

HUNTINGDON JOURNAL.



"One country, one constitution, one destiny."

Huntingdon,
Wednesday morning, July 23, 1845.

Delegate Elections

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COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Democratic Whig voters of Huntingdon county are respectfully invited to meet in their respective boroughs, townships and districts, on Saturday the 9th of August next, to elect two delegates from each of said boroughs, townships, and districts, to represent them in the County Convention, which will assemble at the old Court House in the Borough of Huntingdon, on Wednesday, the 13th of August next, at 2 o'clock P. M., to nominate a County Ticket to be supported at the ensuing general election; and to transact such other business as may be properly brought before said Convention.

Candidates for the following offices are to be nominated by said Convention, viz:

Two persons for Members of the House of Representatives.

One person for Prothonotary, Clerk of the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Oyer and Terminer.

One person for Register of Wills, Recorder of Deeds & Clerk of the Orphans Court.

One person for County Treasurer.

One person for County Commissioner.

One person for Coroner.

One person for Auditor.

The voters are earnestly invited to attend said elections, so that a full and satisfactory expression of the popular will may be brought into the Convention.

Joseph Higgins, Theo. H. Cremer,
Graham McCannan, Nicholas Hewitt,
Robert Cummins, John Keller,
James A. McCahan, Jarrel Graffius,
James Clarke, Benjamin Leas,
Thomas E. Ordison, John Kratzer,
John Stever, K. L. Green,
Brice X. Blair, David Hackelton,
James Dysart, Moncail Chilcott,
Seth R. McCune, James Morrow,
Wm. M. Lloyd, Eliel Smith,
Adam H. Hall, Thomas M. Cahan,
James Entwistle, William Hutchison,
Kilar Hoover, John McCulloch,
John K. Neff, Jacob Hoover,
County Committee.

Huntingdon, July 15, 1845.

Harvest Home Temperance Celebration.

We are requested to give notice that there will be a Harvest Home Temperance Celebration at Manor Hill on Wednesday the 6th of August 1845, to which a general invitation is given to the friends of the cause.

July 23—*etc.*

EANON CORRECTED.—According to the original draft of the new postage bill, newspapers were to be carried free of postage to any office in the county in which they were published, and limited to thirty miles only when sent out of the county. But it was subsequently so amended that they can be carried free of postage only thirty miles, whether in or out of the county in which they are published.

We are requested to state that the Ladies of the Presbyterian Church will hold a sale of useful and fancy articles, in this borough, during the ensuing August Court, for the purpose of raising funds to purchase furniture for the new Church. A more formal advertisement will be given next week.

Important to Post-masters.

The Postmaster General has ordered that the Deputy Postmasters shall receive for the ensuing year the same compensation that they did before the change in the law.

Go The Whigs of Vermont have re-nominated the Hon. WILLIAM SLADE, as their candidate for Governor. In this staunch whig State, a nomination is tantamount to an election.

California.

It is now ascertained that this whole territory has declared itself independent. The people have driven out the Mexican authorities, and have modeled a Republican Government, similar to that of the United States and Texas.

WHEAT CROP IN VIRGINIA.—The Winchester Virginian, says that the wheat crop this year in Frederick county, Virginia, is the heaviest that has been harvested in that country for many seasons.

A DIFFERENCE.—From Boston to New York a distance of 200 miles, the fare is \$2. From Washington City to Baltimore, 28 miles, the charge is \$2.50.

The Nashville Union says the following will be the epitaph on the tomb-stone of Gen. Jackson:

ANDREW JACKSON,
Born on the 15th of March, 1767,
Died on the 8th of June, 1845.

TRE CHORPS.—In all directions, says the Albany Argus, east, north, south and west, we hear better news every day about the crops.

Another Murder.

We are pained to record another deed of violence and bloodshed in this county. Mill Creek, six miles from this borough, was the scene of a bloody massacre on Thursday evening of last week. **JAMES GAFFERTY**, a character of some notoriety in this neighborhood, got into a quarrel with a man named Hessler, about a few cents which a friend or relation of the latter owed the former. Gafferty shortly afterwards took a gun and walked out to where Hessler was working, and deliberately shot him. The ball passed through one of the arms, near the shoulder, entered the breast, took a downward direction, and lodged in the body, causing death the next evening. Gafferty was immediately arrested and committed to prison. He will probably be tried at the August term.

Whig Organization.

We hope that the Whigs of this county will not favor any disorganizing movements with reference to the approaching general election. There is no safety except in regular nominations, fairly made. We hope, therefore, that the party will, as heretofore, nominate candidates for all the offices to be filled. Let good men, of sound and unwavering Whig principles and undoubted qualifications, be nominated, and the integrity of the party will be maintained, and success insured.

Huntingdon Female Seminary.

We hear but one sentiment—universal approbation—expressed in reference to the late examination at this valuable institution, under the charge of Miss Howz. We had not the gratification of a personal attendance, as had our correspondent, who spoke in last week's paper, in high terms, of the exercise; but we know that the examination has called forth much praise upon the teacher and pupils, from all who witnessed it.

We cannot refrain from again congratulating the citizens of the borough and county of Huntingdon on the possession of so excellent a teacher as the present one has proved herself. The pleasures, the comforts, and the securities of home need not be sacrificed by sending daughters and wards abroad among strangers for the purpose of receiving an education, where the facilities are not so great as here. This consideration, alone, ought to induce parents and guardians to patronize the Huntingdon Female Seminary.

Go The editor of the United States Journal having propounded it as a fact that the "Young Democracy" would "plant its right foot on the northern verge of Oregon, and its left on the Atlantic crag," the North Carolinian asks whether "the young 'un wears pantaloons," and in case he does advises that he had better not button his straps."

Go The Cincinnati papers announce the arrival in that city of a Canal boat from Toledo, on Lake Erie, showing that the communication of that city with the Lakes by Canal is completed. The distance is 473 miles.

Go The editor of the *Voice of Freedom*, published at Brandon, Vt., heretofore an efficient political abolition paper has renounced his third partyism, under the full conviction, that the advocacy of that party is a hindrance to the cause of emancipation.

Go The Supreme Court of New York, now in session at Utica, have granted Polly Bodine a new trial.

Go An extraordinary mortality among the flies appears to prevail. The papers notice it all over the country and the same thing is noticed hereabouts. The flies burst, and small worms issue from them.—Can any body divine the cause?

Locofoco Pipe Laying. The editors of the Albany Evening Journal were visited with a libel suit, about a year ago, the plaintiff being a Mr. Costigan, then superintendent of the Mohawk and Hudson Rail Road, and the libel being a paragraph in which he was charged with bringing illegal VOTERS FROM THE ALMS. HOUSE, to secure the election of the Locofoco Alderman in the Tenth Ward of Albany, running an extra train of cars for that purpose, on the night before the election. The defendants put on the record a plea of justification, and they PROVED IT SO CLEARLY, BY A HOST OF LOCOFOCO WITNESSES, that the jury had no difficulty in giving a verdict in their favor, and leaving Mr. Costigan all the costs to pay. Not only the fact, but the illegal purpose, was clearly brought home to him by prominent men of his own party, who were cognizant of his doings at the time. But they said nothing, until compelled to speak in Court.

Go The fair editresses of the Lowell, Mass. "Offering," requests the postmasters in future not to address them as "Dear Sir"—it seems odd to them.

SOMERSET COUNTY.—The Whigs of Somerset county have nominated the following ticket:

Assembly—MICHAEL ZIMMERMAN.
Prothonotary—A. J. OGLE.
Register and Recorder—W. H. PICKING.
Commissioner—PETER BENKELEY.
Treasurer—MILLER THREWELL.
Auditor—ISAAC KAUFMAN.

Michael A. Sanner, Edward Kimmel, and Frederick Weiner, Esq., were appointed Conferencees to meet similar Conferencees from Westmoreland county, to put in nomination a candidate for Senator.

COLD COMPLIMENT.

We find the following toast among those drunk on the Fourth:

"By Michael Mease. The ladies of Pine Grove, Fair as a moonbeam on a snow bank."

Go A western paper says, there are many hogs in this world with invisible snouts.—Their bristles grow inwardly, and their souls wollow in the mire until they become fattened for the Devil's pork tub into which they go—after a hard scald.

The new Postage Law.

Thompson's Bank Note Reporter, a paper of much value, furnishes us with the following interesting analysis of the rates of postage under the new law, which went into operation on the 1st inst. The heavy postage under the old law was a serious tax upon our pockets, and prevented the carriage of much matter which can now be mailed at a trifling cost, and it also affords every facility of sending "frocks, handkerchiefs," &c. &c., which are luxuries that could not be enjoyed under the old law.

"One dollar and fifteen cents of American coinage, in silver, weighs one ounce. A fifty cent piece and a five cent piece (say 55 cents), are almost equal to half an ounce.

Those who wish to ascertain what their postage will be, can with silver change weigh the papers before folding their letter.

We have made a variety of experiments, and give the results below:

| | cents. |
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| Two sheets of common letter paper folded, | 5 |
| Four sheets of light French paper folded, | 5 |
| Ten bank note, in letter paper, | 5 |
| Fifteen bank notes, in French paper, | 5 |
| A half eagle, in French paper, | 5 |
| A quarter of a dollar, in common paper, | 5 |
| A child's cap, in French paper, | 5 |
| A child's frock, in French paper, | 15 |
| A lady's handkerchief, | 10 |
| A full frock (no flounces) | 100 |
| Turnip seed for a quarter of an acre, | 10 |
| Ribbons, to trim a bonnet fashionable, | 5 |
| 100 pinches of snuff, in French paper, | 5 |
| N. B. If the distance is more than 300 miles, the postage will be double. Love letters are often so light that they weigh nothing; on such there will be no postage. | |

Go We trust says the last New York Tribune, that we shall now hear nothing more of "Dorr's rotting in a cell," &c.—The Locofocos tried all they could to make capital out of him. They said he should not come out of prison till his political privileges were restored. Now he is compelled to come out, and the Locofoco party hold a jubilee over the very transaction which they said should not take place.—This shows that they were not sincere in insisting that he should stay in prison till his forfeited rights were restored, or they would not now rejoice over his exit before such restoration.

Go The great Southern anti-slavery convention as it had been styled, which recently assembled at Cincinnati, selected Mr. BIRNEY, the late candidate for the Presidency of the union, to preside over their deliberations. Thirteen resolutions were adopted by the convention. One of which was, that it is the duty of political abolitionists to continue their organization and to nominate candidates for the elective offices, but that no nomination be made for the Presidency and Vice Presidency before the fall of 1848, or the spring of 1849.

Not a word is said in the resolutions, about the annexation of Texas!

JACKSON AND WASHINGTON.—Two newsboys met in the street of New York on the evening that the news of Gen. Jackson's death arrived, when the following dialogue ensued:

"Bill, Jackson's dead."

"Yes, I know it."

"Well, he is shaking hands with Gen. Washington by this time."—Locofoco paper.

This delicate specimen of locofoco pretension is quite characteristic: thus to associate with Washington the man who refused a vote of approbation to the Father of his country, at the close of his unparallelled and patriotic career.

MILITARY.—The N. O. Jeffersonian Republicans says, movements are on foot at the War Department, to establish a line of posts from Fort Gadsden to the Rio Grande, the head quarters to be at San Antonio. The troops at Fort Jessup will be transferred to Texas in a very short time.

Resignation of Mr. Buchanan.—The Philadelphia Gazette of Tuesday afternoon, 15th inst., says:

—Gentlemen from Washington state with confidence that the Hon. James Buchanan has resigned the Secretarieship of State, and that the President has selected the Hon. Andrew Stevenson of Virginia, to fill the place. Differences of opinion as to the Oregon negotiation have induced this step on the part of Mr. Buchanan."

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Here is another pretence made for the purpose of overstepping the law to reward partisans, and render it odious. But it is all pretence. As far as we can learn, there are as many eager applicants for the Post Offices, small and large, as ever—and not a single Whig that we know of in this section of the State but what has been removed by Polk, and when application is made to the next Congress, to appropriate money to meet the salaries of unnecessary and useless Clerks, we hope that some proper and resolute spirit will be found there, who will probe the whole rotten system, and expose it to the indignation of all. But we assure the Times and every other opponent of the reduction of postage that all attempts to change it back will be in vain. The people will never submit to it, and Post Masters should dismiss all their drones, in season, for they may calculate upon a searching examination into official acts. It is monstrous impudence and falsehood to say that the receipts of the Philadelphia Post Office will not pay the expenses, if properly managed.—U. S. Telegraph.

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DEATH.—On the 8th inst., by the Rev. David McKinney, Mr. R. A. HILL, of Harrisburg, to Miss HARRIET BILES, of Duncansville.

OBITUARY RECORD.

From DEATH no age nor no condition save, As goes the freeman, so departs the slave, The chieftain's palace and the peasant's bower, Alike are ravished by his haughty power.

DIED.—In Shirley Township, on Sunday morning last, Mrs. JANE SHAVER, wife of the late Sheriff John Shaver.

In Cass township, on Wednesday, the 16th instant, Mrs. ELLEN KELLY, aged 98 years.

On Wednesday evening the 9th instant, AGNES MARGARET L. MAJOR, wife of Mr. J. A. Major, aged 24 years and 10 months.

Very suddenly, on Sunday night the 6th instant, Mrs. ROBISON, relict of Mr. James Robison, senior, late of the "Loop," died.

In the evening she retired in the enjoyment of her usual health; in the morning she was found dead in her bed.

CHAIRS.

HENRY SMITH manufactures and is at all times prepared to furnish every variety of CHAIRS, low for cash or country produce. Apply at his shop a few doors west of the old Court House.

Huntingdon, July 16, 1843.

Take Notice.

The gentleman who borrowed two shovels from me about two months ago up will please bring them home with out further delay and save costs.

HENRY SMITH.

Huntingdon, July 16, 1843.

Censorship of the Press.

A very curious and somewhat important instance of suppression of the truth has recently occurred in the Washington Union, the special Executive organ. That paper on Friday contained the following notice of the meeting of the "Democratic Association" of that city, on Thursday evening to take measures to pay respect to the memory of