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WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 21.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT. WILLIAM A. PORTER. Of Philadelphia. CANAL COMMISSIONER. WESTLEY FROST. Of Fayette County. FOR CONGRESS. CYRUS L. PERSHING. (Subject to the decision of the District Conference.)

COUNTY TICKET.

FOR ASSEMBLY. THOMAS H. PORTER. FOR SHERIFF. JAMES MYERS. FOR COMMISSIONER. ABEL LLOYD. FOR ADDITOR. HENRY HAWK. FOR FOUR HOUR DIRECTOR. MICHAEL M'GUIRE.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE.

THOMAS MCCONNELL, Esq., of Sumnerhill, Chairman. Allegheny, James McGough, Blacklick, Joseph Mardis, Cambria, Thomas O'Connell, Carroll, John Buck, Carrolltown, Henry Scanlan, Chest, Washington Douglas, Chest Springs, Montgomery Douglas, Clearfield, Edward R. Dougan, Conemaugh, David Williams, Conemaugh Borough, John Brawley, Croyle, Win. Murray, Esenbarg, T. P. Fenlon, Gallitzin, John Traher, Johnstown— First Ward, J. F. Barnes, Second " G. Nelson Smith, Third " T. L. Heger, Fourth " Nathan W. Harton, Yocetto, James O'Donnell, Munster, John Thomas, Richland, George Oris, Summitville, James W. Condon, Susquehanna, Charles Weakland, Washington, Joseph Burgoon, Taylor, George Kuriz, White, George Walters, Yoder, D. B. Cramer.

H. A. Boggs, Esq., Chairman Democratic County Convention.

RESPECTED SIR—Among the resolutions adopted by the late Democratic County Convention, over which you had the honor to preside, I find the two following, imposing a duty upon myself, the candidate for Assembly, nominated by that Convention:

Resolved, That our candidate for the Legislature be required to give a written pledge that he will oppose the repeal of the tax, which has been wisely imposed upon the Pennsylvania Railroad Company—that he will use his best efforts to have said tax increased to its original amount, and will also advocate the passage of a law to prevent the Railroad Company from imposing upon the citizens of Pennsylvania by high charges on local freight.

Resolved, That said pledge be given to the Chairman of this Convention, within ten days, and published in all the Democratic papers in the County.

Being convinced that the resolutions require nothing but what is just and right, I cheerfully pledge myself that I will, if elected to the office for which I am the Democratic nominee, carry out the instructions contained in the above resolutions. Respectfully, Your obt. servant, THOMAS H. PORTER.

The Ticket and its Prospects.

We are pleased to observe that the excitement and feeling incident to the formation of a ticket by the late County Convention, have died out, and that a disposition is everywhere manifested to extend to the nominees of the Convention, a united and cheerful support.— This is as it should be. Candidates for office should remember, that when they submit their claims to the Nominating Convention of the Democratic party, they tacitly consent to be bound by the action of that Convention, and if unsuccessful neither they nor their friends, have a right to "kick in the traces" or endeavor to bring about the defeat of their successful rivals.

The ticket which now stands at the head of our paper, was fairly and honestly nominated. As we said last week, it is composed of good men and reliable democrats. It should, and we have no doubt will, receive the vote of every democrat in the county. What has any democrat to hope for or expect from elevating Know Nothings or Republicans to office? They will, of course, use all their influence against us. The defeat of Democratic nominees always has an inevitable tendency to weaken and distract the party and to strengthen the opposition. Let us all then, adopt as our watch-words, "Union and Harmony," and labor faithfully and zealously for the success of the whole ticket.

THE 'MOUNTAINEER' AND ITS EDITOR.

"Sir John, you are so fretful, you cannot live long." Thus spake Bardolph to Sir John Falstaff, and we involuntarily gave utterance to a similar expression, on perusing the editorials in the last "Mountaineer"—Philip, you are so fretful, you cannot live long. The amount of ill nature, and irritability, which he displays in an article less than a column in length, headed "Cool," is truly astonishing in one so young, and who has known but little of the cares and sorrows of life. We beg leave to assure him, that we do not intend following his example. We will not deal harshly with him, but

"Take him up tenderly, And lift him with care." The privilege of beholding Philip while engaged in perusing the late numbers of the Democrat and Sentinel, would have certainly been worth a quarter at least. How withering must have been that s-m-i-l-e-o-r, how dignified that s-m-i-l-e-o-f-contempt. Great men have always been remarkable for standing on their dignity, and we are glad to find that the editor of the Mountaineer has not proved an exception to the rule. But hark ye, Philip! do not be astonished if you discover in a few years, that dignity will not always answer as a substitute for a good temper, and a small sprinkling of common sense; and remember also, when you pompously talk about your sneers and your smiles of contempt, the majority of your readers will shrewdly suspect that you are blessed with a very large prominence on that part of the cranium, where Phrenologists locate the bump of self-esteem. Philip, observations of this kind are exceedingly unpleasant, but they are appropriate to the occasion, and we humbly hope you will profit by them.

We have taken occasion more than once, to expose the shilly shallying vacillating course Philip has pursued, since the appearance of the first number of his paper, up to the present time. He started out by asserting that the Lecompton Constitution was a fraud, a swindle, and that the National Administration was endeavoring to "chisel" the people of the territory of Kansas out of their rights. He signed and published a call in his paper, for a meeting to denounce the Kansas policy of the National Administration, to the great edification of the Black Republicans of the county. He afterwards published a set of Anti-Lecompton resolutions as the voice of the Democratic mass meeting last March court, which he knew well, were not adopted. He seemed for a time to have adopted the "Press," edited by the renegade Forney, as a sort of political Bible, which contained "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth." Almost his entire paper was dedicated to the abuse of the Kansas policy of Mr. Buchanan. He could talk about nothing but the Kansas swindle; the outside of his paper was devoted to speeches, the inside, to editorials on that subject. When Montgomery's amendment was adopted by the House, he joined the Black Republican papers in shouting over the supposed defeat of the Democratic party. He was louder than even the Johnstown Tribune, in rejoicing over what he styled "the victory." When the Committee of Conference reported the compromise bill to Congress, better known as the English bill, he denounced it as being more objectionable than the original proposition; an open barefaced attempt to bribe the people of Kansas to accept the Lecompton Constitution. In the next issue of his paper, he backed down from his original position, and retracted all he had said the week previous; thus proving to a demonstration, that he was not an admirer of the Jewel, called consistency. After this, he manifested extraordinary reluctance to allude to the subjects of Bleeding Kansas, the will of the majority and popular sovereignty, once his favorite themes. He evidently desired that the past should be at once, "in the deep bosom of the Ocean buried." He hoped that the Democracy would at once forget the past, and their duty to sustain the President of their choice. In this, he and his aiders and abettors were doomed to a woful disappointment. The Democratic County Convention, which assembled in this place on Tuesday of last week, unanimously adopted, among others, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we have undiminished confidence in the patriotism, ability and thorough democracy of James Buchanan, President of the United States. That his public acts meet our cordial approbation, and demonstrate clearly that in urging his claims for the Presidency, Pennsylvania placed a proper estimate upon the merits of the man.

Resolved, That no preceding National Executive within our recollection, assumed the functions of office at a time when sectional strife maddened by fanaticism raged more fiercely, or when external foes by intrigue and menace, by the complications of Diplomacy, and the undisguised insult to our national flag, alike threatened the institutions of our Government. And that whilst we feel proud of the past political history of our Chief Magistrate, we rejoice to see in his official conduct in reference to our internal feuds and external dangers, ample proof, that in him the democracy of the nation selected a pilot, who will safely guide the ship of State through the perils of the times into the haven of safety.

How do these resolutions tally with the editorials contained in the Mountaineer in which the effort was made to prove that our illustrious Chief Magistrate was violating the high trusts reposed in him by endeavoring to force a bogus and fraudulent Constitution on the people of Kansas. Do not the above resolutions amount to an unqualified condemnation

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Philip's twaddle about our boasting of having been sustained, will doubtless prove very interesting to every antiquated old woman in breeches, who chances to be his admirer, but we feel disposed to pass it over in silence, but without either a sneer or scorn, or a smile of contempt. Philip charges us with attempting to split the party, but produces no proofs to substantiate the charge. In Philip's own correct and beautiful language, "actions speak louder than words." If, like Philip, we had made common cause with Know Nothings and Black Republicans, and stood for almost six months on the platform occupied by Greely, Cameron, Hale & Co., during the most trying crisis, through which the Democratic party ever passed, then there would be some foundation for the charge; but we never once in our life, faltered in sustaining Democratic men and measures, and while possessed of the reason, with which our Creator has endowed us, we never will. We sincerely hope, that the past will prove a useful lesson to Philip, and convince him of the necessity of political consistency, in order to secure the approbation of his own conscience, and the approval of his fellow-citizens.

Philip, wouldn't you like to force us into the position you now occupy? Wouldn't you like to coax us to do something that would justify you in charging us with being a disorganizer? But with all your shrewdness, you can't come any of your sharp darts over us. You charge us, with having pursued a vacillating course. We challenge you to prove that this charge is true; that it has even the shadow of truth to sustain it. You should not make charges of this kind, without being able to substantiate them.

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printing of Sheriff Roberts, who is a Republican. A few words will probably suffice to explain the cause of Philip's wrath on this subject. A firm and devoted friend of Philip and the Mountaineer, and a man of undoubted veracity, informed us on the day of the meeting of the County Convention, that he was well convinced, Sheriff Roberts had given some kind of an assurance that Philip would receive his patronage, and that it was expected; that he thought the Sheriff had acted wrong in thus blighting the hopes he had called into existence, and that he had taken occasion to tell him so a few days previous. Was it the hope of obtaining this patronage, which induced Philip to make common cause with the Black Republicans, and play second fiddle to the Johnstown Tribune, for some four or five months, and was it the disappointment of not obtaining it, which caused him to *beat ship* so suddenly, and come out in favor of the "English compromise bill." By the way, we believe it was about the time the Sheriff's sales first appeared in the Democrat & Sentinel, after we took charge of it, that Philip made that tremendous effort to *corner* himself into the ranks of the Buchanan Democracy, ignoring all he said the week previous; the golden dream of patronage had fled, and Philip in his wrath, determined to do something calculated to astonish the natives. There was no use in acting with the Black Republicans any longer; it wouldn't pay. We never asked for or solicited the Sheriff's patronage. Sheriff Roberts, on handing us the first instalment of Sheriff's sales, remarked: "You are rather hard on our party, but you are consistent. I sometimes think the Mountaineer is on our side, but it pursues such an inconsistent course. It is here to-day, and there to-morrow. I have no faith in them." Inasmuch as the Sheriff used the word *them*, we presume that he referred to the stockholders, who had been boring him for patronage. Of course, Philip is too dignified to do any mental service of that kind. He issued the orders and the *aid* executed them.

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Turkey Rapidly Decaying. Notwithstanding the terrible sacrifices of the Crimean War, Turkey has not been saved, she is now rapidly approaching dismemberment, and her utter annihilation is already reasonably prophesied. The signs of dissolution are everywhere to be seen in her territory. The Sultan's power is but nominal, and he holds it by the sufferance of the people as much as by the aid of the Western Powers. He is a tool in the hands of the Paris Conference, and that England and Austria attempt to rule. France works with Russia, and they are supported by Sardinia. France wants Egypt and Syria, and Russia, Constantinople; and Prussia would thwart Austria, though a close ally of England. This unanimity of interest and intention has induced the representatives of Russia, France, and Sardinia to countenance a rebellion now existing in Candia—and the opposing policy has driven the British to refuse to have anything to do with them. The revolutionary party are chiefly Christians; they are much more numerous than the Sultan's army, and if the contest continues, the latter must certainly succumb, unless the Sultan is supplied with material foreign aid. The action of the respective representatives of the different Western Powers toward the insurrectionists must come before the Paris Conference. There Russia and France,—the antagonists of the Sultan, can accomplish whatever they will. The rebellious province is indispensable to the preservation of vitality in the Turkish Government. Candia has but few wells; it is situated on the coast of the sea, and the Sultan will carry on the work speedily. In the East, too, on the borders of Persia, the subjects of the Sultan are uncontrollable. French and Russian forces are ready to overawe the Sultan, and England dare not go to his relief. The dismemberment will progress rapidly. While this is in process of accomplishment, we may safely predict, the prestige and power of Turkey's great ally, England, in continental affairs, will be irretrievably broken down. This strange and significant consequence should teach Great Britain not to interfere with the disposition of international affairs or the progress of the United States on the Western Continent. The extension of Russia is inevitable—so also is that of the United States.—True Press.

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