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FRIDAY MORNING, SEPT. 1, 1837.

BE IT REMEMBERED, THEREFORE ☞ That the second wholesome Constitutional Reform—the curtailment of Corporate Privileges—the restoration of a Sound Currency—the Freedom of the Press—and the preservation of Equal Rights and Public Morality—the extinction of irresponsible money Corporations—the *RE-ELECTION OF THE PRESENT FOUR YEARS TO DEMOCRATIC ANTI-MASONIC GOVERNOR* in 1838—the PROSTRATION OF THE MASONIC VAN BUREN SHIN PLASTER PARTY and Explosion of their HUMBUGS—the triumph of Republican Principles, and the PERMANENT ASCENDANCY OF THE *DEMOCRATIC ANTI-MASONIC PARTY* in *Pennsylvania*, as well as of securing the election of the Patriot HARRISON in 1840, are questions which will be greatly and deeply affected, as regards their ultimate decision, BY THE ELECTIONS THIS FALL—☞ This is our firm and deliberate opinion; and we therefore, for the advancement and success of the above Principles and Measures, do now NAIL OUR FLAG TO THE MAST—where it must remain until it shall PROUDLY and TRIUMPHTLY WAVE OVER THE *BROKEN FORCES OF THE MASONIC VAN BUREN SHIN PLASTER PARTY!!!* WHICH WILL BE ASSUREDLY WILL AT THE APPROACHING ELECTIONS.

Great Meeting of the People of the Borough.

A very large and respectable meeting of the Democrate of Anti-Masons of the borough was held at the house of Mr. James A. Thompson, in Gettysburg, on Saturday evening, the 26th of August. Captain JOHN KURTZ of B. KURTZ was chosen President, Mr. HENRY WAMPLER and Mr. ADAM MAURY Vice-Presidents, and Messrs. *Andrew M. Bigger* and *Peter Stallsmith* Secretaries.

After stating the object of the meeting, D. M. SMYSER, Esq. moved that a committee be appointed to report resolutions. Whereupon the President appointed *Daniel M. Smyser, Esq. Zephaniah Herbert, Esq. Henry J. Schreiner, James Cooper, Esq. John Picking* and *George Heck.*

After the committee was announced, ZEPHANIAH HERBERT, Esq. arose and requested that he might be excused from serving—that he felt diffident in sentiment with the object of the meeting as stated by Mr. Smyser, for he heartily approved of all he had stated, and felt great pleasure that he and so large a majority of those from whom he formerly differed were now ready to co-operate together for their country's welfare and prosperity—that his engagements for the evening were such that he had not the necessary time to spare, Mr. Herbert was therefore excused, and the committee, after a short absence, reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :—

Whereas, The approaching general election of this *State* involves in its results interests of transcendant importance, connected with the honor, respectability and vital interests of the Commonwealth, and its rescue from the ignorant, imbecile and pithless demagogues, who have had under control the majority of one branch of the Legislature, and who, for base party ends, strove by every means in their power to retard the prosperity and sacrifice the interests of the State, in the accomplishment of which they were prevented by the unbending integrity of Governor RITNER and the incorruptible band of patriots composing the majority of the co-ordinate branch of the Legislature.—

And whereas, Adams county has in addition, to wipe away the disgrace brought upon her name by her culpable inertness and apathy at the last election, whereby a momentary triumph was stolen by a party whom we have beaten until we were tired, and can beat again as often as we will to do our duty—therefore,

Resolved, That we consider it of the very last importance that there should be an early and efficient organization of the friends of Anti-Masonic principles and the friends of Democracy throughout the State, to secure concord, concert and a full development of their strength, in the approaching election campaign.

Resolved, That to this end we deem it important that the friends of Anti-Masonry, the laws, and the rights of the State, should assemble in County meeting, at an early day, before the approaching election; and that Saturday the 16th Sept., at the Court House, in the borough of Gettysburg, be recommended as, in the opinion of this meeting, a suitable time and place for holding such meeting.

Resolved, That it be also recommended to the friends of Anti-Masonry and State rights to hold township and district meetings between now and the election, at such times and places as shall be convenient; and also to appoint Committees of Vigilance and Correspondence as early as practicable.

Resolved, That a Standing Committee of five be appointed for the borough of Gettysburg, who shall be a Committee of Correspondence, with power to call future meetings whenever in their opinion the good of the cause shall require—and that said Committee do also publish a notice in all the papers in the county, for a county meeting, conformably to the 2nd resolution.

The Chair appointed the following as said Committee: *John Picking, Jun. Robert Kurtz, Jun. Jacob Hoke, Jun. Robert P. McConaughy, Samuel Witherow, Jr. and Thomas J. Cooper.*

Resolved, That we have viewed with concern and deep sorrow the corrupt and ruinous experiments upon the currency, and insolent interference with the rights and sovereignty of the States, by the Van Buren Masonic party, which has resulted in the suspension of specie payments, and fastening on the country the present odious *shin-plaster* system; and with pity and contempt, the flimsey disclaimers which that party, startled at the fatal consequences of their own rash conduct, now vainly seek to interpose between themselves and the justly awakened indignation of a wronged and abused people. We refuse to father their wretched and monstrous progeny—let them father it themselves—"Having sown the wind, let them reap the whirlwind!"

Resolved, That it is owing to the prudent, energetic and patriotic course of Gov. RITNER and his administration, and the wise system of measures which has characterized it, that the deliverance of the State from the bankruptcy and ruin in which the improvidence and profligacy of the former administration had plunged it, and its elevation to its present commanding and enviable height of prosperity, is, under Providence, owing, a sudden transition from adversity to prosperity, to which history furnishes no parallel.

Resolved, That Free-Masonry and all other secret oath-bound societies are immoral, irreligious, aristocratic and dangerous to republican government, and that we will continue to oppose them until they are totally overthrown.

Resolved, That while we are in favor of a JUDICIOUS BANKING SYSTEM, we are opposed to *all Banks that do not pay specie for their notes*; and to all "shin plasters," the offspring of the Masonic Van Buren policy.

Resolved, That we are in favour of universal freedom of body and of mind.

On motion, *Resolved*, That these proceedings be signed by the officers and published.

A. B. KURTZ, Pres't.

H. WAMPLER, } Vice-Pres'ts.
A. MAURY, }

A. M. Bigger, }
P. Stallsmith, } Secretaries.

Voice of Old Adams!

A meeting of the Anti-Masonic Republican citizens of Adams county was held at the Court House, on Monday the 28th ult. The meeting was organized by the appointment of the following officers, viz:—

JAS. ROBINETTE, Esq. Pres's.

JAMES RENSHAW,
GEORGE DEARDORFF,
JACOB BAUMGARTNER,
JOHN TODD,
SAMUEL DIEHL,
JAMES L. NEELY,
JOSEPH J. KUHN,
PETER BROUGH,
} Vice-Pres'ts.

J. L. Gubernator,
James McCosh, Jun.
A. Taughinbaugh,
M. C. Clarkson,
} Secretaries.

On motion of JAMES COOPER, Esq., the following gentlemen were appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of this meeting, viz:—

JAMES COOPER, Esq.
DANIEL M. SMYSER, Esq.
HARMAN WIERMAN,
ELIAS SIGHER,
JACOB CASSATT, Jun,
COL. J. WOLFORD,
HENRY KOSER,
JOHN WILSON,
JOSEPH FINK, Esq.
JAMES MAJORS,
JOHN WILSON,
CAPT. BENJ. BEALES, Jr.
SAMUEL MILLER,
JAMES DOBBIN, Esq.
JOHN DONALDSON.

On motion of T. STEVENS, Esq. the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to wait upon and invite CHARLES B. BUCROSE, Esq. to address this meeting—viz:

Robert F. McConaughy, Esq. and Col. Samuel Witherow.

Mr. PENROSE being introduced, addressed the meeting in an eloquent manner for about an hour, when he sat down amidst great applause.

JAMES COOPER, Esq. on behalf of the committee appointed to draft and report resolutions, reported the following, viz:—

WHEREAS, at present the country is suffering an amount of distress unprecedented in this history, which distress is the result of the measures pursued by the General Government in relation to the Currency, which at the time of the adoption of these measures was gold and silver, or what was equivalent, the notes of solvent Banks, every where redeemable in these metals; And whereas, instead of the prosperity and "better currency," which these measures were to give to the country, it has been plunged into embarrassments which have brought ruin on thousands of the most industrious and enterprizing of our citizens, and given to us a spurious currency of scarcely more real value than the paper on which the faithless promises to pay were printed—Therefore,

Resolved, That in view of the above facts, as friends of the prosperity of the country, and the rights of the unfortunate, to remove from power those who have proved faithless, or who are too imbecile to perform the high trusts committed to their hands.

Resolved, That we are opposed to all associations or corporations, whether legal or illegal in their origin, whether secret or open in their operations, if those operations be in violation of the laws or prejudicial to the equal rights of the citizens.

Resolved, That Free-Masonry and all its relations by consanguinity or affinity, are combinations against the laws or the principles of equality on which our Government is professedly founded.

Resolved, That we will not relax our efforts for the overthrow of the Masonic and kindred associations, until not one some of these Babylons shall remain upon another.

Resolved, That as far as Adams county is concerned in the approaching elections, she will do her duty so well as to wipe out forever the stigma by a triumphant victory.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a memorial to Congress, praying that body speedily to pass such laws within the limits of their constitutional powers as will compel the Banks to resume and continue specie payments.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the citizens of Adams county to assemble in County meeting, at the Court House, in the borough of Gettysburg, on Saturday the 16th September, at 11 o'clock of said day.

JAMES DOBBIN. Esq. addressed the meeting in support of the above resolutions, after which they were unanimously adopted.

In pursuance of the 4th resolution, the Chair appointed the following committee:

Thaddeus Stevens, James Cooper, James McSherry, James Dobbin, Esquires, and *Col. M. C. Clarkson.*

On motion of MR. MCCOSH,

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to C. B. PENROSE, Esq. for his able and efficient Address.

On motion of T. STEVENS, Esq.

Resolved, That the Masonic Van Buren party be requested to meet with us in county meeting on the 16th Sept. and publicly discuss the interests of the country.

On motion of Col. WOLFORD, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be returned to JAMES DOBBIN, Esq. for his lucid remarks on banking, &c.

On motion,

Resolved, That these proceedings be signed by the officers and published in all the papers of the county.

JAS. ROBINETTE, Pres't.

JAMES RENSHAW,
GEORGE DEARDORFF,
JACOB BAUMGARTNER,
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Letter from Gov. Ritner.

☞ Whilst in Pittsburgh a few days ago, Gov. RITNER was invited to partake of a dinner. He declined the invitation and addressed the following letter to the Committee:—

PITTSBURGH, August 21, 1837.

GENTLEMEN—Permit me to thank you for the cordial welcome to your city and for the kind approval of my public acts, expressed by your letter of to day.

That my weak efforts "to secure to labor, skill and enterprise, their just reward," should meet the approbation of your industrious and enterprising city, was to be expected; but that the exertions made to guard against the blind and lavish expenditure of the public money" should also be approved, is most cheering. If there is any point in the whole Commonwealth where a regard for the local, might prevail over the general interest, it is Pittsburgh. Allow me to congratulate you that such is not the case; and to infer, from this fact, the certainty that all good Pennsylvanians will be found, hereafter united in the sound policy of the State, which demands the vigorous prosecution of her system of internal communication. By this course alone, each section and each interest will be made to flourish at home, and be prepared, for the wide world, that the influence and respect to which our resources so eminently entitle us.

Nor will it be among the least of the advantages of a full development of her resources, that Pennsylvania will be enabled to throw her weight, successfully, into the opposition to unconstitutional usurpation and Federal Executive interference, that have become the order of the day, and which have blasted the manufacturing and commercial prosperity so efficiently. Permit me, in conclusion, to express my overthrow the Republican Government of the country. In this contest for constitutional union against the encroaching attacks of the Federal Government, it has been my earnest desire to assist in retaining the whole energies of Pennsylvania, undivided and unimpaired, for the heat of the conflict, which, I fear, has not yet arrived. But, come when it may, I believe we shall contend it under peculiarly favorable circumstances. Our credit, at home and abroad, is sound. Our treasury is full. Our public income is increasing. Our citizens, generally, are free from the common evils of the times, are suffering less than those of many of the sister States and are rapidly arriving at just conclusions as to the source of their misfortunes. The People have prepared to guard her own rights, and to act for the preservation of that constitutional Union which she has so ardently loved, and so truly supported and cherished.

It has afforded me sincere gratification during the short time I have had the pleasure of Mr. Burrowes' company on his tour, to be informed of the rapid advance of the cause of general education. An additional appropriation of means to its aid, by the Legislature, and the further amendment of the School Law, so as to remove the objectionable features which still remain in it, would, I am confident, be a boon the friends of a republican system of education and republican knowledge can desire.

In great haste, I am, gentlemen, your fellow-citizen,

JOSEPH RITNER.

To Messrs. William Hays, Nathaniel Holmes, John Little, Wm. Wade, and others.

IMPORTANT FROM EUROPE.

Just arrived at New York, of the ship Emerald, Captain Prindle, from Liverpool, we have our regular files of London papers to the 19th July, and Liverpool to the 21st, both inclusive.

They contain much intelligence that possesses interest for the American reader, although in its general features, it cannot be considered very important. The British Parliament was prorogued in person, by the young Queen, on the 17th July, on which occasion she delivered an excellent speech, which was well received by her auditors.

WITH for the election of the Members of a new parliament had been issued, returnable on the 11th September.

The Government papers speak in the warmest terms, as to the manner in which the Queen conducted herself at the prorogation. It is said that on entering the Royal robing room, after leaving the House of Peers, she fainted, but was soon recovered by the proper restoratives. Both parties seem satisfied with the speech. The Tory Times says that on the whole, it is inoffensive, although inane. The Herald calls it not inappropriate, although liable to the charge of indistinctness and generalities. The Morning Post declares that it is decidedly conservative, and deserving of all respect and approbation; while the Chronicle affirms that it is distinguished by the beauty of its language, and the Morning Advertiser, that it is a speech of much greater importance than is usual on such occasions. The Advertiser adds that nothing could be more correct, or in better taste, than her majesty's elocution.

The London Sun of July 19th, states that it is not intended to create Peers, before the meeting of the new Parliament. One Commoner alone, is to be an exception to this determination, Mr. Coke, of Norfolk.

The election of the Scottish Peers was to take place on the 25th of August.

The King of Hanover has, it would seem, issued a proclamation abrogating the constitution given in that country by George IV. and William IV.

FRANCE.—It was reported at Paris on the 16th July, that orders had been sent to the south east coast of France, for fitting out every disposable ship of war in that quarter, to sail for Valencia to receive on board the refugees who may be obliged by the stress of war to seek shelter out of Spain from the approaches of Don Carlos.

The revenue for the first six months of the present year, shows a falling off, compared with the same period of 1836, of 1,177,000 francs.

ITALY—Accounts from Naples of the 27th June, state that Mount Vesuvius had vomited flames on the night of the 24th, but it had not affected the atmosphere so as to reduce the intensity of the cholera, which carries off four hundred daily. The number of deaths since the 13th of April was ten thousand. All places of amusement, as well as the custom house office-, were closed.—The malignancy of the disease was such that the patient's fate was decided in twenty four hours.

SPAIN.—The head quarters of Don Carlos, on the 9th of July, were at Almenara, four leagues from Valencia, and on the 10th, his advanced post were within two and a half leagues. A sortie had recently been attempted by the besiegers. Oran, with nine thousand men, was advancing to the relief of Valencia. The English frigate Barham had landed two hundred and seventy marines, who were placed at the disposal of the commandant of Valencia. Espartero was advancing on Valencia to resume the command. A general engagement under the walls of that place was expected.

General Intelligence.

YORK, Pa. August 29.

Our readers will remember, that some weeks ago, we published an account of an EXTENSIVE ROBBERY committed in this borough, at the house of Mr. A. W. Sterling, in which a large amount of money and stolen was stolen, $18,000. Since then we have seen in various papers a paragraph, originating, we believe, in the Miner's Journal of Pottsville, stating that Mr. Sterling had been arrested at Reading, on a charge of swindling. We deem it due to Mr. Sterling to correct this report, which is altogether untrue as we are founded; and to state that Mr. Sterling has not been away from York since the robbery —that he has not been arrested here on any charge whatever, and that he is carrying on business at his old stand, in this place.[*Gazette.*

Correspondence of the Baltimore Patriot.

FREDERICK, Md. August 24.

You will recollect how early I apprised you of the great robbery at Talbott's hotel in this city, by the sudden and mysterious disappearance of the portmanteau of Gen. Lemmon, of the Bank of Louisville, Virginia, from the bar-room of the hotel, which contained $25,000 in bank notes.—You also recollect, that the supposed offender was arrested, and escaped from jail, with the grand jury not finding a bill, owing, as was alledged, to a want of sufficient evidence. Since then things have been remained pretty quiet, although public opinion has been almost unanimous as to who was the real culprit. But to the point. I have just learnt, since my arrival here, that the whole subject is to be re-opened again on account of new disclosures having taken place, growing out of the circumstance of Mrs. Talbott, the wife of the hotel keeper, having gone before a magistrate and given, under oath, a full detail of what she knows of the transaction, and by whom! This as you may suppose, has brought up the whole matter afresh and created a great deal of excitement. Gen. Edwards has been sent for to come on and prosecute the case, and a warrant issued for the prisoner, who, at 4 o'clock, P. M. precisely, singing the 137th Psalm with prayer and the Apostolic benediction. A committee of correspondence were elected, with executive power and instructions to act *ad interim* in the present General Assembly, to be held in Philadelphia, in May, 1838. Dr. Richards is its Chairman.

The most important acts of the convention were unanimous, perhaps in every instance, by a unanimous vote. The Convention sat by adjournments through Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday, when it adjourned sine die, at 4 o'clock, P. M. precisely, singing the 137th Psalm with prayer and the Apostolic benediction. A committee of correspondence were elected, with executive power and instructions to act *ad interim* in the present General Assembly, to be held in Philadelphia, in May, 1838. Dr. Richards is its Chairman.

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The acts of the late assembly excinding four Synods, and dissolving one Presbytery, were declared unconstitutional, and as such were pronounced null and void. Voted unanimously.

The churches, presbyteries and synods, respectively, as now suffering under these ordinances were counselled to remain united, to retain their present organizations and affiliates, and to appoint and send their commissioners, as usual, to the next General Assembly. Voted unanimously.

These two resolves were considered cardinal in their importance; and after their adoption, the convention took a public thanks to God, for his mercy in the prosperous result.

Committees were appointed on all the other matters of importance; among which we mention one, to draft a declaration of rights under the constitution of the Presbyterian Church, whose report was adopted; and another to prepare and publish a general correspondence aforesaid, who are charged to prepare all the doings of the convention for publication, in a few weeks.

A committee was appointed to display "the sentiments of the convention," and another to prepare a "letter to the churches."

Delegates were appointed to attend the convention about to meet at Ann-Arbor, Michigan, on the last Thursday of August, [yesterday] in reference to the same or kindred objects.

The Convention appointed Wednesday, the 25th of October next, to be observed by the churches, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer in reference to the lamentable difference existing in the congregations, and the low state of religion every where, compared with our obligations and privileges, as a people highly favored of God.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the inhabitants of this village, for their well appreciated hospitality and kindness.

LATE MOBBING AT CARLISLE.

From the Public Ledger.

Messrs. Editors, the article which you published in your Thursday's paper, from the Carlisle Republican, it is said that the mob which visited the house of Mr. Blair, was prompted to the shameful outrage upon one of its citizens, by a report in the land, by the belief that he had "seduced a white girl."

It is due to the public to state that this belief is a groundless proper foundation. Johnson, the colored man, when remanded by the mob, solemnly declared his innocence, and offered to establish it by the testimony of persons of all opportunity were afforded him. He also averred that he was employed by a respectable white man to take the place of Mr. Blair, and was to be paid $80 per acre, and considered low at that price.—*Carlyolionan.*

Commodore Rodgers, who recently went to Europe, for the benefit of his health, returned on Monday, passenger on board the ship Columbia, from London, and we are happy to state, says the New York Mercantile Advertiser, that his health is considerably improved.

STEAM NAVIGATION BETWEEN BRISTOL AND NEW YORK.—The following highly gratifying intelligence now published, says the New York Star, that steam navigation across the Atlantic is about to be consummated:

"Wednesday a magnificent steamer, 400 horse power, was launched at Bristol, to run between this port and New York. About 20,000 people saw the launch. This is one of the finest and strongest steam vessels ever built."

FROM PORTO RICO. — Captain Crosby, of brig Yankee, arrived at New York, from Guayanilla, informed that when he was leaving port the Consul informed him that an earthquake and hurricane had been experienced at St. Johns, P. R., on the 2d inst., which destroyed the theatre, and several houses, together with a number of persons; also that six American vessels were totally lost, and all the vessels in port had gone ashore or foundered. Could learn no further particulars. All the vessels at Guayama were driven ashore. The gale had done very little damage on the South part of the Island.

Millions of caterpillars were seen on the trees and hedges in the neighborhood of Taunton, England, particularly the fir: they were in swarms like bees. The same appearance occurred in 1835, before the dreadful ravage by insects of the turnip crop.

EATON, Ohio, August 24.

DISTRESSING CALAMITY.—The farm of Mr. Poulson, a short distance east of Richmond, Ia. was struck by lightning, on Wednesday the 16th, and consumed with the entire products of the late harvest, and were destroyed a boy about 14 years old, was killed by the shock—one horse killed, and another severely injured. The two brothers Poulson were standing near the horses at the time, who were both stunned, but slightly injured.—*Eaton Register.*

CHAMBERSBURG, August 29.

ROBBERY.—On Friday evening last, the boot of one of the western Stages, was cut open whilst the stage was ascending a hill near this place, and robbed of the passengers' trunks. The trunks and some of their contents, were found in the woods near the road, on Saturday, and a person has been arrested and committed under strong suspicion of having been concerned in the robbery.

GALE AT ST. JOHNS, P. R.—Captain Norris of the brig Frances Jane, at this port yesterday from St. Johns, reports that the hurricane which visited that place on the 5th ult. destroyed an immense amount of property in and around the town and killed a large number of persons. The brig Grachus of Wiscasset, was totally lost, together with five other American and twenty eight foreign vessels, out of which twenty-one persons were drowned.

From the gale of the sailing of Captain Norris, the British Mail Packet from Barbadoes arrived at St. Johns and reported that the Island of Barbadoes had been visited a second time by a hurricane, on the 2 of August, during which thirty-five vessels were driven ashore, sunk, or otherwise injured.

Captain N. states that the schr. Wm. A. Knox, of Norfolk received considerable injury from the gale at St. Johns, and went to St. Thomas to repair. While lying at the latter port she had the misfortune to be again in a gale, during which, she lost her foremast and received other damage.

It was estimated at St. Johns, from the accounts which had reached there of the disasters in the different islands, that about ONE THOUSAND PERSONS had lost their lives by the late Hurricanes.

Still later from England.

NEW YORK, August 28.

We stop the press to announce the arrival of the packet ships Sheridan, Columbus, Mediator, and George Washington. Captain Holdridge sailed the last, and brings us London papers to the evening of the 24th and Liverpool of the 25th July.

At the latest dates, the election for members of Parliament from London and Liverpool was still in progress. Accounts, and the papers are filled with little other matter except in relation to the candidates. Business was dull and the cotton account appeared almost entirely suspended.

There is nothing from France, except that some searches have been made by the police in the houses of some noted adherents of the House of Bourbon.

A rumor was prevalent in Paris, that the Queen's force in Spain have had a battle with the Carlists in the neighborhood of Vitoria and totally defeated them.

The Liverpool Times says that a superior steamer, of 400 horse power, was launched at Bristol on the 19th, intended to run between Liverpool and New York.

The Queen held her first drawing room on the 20th of July, at St. James's Palace. The number in attendance was vastly greater than at any drawing room for many years. The progress to the throne was so slow, that gentlemen were presented. The scene must have been rather curious, all being in mourning dresses.

Latest from Florida.

CHARLESTON, August 25.

By the schr. MERIDIAN, Capt. MAGEE, arrived this morning from St. Augustine, we have received the Herald of the 23d inst. from which we copy the following intelligence.

"ST. AUGUSTINE, August 19.

☞ OUR INDIAN AFFAIRS.—We learn by an express which arrived here on Thursday from Gen. Jesup's Head Quarters, that information had reached there that the Indians were assembling in great numbers in the neighborhood of FORT KING. They expressed nothing but the most friendly intentions as usual. Orders however have been given to the commanders of posts to be on the alert. It is said to be General Jesup's opinion that they contemplate an attack upon some point; he has gone to Fort King, and has ordered the purchase of horses and mules for the ensuing campaign.

"The force to be employed in the coming campaign will be large, and we are inclined to think, very efficient. The 1st and part of the 2d Regiments of Infantry, and the remainder of the 2d Regiment of Dragoons, have been ordered to Florida, and from 1500 to 2000 volunteers, mostly Floridians, and well-mounted, have been raised, organized and mustered into the service of the United States, together with 1008 Indians, of various southern tribes, now on their way to Florida. The whole Army will probably be composed of about 6000 men.

"We are informed by a gentleman from St. Joseph, that information had been received in that place of an engagement of Col. Brown's command with the Indians in West Florida, near Alaqua. Capt. Hawkins, of the Franklin volunteers, is said to have behaved very gallantly and received three wounds, none of which, however are considered dangerous. His first Lieut. Mr. Myers, and also three privates were wounded. A Mr. Clarke was killed on the ground.—The engagement lasted about fifteen minutes when the Indians retreated leaving five of their dead behind."

STAR & REPUBLICAN BANNER.

BY ROBERT W. MIDDLETON.

GETTYSBURGH, PA.

FRIDAY, Sept. 1, 1837.

Large Cucumber.

☞ Mr. WILLIAM SADLER informs us that a Cucumber, of the pure Anti-Masonic stamp, was raised this season by Mr. PHILIP LANTUS, of Tyrone township, which measured 15½ inches in length, and 13 in circumference.

Franklin Repository.

☞ The Royal Arch Malignant who Edits the Franklin Repository has become so infuriated and deranged at witnessing the scattered fragments of the villainous Institution of which he is the bigoted and prostituted defender, that he has forgotten all the rules of decent and gentlemanly conduct. In his last paper, *he has the meanness and heartlessness to* REPROACH US WITH OUR POVERTY! We shall make no effort to deny, as we feel no shame under the charge. We would rather be forever stigmatized with our honest poverty, and leave no legacy but a fair name to our children, than to enjoy all the wealth of the Editor of the Repository, *upon the condition that we should* "*sprinkle the soul-damning Oaths which rest upon his conscience!*

Old Adams Awake!

☞ The Democratic Anti-Masons of this County had one of the MOST ENTHUSIASTIC meetings, on Monday night last, which we have ever witnessed. The FARMERS, MECHANICS, and WORKING-MEN were there—ALL united—ALL determined to wipe off the disgrace of last year. The County will give a LARGER ANTI-MASONIC MAJORITY THAN EVER HAS EVER DONE BEFORE. No man jealous of truth will mar the harmony of the party.

A Challenge!

☞ The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the meeting on Monday evening last, viz:—

Resolved, That the MASONIC VAN BUREN PARTY *be requested to meet with us in* COUNTY MEETING *on the 16th of September, and* PUBLICLY DISCUSS THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY.

Delegate Elections.

☞ Our friends, we trust, will not neglect to attend the Delegate Election on TO-MORROW A WEEK. Let ALL the townships be fully represented in the Convention to settle a County Ticket.

COUNTY MEETING.

☞ Our friends will observe that a GENERAL COUNTY MEETING is appointed to be held at the Court-house ☞ ON THE SIXTEENTH INSTANT. We trust that they will ALL attend. The Democratic Anti-Masons are the friends of the Supremacy of the Laws—the enemies of a Rotten Currency—the supporters of the Rights of Man in the largest sense of the subject—and ALL in them.

The Masonic Van Buren Shin Plaster, *Opposition* party are invited to attend with their orators. We trust they will not refuse the challenge, and hide themselves in the Lodge!

☞ We understand that several distinguished public speakers from adjacent counties are expected to attend. Let OLD ADAMS BE UNITED, FIRM and ZEALOUS.

Specie.—Oppression.

☞ Every person in the Borough is aware of the scarcity of silver since the order of the Van Buren party compelled the Banks to suspend specie payments and the people to resort to the Shin Plaster System. Yet the *authors* of these measures still persist in keeping up the hard-working machine that which *they* have been the means of withholding from him! However important its contents, the Postmaster, *the time-followed scrivener of Anna Raleigh!* refuses to deliver a letter, *unless the postage is paid in specie!* Were this course *absolutely necessary*, we would not complain; BUT IT IS NOT. The system has been commenced for the purpose of ENRICHING THE PETS OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT! Even in this place, we understand, *one or two favorites of the party have been accommodated with the use of the specie*, or a part at least, *converted through the Post Office!* If this rumor be true, is it right, is it "even and exact justice," that others, less favored, should submit to such oppression!

Such has been the general course and policy of the Masonic Van Buren party, especially in this county, that many of its hitherto brightest ornaments have determined to act no longer with it, and will, at the proper time, be found with their fellow *freemen*, battling for their County, her Constitution and her Laws.

Look at this!

The Government sending Specie to Europe!

☞ Let the people behold the rascally hypocrisy of the Loco Foco Van Buren party, as disclosed in the following article:

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 25.

We state upon competent authority, and challenge contradiction, that a draft for $90,000 was recently drawn by the Secretary of the Treasury on the mint, and in favor of the barings, of England. The money was deposited with the agent of the English house on Saturday, transferred to a steamboat on Sunday, taken down the river and put on board the ship Pocahontas; the whole in new half dollars, never in circulation here, but sent for circulation to the English market.—*Inquirer.*

Cumberland County.

☞ Our Democratic Anti-Maronic friends of "Old Mother Cumberland" have taken the field in "right good earnest". A County Convention was held on the 23d ult. at which the following ticket was settled:

Assembly—JOHN COOVER,
DAVID S. RUNSHA.
Commissioner—JAMES ECKLES.
Director—ULRICH STRICKLER.
Auditor—MATTHEW DAVIDSON.
Coroners—MELCHOIR BRENNEMAN.
DANIEL LECKEY.

MESSRS. JOHN MCKEEHAN, JOSEPH STAYMAN and JOHN BRANDT were appointed Conferees to meet Conferees from Franklin and Adams counties at Shippensburgh, on the 16th inst., to settle a Senatorial ticket.

The following spirited resolutions were adopted by the Convention:—

Resolved, That the principles laid down in Governor RITNER'S Vetoes of the Girard Bank, and of the mammoth Improvement bill, and his proclamation refusing to call together the Legislature, to pass an Act legalizing the suspension of specie payments by the Banks and the issues of small notes, meets with our decided approbation; and we in the defence of such principles that we hope and expect to succeed at the ballot box at the coming Fall election.

Resolved, That it is important to elect persons to the Legislature who will sustain the Governor in carrying into operation the systems of economy and reform which the community so much need. If men are elected who will do all in their power to thwart the Governor's efforts, it cannot be expected he can succeed with such desirable projects.

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the citizens of this county to be vigilant and active in securing the election of the ticket here recommended to their consideration and support, as an earnest of the interest they feel in the affairs of the Commonwealth.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to DANIEL O'CONNEL, the Reformer of Ireland and the friend of mankind, for his long and fearless in exposing and denouncing the connexion with the Masonic Institution.—The denunciations of that institution against him show, that no patriotism nor virtue can shield from its aspersions.

Resolved, That we are encouraged with the hope and belief, that perseverance and watchfulness is all that is necessary to secure the final and entire destruction of the Masonic Institution. Let us then use our efforts. The foundations of the ancient fabric begin to tremble. Let that effective battery, the ballot box, be continued in operation, and it must go.

Resolved, That Governor RITNER deserves the thanks of the community for his able and triumphant vindication of the character of General WASHINGTON from the aspersions heaped upon it by Masonry.

☞ Our friends in Dauphin County have nominated for Assembly MATTHEW KNORR and CHRISTIAN EHRMAN. In Northumberland county, WILLIAM H. MUENCH has been nominated for Assembly.

For the Star & Banner.

The Committees from the different townships, where are the people had met and expressed their opinions on the causes which produced the present deranged state of the currency, met, in pursuance of previous arrangement, at the house of Jacob Sowerbeer, in Hunters-Town, on Monday the 2 st ult. ROBERT MCMURDIE, Sen. was called to the Chair, and ISAAC PAXTON appointed Secretary.

After deliberation, the following resolutions were adopted, viz:

Resolved, That we, as committees appointed by the people, do agree to unite our exertions, without former distinction of parties, to use all proper and honorable means to counteract the evils brought upon us, by the mismanagement of the monetary affairs, which have originated from *improper charters* having been granted to *Banks* by our legislative bodies, which have entailed so much evil on the growing interests of our country.

Resolved, That in order to give our fellow-citizens, who are in favor of restricting Banks and Bank issues, the end of requiring them amply to secure their notes, an opportunity of expressing their views fully on the subject, it is proposed to have a COUNTY MEETING for that purpose, at Hunterstown on *Tuesday the 5th inst.* at 10 o'clock, A. M. and it is hoped that our fellow-citizens of the county of Adams will generally attend, and join with us in the great and important work of protecting the interests of the country.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and published in all the papers of the county.

ROBERT MCMURDIE, *Chair'n.*
ISAAC PAXTON, *Sec'y.*

LANCASTER, Aug. 29.

SACRILEGE.—The German Reformed Church, of this city, (Mr. Bruner's) was entered on last Friday night and robbed of the following articles, viz: the Altar cloth and Stair carpeting. A generous reward will be given by the Vestry of said congregation, for the apprehension of the thief or the delivery of the stolen goods.—*Union.*

A great sensation has been excited in New York, by the suicide of Henry Seymour, at Utica. He was one of the State Canal Commissioners, and there is no reason to doubt the authenticity of private letters, which lay the immediate blame upon the injured intellect, overturned by the deranged condition of the State finances, banks and money affairs, in which he was mixed up.

GEN. HARRISON.—A letter from Cincinnati says: "The introduction of General Harrison's name into the politics of Indiana has completely changed the face of her political horizon. We told the Whigs of the East, nearly three years ago, if they would unite on GENERAL HARRISON as the candidate for the Presidency, we could revolutionize those Western States. We succeeded. We did it last year, so far as to get for Old Tippecanoe the votes of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, by very large majorities; and we get the balance now, by giving (in all probability) an unbroken Whig delegation to Congress from the two latter States.—Next year Ohio will do nearly as well.—Give three cheers and a hundred guns for the Whigs of the West."

ENLISTMENT OF A VAN BUREN SENA TOR.—A good story is told of one of the Van Buren members of the Maine Senate. Arriving in Augusta, he went to the Arsenal, and claimed his seat. He was told he must sign his name first on the books of the establishment. He complied, and found subsequently that *he had enlisted in the army for seven years!*

From the Harrisburg Telegraph.

Van Buren Anti-Masonry!

The Pittsburg Times has the following trite remarks on the conduct of some of the Masonic dignitaries of that place. The case has been the same all over the country, as in Pittsburg. We are entirely indebted to the Van Buren Masonic party for the suspension of specie payments, the distresses of the people, and the flood of shinplasters which deluge the country. All their efforts to shift the responsibility from their shoulders will not avail. In the city of *Lancaster*, where Masonry flourishes most rankly; in the borough of *Reading*; in Harrisburg, and many other places, where the Van Buren Masonics have control, the most incordinate batches of shinplasters have been issued and the people audified effectually with the "*experimental*" better currency. The opposition have behaved in this matter with their characteristic meanness and villainy—but the people, who can read, mark and understand, will not be deceived.

"We say that it was the Van Burenites that ADVISED the suspension of specie payments—and so far as the Banks of Pittsburg are concerned, we can prove it beyond doubt. Charles Shaler, Esq., is a violent Anti-Bankite, and a supporter of Martin Van Buren, and a ROYAL ARCH MASON, moved the resolutions which *advised the suspension.* David Lynch, Esq., the Mogul of the Van Burenites, is a Protestant, and we believe a MASTER MASON, *seconded the resolutions;* and yet the Shin Plaster Party papers in this place pretended to be Anti-Masons. Shame on such impudent inconsistency!"

MICHIGAN.—Dr. Houghton, the State geologist, has discovered a large body of the first quality bituminous coal on the borders of Grand River, in the county of Eaton; a superior salt spring, about 30 miles above the mouth of the Maple, and specimens of *gelena* on the north side of Grand River, near the rapids.

ARKANSAS.—Fort Coffee has been selected as the site of the government school on the Western frontier. Capt. Chas. Thomas, Qr. Mr. U. S. Army, is to make arrangements for the speedy erection of the new garrison.

GREAT PUBLIC LOSS.—The offices of the County and Circuit Court Clerks, at Georgetown, Scott county, Kentucky, were totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday week last; *"not a paper in either being saved."*

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