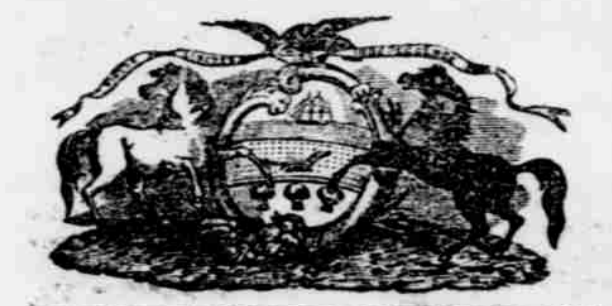


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FOR GOVERNOR. HENRY D. FOSTER, OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

The National Convention.

We last week published a brief abstract of the proceedings of the Convention, up to the 28th ult. The majority of the committee on the Platform, reported as follows:

Resolved, That the platform adopted at Cincinnati be affirmed, with the following additional resolutions: That the National Democracy of the United States hold these cardinal principles of the subject of slavery in the Territories...

Two minority reports were presented. After an exciting debate the majority reported was rejected and the following adopted.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Federal Government to protect, when necessary the rights of persons or property on the high seas, in the Territories, or wherever else its constitutional jurisdiction extends.

Resolved, That we, the Democracy of the Union in Convention assembled, hereby declare our affirmation of the resolutions unanimously adopted and declared as a platform of principles by the Democratic Convention in Cincinnati, in the year 1856...

Resolved, That it is the duty of the United States to afford ample and complete protection to all its citizens, whether at home or abroad and whether native or foreign born.

Resolved, That the Democratic party will abide by the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States over the institution of slavery within the Territories.

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Resolved, That the Democratic party is in favor of the acquisition of Cuba, on such terms as shall be favorable to ourselves and just to Spain.

Resolved, That the enactments of State Legislatures to defeat the faithful execution of Fugitive Slave Law are hostile in their character, subversive of the constitution, and revolutionary in their effect.

Immediately after the adoption of the Platform, the Delegates from Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, Florida, Texas, Arkansas and Delaware withdrew, and the Delegates from Virginia and Georgia retired to consult.

The Delegates from the Southern States contended that the Convention in refusing to adopt the majority report, had refused to reaffirm and endorse a cardinal principle of the Democratic party—the right of every American citizen to emigrate to any of the Territories, with his property, and hold it unmolested there until the territory in which he resided should be admitted into the Union as a State.

In the meantime, Senator Douglas announced that he would be a candidate for the nomination for the Presidency before the Charleston Convention. At the same time he declared that he would not accept the nomination if the platform repudiated his doctrine with regard to the power of Territorial Legislatures.

His friends composed principally of delegates from States which voted for Fremont in 1856, repaired to Charleston with the intention of nominating him and erecting a platform to suit him. They went there purely as Democrats but as Douglas men, determined to nominate him at all hazards.

have seen proper to take. They no doubt acted from the impulse of what they regarded as their duty, throughout, and it should not be forgotten that of the States which voted in favor of the minority platform, not more than two can be regarded as at all likely to cast their electoral vote for the Democratic candidate for President next fall.

How Stands the Case?

The Democratic party occupies a perilous position at the present time. The withdrawal of nearly all the Southern delegates from the Charleston Convention, was an event calculated to carry sorrow to the heart of every friend of his country and enemy of Sectionalism. The representatives of eight sovereign States refused to participate in the proceedings of the convention after the adoption of the platform. It is unnecessary for us to inquire whether they were right or wrong in withdrawing. We presume they firmly believed they were right in pursuing the course they did, and we entertain no doubt that they will be sustained by their constituents.

We believe that Stephen A. Douglas and his friends have it in their power to affect such a reconciliation. Our readers are aware that during the last three years we have not been one of the admirers of Senator Douglas. But if he had been fairly nominated at Charleston for the Presidency, we would have cheerfully supported him. He is certainly a Statesman of extraordinary abilities, and at one time possessed the confidence and esteem of the Democracy in every section of the Union.

In his efforts to prevent the admission of Kansas into the Union under the Lecompton constitution, he was compelled in order to secure success, to act and unite for the time being, with the Abolition and Black Republican members of the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives. His eulogists were such men as Senator Hale and Horace Greely. Indeed, the New York Tribune for a time seemed to be his organ, and his principal supporters in the Democratic ranks were such men as the renegade Hickman, Forney and Stanton.

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Let Stephen A. Douglas withdraw from the contest, and allow a conservative statesman, acceptable to both wings of the party be nominated for President at Baltimore. If he is a patriot he will do this. If he is a demagogue he will remain in the field.

It is quite natural that Senator Douglas' friends should be reluctant to give him up. But they should remember that the sacrifice is necessary to preserve the integrity of the Democratic party, and in all probability prevent the dissolution of the Union.

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The School Directors of Cambria County, met in Convention at the Court House in this borough, on last Monday at 1 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing a County Superintendent, and fixing the amount of his salary.

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The Convention then proceeded to ballot for County Superintendent. On the third ballot Maj. Thomas A. Maguire having a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected. The vote was as follows:

Whole number of votes 117 Necessary to a choice, 59 Thomas A. Maguire, 66 Henry Ely, 46 J. H. Campbell, 2 William Lloyd, 2 S. B. M'Cormick, 1

After announcing the result of the 3d ballot, Maj. Potts, the President, said, that although he had not voted for either of the candidates, it afforded him much pleasure to be able to say, that he cheerfully ratified the selection which had been made. He was well acquainted with Maj. Maguire, and knew him to be well qualified for properly discharging the duties pertaining to the office of County Superintendent.

Maj. Maguire having been called upon, came forward and delivered a few appropriate remarks. After thanking the Convention for electing him County Superintendent, he said that he accepted the office with the fixed determination to devote all his energies and abilities to the discharge of its important and responsible duties.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and that they are hereby tendered to S. B. M'Cormick Esq. the present efficient and deservedly popular County Superintendent for his uniform courtesy to Directors and Teachers, during his term of office, and for the energetic and impartial manner in which he has discharged all his official duties.

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On last Friday night, the fair ladies of our borough were serenaded by a number of their admiring swains. As no handsome, youthful, and marriageable individual of the female persuasion dwells under our roof, of course they treated us as sin treats the righteous man—that is they kept 'as far off from us' as they could.

The Brass Band from St. Francis' College Loretto, visited this place on last Saturday afternoon. The Band is composed entirely of students, and certainly for 'new beginners' they play remarkably well. They played several tunes while here in a manner that excited universal admiration.

As it is by no means impossible that Judge M'Lane will be the nominee of the Chicago Convention for President, the following letter written by him in 1848, will be interesting to many of our readers. His views are not suited to the meridian of Cambria County.

COLUMBUS, O., July 23, 1848. GENTLEMEN—I have delayed an answer to your communication of the 11th inst., that I might have time for reflection. This was due to you, to myself, to the subject, and perhaps to the country. I have endeavored to consider the matter in all its aspects and consequences.

Resting upon the principles of the Constitution, as they have been judicially settled, the Free States, by moderation, vigilance and firmness, may prevent the extension of Slavery to the free territory lately annexed.

With the highest respect, I am gratefully, your obedient servant. JOHN M'LEAN. To James A. Briggs, Reuben Hitchcock, S. I. Noble, Samuel Williamson, H. C. King, Ira Kelley, John Delanater, and T. G. Turner, Esqrs.

When Rogues Fall out, &c.

This old and time-honored adage has acquired new life and vigor in consequence of the action of the John Covode Smelling Out Committee.

The most amusing occurrence of the season among the many laughable incidents that have marked the inception and progress of the Investigating Committee of John Covode, is that in every step that Committee has taken for the purpose of fastening upon the Democracy some act of corruption, that in every such attempt, they have only succeeded in exposing and convicting their own brethren and friends.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

POND'S EXTRACT OF HAMAMELIS, OR PAIN DESTROYER. Is one of the few domestic remedies which have come into general use and favor, without puffing. It is the product of a simple shrub, harmless in all cases, and as a domestic remedy unequalled.

One of the most prevalent, and at the same time troublesome and painful diseases that attend the human flesh, is the Fever and Ague. For a long time the medical world have been continually bringing forth numerous specifics for its permanent cure; but all without effect.

HUMPHREYS' SPECIFIC HOMEOPATHIC REMEDIES

Have now been brought to the public for five years and have every where won golden opinions from the many thousands who have used them.

Simple, free from intricacy, technicality, or danger, they have become the ready resource and aid of the parent, traveller, nurse, or invalid, and have become the family physician and medical adviser of thousands of families.

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NEW GOODS FOR SPRING & SUMMER.

Just received, and for sale at reduced prices, a full supply of Staple and Fancy Goods, consisting of Cloths, Cassimeres, Satinets, Jeans, Tweeds, and a large variety of other summer wear for men and boys.

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NOTICE In the matter of the Petition of John Meckling for a Decree of Divorce from the Bonds of Matrimony with Lena A. Meckling.

The undersigned hereby gives notice to all parties interested, that a Subpoena and Alias Subpoena have been returned Non est Inventus in the above case in the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County, and also that an application for a Decree of Divorce will be made before the Hon. the Judges of said Court, at the next regular term to be held in and for said County of Cambria, at Ebensburg, on the first Monday of June next, 1860, when and where all parties interested may attend if they see proper.

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NOTICE.

MY Daughter Ellenor, aged about 14 years, and Lucinda, aged about 9 years, having been taken away from my residence on the 16th ult., without my knowledge or consent. All persons are hereby notified not to harbor or conceal them, as I am determined to enforce the law against any person so doing.

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LIST OF RETAILERS

OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, in Cambria County for the year 1860.

Table listing various retail stores and their locations in Cambria County, including names like William Alexander, John M'Donald, Henry Balsler, etc., and their respective towns.