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BY GEORGE P. MORRIS. The Poets, all honor to them, make " sunshine in a shady place." Who as he walks through

the sloppy highways and by-ways of a great eity does not mentally "thank God for pleasant weather." Here we have the aspiration of many a heart done into a song by Ameriac's own songwriter: Thank God for pleasant weather! Chant it merry rills!

And clap your hands together, Ye exciting hills! Thank Him, teeming valley ! Thank Him, fruitful plain! For the golden sunshine, And the silver rain.

Thank God of good the Giver! Shout it, sportive breeze! Respond, oh tuneful river! To the nodding trees. Thank Him, bird and birdling! As ye grow and sing! Mingle in thanksgiving Every living thing!

Thank God with cheerful spirit. In a glow of love, For what we here inherit, Aud our hopes above!-Universal nature Revels in her birth. When God in pleasant weather, Smiles upon the earth!

Speeches.

Speeches delivered before the Demooratio State Convention.

MARCH 4th, 1856.

WM. H. MONTGOMERY.

Mr. PRESIDENT :- I regret, sir, that the misplaced kindness of my friends has intruded my name upon this Convention. For several weeks my constant attention has been devoted to the duties of my profession, and I am entirely out of practice as a political speaker. It is true that I must plead guilty of having, occasionally, in times of high political excitement, participated in the discussion of the great political questions on which the nation has been divided, but the thoughts of other times, like most of the political organizations arrayed against us; have passed away. and will no more avail me now, than would the political sentiments of Henry Clay or Daniel Webster avail the Know-Nothing Republicans of the present time. (Cheers)

It would be embarrassing to the first orators of the nation to be called upon to address you after the displays of eloquence to which you have just listened. Who would not shrink from the task of speaking after such men as Governor Bigler, Col. Black, and C. R. Buckalew, men acknowledged as the ablest debaters and first orators of the nation.

I feel that it would be as the Irishman said of the frog, "taking long leaps for the length of my legs," to attempt to address you after such men. It is a very different thing to address a Convention composed of the highest talents of Pennsylvania, from speaking in my native county, among my friends and neighbors, from the hills, who will forgive my errors and imperfections.

The whole political field, too, has been already passed in review, so that there is hardly sufficient space left me, even for a 'towing hook improvement."

But a short speech is as easy to make as a short apology. And, although I will not at this late hour, undertake to make you a political argument, you will pardon a few remarks on the life of that greatest living American statesman-James Buchanan. We are emphatically a "fast people," and we all begin to feel that we have been progressing too rapidly, and the people, with one accord, demand of "Young America" to halt in his headlong career. We must go back to the true and tried statesmen of the past We must have a candidate for the Presidency in whom the people can confide. A man whose character will be a guarantee to the farmer, the mechanic, the merchant, in short, to all entering on a new arena The varied duties classes, that our national institutions and our national honor will be preserved and defended. (Cheers.) We want a man for the Presidency. the force of whose exalted character, and and the history of whose life has inspired And such a man the people have found in him

In past times it has been customary with our opponents, to ask who our candidate was,

(Cheere.)

beautiful valley around us was comparatively | dent of the United States.

"rusking on the sky" doubtless awakened | him honor. in his infant mind the first ideas of the sub-

Years passed by, and the little cabin boy his place as a member of the bar in Lancasand the equal of the best of his profession.

press throughout the land. A company of of the United States. (Cheers.) volunteers was immediately enrolled in the and strict obedience to the command of his | cheering.) officers. Who is he that thus carefully casts aside his law books, and voluntarily takes upon himself the perils and privations of a soldier's life, and enrols himself among his coun- | ded, sir, to trouble this Convention with any try's defenders. That stripling lawyer is young James Bachanan. (Cheers.)

In 1814 the people of Laneaster county cast about them for some man in whom they had the highest confidence-some man of integrity, ability and patriotism for a representative in the State Legislature. Our nation

representative on the floor of Congress. They had tried James Buchanan in the legislature of the State and he had not dissappointed their high expectations, and they sent him a

In 1828 James Buchanan declined a reelection and resumed his practice at the bar, and was acknowledged to be the ablest lawyer

In 1834, the people in the State of Pennsylvania desired a representative in the Senthe whole State from which to choose, but from all the gifted and distinguished men within our borders, James Buchanan was se--but freely, voluntarily, and without solici-

tude on his part, he became our representative. And in the Senate chamber of the U. States, in the intellectual conflicts, with not the greatest men in America only, but we can proudly say with the greatest men of the world, he proved himself their peer and their equal In 1844, James K. Polk had been elected President of the United States, and he cast his eyes over the nation to select the wisest and best of our glorious great men to assist of our country. He had twenty millions from whom to select, yet, Mr. President, his lature of Pennsylvania, and have me removed game with them. But with our adversaries; ernment to the construction of such a work first choice fell upon James Buchanan for the from office; I told them to go ahead, that I look back, and see if the people, either in the across the vast barren and unoccupied plains highest position in his gift. His presence in knew they did not love to hear the truth, but government of the United States, or that of and the mountains of the centre of the North that cabinet won the confidence of the Ameri- they should hear it there as well as in Wayne | Pennsylvania, have twice successively trusted | American continent. The indisposition of the can people, and his safe and patriotic coun- county. (Applause.) quished his power amid the plaudits of a great-

ful people. In 1852, the people of the United States demanded a representative at the Court of St. James. From all the great and illustrious chanan is selected, and the heart of the pation went with him over the sea. He is now of his new situation call for a display of unenter upon a course of discipline for the new

ful Court in Europe. his glorious deeds is interwoven with the brightest pages of national history And his voice across the expanse of waters to call the Pennsylvania; these I quoted in my charge. fame as a statesman, will live with the legis- glorious statesman home, to lead the great | Some fellow in Massachusetts-a Know-Noth-

county, James Buchanan was born. The cipline for the exalted and varied duties of comment of "whoever heard of an overt act." tion. Shortly after that Constitution was approximate. Until they do approximate. vigorous arm of his father had felled the for- the proud position which he is destined to fill. I requested one of the editors of a Boston adopted, an act in relation to fugitive slave; we shall have no Pacific railroad—except on est trees, and heaven's sunlight fell on the As a member of this hall, in early youth, he paper to republish the article, and head it was passed, which authorizes the officers of paper; though, doubtless, we shall have every est trees, and heaven's suningative of this han, in early your, he little clearing that surrounded his humble house. A few years afterwards, if you had State legislation and State rights. On the visited that spot, you might have witnessed floor of Congress, he was taught, in intellect State, for what I had laid down, and there I up by abelitionists, passed laws prohibiting around Wall street, proposing to Congress the gambols of a flax-headed boy, in the in- tual conflict with the giant minds of America, left the matter. necence of childhood, as he threaded the the rights and duties of a representative and Notwithstanding the Constitution contains they had a right to do-and I am sorry to say paths of the gloomy old forest, chasing the butterfly and plucking the wild flower. Who President he was taught how to rule a free account of his religious opinions, these Knowthat had then gazed upon that child, would people. And now, as our representative of Nothings try to excite the worst spirit of re- ereising a power which she legitimately might, have predicted that he one day was to be the his country in a foreign land, he is familiari- ligious intolerance, by arraying the Protes- abelished slavery by a gradual process, and greatest living statesman in America? What zed with the diplomacy and diplomatists of tants against the Catholice, and depriving the for years that law was the only one on the subinstitutions of our country! The log cabin which he has been trained for the Presidency. der the Constitution This I held to be there has been a law passed prohibiting the boy, with the laughing cheek and open brow The hand of Providence seems to have guard- conspiracy, and I think that the good sense of officers of Pennsylvania from executing the of that day has become the calm, dignified ed and guided the course of his life for the people have sustained me, as the law of law of the United States to which I have alstatesman of the present, with a fame as ex- fulfilment of this splendid destiny. The full the country does, in that opinion. Now, Inded, and it stands upon our statute books tended as civilization, and a free people are about to elevate him to a position, far higher leet, enriched by the experience of more than succeed. They may excite predjudice for our State who hear me, will see to having a in dignity and honor, than that held by the forty years spent in the service of his country, the moment, but the excitement having no law passed repealing it. It is a law that is most powerful sovereign in Europe. (Cheers.)

James Buchanan was born in full view of the mountain ranges, whose lofty summits it gladdens the hearts of a free people to do

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limity of nature. The lofty forest trees in some of the incidents in the history of James away, and Know Nothingism with all its pre- That law shall be repealed. In the year 18 whose shade he rested from his toils, the Buchanan. We have seen the stripling boy, tensions to popularity has died away. It at 50, the House of Representatives of this mournful music of the wind as it swept thro' the favorite of the people of his adopted one time threatened, sir, to overrun the coun- State passed a law repealing a part of it, and the leasless branches in Autumn-the gloom | county, but they were not permitted to retain | try with itsdetestable doctrines and destroy all | it went to the Senate, and there our epponents of Winter-the blossoms that sprang from the him. Pennsylvania demanded him, and he our institutions, but thank God the season of had a majority, and it died a natural death, so with necessary fool and fodder, would form soil in early Spring-all called for his patient | became the favorite son of our great State; | reflection among the people came, and it met | I have no doubt that if our representatives study, and impressed his mind with that state- but the Nation is now demanding him from us its rebuff in glorious old Virginia. The elec- attempted to repeal it now, that our opponents posts amply able to protect the route from the ly and solemn dignity, which in after years as the chief of our mighty people. The log- tion of Wise stopped the mad career of the would try to kill it in some way for the sake 'held listening Senates in awe." (Cheers.) | cabin boy of Franklin county, in the maturi- party and it met with nothing but defeat after of the factions which they represent, but, sir, Such, Mr. President, was little James Bu- ty of his intellectual power, is to-day the defeat, from that time to this. The recent they should be shown that they might try in greatest statesman in the world.

has become a man. And we find him taking risen step by step, always advancing with a ture filled by men who sustain Democratic sure and steady progress—he has taken no measures and Democratic principles, instead ter county, -at the time one of the ablest in step backward He is first elected a member of the reckles band that congregated there last the State. He was poor, and necessity de- of the State Legislature, next he is found in year. The men who composed our last Legislamanded exertion, and he was soon the rival the halls of the lower house of Congress; ture seemed bound by no obligation or moral this duty; and then commenced the clamor next in the Senate of the United States; sense. They would swear, as was eloquently against the fugitive slave law, which was monstrable that as a means of frontier and During the war with Great Britain, the from the Senate to the Cabinet of President | said by the gentleman from Lycoming, (Mr. English army-flushed with victory-threat- Polk; from the Cabinet to the Court of St. Packer) to support the Constitution in one as to avoid this law, and all the clamor was prompt transmission of valuable letters and ened the destruction of the city of Baltimore. James, and the almost united voice of a free breath, and then present laws and enact them, made against it. News of the intended attack were sent by ex- people is now calling him to the Presidency to violate in the next. Thank God that day

city of Lancaster. Among that number, and conferred upon him. He will soon be on the now its orginators, if they have any shame in | modified as to allow them to come together | plan looking to similar ends that has es yet the first to respond to the call, was a stripling | topmost round of human elevation, and from | them, are ashamed. Sir, I have no patience | and form a Union of States. The compromise | lawyer, marching in the ranks as a common | it he will have but one more step to take, that | with such a band of conspirators. The are of that Constitution must be faithfully presersoldier - a model for all in his manly bearing step will be to the skies. (Enthusiastic emphatically the dark lantewn party, and ved, in order to preserve this Union in its in-

HON. JAMES M PORTER.

the will of the majority. I had not intenremarks further than what was necessary to here that is not a party founded upon princethe transaction of our business; and I was ple. No party ever existed in this Union was at war. That choice, Mr. President, was | ther charge and we old fogies must give way | morals return, and delusion passes away.-

what I will say will be in relation to the people, their right to govern themselves, and Know-Nothing party, and the violation by their capacity so to do. We bow to them, to that party of the laws and constitution of our their expressed and deliberate will, at all

cils conducted the nation through the perils of a foreign war—and added thousands of miles to our national domain—and he relinlaws respecting the establishment of religion

the right of the people." ry to which I have refered, I gave an extract lation of the last quarter of a century. _ national Democratic party in the contest of ing-and he was a Know-Nothing naturally; State under the laws therefore, escaping into | -is descined to see completed. 1856, and on the 4th day of March, 1867, he need not have joined the Order to become another, &c."

Sixty-five years ago-when the broad and James Buchanan will be inaugurated Presi- one (Laughter,) published an editorial article, and headed it "Judicial Stupidity," and then a wilderness—in a rude log cabin in Franklin | His whole life has been one continued dis- gave the extract from the charge, with the formal as any other provision of the Constitu-

to support it recognized by sound sense, will pass a law repealing it, and let it go to Mr. President. I have merely glanced at sound morals, or sound law, and it has passed the Governor, and see whether he dare veto it. election in Pennsylvania redeemed this State. The young lawyer of the Lancaster bar has and we now behold the halls of our Leg'slathat infamy which they so richly deserve.

Mr. President-No party can ever exist

confirmed in that position, feeling that I for any length of time, that had for its object should appear to great disadvantage after the the destruction of the Constitution and the able speeches that I heard from other gentle- laws. I, sir, have faith in the intelligence of men, more accustomed to speaking than my- | the people. They may be led away for a time self. Young America has the country in by impulse, but soon reflection comes, sound James Buchanau. This was his first endorse- to them, (Laughter and applause,) and all I have an abiding sense, not only in the right, ment by the people of his adopted country. that we can ask of them is that they take a but the ability of the people to govern them-In 1820, the people of that county wanted a little advice, derived from the experience of selves; and excitements coming in once and age. Give us energy and resolution to help a while do good and give time for sober second us, backed by the experience of age, and our thought, which is always right, and always march will be onward triumphantly to victo- rectifies the wrong the people have been led ry I have but a word or two to say on this into by impulse As a party, we have based more exalted position in the councils of the occasion, for I never like long speeches, and our proceedings upon the sovereignty of the times, and we are perfectly safe in so doing. I perhaps had the honor, for I esteem it an It never can be that any other party, without honor, to be the first person to take public ac- | principles, can ever bave any permanent hold tion in relation to their conduct. [Applause.] upon the people. The Democratic party is ate chamber of the United States. They had I held it to be my duty, when filling a judi- the national party, the party of the people, cial station and acting under the sanction of the only party than can safely be trusted by an oath to discharged those duties faithfully, them with power. (Applause.) Our printo call the attention of the Grand Jury of ciples is the their polar star, and it is only lected-not through intrigue and management | Wayne county. in December, 1854, to this | when they pass from it, like the Israelites of organization, which I then held and now old, and go hunting after false Gods, that hold to the contrary to the laws and Constitu- they can be defeated. Sir, while they keep summate any plan whatever for commencetion of the country, and a violation of those | the polar star in view, and steer by it, they laws to a criminal extent, and I held that any are always safe. Look at our opponents, member of the Association of Know-Noth- where are they? Kept together only by the ings was liable to be indicted and convicted of cohesive power of a love for plunder, for the Company with Government aid in the shape a conspiracy in attempting to deprive a por- loaves and fishes; and when they get into of land grants, rages by no means as high in tion of our citizens of the rights guaranteed power, and get into the money-chest, they are Washington this winter as during the last .to them by the laws and Constitution of the | so confounded greedy that they thrust both | However, it matters little how anxious gentle-United States. (Applause.) For this I was arms into the chest, and the people turn them men in public life who desire to urge the threatened by Sam and Dan to Beersheeba; off like robbers. No such judgment has ever scheme may be, the sentiment of a large mabim in the administration of the government and I heard that it was their intention to have been passed upon the Democratic party - jority of this Congress is decidedly opposed to me brought before the Know-Nothing Legis- They are used to power-and it is no grab undertaking or promising the aid of the Govour opponents with power. There is so no Natoinal Legislature to the scheme, is indicathe National or State Legislature, recognize every reason to believe that the present Conor prohibiting the free exercise or abridging the right of their constituents to govern them gress will go much further than the last in by instructions-they are there to carry out spending the public money to meet the so ra-The Constitution of Pennsylvania declares the will of the people; but how is it with that no man shall be called to account before their opponents? Why, sir, during the exstatesmen of our glorious land, James Bu- any human tribunal for his mode of worship- citement which took place a year ago, they made demonstrate the immensity of the conping God, but that he shall do so freely oc- elected a large number of Black Republican templated work on any route, and the certain cording to his conscience. I give the idea. Know-Nothings members of Congress; and great average cost per mile beyond all prece-Then, sir, we have a set of men coming togeth- what is the consequence? A revolution in | dent. owing to the want of suitable materials, er-and although the Constitution of the the public sentiment has been brought about over most of the distance, and to the difficultried powers. His powerful intellect must United States aurthorizes Congress and re- by their outrageous conduct, as shown by the ties of construction in regions wholly destitute quires them to pass laws for the naturalization | recent elections; and I do not suppose that | of inhabitants except the savage red man, and tasks now imposed upon him. He is in daily of foreigners-combining and conspiring to- one of them could again carry his district .- of animals other than the wild buffalo .intercourse with the greatest statesmen and gether in secret for the purpose of depriving Spoils is what this party fights for ; and its Among railroad men, the experience of the

their officers from executing this law which vain before the close of the session. [Applause.] Well, Mr. President, in consequence of laws similar to the one passed in Pennsylvania being passed by the various States, Congress found it necessary to constitute officers of the United States to perform

The Constitution was a matter of comprehave, as they deserved, lost everything like tegrity; and every part of that Constitution public confidence. The day of their triumph is binding upon the whole Union, every State I suppose, Mr. President, I must bow to has gone by, and they are fast sinking into of it and every person in it, and nothing can be enacted in violation of it. We have assembled here to-day for the purposa of doing our part to preserve the Union in its integrity, and we have made our nomination with that view, and it is one that will meet the approbation of the Democrats of the whole Commonwealth, and I hope it will meet with that of the whole Union, for I believe the gentleman nominated is a perfectly safe statesman, who will preserve that Constitution in its letter and spirit; and if he is elected, the Union is safe and the efforts of men who are trying to

ereate dissension and disunion will be defeated Now, sir, I have very little further to say. I have not mixed in political life or the politics of my State, lately. I believe I was a member of a Democratic Convention some twentythree years ago, when John Shultz was nominated for Governor. From that time to this the Democracy have been true to the Constitution, have been mainly true to their principles and true to the people, and my word for if the nomination made here this day is ratified throughout the Union, when you come to the Tenth Legion, we will roll up a majority of six thousand for Buchanan (Ap-

The Pacific Railroad. [From the Washington Evening Star.] We have no idea that Congress will conment of the construction of a railroad to the Pacific. The fever in favor of such an undertaking on Government account, or by a

the confidence, and won the admiration of friend and enemy. Such a man is now sought by the nation, without distinction of party. he stood in his native land, the greatest of the ment been brought before me against them, principles of government with a vengeance, are really profitable; while, under the cir-And such a man the people have found in him whom we all delight to call "Pennsylvania's James Buchanan to be the most illustrious should have been convicted. (Laughter and favorite son" (Cheers) and distinguished minister at the most power- applause.) In that charge to the Grand Ju- mad actions of such an unprincipled party. business could for a quarter of a century pay Mr. President, I have said a word about its expenses, without beginning to yield a

The period of its construction will depend any more delay.

Now, sir, that is one of the provisions of in the main on the rapidity with which the of the Constitution adopted in 1785; just as settlements west from the Missouri frontier. that they will build and own the work, if Uncle Sam will make them a present of the cilitate and insure the safety of the overland communication between the Missouri country and that of the Pacific. That is, by the establishment of a weekly letter (horse) express mail between Independence and some point on the California frontier, with gracts of land in single sections, one every thirty miles, or wherever night stations may be advisable over

The overland route has been a bad one for two reasons: First, because it is not secure from attacks from savages; and, next, because, after leaving the present Missouri frontier settlements, the emigrant or traveller must trust wholly to nature in the most inhospitable region within the limits of our country, for any and all supplies other than those he may carry with him. Such is the extent of the travel over the route, as that the business of supplying it every thirty miles or a settlement large enough to form a cerdon of savages without cost to the Government.

Tais idea, it will be remembered, sprang from the sagacious brain of Senator Gwin, who would surely have carried it through the last Congress to the immense benefit of his constituents, had it not been defeated by an untimely effort in the House to make the mail daily instead of weekly. We hope to see the present representative from California again bring forward this proposition, it being denothing else than the original law so modified emigration protection, and to insure the important news between Missonri, Utah, California, and Oregon and Washington Territohas gone by like the anti-Masonic excitement mise. In it the various States gave up to ries, it embraces advantages of economy, Earth's honors have been or will soon be which once existed here and passed away, and each other certain rights essential to them, so speed, certainty, &c., superior to any other been meeted in the Capitol.

> Pat and the Govenor. Govenor Snyder, the Govenor of the Keytone State, was sitting comfortable in his paror at Selmsgrove, his rural abode, the cares of State sitting lightly on his breast, for he had just left his dinner table and felt at peace with all the world, when a knock was heard at the front door, and Patrick O'Hannegan was ushered into the presence of the goodnatured Govenor.

'Guyper Snyder, I suppose, said Pat, with in attempt at an elegant bow.

'So I am called: pray be scated, and tell me what I can do for you to-day' Pat east a look around the room, rubbed

his kness as he art down on the edge of the chair, and after a few moments hesitation, he egan on this wise:

Wa'al, Guvner, it's about six years since I came to this country, and I've been a-livin' all that time up there on Lycomin' Creek, and I thought it was about time I was going home till the ould country, to see my poor ould mother, God bless her ! before she dies, and all my ould friends there; and so Im on my way. you see; and I thought, as I had heard people talkin' a great deal about Guvner Snyder. and what a great guvner be was, that I would call and pay my respects fill him." Hero Pat took a rest, and began again: 'And so I'll be going to Philadelfy, and a good long step is is to go afoot, and then I'll go to New York, and go aboard a ship, and sail till ould Ireland There he took a long look at the sideboard sparkling with its well-filled decanters! when I see my ould mother, and all my ould friends. I'll tell them how I called on the guvner of Pinsylvany, and how he was mightpolite, and give me a glass of brandy to frink his honor's health.'

The Govenor took the hint, and filled a class, which Pat emptied as soon, saying, Your good health, Guvner; and long life till ye, and all your kith and kind !"

Down sat Pat again, and after answering a few kind inquiries of the Govenor, he rose and spoke-'Wa'all, I 'spose I must be moving.' I'm goin' from here to Philadelfy. and it's a long step to go afoot, and from there I'll go till New York, and then I'll go aboard a ship to ould Ireland, and there I'll tell all my ould friends that here I called on the great Guyner of Pinsylvany, and he gave me two glasses of brandy to drink His Honor's health.' The Govenor was caught, and poured out the second glass, which leasened the othor end of Pat's tengue, and he went over the rigmarole again, ending with THREE glasses of brandy!

'A.' said the Govenor, 'but you have not had THREE glasses!

Pat was all cut up and cut down by this unexpected answer. He pushed his tingers through his hair, dropped his lower jaw, and looked like a deep'y wounded 'iintleman' as he was. A happy thought hit him, and brightening up he said, But you wouldn't have me tell my ou'd mother a lie, wouldyou?

The good Govenor was melted for a moment, and the third glass passed from the side. board into the longing besom of the dry Irishman, who drank, and thus began-

'A thousand thanks, Guvner! the saints

bless and the Virgin kape you, and give you long life and plenty of such brandy as this. your Honor! and new I'll be goin' to Philadelfy, and it's a long way afoot, and thenbut such will not be the case after the nomination of James Buchanan. The memory of

At the present moment the people, not of of the law of conspiracy from two decissions; Knew-Nothingism, and now I will pay my redividend. These are good and sufficient reahalf-laughing, and half-mad at the impulsance one made by the Chief Justice of Massachuspects to the Black Republicans. (Laughter sons why it may not be expected that Conof Pat and his own rendiness to be coaxed, he ting the counstruction of the great continen- showed his guest to the do r, and told him, as "No person held to service or labor in one tal work, which another generation—not ours it was so far to Philadelphia, he had bester State under the laws therefore, escaping into —is desired to see completed.