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Spirit of the Times.

From the Beaver Argus, June 3.

WHIG MEETING.

At an adjourned meeting of the Whigs of Beaver county, held at the Court-house in the Borough of Beaver, on Tuesday evening the 2d day of June, JUDGE HENRY was appointed President, JOHN CLARKE and JOHN NESBITT, Esqrs. Vice Presidents, and *John Winter* and *Dr. O. Cunningham* Secretaries. On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to prepare resolutions for the consideration of the meeting. The chair appointed W. B. Clarke, Esq. David Ramsey, Esq. John Roberts, Wm. Henry and John Furguson said Committee, who after retiring a short time, reported the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Whigs of Pennsylvania have determined not to disturb the harmony of the party opposed to the present National Administration, but to unite the interest and welfare of our common country, and a cause which we believe to be holy, we are willing to forego all minor considerations, and commend for what we believe to be of more importance than the success of a party—the Liberties of the country.

Resolved, That we withdraw the name of General ABNER LACOCK, and concur in the nomination of JOSEPH RITNER, of Washington county, for Governor of this Commonwealth.—We believe him to be a firm friend of the laws, and of the Constitution—and a supporter of the best interests of the country. His election will be the triumph of *Democracy*, the downfall of tyranny and misrule.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, it is expedient now to go into nomination of candidates for county officers.—That we recommend to our Whig brethren in the several townships to hold meetings and appoint delegates to a County Convention, to select candidates for the ensuing General Election.

Resolved, That the township meetings be held on the 19th day of June, and meeting of delegates on the Monday next ensuing; and we urge our fellow citizens to exert themselves in the good cause—the cause of the people and of the country.

Resolved, That as members of the great Whig party of this Union, we are willing, nay, anxious to form a union on honorable terms with the Anti-Masons, who adhere firmly to our principle of national policy; and we pledge ourselves to use all honorable means to secure the prostration of the National and State Administration.

Resolved, That the present is a most auspicious period for all those who are opposed to misrule and tyranny, to unite together in order that the combined Democratic triumph over intrigue, and that union, perseverance and vigilance will ensure such triumph as those who love their country and liberty can desire.

Resolved, That a committee of correspondence, consisting of five persons, be appointed, who are instructed to confer with a similar committee appointed by the meeting of Monday evening, and in conjunction appoint committees of vigilance in the several townships, and take such other steps as they may deem advisable to secure the triumph of our cause at the ensuing election. J. Winter, Wm. Henry, Dr. O. Cunningham, William Cairns, Esq. were appointed said committee.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the officers, and published in the Argus. Adjourned.

THOMAS HENRY, President.
JOHN CLARKE, } Vice Pres'ts.
JOHN NESBITT, }
John Winter, } Secretaries.
O. Cunningham, }

☞ The "Democratic Herald" of Philadelphia, a thorough going Van Buren paper, has the following:

"But what is the present attitude of the two sections of the Democratic Party—the Wolfites and the Muhlenbergites? Have not both turned States evidence against themselves! Both sections testify to the depravity and worthlessness of the cabal! The whigs stand outside and laugh, laughing at the testimony, and ready to insist that *"Honest Farmer,"* as they style Joseph Ritner, in place of those who are thus destroying the good character of Democracy. Is this wise—prudent—or rational? Is it not a matter to the whole party, that those who profess to be brethren of the same principle, should be mutually laboring to prove that those principles are bad—and that the party to which they are attached, is unworthy of the confidence and support of the People!

We are determined not to participate in this disreputable squabble. We will have nothing to do with the personal qualities of the Candidates; but if profession gives preeminence to one above another, we do unequivocally say, that pre-eminence is on the side of JOSEPH RITNER!"

Pretty fair, and *plain*. It says further—

"The RITNER STOCK is twenty per cent, above that of either Wolf or Muhlenberg!"

From the Bedford Inquirer.

CHOOSE YE BETWEEN THEM.

We have three candidates in the field for Governor—Wolf, Muhlenberg, and Ritner. The first has already served two terms, by what profit to the State is already pretty well understood. The second, is H. A. Muhlenberg, the leader of the disorganizers, as they are now termed by their late fellow labourers, formerly a minister of the holy religion of the Gospel, but now a political stock jobber, a member of a family that has already furnished two Governors, and has always had a candidate in the field, who comes forward under the auspices of the Lewistown Convention. The third is Joseph Ritner, a practical farmer, and a practical mechanic, good citizen and honest man, whose services in the field, and in legislative hall prove his merits to be of the highest order. Choose ye then between them. Choose whether you will again give suffrages to one whom you have already twice elected, and whose administration has yielded you nothing but bitter regrets, and exhibited but little besides a shameless waste of the people's taxes to secure his re-election. Whether you will call to preside over the destinies of the commonwealth, a more trader in politics, an advocate of intrigue, and the deserter of the pulpit for the sake of serving his own ambitious purposes, or whether you will elevate to the office of chief ruler, a man, as remarkable for the simplicity and plainness, of his manners as for the soundness of his judgement and the honesty of his heart. We think there can be no hesitation—"no halting between two opinions." The indications of the times point out Joseph Ritner, as the only choice the great majority of the people can make with safety to the State.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The Whigs of Beaver county, (Pa.) have passed a resolution withdrawing the name of Gen. *Lacock*, and concurring in the nomination of JOSEPH RITNER, of Washington county, as the sole Whig candidate for Governor of that state, at the general election, in October next. The Pittsburg Gazette, in noticing these proceedings, states, that, with a single exception (that of the Pittsburg Advocate) the Whig papers west of the Alleghany mountains are now all for Ritner. Such being the case, it is hardly to be doubted that the former of Washington county will back both Wolf and "Mullie," with ease.—*Baltimore Patriot.*

MUHLENBERG STOCK,

Is evidently on the fall. Speculators have lowered their tone, and are willing to get rid of the scrip below par. Several accidents, of late, upon the line, have staggered the knowing ones in the firmness of the superstructure. One Fisher, of Chester county, who was a careful and a good driver, dashing too fiercely round a *curve*, upset his apple cart, and will have to abide *one term*, at least, out of employ. A brother whip in Adams county, has shared the same fate, and is crying out hostility in favor of being employed *two terms* more.—*Lancaster Journal.*

A SIGN.—The Richmond Enquirer of the 2nd inst. in speaking of the nominations made by the Baltimore Convention, says—"For ourselves, we shall go for Martin Van Buren, as President of the U. States—but for Richard M. Johnson, as Vice-President. With all our respect for this gentleman, we cannot support him for that office." It must be remembered, that the Enquirer is the leading Van Buren paper in Virginia.

A SHORT STORY.—Jackson says to Van Buren, "I'll make you my successor."—Kendall says to Jackson, "make Van Buren take Dick Johnson on the ticket with him as Vice President, or I shall be ruined." Van Buren says to himself—and forthwith several hundred office-holders, hungry expectants, political fortune hunters and idlers of all denominations, with long ears, mean at Baltimore and cry hurrey to what Gen. Jackson has already said, and this is called DEMOCRACY and the "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE!!" What a humbug.[*N. Y. Star.*

A NEW ARISTOCRACY.—The Rev. H. A. Muhlenberg, now a candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, belongs to one of the most office-loving families of the State. From the year 1790 to the present time, one or another of the family has constantly been before the people as a candidate for office. He is called "a democratic candidate," and yet his brother-in-law, John Spayd was one of the *federal* competitors, of Simon Snyder; and he is *son-in-law* of Joseph Hiester, three years Governor of this commonwealth. Parson Muhlenberg was educated for the Church, and was ordained a minister of the Gospel; but finding that his ambition was circumscribed, and having grown rich by matrimonial speculation, he deserted the sacred office and violated the solemn vows under which he had come to officiate at the altar, and now struggling to lift himself high in political preferment. In order to gain this object, he is lavishly spending his money in establishing presses and purchasing partizans; and having disposed at a high premium of his *HUNDRED Shares of the U. States Bank Stock*, (which had prevented him from voting against that Institution) he is applying the proceeds to the purposes of corruption. He is endeavoring by means of his money to place himself on the necks of the people, and after having got into his possession the keys of their strong box, he will amply remunerate himself for all his expenditures. Will the people minister to the ambition of this office-seeking and aristocratic family? Will they have confidence in a man who has violated his most solemn vows to heaven? Will they suffer themselves to be bought with his money? They will not—they will elect the "Washington County Farmer" Governor, and the foresworn priest will be lower the return than even the spendthrift lawyer.—*York Republican.*

REPORT.—It is said that Col. Johnson promised the support of all the bachelors who voted for his nomination as Vice President, with mates—interesting copper colored beauties, all members of the gallant colonel's family. He has reserved a few for the cabinet when Van and he take office, lest if Martin pleases him he may probably be induced to spare a Philys or a Dinah for a lady-president.—*Lewistown Gaz.*

Mr. Muhlenberg, on some occasion, in congress, rose and said, "Mr. Speaker, I call the previous question!" This his supporters *refer to* as the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end, the sum and substance of all his public services. During the whole time that he has been in the House of Representatives, they have pointed to no other act of his to rest his claim to be elected to the office of Governor. There was one other occasion on which he made abrilliant display of his talents and his disinterestedness, but to which *his* apologists never willingly *refer*; and that was, when he begged to be excused from voting against the *'unconstitutional monster,'* which was sapping the foundation of our liberties, because he held some stock in it! Noble disinterestedness! Glorious patriotism!—*Phil. Sent.*

"MARKED AND REMEMBERED."—The State Journal says,—"We expect every gentleman mentioned as an elector by the 7th of March caucus, who is really a democrat, to decline. Those who do not will fare well if they be not marked and remembered."

☞ HEAR "SARGENT JOEL"

From the Downing Gazette.

WASHINGTON CITY, }
EAST ROOM, Saturday, May 23. }

To Major JACK DOWNING, editor of the Downing Gazette, Portland, away down east in the State of Maine.

DEAR COUSIN JACK—We got through our Baltimore Convention last night, and glad enough was I, for we had more bother than I bargained for when I wrote you last week, if the General had'nt been in such a fever, and kept me running after the delegates all the time as they come along from Virginia, and other places, to see if they were right, so I couldn't get a minute to write. The General told me I must go and stick by the Convention till they got through, and if any thing was likely to happen to break up the Convention, Mr. Van Buren's nomination I must send an express on to him and he would come and clear em all out and pack em off home if they would'nt go straight.

Well, says I, General, you know there's two sets of democratic delegates from Pennsylvany, the Wolfies and the Mulies, what shall we do with them? which set shall we let work? says the General, seeing I was kind of bothered me a good deal ever since I see two sets appointed to come from Pennsylvania, and I dont know how we are going to get along. Why, says the General, you must ask Mr. Van Buren what is best to be done. So I went and asked Mr. Van Buren about it. He scratched his head and studied upon it a few minutes, and at last says he, Sargent Joel, you must tell the Convention to let the Wolfies and the Mulies both vote, for we must save Pennsylvany at all events, and so we must take care not to affront any of em.

Well, after we got matters all cut and dried, and the day for the Convention came along, I started off to Baltimore. We got there pretty early, and I was present at the Convention, and things looked as if they were going along pretty smooth, till the Pennsylvany trouble came up, and then there begun to be a hurryance and I was afraid we was agoing to have a rough time of it. But as I told you before, Mr. Van Buren thought was best to work it, it smoothed away pretty considerably calm, and they finally voted to let the Wolfies and Mulies all come in and sit down together and work in the rest of us.

When they come to vote for President I felt a little streaked for fear how it would come out; for when I came to look round pretty close see how many strange faces there was there, folks that never see or heard of each other before, I couldn't help feeling afraid that there might be good many of em that wouldn't vote for the true democratic republican candidate. I was afraid there might be so many of em after Judge White, or Webster, or Clay, or Calhoun, or some other fellow, that I was afraid Mr. Van Buren might have a tough match to get the vote. And when they went round and took the votes and got all ready to read em off, my heart went pit pat right up in my mouth. And when they read it off, ' whole number of votes for the President 265, and Martin Van Buren has every one of em," if I didn't jump up like a catamount and clap my hands and halloo like a mad Indian, I'm a mistaken. I couldn't help hollering right out, if this isn't a genuine full blooded democratic republican convention, there never was one in all creation. The democratic candidate got every single vote. I knew I was pretty confident he would get every single vote. I knew Mr. Van Buren's nomination I must send an express on to him and he would come and clear em all out and pack em off home if they would'nt go straight.

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