

## The Ashland Union.

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ASHLAND, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23, 1855.

## DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR,  
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FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,  
JAMES W. HARRIS, of Lucas.

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FOR JUDGE OF THE COMMON PLEAS,  
ROBERT W. WARDEN, of Franklin.

FOR AUDITOR OF STATE,  
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FOR TREASURER OF STATE,  
JOHN C. HARRIS, of Seneca.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE,  
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## COL. W. L. STRONG.

Below we publish a Card from this

gentleman, together with the remarks of the Editor of the Mansfield, *Shield and Banner*, on the subject of his imprisonment in the Richmond County Jail. Inasmuch as it is a fact, that we have a large number of our friends who have any remarks, let the character and reputation of some of our friends might be bleached—slightly.

An erroneous opinion has gone abroad in regard to the cause of our friend W. L. Strong's imprisonment, which the following from his own hand will correct. Mr. Strong is not there for refusing to reveal the contents of a telegraphic dispatch—the operator himself having revealed the contents of the dispatch when placed under oath; but was required to give testimony which involved his own honor in keeping secret information imparted to him by a friend in confidence which deeply interested the House for which he was acting in New York. There is but one opinion, so far as we have heard, in regard to Mr. Strong's course in the matter, and that is, that he did right in refusing to abuse confidence.

MANSFIELD, Feb. 19, 1855.

My Dear Sir,

Having noticed an impromptu article in the  *Herald*  of the 14th in reference to me, which is entirely erroneous, I hand you a statement of facts.

You are aware that for the last year I have been doing business for the firm of L. O. Wilson & Co. New York City, and while traveling through the State of Ohio attending to their business, I received information in reference to the responsibility of a business firm; and on my return to New York, I was informed that the firm had been dissolved, and that the responsibility of the firm was now on me, and that I was to be held responsible for the firm's debts. I was then informed that the firm had been dissolved, and that the responsibility of the firm was now on me, and that I was to be held responsible for the firm's debts.

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## OPPRESSOR OF THE STRANGER.

(For the Ashland Union.)

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## By Telegraph.

ARRIVAL OF THE BALTO.

New Ministry.

REPORTED BATTLE AND MUTINY.

New York, Feb. 21.

Charles Napier made a savage speech against the government. Nothing else interesting.

Gen. Canrobert reports the deaths of Captains Dauter and Costellan, during the sortie of Russians, on the 9th and 14th.

Menschieff had gone northward. The Russians were constantly making sorties.

Supplies were reaching the camp in abundance, but the army was still sickly. Siege works were steadily progressing.

Frosty nights and fine mild days prevailed. The latest official despatch is to 21st and from Canrobert to the 24th.

They both allude to the weather, and speak favorably of future prospects. The latter says—"I cannot say our work before the town with renewed activity."

Telegraph despatches come down to the 20th of January, and are of a warlike character. The Russians are reported to have been driven back from the front of the town, and are now in a state of retreat. A despatch from Admiral Baidar says the French batteries had been recaptured to re-open their fire, and that for some days the Russians