-dial took another thousand from the long sky. Nor were the hours weary to her. Hope, that ever glowed in her heart by day, and rested in the pillow by night. Some there were who laughed at her holy love, who sneered at her as a prisoner's wife, who said she was a fool. But little it mattered to her what they said. She saw but the honest soul that might be saved, or lost, and woman that she was, never ceased to hear their prayers.

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