

BUTLER CITIZEN

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FOR PRESIDENT, 1880. Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE, OF MAINE.

The choice of Pennsylvania, subject to the decision of the National Convention. This (56th Pa.) district practically unanimous and instructed for him.

Republican State Nominations.

FOR JUDGE SUPREME COURT. Hon. Henry Green, OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

FOR ADDITIONAL GENERAL. Hon. John A. Lemon, OF BLAIR COUNTY.

SECRETARY SHERMAN'S speech at Mansfield, Ohio, last week contains a frank and manly avowal of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the presidency, which, accompanied by his emphatic statement that unless he is supported with practical unanimity by his own State his name will not be presented to the National Convention, is creditable alike to his candor and his pride.

A special term of Court for the trial of civil cases convened on Monday last, Judge McKunkin and Associates Storey and Dods on the Bench. After the hearing of several motions and applications the first case taken up was that of D. A. Newfrew, Adm'r of H. Smith against John McCandless, in which a verdict of \$14.66 was rendered for the defendant.

Messrs. Rumberger, Salter, Petroff and Crawford, four of the members of the late Legislature recently convicted of corrupt practices and who had escaped from sentence, returned to Harrisburg last Monday and surrendered themselves to the Sheriff of Dauphin county. The Court not being in session they were admitted to bail until the 26th of this month, to which time the Court on the 3rd inst. had adjourned.

There is no use waiting any longer for Messrs. Gordon and Robinson to answer the questions about what they propose, as delegates from this Congressional district, to do at Chicago. They are doubly instructed—by their district and by the State Convention. They know very well who is the choice of the great majority of the Republican voters of this district and of Pennsylvania, and they either disdain or dislike to say whether they will have any regard for the will of the voters or not.

We were very much surprised on reading the above in last week's Journal. We expected to see and read just the reverse when we opened the Meadville papers last Saturday.

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say whether or not they will fairly represent it, according to the voice and wish of its Republicans, is unheard of and calls for remedy. They may think they are playing smart, and their papers, which they edit or control, may be silent and remain so until the mischief is done, but they may be assured that there is no political matter more engrossing the attention of the Republicans of this district, and none other will be allowed to engross it while this one remains in so unsatisfactory a position.

THE VOICE OF TIOGA. AN EMPHATIC DECLARATION FOR SENATOR BLAINE—THE REPUBLICANS OF THE OLD WILMOT DISTRICT RALLY IN FORCE.

The meeting of the Republicans of Tioga county at Wellsboro, last week, to select a delegate to the National Convention, was a most interesting and important one.

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The resolutions reported by a committee, consisting of Major George W. Merrick, S. B. Elliott, David Cameron, T. C. Sanders and C. H. Seymour, were adopted as follows: "Resolved, That we assert, and insist upon the right of each Congressional district to elect its own delegates to the National Convention without dictation or coercion from any other source."

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James Gillespie Blaine was born on the 31st of January, 1810, at the Ingersoll place, Washington county, Pennsylvania, opposite the town of Brownsville. The old stone house, which he first saw light in, still stands, and is now included within the limits of West Brownsville, though at the time of his birth it was simply the mansion house of the Gillespie family.

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Treasurer's Sales.

Table listing various townships and their respective sales figures, including Adams Township, Allegheny Township, Blair County, etc.