

MOUNTAIN SENTINEL.

Andrew J. Rhey, Editor.

EBENSBURG, PA.

Thursday, May 27, 1852.

For President,
JAMES BUCHANAN, of Pennsylvania.

DEMOCRATIC ELECTORAL TICKET.

SENATORIAL ELECTORS.

GEORGE W. WOODWARD, of Luzerne.

WILSON McCANDLESS, of Allegheny.

Gen. ROBT. PATTERSON, of Philadelphia.

REPRESENTATIVE ELECTORS.

1. Peter Logan. 13. H. C. Eyer.

2. George H. Martin. 14. John Clayton.

3. John Miller. 15. Isaac Robinson.

4. F. W. Beckius. 16. Henry Fetter.

5. R. McKay, Jr. 17. James Burnside.

6. A. Apple. 18. Maxwell McDonald.

7. Nimrod Strickland. 19. Joseph McDonald.

8. Abraham Peters. 20. Wm. S. Callahan.

9. David Fister. 21. Andrew Burke.

10. R. E. James. 22. William Dunn.

11. John McReynolds. 23. John S. McCallmont.

12. F. Damon. 24. George R. Barrett.

For Canal Commissioner,
WILLIAM SEARIGHT, of Fayette.

New Advertisements.

Mess. Davis & Lloyd are receiving and

will have opened out tomorrow a large stock of

new goods which they offer for sale at the lowest

kind of prices.

Mess. Lloyd & Hill, Hollidaysburg, are

extensively in the powder business, and we

take advantage of their advertisement to "blow

them up" as the men from whom to buy cheap.

A large sale takes place at the house of

Andrew Maguire, Chess Springs, on Saturday,

the 5th day of June.

Other advertisements—please read.

Our thanks are due Hon. JOHN L. RON-

SESSES, M. C., from Indiana, and our esteemed

friend, Col. F. M. WYCKOFF, for pamphlet

copies of a well written Biography of Gen. JO-

SEPH LANE, "The Marion of the Mexican War."—

Gen. Lane is a man fresh from the people and

it is well that the country should become ac-

quainted with his history, exhibiting a rare

combination of military and civil qualifications.

His remarks at the close of the war deserve a

record in the heart of every one. "I left my

plow to take the sword with a thrill of pleasure,

for my country called me: I now go home to re-

sume the plow with as sincere joy."

A Word to the Wise, &c.

We are in receipt of a letter from Loretto, this

County, containing the proceedings of a turn-

pike road meeting held at that place some days

ago. Among the names of the officers, speakers

and committee on resolutions, we do not notice

even one as a subscriber to the *Sentinel*, and

considering it rather a "hard case" that sub-

scribers in other sections should sustain this

journal for the benefit of those who appear to

care little about it, we concluded to postpone

the proceedings, indefinitely. If the citizens of

that locality deem it not to their interest to af-

ford "aid and comfort" to one county paper,

certainly it is not our interest to afford them

gratuitous publication of matters pertaining to

their welfare. The list on our books for Alle-

gheny township, is becoming "smaller, and

smaller, and more beautifully less." When the

right spirit is evinced to sustain us there shall

be no backwardness on our part to sustain, grat-

ify and oblige others.

Nomination for the Supreme Bench.

The *Deaver Star* suggests the propriety of the

State Central Committee naming the candidate

for the Democratic party so as to avoid the ne-

cessity of having a State Convention. We can-

not favor this suggestion, as we prefer that the

nomination of our candidate be made according

to a precedent established when Gov. Shunk died

and Morris Longstreth was nominated—by a

convention of delegates. This would be satisfac-

tory to the whole party and in this manner

the nomination would be heartily responded to.

Let a new election of delegates take place, or

let the 4th of March Convention re-assemble,

make the nomination, and endorse the action of

the Baltimore Convention.

The following article from the Pennsylvan-

ian is nothing more than a just tribute to one

of the best men in Congress, and so well ex-

presses our own feelings of the gentleman al-

luded to, that we endorse every word it con-

tains:—

Hon. George W. Thompson.

We perceive that this gentleman, at present

the eloquent Democratic representative in Con-

gress from the Wheeling, Va. District, has been

unanimously nominated for President Judge by

the Democracy of his Judicial district; and it is

stated that his election is generally conceded.—

We are not astonished that Col. Thompson

should agree to leave the National Councils to

accept a post of so much distinction as that for

which he has been named: but we regret, for

the sake of Virginia and the Democratic party,

that he could not remain a few years longer in

Congress. His high character, classical educa-

tion, elegant attainments, and orthodox poli-

tics, have made, we know, a deep impression

in the House, and render him one of the most in-

fluential members in that body. He will make

a dignified, impartial, and upright Judge.

Virginia Erect.

Every Congressional district in the Old Do-

minion sends up Buchanan delegates to the Na-

tional Convention.

North Carolina has taken the same position.

So has Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi—and

so will South Carolina, if she is represented in

the Convention at all. These with Pennsylvania,

and Tennessee, and the scattering votes that

he will get from Florida, Arkansas, Califor-

nia, and other States, will give Mr. Buchan-

an at least 100 votes to start with in the Na-

tional Convention.

LEASING THE COLUMBIA RAILROAD.—The Phi-

ladelphia *Argus* states that the Canal Commis-

sioners have leased to Messrs. Duck & Bingham

the exclusive right of transporting passengers

over the Columbia Railroad for the period of

four years from the first of July next.

ITEMS.

The Cambria Guards are ordered to parade at Ebensburg, on Thursday, 10th day of June at 4 o'clock P. M.

FIRST OF THE SEASON.—The first game of "quits," or more properly speaking "rings," "came off" on Friday last in our borough.

AN IMPROVEMENT.—An entire set of new boilers are being placed in the engine house at the head of Plane No. 6. A new brick stack is also building.

The city councils of Pittsburg have subscribed \$400,000 to the Allegheny Valley Railroad. Three parties of engineers are busily engaged in surveying the different routes.

SERVED THEM RIGHT.—Two "cintral boys" on last Thursday, insulted Mr. Henry Downey, fireman on a locomotive at the foot of Plane No. 4, and he gave them a good thrashing for it.

CAN'T DO IT.—Col. Seely, of the Jersey Shore Republican, says he can catch twice the quantity of trout that we can *without fly, worm or net*. Can't be done Colonel. If, yes if you can do so, you can beat all creation, and we offer you our head cover, one of the Granville style, when the deed is done.

A Large Turkey.—Mr. Eyan Lloyd killed a wild turkey on his farm yesterday, that weighed 22 pounds after the entrails were taken out. It attracted much attention, both on account of its size and the beauty of its plumage. We had just funds enough to become the purchaser, and regret that brother Traugh is not about to dine with us to-day. Hope, however, he won't doubt our statement this time.

CONGRESS.—A number of gentlemen anxious to serve their country at the rate of eight dollars a day, are advancing their standards for the Congressional fight in this district. We hear the name of Michael Dan Magehan, Esq., of this County, suggested, and strong hopes are entertained that he will be nominated, for the reason that Huntington, Blair and Somerset are pretty well provided for, the first having the President Judge, the second, the State Senator, and the third a Minister to the land of Hamlet, the Dane. Go ahead gentleman the democracy intend to bring out a man who can speak "high" and "low dutch" to the benighted voters of Somerset county, and will proceed cautiously, keeping in mind the old adage that the victory is not always to the strong.

A Nice Affair.—That "Bill of Fare" for dinner on Sunday last at the St. Clair Hotel, Pittsburg, which we received yesterday by mail from our friend Geo. W. Todd, Book-keeper of that establishment. So many French words on it we can scarcely tell 'tother from which. However, we almost went into stick-ster-ics when we read tomatoes, oyster plant, beets, parsnips and asparagus. Watermelons have been fetched us out on the first train. There is livin' as is livin at that house, certain. If you bear us any love don't send any more, for such an inducement as vegetables in May, might take the editor on a tramp out your way, and it wouldn't suit him until he gets his potatoes planted.

THE JEFFERSON AND EBENSBURG PLANK ROAD.—On Thursday last, at Jefferson, six and a quarter miles of the above road were allotted to Mr. Munger, a gentleman from the state of New York, who is said to be fully conversant with the constructing of plank roads. This comprises the entire road with the exception of three fourths of a mile adjoining Jefferson, and one and a fourth miles at Ebensburg. Mr. Munger expects to have his contract fulfilled next fall, and in the meantime the remaining two miles will be allotted to private contract so that the whole road will be finished about that period.—The road will be made, and when the contractors commence, which will be in a short time, every effort will be made to hasten the work.—Stock in this road will no doubt prove a profitable investment, and a large increase of trade and travel must necessarily result when the road is completed.

Burglary with attempt to Kill.

By the Mail Agents and Car Conductors, says the Hollidaysburg *Standard*, we learn that Johnstown was thrown into great excitement last week, in consequence of a most outrageous burglary committed near that place. The reports are contradictory, but the following may be relied upon as being as near the full particulars as they can be ascertained under present circumstances: On Saturday night, the 15th inst., five men with faces blackened, and otherwise disguised, entered the house of an old gentleman named John, residing some three or four miles south of Johnstown, and demanded his money. The old man and his two sons made resistance, and a desperate fight ensued, but the family was finally overcome. One of the young men was tied outside of the house, and the remainder of the family secured in the entry, while two of the burglars ransacked the house. They had succeeded in finding about \$500, when it was discovered that the young man outside had got loose, and was raising an alarm, which caused the burglars to make a precipitate retreat. Next morning one of them was tracked, by a peculiar shaped foot, to his house in Johnstown, and immediately on discovering that he was detected, he went to the Justices office and voluntarily offered to turn State's evidence. His name is Zook, and he is very well known in this place. On his arrival at the magistrate's office he met another of the party, named Ewing, who also offered to turn State's evidence. They were separately examined, and each made a full confession, though it appears their statements differed materially. Zook implicated three other men, named Shaffer, Paxton and Miller, while Ewing entirely exonerated Miller. Paxton was arrested early in the week, concealed in a coal mine, and Miller was arrested in Pittsburg on Friday, and was taken to Johnstown on Saturday. Shaffer, who it is said has all the money that was stolen, is still at large.

Mr. Johns is a descendant of the original settler of Johnstown, and belongs to the Onish persuasion. He is a very wealthy man, and the burglars confidently calculated on getting five thousand dollars, a sum that he was known to possess. We are told that he is still dangerously ill from the cuts and bruises received in the encounter.

As the offence was committed in Somerset county, the prisoners will be taken there for trial.

The reported escape of Mr. Thos. Francis Meagher "requires confirmation." Letters from Mr. Smith O'Brien, received by some members of his family, bearing a date subsequent to the rumored leave-taking of Mr. Meagher, make no allusion whatever to the subject.

The Harrisburg *Keystone*, has the following sensible remarks on a very important subject: **Members of the Legislature.**

Much of the evil doing of our legislatures is chargeable to the carelessness of the people in the selection of members. With but comparatively few exceptions, the members are not competent for the proper discharge of the duties imposed upon them. Cunning, corrupt men, take advantage of this, and with the aid of a few shrewd men in the legislature, as dishonest as themselves, succeed in forcing measures through, by trick and stratagem, and other discreditable means, which could never pass a body composed of men competent to discharge properly the duties of legislators. A dozen able, prominent, efficient members, thoroughly devoted to the interests of the commonwealth—men who could not be bamboozled, cheated, or improperly influenced—could at any time prevent the passage of a positively bad measure, and could give shape and substance to almost every act that would pass. They would reduce the length of the sessions of the legislature to one-half the time now consumed by them, would effect more good to the commonwealth than an indefinite number of such legislatures as we have had of late years could accomplish in a century to come.

The political party which first takes this matter in hand, and sends a large number of able men to the legislature, will be certain to gain largely by it. Competent men as candidates always run better before the people than those who are incompetent, and they always strengthen the party which nominates them. A legislator, peculiarly able and devoted to the true interests of the state, passing none but beneficial laws, and all such as the interests of the people demanded, doing nothing injurious, foolish or culpable, and having but a short session, would vastly strengthen the party that had elected a majority of its members.

These facts are self-evident. Then why does not either political party take the advantage of them? It is simply because the able men of the state will not enter into a discreditable scramble with incompetent and dishonest men who are constantly seeking distinctions for the honor and profit they hope to obtain from them. The bare fact that honest men cannot and dishonest men can make a seat in the legislature profitable, ought effectually to cut off the latter from any such position. It is an honor for a competent man to occupy a seat in the legislature, but the incompetent become mere laughing stalks and butts of ridicule. Men who could fill other stations in life with credit and distinction, enjoying the confidence and respect of all who know them, positively disgrace themselves in the legislature, and through their want of the necessary talent to perform their duties in a manner creditable to themselves and their constituents, lose the respect and regard of all who come in connexion with them—they dwindle down to mere objects of pity, and ridicule and coarse jest. Will men never learn that posts which they are well qualified to fill are the only ones from which they can gather public regard—honor? No mere office can do honor to any man unless he is able to honor the office by a commendable discharge of its duties.

We appeal to the democratic party in every county in the state to look to this matter. Why is it that they are content to be represented by mere ciphers? Why is it that some of them permit men to represent them who daily do violence to their principles? Why not prefer able and competent men to all others—men who would honor the position and reflect honor upon those who elected them? Such men would undoubtedly strengthen their party as candidates—strengthen their party representatives, amply qualified to meet any emergency—do great good to the state, save the taxes and preserve the rights of the people, and effect vast reforms we do not now dream of. We hope that this matter will not be neglected, but that we may have the pleasure from time to time during the present campaign of chronicling the nomination of the ablest, the best, and the purest democrats in the state for seats in the legislature. Such nominations would soon render the democratic party of the state impregnable and irresistible, and give the old Keystone state a position which any of her sisters might well envy.

Commodore Stockton.

We are indebted to Commodore ROBERT F. STOCKTON, U. S. Senator from New Jersey, for a copy of his excellent speech on the defenceless condition of our coasts, from which we take the following extract:

"In the present improved condition of naval tactics and steam superiority of Great Britain there can be no doubt that we must take new observations—a new latitude and departure—if we expect to protect our own shores. We must build a sufficient number of war-steamer, which she may have built—first, in celerity; second in their invulnerability; and third, in their superior destructive qualities.

We must build vessels which, in speed and power, will enable one of ours to cope with half a dozen of hers—vessels any one of which would be sufficient to enter any one of her harbors, and sail through or around any of her fleets."

The subject is an important one, and deserves due consideration.

Senatorial Terms Expired.

The terms of the following Pennsylvania Senators, being eight Democrats and three Whigs, have expired and their places must be filled by the election of new ones, at the next General Election:—

Democrats—Charles Fraily, Schuylkill county, Thomas S. Fernon, Philadelphia co.; Henry Fulton, York; John W. Guernsey, Tioga, Potter, McKean, Elk, Clearfield and Jefferson; J. Y. Jones, Montgomery; Henry A. Muhlenberg, Berks; Wm. F. Paeker, Centre, Lycoming, Sullivan and Clinton; Conrad Shimer, Northampton and Lehigh.

Whigs—William Haslett, Butler, Beaver and Lawrence; Benjamin Malone, Bucks; John H. Walker, Erie and Crawford.

Reform in Congress.

The proposition to change the mode of remunerating our Representatives in Congress, says the *Phila. Inquirer*, by substituting a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, instead of eight dollars per day, is evidently gaining ground. We trust, therefore, that the measure will be pressed. Congress has now been in session about six months, and little or nothing has been done. The prospect, too, is quite unfavorable for the balance of the session. The great business of President-making engrosses the attention of four-fifths of the members, and thus the real interests of the nation are shamelessly neglected. Not half a dozen laws of the least general importance have been passed thus far—while several measures that possess the deepest interest to the nation at large, have been acted upon in the Senate, but command little or no attention in the House. This condition of affairs is truly disgraceful, but nothing better can be hoped while members continue to receive eight dollars per day whether they work or play. A reform is needed, and the sooner that it is consummated the better. In the language of the *New York Courier*, "the present per diem mode of compensation is the main cause of the inordinate length and inefficiency of our Congressional sessions. It presents a direct premium for procrastination. It postpones public interests for private interests. It makes a session of eight months twice as profitable to the Congressman as a session of four months, and therefore is sure to produce it. It takes away every stimulus, destroys all motive for application. Public business is not despatched, but rather kept in reserve, so that there may be decent pretext for not adjourning. Public business, in fact, is deemed the goose that lays the golden egg; but our Congressmen improve upon the old fable, and instead of making way with it, nurse it very tenderly, and do every thing to protract its existence. The effect would be precisely the reverse, if the remuneration consisted in a fixed salary."

The Aztec Children.—These two diminutive specimens of the human race, says the *Philadelphia Argus*, that are now on exhibition at the Musical Fund Hall are, without doubt, the most wonderful beings, when their size and history are taken into view, that were ever presented to the attention of the public. They are chiefly remarkable for their extremely small size, their general intelligence, and the fact of their being pure specimens of that race, once powerful, but now degenerate, which centuries ago ruled in the country of the Montezumas. It is stated that these children belong to an order dedicated to sacerdotal service, and that they were procured from a secluded and hitherto unknown Aztec city in Central America at great expense and even peril of life, to their adventurous protector, and many circumstances related by antiquarians and travelers in Central America, tend to corroborate the story. Almost all the inhabitants of that country agree in declaring the existence of a large city situated among almost inaccessible mountains, isolated from communication with the outer world, and which more than one or two white men have ever succeeded in reaching. Stephens, in his valuable work on Yucatan, we believe, alludes to this subject, and seems to place reliance in the statement. The present specimens are male and female, the former weighing 28 pounds and measuring 33 1/2 inches in height, and the latter weighing 17 pounds, and being 29 inches in height. They are perfect in symmetry, lively and amiable in disposition, and partaking of none of those offensive peculiarities that are the usual attendants on the dwarf race. As a relic of a past and gone age they are certainly worth the attention of all, and we are glad to see that they are attracting in our city the same degree of observation that has followed their exhibition in every city where they have appeared.

More Whig Testimony.—The following article, from the *New York Mirror*, shows how the whig party manages its preliminary organization:

"CHEATING POLITICIANS.—The election of delegates to the National Convention in this State has been a ridiculous farce from beginning to end. Men, or rather bullies, hired by the wire-pullers, have thrown in votes by the handful, and voted a dozen times over at that. The delegates elect will not represent the people; and the nomination at Baltimore will only be another act in the farce. The movements in this city, so far as we have observed them, are simply disgusting. The national whigs would be justified, under the circumstances, in calling a State convention, appointing thirty-six delegates to Baltimore, demanding their admission; and in case of refusal, adjourning to meet in national convention, without distinction of party, to nominate a Union ticket."

The above is proof conclusive that the *Mirror* and those whigs for whom it speaks are sick of the whig party. It comes in aid of the "Galopin" predictions of the *New York Express*, to complete the picture of whiggery as painted by itself.

UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR BETWEEN TWO RELATIVES.—Hon. EDWARD A. HANNEGAN, late U. S. Senator for Indiana, and Capt. DUNCAN, his brother-in-law, living in the same house at Covington, Indiana, on the most friendly terms, had a personal misunderstanding on the 7th inst. It appears that on the day and evening previous, they had both been drinking, and that on the morning of the sad occurrence, Capt. DUNCAN went up stairs to Mr. HANNEGAN's room and an altercation ensued between the parties, when Capt. DUNCAN gave Mr. HANNEGAN a slap in the face. Mr. HANNEGAN, upon the indignity he felt, and the impulse of the moment, struck Capt. DUNCAN with a knife in the lower part of the stomach, inflicting a severe, and what is thought a dangerous wound. Mr. HANNEGAN, recovering from his passions, aroused by the supposed indignity, suffers the most excruciating tortures in the reflection that he has, perhaps, struck down as kind a friend as he has on earth. A rumor reached Cincinnati in the early part of the week, that DUNCAN had died of his wound, which by later accounts is too true.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

"I should think these omnibus wheels would be fatigued after running all day," observed Sam. "Well, yes," replied Seth, taking a squint at them, "they do appear to be tired."

MATRIMONY.—Hot buckwheat cakes—warm beds—comfortable slippers—smoking coffee—round arms—red lips—ect., ect.—shirts exulting in buttons—redeemed stockings—boots—jacks—happiness, &c., &c.

SINGLE BLESSEDNESS.—Sheet iron quilts—blue noses—frosty rooms—ice in the pitcher—unregenerated linen—hellish stockings—coffee sweetened with icicles—gutta percha biscuits—flabby steak—dull razors—corns—coughs and cholics, rhubarb, aloes, misery, &c. Ugh!

The humorous Dean Swift whose antipathy to fishing was well known, having been asked by a child what a fishing rod meant—

"It means my dear sir," said he "only a long pole with a worm on one end and a fool at the other."

An Irish editor in speaking of the miseries of Ireland, says, "Her cup of misery has been for ages overflowing and is not yet full."

A CURE FOR SORE EYES.—The dust on an honest miller's hat.

INDIANS STARVED TO DEATH.—The *Minnesota Pioneer* says, that a report has come from the Lacqui Parlee, that over 400 Indians—men, women and children—were found starved to death, having eaten their dogs, moccasins, skin tents, and every thing that could afford the least sustenance.

It was feared, last summer, that the loss of crops by the floods would result disastrously to them. We forbear to mention all the horrible details we have heard of their suffering.

An exchange paper says—"Those farmers who hesitate about their inability to take a newspaper, are requested to keep one here more than usual. The profits will pay all costs."

OUR BULL.—It is said that this talented musician intends to settle in the State of Virginia, where he has purchased some lands, and is about shortly to make arrangements for an early occupation of them. He has been somewhat interrupted in his plans by the many requests made to him to give a few concerts in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and lastly New York.

The Democrats of the fifth district of North Carolina have nominated Mr. Buchanan for the Presidency.

DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES.—The Democrats of Richmond District, Va., have appointed the Hon. John M. Mason as one of the Delegates to the Baltimore Convention. Both him and his colleagues are said to be friends of Mr. Buchanan for the Presidency.

It is singular how pious fresh clothes makes people. For a month after Mrs. Smithers gets a new mantilla, she is at church three times a day. Should a woman paint heaven, it would be all festooned with French bonnets and broad satin.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.—The *Baltimore Argus* says the Committee of Arrangements are unwearied in their exertions to perfect all measures which may tend to render this Convention and its accessories, the greatest ever held in this country. At a meeting of the Committee held yesterday, it was unanimously resolved to invite all the Democratic members of Congress, and of the State Legislature, to occupy seats on the floor of the Hall of the Maryland Institute, during the sitting of the National Convention.

THE STATE LOAN.—Fifty Thousand Dollars will be saved to the Commonwealth every year, by Gov. Bigler's fortunate suggestion to negotiate a loan of \$5,000,000 at 5 per cent., for the purpose of paying the 6 per cent. loans falling due in 1853 and 1854.

The latest theory in relation to the origin of the Mammoth Cave is that it was " dug by Daniel Boone for the purpose of hiding in from the Indians!" This opinion was advanced by a young hoosier in the neighborhood of Terre Haute, who, we suppose, had just graduated in some college.

Dr. Beeswax, in his "Essay on Woman," says, "I have made woman my study for a series of years, but I never found one who stuttered. I met with any number of men, every day, who stammer, but never have I seen a woman couldn't