

Huntingdon Journal.



W.M. BREWSTER, Editor. Wednesday Morning, July 13, 1859.

PEOPLE'S STATE TICKET.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL: THOMAS E. COCHRAN, OF YORK COUNTY. FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL: GEN. WILLIAM H. KEIM, OF BESS COUNTY.

People's County Convention.

The members of the People's Party of the County of Huntingdon, are requested to meet in the several townships, boroughs, and separate election districts, (in the townships at 4 and boroughs at 7 o'clock, P.M.) at the usual places of holding delegate meetings, on Saturday, 6th day of August next, to elect two persons (in each township and borough) to serve as delegates to the People's County Convention, to be held in the borough of Huntingdon, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of August next, at 2 o'clock, P.M., for the purpose of nominating a county ticket and doing such other business as the interest of the party may require.

BENJ. F. PATTON, Chairman. July 13th, 1859.

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It will be observed that the call for the County Convention is published in this column. We hope there will be a full attendance at the delegate meetings, and harmony of action.

English Opinion.

The English press is divided on the war. All fear Napoleon, but many hate him. One writer says: "Austria is a spotless virgin compared to England. England, whose pirate hand carries desolation to every state, commits murder where she feels no hatred, plunders without obtaining a share of the spoil, destroys her customers to promote her commerce and leads herself with taxes that she may commit massacres in the name of religion. But now, at least, England is neutral. England's neutrality is the neutrality of an assassin who has provided the weapons, and looks on while another strikes the blow. But in the present case neutrality means that England will wait till the time comes for having her own throat cut."

The Late War News.

The late advices from Europe, which will be the highest importance. Another sanguinary battle, in which four hundred thousand men were engaged, had taken place, resulting in a splendid victory for the French, and a signal defeat to the Austrians, who are reported to have had 35,000 men placed hors du combat, and been driven from every position they occupied on the Mincio. The conflict raged for sixteen hours. It may be safely set down as the greatest battle of modern times—terrible and bloody. Prussia is reported to be marching upon the Rhine. Should this and the rumor that the German Confederation will support Austria, prove correct, then Russia will cry havoc and "let slip the dogs of war." But we recommend the news to the reader's perusal, having neither time nor space to add any thing further.

Pike's Peak Again.

Last week we gave a synopsis of Greeley's letters from the gold diggings, and took the liberty of doubting the statements therein made. The latest news confirms those opinions, and informs us that only some half dozen claims have yet been discovered that pay, on the Gregory road, the rest being all a desert. The reports of the richness of other claims are set down as absolutely false. It is estimated that there are some 30,000 persons at the mines, who are either doing nothing at all or merely working for their board; and the miners are leaving in large numbers. It is further stated that the mines will not under any circumstances support more than 5,000 persons, and everybody is very sensibly advised to stay at home. What a blessing it will be to our country when the terrible force of "gold discoveries" is over! The last two failures of Frazier River and Pike's Peak, will surely do something to cure this disease, and induce people to settle down to some rational means of earning a livelihood, instead of listening to the tales of unprincipled speculators, who care nothing for the suffering and distress they cause by their selfishness.

The Way to Secure Harmony.

He is a wise man who learns wisdom from experience, and that is a wise party which heeds the warnings of the past. Experience has demonstrated the fact, that political juggling has had its day in Huntingdon County, and that the masses of the people are disposed to discountenance the trickery of party hacks, when wire-working schemes are put in operation to secure political favors to themselves, at the expense of justice and fair-dealing, and in direct violation of the popular will. From the "signs of the times," we have some misgivings of an effort being put forth to impose, slyly, upon the people, by a species of log-rolling, which may result in the selection of unprincipled aspirants. The only way in which a thorough and united Opposition vote will be cast this fall, is through the important aid of a good ticket. How very careful, then, should the Convention be in its nominations. We ask nothing in behalf of the people but open, fair, and just action, on its part, and we shall accept nothing less. If this be done, we have no fear of the nomination of a bad man; if it is not, we hope we have manhood and independence enough to repudiate and expose corruption and fraud, and vindicate the name of justice and honor.

Protection - A Tariff President for 1860.

When James Buchanan took the reins of government into his hands, three years ago, there was a surplus fund in our Treasury of over twenty millions of dollars, hard specie. There was no immense debt hanging over our heads, to paralyze our energies, or which required the grinding taxation of the working classes to meet the interest thereon. He started with a clean sheet, to test the workings of "progressive" democratic free trade. Almost three years have passed, and what is now the condition of the government? We are almost bankrupt; the best of our public lands has been sold, and the money squandered; a debt of nearly one hundred millions of dollars incurred, and still, like greedy cormorants, the powers that be, demand more money. Nor is this all. The industrial enterprises which sprung up and flourished under the genial influence of the Administration of Taylor and Fillmore are drooping, and will eventually perish under the baneful influence of the British protecting policy, which has been adopted in its stead. Agriculture, though not exactly prostrate, will soon weaken; manufacturers are so sufficiently crippled that nothing remains but a still further reduction of the wages of operatives, or a suspension of operations; and the same may be said of mining. In the East, especially, every kind of manufacturers has been cut down; business curtailed; the wages of operatives have been reduced—all done to save the proprietors from ruin, inevitable ruin, under the workings of this system of free trade "progressive democracy." The Iron and Coal interests of Pennsylvania, are likewise languishing under the development of this same pernicious system. The legitimate effect of this doctrine is showing itself, and of course our State is the first to suffer under it in the injury done to her iron and coal trade. British iron, manufactured by pauper labor, and Mr. Buchanan's "ten cent duty" men, is, and has been pouring into the country, under a reduced duty, guaranteed a d fostered by our Chief Executive, at such low rates, that it is impossible for our iron-masters, paying full republican, freeman's wages, to compete with it, and thus, the foreign article undercuts the domestic in our own market. The coal interest—and we citizens of Huntingdon County are particularly interested in this branch of commercial traffic—is also suffering; for foreign importations from Nova Scotia and elsewhere, under the Pennsylvania coal in all the Eastern markets. Thus the wealth of our hills is being made comparatively unproductive, and the mineral deposits of Pennsylvania are to be left unworked under the policy which has been inaugurated and established by the men now in power. The other branches of American industry, have been no less injuriously affected by the operations of this "progressive" system. All handicraftsmen, whose unobtrusive, but widely diffused labors make up so large a portion of the Domestic Industry of this country, are suffering severely and injuriously. To us, a great measure, the place of domestic manufacture. All our tradesmen and manufacturers have to work against British competition, under the false principles of the present policy, and it they do not fail, it is not because they are fostered by government favor.

Capital Hit!

Decidedly the best "dig," in which not only a part of Buchanan's is admirably "hit," but a clear and palpable construction of Cass' La Clerc letter is given, in the following, which we copy from the letter of the Washington correspondent of Forney's Press of the 24th ult.—"It is gravely suggested in one of the Western papers that the leading reason operating upon the mind of General Cass when he wrote the La Clerc letter was the hope that the Austrian Government, now that the notorious Francis J. Grund is, or has been, within its borders—that he would be reclaimed by that Government and compelled to perform military service, thus saving the Administration \$18 a day, and keeping out of the country one of the most mischievous and dangerous men. Grund is a native of Austria, and I have no doubt, when the letter of Gen. Cass is received by the Emperor, Francis Joseph, he will proceed to act upon it, and lay his hands upon every adopted citizen, Grund inclusive, to whom, under the doctrine of that letter he may have a claim."

Latest News from Europe.

ANOTHER DREADFUL BATTLE.

35,000 Austrians Hors du Combat.

5 FRENCH GENERALS WOUNDED.

CARRIANA, June 25, 12.30 P.M.—It is impossible as yet to obtain the details of the battle of yesterday. The enemy withdrew last night. I have passed the night in the room occupied in the morning by the Emperor of Austria. Gen. Niel had been appointed Marshal of France. CARRIANA, June 26, 11.30 A.M.—The Austrians, who had crossed the Mincio for the purpose of attacking us with their whole body, have been obliged to abandon their positions and withdraw to the left bank of the river. They have blown up the bridge of Goita. The loss of the enemy is very considerable, but ours is much less. We have taken 30 cannon, more than 7,000 prisoners, and 3 flags. Gen. Niel and his corps d'armee had covered themselves with glory, as well as the whole army. The Sardinian army inflicted great loss on the enemy after having contended with great fury against the Bernese corps, of which put forty against four.

THE AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE.

VIENNA, June 25.—The day before yesterday our right wing occupied Pozzolengo, Solferino and Carrariana, and the left wing pressed forward as far as Quindizolo and Cas Cioffredo. They were driven back by the enemy. A collision took place between the two entire armies at 10 A.M. yesterday. Our left, under Gen. Wimpfen, advanced as far as Chiese. In the afternoon there was a concentrated assault on the heroically defended town of Solferino. Our right wing repulsed the Prussians, but on the other hand the order of the day was not restored, and our losses are extraordinarily heavy. The development of powerful masses of the enemy against our left wing, and the advance of his main body against Volta, caused our retreat, which began late in the evening.

LETTER FROM DOUGLAS, ON THE PRESIDENCY.

The "Little Giant" has written a characteristic letter to one J. B. Dorr, in which he states the conditions upon which he would agree to accept the nomination of President, at the hands of the distracted Democracy. It is, in truth, a document praiseworthy in many particulars, pointed and concise. In it he clearly enunciates his opposition to any of the Buchanan dogmas, and boldly asserts that if the Democracy will adhere "to the principles embodied in the compromise measures of 1850, and ratified by the people in the Presidential election of 1852, and reaffirmed in the Kansas Nebraska act of 1854, and incorporated into the Cincinnati Platform in 1856, as expounded by Mr. Buchanan in his letter accepting the nomination, and approved by the people," then, and in that event only will he permit his name to go before the Charleston Convention. On the other hand, if it should be the policy of the Democratic party to repudiate "their time-honored principles," and interpolate into the creed of the party "such new issues as the revival of the African slave trade or a Congressional slave code for the Territories, or the doctrine that the Constitution of the United States either establishes or prohibits slavery in the Territory beyond the power of the people legally to control it as other property, it is due to candor to say that, in such an event

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