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## The Tariff of 1842.

### OPINIONS OF THE CANDIDATES.

#### HENRY CLAY. JAMES K. POLK.

Without intending to express any opinion upon every item of the Tariff, I would say that I think the provisions in the main wise and proper. ---Sept. 13, 1843. ---Letter to a Committee of Georgia Whigs.

I am opposed to the Tariff Act of the late Congress. I am in favor of repealing that act, and restoring the Compromise Tariff of March 2, 1832. ---May 15, 1843. ---Reply to citizens of Tennessee.

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The Lancaster Union and Sentinel contains two facts which should be kept before the people of this State until the second Tuesday in October. Here they are.

1st. Keep it before the people that FRANCIS R. SHUNK, the locofoco TEXAS FREE TRADE candidate for Governor of this State, has been in office at Harrisburg THIRTY-TWO YEARS, during which time he has drawn nearly or quite SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS from the pockets of the people of Pennsylvania!

2d. Keep it before the people that General JOSEPH MARKLE NEVER HELD AN OFFICE OF PROFIT IN HIS LIFE, and that he PLEDGED HIS FORTUNE TO RAISE TROOPS TO DEFEND HIS NATIVE STATE from the threatened attacks of the British and Indians, WHILE SHUNK WAS SECURELY SEATED IN HIS OFFICE AT HARRISBURG, POCKETING THE PEOPLE'S MONEY!

## FRANCIS R. SHUNK.

About the time the delegates were at Harrisburg, and before it was known in this place, that Francis R. Shunk, had been nominated as the candidate of the Loco Foco party for Governor, JOHN KERR, late a member of the Legislature from Monroe County, and at present a supporter of Shunk, in a conversation with several of our most respectable citizens, stated that Francis R. Shunk, was a very clever man, but that he spent a great deal of his time in the ball room, and sometimes danced all night—that he spent a great deal of money—and that if elected he was afraid he would not keep his foot on the Treasury chest as tight as he should. This Democratic ex-member also stated, that in the session of 1842, he voted to allow Mr. Shunk, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars for five days services as Clerk—that he knew it was wrong; but as they were drawing checks for one thousand dollars, for twenty thousand and for fifty thousand, he didn't think it worth while to make a fuss about so small a sum. Notwithstanding this opinion entertained of Mr. Shunk, this ex-member is now one of his warmest supporters. Comment unnecessary.

The Election of members of Congress in Georgia, takes place on Monday next.

## Notice to Quit.

TUNE—"Lucy Neal."

O John, your most obedient,  
I am that same Old Coon;  
I've just step'd in to tell you, sir,  
That you must vacate soon;  
For here comes Henry Clay,  
Our gallant Henry Clay,  
The people have elected him,  
John Tyler clear the way.

You deserted me in 'Forty,  
When I thought you were my friend,  
But now I've fairly "headed" you—  
Your rule is at an end;  
For here comes Henry Clay, &c.

With Veto and with Ditto  
You'll trouble us no more,  
For now we have a man who will  
Abridge that fatal pow'r.  
That man is Henry Clay, &c.

You tried to join the Locos—  
They would not coalesce,  
Tho' after they seduced you, sir,  
Twas scaly, I confess.  
O, here comes Henry Clay, &c.

Your Annexation hobby  
They basely stole from you,  
And mounted Mr. Polk on it,  
But 'would not take him through.  
O, here comes Henry Clay, &c.

To Polk and bankrupt Texas  
The people shouted—no!  
For Clay and the United States,  
They all prefer'd to go.  
O, here comes Henry Clay, &c.

Now, John, I'll just dismiss you  
With a piece of good advice,  
Ne'er again let weak ambition  
To treachery entice.  
Huzzah! for Henry Clay, &c.

From the Clay Bugle.

## Important to Voters!

### Francis R. Shunk and the Foreign Catholics.

To the honest voters of Pennsylvania!

We stated a week or two since, in a very brief article that FRANCIS R. SHUNK, the Loco-foco candidate for Governor of this Commonwealth, had, with a view of obtaining the FOREIGN CATHOLIC VOTE, taken an undue part in certain ceremonies on the occasion of the laying of the Corner Stone of a Catholic Church in the city of Pittsburg. This statement was denied by the Loco-focos who asserted that Mr. SHUNK was present merely as a "Spectator," and took no part whatever in what was going on. A day or two ago, however, we received a letter from a highly respectable gentleman in Pittsburg, who stated that it could be proven by the most undeniable testimony that Mr. SHUNK DID WALK IN THE PROCESSION AND TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE CEREMONIES, and further that he dined on that day with the Priest and other foreigners attached to the Catholic Church, and was formally TOASTED AS THE NEXT GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA. We are also assured, on the same authority, that he declared in a conversation with W. B. M'CLURE, Esq., a highly respectable gentleman and member of the Bar, of the city of Pittsburg, that it was HIS OPINION THAT THE BIBLE OUGHT TO BE EXCLUDED FROM OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS—and that he has countenanced at least, if he is not a MEMBER OF the Irish Repeal association of that city—all which facts go to prove that FRANCIS R. SHUNK, who is NOT a CATHOLIC—has been and is now playing the demagogue and trucking to the well known prejudices of Foreigners in order to get their votes—hoping by this means to be elected to the office to which he aspires.

The facts we have above stated were given to us by one of the most respectable gentlemen in Pittsburg. Since the reception of his letter, however, we have received the "Pittsburg American," "Gazette," "Age," "Harry of the West," &c., each of which contain similar statements, establishing the fact beyond a doubt, that Francis R. Shunk is the Foreign Catholic Candidate—that he desires to be so considered—that he has been participating in their religious ceremonies to obtain their votes, and that in all probability there is a general understanding between him and the high functionaries of the Church by which the whole foreign vote is to be transferred in consideration of what he has done and what he may have promised to accomplish if elected. We give these statements just as we find them, and submit them to the honest voters of Pennsylvania, as matters worthy of their most serious consideration.

From the Pittsburg American.

Mr. Shunk and the Foreign Catholics. We have made frequent allusions to a fact

well known in this city, and never denied here, either by Mr. Shunk himself or his friends, in regard to his tampering with the Dutch and Irish Catholics with no other ostensible view than that of obtaining their good offices at the coming election. So long as it remained undenied we rested upon our simple charge of the fact, so well known in this city; but seeing that it has been openly and publicly denied in some of the Philadelphia papers, we now proceed to the formal substantiation of the charge. The "Pennsylvanian," published at Philadelphia, under date of 7th September, after copying our article or part of it, goes into a denial of his (Mr. Shunk's) having walked in procession with the Catholics, or in any way participating with them in any of their Church ceremonies, and says:

"Nor did Mr. Shunk ever take part in any Catholic ceremonies, as the writer above quoted asserts. He has never, indeed, witnessed any of the observances of that persuasion but once, and that was when he was present, at the laying of the corner stone of a Catholic Church, in company with many other citizens of Pittsburg, of every variety of sect. He was merely as a spectator, taking no part whatever in what was going on. It will therefore be seen that a greater number of flagrant falsehoods could not easily be packed together than are to be found in this contemptible effort to excite prejudice against Mr. Shunk and to make political capital from unhappy sectarian excitement."

And now for the proof

## Certificate.

"Seeing it stated in a newspaper called the "Pennsylvanian," published at Philadelphia, under date of 7th of September last, that Francis R. Shunk, at present a candidate for the office of Governor of this Commonwealth, did not participate in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the Catholic Church, in the city of Pittsburg, and that he was only there, like other citizens, and "merely as a spectator, taking no part whatever in what was going on," we make the following statement of what we witnessed on the occasion of that Catholic procession, at the laying of the corner stone of the German Catholic church in the 5th ward of said city. That we, the subscribers to this instrument, saw the said procession passing through the streets of Pittsburg. Several priests, or persons dressed and appearing as such, headed the procession, having a cross carried with them; that immediately behind the priests, or in the forward part of the procession, WE DISTINCTLY OBSERVED FRANCIS R. SHUNK, ESQ. WALKING BARE HEADED, AND IN THE PROCESSION, as one participating in the ceremonies thereof. That at the time we saw him, as aforesaid, he was walking linked arm in arm with Mr. Anthony Beelen, a respectable merchant of this city, belonging to the Catholic church; and further state, that of all those we saw in said procession, MR. SHUNK WAS THE ONLY ONE known to us as not belonging to the Catholic church. That many citizens, with ourselves, were looking on said procession as spectators, but that the procession was a distinct thing from such a crowd.

J. W. Lightner, Jas. Montooth,  
John H. Cassel, Matthew Sloan,  
John Wilkinson, Robt. Walsey,  
H. Mitchell, Jno. W. Harbach,  
Abijah Ferguson, John Taylor,  
James Getty.

To this list we could add names of other well known citizens sufficient to fill out a page of our paper. For further testimony on the subject, should such be required we refer to—

Mr. George Mitenberger, one of the oldest citizens of Pittsburg.  
Mr. Jacob Painter, merchant, Liberty st.  
"Tobias Myers, merchant, Liberty st.  
"Benjamin Weaver, merchant, Liberty st. and late Sheriff of Allegheny County.  
Mr. Anthony Beelen.  
Capt. Ashbridge, one of the present Overseers of the Poor, and many other citizens.

To this we append the statement of Mr. Caskey, an old and highly respectable citizen of Pittsburg, giving a more detailed account of the order of the procession. Attempts are made, as well by the Pennsylvanian, as by Mr. Shunk himself, to present him merely as a spectator—a looker on like other Protestant citizens at the ceremonies. How completely the reverse of this is the fact, will be found by the whole testimony.

In this it will be seen that Mr. Caskey has given a graphic account of the procession, with a diagram of the order of march, by which the Priests, with Mr. Shunk, at the head of the column, are made to describe the form of a double cross—the position of Mr. Shunk forming a beam thereof.

## Mr. Caskey's Statement.

I certify that I saw the procession of Catholics on the occasion of their laying the corner stone of the German Catholic Church in the fifth ward of the city of Pittsburg. THAT FRANCIS R. SHUNK WALKED IN SAID PROCESSION IN A DISTINGUISHED MANNER. That the order of said procession was as follows: First was the host, sec-

ond, the bishop; next two or three priests, next came the crucifix; then 3 priests; NEXT TO THESE CAME FRANCIS R. SHUNK, Anthony Beelen and a priest; after these two priests, all walking bare headed as did Mr. Shunk, also, these were followed by the laity walking two and two. The following describes the order and head of the procession:

HOST.  
Catholic Bishop.  
Three Catholic Priests.  
CRUCIFIX.  
Three Catholic Priests.  
Priest. F. R. Shunk. A. Beelen.  
Two Catholic Priests.  
German Catholics in Procession.

That I saw the said procession on its march to St. Paul's Church near the entrance to said Church. That I do not remember seeing any other person than Mr. SHUNK, except Catholics, in said procession. That Mr. Shunk, to all appearance, was participating in the ceremonies of the day as much as any member of the Catholic Church, and associated with the priests thereof. That he was in the procession, not in the crowd of spectators. That I was standing at the time on Grant's Hill, and after the procession entered St. Paul's, I saw no more of it. That the said procession was preceded at some distance by the military carrying the United States flag.

Certified to and signed this 14th day of September, 1844.

## JOSEPH CASKEY.

Mr. Caskey is a gentleman of wealth and respectability, well known throughout this city as a member and communicant in the Rev. Mr. Black's Church.

A correspondent of the Pittsburg Age, a neutral paper, after detailing the above facts, states in conclusion that after the procession, Mr. Shunk accompanied Mr. Beelen to his house, where, as some reward for his base bowing to foreign influence, he was TOASTED AS THE NEXT GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA! Will the voters of Pennsylvania confirm this contract?

We stated above that we were informed thro' a letter from a gentleman in Pittsburg, that Mr. SHUNK had been heard to declare it as his opinion that the BIBLE SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The Pittsburg Gazette contains the following article in reference to this subject:

From the Pittsburg Gazette.

## Francis R. Shunk opposed to the Bible in Common Schools.

Several days since we charged Francis R. Shunk with being in favor of EXCLUDING THE BIBLE FROM COMMON SCHOOLS. We have since reiterated this charge, but Mr. Shunk has not seen proper to deny it by himself personally, or through the press. We may therefore infer that the charge is admitted to be true! But in order to throw additional light on the subject, and to show Mr. Shunk on what our authority depends, we further state that Mr. Shunk made the declaration referred to, in a conversation with W. B. M'Clure, Esq. a highly respectable gentleman, and member of the bar, in this city.

Our first information on this subject was derived from James M. Duncan, Esq., of this city, and it was subsequently confirmed by Col. Wm. Robinson, of Allegheny city, and Joseph Knox, Esq., of this city, and we refer the public generally to these respectable gentlemen for the facts.

The importance of this matter to the people of Pennsylvania can scarcely be estimated. Mr. Shunk is a candidate for Governor, and it is generally known that that officer has, through the Secretary of State, the control of the Common Schools. The people may therefore, justly view with alarm the danger of elevating to the Chief Magistracy a man who is of opinion that the DEMANDS OF THE CATHOLICS THAT THE BIBLE SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE COMMON SCHOOLS, OUGHT TO BE COMPLIED WITH.

The above facts having come to us substantiated by the most respectable and undeniable evidence, we have concluded to lay them before the people. If a demagogue up for office is so lost to every feeling of patriotism as to buy off the foreign vote by acts like these charged against Mr. Shunk, we think the native born voters ought to know it in time so that the dangers of foreign interference in our election may be met and counteracted.

The New York American Republican, after noticing the statements with regard to Mr. Shunk and the foreign Catholics, says:—"Think of Francis R. Shunk walking thro' the streets of Pittsburg with his hat off, and kneeling with them at the raising of the host! Such demagogical arts are beneath contempt! And then his attempt to catch Catholic votes by such conduct and by abusing Native Americans. Do these demagogues think that Native Americans are so destitute of all spirit and so dead to self-respect that they will meekly submit to these injuries and tamely kiss the rod that chastises them? If he does, and finds himself not woefully mistaken, we have woefully mistaken the character of American citizens."

## Later and More Important.—Mr. Shunk's own Letter in Confirmation of the foregoing Statements.

Since the above was in type we have received a copy of the following letter, written by Mr. Shunk himself and published in one of his own papers in Pittsburg, over his own signature, in which he gives it as HIS OPINION THAT IN SCHOOLS WHERE THE ROMAN CATHOLICS OBJECT TO THE USE OF THE BIBLE, THE PROTESTANTS SHOULD YIELD, AND THAT HOLY BOOK SHOULD BE EXCLUDED. Now it is well known that the Catholics DO OBJECT to the use of the Bible in Schools, and hence the opinion of Mr. Shunk, if enforced, would EXCLUDE that Sacred Volume from every Public School in the Commonwealth to which there is sent a single Catholic Child. The Governor, if must be borne in mind, has the APPOINTMENT of the SUPERINTENDENT OF COMMON SCHOOLS, which officer exercises a general controlling jurisdiction over every Public School in the State of Pennsylvania. It is to be inferred, therefore, from the opinion of Mr. Shunk as expressed below, that if elected to the office to which he aspires, he will appoint a Superintendent of Common Schools disposed to accede to the wishes of his Catholic friends who now feel so deeply solicitous for his success and whose votes he seems so anxious to obtain.—Clay Bugle.

## MR. SHUNK'S LETTER.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 12, 1844.

To the Editors of the Post and Manufacturer:

Gentlemen:—The opposition papers are crowding accusations against me. The Pittsburg Gazette now says that I am hostile to the use of the Bible in Common Schools, and the conclusion the Editor draws, is, I am told, for I have not seen his sheet, that I am an enemy to the Bible itself.

The truth is, that I am friendly to the use of the Bible in our Common Schools, and among my first acts, after I was elected a School Director in Harrisburg, in 1837 or 1838, I proposed that the Bible should be read in the Schools of our Ward, which was agreed to by the Board. I do not know whether a record of this proceeding was kept, but I am certain that Dr. Fager, the Secretary, and the other members of the Board who were present, remember it.

In conversation, I have no doubt said, because it is my opinion, THAT IN SCHOOLS WHERE THE PARENTS OF THE CHILDREN DIFFER WITH REGARD TO THE USE OF THE BIBLE AS A SCHOOL BOOK, it is well, RATHER THAN MAKE THAT HOLY BOOK AN OCCASION OF UNHOLY STRIFE, not to insist upon its use for this purpose. For the religious education of children belongs to their parents and their Sabbath School instructors, and is not in common entrusted to the Schoolmasters whose scholars generally belong to various denominations.

There are many good men who conscientiously believe that it is improper to use the Bible for the purpose of teaching children to read, because, it may be calculated to lessen their reverence for the sacred volume. Now, although this is not my opinion, yet I cheerfully accede to others their right to differ from me, and I do not think that this difference of opinion should be made to disturb the harmony of a school, for our Common School System of education depends mainly for success upon the united efforts of the people of the several districts. This opinion I have always fully expressed.—It is now made the groundwork of bitter accusation against me. It is to be regretted that one who has by his whole life and conversation, revered the Holy Scriptures,—who, in the good old way, was at school advanced from Dilworth's spelling book to reading in the Testament, and then took rank with the head class by reading in the Bible, should be arraigned before the public, as an enemy to or showing any, the remotest disrespect for the sacred volume, because he respects the opinions of those who believe that other books should be used to teach children the art of reading.

I am yours, respectfully,  
FRS. R. SHUNK.

## The Cross and the Question.

We will just draw the attention of our citizens to one fact, if they wish to know one of the issues made by the Shunk and Polk party. Our emblem is the Ash or Pine—theirs the Hickory. There is a hickory pole can be seen in Allegheny city, raised by the Shunk party with a CROSS on it. It cannot be disguised from this, which way the wind blows.—Pittsburg American.

## Let it be Remembered.

That James K. Polk is opposed to the excellent Tariff Act of 1842, and to all Protection of American Industry. Also, that George M. Dallas, introduced a Bill into the Senate of the United States to re-charter the U. S. Bank, and voted to pass it by two-thirds, after Gen. Jackson had vetoed it.

There is a petrified forest in Texas, the trees having actually turned to stone!