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WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 10.

FOR PRESIDENT, JAMES BUCHANAN, OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE, OF KENTUCKY.

Canal Commissioner, GEORGE SCOTT, (OF COLUMBIA COUNTY.) Auditor General, JACOB FRY, JR., (OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.) Surveyor General, JOHN ROWE, (OF FRANKLIN COUNTY.)

CONGRESS, C. L. PERSHING, OF CAMBRIA COUNTY. STATE SENATE, JOHN CRESSWELL, Jr., OF BLAIR COUNTY.

FOR ASSEMBLY, WILLIAM C. REAMER, GEORGE N. SMITH, FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGES, GEORGE W. EASLY, RICHARD JONES, Jr. FOR PROTHONOTARY, JOSEPH McDONALD. FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THEOPHILUS L. HEYER. FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, THOMAS MCCONNELL. FOR HOUSE DIRECTOR, WILLIAM PALMER. FOR CORONER, PETER DOUGHERTY. FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR, HENRY SCANLAN. COUNTY AUDITORS, DANIEL COBAUGH, 3 Years, EDWARD FARRAN, 2 Years.

DEMOCRATIC ELECTORAL TICKET. ELECTORS AT LARGE. Charles R. Ducklow, Wilson McCandless, District. 1st—Geo W. Nebinger 13th—Abra'm Edinger 2d—Pierce Butler 14th—Reuben Willer 3d—Edw. Wartman 15th—Geo A. Crawford 4th—Wm. H. Witte 16th—James Black 5th—John McNair 17th—Henry J. Stalder 6th—John H. Brinton 18th—John D. Roddy 7th—David Lantry 19th—Jacob Turner 8th—Chas. Kessler 20th—J. A. Buchanan 9th—Jas. Patterson 21st—Wm. Wilkins 10th—Isaac Slenker 22d—Jas. G. Campbell 11th—F. W. Hughes 23d—Thos. Cunningham 12th—Thos. Osterhaut 24th—John Keately 25th District—Vincent Phelps.

The above is a correct list of the persons placed in nomination on the Democratic Electoral Ticket by the Democratic State Convention of the 4th of March last. A pledge to support JAMES BUCHANAN for President, and JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE for Vice President, in the event of the election of the ticket, has been received from each of the above candidates. Editors of Democratic newspapers will please correct accordingly, a number of errors having been discovered in the publication of the ticket. By order of the DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Township Meetings. The Democrats of Cambria county will meet in their several townships for the purpose of holding Democratic meetings as follows: Carroll Township—at the village of Carrollton, on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, at 3 o'clock P. M. Susquehanna Township—at the borough of Cherry Tree, on Thursday, Sept. 18th, at 3 o'clock P. M. Summerhill Township—at Jefferson, on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 o'clock P. M. Clearfield Township—at the hotel of Henry Harbours, on Tuesday, Sept. 23d, at 3 o'clock P. M. White Township—at the school house in Fallen Timber, on Wednesday, Sept. 24th, at 3 o'clock P. M. Chest Township—at A. Shallenberger's hotel, on Thursday, Sept. 25th, at 3 o'clock P. M. Allegheny Township—at the hotel of J. M. Kinzie, in the borough of Loretto, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 3 o'clock P. M. Jackson Township—at the house of Henry Rager, on Saturday, October 4th, at 6 o'clock P. M. Blacklick Township—at the house of J. Craig, on Tuesday, Oct. 7th, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Speakers may be expected at each meeting, and at Loretto, Carrollton, Chest tp., and other places where desired, the Germans will be addressed by gentlemen in their own language. Should other meetings be required, notice will be given of them hereafter. Democrats who desire handbills for their meetings, documents for distribution, or speakers for meetings they may wish, can get all necessary information by applying to either of the undersigned members of the Democratic Executive Committee of Cambria county. Richard White, Wm. A. Smith, Cyrus L. Pershing, George W. Easley, John H. Douglass, Executive Committee.

A Plain Case of Backing Out.

John R. Edie, the Know-Nothing candidate for Congress, arrived in town on Monday evening. It was understood, and so stated, by his friends, that he would deliver a speech in the Court House on Tuesday evening. During the afternoon of that day, a paper was drawn up, and signed by a number of Mr. Edie's friends, as well as by the friends of C. L. Pershing, Esq., his competitor, who was in town, requesting both the candidates to address the people, on the great political issues involved in the present contest. When the paper was presented to Mr. Pershing, he promptly acceded to the proposition, over his own signature. He had made his arrangements to leave town at 5 o'clock, for the purpose of attending the Pittsburg Convention, but expressed his determination to remain and meet Col. Edie before the people, if the latter would consent.

A few of the special friends of Mr. Edie, having heard of the proposed arrangement, and fearful of the result, started him on a branch of the underground Railroad, and for some hours the Col. was invisible to the naked eye. At length one of his friends, James D. Hamilton, screwed his courage up to the sticking point, and proposed that he would take charge of the paper and consult Col. Edie on the subject. It was handed to him by William Palmer, Esq., with directions to return it with Mr. Edie's acceptance or refusal. Mr. G. C. K. Zahn, a democrat, accompanied Mr. Hamilton. About five o'clock P. M., it was discovered that Mr. Hamilton was preparing to leave for Jefferson in one of his coaches. He was immediately waited on by Mr. Palmer, and asked whether he had seen Col. Edie, and what had become of the paper, he replied, that he had left it in Maj. Thompson's Hotel; the Major when asked about it by Mr. Palmer, said he thought it had been taken from his desk by Mr. E. F. Lytle; but the latter, who had signed it, alleged that he knew nothing about it, and thus neither John R. Edie nor the paper could be found. If this was not about as clear a case of refusing to face the music, not only on the part of Edie, but also of his friends, as was ever heard of, we would like to know what is. When Mr. Pershing discovered that Col. Edie, through his friends, had refused to accept the challenge, he left town for Pittsburg. The Know-Nothing hero was then as brave as a lion; and when the danger had passed away, he could and did boast with perfect impunity. Unlike Cosar, he might exclaim—"I came, I saw and I backed out!" A candidate for Congress, or any other important public trust, who is afraid to appear before the sovereign people and publicly proclaim his principles, is a political coward and does not deserve the support of intelligent freemen.

OUR CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS. In another column of our paper will be found the proceedings of the Democratic Congressional Conference, which met at Johnstown on Friday the 5th instant. As was very generally anticipated, Cyrus L. Pershing, Esq., of Johnstown, received the nomination. The selection is eminently a fit one and is well calculated to inspire our friends throughout the District with a confident hope of success. Mr. Pershing is well and favorably known as a gentleman of undoubted ability and irreproachable character. He is, and always has been, a firm and steadfast democrat, and if elected, as he will be, if our friends do their duty, he will prove an honor to the District. His political ecsthesion is neither polluted with Know-Nothingism, nor goaded with the foul touch of Black Republicanism. He comes before the people with clean hands and an honest heart; his tongue is not forked, for it speaks modestly, but with unerring certainty, what he intends to perform. It is refreshing, in these days of political degeneracy, to enter the lists in defence of such a candidate. The voice of a Cambria county man, has never been heard in the Halls of Congress, and we congratulate ourselves, that the happening of an event, so devoutly to be wished for, is not far distant.

JOHN R. EDIE. On Thursday the 4th inst., the Know-Nothing Conference from this Congressional District, met at Johnstown, and on the one hundred and eighty-fourth ballot, renominated John R. Edie, of Somerset county, as their candidate for Congress. The number of ballots which it required to produce this result, is significant of the fate that is reserved for the present representative of "the great Iron District," as Col. Edie styles himself at Washington. That he will be defeated, is very generally conceded by the leading men of his own party. The sceptre has departed from the Know-Nothing Israel. In our next paper we will pay our respects to the President of the Edie, alias Fillmore branch of the Pennsylvania Know-Nothing Council, and prove him to be as arrant a political trickster as ever attempted to lumbing the people of this Congressional District.

In our last paper we published an article from the Hollidaysburg Standard, giving the details of a conversation which recently took place at the residence of Dr. R. M. S. Jackson, at Cresson, between D. H. Hofus, Esq., Mr. J. Blair Moore and others, on the one side, and the Hon. Charles Sumner on the other. It is but justice to say, that after the article was in type, we saw in the Blair County Whig, a letter from Dr. Jackson, in which he most emphatically denies that any such conversation, as detailed by Messrs. Hofus and Moore to the Editor of the Standard, ever took place; or in plain English, that the charge is false. A question of veracity has thus been raised between the parties, and we leave the gentlemen interested in it, to settle it according to their own peculiar notions of the code of honor, whether it be at "the Chiffon House on the Canalside," or on "the dark and bloody ground of Hollidaysburg."

A SIGN. The following gentlemen from Lancaster, Pa., having business in the Northern portion of this county, were in town on Monday, and stopped at Maj. Thompson's Hotel: Dr. F. A. Mahleberg, James B. Lane, W. B. Foreway, Jacob Huber, John Edler and W. Carpenter. Three of them are Democrats and the remaining three are Union Whigs—but they are all Buchanan men. Rev. JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE.—This gentleman passed over the Rail Road on last Monday night, on his way east. He would return last night and address the Mass Convention, which assembles in Pittsburg to-day.

THE TOWNSHIP MEETINGS.

It is earnestly hoped that our friends will not forget to attend the Township Meetings, to be held between this and the October Election. It is very important that there should be a complete and thorough organization in every township in the County. This can be easily done, if the proper exertion is only made. Let our Democratic friends therefore be active, and let Cambria show to her sister counties, what she can do, when her Mountain boys are fully aroused to the importance of the contest.

APOLOGY.—Our paper has been delayed beyond its regular time for the last two or three weeks, owing to a rush of job work we had on hand. We hope, after this week to issue more regularly.

RIVERS & DEBIOUS CIRCUITS.—It will be seen by reference to another column that we are to be visited by Rivers & Devious Circuits—this company, from the many notices we have read of their talented troupe, promises to be far ahead of any company that has ever visited our borough—Dan Rice not excepted.

SENATORIAL NOMINATIONS.—The Senatorial Conference for this district met at Altoona on Monday, the 5th inst., and re-nominated John Cresswell, Jr. as the democratic candidate. We have not yet received the proceedings of the Conference. When received, we will publish them and refer to more length to the subject.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs Henry J. Campbell, indicted for the murder of Jeremiah Fenton, and also in the case of the Commonwealth vs Jeremiah Potts, indicted for the murder of John Gough, which were tried last week, both the defendants were acquitted.

A MISTAKE. The name of the Democratic Elector in the ninth District, is printed in some of the papers Joseph Patterson. It should be James Patterson. We direct the attention of our brethren of the press to the error, in order that it may be corrected in time.

Mrs. WM. KITTELL will please accept our thanks for a basket of choice Tomatoes, the largest we have yet seen grown in this neighborhood, several of them weighing over one pound. We promise to do them justice when served up.

The friends of Buchanan had a glorious meeting at the Summit on last Saturday evening. It was certainly one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings that was ever held in the county. About six o'clock a splendid hickory Pole, one hundred and thirty-one feet high, was raised. The Summit being over two thousand feet above the level of the ocean, this may be said to be the highest pole in the United States. After the Pole was raised, and three cheers given, the meeting was organized by appointing Gen. JOHN HEMPHREYS, President, Daniel McLaughlin, Richard Trotter, Wm. B. Snodgrass, Peter Dougherty, Esq., Col. Alex. DeArmit, Albert Cantwell and T. H. Porter, Vice Presidents, Dr. Charles Walter, Secretary.

The meeting was then addressed by Gen. Joseph McDonald, George N. Smith, Esq., T. L. Heyer, Esq., John S. Rhey, Esq., C. D. Murray, Esq., M. Husson, Esq., of this County, and A. DeArmit, Esq., of Blair county. Mr. Walsh, of Hollidaysburg, was called upon, and sang in his best style an excellent campaign song. The meeting adjourned about ten o'clock at night, to meet at the Poles on the second Tuesday of October. We need scarcely add, that the proprietor of the Mansion House, Mr. James M. Eiffe, sustained his well earned reputation as one of the very best landlords in the whole county.

Pursuant to previous arrangements, the Committee appointed by the 14th and 16th Divisions of the P. V., met in Hollidaysburg on Friday the 5th day of September.

The meeting was organized by calling Gen. R. C. MAGILL to the Chair, and appointing Major Geo. Darr, Secretary.

The object of the meeting was then stated by Major John C. Innes, it was on motion, Resolved, That we hold an Encampment of the two Divisions, at Altoona, Blair Co., from the 7th to the 11th of October next, inclusive, and that a committee be appointed to extend invitations to such other Companies as would in their opinion be likely to attend. The following Committee was appointed: Major Gen. John C. Watson, Maj. Gen. Coffroth, Brig. Gen. R. C. Magill, Gen. R. C. White, Maj. J. C. Innes, B. F. Bell, Geo. Darr, Capt. Jacob Higgins, Capt. R. A. Stitt, Capt. H. Wehn, Capt. J. H. Hill, Capt. John L. Piper, Capt. A. S. Hanson, Lieut. F. Cassiday.

On motion, Gen. Watson, Majors Innes and Crotley, Captains Piper and Wehn and Lieuts. Ales and Renner, were appointed a Committee to obtain the requisite number of tents, and endeavor to obtain excursion tickets for those officers and companies attending the encampment. On motion, Major J. C. Innes, of Hollidaysburg, Blair county, was appointed Corresponding Secretary of the above Committee. Resolved, That the proceedings be published and that the meeting does now adjourn. R. C. MAGILL, Pres. Geo. Darr, Secretary.

THE STATE ELECTION. The importance of carrying the State election in October can scarcely be overestimated. A victory for the State ticket would settle the Presidential question beyond cavil, and the Democracy would only have to walk over the course in November for form's sake. Let, therefore, the old lion-hearted Democracy, with the thousands of patriotic recruits, who have recently enrolled themselves in the ranks, arm at once and in earnest for the State contest, and vow upon the altar of their country that they will conquer the audacity for whose efforts are directed against liberty and the Union. Let no man, who desires the elevation of BUCHANAN to the Presidency—who values the Constitution and the Union, and believes them to be in danger, cast his vote against the Democratic State ticket; for although it might not prove fatal, the experiment would be dangerous, and should not be tried. Brother Democrats, in all parts of the State, rally your forces for the 14th of October.

GO TO WORK.

We earnestly admonish every Democrat in the State to go to work at once and leave no honorable effort untried to carry the State ticket. This is the great business at present before us, and he who, professing the Democratic faith and a sincere desire to preserve the Union, shall fail to put forth his energies to elect the nominees of the party, will fall in the performance of a great duty, which must be the source of unpleasant reflections in after life. We have not a moment to spare. The enemy are every where active and every where united in the determination to beat the Democratic nominees on the 14th of October. Let us show them that we are awake and well prepared—that we know the importance of the issue between us—and, by one universal and vigorous effort, plant the flag of triumph so high and so firmly that it can never hereafter be torn down.

Letter from Gov. Wise. RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 6, 1856.

DEAR SIR.—On my return from a short absence I found yours of the 20th ult., asking my opinion on the question: "Would the election of Fremont to the Presidency bring about a dissolution of the Union?" My answer is, that the very spirit of sectionalism runs such a mere adventurer as he is, in every sense, has engendered so much envy, hatred and malice between various sections and factions of our people, as to create a wish in the minds of many so strong for a dissolution of our blessed Union, that to tell them his election would bring that lamentable event about, would make some of his bitterest opponents vote for his election for the very purpose of effecting that execrable end. This, above everything else, shows the wrong and mischief of nominating such a man by such a party as that called Black Republican. His election would bring about the dissolution of the American Confederacy of States inevitably. Why? For the reason that if New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio were slaveholding States, and Canada were to assail them with half the violence and "all uncharitableness" which Black Republicanism is assailing us with, there would be public war in thirty days of every patriot's time piece. Whether the present state of peaceful revolution, of warlike brotherhood, of coniferated antagonism, of shake-hand-enmity, of sectional unities, of united enemies,—shall unannually continue, depends precisely upon the issue whether Black Republicanism is strong enough to elect John C. Fremont, with all the demonisms at his heels! You may do what you please with this letter. Yours, respectfully, HENRY A. WISE.

THE MAINE ELECTION. The returns of the election in Maine on Monday last, indicate that the Black Republicans have secured in that State a majority so large as to surprise themselves. In 254 towns Hamlin had 20,000 majority over Wells, the Democratic candidate, and it is added that "every member of Congress, the whole Senate, with the exception of perhaps one from Aroostook, and more than four-fifths of the House, are Republican." This result has not been wholly unexpected to the Democracy, though our party friends in that State, by their earnestness, zeal and devotion gave encouragement to hope for a diminished majority against us, and certainly a triumph, Maine, for a number of years, however, though boasting a gallant Democracy of most unflinching loyalty, has not been held as a Democratic State in any closely contested contest; indeed, the largest odds have been encountered there, from the fact that since the State was first swept from her moorings by the mad tide of Abolitionism and Temperance fanaticism combined, her soil has been the hotbed of isms, and the disunionists have sought to bring every influence to bear, to crush out the gallant democracy and make that their own undisputed ground. In the recent contest, however, local issues to a large extent have operated against the Democracy, and the most super-human efforts have been put forth by the opposition to bring about the election of Hamlin, and thus reward him for his defection from the Democracy. But in the Presidential election the Democrats of Maine will have nothing before them but a fair and square, stand up fight. And they will fight it, or we are much mistaken.

TERRIBLE DISASTER. Destruction of the Mt. Vernon Hotel.—Five Persons Burned to Death.—Only one Survivor of the Family of Philip Cain. CAPE ISLAND, N. J., Sept. 6.—The mammoth Mount Vernon Hotel, at this place, took fire last night at a quarter to 11 o'clock, and was entirely consumed. The other hotels escaped uninjured. The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Cain, the lessee of the house, was residing in the building, and had retired previous to the alarm of fire. His son, Philip Cain, Jr., escaped from the building by leaping from the second story window, but was badly burned. With the exception of the son, the whole of Mr. Cain's family perished in the flames. The following is a list of those lost: Philip Cain, Sr., the lessee; Andrew Cain, Martha Cain, Sarah Cain and Mrs. Albertson. The charred remains of Mr. Cain were found this morning.

Mr. Buchanan as a Statesman. The Warrenton (N. C.) Newsman, in an ably written article in support of the Democratic Nominations, presents the following view of Mr. Buchanan as a statesman: "He is peculiarly fitted to preside at the helm of State in times of thick darkness and portentous gloom. During his long and brilliant career in the Senate of the United States, when that illustrious body contained a rare talent and ability than any other deliberative body on the globe, Mr. Buchanan, according to the universal sentiment of his enlightened countrymen, occupied a position in the front rank of the conscript fathers of the republic. We speak the unanimous sentiment of the country, and we claim no more for him now than we were always ready and willing to accord to him. We have frequently remarked, and have as frequently heard others observe, that Mr. Buchanan never made an effort on any question in the Senate that would not bear a favorable comparison with that of any other member on the same subject. His speeches were invariably finished productions, combining great strength of argument with unusual elegance of style, and characterized by profound research, extensive knowledge, and masterly skill in debate. He was a giant among giants. Nor has his vigor of intellect been in the least degree impaired by age. On the contrary, experience has served to strengthen and mature his intellectual powers, and to increase his information."

The Russian government is about to send out two corvettes, from Cronstadt, on a scientific voyage round the world.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

We are indebted to Mr. Howard J. Roberts, our Prothonotary, for the following report of the proceedings of Court for the first and second weeks.

Commonwealth vs. D. W. Goughnour.—Selling liquor without license. District Attorney enters nolle prosequi upon payment of costs by defendant.

Com. vs. Sarah Jordan.—Fornication. Deft. pleads guilty, and submits. Sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 and costs, &c.

Com. vs. D. W. Goughnour.—Selling liquor without license. Dist. Atty. enters nolle prosequi on payment of costs by deft.

Com. vs. Simon J. Weanland.—Assault and battery. Deft. pleads not guilty. Jury called and sworn, who find the deft. guilty. Sentenced to 10 days imprisonment, \$10 fine, and costs of suit.

Com. vs. Abraham Kieper.—Tipping house. Deft. pleads guilty and submits. Sentenced \$20 fine and costs of prosecution.

Com. vs. D. W. Goughnour.—Tipping house. Deft. pleads guilty and submits. Sentenced to pay fine of \$20 and costs of prosecution.

Com. vs. John Llewelyn.—Tipping house. Deft. pleads guilty and submits. Sentenced to pay fine of \$20 and costs.

Com. vs. Daniel McDonald.—Tipping house. Deft. pleads guilty and submits. Sentenced to pay fine of \$20 and costs of prosecution.

Com. vs. Hugh Daily.—Tipping house. Deft. pleads guilty and submits. Sentenced to pay fine of \$20 and costs.

Com. vs. Geo. Rowley.—Tipping house. Defendant's recognizance forfeited.

Com. vs. Andrew Smyth.—Tipping house. Deft. pleads guilty and submits. Sentenced to pay fine of \$20 and costs.

Com. vs. Margaret Bojahn—and Susan Coffitt.—Assault and battery. Ignoramus, and prosecutrix, Josephine Bojahn, to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Josephine Bojahn.—Assault and battery. Ignoramus, and prosecutrix, Margaret Bojahn, to pay the costs.

Com. vs. John Fitzgibbons.—Tipping house. Deft. pleads guilty and submits. Sentenced to pay fine of \$20 and costs.

Com. vs. Henry J. Campbell.—Murder. Prisoner being arraigned, pleads not guilty, and puts himself on his country. Dist. Atty. withdraws issue. Jury called and sworn, who say that the defendant is not guilty.

Com. vs. Jeremiah Potts.—Murder. Prisoner being arraigned, pleads not guilty, and puts himself on his country. Dist. Atty. withdraws issue. Jury called and sworn, who find the deft. not guilty.

Younkin vs. Kopp.—Appeal. Jury called and sworn, who find for Deft.

Same vs. Same.—Debt. Jury called and sworn, who find for Pif \$54.11.

Shabacher vs. Fitzgibbons.—Appeal. Jury called and sworn and discharged. Deft. gives Judgment to Pif for \$12.81.

McGarity vs. Christie.—Appeal. Discontinued by Pif.

Boyle, et al vs. Noel, et al.—Ejectment. Jury called and sworn, who do find for the Deft's.

E. & S. Plk Road Co. vs. Lloyd & Hill—Case &c. Jury called and sworn, who do find for Deft's.

Welsh's adm'rs vs. Morgan.—Deft. confesses Judgment to Pif to be released on payment of \$276 in four months.

Barr vs. Rees.—Case, malicious prosecution. Jury called and sworn, who find for the Pif \$319.66 damages.

THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM. 1st. It expresses confidence in the intelligence, patriotism and discriminating judgement of the American people. 2d. It expresses the opinion that the Federal Government is one of limited powers, derived solely from the Constitution—that the grants of power should be strictly construed—and that it is dangerous to exercise doubtful powers. 3d. It denies to the General Government the right to carry on a general system of Internal Improvements. 4th. It denies the right of the General Government to assume State debts. 5th. It opposes a Protective Tariff, and favors one for revenue alone, with such incidental protection as that may afford. 6th. It favors economy in the public expenditures. 7th. It contends that the proceeds of the sales of the public lands should be applied to national purposes. 8th. It denies the power of Congress to charter a National Bank. 9th. It expresses opposition to the proscriptive principles of Nationalism. 10. It lays down the doctrine that Congress has no constitutional power to interfere with the domestic institutions of the States. 11th. It approves of the qualified veto power. 12th. It endorses the Compromise measures of 1850, including the Fugitive Slave law. 13th. It expresses confidence in the Kentucky and Virginia resolutions of 1798 and 1709. 14th. It condemns Know-Nothingism. 15th. It approves the Nebraska-Kansas act—maintains the equal rights of the States and the Union of the States—and resists monopolies and all exclusive legislation. 16th. It advocates Free Trade and Free Seas. 17th. It supports the Monroe doctrine. 18th. It expresses a decided opinion in favor of free communication between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans—an inter-oceanic route—over which the United States should exercise such control as their position, and the privileges which may be granted to them by other States, entitle them to. 19th. It expresses sympathy in the efforts making by Central America to regenerate that portion of the Continent. 20th. It asks for proper efforts on the part of the National Administration to insure our ascendancy in the Gulf of Mexico. 21st. It favors military and postal roads to the Pacific.

DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE.

The Democratic Congressional Conference of the 18th Congressional District of Penna., met pursuant to notice, at the Exchange Hotel, in Johnstown, Cambria County, on Friday, the 5th day of September.

On motion of H. Orlady of Huntingdon, Isaac Hugus, of Somerset, was appointed President, and P. Gallagher of Blair, Sec'y.

The following Conferees presented their credentials and took their seats. Blair—John D. Leet, Wm. G. Murray and P. Gallagher.

Cambria—H. A. Boggs, Wm. Palmer and Wm. A. Murray.

Huntingdon—Wm. Lewis, H. Orlady. Somerset—A. H. Coffroth, John O. Kimmel, Isaac Hugus.

On motion of H. Orlady, the Conferees from Huntingdon were allowed to cast three votes, one of their number being unavoidably detained from attending the Conference. On motion, the Conference do now proceed to nominate a candidate for Congress.

Wm. G. Murray of Blair, nominated Cyrus L. Pershing, Esq., of Cambria.

A. H. Coffroth of Somerset, nominated Wm. J. Baer, of Somerset. On motion, the nominations closed.

FIRST BALLOT. C. L. Pershing, 6 | W. J. Baer, 6

SECOND BALLOT. C. L. Pershing, 6 | W. J. Baer, 6

THIRD BALLOT. C. L. Pershing, 6 | W. J. Baer, 6

Mr. Coffroth withdrew the name of Mr. Baer.

FOURTH BALLOT. C. L. Pershing, 12 votes.

On motion of Mr. Boggs, a committee of three was appointed by the chair; to notify Mr. Pershing of his unanimous nomination, as the Democratic candidate for Congress in this district. The Chair appointed Messrs. Boggs, Lewis and Coffroth said Committee.

In a short time the Committee returned with Mr. Pershing who thanked the conference in a handsome manner for the honor conferred upon him.

Messrs. Baer, G. N. Smith, Orlady, Leet and Hugus, being severally called upon delivered short addresses, they spoke of the prospects of the Democracy in their counties, and gave assurance that the Democracy throughout the District would poll the heaviest vote this fall on record.

After returning thanks to the officers, mine host and hostess of the Exchange, the conference adjourned sine die with three times three for the National Democracy and its candidates.

Ordered to be published in all the Democratic papers in the District. (Signed by the Officers.)

THE THREE-FIFTH PROVISION IN THE CONSTITUTION

[From the Lancaster Intelligencer] There is no part of the Federal Constitution which the Black Republicans wage a more vigorous war against than what is called the three-fifth basis of representation. They constantly assert that by that provision the slave States have greatly the advantage over the free. Owing to the fact that it has not been generally explained by the Democratic press and speakers, an unusual amount of ignorance exists in relation to it. It is by no means an uncommon thing for Black Republican speakers to tell their audience that a man having one hundred slaves at the South, in fact, gives sixty-one votes at the ballot-box—one for himself and sixty for his slaves—upon the basis of three votes for every five slaves. Their newspaper organs, either ignorantly or designedly, often intimate the same idea. Now, the fact is, that in no State of the Union does a man give more than a single vote, and the three-fifth basis is positively a disadvantage and source of weakness to the South. In the North, as far as respects Congressional representation, if there are ninety thousand negroes in a State an additional member of Congress is gained—a negro being the same as a white man, though no political privileges whatever are allowed them. But in the South, five negro slaves are counted in the Congressional representation as only three whites, so that it takes one hundred and twenty thousand negroes to have a member of Congress, when, at the North, ninety thousand will do it. It is obvious therefore, that the three-fifths basis of the Constitution is disadvantageous to the South, and that her citizens, rather than those at the North, have reason to complain of it. If it was abolished, and Southern negroes counted as much as Northern negroes in representation, the slave States would have twenty members of Congress more than they have. This is what the North gains by the three-fifth basis, yet we constantly hear sippant and shallow Black Republican orators declaiming against it.

The opposition, having become tired of calling the democracy "locofocos," now apply to us the appellation of "Buchanians."

In relation to this latter designation the New Jersey Herald says: "But what means our new title of Buchanians? At a loss to solve this query we have consulted Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, and find that the primary signification of the word is 'one whose business it is to hunt wild cattle and swine.' Quite appropriate, truly! We are quite reconciled to the title. We are hunting just that sort of game, and we like to hear them bellow and squeal in response to our discharges."

We GIVE OUR AUTHOR.—The Providence Morning Post is responsible for the following: POLITICAL ASTRONOMY.—There are to be five eclipses this year—two of the sun, two of the moon, and one of the Fromonters. The last named will be total and eternal, and will be visible in all the Northern States, without the aid of telescope or smoked glass. "Greatest obscenity" about sunset on the 4th of November.