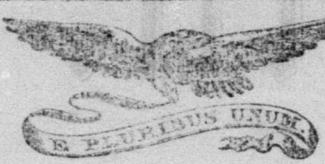


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BEDFORD, Pa.

Friday Morning, March 28, 1856

"Fearless and Free."

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MILLARD FILLMORE,
OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

ANDREW JACKSON DONELSON,
OF TENNESSEE.

Hurra for Bedford County!

We have the extreme gratification to announce to our friends everywhere, that Bedford County, is sound to the core on the American question. We never knew the Locofoos to make a more desperate effort at a Spring Election, than they did in Bedford Borough and Township, on last Friday, and we learn that this was the case all over the County. They expected to catch the American party sleeping and carry the County, and then they would have had a grand jubilee—but poor fellows, they had not even this poor gratification. The Americans elected a large majority of the officers in the different Townships, and on the vote for Judge, the test question, they have 127 MAJORITY. If our friends had known the Iron Heads had intended to make the exertion they did, we would have beaten them about 500; as it is, however, 127 majority in Bedford County, at this trial, is enough for all useful purposes. Hurra for Bedford County!

UNION TOWNSHIP.—Our friends in Union did nobly last Friday, electing the whole American ticket by an average majority of about 40. It will be recollect that in this Township the Locofoos contested the election for Justice of the Peace, and our friend John Cessna, advised the Judge to have it held on the 8th of January, and they would gain a Jackson victory—the election was held, and the Jackson victory gained by the election of the American candidate by 19 majority. They now give 40, and next fall will no doubt roll up from 50 to 60!

ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP.—Our friends in St. Clair Township deserve much credit for the manner in which they acquitted themselves at the election, last Friday; notwithstanding the bad roads which were almost impassable, they carried the whole ticket by an average majority of over 60!—A number of old line Whigs and Democrats came up to the mark manfully, and supported the whole American ticket. They deserve great credit. Our friends there confidently predict a majority of 120 for the American ticket next fall. They will give it.

Several articles intended for this paper have been crowded out.

Cor. Inquirer and Chronicle.

HARRISBURG, March 17, 1856.

MR EDITOR.—But little of any consequence has transpired here since my last letter. The committee of conference on the liquor bill disagreed; and as the bill was thus about to fail, or was supposed, had fallen, a resolution passed both houses, authorizing the appointment of two additional members to each committee. Messrs. Hill and Eddinger were appointed by the House, and Messrs. Buckalew and Flenniken by the Senate, so that the committee now consists of ten members. Of these the House committee are all democrats but one and the Senate committee is composed of three democrats and two Americans. It is therefore a good sound democratic committee, composed of seven democrats and three Americans, and the result of their labors will, it is presumed, be democratic. The committee met to-night, and all the members were present; but whether any bill will be agreed upon is yet uncertain.

The Rev. John Chambers lectured here this evening on the subject of temperance. He is becoming very communicative upon this subject, as he lectures occasionally, and writes letters quite frequently. He yields the pen of a ready writer, and talks strong; and he is giving the democracy much anxiety and tribulation by his radical course on the subject. He lashes them without stint or mercy, and will not permit any one with impunity to question his democracy. He boldly proclaims prohibition as the real democratic legislation, but in this the greatest democratic oracle will I fear be heard with at least some misgivings by the democracy of your county. It is greatly to be feared that there is a slight difference of opinion among the harmonious democracy on this same subject of temperance.

Several years ago the present Auditor General established a general mode of settlement between the banks and the State, greatly in favor of the banks, and to the prejudice of the Commonwealth. This was suspended in however, until our present in-

telligent and efficient State Treasurer, Eli Sifer, came into office. He objected to the whole arrangement, and at last succeeded in getting the matter brought to issue by a trial in court before Judge Pearson of this district. The trial was had here yesterday in one of the cases, and with the Southwark Bank of Philadelphia. The result was a verdict for the State for some 7,000 dollars over and above what the Auditor General had demanded from the Bank—This case is mainly important, however, because it involves the same principles as all the other suits with the banks, and of course the result in all must be the same. The whole amount claimed by the State is \$186,000, and the result of the action yesterday shows pretty clearly, if not certainly, that the State will recover the whole sum. This is about as pretty a specimen of democratic financing, and as good a practical illustration of democratic hostility to banks as has occurred for many a day. By a false construction of the law they were about to deprive the State of one hundred and eighty-six thousand dollars, justly and legally due from the banks, and were only prevented from consummating the wrong by the activity and zeal for the interests of the State manifested by the American and Whig State Treasurer. This is but another illustration of the great difference between democratic professions and democratic practices, on the two important subjects of economy and hostility to banks.

The indications are that the Convention here on the 26th, will be well attended.

In great haste,

Yours, truly,
SPECTATOR.

HARRISBURG, March 24, 1856.

MR EDITOR.—Some time since the House of Representatives passed some resolutions calling upon the State Treasurer for certain information in that department. A reply was made in due form, a copy of which I forwarded you some days ago; and by which it appears that one John M. Bickel, Esq., the Democratic State Treasurer for the years 1852 and 1853 has been largely indebted to the State ever since his term of office expired. It is stated that said ex-treasurer on the 23d of Nov. last, paid into the State Treasury \$10,000, and on the 20th of December following, \$26,502 23. Whether these payments were in full is not stated, and whether these are the only payments made since the expiration of his office I cannot say, but it is very manifest that this official dignitary had retained in his hands the funds of the Commonwealth for several years, and to an amount not less than \$36,502 23. As he has always been recognized as an orthodox democrat, it is best perhaps to say but little about it. I more than suspect the House got more information than they wanted in reply to their resolution.

The case of another defaulting democratic officer named Strickler, and late collector at Columbia, is now undergoing investigation before the Senate committee of finance, and in some future letter I will give you some items in relation to his shortcomings, and their effect on the Treasury.

I regret to inform you that the liquor law is yet undispersed. It has been thought that the enlarged conference committee would agree, and it is understood that they did come together on most points of difference. It seems, however, there is yet one stubborn one undecided, and in consequence of it the bill is in imminent danger of failing after all the labor and pains taken to save it.

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In this Township there was no opposition to the American candidates except for Justice of the Peace, who on account of local causes, was defeated by the Locofoos candidate. Our average majority there is 42.

JUNIATA.. Justice of the Peace.

Joseph Dull, A. 108
Peter F. Lehman, L. 112
Judge.

John Riley, Jr. A. 105
Jas. W. Frazer, L. 117
Constable.

Joseph Nichodenus, A. 101
Henry Otto, L. 110
Liberty.

John Long, A. 48
Jacob Kessinger, L. 49
Judge.

Lewis Putt, A. 60
E. A. Fockler, L. 15
Dr. H. A. Dorsey, 1
Harrison.

H. Wertz, A. 74
Wm. Powell, L. 63
Judge.

J. E. Miller, A. 66
Jona Feighner, L. 69
Monroe.

Jacob Hixson, A. 103
B. Fletcher, L. 80
Judge.

Philip Fulton, A. 96
Jonathan Snyder, L. 79
Constable.

James Carnell, A. 102
Perry Diehl, L. 85
Justice of the Peace.

The Treasurer says, there is only a semi-annual disbursement of one half the re-

ceipts, being the payment of interest on the public debt, payable at stated periods. The Legislature should, if possible, devise some plan by which this money—a large balance—could be made to yield some return to the State. The only feasible plan which has suggested itself to my mind, by which the Treasury might be benefited by this surplus fund, is by anticipating the payment of the interest on the public debt, and requiring from the loan-holders a premium for such prepayment, at the rate of say four per cent. per annum. At the end of each month, the balance remaining in the treasury, after paying the ordinary expenses of the month, might be deposited with the agent selected by the commonwealth for the payment of the interest, giving notice to the loan-holders of the amount in his hands applicable to that purpose? He concluded his suggestions by saying that should they be carried out he was of opinion they would result in a clear saving to the treasury of at least \$10,000 annually.—*Pittsburg Journal*.

SPRING ELECTION.

Bedford Borough.

Judge of Election.

V. Steckman Fusion.

Inspector.

Henry Mower A.

John Cessna, Esq., F.

School Directors.

P. H. Shires, A.

John Taylor, A.

Wm. Keiser, A.

Alex. King, F.

S. L. Russell, F.

Wm. T. Daugherty, F.

Constable.

George Stiffner, A.

John Cessna, F.

Assessor.

James McMullen, A.

John Boor, F.

Supervisors.

Joseph Claar, A.

Henry Sellers, A.

Town Clerk.

Wilson P. Mower, A.

Job M. Shoemaker, F.

Chief Burgess.

Fr. Jordan, A.

Law, Taliaferro, F.

Assistant Burgess.

Jacob Smith, A.

Wm. Bowles, F.

Council.

Elwood Harmer, A.

John G. Minick, A.

Wm. M. Hall, F.

J. A. Mowry, F.

High Constable.

Levi Agnew, A.

Samuel Stahl, F.

Bedford Township.

Constable.

Daniel Zimmers, A.

Daniel Heitzel, L.

Judge.

Andrew Dibert, A.

Wm. Leary, L.

Brondtop.

Constable.

Sam'l Fluck, no op.

Judge.

J. A. Osborne, A.

Wm. Rogers, L.

Cumberland Valley.

Constable.

George Bennett, L.

Michel Boor, L.

Judge.

H. Hemming, L.

George Elliott, L.

Fr. Brant, A.

Colerain.

Judge.

George James, A.

Jno. Koons, L.

Constable.

Jno. Ressler, A.

A. J. Pennell L.

Hopewell.

Justice of the Peace.

Wm. A. Fluck L.

Wm. A. Young, A.

Judge.

Thos. Fredrigill, A. no op.

Constable!

John Gees, A. no op.

Justice of the Peace.

Joseph Dull, A.

Peter F. Lehman, L.

Judge.

John Riley, Jr. A.

Jas. W. Frazer, L.

Constable.

Joseph Nichodenus, A.

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B. Fletcher, L.

Judge.

Philip Fulton, A.

Jonathan Snyder, L.

Constable.

James Carnell, A.

Perry Diehl, L.

Justice of the Peace.

Napier.
Judge.
Robert M. Taylor, A. 117
John Whestone, L. 117
Constable.
Wm. Hull, A. 116
S. W. Miller, L. 116

Londonerry.
Justice of the Peace.
David Evans, A. 74
James Logue, op. 22
Constable

TREASURY DEPARTMENT OF PENNA.,
HARRISBURG, February, 1