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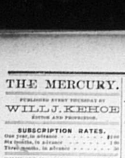
Democratic Ticket.



FOR PRESIDENT,
GENERAL WINFIELD S. HANCOCK,
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
HON. WILLIAM H. ENGLISH,
OF INDIANA.

A STATESMAN'S PLATFORM.

[Extract from the Gubernatorial Nomination Address of Governor Hancock, of Massachusetts, Nov. 20, 1867.]

"The right of trial by jury, the defective corpus, the liberty of the press, the freedom of speech, the natural rights of persons, and the rights of property must be preserved."

Announcement.

TO DEMOCRATS.

We are authorized to announce HON. F. PROTZE as a candidate for re-election to Congress from this district, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

THE LATEST NEWS.

ZACK REED died at Berry Station from overexertion in a walking match.

THOMAS & SMITH, of Bourbon, have purchased the short-horn herd of Lewis Cunningham.

BENJ. CLEMENS, near Cynthiana, was thrown by a runaway and had both arms and wrist broken.

It is related that Maud S. trotted a quarter in 29 seconds at Rochester, N. Y., on a trial, but the time was counted as thirty-five seconds.

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PERSONAL.

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DEAR SIR: We, undersigned, voters of Oaks Annex, respectfully ask you, as an act of justice to the memory of our father, who has been wrongfully assailed, to publish in that paper which published the slander against Mother Cox, a statement made by myself at the Bourbon county Board of this date, marked No. 1, and the truth of the statement we hold ourselves personally responsible. We are going to press and wish to know how much subscription you will take.

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GENERAL WILLIAM B. ALLISON died at Carrollton, Ky., of the age of eighty-three. He was an officer of the regular army in 1812, and participated in the battle of New Orleans. He served in the Seminole war of 1836, and was also in the 3rd of the United States Army in the Mexican war. He was a member of the Pittsburgh Democratic Convention that nominated Buchanan for President, and was a member of the Washington Peace Convention of the beginning of war.

A TENNESSEE Democratic editor thus explains why the Democrats of that State cannot "roll less up" over the majorities of 1878: "Democrats have not been signed, sealed and delivered to the Democratic party by the Circuit Courts and power exhausted. Democrats have not been to the Legislature and have neither in Parliament. Democrats have not been to the Governor's mansion for two of the three years of service. Democrats have not the power to appoint the whole machinery of the county, the whole sheriffs, the whole constables and tenure of office to be a freeman, even to be a juryman."

DR. TANNER SUCCESSFUL.

All seem to be satisfied Dr. Tanner successfully completed his fasting cure. Immediately, against the advice of friends, he partook of a hearty meal and watermelon, of which he partook freely. He was also allowed to partake in the evening he also ate three apples and a large watermelon. The doctor is in excellent quantities of milk and wine. He is in good temperance meal diet from the food, was in the best of spirits, and he would be able to go to work on Monday. The doctor is now digesting his food and rapidly gaining flesh. He has several lads to foster. Dr. HARRIS, of Kansas, and Robert Crosby, Virginia, some time since finished a long fast, and Mr. KINSEY was a very large and regarded man, who became quite a friend upon hospitable, and finally remained with him for some hundred days, at the end of which time he died.

IMPURITY OF ELECTIONS.

It is said that one of the candidates spent $15,000 in the canvass just passed to secure his election to an office the salary of which is only $2,500 per annum. No man can afford to pay that much to fill the Circuit Judgeship and administer the office honestly and impartially. Money was used at every voting place in the district, and that necessary evidence of American citizens known as "floaters" were openly purchased like so many sheep. So badly has corruption been instilled in that many good citizens have refused hope for the pelf.

A great remedy for the evil would be the passage of a law requiring all votes to be taken by a secret or sealed ballot, as in England. For the benefit of those similar to the late law in Ohio, making it a penal offence to buy or sell votes, or cause them to be bought. A fine might do and yet rule be violated. It would also allay all the ill-feeling attached upon the present mode of voting, by which a man, or set of men, are arrayed against a voter because he did not vote to suit them. It would also favor the political parties to nominate a clear cut ticket, and not necessitate the spending of money by a nominee to get the office. If we are to continue to buy votes as we have been, we might as well put up the offices at auction.

MOVEMENTS.

MRS. BENDER has made a full confession of all the horrible murders committed on John Benders farm during 1872 and 1873. She was a widow when she married Mattingly, alias Bender, who was a widower with four children. They migrated from Missouri to Labette County Kansas, where, under the leadership of Kate, old John's daughter, the massacre and robberies began.

JUDGE FRYREAR.

From the Vanceburg Courier:

Judge Fryrear has been in Lewis county since last week. Circuit Meetings was held at Concord on Tuesday. The Judge is a pleasant gentleman and "a good fellow" to all.

COMMUNICATED.

A CANDIDATE WANTED

For Judge of the Tenth District Court.

FLAT LICK, August 3, 1880.

To the Editor of the Mercury:

We say to the people of the Tenth Congressional District of Kentucky, that if you give us a Democratic candidate for Congress, we will give him her vote.

UNION.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

HEADQUARTERS.

What underwood-and-Hopper stop us bids? Have you no idea?

Chas. Phillips, of Dr. H. H. Kennedy of this place, has gone to Texas to practice Medicine.

While returning from the Stampede on the 31st, Jesse Hopper's horse took to his feet, producing a severe injury to the rider, which will confine him to his bed.

The lads and lassies of this vicinity have organized a dancing class, and opened quite a pleasant time on last Saturday night, at the residence of Mr. Mark Holladay's son Billy Evans. Mr. Mark Holladay is a clever gentleman, and his wife is a lady of many excellent qualities. Every body should attend a basket meeting at the above place, when Lloyd Hopper would be on hand with his fiddle. With Lloyd and attack him a severe blow over the head with a rock, and thus ended the long and short of the matter. With Lloyd on the stump the day passed off pleasantly enough.

Both Turtle walk of Mr. J. Boone Stewart's, passed over Polly Mattox.

News From Contiguous Counties.

LADD.

[Extract from the Greenup Democrat.]

Mrs. Mary Ann Ladd, wife of Mr. Jas. Ladd, died at her residence in this county, on Wednesday, July 28th, 1880, after a long illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude. Mrs. Ladd was a member of the Methodist Church, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was a kind and affectionate wife and mother, and a good neighbor. She was 57 years old at the time of her death. She was buried at Ladd's Chapel, on Thursday, July 29th, 1880, at 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. Mr. Hall, of Ashland, preached the funeral sermon.

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