

M'Kean County Democrat.

Thursday, September 15, 1859.

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Democratic State Nominations.
FOR AUDITOR GENERAL.
RICHARDSON L. WRIGHT,
OF PHILADELPHIA.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL.
JOHN ROWE,
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY.

District Nominations.
SENATOR.
SETH A. BACKUS, of M'Kean County.
(Subject to the action of District Convention.)

ASSEMBLY.
A. M. BENTON, of M'Kean County.
T. J. BOYER, of Clearfield County.

County Nominations.
FOR COMMISSIONER.
WATERMAN J. DAVIS.
FOR CORONER.
WILLIAM Y. MCCOY.
AUDITORS.
J. C. HAMILIN, (For three years.)
G. B. GILLET, (For one year.)

We are under obligation to Hon. J. L. Gillet for the receipt of valuable books.

In another column will be found a letter from "W." which we copy from the N. Y. Express. The writer, except his description of the village of Lafayette, and the road from Smethport thither, gives a truthful description of the country passed through.

N. S. BUTLER & Co., have again got the "One Price Regulator" in line, with her cargo complete, and have opened the campaign with a "broad-side." For particulars consult their column in the Democrat, and then "go in."

We understand that a Boot & Shoe Store has been established in this place, where it is intended to keep a complete assortment of ready made work, and also to manufacture to order.

A Sunday School Celebration came off, in Eldred township, on Thursday of last week. We did not attend, but understand that every thing connected with the affair passed off in good style, and a delightful day was passed.

The scholars of the several Sunday-Schools of the vicinity, with their parents and friends, assembled at the Eldred Hotel, in the morning, were formed in procession by Nathan Dennis, and proceeded to meet the Smethport Brass Band, which had been secured for the occasion. The whole attendance was then put under the direction of C. C. Moses, Esq., who had been selected as Marshal of the day, and proceeded to a grove, near the mouth of Knapp's Creek, where had been arranged ample conveniences for the exercises. The schools were entertained by addresses from Elders Chambers, Morris and Strickland, and enlivened by vocal and instrumental music. After partaking of an excellent repast, a procession was again formed and marched to the "Eldred House" and dismissed. Nothing happened to mar the good feeling of those in attendance, nor was anything omitted that could contribute to their enjoyment. The "Band," it is said, acquitted themselves with credit, and did ample justice to the hospitalities of the Eldred House.

The hybrid Opposition, says an Exchange, delight to enlarge upon the re-opening the African Slave Trade, and for party purposes make it a thing devoutly to be wished. Bleeding Kansas has been taken out of the way of the Republicans, who are now compelled to look abroad for another object out of which to make political capital. They now want the African Slave Trade re-opened and expect to make a perfect furor of excitement upon it, and there by be able to fill their own pockets at the expense of the people.

About two months ago, we understand, a secret meeting in Boston of prominent Republicans from all parts of the North to take measures to keep down the Democracy. The meeting resolved to enlist the monied Republicans of New England and New York in a huge movement to fit out vessels to engage in the Slave Trade. As an inducement to the monied men to invest, it was urged that three hundred per cent. per annum could be made at the business. The Republicans think to carry Slaves from Africa to our Southern States, and make money at the business and political capital, by charging the Slave dealing on the Democrats.

The Administration at Washington is, we are glad to perceive, determined to pin the wall those who are in any way connected with the Slave Trade. We see that a strong force of vessels has been sent to the coast of Africa to take all Slavers, and board all suspicious vessels. Several ships are now stationed on our Southern coast, on a vigilant look-out for Slavers, and those caught will be punished to the full extent of the law. This scheme of the Opposition to make political capital is no worse than their old hobby of "Bleeding Kansas." It was the Republicans that made Kansas bleed, but as in the instance of the Slave Trade, they blamed it on the Democrats. Can intelligent men who are not influenced by sinister motives, be again gulled by the "Republican party"? The events of the next twelve months will answer this. Deception and dishonesty will rule less in politics in the future than the past few years.

County Expenses.

In examining the county Commissioners' reports of the receipts and expenditures, going as far back as January 1858, we find that while the receipts to the treasury from taxes have increased from year to year, the increase of expenditures have more than kept pace. Thus, for the year ending January 1855, when there was a Democratic board of Commissioners, the expenses were but \$3,328; the receipts being \$7,188, leaving \$3,862 to apply toward the extinguishment of the public debt, which reduced the total indebtedness of the County, at that time to the sum of \$8,474.

Without taking up each year in detail since 1855, during which time the Commissioner's office has been in the hands of the Republicans, we take the last report—for the year ending January 1st 1859.—We find the ordinary expenses of the County had reached the startling sum of \$8,938. This report includes the sale year, which swelled the amount of receipts to the sum of \$12,609. The liabilities of the county are put down at \$7,039. It will be seen, at a glance, that the receipts do not pay the current expenses of the County, as \$4,733 of the receipts, in that report, was a reserve of unpaid taxes, leaving the receipts properly belonging to that year at \$7,976, or one thousand six hundred and eighty dollars less than the expenditures for the same year. The recklessness and extravagance (calling it by no harsh name) of Republican office-holders will make it absolutely necessary to increase the taxes—already ruinous—in order to meet the ordinary expenses of the County.

In 1852 the public buildings were completed, which cost, in round numbers, \$20,000; in 1856—three years after, the debt created by their erection was reduced, by a Democratic board of Commissioners, to \$8,474; while there has been paid since that time only \$515, and the next report must show the debt increased, leaving no hope of paying our indebtedness, or of bringing County orders to their nominal value, while the dominant party have the control of the public funds.

Will the people of M'Kean County rest quietly and see their hard-earned money squandered by their public officers on political and personal favorites, or will they look to their own interest and elect men capable, and honest enough to manage the business of the county with some regard to their interest.—With proper management, heretofore, the public debt would have all been paid, at this time, and County Orders worth their face in gold.

While we have been abroad, wool gathering, affairs at home have been badly neglected; unworthy men have controlled our offices. We say nothing against the honesty and good intentions of the incumbents themselves; but they have lacked the decision of character necessary to resist the outside pressure of designing men, to whom they owed their elevation to office, and been entirely regardless of the public interest. Nor will a change of men to fill our offices avail, unless their is a change of policy.

In W. J. Davis, for Commissioner, we have a man well qualified for the station—a shrewd business man of stern, decisive integrity, and who would apply the same energy and economy to the public affairs as he now does to his personal business. He is well known throughout the County, and is pronounced by all, the man for the place, at this juncture.

We understand the recent frosts have extended over a large extent of country, doing considerable damage to corn, buckwheat and potatoes.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The Sixth Annual Session of the M'Kean Co. Teachers' Institute will be held in Smethport, commencing on Tuesday, Oct. 11th, 1859, at 9 o'clock A. M. and will continue through the week. Arrangements have been made to make the coming session the most instructive and entertaining ever held in the county. Scientific and experienced teachers from abroad will be present and assist in conducting the exercises.—The days will be devoted to instruction in the art of teaching and the evenings to Lectures from able men on educational subjects. We desire to see every aspirant to the position of teacher present. It is expected that every true teacher in M'Kean Co. will be present and show their love for the cause by embracing all the means for improvement within their grasp. I am confident that a large share of our teachers will not be absent unless compelled to be by circumstances not under their control. Yet there are a few who avoid Teachers' Institutes and all other means for improvement. Such will soon find that the profession has no longer any need of their services.—The list of teachers in attendance will be published for the benefit of Directors in making selections for their winter schools. No pains will be spared to make the coming session both pleasant and useful.

Board can be obtained on reasonable terms. The cost of instruction will be divided among the attendants which will be but a few shillings for each. Teachers are each requested to bring a Sander's Fourth Reader, new series, L. R. WISNER, Supt. M'Kean Co. September 10th, 1859.

The English had a sham fight at Aldershot Camp, recently, in the enlivening presence of her most gracious Majesty, Victoria I., whom heaven long preserve. They successfully opposed an invisible enemy, coming from nowhere, and whose nefarious designs were prevented from fulfillment. He was supposed to come from France. We hope, and believe, too, that such is the only kind of enemy that our venerable mother will ever encounter from the land of vine clad hills.

Mrs. Harriet Potter, a well-known spiritual medium, died on Sunday, at her residence in New York, of Consumption, which it is believed was brought on by her frequently going into the trance state. She was a native of Connecticut.

To Those Interested in Mining and Mineral Lands.

W. H. BARNES offers his services for the examination of Mineral Lands in M'Kean and Elk Counties, and will give his opinion as to the VALUE OF all such lands, and will also receive all necessary and reliable information. Address at the Bunker Hill Mines, Berks Co., Pa., June 20, 1859.

INSURANCE AGENCY.
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Farmer's Union Insurance Co., Athens, Pa., Capital \$1,000,000.
Great Western Insurance Co., Philadelphia, Pa., Capital \$1,000,000.
West Branch, (Mutual) Lock Haven, Pa., Capital \$1,000,000.

Insurance can be effected in the above responsible Stock Companies by the subscriber. Any communication addressed to him, at Smethport, Pa., will meet with prompt attention. B. F. DAVIS, Agent. Smethport, Dec. 9, 1858. [40cf.]

PORK & FLOUR, WHITE FISH AND SHAD.

TALLOW & STEARINE CANDLES, WARRANTED TO STAND IN HOT WEATHER, FOR SALE AT BROWNELL'S. August 12, 1859.

TRIAL LIST FOR SEPT. TERM, 1859.
Hinds Edgell vs J. Bell
Hicks, of Feil vs J. Chadwick
James M. Miller vs Doyle & Updike
E. J. Fobes vs G. H. Moore
R. C. Hyde vs G. H. Moore
D. Kingsbury vs D. Grammer
James M. Dixon vs G. H. Moore
James Irvine vs G. H. Moore

Prætorian's Office, Samuel O. Hyde, Prætorian, Smethport, Aug. 18, 1859.

NOTICE TO ROAD BUILDERS.
A JOB OF CHOPPING, CLEARING AND GRADING TEN MILES OF THE M'Kean and Elk Co. State Road, commencing near Buena Vista, will be let in sections of a mile each on favorable terms. Apply to A. W. NEWELL, Bradford, Pa. July 20, 1859.

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50 TONS OLD CAST IRON in exchange for work, at the SMETHPORT FURNACE.

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THE SUBSCRIBER now offers to the public this Improved Straw-cutter, in full confidence that all who take the trouble to witness its operations will be convinced of its superiority over any other now in use.

A supply kept constantly on hand and manufactured to order. As no other person has the right to make or use this Cutter within M'Kean County, all who are using it in violation of the patent will be prosecuted. A. WOLTERS. Mechanicsburg, August 27, 1859.

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Inventors, Manufacturers, Farmers and Millwrights.

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SMETHPORT LIVERY STABLE.
THE SUBSCRIBER has opened a new Livery Stable in Smethport, at the residence of Dr. Wisner on King Street, three doors east of the Court House; where can be found the best of Horses and Carriages at low prices. He intends to make Smethport a permanent residence, and asks a share of patronage. A. N. SMITH. Smethport, August 24, 1859. n23f.

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