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Democratic Ticket.

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

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

JUDICIAL.

FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE,
T. TODD.
OF KENTUCKY.

FOR COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY,
T. A. CIBBUS,
OF KENTUCKY.

COUNTY.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE,
T. J. GLENN.

FOR SHERIFF,
JOHN HERRIN.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY,
WILLIAM H. BROWN.

(Election 1st Monday in August, 1880.)

A STATESMAN'S PLATFORM.

Thomas Jefferson, Inaugural Address, 1801.

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

Announcement.

FOR TOWNLEY.

We are authorized to announce that C. PHIPPIN is a candidate for re-election to the Common Pleas district, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

75 Cents Cash in advance, will pay for the MERCURY from January 1, 1880, until the close of the State and Presidential election. This will be an exciting campaign, and the news will be interesting. Send in your subscriptions.

Grand Rally!

HON. E. C. PHIPPIN
HON. A. E. COLE,
HON. THOS. A. STEVENS,

Will speak at the Court-House on County Court day, Monday, July 12, 1880.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

HON. J. M. ALEXANDER,
ISAAC M. FRISH,
J. H. HOLLIDAY,
BEN. H. ROBINSON,

Will address the citizens of Nicholas County on the political issues of the day, at the Union Church, on

A. W. Stone's store, July 15.

East Union, July 17.

Speaking to begin at 1 o'clock P. M. each day.

Democratic Barbecue.

At an informal meeting of Democrats, held in the town of Carlisle, July 5, 1880, it was unanimously agreed that there be held a grand Democratic barbecue and rally near the town of Carlisle, July 29, 1880. All Democrats are requested to attend the Court-house July 12 County Court day, to organize and select committee of arrangements.

L. H. CROSS, Chairman.

THE LATEST NEWS.

On Sunday night two colored boys at Rick's Cross Roads, in Bourbon, shot at each other, seeing at rye.

A REUNION of the soldiers who fought the both sides at the battle of Gettysburg, the scene of General Hancock's greatest achievement, is proposed.

The Republican party missed the greatest opportunity of its life when it failed to nominate HANCOCK.

The Maysville *Bulletin* announces Mr. CRAIG for doing his duty as Commonwealth's Attorney in not releasing prisoners without trial.

HON. E. C. PHIPPIN is announced in the MERCURY this week as a candidate for re-election to Congress. There is no opposition, we believe, to the renomination of Judge PHIPPIN, and it should be made by the Executive Committee of the District, without the formality and expense of a Convention.

MARSHAL JEWELL, who was confined to his bed with chills and fever, has been Postmaster General, has been elected Chairman of the National Republican Executive Committee, in place of Don CAMERON, who refused to have it. The appointment of JEWELL is highest, but to Hell, whether gone off for his crimes disputed.

The census returns of the large cities are coming in, and some surprising increases in population are reported. Denver has increased from 4,759 in 1870, to 35,000; Minneapolis from 13,000 to 45,000; St. Paul from 20,000 to 40,000; Chicago from 298,962 to 477,500, St. Louis from 310,864 to 575,000, Cincinnati from 216,239 to 287,143, Louisville from 100,753 to 132,000, New York from 942,292 to 1,200,561, New York and Brooklyn and adjacent cities now have a population of over two million souls, and the first in a few more decades to outrank London.

GRAND RALLY.

Every Democrat with a spark of patriotism in his soul should go to the Court-house next Monday and hear the address by Judge PHIPPIN and Messrs. COLE and CIBBUS. This is the commercial Radical shower-out and they must be routed from the head and neck, false fields. We must make a show among this year. General HANCOCK will be elected President, and the Attorney CRAIGHEAD and Judge TODD are in the same district, and should be in the stump-keepers and gingers to rap up the votes to hold them down. Judge T. J. CLAY, of Clinton, is also a candidate for Congress, and will have something to say which will interest every Democrat.

COMMUNICATED.

Thanks.

To the Editors of the MERCURY:

The ladies of the Christian Church desire, through the medium of your good paper, to express their thanks to Mr. M. C. Bell for her kindness in tendering them the use of her opera house for the entertainment on the 4th.

LADIES.

A Question of Politics! Commonly Views Removed.

Written for the MERCURY.

STRAWBERRY, July 3, 1880.

Mr. Editor:—I see it stated in Nicholas County there are over five thousand children to be schooled, and that only about a hundred will ever have the benefit of any but a public school—the reading and exhorting are the main branches taught by teachers who are so poorly able to teach our dear little ones with as little trouble as possible and can little for the advancement of their pupils.

Of course we don't mean that all teachers are included in this sketch, but the majority are. With this class of teachers running our schools, how can we hope to accomplish? What great advancement can our county make as a member of the Commonwealth? There are significant questions, and are facts so stubborn that the philosophical mind of our county will justly alarmed.

With such schools, how can we hope to make intelligent and skilled workmen which is the great need of our manufacturers. Tools of trades are not made of everything but when skilled labor and under the guidance of intelligent minds, occupations which require no skill, but only force, such as are in daily and nightly exercise, look no longer for the necessary skill and talent to direct the steam and mechanical appliances. As we now see, it will be folly to put down all against mechanical power, but this power will be controlled by the skilled and intelligent workmen. Are our children to be caused to become the mere puppets? Such will be the case, if they are to fall to look after the schools. We need better schools, better teachers, better school houses and better appointments. Let our people awake from their lethargy and the people have to pay it. Half the people don't know that the money for that can not be got cheaper. The school houses are out of repair, and most of a necessity to be supplemented, in order to secure the seats for the pupils, etc. The whole world is full of improvements in school houses, and why can't we have the benefit of them? Let the teachers who are willing to teach for the money, and the people who are willing to pay for the best teachers, be united and they have not even a paper to read to their children, and they will be left to look after the schools themselves. We need better schools