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WILLIAM BREWSTER, Editor.

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WHIG STATE TICKET:

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James Pollock, of Northumberland co.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER,

George Darsie, of Allegheny co.

JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT,

Daniel M. Smyser, of Montgomery co.

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Agents for the Journal.

The following persons we have appointed Agents for the HUNTINGDON JOURNAL, who are authorized to receive and receipt for money paid on subscription, and to take the names of new subscribers at our published prices.

We do this for the convenience of our subscribers living at a distance from Huntingdon.

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WHIG COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Whigs of Huntingdon County are requested to meet in the several Boroughs, Districts, and Townships, at their usual places of holding Delegate Meetings, on Saturday the 12th day of August ensuing, and elect two persons in each respectively, who shall serve as Delegates to meet in County Convention, in the Borough of Huntingdon, at two o'clock, P. M., on Tuesday the 15th day of August, to make the following nominations for County officers:

One Person for Assembly, One Person for Prothonotary, &c., One Person for Register, Recorder, &c., One Person for County Commissioner, One Person for County Auditor, One Person for Director of the Poor,

Also, to appoint three suitable persons as Congressional Conference to meet similar ones from the counties of Somerset, Cambria, and Blair, to place in nomination a candidate for Congress; and to transact such other business as may be brought before the Convention.

The Delegate Meetings, in the Districts and Townships, will be open from 4 till 7 o'clock, P. M.

In the Boroughs, from 7 till 9 o'clock, P. M.

In the new District, called the Mount Union District, the Whigs are requested to hold their Delegate Meeting at the Mount Union School House.

In the District composed of the balance of Shirley township, the Whigs are requested to hold their Delegate Meeting at Shirleyburgh.

The following are the boundaries of the Mr. Union District as formed by the Legislature:—"That all that part of Shirley township, Huntingdon county, lying and being within the following described boundaries, namely: beginning at the intersection of Union and Shirley township lines with the Juniata river, on the south side thereof; thence along said Union township line for the distance of three miles from said river; thence eastwardly by a straight line to the point where the lands from Ebys mill to German valley, crosses the summit of Sandy ridge; thence northwardly along the summit of Sandy ridge to the river Juniata, and thence up said river to the place of beginning; shall hereafter form a separate election district.

By order of the County Committee.

July 24, 1854.

WANTED,

A few loads of WOOD at the Journal Office.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

We last week requested those indebted to us for subscription, &c., to call and pay up at the August Court. We again urge the request, and hope they will all be ready when that time comes. Our expenses are very great, and nothing but the ready down will meet them.—Friends, don't forget.

Polytechnic College.

In our advertising columns will be found a notice under the above head, to which, we would respectfully direct your attention.

Lectures, followed by examinations, are given in all the Departments, and the Professors will call to their aid a well-furnished Analytical Laboratory, extensive Apparatus, Models, Cabinets of Art, and of Minerals, Diagrams, and other means of illustration.

To supply the State and country with a liberally endowed School of Engineering, Mechanics, Chemistry and Mining, has been, and continues to be a leading object with the Trustees.

The Collegiate year is divided into two Sessions of about five months each.

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Congress and the Nebraska Bill.

The proceedings of the present Congress are ominous of unparalleled evils to our Republican institutions, and therefore richly deserve the early rebuke of every lover of equal rights; the recklessness of moral principle exhibited in both Houses, and the contemptuous treatment of Gospel Ministers, of the different denominations, who remonstrated against the passage of the late infamous Nebraska Bill, together with the ultimate passage of that bill, are fearful evidences of a retrograde movement in our national policy.

In the passage of that bill, Democracy has been changed into a pro-Slavery Aristocracy, and forced upon the people, by political demagogues and their party dupes; with a blind zeal, which bids defiance to moral obligation, and threatens the extirpation of civil liberty. The bill opens to the ingress of Slavery an immense territory, in the heart of the North American Continent, extending through eleven degrees of longitude, and twelve of latitude; containing four hundred and eighty-five thousand square miles, a country that is to a considerable extent fertile, well watered, and in every way adapted to agricultural pursuits. Thus placing an insuperable barrier in the way of the emigration of the farmers, and mechanics, who have no relish for aristocratical distinctions, and will be very useful classes in any country, and indispensable as pioneers in the settlement of new countries.

To prevent degeneracy in our republican institutions by the influx of foreigners bringing with them their peculiar national predilections, it is important that every difficulty be kept out of the way of the emigration of our own people to that territory; they should be induced rather than hindered, as their presence there may be much needed to counteract the influence of foreign elements which are being introduced in many parts of our country; and elements too, that are diametrically opposed to American principles. See the platform of the German Liberals of Boston, and the free German Democrats at Louisville, as given by the *Presbyterian*; their platform involve among other things, the repeal of Sunday laws, Temperance laws, and the exclusion of the Bible from free Schools.

It is evident that they aim at the subversion of our civil and religious institutions; and should they succeed in excluding the Bible, and the moral principle it inculcates, from our schools, they will have, in a great measure, accomplished their dark object; as the predominance of moral principle in the subjects of a Republican Government is absolutely necessary in order to its perpetuation. Hence the importance of countering foreign influence. Moral principle may be termed the vital apparatus of republicanism; which manufactures, and circulates nutrition through all its ramifications, and to mix the opposite elements of despotism in the same system, would be to get up a war of extermination. Look at the condition of the people of France, when they got up their Republican form of Government; infidel Philosophy and Jesuitism predominated, and these manufactured and circulated poison, instead of nutrition. Consequently, their Republicanism was brought prematurely to the grave.

The natural tendency of American Slavery is to disqualify men for making those sacrifices that are necessary in order to preserve the Union in a Republic like ours, when sectional interest must be considered of secondary importance, and made subservient to the general good. It requires no inconsiderable amount of high-toned moral courage to counteract the selfish tendencies of minds engaged in a business so mercenary and mean as that of Slavery.

This is a "free country." A democracy is essentially free. It must be so, or it is democratic in sham—purely so. It is free from the exercise of religious opinions, for the full play of matters of conscience, for civil and social privileges. Here all men may worship God as suits them. No one has a right to say a word against it. If he does he infringes upon right by a wrong; and a wrong which we protest against as much, fast and earnestly as any body.

Now, we wish it to be explicitly understood that we do not wage war on the Roman Catholic religion, as a religion. God forbid. Let who will kneel at its altar, breathe its incense, chant its praises, listen to its doctrines, pay for its support. He has a right to such a course, and we will not interfere one hair. But here is the point—the gigantic issue. We give it battle when it becomes a POLITICAL INSTRUMENT.—When we assert as we do in our platform—"War to the hilt on Romanism"—we mean it to be taken as opposing that faith which it puts on a political front. It is ROMAN CATHOLIC POLITICS that we contend is an immense evil. Otherwise we have nothing to do with that church. The Commonwealth not being noticed, was therefore not represented on the trial. The Attorney General, though anxious and prepared to argue it, was afforded no opportunity. The Supreme Court, in the Omnit case, decided that a license to sell liquors by small measures does not confer the right to sell on Sunday.

The enlightened Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions held, under the authority of that decision, that as the sale of liquors on Sunday is without license, it must be an indictable offense; and as the Commonwealth has generally been conceded, in cases where an act involves more than one criminal offence, the privilege of selecting which one shall prosecute, the course of proceeding before him had been, and would be, until the law shall have been otherwise settled, not under the Sunday statute for penalty, but a binding over to answer before a Court and Jury. Mayor Conrad further declared that even if the decision in Omnit's case had been conceded, he possessed ample power under other acts, to enforce a rigid observance of the Sunday law, and the sanctity of the day would be violated if he refrained from doing his duty.

Further than this: We are just as much opposed to Protestants, in any of their multifarious powers, making politics a religious question. We say keep the State and the Church apart. Dig a wide and deep gulf between them. They never can be united without offending heaven and injuring human affairs. Therefore we say to Protestants, as well as to Roman Catholics—worship as and where you please, but touch not religion with political hands.

Palsied be the arm, and thrashless the heart that does it. Are we understood? We hope so.

It is one of the noble things of our nation—it is one of her chief glories—and we announce it with sacred admiration, that we have a real RELIGIOUS FREEDOM; that men and women who are changed in conscience and soul in other lands, can here utter the sentiments and pour out their hearts as the spirit within dictates; that here the Roman Catholic, Protestant, men of every faith and inspiration, are at liberty to erect their altar, to bend the knee before it, to commune with the "still, small voice" directly.

This much for all who have misunderstood or misinterpreted our institutions.

Cholera Treatment.

One of the editors of the New York *Journal of Commerce*, who has visited the Franklin Street Cholera Hospital in that city, says:

"The 'calomel treatment' is the method adopted by Dr. Vandeveer, the chief physician. In the early stages of the disease, spirits of camphor is used; opium is almost entirely dispensed with. Instead of resorting to friction to generate warmth in the limbs, air is heated by means of a tin plate, the lower end of which is sufficiently enlarged to admit the lamp."

These remedies have far been used with a good degree of success. Dr. V. complains that patients are too often detained from the hospital, or tinkered with by incompetent physicians, until a cure is almost impossible; whereas, if placed under his care at an early stage of the disease, he believes a cure may be effected, in almost every instance. It is noticeable that the patients thus far, are almost entirely of foreign birth.

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Fern Leaves.

We have received a book from Mr. Mason Brothers, in New York, published by Derby & Miller, at Auburn, N. Y., under the title of *Fern Leaves from Fanny's Port Folio, second series*.

Now is the season for witty, humorous, sparkling reading,—for instruction conveyed in an indirect manner,—the season when one (either at home or travelling) needs to be charmed out of a consciousness of overpowering dulness of a dust-laden atmosphere, of buzzing flies and stinging mosquitoes, and have his senses wrapped in such delight that all these uncomfortable scenes will pass unheeded by; and FANNY FERN's new book is the "medium" wherewith all this can be accomplished.

We are informed that the aggregate sales of the first series of *Fern Leaves* and *Little Ferns* in this country and Great Britain, have reached 145,000 copies, while 30,000 of the second series have already been sold. This makes a total sale of 175,000 copies within an average of five months from the date of publication, and gives a continuous sale of 35,000 per month.

PA. A copy of the Pennsylvania Farm Journal is on our table. It is a most excellent one, containing a great deal of useful information for the Farmer. It costs only \$1 per year, and the farmer would be advantaged fifty times the cost of the work in a year. Why don't they send to arrest this evil before it shall have become too formidable; and hence have united to restore power to its legitimate owners, the Native Americans. It yet remains to be seen whether this effort will be successful; but, for ourselves, we entertain no doubt of its final triumph. So far as elections have served as a test, its success has been complete; and we confidently look forward to the coming fall elections for further demonstrations to the same effect.

A large portion of our citizens recognize Thomas Jefferson as the Apostle of democratic principles, and appeal to his writings in support of their doctrines. We profess also to be the descendants of the Jeffersonian school in politics, and adopt, emphatically, his ideas in reference to the effects of foreign influence upon the institutions of our country. Were he alive at the present day, he would certainly become attached, in principle at least, to the associations which are now using their exertions to Americanize America. He could not stand an idle spectator of passing scenes.

Washington also held the same principles; and, in fact, they are implanted into almost every American breast. Even hackneyed politicians, who have been in the habit of appealing to the foreign element for support, are beginning to see the error of their ways, and to fall into the American ranks. Some, however, are wedded to party and to partisan machinery, that they can see nothing good, unless it be composed in part of the foreign influence will not be able to keep them in power."

PA. We have received a copy of Peterson's Ladies' National Magazine for August, with about 100 pages of choice literature, the latest style of Fashions, a very fine steel Engraving of the "Encampment at Valley Forge," and "Washington and his Wife visiting the Troops," to be had for \$3 per annum, by sending to R. H. See & Co., Publishers, 106 Chestnut-st, Philadelphia.

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Address, (post-paid), Charles J. Peterson, 102 Chestnut-st, Philadelphia.

PA. Kennedy & Bro.'s Fac Simile Counterfeiting Detector for August, full of the latest, and all the information relating to money, counterfeit as well as genuine, is at hand. The elucidations are so plain that any person may become an adept by the aid of this Detector.

PA. The Peoples' Journal has just arrived, containing its usual quantity of useful matter for the Farmer, Mechanic, &c. This number contains 52 drawings. Alfred E. Beach, 86 Nassau street, N. Y., is editor and proprietor.

PA. The Musical Review, published by Mason Brothers, N. Y., is at hand, containing, as usual, the most choice music, such as: Parting Song, Good Wishes, True Love, and On the Death of a Friend.

PA. The Sacred Circle for August is at hand, containing the manifestations of the Spirit Rappers, published by Partridge & Brittain, 300 Broadway, New York.

A Matter Which We Wish to be Understood.

The Boston Know Nothing says: "There is a misunderstanding some where on the road, and we are glad that many of our correspondents have written to us upon the matter. We shall clear the mark and make things plumb.

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He instructed them to continue reporting all violations of the liquor on Sunday, declaring that he would continue as heretofore, to bind over for trial by jury, taking the ground that the recent decision of the Supreme Court in Barr's case was entirely *ex parte* testimony. The Commonwealth not being noticed, was therefore not represented on the trial.

For soon every thing with which I was surrounded had a portentous appearance of future evil. The Heavens became lurid, peal after peal of thunder rolled athwart the firmament, streams of lightning flashed in every direction, and all creation appeared to heave and utter groans, as if in deep sympathy with something terrible in the moral world. In the distance westward, horrible sights were seen, and melancholy sounds were heard: a vast theatre presented itself to view, with all the fruits of war, the poor victims of foul avarice tied down with naked backs, groaning under the lacerating lash of cruel masters, rendered obdurate by the institution of slavery; there were mothers having their tender offspring torn from their