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The SENTINEL, has much the largest circulation of any paper published in this county...

We this week present to our readers the "SENTINEL" in a new dress.

By reference to our columns it will be noticed that the Conferees from the Counties of Blair, Huntingdon and Cambria met at Hollidaysburg on Thursday, May 1, 1851, and that two Conferences were held.

Senatorial Conference.

By one of these Conferences, ADAM MOSES, Esq., of Blair, was elected Delegate to the Reading Convention, and instructed for Colonel WILLIAM BIGLER, for Governor.

JOHN B. BRATTON, ESQ.

The above named gentleman has been recommended as a suitable candidate for Canal Commissioner, and a number of Counties have instructed their delegates to support him.

The Hollidaysburg Whig came to hand last week much improved in appearance, having put on an entire new face.

The Weather.

On Thursday night last we had a severe frost and ice was formed nearly an inch thick.

SAMUEL C. WINGARD, Esq., of Blair co., has located in our village for the practice of the law, having his office in the north-west corner of Judge Nook's residence, on Main street.

The Bedford Conference.

We present to our readers the action of the Conferees at Bedford on Monday the 5th inst. By those proceedings it will be seen that Hon. John Cessna of Bedford County, and Gen. Jos. M'Donald of Cambria County, have been selected as the delegates to the Judicial Convention at Harrisburg.

A Resolution was also passed that the delegates to the Reading Convention, should, in case an attempt was made in that Convention to take the voice of the delegates in reference to the Presidency, vote for James Buchanan as the choice of this district and the State.

At the Bedford Conference two sets of conferees appeared from Cambria County, and after the claims of each were heard the six conferees from Fulton and Bedford counties decided that they "declined to act on the disputed seats from Cambria."

Our Bedford Visit.

While in Bedford this week we became acquainted with a large number of the democracy of that County and Fulton. We hold them all in high estimation, and must say, that it is our wish that the pleasant and agreeable acquaintance formed with them may be continued till the time when we shall have gone to that "bourne from whence no traveller returns."

York County Defalcation!

We find the following excellent article in the Bedford Gazette: The Republican publishes a statement relative to the recent defalcation of Peter All, Jr. late Treasurer of York County, and states that on examination of the accounts, his total defalcation to the County turns out to be \$4000, besides \$2000 to the State, making \$6000 in all.

The Ceremony of Laying the Corner Stone.

The ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new church at Loretto, on Sunday, was witnessed by a large multitude. Rev'd Dr. HAYDEN, of Bedford, delivered the sermon. Rt. Rev'd Dr. O'CONNOR, Bishop of Pittsburg, was present on this important occasion.

A large fire occurred in Frankstown, two miles below Hollidaysburg, on Saturday evening.

The Methodist congregation of Hollidaysburg intend to construct a large new church. It is much needed.

Thos. E. Franklin, Esq., of Lancaster, has been appointed Attorney General of Pennsylvania, vice Hon. C. Darrah, resigned.

Charles M. Ottinger, formerly of Hollidaysburg, has been arrested on suspicion of secreting a package of letters from the Philadelphia Post Office, where he was engaged as a clerk.

Wm. Donaldson, Esq., of Hollidaysburg, has left for Philadelphia, where he intends to take passage on the steamer Lafayette, which sails on Saturday.

A CHANGE.—W. Caldwell, Esq., has withdrawn from the "Apalachian," and the paper will hereafter be conducted by his former partner, A. Matthias, Esq.

The Western Chronicle a new paper published at Lexington, Mo., says: Hon. LINN BOYD, one of the staunchest of Kentucky's sterling democracy, is a candidate for re-election to Congress from the 1st district.

Mr. George J. Rodgers has received a large and splendid stock of new goods, which he is selling at low prices. Read his advertisement.

The Petroleum, or Rock Oil, is said to be an infallible cure for all diseases named in the advertisement in this week's paper.

We call attention to the advertisement of Robert Faries, Esq., for the letting of twelve miles of the new Portage Railroad, to be held at the Summit, June 5th.

Robert L. Johnston, Esq., of this place, has been appointed Agent for the Keystone Mutual Life Insurance Company of Harrisburg.

Robbery in Indiana County. Two women named Barbara and Susan Reinhardt, mother and daughter, on Saturday last entered the house of Wm. M'Crea on the road from Blairsville to Indiana, and robbed him of \$500 in gold, silver and bank notes.

The oldest is a stout-built German woman, about forty or fifty years of age, of medium height, dark complexion, with high cheek bones, sunken cheeks, and eyes rather inclining to a squint.

The following description of the notes lost may aid in their detection:—"One \$10 bill of the Bank of Gettysburg, letter A. No. 12861, dated Feb. 18, 1846; and a \$20 of the same bank, marked "E. Baker" on the back.

One \$5 of the Lancaster Bank, scrip, re-issued. One \$10 of the Mechanics' and Manufacturers' Bank of Trenton, dated January 2, 1847.

Letter A. No. 1269, dated March 1, 1850. Letter C. No. 1632, dated April 1, 1850. Letter B. No. 8056, dated Jan'y 1, 1851. Letter D. No. 7555, dated Jan'y 1, 1851.

M'Crea offers a reward of \$50 for the detection of the thieves and recovery of the money.

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sequel. After the transgressor (whom the whigs had, for years, denounced as the most infamous man living) had served but a few months of his very short sentence, our "ANTI-PARDONING" Governor, WM. F. JOHNSTON, considered that he had been sufficiently punished, and set him at liberty—and the people are now told that he has passed a bill compelling the taxpayers to lose the amount of the deficiency of the stolen money, thus establishing a precedent of the most dangerous and alarming character.

All will readily admit that it is hard for men who become the security for Treasurers to have to make good their losses—and it is equally hard for a Treasurer to have to bear losses, in view of the small compensation he receives—yet it is RIGHT that he should, because this is the only guarantee the people have for the safe-keeping of the money wrung from them by taxation.

The manly manner in which the bail of the York County Treasurer stepped up to make good his deficiency, entitles them to the regard and admiration of the whole country. They are worthy specimens of the noble democracy of that noble county.

If Treasurers are not to be held to strict accountability for all the money they receive, what a mockery it is to take their bonds.

Democratic Senatorial Conference.

In pursuance of public notice, the Conferees from the counties of Cambria, Blair and Huntingdon met at the house of John Dougherty, in the borough of Hollidaysburg, on Thursday, May 1, 1851, for the purpose of appointing Delegates to the State Conventions to be held in Reading and Harrisburg, in June next.

Theophilus Snyder, and John G. Lingafelter appeared as Conferees from Blair. Charles Litzinger, M. M. O'Neill and Thomas M'Kiernan, appeared as Conferees from Cambria.

On motion, John G. Lingafelter was chosen President, and M. M. O'Neill, Secretary. The following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That ADAM MOSES, be the Senatorial Delegate from this district to the Reading Convention.

Resolved, That JOHN C. O'NEILL, be the Senatorial Delegate from this district to the Judicial Convention to be held at Harrisburg, and that he be instructed to support the Hon. JAMES CAMPBELL of Philadelphia, for one of the Supreme Judges.

Resolved, That in view of the acknowledged claims of Pennsylvania to the Presidency, we hereby declare our preference for the Honorable JAMES BUCHANAN, whose distinguished abilities and long public services, entitle him, not only to the confidence and support of the Democracy of his native State, but to the admiration and gratitude of the Democratic party of the Union.

Resolved, That the nomination of Colonel Wm. BIGLER as the next Democratic candidate for Governor is a fact. We hereby endorse it and pledge ourselves to use all honorable efforts to secure his election.

Resolved, That we entertain a high opinion of the public services of Col. S. W. DEACK, not only as a soldier in Mexico, but as a Democrat at home. When the proper time arrives, we will aid our fellow Democrats throughout the State, in rewarding him for his distinguished public services, by elevating him to the gubernatorial Chair.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be published in the Democratic papers in the district, and in the Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Union, Keystone, Pittsburg Post, Pittsburg Chronicle, Bedford Gazette and Carlisle Volunteer.

On motion, adjourned. JOHN G. LINGAFELTER, Pres't. M. M. O'NEILL, Secretary.

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Representative Conference Meeting.

The Democratic Conferees from this Representative district, met at the Washington Hotel, in Bedford, on Monday, the 5th May, at 7 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing two delegates to the Reading Convention, and two delegates to the Harrisburg Convention.

On motion Samuel Carn Esq., was called to the chair, and Jas. B. Sansom Esq., appointed Secretary.

The following gentlemen appeared and took their seats as conferees from their respective counties:— BEDFORD—Samuel Carn, John Sill, and Thos. W. Horton.

FULTON—Wm. P. Schell, Capt. Geo. White, Jas. B. Sansom.

Two sets of conferees then presented themselves from Cambria County, when on motion the claims of each were heard. They were then requested to retire, which was complied with. After much discussion and many propositions being offered, on motion of Mr. Schell.

Resolved, That the Conferees from Bedford and Fulton Counties decline acting on the disputed seats of the Conferees from Cambria County.

Resolved, That we now proceed to elect one delegate to the Reading Convention and one to the Harrisburg Convention from Cambria county, whereupon Mr. Sill nominated JOHN C. O'NEILL, Esq., and Mr. Schell nominated AUG. DURBIN, Esq., on the vote being taken John C. O'Neil received 4 votes, and Augustine Durbin 2.

Mr. Schell then nominated to the Harrisburg Convention, GEN. JOSEPH M'DONALD, and Mr. Sill nominated JOHN BRAWLEY, Esq., on the vote being taken Jos. M'Donald received 4 votes, and John Brawley 2.

On motion Resolved, That we now proceed to elect two delegates to the Conventions from Bedford and Fulton Counties. Mr. Sill nominated to the Reading Convention, GEN. GEORGE W. BOWMAN, Mr. Schell nominated JOSEPH B. NOBLE, Esq., Mr. Sansom nominated Wm. M. HALL, Esq., Both the latter nominations were withdrawn, and a vote being taken, George W. Bowman received 4 votes, J. B. Noble received 1, and Wm. M. Hall 1.

To the Judicial Convention, Mr. Carn nominated JOHN CESSNA, Esq., and Mr. Sill nominated Wm. P. SCHELL, Esq., on a vote being taken John Cessna received 3 votes, and William P. Schell 3. Mr. Sansom then changed his vote for Mr. Cessna, which elected him.

On motion Resolved, That the delegates to the Reading Convention be instructed to vote for Col. WILLIAM BIGLER for Governor.

On motion Resolved, That we consider it premature to agitate the Presidential question in either the Reading or Harrisburg Conventions, yet, should that question be raised therein, the delegates thereto elected by this conference composed of the Counties of Cambria, Bedford and Fulton, are hereby instructed to vote for JAMES BUCHANAN, as the choice of Pennsylvania for the Presidency, whether the question should arise in a direct or collateral manner.

On motion Resolved, That said delegates are hereby instructed to vote against any other man who may be named in either of said Conventions, as being the choice of Pennsylvania for the Presidency over Mr. Buchanan, whether the same should be taken as a direct or collateral question.

On motion, Resolved, That any violation of the spirit of the above instructions, by any of the said delegates, will be viewed by us as a willful and treacherous infraction of the duties of said delegates.

On motion the Conference adjourned. SAMUEL CARN, President. JAMES B. SANSON, Secretary.

The following resolution was afterwards unanimously adopted. On motion, Resolved, That the delegates to the Judicial Convention be instructed to support the nomination of Hon. WALTER H. LOWRIE of Pittsburg and Hon. JAMES CAMPBELL of Philadelphia, for the Supreme Bench.

Burning of the Steamer Webster.

VICKSBURG, May 3. The steamer Webster, Capt. Samuel Reno, took fire yesterday afternoon, May 2d, and was burned to the water's edge, at the head of Island 86, 110 miles above Vicksburg. The fire was first discovered and the alarm given about 3 o'clock, and almost instantly the boat was enveloped in flames.

The Pilot, Mr. Ruckman, (to whom much credit is due) having charge of the wheel, immediately endeavored to run the boat ashore, in which he partly succeeded, until the flames finally drove him from his post, and the boat becoming unmanageable, floated again—thus depriving the passengers and crew from their first and last hope of safety.

At the first alarm, a scene ensued which it is impossible to describe, mingled, as it was, with the burning boat, from which the flames issued in all directions—it became terrible in the extreme—many rushed into the flames, while others crowded by the side of the boat, clinging convulsively to it till driven away by the fire, when they finally threw themselves into the current. It was with difficulty that the females were saved—many of them being separated from their husbands and friends.

About 12 or 15 of the passengers jumped from the boat, and, with difficulty, saved their lives by clinging to the snags, until relieved by the yawl and skiffs from shore.

As soon as the boats were quickly rowed to the shore, the survivors were saved. The number of passengers and hands, was about 100; of whom only about 60 can be found—the rest are supposed to have perished with the boat.

The steamer New Orleans, from St. Louis, bound for New Orleans, have in sight about an hour after the accident occurred, and stopped, and most kindly took on board all the survivors and rendered all the assistance that could be wished for.

The following are the killed and missing: Capt. Samuel Reno and wife; Mr. Henry Harrison and child; the wife of the Pilot; one child of Ruckman; George Bloss, chief Clerk; John Campbell, 2nd Clerk; a child of Mr. Robinson of New Orleans; Mary Buckner; a colored chambermaid, name unknown; colored barber, from Cincinnati; J. McCarty, Lynchburg; and a girl belonging to Mr. Marty. Several others are missing, whose names are unknown.

The boat's papers and money, are all lost. The above is a true statement as given by the crew and passengers saved.

PHILADELPHIA, May 3d.

Judge King gave his decision in the long protracted District Attorney case. He ruled out the 2nd Ward in Moyamensing, West Philadelphia, and Penn. District, which will give Wm. B. Reed, Whig, a large majority, and entitle him to the office. It will be remembered that Horn R. Kneass, Democrat, was returned elected by 34 majority, and has held the office up to the present time.

TWO WEEKS LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

Arrival of the Alabama.

NEW ORLEANS, May 2—6 P. M. The steamer Alabama arrived at this port with two weeks later intelligence from California. The exports from San Francisco of gold dust on the day the steamer Tennessee left, amount to two millions of dollars.

There have been frequent rains in the valley and snow on the mountains, thus enabling miners to renew their digging operations. Gold from quartz rock has been procured with better success, but no machinery is suitable for the purpose.

Agriculture this year will be an important feature in California—a large portion of the population having turned their attention that way. If Congress passes any law by which the farmer may know he has a good title to the land he improves, the State will supply her consumption in a few years.

The Indian difficulties are not yet definitely settled. Politics are exciting attention, and the people are marshaling for a contest. The Legislature is still in session, but no further attempts have been made to elect a United States Senator—probably something will be done this session.

A difficulty occurred at San Francisco between the Collector of the Port and the Acting Postmaster, relative to the mails—the Collector directed the Surveyor of the Port to proceed to the post office and examine the bags landing from the steamer Panama, as they were opened—in attempting to discharge this duty he was roughly repulsed by the post office officials.—Nothing was found to cause suspicion, but the affair has caused great excitement.

A great many murders are reported as having occurred in different parts of the country, the most cruel of which is the murder of Captain Jarvis, of Texas.

The papers literally teem with fights, murders and robberies. The foreign miners' tax had been repealed. The city of San Francisco is to be supplied with water from a lagoon four miles distant.

By the burning of Nevada City the loss is estimated at \$2,000,000. The markets are dull, with an immense stock of merchandise on hand.

The price of gold dust, through the operations of the U. S. Assayer, has risen. The Legislature attaches the penalty of death for grand larceny.

The Committee of the Legislature have reported in favor of impeaching Judge Parsons. Extensive preparations are making to rebuild Nevada.

The richest mining section in California is stated to be in the neighborhood of Yuba and Feather Rivers.

AN IRISH CRITICISM.—A Hibernian editor speaking of the excitement caused by Jenny Lind wherever she has sung, says that it is nothing compared to the enthusiasm occasioned by Mrs. Siddons' first appearance in Dublin. The following is his recollection of the night alluded to: When she came to the scene of parting with her wedding ring, al'what a sight was there!

The very fiddlers in the orchestra, albiet, unused to the melting mood, blubbered like hungry children crying for their bread and butter; and when the bell fell for music between the act and the act, the tears from the tassel player's eyes in such plentiful showers they choked the finger stops; and making a spout of that instrument, poured in such torrents on the first fiddler's book, that not seeing the overture was in two sharps, the leader of the band actually began it in one flat. But the sobs and sighs, cork drawing from the smelling bottles, prevented the mistakes between flats and sharps being discerned.

One hundred and nine ladies fainted, forty-six went into fits, and ninety-five had strong hysterics! The world will hardly credit the truth, when they are told that fourteen children, five women one hundred tailors and six councilmen, were actually drowned in the inundation of tears that flowed from the galleries, the slips and boxes, to increase the briny pond in it; the water was three feet deep, and the people that were obliged to stand on the benches, were, in that position up to their ankles in tears!

ACCIDENT.—The Hollidaysburg Standard says—Wm. McLaughlin, a fireman on the locomotive Westmoreland was seriously if not mortally injured, in Gaysport, on Saturday last. He was standing on the front beam of the locomotive while the engineer was endeavoring to push out a train of coal cars—the latter being higher than the locomotive, the beam ran over and the bed was thrown up, and forced him against the stack, crushing his hips in such a manner that it is doubtful whether he can survive.

INJURED.—Samuel Williamson, employed at the Gaysport Foundry, while engaged in fixing trucks, had the frame of one thrown on him by the lever of a descending coal train, by which he had three ribs broken, and was otherwise injured.—Standard.