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Democratic County Convention.

The Democratic County Convention met in Wayne Hall, on Tuesday afternoon, at two o'clock, and was called to order by Wm. A. Galbraith, Esq., Chairman of the County Committee.

President—Hon. Selden Marvin, Erie. Vice-Presidents—Watts B. Lloyd, Waterford; F. W. Koehler, Mill Creek.

Secretary—Capt. D. W. Hutchinson, Girard; Benjamin Whitman, Erie. The list of delegates was read over, as follows: Erie—1st District—C. M. Tibbals, Benj. Whitman; 2d District—J. M. Kuhn, C. W. Stuart; 3d District—W. C. Warren, P. P. Lohel; 4th District—Hon. Selden Marvin, Wm. A. Galbraith.

Mill Creek—Wilson Laird, F. W. Koehler, Thos. Davidson, Christian Thomas, Ferdinand Shultz. Fairview—Thomas J. Fargo, Samuel Pettit, M. Oney.

Girard—Capt. John M. Gray, Capt. D. W. Hutchinson. Lookport—Gardner Cooper, William Tyler, John Doolittle.

Conneaut—Alden Pomeroy, Bebi. Brown, Nelson Sawdy. Albion—C. E. Lincoln, W. M. Brownell. Elk Creek—Wm. Sherman, Patrick Grace, M. P. Maxen.

Waterford—Robert Davis, Watts B. Lloyd, B. F. Whitney. Summit—W. A. Bean, John Buys. Greene—Martin Pinsky.

Harbor Creek—Samuel Potter, John McLean. North East—H. R. Porter, A. J. Nash, Wm. H. Hall.

Vanango—Wm. Blore, W. W. Benjamin. Waterburg—Eli Duncanson, H. McLean. Concord—Heman Heath, James G. Davis, A. A. Hammond.

Union township—Louis H. McLean, D. O. Carle, Chas. Breed. Union borough—P. K. Webber, Channoy Lewis.

seceding State is de jure still in the union, and has only to signify its desire by a majority of its citizens to return to its allegiance to the Constitution by compliance with the provisions of the Constitution, in order to entitle it to the same political status it occupied before the so-called ordinance of secession was passed.

Resolved, That in Gen. Geo. B. McClellan we recognize the skillful and veteran commander, the wise, patriotic and modest defender of the integrity of our union, the honest man who would not bow the knee to Baal, nor worship at the shrine of power, who because he would not consent to be a tool of the administration to carry out doctrines offensive alike to his honor as a man and his loyalty to the Constitution, was proscribed; by the party in power and shamefully degraded from the position which the confidence of the country and the soldier had placed him in, and the Democracy of Erie county are proud to hail him as the bearer of that standard upon which are inscribed the immortal words: "The Constitution as it is and the union as it was must and shall be preserved and maintained in their integrity."

Capt. D. W. Hutchinson, of Girard, was unanimously chosen Chairman of the County Committee for the ensuing year, and made a neat speech in return for the compliment. The President being authorized to appoint the balance of the Committees, selected the following: Wilson Laird, Wm. A. Galbraith, David Olin, Isaac R. Taylor, H. Campbush, J. M. Kuhn, Robert Leslie, H. R. Porter.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

We have often met with men who had forgotten that they owed us, but we never met with any whom we were indebted to, who forgot it.

Boy wanted at this office to learn the trade, to whom good wages will be given. One who has been at the business some time preferred.

We are indebted to Mr. G. S. Berry, Assistant Clerk of the State Senate, for a copy of the "Reports of the Railroad Companies of Pennsylvania," a valuable document.

The last Gazette urges its friends to make party nominations for the different ward, borough and township elections soon to take place.

The managers of the Erie Co. Agricultural Society have decided to hold a Fair, some time in the fall, upon the old grounds near this city.

Sparta township, Crawford county, the Democrat says, has elected a Democratic township ticket by seventy majority. Judge Woodward's majority was only two.

The members of the 11th regt. and Independent Battery B, were each presented with a needle book and pair of mittens, before their departure, through the Ladies' Aid Society of our city.

The Buffalo Post makes some remarks on the subject of public letters, which will suit our locality quite as well as that for which they were written: "We have at home here, gentlemen far more capable of instructing and entertaining an audience than many of the distinguished lecturers from abroad, who have been liberally paid for very indifferent performances. It does not admit of denial that many of those worthless styled 'popular lecturers,' are the veriest humbugs."

We are requested to announce that Rev. Dr. Forrester will deliver his lecture on Stephen A. Douglas, in the Methodist church of North East, on Saturday evening, the 27th inst. This lecture we know that Dr. F. regards as his best literary production, and we assure our friends in North East and vicinity, that, unless it has been materially changed since we heard it, it is well worth hearing.

The weak, says a contemporary, are generally the most intolerant. If a man is engaged in a bad cause he cannot bear to have argued on the opposite side. The instance of weakness is started at the first approach of danger, and the most vigorous onslaughts are made on the slightest obstacles. When we know we are right we can afford to listen to the argument of others, because our position is impregnable.

We are gratified to learn that Mr. O. McLaren, formerly of this city, has an eight or ten in the new flowing well opened on the U. W. McClintock Farm, which is now running 200 barrels a day. If this rate of supply keeps on, our friend McLaren will be quite a millionaire at the end of a year. We know of no person whom we would rather see in the possession of such a lucky "strike."

Pensions, Bounties, Arrears of Pay, &c., can be procured by the Widows, Orphans, and next of kin of those who have died in the service of the United States; also, by Soldiers and Seamen who are disabled by wounds or disease contracted, upon application to G. P. GARRETT, Licensed Military and Naval Claim Agent. Office in the Common Council Room, Wright's Block, corner State and Fifth sts., (under the Dispatch office), Erie, Pa.

We have added another large stock of new type to our previous fine assortment, and are now prepared to do all kinds of plain and fancy printing in better style than ever. The Observer job office cannot be excelled in variety of type and facility of doing rapid work by any in the county, outside of the largest cities.

Oysters, says an exchange, are among the most healthful and nutritious of all the articles furnished for the table. When fresh, they are probably most nourishing when eaten raw; but they should not be "boiled down," as is the custom of some who love this bivalve. They should be thoroughly masticated, or, in other words, made to feel the teeth.

The managers of the Erie county people have concluded to exclude Troy and Oil Creek townships, Crawford county, and substitute Spring Creek, Warren county, in the Corry News claims that Mr. Lowry and "others of our representatives" in the Legislature are favorable to the new county.

Baylie Payton used to say that the city of Washington was so corrupt that the man in the moon held his nose in passing over it. We presume he avoids the locality altogether, under the present Administration.

"Small policy or principle be the standard?" asks the Schenango Times. Principle most certainly, Mr. Times, but the best of principles require a little policy at times to make them successful.

Democratization of the 83d. Written for the Observer. My dear readers, we are getting perfectly democratized, for the simple reason that we cannot have the word of God preached to us. We have a Chaplain in our camp, but what use is he? He is of no use to us, for he does not preach the word of God nor the words of the Devil. The fact is, he does not preach at all. Why can we not have some one to preach to us, or give us the money that is paid to the Chaplain for his services, and we will furnish ourselves with the word of God, and read it to those that cannot read.

Furniture & Other Property. Parties leaving the City OR going to the West, will find it profitable to apply to GEO. W. ELLIS, at No. 101 North Second Street, Erie, Pa.

Farm for Sale. The undersigned offers for sale the farm belonging to the heirs of J. Robinson, situated in the town of North East, about four miles from the city, near the Waterford Road. There is on the premises a good dwelling house and two barns, with a good orchard, and a well of good water. Also 100 acres of good wood and pasture land, situated in the town of North East, about five miles from Erie. For particulars apply to GEO. W. ELLIS, at No. 101 North Second Street, Erie, Pa.

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Volunteers and Conscripts. To SOLDIERS OR ANY OTHERS who wish to purchase a copy of the "Observer," please apply to the Editor, at No. 101 North Second Street, Erie, Pa.

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