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DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION

FOR GOVERNOR,

HENRY D. FOSTER,

OF WESTMORELAND CO.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

ELECTORS AT LARGE.

RICHARD VAUX, GEO. M KEIM.

DISTRICT ELECTORS

1 Fred. A. Server,
2 Wm. C Patterson,
3 Joseph Crockett,
4 J G Brenner,
5 G. W. Jacoby,
6 Charles Kelley,
7 O P James,
8 David Schall,
9 J. L. Lightner,
10 S. S. Barber,
11 T. H Walker,
12 S. S. Winchester,
13 Joseph Laubach,
14 Isaac Reckhow
15 Geo. D. Jackson,
16 J. A Aiel,
17 J. B. Danner,
18 J R. Crawford,
19 H N Lee,
20 J B Howell,
21 N P. Fetterman,
22 Samuel Marshell,
23 William Book,
24 B D Hamlin,
25 Gaylord Church

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET

For Congress.

GEN. E. C WILSON

For President Judge

RASSELAS BROWN, Warren county

For Assembly,

P. G. STRANAHAN of Union

E CAMPHAUSEN, of Millcreek

For Prothonotary

HENRY BALL, of Girard

For Register and Recorder

JAMES LYTLE of Erie

For Commissioner

ISAAC M WHITE, of Warerford

For Coroner.

D M WOOD, of Elk Creek

For Auditor.

DAVID M. MERRILL, of North East.

Judge Brown Nominated.

The Judicial Conferees of this Congressional District met at Brown's Hotel in this city on Friday, and unanimously nominated Hon. Rasselas Brown, of Warren, as the Democratic candidate for President Judge. Judge B. was appointed by Gov. Packer, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Galbraith, and has proved himself a capable and popular officer. His nomination politically and otherwise, is one eminently fit to be made, and if the question of the election of a Judge could be decided upon merit, instead of politics we have no doubt he would be elected by a large majority. Even our cotemporary, of the *Gazette*, acknowledges that Judge B has "discharged his duties in an acceptable manner," and this we apprehend is the verdict of every one having business with the Court. But the "dirty pool of politics" must be stirred up wiih this question, and the aspirants for Judical honors made to run the gauntlet of partizanship. Judge Brown will poll the Democratic vote, and draw largely from that class who think with us that it was an unfortunate day when Pennsylvania changed her constitution so as to make a Judge elective.

Gen. Wilson Nominated for Congress.

In the proper place, in our paper to-day, our readers will find the name of Gen. E. C. Wilson, of this city announced as the Democratic nominee for Congress—the Conferees of Erie and Crawford having unanimously put him in nomination for that position on Friday of last week, at a meeting held in this city. In raising his name we desire to express our gratification, not only with the nomination itself, but also with the energy the General has entered upon the canvass. Upon being notified of the fact that he was selected to bear the Democratic banner in the district, he promptly invited Hon. E. Babbitt, the Republican candidate, to meet him upon the stump, and discuss the issues between the two parties. The correspondence between the two gentlemen will be found elsewhere, where it will be seen that Mr. Babbitt as promptly declined, thus adding another evidence of the truth of the adage that "discretion is the better part of valor." The excuse offered by Mr. B.—namely, his private affairs—we look upon as no excuse at all. What has the private affairs of any candidate to do with his time when public affairs demand his attention. But Mr. B. thinks probably that as the district is largely Republican, and his election certain, he may "turn an honest penny" with his "private affairs," and let his reputation take care of itself. It may be that he has made a mistake, it may be that the people may demand at the ballot box that candidates for important office shall not hereafter "sneak" behind their "private affairs" and their "age," in order to avoid just responsibility. But we will not enlarge upon this point, as Republican candidates of all grades appear to be wonderfully afraid of public discussion this year—Babbitt and Curtin have both shown the "white feather" when least expected, the former in refusing to meet his peer when called out, and the latter, after boasting all over the State that he had challenged Gen. Foster to a public discussion, when in fact he had been challenged and declined.

Of the qualifications of Gen. Wilson for the position to which his party has nominated him, there can be no question. Added to a pleasing address, courteous and popular manners, he is a very eloquent and effective speaker, and will carry into the canvass a determination to succeed, if success is possible He is a lawyer by profession—is the present Adjutant General of the State—was a member of the Revenue Board three years ago from Venango county, which position he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. In politics, Gen. Wilson was a whig, so long as there was a whig party; but when that organization became extinct, and was succeded by a Sectional Abolition party, he joined the democracy, and is now one of its most enthusiastic members

☞ We are authorised to announce G. H. Wagner, Esq., of Harborcreek, as an Independent Candidate for County Treasurer. Mr. W. is a moderate Republican—believes a white man is quite as good as a negro—thinks Democrats have rights that Republicans ought to respect, even in Erie county—and, if elected, will make a responsible and gentlemanly officer. As Gen. Killpatrick is out of the road, we intend to vote for him, and hope every Democrat in the county will go and do likewise More anon!

Senator Douglas in Erie.

Senator [illegible] in accordance with the announcement made in this paper two weeks ago His reception was participated in by Democrats without distinction of Presidential preferences, and we are glad to say was altogether worthy of the party The day was not propitious for a large turn out as it alternately rained and hailed with occasional snatches of sun shine; still the attendance was large enough to indicate the enthusiasm for the "little giant" which no one can deny animates a large proportion of the Northern voters. We are not among those who believe the Democratic party ought to be wrecked to gratify the ambition of one man, and that man Senator Douglas, but we are among those who think it eminently proper and right that when a gentleman like him comes among us and proposes to discuss political questions he should be received with that hospitality and respect befitting his position Such a reception was accorded to Mr Douglas on Friday That he did not appreciate the motives of many who honored him with their presence, and had the bad taste, to call it by no harsher name, to stigmatize them as "traitors" and "disunionists," too unworthy for his pure followers to affiliate with, simply because they prefer another Democrat to himself is a fact lamentable for his sake more than for the sake of those assailed We, and others who believe as we do, did our duty in listening to him patiently—in countenancing him with our presence—and in November we shall do our duty also by voting for the Reading electoral ticket—a ticket framed and endorsed by a State Convention representing the Democracy of the State and sanctioned since by the voice of nine tenths of the Democratic press, and by almost every county convention of the party

We say it was in bad taste for Senator Douglas to assail the friends of Mr Breckenridge in Pennsylvania as "disunionists" and "traitors"—nay more, it is the merest demagogueism to do so, unworthy of any man, and least of all one seeking the united suffrage of the Democratic party As a Democratic journalist, looking neither to the right nor to the left, but to the welfare of the Democratic party always, we have endeavored to treat Mr Douglas and his friends fairly, but when he comes here and assails the organization of the party in the State—tells his followers, in so many words, that they must not vote for the regular electors nominated at Reading, because they are "disunionists" and "traitors," who, to defeat Lincoln, may deem it right to vote for another Democrat than himself, we hurl back his dictation, and in the name of the Democracy of the county tell him that "we will manage our own affairs in our own way," subject only to the usages of the Democratic organization of the State We go for popular sovereignty in Pennsylvania as well as in the territories, and hence have no objection to Mr Douglas managing his party in Illinois, but when he commits us to the tender mercies of John W Forney and Master Dick Halderman in Pennsylvania, and commands us to obey their mandates under the penalty of being read out of the party as "disunionists" and "traitors," we beg respectfully to rebel

There never has been a better state of feeling prevailed in the ranks of the Democratic party in this county than the present—and if demagogues would let us alone we would give a good account of ourselves in October and November. That we will do so in October, we haven't a doubt, and if the people could be delivered from politicians there would be a perfect fusion in November. Opposition to Lincoln is the watch-word among the people, and opposition to Lincoln ought to be the watch-word among the politicians; but unfortunately for this state of good feeling "straight out" electoral tickets are formed under the advice of such sublime patriots as Forney and Halderman, and these "straight outs" appear to have the countenance of Mr Douglas And this, too, in the face of the wishes of nine-tenths of his party in this State, against the protest, in fact, of every friend he has in the Commonwealth whose opinions are worth any thing, and whose support is not the result of a price. Even Mr. Douglas himself acknowledged the binding force of the nominations of the Reading Convention, by advocating the election of Gen Foster; why then does he tell his followers they must mutilate the Reading electoral ticket? Because, says he and *his* "straight outs," they will not pledge themselves to vote for Stephen A Douglas, and Stephen A Douglas alone! Very well, have the ten Bell men put upon the Douglas ticket in New York, pledged themselves to vote for him? Hardly! And yet "fusion" with "Americans" is all right in New York, but "fusion among Democrats is all wrong in Pennsylvania. And why? They are "disunionists" and traitors says Mr. Douglas! Is there a man who heard him last Friday pronounce against "fusion" who believes a word of such nonsense Does he believe it himself? No! He may persuade the Northern mind that the "disunion" sentiment may obtain a foothold at the South, but in Pennsylvania, the Keystone of the arch, never! He may persuade the Northern mind that Yancey is a traitor, but he cannot make honest Democrats believe that Forney is a patriot and an honest man, whose councils they ought to follow, and whose *ipse dixit* must be considered the law of their party organization!

In conclusion, we beg to assure our Democratic friends throughout the State, that the union sentiment among the Democracy of Erie county has not been weakened by Mr Douglas visit They listened to him respectfully extended to him the honors which his position entitled him to receive, but so far as our observation extends, went home determined to sustain the Reading electoral ticket without crossing a t or dotting an i

☞ Those of our readers who attend the Fair next week, and desire to "kill two birds with one stone" by laying in their fall supply of Goods, will find at Hayes & Jordan's an entire new assortment, embracing every thing in the line of Fancy or Staple Goods. They go upon the principle that a "nimble sixpence is better than a slow shilling," hence offer unexampled bargains to cash buyers. See advertisement next week

☞ Those of our readers visiting Warren will find the *Morrison House*, kept by M. W. Hull, the place to stop, and get the worth of your "money back"

☞ Gen Killpatrick, the Democratic nominee for Treasurer, authorizes us to withdraw his name He is very thankful for the honor of the nomination, but thinks he hasn't time to attend to the financial affairs of Erie county this year!

Erie, Sept. 26, 1860.

B. F. Sloan, Esq.,

Dear Sir—Please return my thanks, through your paper to the Democratic Convention that placed me in nomination for the office of District Attorney and say that I beg leave to decline being a candidate for that office

Yours, truly

J. ROSS THOMPSON

CONGRESS.

Correspondence between the Candidates.

Babbitt Declines to meet Wilson on the Stump.

ERIE, Sept. 24. 1860.

HON. ELIJAH BABBITT,

Dear Sir:—Having been nominated as the Democratic candidate for Congress in this district, in opposition to you, I think it proper to ask you to meet me on the stump, to publicly discuss the questions at issue in this campaign. I would suggest Erie, Meadville, Girard, Waterford, Conneautville, Edinboro, Saegertown and Linesville, as suitable localities for such a discussion; althogh any other places you may desire will be acceptable to me. As the election day is close at hand, I would suggest an immediate answer to this note. I have the honor to subscribe myself,

Yours, Respectfully,
EDWIN C. WILSON.

ERIE, Sept. 25. 1860.

GEN. E. C. WILSON.

Dear Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, informing me of your nomination as the Democratic candidate for Congress in this district, and indicating your desire to have me meet you, as you say, "on the *stump*, to publicly discuss the questions at issue in this campaign." I beg leave to assure you of my personal desire to accommodate you in any way reasonably in my power, but at this late period, when there are but two weeks to the day of the election, with a necessity, on my part, of devoting some attention to business in our court, now in session, and with constant pressing demands on my time out of court, it would be impossible for me to be with you at the several places by you suggested. Besides I have not the vanity to suppose that by joining with you in your proposed itinerating and stumping mission, I could proselyte a sufficient number of your democratic friends to my political faith to make it worth the toil, even if I had the time of accompanying you in it. And, as to Republicans of the district, I have an abiding confidence that they already fully understand the merits of "the questions at issue in this campaign." Moreover, at my period of life, I am not as ambitious of making a display as when younger I may have been, and as a younger aspirant to political honors may very properly be. Any time, therefore, which, between this and the election, I can snatch from other pressing duties, for the purpose of publicly discussing the questions at issue in this campaign, I shall devote exclusively to meetings at those places where, by existing invitations, the citizens have been pleased to indicate their desire to hear me. In being thus reluctantly compelled to decline, in this instance, accommodating myself to your wishes, I am comforted with the reflection that my doing so cannot in any degree unfavorbly affect your political prospects, because the whole district is open before you, and you are at liberty to address meetings whenever, and whereever you please, and to make all the proselytes you can. And I assure you I shall not complain, but rather rejoice to know that you are thus improving your time, and making your best possible speed over the political race course on which you have entered.

Very Respectfully, Yours, &c.,
E. BABBITT.

P. S. If you are very desirous of having a stump antagonist, I am happy to know, and to inform you, that there are in Erie, several republican gentlemen, younger, of more leisure, and capable of greater physical endurance than myself, who would be pleased to meet and discuss with you, at the places you have indicated, the political issues to which you have referred. And if it accords with your desire, I will pledge myself that one of them shall be on hand for that purpose. E. B.

ERIE, Sept. 26, 1860.

HON. E. BABBITT.

Dear Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th inst, in reply to mine of the 24th.

I regret that you decline my proposition to stump this congressional district. I think the people would have been pleased to have had a personal discussion between the candidates themselves, and I cannot but think that your private officers, which, you say, will prevent you, might for a few days, been laid aside to have afforded them this gratification.

Your proposition to send with me, in your stead, some young republican orator (whom you do not even name,) is not what I contemplated when I addressed you. You cannot delegate to others the duties which alone attach to you as the candidate of your party, and which make you the acknowledged exponent of its principles. If *you* cannot support the responsibility your positions throws upon you, and you alone, it is begging the question to refer me to the whole bevy of republican speakers and office-seekers that swarm in the city of Erie. There is a fitness in the discussion of public matters, together, by candidates for Congress that you have failed to perceive and recognize, and I must consider your note as a polite, but direct refusal, to meet me on the stump.

I will, therefore, meet the people of this district, as my friends shall designate, and should any of your ambitious followers and admirers come across me, in political discussions, I shall know how to dispose of them. I have the honor to remain,

Yours, Respectfully,
E. C. WILSON.

☞ Attention is directed to the numerous valuable premiums offered by the publisher of that long known and reliable journal, the *American Agriculturist*. The particulars are given in our advertising columns. The "baker's dozen" will interest those ready to subscribe now.

☞ The dwelling house occupied by Mr. John Graham, near the city limits, was burnt on Wednesday night, with all its contents—the family barely escaping with their lives. The loss is severe on Mr. G. How the fire originated is not known.

☞ It is said a Frenchman has inventen a new steam engine which dispenses with the bailor, chimney, and other accesories hitherto used in the construction of of such an article. This engine must be constructed on the same principle of the old lady's gun, which having neither lock, stock nor barrel, was still dangerous anyhow!

☞ Arbuckle, at the P. O., has photograph of medals all the candidates—even to the handsome "phiz" of the rail-splitter.

☞ Mr J W Duggan publishes "a card" in the *Gazette*, in which he denies that he alludeded to us when he said in his address to the Irish Adopted Citizens, that "a Democratic Editor, publishing a Democratic newspaper here in Erie, stood all day at the window of, and about the Old Court House, urging upon his friends, and others over whom he could exercise his fame-blighting influence, not to vote for Campbell, not to elect a Catholic to the office of Judge of the Supreme Court of of our Democratic Pennsylvania." Here is his denial:

"We did not allude to him, (the present Editor of the Observer) but we did allude to his co-editor at that time, and he, the present Editor, knew when he penned us down 'a liar,' whom we alluded to. He continues—"If so, we beg to inform him, *to use a mild expression*, *that he lies*."

"Now, this is cool, very cool, and very mild and gentlemanly withal. But, then this scurrilous language is best adapted to the choleric temperment of the splenetic Editor.

"It is thus he always seeks to crawl out of the fog of foul odor, in which he so often becomes enveloped."

There is one piece of advice we want to give Mr J W Duggan, and that is, when next he thrusts himself into print, to know what he is writing about. For the lack of knowledge, in this case, he has got himself into a very dirty scrape, and additional *lying* will not extricate him. Let us show him just how he has *lied*. Without any provocation, he charged first, that a Democratic Editor in Erie, in 1851, had opposed Judge Campbell because he was a Catholic. We replied that we were the only Democratic Editor in Erie at that time and that the charge was *false*. Finding that he could not substantiate his statement he seeks to cover his retreat by saying that he did not mean us, but our "co-editor," and follows up this falsehood by asserting that we knew he meant our "co-editor." Now, if Mr J. W. Duggan will refer to the files of the *Observer*, from December 1848, to the present time, he will see that there has been no "co-editor," the name of the present Editor *always* appearing as the Editor, and the name of no one else. At the time he alludes to the paper carried at its head the following: "*A. P. Durlin, & Co., Publishers, B. F. Sloan, Editor*," showing that we had no "co-editor." But, to put a final quietus to this falsehood of the "President of the Irish Lincoln Club," we now say that if he alluded to Mr. DURLIN, our co-publisher, the charge is equally *false*. Mr Durlin not only did not oppose Judge Campbell, on the ground charged, nor upon any other grounds—on the contrary he labored as zealously for him as for the other candidates on the ticket. In fact, no Democrat in this County opposed Judge Campbell because he was a Catholic, as the vote proves. Here it is: Black 2098, Campbell 2094, Lewis 2096, Gibson 2116, Lowrie 2103. The three first, is the legitimate Democratic vote; Gibson run 20 votes ahead of his ticket, on account of his previous position on the Bench, and Lowrie from 5 to 10, because of some acquaintances in the county. And now, having cut the comb of this pompous "President of the Irish Lincoln Club," by exposing his ignorance and falsehood, we advise him to go back to his plane and his doggerel, and tarry awhile before he seeks again to enter the political arena. Did he possess half as much knowledge of politics as inflated vanity, he would see the ridiculous position he has placed himself, in becoming a "leader" in a party that, in Massachusetts, has proclaimed by consttitutional enactment that a negro is worthy of becoming a citizen and a voter in one year from the time he escapes from his master's plantation, whereas an Irishman is debarred the same right seven years!

☞ The *Gazette* wants the people of Erie county to remember that Gen. FOSTER is the Attorney of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad. Very well; when they remember this, will they please remember that Col. CURTIN is the Attorney of any road that will pay *best*, and that if it had not been for him, acting through his two bosom friends in the Senate last winter, Messrs. Finney and M'Clure, the legislation asked for by the Sunbury and Erie would have been obtained, and that great work now well nigh completed. These three worthies thought they would be in power next winter, and would have an excellent opportunity of black-mailing the company then! Let the people keep this in mind, also, that no two men in the county know it better than one of the Editors of the *Gazette*, and one of the Republican candidates for the Legislature!

☞ We see that T. J. HOSKINS, an "Erie boy," is the Democratic candidate for the Legislature in the Warren district. The *Ledger* says: "Mr. H. has resided in this county but two or three years but he was born and raised in Erie county and well knows what the interests of this section of the State demand. We understand he intends to speak to the people of the county prior to the election at as many different localities as is possible." All right "Jule" go in and win!

☞ The Norristown *Register* supports Breckenridge. Mr. Acker, the editor, is Postmaster.

The Erie *Observer* supports Breckenridge. Mr. Sloan, the editor, is Postmaster at Erie.—*Harrisburg Sentinel*.

Very well; what does that prove? The editor of the Carlisle *Volunteer* is Postmaster at Carlisle. The *Volunteer* supports Douglas.

The editor of the Easton *Argus* is Postmaster at Easton. The *Argus* supports Douglas.

The Pittsburg *Post* grows fat on Government advertising. The *Post* supports Douglas.

The Harrisburg *Sentinel* is edited by Gov. PACKER's Superintendent of Public Printing. Gov. Packer wants to be U. S. Senator in place of Wm. Bigler, and the *Sentinel* supports Douglas.

The Lycoming *Gazette*, edited by Gov. PACKER's son-in-law, who holds an office under his daddy-in-law, worth a nice little plum, for which he renders no service, is for Douglas also, and as fierce as a "wet hen" in denouncing office holders.

The Warren *Ledger* is edited by one of Col. Forney's Clerks, and it supports Douglas, and "straight out" at that, like the *Sentinel*.

Yea, verily: *all* Douglas men are sublime patriots, and hate office as the devil is supposed to hate holy water. Yea, verily!

ENCOURAGING.—The Philadelphia correspondent of the New York Tribune says:

The straight out Douglas Electoral Ticket has made its appearance in good time, and is heartily welcomed by *two parties at least*. The Douglas pluck in Pennsylvania is so decided that its colors are thus nailed to the mast head, and there they will flaunt throughout the campaign.

It must be very encouraging to the straightout ticket men to learn that they do not stand alone. Their ticket is *heartily welcomed* by *two* parties—one the straight-out party, and the other the Republican party. This is quite flattering.

Conferee Meeting.

ERIE, Sept. 21, 1860

At a meeting of the Congressional Conferees of the 25th District, composed of the counties of Erie and Crawford, there were present from Crawford, Messrs. Vincent Phelps, J. K. St Clair and J. G. Burlingham, from Erie county, Messrs. John Sweeney, J J Lintz and Isaac Vantassell.

On motion, VINCENT PHELPS, of Crawford, was appointed Chairman, and J J LINTZ, of Erie, co-Secretary.

On motion, E H. Hall, of Erie Co., was substituted in place of J. Ross Thompson, who was absent, and D. V Derrickson was, on motion, added to the Crawford delegation

On motion, *Resolved*, That this meeting receive nominations for candidates for Congress Whereupon Vincent Phelps nominated Doctor Greer, of Crawford, and J. G. Burlingham, of Crawford, nominated Gen E C Wilson, of Erie.

On the first ballot each of the candidates received *four* votes

The name of Doctor GREER was then withdrawn, and Gen E C WILSON was nominated by acclamation.

On motion it was

Resolved, That D V Derrickson, Isaac Vantassell and J G. Burlingham, constitute a committee to wait upon Gen. WILSON, and inform him of the nomination, and ask his acceptance of the same

On motion, adjourned

VINCENT PHELPS, Chairman

Attest

J J LINTZ, Sec y

CORRESPONDENCE

ERIE, Sept 21, 1860

Gen E C WILSON, *Dear Sir* —At a meeting this day of the conferees of the 25th Congressional district, composed of Erie and Crawford counties, you were unanimously selected as the Democratic Candidate for Congress in said district. The undersigned were appointed a committe to inform you of your nomination, and to ask your acceptance of the same

Hoping you will acquiesce in the unanimous choice of the Democracy of this district, we crave the honor to subscribe ourselves.

Yours, respectfully,

D V DERRICKSON,
J G. BURLINGHAM,
I VANTASSELL,
Committee

ERIE, Sept 22, 1860

Messrs D V DERRICKSON,
J G BURLINGHAM, Committee
I VANTASSELL,

GENTLEMEN —Your favor of the 21st inst., communicating to me the proceedings of the Democratic conferees of this Congressional district, that they have unanimously selected me as their candidate for Congress, is now before me

This nomination is quite unexpected to me, and I am profoundly sensible of the honor which it confers I return to you, and the Democracy of the district, my thanks for their partiality, and accept of the nomination in the same spirit in which it has been tendered. In doing so I know full well the responsibility I assume, and understand distinctly the difficulties which surround the Democracy in this district, I know that the opposition here are confident of a victory from the highest office to the lowest, and boast triumphantly of receiving a large majority for their candidate for Congress This is a mere party boast, and they forget the warning maxim that "*the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong.*" The selection of law-makers for the nation involves so many questions vital to the interests of the whole Union, that no mere party strength, however strong, can force into Congress any particular individual, whose views of duty are so narrow and contracted as to be obnoxious to the conservative element of our country.— This conservative element consists in the "pith and marrow" of the old Whig party, which survives in our good old Commonwealth, and is stimulated to action when the strife of parties have led them away from the old landmarks of Jefferson, of Clay, and of Webster— throws its whole weight against sectionalism, and casts its mighty strength against those, who, for sake of office, would lay violent hands against the constitution and the laws. My opponent, (a gentleman for whom I have great respect,) is the nominee of a party which boasts of its sectionalism—a party which recognizes but one law for its guide, and but one rule for its action—which appeals for its support to northern feeling and passion—is steady in its opposition to the constitutional rights of one half of this Union, and whose whole aim and object is to bring about that "irrepressible conflict" between the North and South, which, when accomplished, is only done at the sacrifice of our glorious Union—the dismemberment of the greatest nation upon which the sun ever shone, and the total overthrow of those civil and religious institutions which are the hope of the world. I take it that these are not the views for a Congressman to entertain—these are not the duties he is required to perform, and is not the way to fulfil his oath which he takes to "*support the Constitution of the United States.*" I do not class all who are called Republicans as being Abolitionists, far from it; as I know there are thousands of men of that party in this State who dislike the doctrines held by their leaders, Seward, Giddings, Phillips, Hale, &c., &c These men, sooner or later, must leave such a party, and I feel like making an appeal to them to do it at once

For myself, I may be permitted to say that I am for the maintenance of the Constitution and the laws of our country, under every contingency, and I hold that the Judiciary of the land, ordained by the people, to be the proper tribunal to interpret the Constitution, and to give construction to the laws made in pursuance thereof. I recognize no "higher law" for the regulation of my conduct than these; and I demand protection for my own rights only, while I respect those of others. I acknowledge no "irrepressible conflict" except that between right and wrong I enter upon no crusade against the imaginary ills of the African race, nor do I desire to dictate to my Southern neighbor how he shall perform his duties to society and to his country; the *law* regulates all those things, and to that alone he is answerable.— The platform of the Cincinnati convention in 1856, contains my political creed upon all subjects, particularly that in relation to Territorial government It was endorsed by the people in the last Presidential contest, and it still remains the fundamental principles of a majority of the American people. On this platform stood the old Line Whigs in 1856, and now, in 1860, I am safe in assuming for them a similar course, with a like successful result. I believe their views and those of the Democratic party are substantially the same—at least they agree in stern opposition to those fanatical men, both North and South, who, while they profess upon their lips loyalty to the Constitution, yet harbor the demon of Disunion in their hearts, and proclaim every [illegible] the treasonable thoughts engendered [illegible] The union of these two national elements in this district will insure another triumph for the Constitution, and place another barrier to the progress of error and fanaticism. The people of Erie county, above all others, should break away from this abolition political party, and stand in proud eminence as the defender of all the people, wherever they live, over whom floats the "star spangled banner." The union of these States should be as dear to her now, as they were when her gallant sons participated in their defence under the valorous Perry. In your harbor was built that gallant fleet whose victory electrified the whole country, from Penobscot to New Orleans—and on the periodical return of the day when the British flag of St. George was lowered to the American fleet, you assemble to do honor to that day, and to renew your fidelity to your beloved country — Can you, then, citizens of Erie deliberately vote for a party, or the candidate of a party, that would give the lie to all these memories, and drive back all these feelings of patriotism? I do not believe you can I have too high a regard for your intelligence and truthfulness to think for a moment that you could do so sad a thing as this! Your history speaks for you a better end, and I feel that the promise of your early days will be redeemed by the fidelity of your people in all time to come

I am in favor of the improvement, by the general government, of the Harbors upon our Lakes. This is a subject directly connected with the duties of your Representative in Congress, and is one in which you ought to be, and no doubt are, deeply interested. I believe it to be the *duty* of Congress to make appropriations in giving facilities to the commerce of the great lakes, and the navigable waters of the West—waters over which the States have no exclusive jurisdiction, and cannot lawfully obstruct I believe that Congress has the *power* given in the Constitution to make such appropriations

The dreams, hopes, and wishes of your people, entertained for 25 years, is about being fulfilled in the completion of a railroad from the harbor of Erie to the shores of the Delaware; but while your energies are giving life and vitality to this important enterprise, you seem to have wasted but little thought upon the condition of the very harbor upon which its success mainly depend you have the only real harbor and the only safe anchorage upon the Lakes It needs the fostering hand of the general government to deepen the channel to its entrance, and to build the works necessary for its preservation and usefulness In good old times, when the people of our States lived in amity one with another—in those days when the Golden Rule was regarded—when the wooly head of the negro had not yet clouded the reason and hardened the heart of the Northern people—when abolitionism was looked upon as the eccentricities of weak minded men I say in those days, some attention was given to the commercial interests of your harbor, and appropriations were obtained from Congress, and expended under its authority But now, in the light that the progress of years shed upon us, amid the great facilities for trade and commerce that modern skill and science have strewn around us, in the annihilation of time and space by the telegraph and locomotive, of which an improved harbor can give us the advantage, we must needs sit down and wait, as patiently as we can, until our legislators at Washington settle the impractible question whether the negro shall be placed upon the same footing as the white man, and whether the Constitution shall be disregarded to effect this and kindred objects These and similar questions occupy the attention of your legislators, and until this incubus is banished from the halls of Congress—until your representatives are chosen from some other motive than philanthropy for the negro—until you enjoin upon him some higher duties for his observance, and some better task to employ his skill and talent—then, and only then, can you hope to secure your share of the public money, in building up your harbor, and making it a source of wealth and profit to your whole community.

I am in favor of such a tariff as will give adequate protection to American manufacture — I am in favor of a Railroad to the Pacific to be built by the general government I am in favor of such a disposition of the public lands as will give a free home to the actual settler. I am in favor of a recognition, in a substantial way, of the services of those who have fought in defence of our country I am opposed to the interference of any nation of Europe in the affairs of Mexico, or any where else on this continent. I am opposed to the right of search of our vessels for any reason. I am in favor of a reduction of the expenditures of the government, and the economical administration of public business I am in favor of cheap postage, and giving proper mail facilities to every part of the country I am opposed to any change in our laws naturalizing foreigners but would give them all a welcome to a free government, and comfortable homes.

These are briefly, gentlemen, my views upon public matters, and should I be elected, will be the basis of all my votes in Congress I ask no man's vote except upon pure principle—I would rather be defeated than to give up, for a single instant, those long-cherished principles, which I humbly believe to be the true theory upon which all governments should be administered. I have the honor to remain,

Your obedient servant,

EDWIN C. WILSON

☞ The Democrats of Wayne township perfected their organization the other day by forming a FOSTER CLUB, with the following board of officers: D W Howard, President, D. Storer and S. Steadman, Vice Presidents, G. W Spencer and R. J Osburn, Secretaries and A. J Place, Treasurer A vigilance committee was also appointed, consisting of R. B Adams, Philander Miller, Wm. Moore, Elijah Hill, Rufus Bassett, D S Spencer, D C Kennedy, H D Francis, Wm Carrier, Octavus Abbey, W. L. Shortman, and Lewis Robbins A resolution was also passed pledging the Club to use its best endeavors to secure the election of Gen HENRY D. FOSTER, and, also, approving of the action of the State Central Committee at Cresson. Will other townships go and do likewise?

☞ The Conneautville *Courier* is in a "peck of trouble" to get a "satisfactory report" of the Douglas meeting here on Friday last, and complains because the *Observer* of Saturday contained none. The *Courier* man is wise in his own conceit, but in the opinion of every body else, "there is more hopes of a fool than of him." Like all weekly papers, the *Observer* is put to press in the afternoon previous to its date, and could not have contained an account of the Douglas meeting, unless it had made one in anticipation If it will do the *Courier* any good, we can assure it that Mr. Douglas was received with more real enthusiasm, and, in proportion to the notice given, was welcomed by a larger crowd in proportion than greeted the Republican Speakers here on the 12th

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☞ We wrote a paragraph several weeks since, which, by some mishap, was mislaid, stating that by the census returns, the township of Millcreek, adjoining the city, contained a population of a fraction over 5100. We have not the returns of 1850, but we apprehend this township will show almost as rapid an increase as the city

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☞ The Crawford *Journal* has news "from the east" that there is to be another Democratic candidate in the field for Governor soon, as the Douglas men are not satisfied with FOSTER This "news" was received by the first train over the "A. & G. W." Railroad to Meadville, expressly for the *Journal*—at all events, no other journal has the "news."

☞ We rather think the Prince, over whom all Yankeedom is just now agog, is one of the "b'hoys." It is said that at Niagara Falls he dressed in disguise, and with the young midshipman who is his companion, stole away from the Duke of Newcastle and circulated freely in the crowd, hearing what was said of him, and seeing how the people acted, without the restraint to which he has been subjected.

MARRIAGES.

On the 11th inst., in Cambridge City, Ia., by Rev. Mr. Hersty, Mr THOS B. BROOKS, of that place, and Miss MAGGIE A M'LANE of Erie.

In North East, on the 26th, by Rev J O Fisher, Mr. D. G. CALDWELL, and Miss M R. HITCHCOCK, all of that place

On the 15th inst., by Rev J O Fisher, Mr ALEXANDER BURROWS, of Riply, Chaut Co., N. Y., to Miss LUCY C WILCOX, of North East.

On the 20th inst., by Rev J O Fisher Mr WESLEY CHAMBERS to Miss ADELIA BUNNELL, both of Harborcreek

☞ HOW MUCH LONGER will [illegible] and use impure or inferior Saleratus [illegible] perfectly pure and reliable Sale[illegible] you no more than the other [illegible] you may require [illegible] package of that manufactured [illegible] Co and we are confident [illegible] greatly pleased with it [illegible] grocers and storekeepers, and [illegible] grocers wholesale [illegible] Manufac[illegible] sale at wholesale by D B De Lan[illegible] the Fairport Chemical Works F[illegible] Co N Y

☞ All should read Prof [illegible] tisment in another column

Special Notices.

☞ WE ARE AUTHORIZED [illegible] nounce [illegible] PENDENT Candidate for Register [illegible] to the vote of the people

☞ PRINTING INK

PRINTERS will please [illegible] best article of NEWS INK ever [illegible] H. KEELER & SON, New Haven [illegible] fice, for 22 cts. per pound [illegible] there is any other [illegible] furnish as good an ar[illegible]

This Ink is used in printing the *Observer* [illegible] *Press and Spectator* [illegible] *Record* [illegible] *Journal* and *Republican*, Mea[illegible]

☞ DR. VALPEAU'S CANKER[illegible]

The Greatest Disco[illegible] almost instantaneous cure [illegible] or stomach, resulting from [illegible] or any other cause [illegible] sores of all kinds, impure breath [illegible]

It is the best purifier [illegible] offered to the public

To whiten and preserve the teeth [illegible] it will instantly remove all tartar a[illegible] stances, and leave the teeth as white a[illegible]

It is entirely free from all poisonous [illegible] be given to an [illegible] with perfect safety

It is a valuable article for every family [illegible] house, as it will remove pain from cuts [illegible] than any thing known We will warrant [illegible] faction in every case Price 25 cents [illegible]

J BURRILL & Co, Proprietors, [illegible] York.

Sold in Erie, by [illegible] Carter & Bro., Park Row

☞ MRS. WINSLOW, an exper[illegible] and female physician, has a [illegible] children teething, which greatly facilitates teething by softening the gums reducing a[illegible] —will allay all pain and is sure to regula[illegible] Depend upon it, mothers, it will give rest and relief and health to your infants [illegible] all cases See advertisement in another [illegible]

☞ BURRILL'S TURKISH LINIM[illegible]

The recipe for making this celebrat[illegible] was obtained by a gentleman while [illegible] Empire, a few years since While there [illegible] use upon horses, and so remarkable [illegible] concluded to purchase the recipe [illegible] own use, if nothing more [illegible] try, he made some, and tried it [illegible] ings, rheumatism, bruises, etc [illegible] speedily than any article ever [illegible] quainted with the gentleman [illegible] have made and used it with grea[illegible] he I had never been told of its [illegible] matism, Sprains, Chilblains, Pai[illegible] Cramps, Swelled Face, Sore Thr[illegible] ache, or Swellings of every kind [illegible] For Horses Sprained, Chafed, Win[illegible] etc., it is the most valuable med[illegible] prietor, knowing full well its merits, a[illegible] agent to refund the money where [illegible] not given. A large number of cert[illegible] if necessary, but one trial will satis[illegible] It is perfectly safe to take inwardly [illegible] Cramp. The Liniment is for sale [illegible]

J BURRILL & CO., Proprietors, [illegible] New-York Sold in Erie, [illegible] House, and Carter & Bro., Park R[illegible]

☞ RELIEF IN TEN MIN[illegible] BRYAN'S PULMONIC WAFE[illegible]

The most certain and speedy remedy ever [illegible] all Diseases of the Chest and Lungs Coughs [illegible] ma, Consumption, bronchitis, Influenza, [illegible] cult Breathing, Sore Throat, &c., &c.

THESE WAFERS give the most instant [illegible] perfect relief and when persevered with [illegible] rections, never fail to effect a rapid a[illegible] Thousands have been restored to perfect [illegible] tried other means in vain. To all classes [illegible] tutions they are equally a blessing [illegible] despair, no matter how long the disease [illegible] ed or however severe it may be [illegible] structure of the vital organs is not [illegible]

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MORRISON HOUSE

Corner of Second and Market Street [illegible] Exchange Warren Pa

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ARE RECEIVING

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THE ERIE COUNTY FAI

WILL BE HELD ON

Wednesday, Thursday and Fri[illegible]

The 3d, 4th, and 5th of O[illegible]

NOTICE.

THE ERIE COUNTY AGRIC[illegible] SOCIETY offers the following a[illegible] to those published in the regular list

To the best Bands of Music playing [illegible] vals on the 4th and 5th of October, 1st [illegible] Premium, $5, and admission free during [illegible]

To the Stallion, Gelding or Mare [illegible] *trotting against time*

	18 Entries	12 Entries	8 En
1st Prem	27 00	23 00	15
2d "	15 00	12 00	
3d "	9 00	6 00	

Entry Fee, $3 00

To the Stallion, Gelding or Mare *walking against time*

	15 Entries	12 Entries
1st Prem	9 00	7 00
2d "	[illegible]	4 00
3d "	[illegible]	2 00

Entry Fee, $1 00

Erie, Sept 26, 1860 BY ORDER

AT AUCTION

ON WEDNESDAY, [illegible] [illegible] BUILDING [illegible] deep, [illegible] 40 feet wide [illegible] Hugh[illegible] State Street, betwe[illegible] will be offered at Public Sale, on the above [illegible] P M

TERMS—One quarter down, and the [illegible] annual payments [illegible] sept29—17

OYSTERS! OYSTERS

HAVING accepted the A[illegible] to sell OYSTERS of Messrs. [illegible] NISS & Co., I am now [illegible] supply daily of the choicest k[illegible] Dealers and others on the most [illegible]

N. B.—A liberal discount made [illegible]

A. Wild's Independent Market [illegible]

sept29—17mo.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERS[illegible]

NOTICE is hereby give[illegible] nership lately subsisting [illegible] Jacob Gabel, was dissolved on [illegible] 1860, by mutual consent All de[illegible] to be paid within thirty days, af[illegible] go into the hands of a Justice [illegible] demands on the sa[illegible] length of time

sept29—17

AN INSTITUTE

FOR [illegible] commence [illegible] and continue [illegible] Thompson [illegible] distinguished teachers of [illegible] to conduct the [illegible]

Distinguished [illegible] evenings of the session [illegible] [illegible] interest [illegible] who may a[illegible]

It is earnestly de[illegible] education throughout the county their presence and co-operation [illegible] the Institute [illegible]

Springfield, [illegible] 1860

OYSTERS! OYSTERS

L. B. PLATT & Co. [illegible] COMPETITION [illegible] facilities of this house [illegible] that they are well prepared [illegible] of '60 and 61. There [illegible] between Brown's Hotel and [illegible] of the celebrated Balti[illegible] kegs and cans, fresh from the [illegible] and Parties supplied. Persons [illegible] dering, will receive [illegible] they will be found [illegible]

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